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EDMONTON'S CHINESE COLONY

There Are Over Two Hundred and Fifty From the Kingdom of Teeming Millions in the Far East Resident in Edmonton.—The Celestials Have Their Prenicious Opium Dens, Their Gambling Apparatus And Other Institutions Peculiar to the Land of the Rising Sun.

The increased attention that the Far East has attracted throughout Canada since the recent race riots in Vancouver, and the acute nature of the threatened yellow peril on the Pacific coast, has brought the attention of the people of the west more directly to those from across the Pacific who live within our borders.

Edmonton has a large contingent of the yellow people within its limits, but those are practically all from China. Japan has not yet sent its invaders in large numbers to the Capital city though a few of the little yellow men of the mikado's kingdom are to be found within the city.

It is estimated by the police and by the Chinese themselves, who have investigated the local conditions of their own people that there are between two hundred and fifty and two hundred and seventy-five Chinamen resident in Edmonton. These have a variety of occupations. There are restaurant keepers; there are laundrymen, domestics, gamblers and there is one lonely cobbler who does work for the Celestials in the shoemaking line. They are divided into three main divisions, the leaders of which are Wong Fook, Mah Jim and Sam Sing.

The Chinese Quarters.

The Chinese of the city are located principally in block 2, R. L. 10, better known as the section of the city east of Fraser avenue and between Jasper avenue and Rice street, that is the block in which the Alberta hotel is located. There are of course others on First street and Jasper avenue as well as in the various hotels and restaurants of the city. Many of the joints are most interesting and a Bulletin reporter who visited a number and conversed with the Chinamen last night, saw and learned much which is hidden to the ordinary citizen. Several of the stores hold every kind of Chinese merchandise, with restaurants and underground dives, where the Chinamen spend their leisure time. In the back room behind the stores the indolent ones roll and recline on chairs and tables, smoking cigarettes and talking to one another in their chop-stick sort of language. Here are also tables where it is supposed the game of fan-tan is played at night by those who indulge in the pastime of gambling. Squatting on a high table a number of the yellow citizens were seen playing cards, which they slipped rapidly out of sight when the white visitor came in.

Sweaty laundrymen grinned at one another and kept stoically at work while the proprietor for the shop did his best to be polite and still get the caller out of the way as soon as possible. He supplied cigars of villainous odor and intimated in his broken English how shocked he was that the China boys should play cards.

In the Chinese stores queer wares were on sale; the long, strange pipes of the Celestials, strange looking masses of Chinese foods, lacquer work, ivory carvings, silk clothing and other curious and unknown articles. Down in the basement of the building every foot is utilized and the entire under part of the building is connected from end to end with mysterious doors and passages.

The basement is fitted with bunks and beds. These sleeping places are lined on each side of the walls as thickly as possible and articles of clothing and Chinese musical instruments hang over bunks. These bunks are nothing but inch boards, nailed together and put on short legs, the only covering or bedding being a couple of blankets of the kind that are in vogue in the lumber camp and the shack of the homesteader.

The Opium Den.

In one room a half dozen Chinamen lay in various stages of bliss induced by the smoking of opium, the acrid fumes of which hung heavy in the air. One much-withered and shrunken specimen of Chinese manhood lay like dead with his flat chest barely moving. He was in the supreme power of the powerful drug and was dreaming poppy dreams of Chinese joy. Another was just recovering and his languid and stupid actions bore testimony of the after results of his debauch. Others were just about to smoke or had just drawn the deep inhalation which leads to Elysium. One man sat up when the reporter entered. He cast a lack lustre eye at the intruder and then proceeded with his deliberate preparations for his deep producing smoke. He held the long pipe in one hand while he worked over the flame of the spirit lamp with the gummy opium. Finally he lit it to his satisfaction, then put it to the bowl drew the deep breath of dope-laden smoke and lay back with closed eyes. This one "jolt" was not sufficient. In a moment he raised himself languidly and with apparent reluctance to his elbow and commenced the preparation of another "pill."

