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REASON THE FUR CATCH IS SMALL

Joseph Lacombe, of Peace River,
Explains That Rabbits Died
off This Year.

Joseph Lacombe, the well known
freighter of the Peace River, arrived
in this city Sunday and is a guest at
the Queen's hotel. Mr. Lacombe is
the owner of a large farm at the mouth
of the Smoky River, a tributary of
the Peace. He has been in the north
country for over ten years.

In conversation with the Bulletin
representative Mr. Lacombe was en-
phatic in his opinion that the Peace
River district is not surpassed by any
in the province.

"Fine crops of wheat oats and bar-
ley are raised every year and all kinds
of vegetables grow with the greatest
rapidity," said the veteran of the
north. "Neither is the weather as a
rule so cold nor the snow so deep as
in Edmonton."

At this period of the season both
last year and the year before grain
was six inches in height. This
season it is late, as the exceptionally
long winter has retarded the crops
there as elsewhere throughout Canada
and the Northern States.

"The past winter has been a poor
one for the fur catch," said Mr. La-
combe. In explanation of this he
pointed out that every four years, the
rabbits, on which the fur bearing ani-
mals largely subsist, die off in large
numbers and the larger animals leave
the lowlands and move to the higher
ranges.

"Is the country filling up fast with
settlers?" the Bulletin man asked.
"Immigrants are pouring in," was
the reply, and within the next few
years much of the best land will be
taken up. There is a great abun-
dant of timber, mostly spruce, in the
Smoky River district and two saw
mills are being run to their capacity.
The district also has three flour mills
and a ready market throughout the
north country.

BELMONT.

Report of Belmont school for the
month of April. Standing is based
on results of weekly examinations.
Names appear in order of merit.
—Standard V.—Minnie Wilson,
Charles Kirkness, Agnes Wilson,
Warwick Gidley, and Cora King.
—Standard IV.—Harold Inglis, Cora
Grierson, Roy Melick, Alva Melick.
—Standard III.—Golly, Willie
Allan, Martha Allan, Horace Me-
rick.
—Standard II.—Jack Beckett, James
Gidley, Clarence Inglis.
—Standard I.—Jessie J. MacLaughlin, teacher.

EDISON.

Late last autumn several people
gathered at the Edison schoolhouse
and organized the Edison Mutual Im-
provement Society, with Rev. Robert
Teller president and Wm. Shutt as
secretary-treasurer. In a few weeks
the society held a social meeting,
serving free supper. A short pro-
gram was rendered, when a subscrip-
tion was taken, and \$45 collected. To-
ward the fund to buy an organ to be
placed in the schoolhouse and used
for the school and all gatherings held
there.

At Christmas time this society
took the lead, and with the assistance
of the people in general a Christmas
tree and a pleasant program was pro-
vided. During the winter the fund
kept growing, and finally the \$100
Doherty organ, which had been pur-
chased, was duly turned over to the
trustees of Edison School District,
1028.

The school is now the scene of
many bright reunions. A happy com-
pany of all ages gathered there on
April 30th. After a few songs the
baskets were put up at auction and
sold to the highest bidder. There
was much pleasant rivalry among
the young men as to who would get
the prettiest basket or the one won
by the girl of their choice. All was
chance, as no names were visible on
the baskets.

As there were several more men
than baskets, some young men were
sent to houses near to bring in more
cups, pies, etc., also coffee, which was
served free to all. A most pleasant
time was spent and over \$39 realized.
We were pleased to have among us
from Dunganan district Messrs. Geo.
Beaton and Jesse Burnett and Miss
Sarah Beaton, sister of the former.
Rev. and Mrs. Robert Teller, who
have recently moved from Edison to
their claim in the Pembina district,
and Messrs. Irwin, Armstrong and
James Bennett, from Melville Mill.
The organ is paid for, with a sur-
plus of \$13.00 to go into the treasury
of the society.

FLOATING STONE LAKE.

Still cold, no gardening as yet.
Miss Gene Barry, of Saddle Lake, is
very sick with pneumonia. Miss
Batty came home from Edmonton to
attend her mother during her sickness,
now illness has overtaken her.
Mr. and Mrs. Batty were visiting
in Goodfish this week and were called
home in haste on account of the sick-
ness of their daughter Gene.
Charlie Greenstreet is in Island
Lake getting out logs for his house
and barn.

