

AROUND THE CITY

LOCAL

From Monday's Bulletin. Hon. C. W. Cross, Hon. W. T. Finlay and Dr. Strong leave today for a series of meetings in Mr. Macpherson's constituency of Stoney Plains.

There will be a smoking concert next Thursday evening at the club-room of the Catholic Young Men's Club, 625 Fourth street, north of Jasper.

At the Mounted police barracks this morning Daniel McDonald, proprietor of the St. Elmo hotel, was fined \$50 and costs for violation of the license act. Two other charges against him were dismissed.

The following gentlemen comprise the membership committee of the Edmonton Y.M.C.A.: Osborne Adamson, C. J. Bamford, H. R. Mims, J. P. Simpson, Arthur Bull, W. J. McLoose, C. M. Tate, C. E. Wilson, E. Clark, G. Riddick.

Col. E. B. Edwards, who made a good run in the recent municipal contest, has been requested by a large number of citizens to be a candidate for the vacancy in the city council and may be nominated for the position.

While an auction was in progress on Saturday afternoon at the rooms of Stennell and Esplin, Queen's avenue, some person stole a \$30.30 Martin rifle from the counter. When the owner appeared later he was given the price of the firearm by the auctioneers.

Provincial Detective H. E. Rudd, of the Attorney General's department, has returned from a trip to the south-west part of the province. He has been successful in closing up "blind pigs" or houses selling liquor without a license in Calgary, Hardisty and Stettler.

A company which will be known as the Standard Shoe Repairing company has been organized and a plant costing \$1,000, will be established in the city, consisting of a sewing machine, and all the tools necessary for the company is composed of local men. The business of the industry will be repairing and the making of shoes.

The company has not yet decided where it will locate. John M. Wagant, a student at the Alberta College, has secured a position at the McLaughlin Hotel. He will be in charge of the service in the McLaughlin Methodist Church yesterday morning. Rev. Mr. Marshall being absent, and Mr. Marshall being in the West End Church in the morning.

George M. Magwood, also a college student, was in Norwood Methodist Church in the evening. At Schaeffer's rink last night the Queen's Avenue hockey team defeated the Alberta College by a score of 5 to 2. Beals, of Queen's Avenue, was the star player.

Walter Ramsay, the Edmonton florist has opened a down town branch at the corner of 11th and 10th streets for Christmas season. This will be convenient for the public as he intends carrying a complete line of cut flowers, plants, etc.

The Alberta College recital that we take place to-night is unavoidable postponed until January owing to the illness of several students taking leave parts, one having the misfortune of dislocating her ankle. The invitations issued will be for the 25th of the recital, which will be announced again at the earliest moment. Mr. Anderson, who has been seriously ill since last week, will be in the city for the program, likewise Miss Tait.

The reported epidemic of smallpox in the vicinity of Lacombe, Alberta, has been denied by the Bulletin correspondent there. Dr. Amos, who was reported as having charge of the epidemic, positively stated that there is not a case within seventy-five miles of that town. Dr. Amos, who is associated with Dr. Amos, is attending several small cases of smallpox among the Indians between Union and Cold Lake, the latter being exactly 100 miles from Union.

A Committee of the City Council composed of Mayor Griesbach, Aldermen McInnis and Premier Rathbun, at the Government offices this morning to discuss the labor situation consequent upon the influx into the city of a large number of laborers employed during the summer months on G.T.P. construction work and now without means or prospect of employment. The question was considered in its various aspects as affecting the city and this part of the province but no definite action was taken.

From Wednesday's Bulletin. Miss Mary Knowles left this morning for Denver, Col. Chief Justice Sifton leaves for Calgary next Monday when the court has closed.

Mrs. Frank B. Smith and family leave for the coast on Thursday morning to be absent about two months. The kindergarten closing will be held from 2 to 4 o'clock on Friday at Miss Wetherald's school at 438 Seventh street.

The police have in their possession a large amount of unclaimed property, which will be returned to the owner upon their proving property. Flour is now selling in Edmonton at \$3.25 per sack. Some few days ago it dropped to \$3.15, but when the wheat market receded the price flour rose again also.

The quarterly meeting of the trustees of the Y. W. C. A. will be held in the parlors, corner of First and Elizabeth streets, on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. At its close an executive meeting of the board of directors will be held in the late P. C. Bank bridge works, a portion of the bank on the north side gave way displacing several cars on the main line and the building which enclosed it. No serious damage was done.

L. J. Williamson went to Montana yesterday where he will join his friends in their Christmas festivities. J. Cheung has gone home to Midland to hang up his stockings with his relatives.

