EDMONTON NEWS

LOCAL.

The erection of the new Presbyterian church on Sixteenth street is progressing rapidly. The new edifice although not large will be quite attractive and ready for occupation likely about the first of February.

At all Saints' church Sunday Archdeacon Gray announced that commencing Easter Sunday, the new hymnal, in course of revision for several years, will be brought into use in the Anglican churches of the city.

Philip Harcell, the Morinville lad who accidentally shot himself in the abdomen while out shooting weasels on Saturday last and was taken to the General Hospital is reported to be doing well. He is attended by Dr. Duncan Smith.

Chas. May of Edmonton, is now en route to the East on a business trip. Interviewed in Calgary on Saturday Mr. May stated that the chief work at present is the building of bridges for the Grand Trunk Pacific at the Macleod river and Wolf creek, in which places over 150 men are employed at the present time on the concrete work of the new structures. Mr. May stated that the new railroads going into the north country were making a great difference there, and he predicts that the coming spring will see an unusual rush of emigration to places along the line of the G.T.P. and Alberta & Great Waterways railroad.

AGAR BROS. SELL OUT.

Agar Bros., who during the past three years have worked up an excellent hardware business on Namayo Avenue, have sold out their stock and business to Peter McClary, who for some time has been conducting a similar business near Red Deer. Mr. McClary will take charge of the business at once as Messrs. Agar will retire from active business until the spring.

CITY'S DOG POPULATION.

Since the first of the present year licenses have already been taken out for 125 dogs. After Monday next all canines found running at large without tags will be impounded by the pound keeper. Last year 1,033 tags were taken out and 385 dogs were destroyed. The dog population of the city is estimated by the police at about 1,000 and of these it is likely that a number will be killed during the next few months.

SUBMIT DRAFT AGREEMENT.

Mayor Lee has received an intimation from the Strathcona council that they will submit a draft agreement covering the matters arising out of their contribution to the high level bridge. The understanding as at now is, is to the effect that Strathcona contribute $50,000 toward the bridge and give a right of way down Fifth street, Strathcona, to the present line, in consideration of single fares on completion of the bridge. The Edmonton council still want to see some modification of the line down the hill on the completion of the C.N.R. bridge.

EXPERT LEAVES TOMORROW.

Walter J. Francis, the expert looking into the civic utilities will leave tomorrow on return to Montreal. Since coming here several weeks ago he had spent his time between the power house and his office at the Yale hotel. Mr. Ballantyne his assistant will remain in Edmonton for several weeks longer and will complete the details of the investigation. The investigating committee expect to have the complete report from Mr. Francis for submission to the council early in next March.

NEW CHURCH TO CALL PASTOR.

At the meeting of Knox Church congregation Tuesday it was decided to proceed at once in the call of a pastor. A committee was appointed, composed of the folowing gentlemen: Rev. Mr. Jaffrey, Messrs. Ramsay, Gilbert, Mayer, Douglas, A. C. Fraser and Dr. Wells.

This committee has ful charge of the matter and have in hand quite a number of names of those who may be considered eligible for the pastorate of this new congregation in the west end. As yet there is no one in particular who may receive a call. The new church office will be completed and ready for opening about the first of February.

OFFICIAL CENSUS OF ELK PARK.

Ed. Carey, of Andrew, has just completed an official census, on behalf of the Dominion government, of Elk Park, near Lamont. Several years ago five gentlemen interested in the protection of game in the province gave a $5,000 bond to the Federal authorities, if a fence were built around the park, that there would be at least twenty elk and twenty jumping deer in the territory. The names of the gentlemen were Frank Walker, M.P.P., Eli Simmons, David Simmons, W. H. Cooper and Judge Lees.

The census made by Mr. Carey, who was assisted by Alex. Cardinell, an Indian of Saddle Lake, and James Kennedy, of Andrew, shows that there are 27 elk, 39 or more jumping deer and 44 buffalo. The territory enclosed by the fence is four miles square and the game now in the enclosure will form the neucleus of what is hoped will be one of the best game reserves on the continent.

