

CITY COUNCIL

(Friday's Daily)
The city council met in special session last night.

Under the head of communications a wire from the Dominion Cartograph works was read stating that their offer would be held open until November 15th.

In the same connection a wire from the mayor was read advising the council to delay action on the paving proposition until he should return, as he had important information.

Malcolm Grant wrote asking that a sidewalk be advertised for the east side of the Jasper avenue walk to the Great East.

The Windsor livery in Strathcona presented a bill for a team used on the 14th inst. for the purpose of hauling a load of lumber.

The Retail Merchants' Association wrote asking for an extension of the fire limits.

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Washner Bushnell vs. Mlynk, Peterson vs. Hallett, Bracey vs. White, Whales Co. vs. Vogel vs. Hulme, Lister vs. Vining, Lalumiere vs. Potter, Fisher vs. Hoslyn, McKay vs. Whitelaw, Co. vs. Ont. Wine Co. vs. Symington, Weiderhammer vs. Hallinger, Federal Life vs. Brascau, Dickson vs. McNamara, Burroughs vs. Napp, Latta & Lyons vs. Strong Bros., Parslow vs. Gibson, Kerr vs. McLean, Cameron Co. vs. Mays, Ferber vs. Choldouk, Cameron Co. vs. McIntosh & Campbell, Cameron Co. vs. Macleod, Murphy Co. vs. R. C. Co-operative, Miss vs. Storey, Wallbridge et al. vs. Ross, Lee et al. vs. Ross, Dumas vs. Morin, Edmonton Print. Co. vs. Edmonton Board of Trade, Meyer vs. Tilden, Belster vs. Nelson, Morris vs. Harlan, Page & Co. vs. Bolduc, Sharp vs. Martin, Fuller vs. Herrick, Morris vs. P. R. E. Stapley vs. Johnson, Melnyk vs. Holowacz, Melnyk vs. Wojciech, Bokenfork vs. Hehsdoerfer.

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(4) On September 26th the city engineer promised to give us written permission to tunnel for the large sewer, but although we have requested him to give us such written permission on many occasions, the same has not yet been given us. The engineer, for no reason that we can discover, either refuses or delays in giving same. Under our contract, it is necessary to obtain the written permission of the engineer before tunnelling work should be done. This will entail a serious loss.

(5) Another grievance and a very important one, is the fact that the City Engineer or those under him, has induced men in our employ, to leave us and engaged them at other works in the City offering higher pay as an inducement, notwithstanding the fact that it was arranged between ourselves and the City Engineer, that the price paid for labor should be uniform. We find that one of the most obnoxious of the inspectors appointed to oversee our work was a former servant of ours, whose services we had dispensed with, from whom we contend we have received most unfair treatment, details of which we are prepared to give if required.

As before stated we contend that a breach has been made in the contract on the part of the City for the reason given above and as a consequence we make the following offer, without prejudice to any of our rights, namely:

"We will assign our contract to the City in consideration of the City assuming all liabilities for wages to date and purchasing our plant and material as they now stand and paying any initial expenditure to which we were put when we entered into the contract. We are also prepared to give loans of the large trenching machine to the City for a period long enough to enable them to finish the works contemplated by the said contract. We submit that we have at all times done our utmost to carry out the contract with as much dispatch as possible, having provided ourselves with the best plant and machinery obtainable and done all other necessary things to carry out the contract as fully and completely as possible."

"Failing a satisfactory settlement we will be compelled to take such proceedings against the city as we may be advised."

THE CANADIAN SOCIETY OF EQUITY

The annual meeting of the Society of Equity was held at Lacombe in order that delegates might have an opportunity to travel as possible.

On account of the large amount of threshing still left undone in the northern part of Alberta the number of members being present, only about 18.

These delegates however embraced a stretch of country from Independence in the south to the city of Lacombe in the north, and from Beaver Lake in the east, so that all parts of Alberta were represented.

A long list of important business awaited the delegates which occupied nearly three days in spite of the fact that the evening session lasting until 2 a.m.