Harry Longdon has his house up
and will soon be ready for his bride,
who is expected to arrive from Eng-
land in about three months.
Twelve new families have taken
claims at Island Lake in the past
week. Six have made settlement at
Floating Stone in the last two years.
It certainly is not the soil that makes
the difference.

Mr. Waters and Charles Pallotte, of
Island Lake, were in Floating Stone
yesterday for the purpose of trading
at the store and having some back-
settling done.

Mr. Wm. McConnell has erected a
new blacksmith shop. He is doing
quite a business.
Johnny Drapper, who has been at
Star for the past six weeks threshing,
is again at Star for the next year.
George McConnell is down from
Star to live on his homestead for a
while.

VEGREVILLE.

John Stuparick, who worked for
the International Harvesting Com-
pany here, died at the hospital this
morning from injuries sustained from
heavy lifting. He leaves a widow
and five small children.
"Nellie from the North" was ar-
raigned before Magistrate Clements
and Fleming for selling liquor with-
out a license. She was fined \$100
and costs.

CALGARY POWER COMPANY.

Calgary, May 6.—The first trans-
mission installation of the Calgary
Power and Transportation Company
will be 5,000 horse power, and that
later on may be duplicated. The
power at Horse Shoe Falls will have
a minimum of 8,000, all the year
round, with an equipment for 12,000,
which may be procured for eleven
months of the year.

The "head" will be 100 feet, and
the work will consist of a large con-
crete dam, situated on a favorable
rock foundation. From this point the
water will be carried a quarter of a
mile by tunnel, pipe and canal to the
power house at the base of the cliff.
The company has purchased 1,000
acres along the river front from the
Stoney Indian Reserve and have ob-
tained riparian rights from the Do-
minion Government. They proposed to
have a railway station established and
complete communication with the
outside world by telegraph and tele-
phone.

The arrangement at the present
time that exists between the company
and city is a maximum of \$30 per
horse power per annum (10 hours), to
individuals and companies using
power, with a rebate of 20 per cent.
to the city.

The capitalization is fixed at
\$1,000,000 and is being financed at
Montreal and London, England, but
the provisional board comprise prin-
cipally prominent local men in Cal-
gary, who are satisfied that cheap
power is the most necessary thing to-
day to contribute to the expansion of
Calgary.

HAPPENINGS IN OTHER PLACES.

Forty girls from the Old Country
destined for Indian Head came west
last week. Five of them were in the
Qu'Appelle by mistake and returned
Wednesday. All have engagements
as domestics.

Raymond will have an electric light
system installed this year.
In Moose Jaw A. G. Farrell has been
recommended for the position of po-
lice magistrate and will assuredly re-
ceive the appointment.

Steps are being taken in Moose Jaw
to organize the city into a High school
district.

A university graduates' society with
50 members is in course of formation
at Moose Jaw.

Preparations for the first annual
meeting of the Alberta Stock Growers'
Association to be held at Erskine, Wed-
nesday and Thursday June 5th and 6th, are well under
way.

The contract signed between the
trustees of the Methodist Church,
Red Deer and the Brantford, Ontario
Trust Co., for the erection of a hand-
some new church to cost about \$30,
000.

Miss Kingston who was for two years
matron at the Industrial School, Red
Deer, has been appointed superinten-
dent of the Memorial Hospital there.
W. and J. Leifeld, of the Leith-
ed ranch, near Sullivan Lake, have
sold a bunch of between twenty and
thirty steers to W. F. Puffer, of La-
combe. They averaged 1540 pounds
each and some of the bunch went
1700 pounds.

The new Bank of Commerce build-
ing at Medicine Hat will cost \$25,000.

INNISFAIR.

A party of fourteen French immi-
grants from Le Havre are expected to
reach Innisfail shortly.

An Innisfail gentleman writing from
Minnesota on the 25th states when
passing through North Dakota there
was no spring work in progress while
lots of dead cattle lay on the prairie.

Capt. Bryce J. Saunders, C.M.R.,
Edmonton, in charge of a survey party
of seven men, is in town. The party
leaves here tomorrow for the moun-
tains west of Innisfail, going by way
of Rocky Mountain house and will be
absent for about two months.

WETASKIWIN.

A. E. Morrison, of the city engineer-
ing staff, Edmonton, was present at a
recent city council meeting and gave
very full and intelligent explanation
of the saving of the gas producer plant
over steam, pointing out that although
the initial cost was considerably
greater yet the subsequent expense
was very much lower, as a steamer
would consume over twice as much
coal as a gas producer, Mr.
Morrison thought Wetaskiwin would
make no mistake in instal-
ling a gas producer plant, providing it
was purchased from a reliable com-
pany and fully guaranteed.

