

# AROUND THE CITY

**LITTLE SHOP-LIFTING.**  
The city merchants report that there was little shop-lifting in their stores during Christmas week. Several complaints have been made, but those were for small offences. The plain clothes officers detailed by the Chief of Police to keep tabs on the city stores had an excellent preventative influence. In several cases suspicious individuals were watched from store to store, and when they saw that they were under surveillance they desisted, abandoning their evident intention of taking goods when not watched by the clerks.

**TO BE WOUND UP.**  
Mr. Justice Harvey has made an order upon the application of H. W. Wood, a shareholder, for the winding up of the Canadian Society Equity Limited, and appointed Mr. Beecher, of Macleod, liquidator.

The application was made upon affidavits showing that the company had been in existence since January, 1907, during which time it received in cash \$5,200, and all that it has done to show that this money is equity furniture valued at \$143,100, timber limits on which \$175 has been paid and plant equipment valued at \$34,344, all the rest of the money having been expended in directors' fees and salaries and expenses.

**CANADIAN CLUB LUNCHEON.**  
The next luncheon of the Canadian Club will be held next Monday at one o'clock in Conn's Club Cafe. Governor Balfour will read the communication from the Governor-General with reference to the proposed purchase of the Plains of Abraham at Quebec for a national park, and Mayor Gracie will give an address on the battle of the Plains of Abraham. The club will afterwards discuss the advisability of taking up the proposal, and will receive a report from the executive.

**C.P.R. PROSECUTION.**  
The case against the C.P.R. for contravention of the Sunday Observance Act in putting cars out of Strathecona in September last will be resumed at the R.N.W.M.P. barracks tomorrow morning, before Inspector Worsley. In the absence of R. B. Bennett, who is in Eastern Canada on his Christmas holidays, the defence will be conducted by Mr. Allison, of the same firm. The prosecution is in charge of S. B. Woods, deputy attorney general.

**READ THE ADVERTISEMENTS.**  
The housewife who is trying to make her money go as far as possible will not fail to read the advertisements in this Bulletin as they appear from day to day. Our local merchants spend a great deal of money daily and yearly in order to acquire the Edmonton people with the advantages shopping that they offer. They have found several days ago in a tent on Mackenzie avenue and was removed to the hospital.

**SETTLERS TO CUT TIES.**  
Authority has been issued by the department of the interior to the land office here to issue free permits to each homesteader to cut ties for the Grand Trunk Pacific. This will encourage settlers to cut ties this winter and make some money in selling them, instead of leaving the work in the hands of contractors. The usual tax for cutting ties is 5 cents a tie.

**A STABBING AFFRAY.**  
As a result of a stabbing affray near the Brunswick hotel on Monday night a man named Edwards is suffering from a severe gash on the side of his neck. It is alleged that he had a quarrel with another man whose name has not been given out by the police and the latter charged him with inflicting a severe wound. No arrests have yet been made.

**NEW MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION.**  
The first meeting of the new city council will take place on Monday, January 6th, at 7 o'clock in the city hall. Up till that time the present mayor and council hold office. At the first meeting the night regular session will be arranged and will probably be set down for Tuesday night, as at present.

**THE MERCHANTS' BANK.**  
At the last annual meeting of the shareholders of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, at which the majority of the prominent shareholders were present, a very satisfactory report was offered, considering the existing financial stringency. The report showed a net profit of \$307,407.75 for the past six months ending November 30, 1907, \$240,000 of which was used in paying two quarterly dividends. The remainder will be carried forward to next year. The liabilities of the bank to the public amount to \$41,865,107.47 and to the shareholders \$10,267,400.75, amounting in all to \$52,132,508.22. This is held in by assets of coin, notes, loans and property amounting to \$52,132,508.22.

In the discussion that followed the report, E. F. Holden said "This statement gives the result of our best efforts in the management of your property during the past six months. The figures speak for themselves. In relation to the present stringency, I would like to say that there has perhaps never been in recent years in Canada a time when a policy of moderation in public and private affairs was so plainly called for as at the present. The change in the commercial and economic situation in the neighboring republics, for the worse, within the past few months has been kaleidoscopic. It is now showing improvement. In Canada we are better situated, having a better banking and currency system. But this is a slow-going down with us. A time to take stock of our positions and retrench. A time to be mutually helpful, without, by being moderate in our commitments and understandings, and thereby introducing a factor into affairs making for the sustaining of all our advantages, which can only be interfered with by untimely optimism."

**REDDICK-BURTON.**  
On Christmas Eve a pretty wedding took place at the home of ex-Alderman Dally and Mrs. Dally, Glover road, when Miss Mabel Louise Burton and Mr. John Reddick, both of Edmonton, were united in marriage. Rev. A. S. Little, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, officiated. The marriage ceremony took place in the parlor. The bride wore a pretty fringing suit of blue cloth and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. Miss Lindy, of Glover bar, was bridesmaid and Mr. Ottewill acted as groomman. The bride was given away by Mr. J. A. Might, of Edmonton. After the ceremony an elaborate dinner was served to the wedding party. On their return from their honeymoon trip, Mr. and Mrs. Reddick will reside in Edmonton. Among the guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Might and Mrs. Carberry, of Edmonton, formerly of Toronto.

