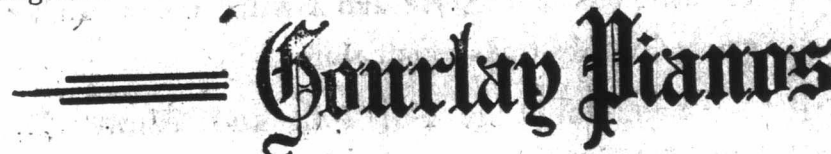




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## CIVIC OFFICIALS ASK FOR BIGGER SALARIES

Finance Committee Consider Applications of City Clerk, Treasurer and Other Members of Staff for Increases—Large Increases to be Recommended The Question of the City Police—Ald. Wilkinson's Spur Track

An extremely important meeting of the Finance Committee of the City of Regina was held last evening when the question of salaries of civic officials and other members of the staff was under consideration. The subject being introduced by the letters of City Clerk Kelson Hunter and City Treasurer Fenton Munro, asking for substantial increases in their salaries and for several members of the City staff.

The City Clerk, who last year was paid a salary of \$1,500, asked for an increase to \$2,500, drawing attention to the greater cost of living and to the services rendered by himself in conducting the salaries of the staff and doing the convenancing in connection with those salaries. Mr. Hunter also drew attention to the fact that in the pursuit of his profession as a lawyer he would probably be earning considerable in excess of what he was getting from the city. The City Treasurer in asking for an increase of salary from \$1,200 to \$1,800, also recited his services and duties.

The following is a list of the salaries at present received by those asking increases with the increases asked for:

	gets	asks
J. K. Hunter, city clerk	\$1,500	\$2,500
Fenton Munro, city treasurer	\$1,200	\$1,800
W. E. Fyfe, clerk	\$900	\$1,200
J. C. Wilkinson, clerk	\$720	\$1,200
Miss McDonald, stenographer	\$600	\$720
Miss Blair, stenographer	\$540	\$720
Inspector Harwood	\$900	\$1,200

In considering the whole question, Mayor Smith stated that the committee should look on the matter as a business proposition pure and simple and treat the officials just as they would treat employees in their own business concerns. He thought they should know something as to salaries paid for similar work in other towns. He was in favor of paying their staff everything that was coming to them, but he thought the committee should be careful before they committed themselves to the piling up of an increased salary list amounting to several thousand dollars. While he quite appreciated the services of City Clerk Hunter, he was certainly opposed to paying a salary of \$2,500, and inasmuch as the salary paid last year showed an increase of \$300, he believed \$2,000 was in excess of what they should pay.

His Worship here instanced two or three instances of important officials in the local Dominion service whose duties in his opinion were far more onerous than those of either the City Clerk or Treasurer, whose salaries were considerably below those that it was now proposed to pay the city officials in question.

The committee decided to recommend the following increases: City Clerk to \$2,000; City Treasurer to \$1,500; W. E. Fyfe to \$1,000; J. C. Wilkinson to \$800; Mr. Hunter to \$2,000; Miss McDonald to \$720; Miss Blair to \$600.

**City Assessor.**  
The consideration of the question of the salary list brought up the matter of the assessment department and the committee decided that it would be in the interests of the city to divide the office of assessor and appoint an assessor who would be directly responsible to the council for the assessment, and further decided to recommend the appointment of John Spicer for the office at a salary of \$1,200.

**The Police Force.**  
The application of Chief of Police Harwood for an increase of salary brought up the whole question of the city police. His Honor the Mayor urged that the whole question should be gone carefully into, maintaining

### Warehouse Sites

Several applications in connection with the city's track warehouse sites led to a long discussion upon the question of track sites. It was held by the committee that the sites as mapped out by the old council were in the majority of cases for which they were wanted much too large and that it would be necessary to carefully reconsider the whole matter and prepare some comprehensive trackage scheme whereby the city's property will be utilized to the greatest advantage. It was also objected that the quality of buildings at the sites granted and that an alteration in that respect should be made. Ald. Peverett pointing out the absurdity of putting up a \$1,500 or \$2,000 warehouse upon a site consisting of five valuable lots. Several applications, including those of Messrs. Reid Bros., N. S. Edgar and R. H. Williams, were according left over to be dealt with later. The City Clerk meanwhile being instructed to ascertain for what purpose the lots applied for by Mr. Williams were required.