LEDUC.

The car report for April in this
busy town shows 71 cars shipped out,
and 19 shipped in, besides the tons
and tons of package freight.

Mr. Christian Nelson, a former well
known resident of Leduc but who has
been absent in Minnesota for four
years has returned and will take up
a farm here.

Mrs. Munn, wife of Conductor
Munn, went last week to an Edmon-
ton Hospital for treatment.

The number of students enrolled at
Leduc Public school in April, was \$1,
average attendance, 32.

REGINA.

According to the analysis of Dr.
Charles, provincial, localities, which
he has been conducting for
some time, Souris, Man., coal contains
eight thousand feet of gas per ton, or
most as much as Pennsylvania coal,
his fact is of very great industrial
importance to Regina, as the Souris
coal fields are only 75 miles from
this city and the supply of lignite is
practically inexhaustible. The city
will vote on a gas franchise on the
10th inst.

Regina's new Y. M. C. A. building
expected to be rushed this summer
and completed by Feb. 1st next year.
Regina's building permits for April
totalled \$290,000, the largest month in
the city's history.

The Massey Harris Co. is building a
\$5,000 warehouse in Saskatoon.
Saskatoon will have its waterworks
system in operation by July 1st.

The first real grading work of Arm-
strong & Lake, G. T. P. contractors,
will commence today. Already a good
sized force have accumulated and
French and today another detachment
of men and teams will move out. The
cold weather has retarded progress all
along the line.

It is proposed to erect a big paper
mill at Saskatoon. An eastern man
at present in the city looking for
necessaries.

LETHBRIDGE.

The Western Transfer Company
started delivering ice on May 1st.
G. H. Altham, who has been em-
ployed with the Lethbridge Electric
Company, has gone to MacLeod to as-
sume his duties as superintendent of
the electric light and waterworks
plants in the course of installation
in that town.

Arrangements have been made pro-
viding for the establishment of a
25,000 foot bridge over the river.
The High School boys were badly
defeated by the girls of the same
school in their first basketball con-
test.

Sheriff M. Young, who has been
pretty well over the south country
lately, states that the winter wheat
is good, all the way from Lethbridge
to Cardston.

Senator De Voe and Mrs. De Voe
have returned from Ottawa.
The number of homestead entries
at the Lethbridge Land Office for
April is 273 as against 292 last April,
being an increase of 46 or twenty per
cent.

Among the building permits issued
during the last few days are one for
the Ellison Milling Co. for a \$45,
000 mill, one for brick semi-detached
residence for H. Hutchinson and one
for a hot house by T. L. Clarke, florist.

A system of street numbering will
shortly be adopted here and a city
directory is planned.

The annual report of the Crow's
Nest Pass Coal Co. stated that a di-
vidend of ten per cent would be de-
clared amounting to \$300,000.

The Customs returns for April of
1907 shows receipts of \$10,967. Ow-
ing to the poor transportation service
rendered by the railway companies
the importations have been light com-
pared with April of 1906, when the re-
ceipts were \$14,038.

A company has been formed to op-
erate a brickyard in the North Ward of
this city. The operators are Rus-
sian gentlemen, but it is understood
they have some local capital backing
them.

CALGARY.

The Fifteenth Light Horse Band has
been asked to give concerts in Central
Park.

The racing committee will offer
\$4,700 in purses for the Fair to be
held on July 12th.

The Fair directors met Friday and
decided on extensive improvements to
the grounds. It is intended to raise \$15,
000 to erect new buildings on the
grounds.

Senator Longheed has returned
from the parliamentary session at Ot-
tawa.

H. L. Chener of the Post Office staff
was seriously injured in a fall from
a horse recently. A runaway team fright-
ened his horse.

An accident at the fire drill Friday
morning, by which the hose smashed
a glass window, cost the fire depart-
ment \$25.

The local wheat prices went up a
cent today, making a total advance
in a month of five cents. No. 1 Red
is 60 cents.

The manager of a large sugar and
land company in Kansas is writing
for information regarding Calgary and
the district.

A collision occurred Friday morning
about nine o'clock between two
freight trains at Bonanza station,
about seventy-five miles east of Cal-
gary.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Remember "Red Cross" Day at
the Fort.

The proceeds of the grand celebra-
tion planned for May 24 at the Fort
will go to the hospital fund.

