

ONE ALBERTAN IN THE RAILWAY WRECK

W. B. Thorne Was in Freight
Train That Caused Wreck
on Soo Line

One Albertan was in the accident on the Soo line. He was on the freight train that ran into the High River Times in receipt of a letter from W. B. Thorne, who was a passenger on the ill-fated freight train which caused such a loss of life and property on the Soo line on the 23rd inst. Mr. Thorne, who was shipping horses from Chicago to his ranch, says in part: "Just a few lines to inform you that I have pulled out of this awful wreck on the Soo line near Enderlin. A passenger train ran into us and the result was terrible. Nine people are dead and a great many are injured. Everything was torn to pieces, cars telescoped, engines demolished, and nothing but broken up cars can be seen. In some miraculous manner I escaped, how I do not know, but I received no injury and my horses are apparently unharmed, but they were badly shaken up. Expect to be in High River shortly."

HARMONIE CLUB SAW IN THE NEW YEAR

The Members Elected Officers
and had a Dance

The Harmonie club held a social evening and dance at the Eagle hall last night, this being the first of the kind held by this new club. During the evening A. H. Brunson was elected president; C. Daines, vice president, and Mr. Webber, secretary, who will hold office for a year. The spacious hall was crowded to overflowing with parents and children, the latter having a jolly time with the large Christmas tree which later in the evening was illuminated with Chinese lanterns. The adults passed their time in dancing to the excellent orchestra music of the Frank brothers.

The floor managers were Messrs. Stalley, Clennan and Fehse. Refreshments of all kinds for both adults and children were served, and the company broke up in the early hours of the morning after having enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Hamilton Has a Three Corned Fight

Hamilton, Dec. 31.—For the mayoralty, three candidates were nominated today. William Mark Findley, Independent Liberal; Thomas Joseph Stewart, Conservative, and William Barrett, socialist. The crop of aldermanic candidates is larger than ever, fifty-five names being placed in nomination.

BANK CLEARINGS ARE ENORMOUS

The Final Years Returns are very Satisfactory

The bank clearings in Calgary for the month of December amounted to \$6,727,188. The total amount of clearings since the inauguration of the clearing house on April 19 last, was \$41,771,924. That is an average of a little over \$5000,000 a month. This is a remarkable record.

CUSTOM RECEIPTS KEEP GOING UP

Returns Showed Increase of 33
Per Cent. Over December
of 1905.

The customs returns for the month of December shows an increase of 33 per cent. over the corresponding month of last year. The receipts were \$31,880.61 as against \$24,005.84 for last year. The entries also show an increase of 35 per cent. over December, 1905.

NEW POST OFFICES IN THE WEST

List of Additions Made and
Changes in Western Canada

Five new post offices and three money order offices have been opened in the Calgary district during the month of December.

Island Lake has been transferred to Inglethorpe, and six transfers through resignations.

The following are the new offices: Campbell Lake, Creekfield, Exshaw, Fountainhead and Leslieville. New money order offices have been opened at Everts, Spring Lake and Pine Lake.

Excelsior, Lamberton, Wrought, Roseville, St. Eugene Mission and Harry have been transferred to new postmasters.

NO PRIZES IN WAY OF KNIGHTHOOD

It is Believed that Chief Justice
Fitzpatrick Will Get one
Soon

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—It is not expected that there will be any New Year's honors, as some time ago it was officially announced that except in very special cases his majesty would reserve them hereafter for Victoria day and the date of his birthday.

Nov. 9. It is quite expected that Chief Justice Fitzpatrick will be knighted during the coming year.

Three Candidates in Kingston

Kingston, Dec. 31.—Three candidates were nominated today for chief magistrate of Kingston, Mayor John McDonald Mowat, for a second term; Frank Chong and Andrew Richardson, the latter as the labor union candidate.

SCOTCH WATCHED IN NEW YEAR

A Very Pleasant Dance Held in
Barber Block

The Scotch Society held a successful Ciderella dance last evening in the Barber Block, when there were nearly one hundred couples present. The room was very tastefully decorated with flags, bunting, etc., and over the orchestra were the words, "Auld New Year," in black on a white background.

Punean's orchestra supplied the music, and under the supervision of several gentlemen the floor was in the best of condition, which greatly added to the enjoyment of the dancers.

SAW THE NEW YEAR IN

A Watch Night Service in Knox
Church Last Night

At ten minutes to twelve last night, some four or five hundred persons were assembled in Knox Church to see the old year out and the new year in. From about ten o'clock the audience had been listening to the exhortations of Messrs. Crossley and Hunter. About fifteen minutes to twelve Mr. Hunter called for silence and for about a space of five minutes, Knox Church and all therein was retained in silence. All heads were bowed in prayer. Up on the platform were the Hon. W. H. Cushing Dr. McDougall, Rev. G. W. Kerby, Rev. J. A. Clark, Rev. W. F. Patterson, and Adj. Byers of the Salvation Army. The coming of the new year was indeed solemn. Throughout the course of the evening the various speakers had spoken shortly and emphasized any particular point with the exception of urging the congregation to accept Christ.