During the time Mr. Carey was at the park he killed one of the buffalo that had gone lame. The animal was shot with a 25-35 Savage rifle, the bore of which is exceedingly small for the killing of such a large animal. Howard Douglas, superintendent of national parks, visited Lamont while the census was being taken. He was accompanied by James Ross, Superintendent Ellis, of the Buffalo Park at Wainwright and Richard Secord.

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HOTEL CHANGES HANDS.

A deal was on Monday where by John Cameron, late of the Cameron House, secured a lease of the Edmonton Hotel and purchased the furnishings of that hostelry from the owner, Donald Ross. In the management of the hotel, Mr. Cameron will have identified with him Dan McIntyre, who has been clerk at the hotel for some time.

REFUSE WHOLESALE LICENSE.

Believing that there are sufficient wholesale liquor houses in Calgary already, the Provincial license commissioners at a meeting held in that city on Friday, refused to grant such a permit to Alex. Bell of Calgary. The commissioners present were Dr. Strong of Edmonton; D. C. Bayne of Banff, and J. McKercher, of Olds.

A six months' license was given the Albion hotel of Calgary, the owner of which, Mr. Poffenroth, was represented by Mr. Peacock late of Edmonton.

WILL VISIT CHICAGO.

Chas. E. Taylor, superintendent of the street railway, left on Saturday for Chicago, carrying with him the draft plans of the new car barns which are to be erected next spring adjoining the present small barn. He will be absent for about two weeks and will secure advice from the leading car barn architects of Chicago and other cities. The new barns, the draft plans of which were prepared in the offices of the street railway, call for buildings of brick to give accommodation for about one hundred cars. The present building will hold only eight and as it is of wood is far from being fireproof. The new buildings will be erected adjoining the present structure.

COLLEGE WOMEN ORGANIZE.

In the Collegiate institute, Strathcona, on Saturday afternoon, between twenty and thirty college women of Edmonton and Strathcona met and formed an association, whose interest will be mainly in educational work. The following officers were elected: Hon. president, Mrs. Bulyea; hon. vice-presidents, Mrs. Rutherford and Mrs. Tory; president, Mrs. Broadus; first vice-president, Mrs. Ferris; second vice-president, Mrs. W. M. Edwards; secretary, Mrs. A. T. Bishop; corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. B. Wells; treasurer, Mrs. H. W. Riley; councillors, Dr. Synge, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Beck.

At the next meeting, on Feb. 2, the executive committee will announce the definite plans of work of the association.

QUARTERS FOR LEGISLATURE.

At the present time the legislative assembly hall, as the government offices is being used entirely for the construction department of the government telephone system. The staff engaged here will shortly have to vacate this portion of the building in preparation for the meeting of the legislature on February 10th. This department will be removed to the basement of the building, where the government cafe was formerly conducted. The assembly hall will be remodelled to make accommodation for the increased membership of the Legislature. A feature of the remodelling will be the building of a press gallery to afford better accommodation of the press in reporting the proceedings of the session.

McKELVIE—HIBBARD.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, of Winnipeg, was the scene of a quiet but pretty wedding on Wednesday, January 5th, at 7.30 p.m., when Mrs. Joséphine E. Hibbard, of St. Andrew's, New Brunswick, was united in marriage to W. L. MacKelvie, manager of the McPherson Fruit Company, Limited, of this city. Rev. Charles W. Gordon (popularly known as "Ralph Connor") performed the nuptials. The bride, who was attired in a smart travelling suit, was given away by Mr. R. R. Scott, secretary-treasurer of the McPherson Fruit Company, Winnipeg. Mr. and Mrs. MacKelvie left for a short wedding tour and returning will spend some time at the groom's old home in Calgary and later will take up their residence in this city.

SCARLET FEVER PREVALENT.

Forty-three cases in all of contagious disease in Edmonton were reported to the health department during the month of December. Of these fourteen were of scarlet fever of which there is a prevalence in the city at the present time. The synopsis of the cases is as follows:

	Contracted in city	Contracted outside
Typhoid fever	3	0
Measles	8	9
Erysipelas	2	0
Chickenpox	2	0
Scarlet fever	14	0
Diphtheria	3	0
Tuberculosis	0	1
Mumps	1	0
	33	10

Typhoid Decreasing.