**AT THE POLICE COURT.**  
George K. Hay, a land guide, was arrested at the Police Court yesterday afternoon on a charge of stabbing George Edwards in front of the Brunswick Hotel on Monday night. At the last term of the Supreme Court, Edwards was also upon another charge of stabbing a man at the Imperial Livery Stables, but the case was dismissed. His hearing will come on this afternoon before Magistrate Beecher. H. H. Robertson will appear for the prosecutor and B. Allison for the defendant.

George Furnice, a middle-aged man from England, who has been despondent in his mind and has been under arrest for some time for theft, and on a charge of vagrancy pending word from the Old Country as to whether he has money there, will come up again this afternoon. Word has been received that he has funds in the bank and when these are forthcoming he will be deported.

Constable Miller has been detailed to gather in untagged dogs and bring them to the pound. He has been making havoc among the canine tribe the past few days. The dogs are impounded and if not claimed in a week are executed by the poundkeeper.

At the police court this morning five drunks were fined each \$5 for too excessive Christmas celebration. James Greenley, who has been arrested for stealing a coat from Mac's store on Nemayo avenue, will come up for trial on Saturday morning.

Christmas day was reported very quiet in police circles by the chief of police, nothing more than the drunks being gathered in during the two days.

**AT ISOLATION HOSPITAL.**  
There is only one patient at the isolation hospital at the present time, a man suffering from erysipelas. He was found several days ago in a tent on Mackenzie avenue and was removed to the hospital.

**McDOUGALL AND INDIANS.**  
Rev. John McDougall has written the following to the Calgary Alberta: "Referring to a heading in your issue of this morning as follows: 'Indian Murderer Will Not Be Hanged,' it strikes me that his last name should not be termed 'murderer,' but rather 'executioner,' for as I understand the case he was but carrying out the order of the tribe and was at the outset abrak from the duty as would be most natural to those people of the north to do. They have been given them. At any rate I believe this man was under the code of his people and in accord with all their past 'executions' and not a 'murderer' in the ordinary sense of the word. I have known several times and was twice through the cold north country where they roam and in 1902, myself and wife were in their camp at Sandy Lake and we found them among the noblest and most peaceable of human life."

**THE NATIONAL LIVE STOCK CONVENTION.**  
The Convention of the National Live Stock Association to be held in Ottawa on February 6th, 6th, and 7th, 1908, promises to be a most important meeting. The programme being prepared provides for the consideration of such national topics as the export, import, and transportation of live stock, the health of commercial stock, the relationship of transportation companies to the live stock industry, and the health of the live stock industry. The health of Canadian live stock, proposed amendments to customs regulations and the Scotch system of live stock, will all be considered with a view to improving present conditions in Canada in regard to these matters.

Already an attendance of representatives from each of the several provinces is assured. Meetings of the Board and Provincial Live Stock Associations have fulfilled the requirements of affiliation. It is the privilege also of agricultural societies and exhibitors Associations which paid in cash prizes for live stock in 1907 a sum of \$500 or upwards to affiliate with the National Association by sending to the livestock Commissioner, Ottawa, a list of its members. Societies affiliated in this way are entitled to representation at the Convention by its president or secretary.

**Clothing Caught Fire From Stove.**  
St. John, N.B., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Conell rushed down three flights of stairs with her clothes blazing out on to the street, and into the door of a restaurant in St. John today. There a man put out the fire with his coat. She was badly burned but will recover. The clothing caught from the stove.

# RAPID GROWTH OF IMMIGRATION

**Present Year's Record Surpasses Last Year's as far as that Surpassed the Preceding Year.**

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—During the progress of the year 1907, especially in the earlier months, it was stated on a number of occasions to reporters of the various daily papers, that there would be a falling off in the total immigration for the year as compared with the preceding year. During 1906 the movement of immigration into Canada had been extraordinary, and without precedent in the history of the country. The total for the year had been 218,000, an advance over the previous year of 66,000. The facilities of the railway companies had been taxed and the steamship companies had difficulty in handling the business satisfactorily. Great interest in Western Canada had been aroused in the United States, and thousands of people had been carried into the western provinces from the western and central States. During the year 1907, the influx of certain American law companies in western Canada had abated owing to the fact that large tracts of land were no longer available at very low prices, and there was some falling off in the movement of American farmers into the country. The movement from Europe showed no reduction, but officials of the government, who were most closely interested in the immigration work, were not sure that the returns would compare favorably with those of the previous year, and it was suggested that the people of the west ought not to be disappointed if there appeared to be some reduction in the number of immigrants seeking homes in the west. "We got 216,000 last year," said the commissioner of immigration to the reporter, "and before we begin to speak of any gain, we must get again to that figure. We will feel that we have not failed if we do as well as we did last year."