At 11.45 Mr. Hunter called for silence and he asked those who felt that they had need of conversion to hold up their hands, and a number responded. The last few moments of the old year were passed in prayer and the evangelist was content to say but a very few words. He did not speak more than two sentences during the last ten minutes which remained of the old year. From time to time he made an appeal, "Is there nobody here who will accept Christ?"

And after that again silence. And once more the appeal. "The moments are passing!" There was no display about the matter. There was no gesticulation. There was no oratory. The seconds passed one by one. All heads were bowed and each head which went up was unobserved except by Mr. Hunter. But he saw them all.

And so the old year passed and the new year came in. And as the fire bell rang the New Year in, the congregation sang the Old Hundred, "All people who on earth do well." And after the usual greetings had passed among the congregation, the congregation passed away.

TRIAL ABOUT SOME B. C. FRUIT LANDS

Important Decision Handed down
in Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—Judge McDonald handed down judgment for the plaintiff in the case of Bogle vs. the Kootenay Valley Fruit Lands Co. today. This was an action brought by B. B. Bogle against the Kootenay Valley Fruit Lands Co. to have four shares of stock of the par value of \$1,000 each, to which he claimed he was entitled, handed over to the plaintiff. Early in 1905 the plaintiff and Mr. Teetzel, together with certain Winnipeg capitalists, acquired 8,750 acres of land in the west Kootenay district. This land was subsequently turned over by the syndicate at an advance of \$10,000 to the defendant company. The members of the syndicate agreed to take stock

for their profit. A stock certificate was made out in favor of the plaintiff for four shares of the par value of \$1,000 each, with 25 per cent, or \$1,000, paid up in the four shares, that being the plaintiff's proportion of the profit in the syndicate. Owing to some internal troubles the company attempted to deprive plaintiff of his right to these shares and in consequence this action was brought. The case was tried before Mr. Justice McDonald and lasted a week. The shares in the Kootenay Valley company are now worth \$5,000 each, making the value of Mr. Bogle's claim about \$20,000.

EMMERSON WILL NOT RETIRE

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Hon. Mr. Emerson returned from New Brunswick this afternoon. He denies the report that he is going to retire from the cabinet in favor of Blair.

Sherman's Lyric Theatre

Farewell Engagement: One
Week Commencing

MONDAY, DEC. 31st.

The Popular Australian
"Kiddies"

Pollard's Lilliputian Opera Company

50 Clever Juvenile Artists

Monday—In Town

Tuesday Matinee—A Gaiety Girl

Tuesday—In Town

Wednesday—A Runaway Girl

Thursday—Mikado

Friday—Belle of New York

Saturday Matinee—In Town

Saturday—A Lady Slavery

PRICES—

Night 50c, 75c and \$1.00

Matinee—Adults 50c, Children 25c.

Seats on sale at box office Friday 11 a. m.

No orders taken for seats over telephone.

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF ITS

CALGARY BRANCH

IN THE

ALEXANDER CORNER (New Addition)

ON WEDNESDAY, THE 2nd JANUARY

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The Commercial and Industrial Centre of the Last Great West, 840 miles distant from Winnipeg and 641 miles distant from Vancouver. Without a rival, without a competitor, without a peer. The centre of a vast country, rich in grain and cattle. The distributing basis of immense coal timber and mineral districts.

Calgary has 12 banks, 85 wholesale houses and 25 manufacturing industries. With an educational system which is unequalled. It has 3 fire halls and 3 branch post offices. A street railway is about to be constructed which will serve East, West and South Calgary. This will mean a belt line of about 12 miles in length.

The G. T. P. have declared their intention of reaching Calgary at an early date. The C. N. R. is determined to become established here in the near future. Both companies are fully warranted in putting forth every effort in order to keep pace with the unparalleled development which is taking place in this part of Greater Canada.

Calgary is favorably situated at the foot of the Rockies, with a climate unsurpassed. Watch her grow! Her population in 1890 was 4,000, her population in 1900 was 7,500, her population in 1910 will, at a conservative estimate, reach 50,000. Buy Calgary property while you may. It will double and treble itself in price in a short time. It has been the rule in the past and will be the rule in the future. The tremendous influx of immigration compels it. Get in on the ground floor.

The magnificent suburb known as South Calgary, which until recently was under the control of parties in England and which is part of an estate which must be closed up, will now be placed on the market and thrown open to the public. Three thousand lots are now being offered for sale.

Said lots will be sold at prices varying from \$35.00 to \$60.00 per lot, according to location and value. Terms half cash, balance in three and six months, with interest at 8 per cent. Some of these lots are worth \$200.00 each, none less than \$50.00 each. This is the greatest snap ever offered the public. You cannot lose money, you are bound to make money. You cannot help it. It is merely a question of whether you make a profit of 100 per cent, or 800 per cent.

Adjoining this property is the contemplated terminus of Jim Hill's road, which will reach Calgary from Fernie, passing through a splendid coal, timber and mineral district.

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and

Hatfield & McLaren

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