Of the seventeen cases of typhoid fever eight were from the city and nine from outside. A gradual decrease in the number of cases, especially from the city, since the maximum was reached in October continues.

The large number of cases of scarlet fever, says Dr. Whitelaw, is worthy of comment. It is evident some householders do not realize their responsibility when cases occur in their homes. They neither call in a physician nor report to the health office and thus it happens that children may be attending school from houses where the disease exists. The school board is co-operating with the health department in guarding against this possibility and legal action is being taken whenever evidence can be secured to compel householders to observe the law regarding notification and quarantine. The only preventive measure existing against the spread of scarlet fever is isolation and quarantine; these must be strictly enforced and observed in order that avoidable cases and deaths may not occur.

TO GO EAST NEXT WEEK.

Mayor Lee will leave next week on his trip to Eastern Canada and expects to be absent about three weeks or a month. It is improbable that he will be accompanied by Ald. Armstrong who is compelled by business to remain in Edmonton at the present time. Mayor Lee has not definitely arranged the program of his tour but expects to include a number of the foremost American and Canadian cities.

RUSHING THE STEEL WORK.

The past month has seen a great change in the appearance of the work at the new Parliament buildings where the steel construction is progressing with a rush. The steel in the greater part of the first storey has been put in position and a large gang of men are employed on the operations.

Premier Rutherford this morning stated that it was expected to have the steel work finished before the end of the winter in order that the mason work could be started in the early spring. From that time on the building will begin to take definite shape and by the fall will be well on toward the completion of the exterior.

PROVINCIAL-WIDE LOCAL OPTION

Rev. W. G. W. Fortune, secretary for Alberta of the Presbyterian department Moral and Temperance Reform, occupied the pulpit of First Presbyterian church Sunday evening. His address was a stirring one, in which he reviewed some of his experiences in various parts of the province in connection with his office, dwelling particularly on the beneficial effects of Local Option in the southern part of Alberta. He stated that the ultimate result for which he looked in connection with the efforts of the organization was the entire closing up of the licensed liquor trade, a result, for which he felt sure, all sincere wishers for the welfare of the people joined.

SUPT. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. W. D. Reid of Montreal, has accepted the invitation to become superintendent of missions for the Presbyterian church in Alberta, which has been vacant since the resignation of Rev. Dr. Herdman. He has a very successful minister and is a strong factor in the church. He is a graduate of McGill University, but took special courses in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Oxford and Harvard, at which place he gained a scholarship. He was pastor of Victoria Church, Point St. Charles and Taylor Church, Montreal, in both of which he was very successful. He spent two months in the Kootenay campaign a couple of years ago. He has refused many calls to influential churches throughout American and in the Old land. He should do a great work in Alberta.

JIM JEFFRIES, BUT NOT CHAMP.

When a big athletic looking stranger walked into the Windsor Hotel several days ago and registered as James J. Jeffries of Golfield, Nevada, Bellhop No. 1 fell off his chair with astonishment and immediately fled to the upper storey to find No. 2, to whom he confided the story that the "champ of champs" and the bearer of the whiteman's burden was in the house.

The news spread like wild-fire and for the next two hours of the afternoon the bellhops with their chests swelled out with pride pointed out the distinguished one to the many enquirers and even went so far as to telephone some of the other hotels to tell them of the honor that had come to the house.

The dream might have lasted till the present moment but a travelling man who had seen the original Mr. Jeffries only three months ago rudely shattered it by declaring that the bearer of the illustrious name was not in any way like the real Jeffries. Later it transpired that the Edmonton visitor was only a stranger passing through on his way from Seattle to Winnipeg over the C.N.R.

REPORT ON CITY DAIRIES.