It is said that not only the Chinese are victims in some cities of this pernicious habit, but white men in Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle are said to be slaves to the drug and to surreptitiously sneak in the dives now and then for short half-hours of bliss and forgetfulness. But it is pretty hard for a white man to gain the confidence of the Chinaman to the extent of being allowed in the sacred coly of holies, better known as the opium joint. To succeed in gaining admittance one must have the backing of the best of the Chinks in command and then he is watched pretty closely until he has demonstrated without doubt that he is really on a par with the yellow slaves of the poppy product. Then he is given free access and is allowed to wallow in life and ambition destroying smoke with the Chinese victims of the drug.

The Chinese Mission.

For some years past excellent mission work has been done among the Edmonton Chinamen by some of the teachers and pupils of Alberta college. There is a regular attendance of ten or more and reading, spelling, writing, etc., is taught as well as Bible study and New Testament scriptural teachings. The students appear to be deeply interested in the Bible study and hold no scepticism with regard to the Saviour, His death or crucifixion. Volunteer teachers do the work of instructing the knowledge seekers from the Flowery Kingdom. The idea of the mission is to educate, civilize and ultimately Christianize the Chinaman. It cannot be expected that they can be Christianized until they have been educated. The class who attend the school are mostly the domestics and restaurant men. The domestics are usually a superior class to the laundrymen, have more self-respect and try to live up to the standard set by the teachers of the mission. Several Chinamen now running restaurants in the city have been converted, others have left the city and are still trying to live up to the teachings of the mission and one Chinaman who received his preliminary education in the school is now studying to be a missionary in his own country.

Majority Not Deeply Interested.

The great majority of Chinamen in the city do not pay much attention to the mission. A number of the domestics do but the great mass of the people from the land of the dragon think only of piling up enough hard cash to enable them to return to their own country and live there for the remainder of their days in comfort and luxury. In the meantime when not engaged in work they pass the time away with such light amusements as cards, fan-tan, cigarettes and opium. They are a very quiet and inoffensive class and cause no trouble to anyone except the annoyance experienced by the white people who live in close proximity to the Chinese quarters. Most of the Chinamen have come either from Canton, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Pekin. They are not of the coolie class, but appear to be a few notches higher than these. Many of the colony here have decided never to return to the old land, but to remain here until they die. They are the most successful of the merchants and restaurant keepers as they take more interest in developing a permanent business. The oldest in the city range from sixty to seventy-five years of age, and they run down as far as twenty, the youngest having come to Edmonton only a short time ago.

More of Unsavory Case.

Vancouver, May 22.—After seven hours on the stand, Katie McIntosh concluded her evidence, which was unshaken, despite the counsel's efforts to prove blackmail. The mother corroborated the daughter's evidence as to the efforts of Dr. Carasche to make a settlement. She received in all $750. Dr. Hall followed, testifying to the treatment of the case. In answer the counsel said it was possible the girl's complaint might not be the result of the alleged operation, but according to his experience, could have been nothing else. He further said Carasche offered to pay him when the girl was cured, but had not done so.

District Engineer Resigns.

Ottawa, May 22.—Guy C. Dunn, district engineer on "A," a New Brunswick section of the transcontinental, has resigned and the commission is without an official there. The reason given is poor health, but since resigning he has entered the service of the Grand Trunk.

Red River Levee Broken.

Shreveport, La., May 22.—Reports from New Lewisville, Ark., say the Red River levee has broken and the entire bottom is under water. Several negroes were drowned.

GLOWING PROSPECT FORECASTED IN REPORT

Of Seeding Conditions Along the Western Division of the C.P.R. — Wheat Is Growing Rapidly — Oats Nearly All Sown—Rain Does Much Good.

Bulletin Special

Calgary, May 19, 1908.

The following is a report of the crop conditions along the line of the western division of the Canadian Pacific Railway compiled by General Supt. Price from reports received from the different station agents.

Grenfell—Wheat about two inches high oats and barley sixty percent. sown; weather very favorable with plenty of rain; prospects good.

Summerberry — Wheat three inches high; oats ninety per cent. sown; heavy rains; weather favorable.

Wolseley—Wheat coming up nicely; oats seeding starting; weather past week favorable with good rains.

Sintaluta—Wheat two and three inches high; oats eighty per cent seeded; weather favorable with warm rains.