Among other important business was an elevator scheme, delegates to Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and the Alberta Farmers Association, new constitution, etc.

It was found that until the question of amalgamation was settled, the committee with name of society left blank, this outline of a constitution met with approval, and the secretary of the Equity Society was asked to attend and read before the Alberta Farmers convention on the next morning.

This was so at the request of the latter association, the work of the committee of the previous evening was continued, and being given them to finally settle the new name of the amalgamated society.

It was found that the name "the Equity Society" was not desired, and the committee was asked to suggest a name, which was suggested and it was concluded by the committee that the name of the amalgamated society should be the name of the Equity Society.

A person does not need to be thoroughly acquainted with the "great plan" of equity to see that it is but a "big broad and deep" it was designed not only for the Province but for the Dominion, and it is in the front where provinces was to destroy us altogether and "Equity" cannot be destroyed, it must go on, and will go on until it has completely destroyed the "great plan" of equity.

However after this matter was discussed by the Equity Society got to work and proved themselves all the "farmers' business society" for four days from day to day had labor engaged both for running the machinery and for such other work as was necessary, entailing a loss each day of \$62.85.

New officers were elected as well

as legislative and newspaper committees. The salary of the secretary-treasurer was raised to \$1,000 per year, a considerable time to the work of the society. A permanent staff of officers is a necessity in the near future, men who can give all their time and attention to it, for the business of the society is increasing amazingly, it being intimately connected with the welfare of every farmer in the Dominion.

The entrance fee and annual dues were both increased which will put the society in such a position as will send the work booming across Canada.

After receiving the reports of a number of committees including the "twine committee" which did such good work in its season as to give us cheaper twine better twine, more of it to the running foot and then place a nice balance in our bank account. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the officers of our Lacombe local union for arrangements made on our behalf to Col. J. J. Gray to which the price paid for raising the building, excavating, replacing it on the street level and building a road to the site of the twine lot would be \$1,370. In the case of the A. L. Brown property the figures are set at \$2,100 and \$1,829.80 respectively.

Yours very truly, WILL J. KEEN, Prov. Sec.

CENSUS RETURNS

According to the Calgary Albertan the final census returns give Edmonton a population of 11,163, an increase of 9,537 during the past five years. The population of other Alberta cities and towns are given by the Albertan as follows:

Table with 2 columns: City Name and Population. Includes Calgary (14,203), Medicine Hat (10,020), Lethbridge (9,236), Strathcona (2,821), Wetaskiwin (1,652), Raymond (1,568), Red Deer (1,418), Frank (1,178), Macleod (1,144), High River (1,018), Lacombe (1,015), Cardston (1,001).

SETTLER KILLED

Leduc Enterprise.—An incident which ended fatally occurred in town on Saturday night when Andrew Debonka, a Galician who resided some eight miles from Leduc was killed.

Debonka was driving his wagon, injuring his spine, which resulted in paralysis of his body. The unfortunate man had finished his shopping and after loading all his merchandise in the wagon reached over the seat to adjust something at the rear, when he slipped and fell to the ground with the above mentioned result. Dr. Sutherland was called on Sunday morning and pronounced the man dead.

Debonka was a well-to-do man, his wife and three small children.

KLONDIKE KING

Alex. Macdonald, "the Klondike King," first shipper of gold from the Yukon and the Yukon and the Klondike, is the best mining operator in the whole of the north in the city and is interesting himself in several branches of mining in Edmonton. He has already acquired a stone quarry at Victoria, B.C., and has taken up some coal property to the west of the city. He proposes to put boats on the river and to operate the coal propositions on an extensive scale. He says he has spent his last winter in the Klondike and will hereafter be a citizen of Edmonton for most of the year, although he still retains interests in the north which will probably absorb him there every summer. He is spending today with his friends, Noel, W. G. & Cornack, so that he will not be in the city until Monday when he leaves for the east to arrange for the steamers which he proposes to place on the river next summer.