The report for the month of December of the veterinary inspector, Dr. Shearer, upon the city dairies has just been handed in at the office of the Medical Health Officer. The report shows the courses of the city milk supply to be in most cases in excellent condition only a few coming before the best obtainable report of good. Following is the report in brief:

	Sanitary condition of stable	Sanitary condition of cattle	Sanitary condition of milk house utensils	Sanitary condition of utensils
F. A. L. Zephyr	Good	Good	Good	Good
F. Miller	good	good	good	good
Morris Bros, Alberta	good	good	good	good
G. Foane	good	fair	good	good
F. Scamen	good	fair	good	good
J. Hall	fair	fair	fair	good
Highland Park	fair	fair	good	good
J. Lang	good	good	good	good
Dowling & Hyde	good	good	good	good
F. H. Herbert	good	good	good	good
W. Chamberlain	good	good	good	good
E. Geo	good	good	good	good
D. Fulton	good	good	good	good
D. Warner	fair	good	good	good
Johnston Bros.	good	fair	good	good

The Babcock test for milk resulted as follows:

Zephyr 3.70, Alberta 3.70, Highland Park 3.60, Woodland 3.80, W. P. Huff 4., Sanitaria 4., Hazelwood 3.80, Eastwood 3.70, Edmonton City 4., Edmonton 4., Delton 3.80, North Englewood 4.

IN THE SUPREME COURT.

The appeal cases to be considered by the court en banc at its special sitting on adjourned cases, commencing at Edmonton on Tuesday, January 18th, 1910, are as follows:

The King and Louis Milrainey, an appeal from conviction. McKinnon & Cogswell for the crown; Griesbach & O'Connor for the appellant. Milrainey was sentenced to two years in the Edmonton penetentiary for horse stealing by Chief Justice Sifton at the criminal assizes in Edmonton last October.

Vancoyoe vs. Simons. Short, Cross & Biggar for the plaintiff, and Boyle & Parlee for rthe defendant.

The King vs. Alberta Railway and Irrigation company. C. W. Cross for the plaintiff and Short, Biggar, Cowan & Collisson for the defendant.

Humberstone vs. Belmont Coal company. Emery, Newell & Bolton for the plaintiff; Short, Cross & Biggar for the defendants.

Sanders & Marshall vs. Tomlinson; Cormack and Mackie for the plaintiffs; Griesbach & O'connor for the defendant.

Wm. Head Coy L't'd. vs. Coffin & Davis, Muir, Jephson & Adams, Lent & Jones, Lougheed, Bennett & company; E. E. Byan for the plaintiffs; Walsh & McCarthy for the defendants.

La Banque D'Hochelaga vs. Laure et. al. L. Dubuc for the plaintiff and Short, Cross & Biggar for the defendants.

Cushing vs. C.P.R. The action of the province to secure the taxation of all C.P.R. lands in Alberta from twenty years after date of original survey.

ARMSTRONG-CHESLEY.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized by the Rev. I. A. Ireland, pastor of Victoria Avenue church, Brandon, Man., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Chesley, Alexander, Manitoba, on Wednesday, January 5th, 1910 at eleven thirty a.m., when their daughter Ethel May, was united in marriage to Mr. H. Bruce Armstrong, druggist, Irma, Alberta, formerly of Edmonton.

The bride entered the drawing room on the arm of her father, while Mendelssohn's Wedding March was ably played by Miss A. Lundy. The bride looked charming in a a gown of white Duchess silk, with trimming of silk insertion and tucked net, and wore the usual bridal veil and orange blossoms and carried a beautiful boquet of white carnations. Lilies of the valley and maiden hair fern. The bridesmaid. Miss Ella Chesley, sister of the bride, wore a becoming gown of cream silk voile trimmed with silk applique and all over lace and carried a boquet of pink carnations and roses.

The groom was ably assisted by Mr. H. D. Speers of Brandon, Man. The groom's gift to the bride was a pearl Fleur De Lis Pendant. To the bridesmaid a pearl brooch, and to the groomsman a pearl tie pin. After the ceremony the guests numbering about thirty, sat down to an excellent luncheon, after which a pleasant time was spent till evening, when the happy couple left per C.P.R. for Edmonton amid showers of rice and good wishes for their future happiness.

The bride's travelling suit was green German broadcloth, her waist was of cera, all over lace, with Irish croquet trimmings, and hat of white watered silk with heavy black plumes.

The bride's mother wore a gown or purple broad cloth, with trimmings of black silk, all over lace and jet buttons.

The bride received many numerous and costly presents, testifying to the esteem in which she was held. After spending a few days in Calgary and Edmonton, they will reside in Irma, Alberta.

THE RUTHENIAN DRAMA.