Indian Head—Wheat four and five inches high; oats and barley seeding will be completed this week; weather favorable with heavy rains.

Qu'Appelle—Wheat three inches high; oats and barley all seeded; favorable weather with showers.

MacLean — Seeding about finished; grain up and in good condition; good rains.

Balgonie—Wheat two and three inches high; ninety per cent oats and other grains sown; warm showers; prospects very bright.

Belle Plaine—Wheat one to three inches high; oats and other grain all sown; good rains; weather very favorable.

Pasqua — Seventy-five percent. oats seeding finished; weather favorable with rains.

Moose Jaw.—Wheat three to five inches high; fifty per cent oats and barley sown; weather cool with good rains.

Kisbey—Wheat four to six inches high; ninety per cent. oats sown; weather cool with good rains.

Forget — Wheat four and five inches high; seventy-five per cent oats and barley sown; weather favorable with good rains.

Stroughton—Wheat four and five inches high; seventy-five per cent oats sown; weather favorable.

Heward—Wheat three to five inches high; thirty-five per cent. other grains sown; plenty of rain; weather favorable.

Creelman—Wheat looking fine; seventy percent. oats and other grains sown; good rains; weather favorable.

Fillmore—Twenty per cent. oats sown; wheat coming up; heavy rains.

Francis—Wheat coming up; eighty per cent. oats and other grains seeded; heavy rains; weather otherwise good.

Tyvan—Wheat coming up with rapid growth; oats and other grain seeding finished; weather favorable with showers thirty-five per cent. increase acreage.

Sedley—Wheat two to four inches high, oats and other grains seventy percent. sown; weather and ground excellent.

Kronau—Wheat growing rapidly; seventy-five percent. oats and other grains seeded; weather favorable.

Drinkwater—Wheat and oats seeding finished; fifty per cent. flax sown; grain up and doing well; good rains; everything favorable.

Rouleau—Wheat two inches high; fifty per cent. oats sown; some flax; weather fine; good rains.

Wilcox — Wheat coming up; seventy per cent. oats seeded and forty per cent. flax; weather favorable with good rains.

Milestone—Wheat three and four inches high; forty per cent. oats and flax sown; weather favorable with good rains.

Lang — Wheat two and three inches high; twenty-five percent. oats and flax sown; weather rainy causing delay in oats and other grain seeding.

Yellow Grass—No seeding done past week on account of heavy rains; grain coming up nicely.

McTaggart—No seeding past week on account of heavy rains; grain coming up nicely.

Weyburn—All grains sown; majority up and looking fine; good rains.

Halbrite—Wheat up three to four inches, heavy rains; prospects good.

Midale—Seventy percent. oats and other grains sown; heavy rains; weather favorable.

Macoun—All wheat up; oats and other grains sown; weather past week mild and very wet.

Estevan—Wheat coming up; ninety per cent oats sown; weather cool and some showers.

Roche Percee—Ninety percent. wheat sown; sixty percent. oats sown; past week too wet for much seeding.

North Portal—Weather favorable during past week with heavy rains.

Caron—Seeding finished; good growth past week on account of abundance of rain.

Mortlach — Wheat coming up some three inches high; seventy-five percent. oats sown; fifty percent. other grains; three days' rain; prospects bright.

Parkbeg—Grain up above ground two to four inches; heavy rains.

Chaplin—Seeding finished; two days' rain and crops growing splendidly.

Morse—Eighty percent. oats and other grains sown; coming up nicely, as frequent rains.

Herbert—All seeding finished except a little barley; weather cool with rain.

Rush Lake—Seeding finished; greater part of grain up; weather favorable with frequent showers; prospects bright.

Swift Current—All seeding finished except little oats and barley; weather favorable with about ten hours' rain.

Seward—Seeding finished; weather favorable with lots of rain.

Gull Lake — Seventy percent. grain above ground; weather favorable with good rains.

Walsh—Grain mostly all above ground weather favorable with good rains.

Irvine—Wheat showing above ground; ninety percent. oats sown; weather favorable with light showers.

Medicine Hat—Wheat four inches high weather favorable with only light showers.

Gleichen—Wheat five and six inches high; eighty per cent. other grains sown; favorable weather with plenty of rain.