INCINERATOR SITE

At last night's council meeting the Commissioners returned recommendations the submission to the rate-payers of a by-law for \$40,500 for the purpose of building the city incinerator, lately ordered by the city council from the manufacturers in Minneapolis.

In his recommendation the site fixed upon was the corner of Clark and Synagogue on the property belonging to the city, lying to the south of the C.N.R. and the C.P.R. right-of-way and just across the track from the city freight sheds. The plan submitted with the by-law also proposes that the city stables when such are necessary, shall be built on the same grounds.

The recommendation was accepted and the by-law will be prepared for submission to the rate payers in the near future.

ASPHALT PAVEMENT

Calgary Albertan.—There was a record-breaking crowd in attendance at the council meeting last night. The back benches were all crowded and the overflow stood around the walls. This unusual audience stimulated the aldermen to a pitch of eloquence and watchfulness. A little was done and more was left undone.

In brief it was decided to pave to begin not later than June 1st next. The next council will probably re-open this.

The city engineer reported that he found asphalt the most suitable pavement for this city. It will cost \$88,000 to cover Eighth avenue from Sixth street west to Sixth street east.

Ald. Watson thought the question of pavement should be left open until the street railway matter was decided. Ald. Clark says that one block of the side streets should be paved also.

Ald. Pitman, seconded by Ald. Watson, moved that Eighth avenue, as above, also one block north and

south on First street west, Centre street, First and Second streets east be paved with asphalt, and that the work be started not later than June 1, 1907. It was carried.

WILL SUE CITY

(Friday's Daily) Mr. A. L. Brown is going to sue the city for large damages for having been given conflicting grades for his livery stable on Namayo.

At last night's council meeting a letter was read from Brown and McDonald, solicitors for Albert and Martha Brown, stating that action had been commenced, which letter was turned over to the city solicitor without debate, the city thereby accepting suit.

The plaintiffs make two different kinds of claims. In the case of the Martha Brown property they claim that depreciation and loss of rent amount to \$12,000. In the case of the Albert property they claim that the loss of the lot would be \$1,370. In the case of the A. L. Brown property the figures are set at \$2,100 and \$1,829.80 respectively.

PRINTERS ORGANIZE

(Saturday's Daily) The printers organized their hockey team last night for the season of 1906-7 and elected the following officers:

Hon. President—Hon. Frank Oliver; Patron—Messrs. McPherson, Hul, McCorkindale, Young and Duncan, Mr. Chishall.

President—W. S. Haines; Vice president—Wm. McAdams; Secretary—C. G. Groff; Treasurer—W. McAuley; Manager—A. R. McLean.

Committee—Messrs. Frey, Layment, Keays, Glass and Nason.

The colors of the team are white and black. A strong team will be entered in the city league and a good season's sport is expected.

A YUKON OLD TIMER

(Saturday's Daily) Alex. Macdonald, who is in the city at present, is one of the celebrated characters of Canada's greatest mining camp. He was in the Yukon before the Klondike was discovered, and when the big strike was struck in August, '96, he was one of the first prospectors to reach the ground. He located rich pay at the very start and was the heaviest shipper in the first consignment of gold which came out of the steamer Portland in the spring of '97.

Recognizing that the very first of the Klondike was a great camp, he bought right and left and in the boom days of '98 and '99 he was working steadily to eighty claims on Bonanza, Eldorado and Junker. At times he had as many as five hundred men working.

During the last few years, he has developed most of his interests on the Klondike, and has been the Guinguet, a hydrographer, who is undertaking a hydraulic and dredging scheme which promises to be the biggest piece of property in the world. This summer they are putting in a ditch sixty miles long to get water onto the property in the construction of which they had 1500 men employed with steam shovels, draglines, dredges and all the most modern construction machinery. They have recently absorbed the Bonanza interests and are still buying claims on all sides. They propose to dredge the beds of the rivers and hydraulic the benches, practically eliminating the surface of the whole country and sending it through their sluices, to be carried down the Yukon river.