**Ald. Wilkinson's Spur.**  
The question of track facilities for Ald. Wilkinson's Flouring Street warehouse will probably afford matter for interesting discussion at tonight's City Council meeting. It is understood that the Works Committee favor the granting permission to run a spur to the warehouse in such a manner as to necessitate its running for twenty or thirty feet into Dewdney street, and this is likely to meet with strenuous opposition on the part of several members of the council, it being held that what was not granted in the case of the E. W. Laird and Gas-Scott warehouse should not be granted in the case of a city alderman. Ald. Gillespie, chairman of the Works Committee, stated last evening that the council was legally bound to provide the spur and that failing to do so Ald. Wilkinson would have good grounds for instituting proceedings against the city.

This view, however, was strongly combated by Mayor Smith and other members of the Finance Committee who held that the city's legal obligations had been filled by the affording of track facilities to Ald. Wilkinson's property on the north. Mr. Wilkinson had chosen to erect his warehouse on a corner of the site remote from the city's spur and main street, and they thought, accept the attendant disadvantages of having done so.

## THE C. P. R. IN THE WEST

Company Will Build in 1907 Some 350 Miles, Involving an Expenditure of About \$7,000,000—Alternate Route From Winnipeg to Edmonton

(Special Despatch to The Leader.)  
MONTREAL, Jan. 21.—Mr. Wm. Whyte, second vice-president of the C.P.R., announced today that as the result of the conferences that had been held between Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and himself during the past few days with regard to the company's construction policy, so far as Western lines are concerned, it had been decided that new mileage would be added to the extent of some 350 miles.

This is considered a pretty extensive programme for the West, involving an expenditure of between six million and seven million; but, big as it is, it would have been easier to procure. The principal additions to this new mileage will be the line across the new trans-Canada line across the prairie by way of Saskatoon, which will give the system an alternative route from

Winnipeg to Edmonton. A good deal of building has been done in connection with this but there are several gaps to be filled up. There is every reason to believe that the line will be completed in time for this year's harvest from Sheho, the present terminus of the Manitoba and Northwestern, to Waskesiu on the Calgary and Edmonton branch.

Another line that will be extended to the point of junction with the one just described is the Phoenix Hills branch, which is now completed as far as Strassburg. These will be the settlers in the central regions of Saskatchewan and Alberta practically by three Canadian Pacific systems through the prairies.

It has also been decided that another fifty miles shall be added to the line which is being built in a new Bonspiel of the Moose Jaw to the Saskatchewan.

## FILLMORE ENTIRELY WITHOUT FUEL

Fifty Farmers Have to Return Empty-Handed—Steps Taken by Government for Relief.

Seen by The Leader yesterday afternoon with regard to the coal situation, Mr. Ketchen, the Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture, stated that the department had hoped to receive coal that day with which to relieve the pinch at Fillmore, but was certainly expected tomorrow, and a portion of it would be at once rushed

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FILLMORE, Sask., Jan. 21.—Fifty farmers in town today for coal. None to be had. Situation very serious, unless relief comes in 24 hours.

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forward to Fillmore, and the following other points which were in dire need of fuel, viz: Redvers, McLean, Webb and Whitewood.

Mr. Ketchen stated that as a result of Hon. W. R. Motherwell's visit to Winnipeg and his interview with the C.P.R., arrangements have been made by which the Saskatchewan Government has been assured of at least six cars per day for relief purposes. This, of course, is quite independent of the supplies of commercial channels. The coal in question is Crown's Nest steam coal, and although not perhaps the best for domestic use, it will be very welcome where no better is obtainable. The coal will be shipped to Regina and from there despatched to those points which from time to time may stand in the greatest need of emergency supplies.

## WHITNEY'S LITTLE AXE

Resignation of Veteran Sheriff Gillespie Has Been Asked For.

KINGSTON, Ont., Jan. 21.—It is understood the Ontario Government have called for the resignation of Sheriff Gillespie, Prince Edward County, a veteran of 33 years of age, and an official of over thirty years standing. He will ask for an investigation, as he knows of no offence beyond being in his day a Liberal Premier's witness. He declines to say anything about the dismissal of Sheriff Gillespie.

## DROWNED IN THE DON

Arthur Lodge Breaks Through Ice in the River.

(Special Despatch to The Leader.)  
WINDSOR, Ont., Jan. 21.—Arthur Lodge, employed by George S. Henry, of Lansing, was drowned yesterday morning before daylight while crossing the Don with mail. He leaves two children, who are in England, and wife here. Lodge was about 35 years of age.

## COOPER PLAYS WINNING SHOT

And Lifts Drewry Cup for MacIvor's Rink After a Magnificent Game.

A magnificent game in the final of the Drewry Cup competition last evening resulted in a win for MacIvor over Cooper. MacIvor's rink was skipped by P. Cooper, and it was the last shot by the skip of the winning rink which gave MacIvor the game.