Strathmore — All crops looking well; conditions the very best with plenty of rain.

Langdon—Fall wheat looking fine and spring crops now coming up; plenty of rain.

Airdrie—Seeding completed; weather warm with plenty of rain.

Crossfield—Fall wheat never looked better; all other crops doing fine; good rains past week.

Didsbury—Seeding completed; weather warm and showery.

Olds—All seeding finished; plenty of rain and grain looking fine.

Bowden—Seeding finished; weather favorable with frequent showers.

Innisfail—Grain above ground; weather fair with heavy showers.

Penhold — Seeding finished; weather favorable with plenty of rain.

Red Deer—Seeding nearly completed; weather favorable with heavy rains.

Blackfalds—Seeding finished; weather favorable with plenty of rain; prospects fine.

Lacombe—Seeding finished; grain coming up nicely; weather fine with rain.

Ponoka — Seeding completed; weather cool with heavy rains.

Wetaskiwin — Ninety percent. of all grains seeded; coming up fast; weather warm with showers.

Millett—Seeding about completed; weather cool and showery.

Leduc — Eighty-five percent. oats and other grains sown; weather fine light rains.

Strathcona—Wheat and oats seeding completed; seventy-five percent. barley; weather fine with heavy rains.

Alix—Wheat is up several inches; other grains look fine; weather favorable with plenty of rain.

Stettler—Seeding completed; all grain up and looking fine; light rains.

Camrose—Seeding almost completed; all grain up and looking fine; light rain.

Bawlf—Eighty percent. seeding done; twenty hours' rain and crops looking fine.

Daysland—Seeding completed; weather fine with local showers; wheat showing up.

Killam—Wheat six inches high; weather favorable with rains.

Sedgewick — Wheat showing above ground; ten percent. oats to be sown yet.

Hardisty—Seeding finished except barley and flax; wheat up and looking fine; several showers during past week.

Okotoks — Seeding completed; good rains; crops excellent shape.

High River—Seeding finished; most of grain up; plenty of rain.

Cayley—Seeding finished; rain during past ten days; oats and wheat up looking fine.

Nanton—Grain all seeded and greatly in advance of last year; weather favorable but wet.

Staveley — Seeding finished; rain all week; fall wheat looks fine.

Claresholm—Seeding finished; weather very fine; fall wheat up never looked better.

Granum — Weather very favorable; spring and fall wheat up and looking fine.

Taber—Weather favorable with light showers almost daily; grain looking fine.

Lethbridge—Weather favorable; excellent growth; local showers daily.

McLeod—Seeding completed; plenty of rain and grain in good shape.

Brocket—No seeding done since last report; weather cool with rain.

Pincher—No seeding done during past week; account of heavy rains and cool.

Cowley — On account of heavy rains no progress with seeding during the past week.

THE GUARANTEEING OF THE G.T.P. BONDS

Bill Introduced and Explained in the House by Hon. Mr. Fielding—Made to Meet Recent Decision in English Courts.

Ottawa, May 20—Hon. Mr. Fielding in the House of Commons this afternoon introduced and explained the proposed act in respect to the government guaranteed bonds of the G. T. P. Railway company. The bill, he said, had three objects, the first of which is to authorize the G. T. P. to pledge, for the purpose of raising money, the bonds which are guaranteed by the government. This was intended in the original legislation in respect to the bonds but the proper machinery had not been available.

The second object arises from the recent judicial decisions in England to the effect that when the bonds are pledged they are deemed to have been issued and the power to issue them ceases. The bill would make it clear that the pledging of the bonds will not interfere with the right to sell later on. Mr. Fielding said these judgments may affect other companies and general legislation may be required later on.

The third object of the bill is to facilitate the construction of the railway and avoid delay by providing a letter of credit to the G. T. P. for an amount not exceeding one million dollars out of the proceeds of the guaranteed bonds. The expenditure of this money must be limited to the objects set forth in the act respecting the N. T. R. and must be fully accounted for.

If it is found that money has been used for other purposes it must be made good. The Grand Trunk Pacific, the parent company, will be made responsible for any money wrongly spent.