PERSONALS

D. McGillivuddy, editor of the Calgary News, is in the city today. A. McKeown, of Calgary, is in the city on business, and is a guest at the King Edward.

A. T. Walker is up from Lamont on business, and is staying at the King Edward. Mr. and Mrs. J. Young, of Spokane, have come to Edmonton to spend Christmas and are staying at the Windsor.

A. W. Campbell, of Fort Saskatchewan, is in the city today. F. J. Morris, of Calgary, is stopping at the St. James, after a business trip through the C.N.R. towns.

F. Daniel, of Winnipeg, representing a large fuel company, is in the city on business, and is staying at the Alberta.

N. B. Peck, Vancouver, is in the city to enjoy the Christmas festivities with old friends, and is at present registered at the St. James.

John Trotter, of Calgary, is in the city on business, and is staying at the Cecil.

Geo. Hardie and H. J. Filter, of St. Paul, are guests at the Alberta. H. R. Cameron, of Brandon, has come to Edmonton to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chown left yesterday for Belleville, where they will join in the Christmas festivities with old friends, and will return after a visit of six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of Prince Albert, are in the city stopping at the Cecil.

A. J. Lawson left yesterday for Sioux City, Iowa, to attend to business. C. Cauldwell, accountant at the bank of Montreal, has gone home to Campbellford, Ont., to spend Christmas with his friends.

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DEDICATED CHURCH BELL.

Yesterday morning in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, the new church bell, brought recently from France, was, with much ceremony, dedicated to its future service in connection with divine worship.

The ceremony was presided by high mass, at which His Lordship, Bishop Lessar, Lesser Slave Lake, was present. Rev. Father Nasseus, was present, with Rev. Fathers Blanchet and Schulte as deacon and sub-deacon. Rev. Father Lemarchand, pastor of the church, and Rev. Father Husson, the noted missionary of the north, also occupied seats in the sanctuary. The choir sang "Benedictus" with fine effect, evidencing excellent training and pleasing quality of voice. The solos were most pleasingly taken by Miss Charlebois, Mr. Duggan and Mr. Biopelle.

Immediately after mass Father Ledue preached a brief but eloquent sermon in French and Father Nasseus, of St. Joachim's, in English. The functions of the bell, said the latter speaker, related only to spiritual matters, calling souls to think upon things other than the material forces everywhere about them. In solemn tones he announced the location of the house of God, the altar of God and the house of prayer. In joyous words he sang the beautiful little ones, of the day of first communion and of marriages, in which two were bound together in the law of Christ.

Its voice was potent in reaching the heart of sinners, reminding them of the days of joyous and sad funeral notes of the end to which all man must come. Its voice was that of the church, calling to the spiritual union and harmony—the bell calling on all who pass to enter and worship, and though they be from afar, to unite with the same rites, in the same ancient tongue and with the same doctrine preached at their own Catholic churches on the other side of the world.

During the sermon, the Bishop, accompanied by the priests, proceeded to the right of the sanctuary, where the bell was mounted on a frame beautifully decorated with garlands. The bell was then blessed and dedicated for ever to religious purposes. The Bishop, in the presence of the clergy, and the congregation, read the prayer for the consecration of the bell. The bell was then blessed and dedicated for ever to religious purposes.

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The principal, Mr. Rea, next introduced to the music of the introduction, hon. president of the society, by whom the society was then honored with an address, most pleasing and instructive. Mr. Rathbun, who presided at the meeting, also spoke and to what extent the government has helped our province alone the lines of education. He also encouraged the school to progress to gain as much as an solid knowledge as possible. He also advised each one to be a better citizen, and best, although he recommended that of teaching as one of the most important. The splendid prospects for the future of the city were dwelt upon, and the speaker manifested his satisfaction with the High School work in the past, and his wishes for its future progress.

After the address, a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Rathbun for the pleasure he had given the society by his address and remarks. The society was then favored with an address by Mr. Butchart, one of the trustees of the C.P.B. Mr. Fletcher reports that the association is making good progress at the various points of the city. The members of the association in All Saints church last evening on the "Power of Absolution" held by the Minister of the Gospel, Mr. G. H. V. St. John 20-20. In opening he said: "I had the privilege of delivering the address last evening at the English church, which was held on the same date and the same time. The Roman Catholic church is the same today as it ever was, the English church also. In fact, churches are the same as they were in the beginning. There may be different creeds, but they are all working towards the same goal, the salvation of souls."

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