The Saskatchewan Cup competition the defeat of Hill by Partridge leaves the final to be fought out between Greig and Partridge, and the game between these two rinks will be played at 8:30 this morning. In the Calgary semi-finals Ira Partridge defeated Hocklin, and Raiton got the better of Hicks of Napinka, so that the final in this event will be between two Simulata rinks.

Further play took place in the Points competition with the result that McCarthy now heads the list with the big score of 46. Another good showing in this event yesterday was that of 48 by Sandy Dunnet.

## HORRORS IN CHINA

Smallpox Ravaging Vast District—500,000 People in Danger.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 21.—To the horrors of famine have been added an outbreak of smallpox among the refugees at Singkang, necessitating the demolition of the mat sheds used to shelter thousands who have arrived there in search of food.

Capt. Kirton, who was sent out by the relief committee to investigate the situation, reports that 300,000 destitute persons have been driven back towards their homes, and that terrible scenes are being enacted along the line of retreat.

He estimates that a quarter of a million persons are likely to be doomed at Singkang alone, and 400,000 at Antung, where small relief works have been started. But official reports are generally puerile and amateurish.

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## OTTAWA EDITOR REMEMBERED.

Mr. T. W. Quayle Presented With Handsome Cabinet of Silverware.

OTTAWA, Jan. 21.—Mr. T. W. Quayle, who is leaving shortly for Calgary to become managing editor of The Daily News, was presented by the members of the Eastern Methodist church with a costly cabinet of silverware, consisting of ninety pieces. The cabinet is of beautifully polished oak and bears a suitable inscription.

The presentation was accompanied with an address in which appreciation was expressed of the splendid and unselfish services which Mr. Quayle had rendered the church as a member of the Quarterly Board and superintendent of the Sunday School for the past eleven years. Mr. Quayle made a suitable reply, saying that the gift would be cherished by him as a memento of the happiest days of his life. He expressed his regret at leaving them and said that the pleasant relations existing between himself and every member of the church could not be severed without much sorrow.

## MOOSE JAW BONSPIEL.

Annual Fixture Commences Monday Next—Many Outside Rinks Will Enter.

MOOSE JAW, Jan. 21.—The annual bonspiel of the Moose Jaw Curling Club commences Monday next, Jan. 28th, and promises to be the best in the history of the club. The citizens and particularly the curlers are sparing no pains to make it a success. Competing rinks are expected from Saskatoon, Hanley, Davidson, Lumsden, Simulata, Indian Head, Balgonie, Regina, Weyburn, Yellow Grass, Milestone, Rouleau.

The big event of thespiel will be the Grand Challenge competition, the cup for this event being presented by the Moose Jaw Brewing and Malting Co., and is valued at \$250. This will be the best cup in the West and the prizes that accompany it are second to none that have been given in other spiels.

The programme will consist of five events and nine sheets of ice will be in use. It is the desire of the club to start the first game Monday morning and all rinks coming to thespiel are expected to arrive here Sunday. Special railway rates can be secured and curlers are requested to purchase first class single fare tickets to Moose and obtain the standard certificate from the agent at the issuing office.

## C. P. R. INTO HUMBOLDT

Official Says Strassburg Extension Will Be Further Extended

HUMBOLDT, Jan. 21.—Travelling Freight Agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Mr. Thos. S. Acheson, was in town recently, looking after business in the interests of his company. In discussing the construction of their new lines, Mr. Acheson said positively that the Strassburg extension would be built into Humboldt this year.

## EDMONTON POLICE FORCE

Commissioners Contemplate Increasing It From Nine to Twelve.

EDMONTON, Jan. 21.—At the last council meeting the commissioners reported that they were contemplating the increasing of the city police force to the full complement of twelve, that being three additional to the present force, a constable, an officer constable and a detective. The commission was also contemplating the addition in the summer of two mounted policemen to patrol the city limits.

## RAILWAY TO EXTEND

North Saskatchewan Railway Company Will Build 50 Miles

PRINCE ALBERT, Jan. 21.—About 60 miles of the North Saskatchewan Railway will be built at once. The right of way will traverse the Prince Albert Lumber Co.'s timber limits, Hitchcock's limits and Clayton Peterson's limits. The land is well wooded and is a good country for settlement. A large supply of cord wood is convenient to the right of way and it is expected that the railroad will secure sufficient business from the lumber and fishing industries.

## THAW IN VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 21.—Snow which on Saturday was six inches deep in the city and a foot in some parts of the suburbs had practically disappeared this morning. The thaw had been so sudden that thousands of dollars of damage had been done. The streets are flooded in many places and basements are full of water. Men were punning all Sunday in many cellars in the business section, but large quantities of goods have been ruined. So much of the coming down the street that the electric railway finds it difficult to keep traffic going. Three cars left the rails before 3 o'clock this morning.

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