

DISTRICT NEWS

OLDS.

When the weather is so favorable for delivering produce, the merchants of Olds feel the car shortage question to be a burning one. A special meeting of the Board of Trade was called recently to discuss the problem of the shortage, and all present were unanimous in instructing the secretary to take the matter up with the C.P.R. superintendent, with a hope of securing speedy relief, as large quantities of hay are awaiting shipment.

WETASKIWIN.

Mrs. H. H. Wright gave a tea on Tuesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. W. Reid and Miss Jessie Walker, both of whom contemplate leaving the Fort very soon. Mrs. Reid leaves on Friday for California, where she will spend the winter with her sister, returning in the spring to Calgary, where she will join her husband. Miss Walker, however, will remain in the Fort until the end of the year. Some twenty of their friends met in Mrs. Wright's cozy parlor, and the tea was one of the most enjoyable possible.

VEGREVILLE.

The man Thomas Oliver from Medicine Hat, not from Vegreville as reported, came up for hearing before Magistrate Fleming. The case was adjourned for a week for Oliver to get a chance to get a counsel to defend him. Mr. Oliver is out on bail of \$1,000 in two sureties, B. Tetreau and J. Cadzow \$500 each. It seems Mr. Oliver was buying cattle for Griffin & Co., and while here he got a wire from a man named Cogan, another cattle commission man, Winnipeg, to secure 100 head of fat cattle for him. Mr. Oliver did so, using Griffin's cheque for the purpose. The cattle reached Winnipeg, Mr. Cogan refused to take them. They were left on Oliver's hands. There was a stamp in the cattle and Oliver had difficulty in disposing of the cattle. He sold them to the best he could and applied the proceeds in paying the cheque. He was about \$800 short. Hence the arrest.

STRATHONA.

The Strathona aldermen had a busy session last evening, at which a number of questions of importance came up for consideration. Among these was a petition from the city offices to the Oddfellows Temple and the approval of the principle of making a salary to next year's mayor. There was a full attendance of members. Communications were read from the following: Strathona Brewing & Malt Co., applying for a reduced water rate, similar to that given to the C.P.R., or a flat rate. J. A. Connelly, making a charge against the pound-keeper that he refused to impound cows found in the vicinity of his premises. Joseph Beauchamp, applying for a lower rate for his hotel lighting. Oddfellows' Building Company, stating that they had their building ready for a public meeting. Edmonton Incline Railway Company, stating they were ready to require electricity for their hoist, as they were going to install steam. David Evans, power-house engineer, asking for telephons connected with his residence and the power-house, also free water, fuel and light. Mr. Beauchamp was granted light at the schedule drawn up by the fire and light committee. Mr. Connelly's reference to the letter of Mr. Beauchamp was granted light at the schedule drawn up by the fire and light committee. Other communications, including some with references to accounts due, were ordered to be filed.

RED DEER.

J. B. Gaetz left last night for Winnipeg, where he will spend a couple of weeks holiday. R. G. Taylor, accountant of the Bank of Commerce here, has been ordered to Prince Albert, and will leave for that place in about two weeks time. A convention for the purpose of forming an amateur hockey league will be held in Red Deer on November 29th. Representatives from all the leading towns in the province will be present on the line. This team held the championship of the province last year. The "shaw shipment" of cattle went through here at about 6 o'clock last night. Judge Begg was in town on Saturday. There is talk in the Calgary and Edmonton papers of a new professional baseball league being formed next season, taking in Calgary, Red Deer, Wetaskiwin and Edmonton, and no doubt the expenses would be far less than was experienced by the Western Canada league last year. There is \$1,000 in a battery. The team held the Ramsey cup for one season, and late in October after the pitcher, Butlerfield, had left for Seattle, and Butler Hillhouse was down and out with a broken leg, the team lost to Fort Saskatchewan, with Farrell and Sampson of Calgary. Last year Red Deer played amateur ball, supporting four uniformed teams comprising the Red Deer baseball league. This is one of the hospitals in the west in which constant and helpful work is being done for sick and suffering humanity under most uncomfortable conditions, owing to cramped quarters, although an addition is now being built to the Mission House, which will make funds and other contributions all the more necessary. W. A. Glad to contribute our unit. Red Deer, Nov. 26.