In reply to the question put by Mr. Sproule and Mr. Foster, Mr. Fielding said this arrangement does not create any new obligations or add to any former obligations. The letter of credit would not be chargeable against the consolidated funds or constitute an advance to the company.

KINGSTON FIRE CAUSED QUAKE.

And This Lets British Insurance Companies Out of Paying.

London, May 21—The question whether the fire which practically destroyed the city of Kingston in January, of 1907, broke out before or after the earthquake, was decided in the King's Bench division today in favor of the insurance companies interested in the losses incurred. The insurance companies claimed that the earthquake caused the fires and that consequently they were protected under the earthquake clauses in their policies. The present case, which was brought by a Manchester firm against the London and Lancashire company, has occupied the attention of the court for the best part of a month. Many witnesses were brought from Jamaica and leading counsel were engaged by both sides.

Still Other Douks Come.

North Bay, May 22.—A trainload of Russian Doukhobors arrived to-night from Montreal. One family of seven could only produce one ticket when checked up, and orders were given to detrain them pending arrangements. None could speak a word of English, and an attempt to remove the family threatened a riot. The situation was saved by side-tracking the car pending instructions from headquarters.

An Extreme Prank.

New York, May 21—One of two Columbia university students was shot by a policeman tonight, and both of them later placed under arrest, charged with attempted burglary. The students are Edward H. Cook, 18 years, and Howard H. Cole, 21 years, and they live at Hartley hall, a university dormitory. It is thought probable that the affair started as a college prank.

Objects to Pastor's Politics.

Kingsville, Ont., May 22.—Ex-warden Brown introduced a motion at the church board calling for the resignation of Rev. Dr. Millison, pastor of the Methodist church, owing to his pronounced Liberal views in politics. A heated discussion ensued and the minister was sustained. Brown thereupon resigned all the offices he held in the church.

IMMGRATION VERY PROMISING THIS YEAR

W. W. Cory, Deputy Minister of Interior, in West Winding up Seed Distribution Business—Department Securing Best Class of Immigrants

Edmonton, May 16—W. W. Cory, deputy minister of the interior, arrived in Edmonton yesterday afternoon, accompanied by R. E. A. Leech, inspector of Dominion lands offices. Mr. Cory left on this morning's train for Regina, where he will spend a couple of days before returning to Ottawa.

Mr. Cory said his visit to the west was for the purpose of winding up the business of the seed grain distribution and arranging for the disposal of the small surplus which was left over. This surplus was principally oats, which the government would have no difficulty in disposing of.

Desirable Immigrants Coming.

When asked regarding immigration prospects for the present season, Mr. Cory said that while the number of immigrants from England might not be so large as last year, they would be of a more desirable class. Any assisted immigrants sent out by the different associations in Great Britain have first to appear before the Dominion government superintendent, J. Obed Smith, and if they do not come up to the required standard, they are not allowed to come. In former years there was a certain small percentage who were not of the desired class and who were not suited for the requirements of this new country.

What the immigration agents working in the old country are endavoring to secure are farmers direct from the land who will engage in the farming industry in the west, farm laborers and domestic servants.

The changed environments to which they are coming are fully explained to these latter, so that they will know just exactly what to expect, and will not be disappointed on their arrival.

The department is confining its operations entirely to Great Britain, France and the northern countries of Europe, and is doing nothing whatever to induce the people of southern Europe to come to Canada. Any immigrants from these southern countries are coming entirely on their own responsibility and at their own expense.

Restrictive Emigration Laws.

Considerable difficulty is experienced in some of the northern countries, especially in Germany and Sweden. In these countries there are very strong restrictive laws and the agents of the immigration department are not allowed even to distribute maps or literature showing the resources of the country. If they endeavored to hold public meetings or offered any inducement to the people of these countries to emigrate, they would be sent to jail. In Denmark, Norway, Belgium and Holland, while the laws are not so restrictive, the governments are very much averse to their people emigrating. The work had to be done principally through booking agents of the steamship companies and this was the object of organizing the North Atlantic Trading company, about which so much was heard some time ago.