Mr. Macdonald is naturally a great believer in the Klondike, and in conversation with a Bulletin reporter this morning stated that it was a great mistake to presume that the camp is worked out. On the contrary, he claims that as a gold producer, it is only in its infancy, and that when the dredging and hydraulic plants now under way are working, the product of the camp will be greater than ever before in its history. He says that the Guinguet could not even estimate the amount of gold to be produced there in Bonanza and Eldorado, but that it will certainly prove to be something enormous.

Speaking of his Edmonton schemes, Mr. Macdonald says that he has had his eye on this city for some time. About a year ago he purchased a stone quarry in the Saskatchewan sixty miles below the city. The exact location is the south half of 28, township 38, R. 16. The rock he says is the finest kind of building stone and he believes he has a proposition that is worth while. He is going east in a few days to make arrangements for the construction of a light draft river boats capable of carrying 250 to 300 tons on an eighteen-inch or two foot draft, which he proposes to have operating next summer, when he will work the quarry on a large scale, furnishing building stone for Edmonton and all the towns along the line.

Regarding the coal proposition, he had very little to say except that he had acquired considerable coal property and that he believed the coal mining business was going to be one of the biggest things in Central Alberta.

Mr. Macdonald leaves on Monday for Ottawa, and will return to the city later and spend the winter in Edmonton, going in over the ice to Dawson in the spring. He is registered at the St. James hotel.

LAND OFFICE RETURNS

The returns for the month of October of the Edmonton land office were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Homestead entries (287), Applications for patents (185), Letters received (29), Letters sent (258), Applications for patents (225), Letters sent (194).

Advertisement for 'There is Nothing Better' Steel Stubble and Sod Plow. Fitted with the celebrated 'Garden City Clipper' Bottom. Made by David Bradley Mfg. Co., Bradley, Ill., U.S.A. About the best thing you can get hold of for all classes of work. At home in the stubble or fallow, turns a good flat furrow in the sod. Just a nice medium between the more abrupt old ground plow and the long, slow turning breaker. Hurdens moldboard, share and landside. If you knew anything better suited to general work in this locality, we'd be selling it. But we don't think there's anything better. You'll agree when you see this one. Come in and let us show you. Manuel & Corriveau, Sole Selling Agents, Edmonton, Alberta.

Advertisement for McClary's Kootenay Steel Range. London-Toronto-Montreal Winnipeg-Vancouver-St. John N.B. Revillon Bros., Ltd., Sole Agents. The colors of the team are white and black. A strong team will be entered in the city league and a good season's sport is expected.

Advertisement for AUCTIONEER SMITH. IF YOU ARE BUYING or IF YOU ARE SELLING..... Come and see for yourself who does the business every SATURDAY, AT TWO O'CLOCK On the Market Square EDMONTON. Cattle, Horses, Wagons, Harness, Etc. Office at The Seton-Smith Co., McDougall Ave. Office Phone 250. Edmonton, Alberta Stable Phone 383. P. O. Box 368.

Advertisement for Progress Brand Clothing. "To have been first, proves antiquity. To have become first, proves merit." Progress Brand Clothing has BECOME first through MERIT. Edmonton Clothing Co.

Advertisement for FARM LAND PROPRIETORS. List your Farm Property with us for quick sale. J. B. WALKER & COMPANY. P. O. Box 359. Norwood Block, Jasper Ave., Edmonton, Alta.

China in Pro

By Everard C. Pekin, Sept. 15.—The journey rail to Pekin from Hankow, in China, is easy, a train de luxe once a week. I found my way gusty Hankow railway-station, creaking jorickshaw, in the and was received by a civil speaking Chinese station master, fellow passengers included, G. Frenchmen, Chinese, Japanese, British. We were stowed into comfortable berths, and smoothly off to a n accompaniment loud banzais from Japanese who upon the platform with their folk to say good-bye to a couple Chinese newspapers at the were reporting gravely