When, however, the year began to draw near to its close, and the statistics for the year began to be prepared, it became apparent that the figures would show that the immigration for 1907 would not only equal that of the year 1906, but that it would show as large an increase as that of the year had shown over 1905. The complete figures for these three years and the four preceding years are as follows:

Year.	English.	Total.
1901	49,000	51,900
1902	47,000	46,900
1903	134,000	89,000
1904	131,000	98,000
1905	150,000	118,000
1906	166,000	166,000
1907	189,000	210,000

Although the year has closed the exact figures for the twelve months are not yet available, but it is believed for some months. Figures for the six months from April 1st to Sept. 30th show that immigration for that period was over 100,000, and in advance of immigration for the corresponding period of the previous year. The number of people arriving in Canada during the six months of 1907 was 193,600. The number arriving during the corresponding six months of 1906 was 147,700. The increase was thus 25,300, or 17 per cent. There was a slight decrease in the total number arriving from the United States, the statistics showing that the decrease amounted to 3 per cent, but the loss in this regard was more than counterbalanced by the remarkable increase in the number arriving from Great Britain and the continent of Europe, the increase from these sources amounting to 44 per cent. Although the figures have not yet been given, it is believed that the number of American farmers entering during the year, it is remarkable that there were so many, the figures showing that over 50,000 entered the Dominion with the intention of securing land and cultivating it. Of these 48,000 came in by rail and 3,000 by the public highways.

**NOSSE TAKES A REST.**  
Goes to Japan After Long Sojourn in Canada.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Japanese Consul General Nosse has just returned from a tour on route for Japan, where he will enjoy a six months' holiday. He has not had a holiday for six years and some time ago applied for leave of absence which is now granted. The action of the Japanese government in recalling Nosse is a representation as at Washington, Ottawa and Vancouver is exciting some interest here. It is assumed the government is desirous of bringing into close consultation all the members of its diplomatic corps familiar with the immigration question as it relates to Canada and the United States.

**To Prevent Timber Speculation.**  
Victoria, B.C., Dec. 28.—The British Columbia government has placed a reserve on all untagged timber in the province. The order, in council, becomes effective yesterday as the result of a decision by the government to conserve the timber and prevent its being staked for merely speculative purposes. In all 6,500,000 acres of timber have been staked and it is estimated that 15,000,000 acres remain.

**No Slackness in Postal Business.**  
Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Judging from the experience of the postal authorities here the financial stringency has not interfered with Christmas giving. The postal amount handled was unprecedented. The English mail was particularly heavy and the staff is so behind in handling and delivering that the mail from Canadian points is practically suspended. A heavy snow storm added to the congestion.

# KNOW HIS CASE WAS HOPELESS.

Chicago Scientist Requests Friends to End His Life—Friends Refuse to Break Law.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Dr. Joseph Peasden, a scientist occupying one of the foremost positions with the Nelson Morris Co., located in Chicago, has written to Dr. J. B. Murphy and Frank Weland and other physicians by his side in the Chicago Hospital, that he realized a black look from which he was suffering would prove fatal, and begged them to end his life with drugs. The surgeons, probably more skilled in the effects of the disease which had seized him than any other man in this country, and then turned away in silence, they might grant his wish. Before the verdict of the dying man condemning his own life, they were asked for there could be no higher authority than his own opinion. When he found that the law, written and unwritten, would not permit his fellows to end his sufferings, Dr. Peasden resigned himself to the care of the nurses. He heard the physicians say that if he lived another day there was hope for him. He shook his head. They pretended to not notice, and left him in charge of a nurse with soothing lotions to quiet his pain. To-morrow will prove whether the dying expert has correctly diagnosed his own case.

# GOVT. WILL FINISH WORK

Contract for Calgary Normal School Taken Over From the Contractors.

Calgary, Dec. 26.—Owing to financial troubles the provincial government has simply said, "Goodbye," to the normal school here, which is held by the British Columbia Contracting company, of Vancouver. The building was nearly completed. The same company has large contracts on hand with the C. P. R. Irrigation company and others through the province.

# HAGUE MINISTRY RESIGNS.

Upper House Rejects Army Estimates and Parliament May Be Dissolved.

Hague, Dec. 28.—Nine members of the council of ministers have resigned, following the rejection of the army estimates by the second chamber of parliament in the dispute will probably dissolve parliament. The army estimates were rejected by the council on the high seas, having just reached out of proportion to the efficiency of the army. The Clerical party is expected to throw its influence against the government in the present crisis in order to bring on a general election on the military issue and therefore the cabinet is expected to be broken down by the crisis in the affairs of the government following the domestic troubles with which she has struggled so long.

# ONTARIO FARMER SHOT.

Hired Man Fired at Son but Struck the Elder Man.

Brampton, Dec. 26.—A British emigrant known as "Jack" is in jail here charged with murder. Wm. Curry, a farmer of some years of age who lived near Buranthorpe, is the victim. Last night the hired man named Curry, who was threatening the son of the farmer with a shot gun when the old man entered the house, fired at the son, but the bullet struck the father. The son recovered from the gun when the murderer after the second barrel had been discharged from the shot gun, the latter was accused of aged 27, name unknown.

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