In speaking of the Asiatic immigration Mr. Cory said that as far as the Hindus were concerned, the question had been satisfactorily arranged with the Imperial government. In regard to the Japanese, the government of that country was living up to the arrangement made with Hon. Mr. Lemieux on his recent visit. The head tax of $500 was having a good effect in limiting the number of Chinese coming to the country.

The immigrants coming from the United States were as a rule, of the right class. They were men who were accustomed to conditions similar to those that exist in Western Canada and on their arrival quickly adapt themselves to their new environments. The institutions of the country and the greater respect for law and order which they meet with here excite their admiration and they soon become loyal British subjects and good Canadian citizens.

Mr. Cory spent a great many years in Western Canada before accepting his present position, and has watched with interest the great development that has taken place. He says that he never saw the country look in as good conditions at this time of year.

PLUNDERING THE MAILS.

Series of Organized Robberies in Winnipeg and Manitoba.

Winnipeg, May 16.—A series of robberies extending over several months has been going on in the Winnipeg post office and the sums stolen aggregate a very large amount, it is believed not less than $12,000. Officials, of course, absolutely refuse to discuss the matter, and consequently it is impossible to ascertain the correct figures, but the sum cannot be less than that stated.

A number of packages containing from $800 to $2,000 have disappeared as mysteriously within the building as though they had sunk into the ground, indicating that the thief is some person who has the handling of the money entrusted to him and that he is clever and systematic in his operations. Suspicion at first rested upon the clerk at the registry wicket, who received and checked off the money and then passed it on to the entry clerk. It was thought by officials that sufficient circumstantial evidence had been obtained to connect this clerk with the disappearance of a package containing $800 mailed by the Merchants' Bank, although it was impossible to convict him. He was promptly discharged, however, and his father was compelled to reimburse the post office department to the extent of $1,200. The discharged clerk left the country shortly afterwards, but the speculations still continued, large sums disappearing as before, a fact that plainly indicated that the wrong party had been discharged. The gentleman who was required to pay the $1,200 his son was supposed to have stolen, proposes now to take action to have the amount returned to him, as he is convinced of his son's innocence.

It is thought to be not improbable that an organized gang is working within the postal service, as the robberies have not been confined to the city office, but have occurred at several points throughout the west. When larger sums have been in transit, the supposition is that a tip was passed to a confederate from someone in close touch with affairs in the head office.

So successful and daring has the thief become in the Winnipeg office that the postal department has issued instructions to the effect that in future registered mail is to be checked over by the postmaster, his assistant and the post office inspectors' department. In the meantime every effort will be made to unearth the criminal whose actions cast suspicion on every one associated with him in the discharge of the public business.

24 YEARS AGO TODAY

From the Fyles of the Edmonton Bulletin, Saturday, May 24th, 1884.