NEW HALL.

The special committee on the offer of the Oddfellows Temple Building Committee for new city offices in the new hall reported, referring the communication back to the council. The proposition was considered in committees of the whole, with Alderman Hulbert in the chair. The proposition submitted involved seven rooms at a rental of \$100 a month, with heat, light and janitor. A lease of say one to five years would be granted. The Mayor thought that the present quarters were absolutely unsafe for the council to occupy, but that could not be placed in the safe. Many of the present rooms, he said, were absolutely death traps, and the rooms that they occupied were not safe, as at present, in winter. Alderman McKenzie said that the owners of the present offices were not anxious to hold them, but that they thought they should stay their year, till next March, or pay the rent up till that time. The Mayor said it was absolutely necessary either to build a vault here or get new quarters. At present the assessment rolls are very valuable documents—was left every night exposed to fire. The question of placing a vault in the Temple was also considered. Dr. Wainwright stating that with the rooms would go a space of about 15 x 15 for a vault, and that a vault could be installed for about \$275. The president of the building committee said they were not trying to force the council to do anything, but since they have made the offer to get, they had received several offers, and they wish to know where they stand in the matter. Reports of Committees. To Engage New Rooms. A motion was carried that the committee of the whole endorse the principle of engaging the city, and leave it with the former committee to make arrangements for removal to the new rooms at the end of the year. A number of committees, from whom reports were asked, gave the following: The committee on the question of a salary to the Mayor, reported in favor of the principle of paying a salary to the Mayor. The city engineer reported on the cost of the new sidewalk from Whyte to Lumsden avenue, past the rink, stating it was \$32 feet long and cost \$339.35. The Mayor reported that the Berthford Park site had been conveyed, and he thought that the Premier would likely require covenants to insure the name to be given it and the uses to which it would be put. The plan was submitted by the city engineer and adopted, and the committee was instructed to arrange for the transfer. The New Horse Wagon. The question of the new horse wagon at the C.P.R. station was discussed at some length. It was pointed out that the present horse wagon was antiquated, and a committee was appointed to look into these charges, and to report on the matter. The decision to remove the wagon to the fire hall. The by-law authorizing the issue of \$1,415 to be paid to the city for the new park site on the river bank was given the first reading. Before Magistrate asked the clerk when he expected to have the financial statement of the year's finances ready. The latter replied, "I will have it ready on Monday next Monday for the meeting of that body."

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FEDERAL OPENING

Earl Grey Delivers Speech

Ottawa, Nov. 28.—The opening of the fifth parliament was formally opened by His Excellency the Governor-General, who, in the presence of the members of the House of Commons, delivered a speech in which he congratulated the members of the House of Commons on the occasion of the opening of the fifth parliament. He also mentioned the fact that the House of Commons had passed a resolution in regard to the proposed extension of the franchise in the Dominion of Wales, and that the House of Commons had also passed a resolution in regard to the proposed extension of the franchise in the Dominion of Wales.

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Newfoundland Fisheries

The Newfoundland Fisheries Commission has been appointed by the Government of Newfoundland. The commission will be composed of three members, one of whom will be the Governor-General. The commission will be charged with the duty of investigating the fisheries of Newfoundland, and of reporting to the Government on the results of their investigations.

The Japanese in Canada

The Japanese in Canada have been the subject of much discussion in recent years. It is generally believed that the Japanese are a peaceful and industrious people, and that they are making valuable contributions to the development of Canada. However, there are some who believe that the Japanese are a race of conquerors, and that they are a threat to the security of Canada.