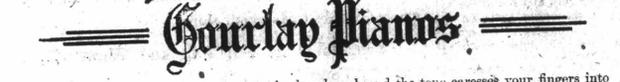




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THE C. P. R. IN THE WEST
Company Will Build in 1907 Some 350 Miles, Involving an Expenditure of About \$7,000,000—Alternate Route From Winnipeg to Edmonton

(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 program 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 completion of the new trunk 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 Watsiswin on the Calgary and Edmonton branch.

Another line that will be extended to the point of junction with the Hitz branch, which is now completed as far as Strasburg. These will be the settlers in the central regions of Saskatchewan and Alberta traversed 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 rural Bonspiel of the Moose Jaw to the Saskatchewan.

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OTTAWA EDITOR REMEMBERED. MOOSE JAW BONSPIEL.

Mr. T. W. Quayle Presented With Handsome Cabinet of Silverware. Annual Fixture Commences Monday Next—Many Outside Rinks Will Enter.

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.

C. P. R. INTO HUMBOLDT RAILWAY TO EXTEND

Official Says Strassburg Extension Will Be Further Extended. North Saskatchewan Railway Company Will Build 50 Miles.

HUMBOLDT, Jan. 21.—Travelling Agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Mr. Thos. S. Acheson, is 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 THAW IN VANCOUVER.

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 officers, 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.

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. The coal, however, did not come to hand, but was certainly expected tomorrow, and a portion of it would be at once rushed

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

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 coal in the hands of the ordinary commercial shippers. 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 here despatched to those points which are in the greatest need of emergency supplies.

DROWNED IN THE DON

Arthur Lodge Breaks Through Ice in the River.

(Special Despatch to The Leader.)
WILLIAMSBURG, Ont., Jan. 21.—Arthur Lodge, employed by George S. Henry, of Lansing, was drowned yesterday morning before daylight while crossing the Don with milk. 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 between McCarthy and MacIvor resulted in a win for MacIvor by three Canadian Pacific systems through the prairies.

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 Dunnett.

HORRORS IN CHINA

Smallpox Ravaging Vast District—650,000 People in Danger.

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

Smallpox ravaging vast district—650,000 people in danger. Capt. Kirton, who was sent out by the relief committee to investigate the situation, reports that 200,000 destitute persons have been driven back towards their homes, and that along the line of retreat.

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

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 Council was held last evening when the question of salaries of civic officials and the staff generally and other matters of moment were under consideration. The subject being introduced by the letters of City Clerk Penton, Mayor, 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 \$2,000, drawing attention to the greater cost of living and to the services rendered by himself in conducting the salary list 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 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:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Salary. J. K. Hunter, city clerk \$1,500 to \$2,000; Penton, Mayor, city treasurer \$1,200 to \$1,800; W. E. Fyfe, clerk \$900 to \$1,200; J. C. Wilkinson, clerk \$720 to \$1,200; Miss McDonald, the printer's wife \$720; Miss Blair, stenographer \$540 to \$720; Inspector Harwood \$900 to \$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 \$1,800; W. E. Fyfe to \$1,000; J. C. Wilkinson to \$900; Mr. Houston to \$900; 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

BANQUET POSTPONED.

The banquet which was to have been held by the Brotherhood of Knox Church tonight, has been postponed until tomorrow night. Yesterday Rev. E. A. Henry received a telegram from Mr. Ralph Connor, who is to deliver an address at the banquet, saying that, owing to the train from the east being cancelled, he would be unable to reach Regina Tuesday. Accordingly, the banquet was postponed until Wednesday evening, in order that Mr. Connor may be present. The Wednesday night prayer meeting is postponed in consequence of the banquet.

WHITNEY'S LITTLE AXE.

Resignation of Veteran Sheriff Gillespie Has Been Asked For.

KINGSTON, Ont., Jan. 21.—It is understood the Ontario Government has 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 offense beyond being in his day a Liberal Premier. Gillespie declines to say anything about the dismissal of Sheriff Gillespie.

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 would be necessary to carefully reconsider the whole matter and prepare some comprehensive track 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. Peveritt 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. Pitt, Bros., N. S. Edgar and R. H. Williams, were accordingly 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 Dewdney 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. V. Laird and Gear-Soot 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 falling 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 removed from the city spur and must, they thought, accept the attendant disadvantages of having done so.

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