The committee in charge of the entertainment given on Saturday night by the Ruthenian Catholic of Edmonton, are to be congratulated upon the success achieved. The German hall, in which the entertainment took place was well filled and the actors took their parts in a most realistic way. The play "Night in Bethlehem" is one that for many decades has been produced in a superb manner in the theatres of Galicia, during Christmas week, and as this is the Christmas time of the Ruthenians they produced in their new country the old play of the homeland. The staging and costumes here were simple but very effective. The songs of the angels coming softly from the wings and the sturdy, musical chants of the shepards were very enjoyable.

The sacred play in its four acts first pictured the shepherds about their camp fire on the hills outside Bethlehem. They discussed the news that the time of the long-expected Messiah was at hand, then sank to sleep beside the fire. They are awakened by the angel's song of peace and good will, the intense light of the new star that has arisen—symbol of the height of Christianity arisen.

In the next act Herod's throne-room was shown, the imperious ruler surrounded by guards and councillors. The Three Kings arrive from the East and the stately old Patriarch, called in to answer their queries of a Messiah, confirms it. Herod at once speeds the kings on their way—then, yielding to the demons of pride and anger, orders his guard away to have every male child put to death—for there must be no King but Herod. The part of this Roman ruler was wonderfully well taken by Nicolai Bclaxay.

The next two acts picture the Kings and shepherds meeting in the road to Bethlehem and finally the stable where lies the Christ-King, to whom the faithful group offer their adoration and their gifts. The play was followed by Christmas hymns and songs in Ruthenian and in English by the school children and the choir. Mr. Gora was director and stage-manager of the whole entertainment.

The committee in charge consisted of John Komarnitski, Simeon Gora, and John Letawski, the latter taking part in the play as the oldest of the shepherds.

The members of this church in Edmonton together with their brethren in outlying districts held an assembly last week at which a Ruthenian club was formed with 100 members. The officers are John Komarnitski, president; Rev. Father Hura, vice-president and Simeon Gora, secretary. There are also four directors.

NEW CONVENT BLESSED.

The new convent on Picard street was formally opened and blessed Sunday after high mass in the Immaculate Conception church. His Lordship Bishop Legal, attended by several priests and the congregation of this church, pronounced the benediction and put in place on the convent walls a handsome crucifix which had been borne from the church for this purpose.

After the ceremony, which concluded with prayer in the convent chapel, the visitors went through the house, which was entirely thrown open to them. Later on dinner was served in the refectory to his lordship the bishop, the clergymen in attendance and the members of the separate school board.

The celebrant of he high mass was Rev. Father Grandin, the provincial of the Oblate order in St. Albert, assisted as deacon and sub-deacon by Rev. Father Mercer and Father Vandendacle, of St. Albert. Bishop Legal, who occupied a throne to the right of the alter, was attended by Father Lacombe and Father Leduc, two of the oldest missionaries in Canada. Another striking figure in the sanctuary was Rev. Father Lestanc, of Calgary, who has for 54 years been a devoted missionary in the Canadian West. Other priests present were Father Boniface, superior of the Franciscan church at Norwood, Father Lepine and Father Lemarchand, the pastor of the church.

Bishop Legal preached an able sermon in English, referring to the excellent work done in teaching by the nuns of this order, who came to Saskatchewan before the insurrection, and Edmonton 23 years ago. As an instance of their effective work he recalled the fact that of the eighteen candidates sent up from the sisters' school in Edmonton last summer for the different grades of certificates all were successful; not one failed. He did not think any other school in Alberta could make a similar showing.

His lordship also claimed that the Catholic church had always and consistently encouraged science and scientific workers, notwithstanding misleading statements to the contrary current in popular reading matter. His statement was backed with facts leading down from the ages when the church was he only teacher, to the present, when one of the leading, if not the leading astronomer of the day, was a Jesuit priest in the Southern States, and men like Pasteur, of bacteriology fame, and Curie, discoverer of radium, were sons of the church.

At the evening service Rev. Father Lacombe pdeached the sermon.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES CONVENTION.

The fourth annual convention of the association of school trustees for the Province of Alberta, will be held in the Central school assembly hall, Lethbridge, on January 26th and 27th next. The program that has been arranged is as follows:

Wednesday, January 26th.