Weather hot.
Rain is needed.
Seeding is finished.
Strawberries are in blossom.
Average attendance of 40 at the public school for the past week.
Six rafts of saw logs arrived for the Hudson Bay Company during the past week.
Thomas Henderson has onions as large as marbles of this spring's growth.
M. Young and A. L. Ashdown left for Battleford and Prince Albert per row boat.
F. Provost plowed 40 acres of old land and broke 20 acres of prairie with one yoke of oxen this spring.
A. McNichol arrived from Calgary on Monday with four cart-loads of freight. He reports roads bad and streams fordable.
Captain Smith and five men left for up the river in a skiff to cut and hew timber for the new Hudson Bay mill at Prince Albert.
Mail arrived on Monday evening last sharp on time with seven sacks of mail matter.
The Sturgeon River settlement petition that their post office be named Sturgeon, instead of Wilson Valley.
Quite a number of persons in the settlment have sent for Russian mulberry plants to a seed house in Ontario.
Tenders are called for by the Indian Department for the delivery of 200 sacks of XXX wheat flour at the agency here on or before 12th of June
Dr. Munroe's white crane has been pronounced by the most distinguished ornithologists in the district to be a pelican. The Bulletin, not the doctor, is responsible for the mistake.
An Indian moose hunter reports that a small cyclone lately passed along the telegraph line a little east of where it crosses the mud lake, tearing trees up by the roots.
Four young bears were brought up from Victoria lately by some of the settlers there for sale at Edmonton.
The survey parties announced as going to work immediately south and east of Edmonton are now on the ground.
Barley that was worth 60c to 75c in trade during the winter is now quoted at from 75c to $1 cash.
Ice left the Red river on the 22nd of April.
A well which is being dug on M. McCauley's property and has reached a depth of about fifty feet, was found to have had such an accumulation of foul air in it on Wednesday as to prevent the work from being prosecuted further until the gas can be got rid of.
J. R. Burton went down a short distance and had to be hauled up at once. Fire let down went out immediately on touching the foul air, but a cat which was let down did not seem to be much affected.
Otto Klotz, D.T.S., is to explore the Churchill river this summer from its mouth westward.
The Manitoba and Northwestern Railway will begin construction about June 1st.
D. G. McBean, of Portage la Prairie, will supply the Mounted Police with 1,500 bushels of oats.
Calgary is to have a representative in the Northwest Council at its next session.
A. W. Ross, M.P., proposes bonusing local Northwest railway by charging them only 10 cents an acre for their land grant, instead of $1 as at present.
Regina thinks of borrowing $25,000 with which to make public improvements. The Leader advises against this until the question as to the right to tax the Northwest Land Company's property is settled.
Mr. J. C. Cameron and A. Dawson had a muscular tussle for the possession of a post-hole auger, which was not the property of either. As is frequently the case on occasions of this kind, some third, or rather fourth party, unknown, has secured the auger, and neither the above mentioned combatants nor the proper owners know where the article in question is. To tell all the circumstances connected with this auger, the quarrels resulting from it, and the excitement it has occasioned would fill a book. It has furnished the town with talk for nearly a whole week. Lack of space does not permit the printing of the whole story, but the moral attached is so good as to be well worth remembering. It is don't borrow, don't lend, don't quarrel.

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U. S. Armada is Having its Troubles.

Los Angeles, May 21—That the United States Atlantic fleet is encountering off the coast of Oregon the heaviest seas since it left Hampton roads is the news the United wireless telegraph office in this city received last night. The ships are struggling against a stormy head wind and making slow progress in the tempestuous seas.

SPORTING BREVITIES.

Thomas Campbell of the Y. M. C. A. club, Edmonton, who is entered as a competitor in the Alberta trials for the Olympic Marathon race on Monday, May 25 from Edmonton to Fort Saskatchewan will be unable to run. His feet have gone bad and the doctors forbid him to run.

Toronto jumped into the lead in the Eastern League yesterday by defeating Newark in a ten innings game. Baltimore's loss helped the Canadians to reach the top.

A meeting of the executive of the Young Liberal Club Athletic Association will be held in the Liberal Club Rooms at 5 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of arranging for the Edmonton-Vegreville baseball match to be played at Fort Saskatchewan on Monday.

All competitors for the Marathon trial and the nine mile road race are required to meet at the Liberal Club Rooms, Edmonton, at 7 o'clock sharp this evening to receive their numbers and instructions for the races on Monday.

The St. Pauls Association Football team will play the Fort Saskatchewan team at the Fort on Monday May 25th.

The Leduc Baseball club have challenged the Journal baseball nine to a game of baseball at Leduc on Monday for a purse of $50.

Revillon Bros. baseball team play the Journal on Second street grounds this afternoon at 5.30.

A meeting of the members of the Boys' Department of the Y.M.C.A. was held in the Boys' Room in the Association building last evening to arrange a programme of summer sports. Several of the more practical suggestions will be adopted.

The executive of the Young Liberal Athletic Association have made arrangements with the management of the Edmonton Incline Railway Co. whereby tickets will be sold for 25c. at the top of the hill on Tuesday evening next which will take the holder down on the lift, admit them to the game and bring them back up the hill after the game.

A meeting of the Edmonton Lacrosse club will be held on Diamond Park this evening at seven o'clock to discuss the question of a lacrosse match in Fort Saskatchewan on Monday either between Edmonton and Strathcona or two city teams.

The St. Pauls reserve football team defeated the Norwood team last evening on the St. Paul's grounds by a score of 2 to 1.

The Edmonton Liberal club baseball nine will play Wetaskiwin an exhibition game on Diamond Park on Tuesday evening. The game is called for 6.30.