Opening session—9.45 a.m.—President's address, W. J. Brotherton, Medicine Hat.

10.30 a.m.—Consolidation of Rural Schools, J. F. Boyce, B.A., Inspector of schools.

Discussion on this subject will be led by: Theo. Reist, Didsbury; G. W. Davis, Sedgwick; D. McKinnon, Red Deer; and other trustees who are interested.

Afternoon session—2 p.m.—Report of the delegate to British Columbia convention at Chilliwack, W. J. Brotherton.

3. p.m.—The program of studies for rural schools, (how it is prepared, and what it should include.) 1. From the standpoint of the educationist, J. McCaig, B.A., LL.B., superintendent of schools, Edmonton. 2. From the standpoint of trustee, J. F. Fowler, Wetaskiwin; H. A. Malcolm, Innisfail. Discussion by all interested.

4.30 p.m.—Addresses from British Columbia delegates, J. J. Dougan, F. W. Plumereith, Capt. D. McIntosh.

Evening session 8 p.m.—Improvement of School Grounds by Tree Planting, Arch. Mitchell, Forestry Branch, Indian Head. This will be illustrated if arrangements for a lantern can be made; and will be followed by discussion. A short program will be furnished by the Lethbridge school board.

Thursday, January 27th.

Morning session 9 a.m.—Resolutions. The following resolutions have been received by the secretary:

Edwell S. D., No. 335. (1). Resolved that the Department of Education be requested to authorize the charging of interest on arrears of school taxes at the rate of ten per cent. instead of six per cent. as at present.

(2) Resolved that the Department of Education be requested to make the agreements between teachers and trustees binding on the teachers, in view of the fact that teachers do not hesitate to throw up their engagements without valid excuse; failing this, that a penalty be inflicted upon teachers for breaking their engagements.

Cross Roads S.D., No. 495. Resolved that the Department of Education be requested to devise some better means of collecting school taxes from those in arrears; the present means provided by the ordinance being considered too complicated and expensive.

Tindastoll S. D., No. 483. (1.) Resolved that it be recommended that when land has been forfeited to the government for arrears of taxes, the government should pay to the districts concerned all taxes due.

2(8). Same as first resolution from Edwell S.D.

(3). Resolved that more attention should be given to teaching pupils to write with pen and ink, and to the study of arithmetic, and less to drawing, history, etc., also that no home work should be given in rural schools except at the wish of the pupils.

Turnip Lake S.D., 386. Resolved that sections 101 and 102 of the school ordinance should be so amended as to permit trustees to supply fuel, or furnish janitor service to the school at a reasonable rate, in cases where no tenders for such work can be secured from other persons.

Afternoon, 1.30 p.m.—Visiting of Lethbridge schools.

Announcements—Other subjects which have been suggested for discussion, if time will permit are: Agricultural Education, Salary Schedules, Inspection from the Trustees' Standpoint, and the Use of School Gardens.

HANNA IS UP IN ARMS.

Says Ontario Government is Not Dictating Municipalities' Action on License Question.

Toronto, Jan. 11—Provincial Secretary Hanna is much incensed over an item which appeared in the Peterboro Review recently, and was extensively copied, in which a member of the Ontario government is quoted as saying that where the local option votes have been as large as in Peterboro and Brantford, it would be necessary for the authorities to cut down licenses by one half. The statement, declared Mr. Hanna, is entirely without foundation. Under the act, neither the government nor a department has any power to enforce its views, and the government has carefully abstained from dictating to local authorities. If local municipalities wish a reduction of licenses, the electors may give effect to their views through their municipal council.

Six Killed by Explosion.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 11.—An explosion at the Nottingham Colliery of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal company at 9.30 tonight caught a number of workmen. Six were killed and four were injured. Officials of the company headed by General Manager Charles are trying to get in the working where it is said a fire is raging.

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Eggs Are High in New York.

New York, Jan. 9.—There is a near famine in eggs in New York. So few strictly fresh eggs are coming into the market, that it is almost impossible to get them at any price. The retail price for the best eggs ranged today from 60 to 70 cents a dozen. The total wholsale was 50 cents.