Mrs. Brigham, of Ross Creek, has
taken up her residence in the Fort.
Mr. Thomas Brandy is here at work
in town, visiting his sister, Mrs. E.
Wilmeroth.

A squadron of the Canadian mount-
ed rifles have commenced drill.
The Fort Electric Co. has the con-
tract for lighting the barracks with
ever steady burning lamps.

Rev. A. F. Forbes returned home on
Thursday from Calgary where he had
been attending the synod of Alberta.
The football team are hard at work
and no doubt will give a good account
of themselves on May 24.

Constable Holden, bugler at the bar-
racks during the last four years, has
severed his connection with the
force, and accepted a situation in the
C.N.R. shops at Edmonton.

Last Wednesday at Edmonton, the
marriage of Mr. John Graf, of the
Fort, and Miss Bertha Shiner, of Pop-
lar Lake, was solemnized by Rev. Mr.
McDonald, pastor of the Baptist church.
Upon arrival at the Fort, the young
couple were entertained at supper at
the home of Mr. James Graham.
I understand that on this occasion
the irrepressible quarrel between
Bende made themselves very obnoxi-
ous. Whilst a little fun is all right,
there should be a limit to such per-
formances.

A double wedding took place in
Queens avenue church, Edmonton,
on Thursday last, when Mr. Danby
Phillips, of Fort Saskatchewan, and
Miss Eva Witherspoon, of Stoney
Plain, also Mr. Elmer Sims and Miss
May Witherspoon, all of Stoney Plain,
were joined in the bonds of holy wed-
lock. Rev. C. H. Huettis officiated at
the interesting ceremony. Upon ar-
rival at the Fort, Mr. and Mrs. Phil-
lips were entertained in the home of
his partner in business, Mr. Ira
Fetterly, where a sumptuous dinner
was served.

RED DEER.

A ball will be given on Friday night
in honor of the fighting cricketers.
The second baseball meeting of the
when the rules to govern the proposed
city league were read and almost
season was held on Saturday night.

without exception adopted. The open-
ing of the league will take place at
the exhibition grounds on May 24th
at 7 p.m. Four teams have entered
so far, viz. the Niagara Falls, Wasko-
kas, Outlaws and Mechanics. As
far as we can see the Outlaws appear
to be the strongest aggregation,
but the Mechanics with Edgington
and Northey for battery, and
Waskasos, with a pitcher from Kan-
sas, will no doubt make a strong
finish. P. Cottingham was appointed
official scorer for the league. The
chief difficulty last year in getting de-
cent attendance at the games appear-
ed to be the distance of the diamond
from the town, but Mr. Welliver,
president of the league, informs us
that a gate for pedestrians will be
put in this end of the exhibition
grounds, thus cutting off nearly half
the distance and as side walks will
be laid to the gate, this drawback
will be entirely overcome.

An old country football club has
been formed in town, and appears to
have created some friction between
local footballers.

Harrison, Peterson and Stephenson
are the latest real estate firm to hang
up there shingle in town. This makes
twenty-two firms. It is interesting to
speculate as to the person who will
have the temerity to open the 23rd.

A number of prominent men of the
town were escorted down to Olds on
Friday evening train for a prelimi-
nary hearing on the charge of interfer-
ing with the Great West Lumber Co.'s
property in Olds.

Calgary and Edmonton play cricket
here on the tenth. A committee has
been appointed to entertain the vis-
itors.

Another concert will be given by
local talent on Thursday the ninth,
this time in aid of St. Luke's church.
Mr. Clifford Bales, of the Bank of
Commerce, whose singing proved such
a surprising treat to those present at
the last concert, will again assist.

The piers for the new railroad
bridge are now completed, and con-
struction will soon begin.

Building still continues brisk.
Smith and Gatz are erecting a block
of four stores on Grace avenue. N.
Murphy is erecting a fine fruit store
on Ross street.

Mrs. (Capt.) Cottingham left on
Wednesday night's train for Wina-
ipeg, where she will visit her daugh-
ter, Mrs. H. F. Forrest, of Fort
Winnipeg.

Bawinheimer & Sons have opened
a real estate and commission office in
the store formerly occupied by the
Western General Electric Co. as a
display room.

W. Waskasoo ball team has an ex-
cellent chance to win the person of H. H.
Humber, if he can be prevailed upon
to play.

Alderman J. R. Thompson, of Cal-
gary, spent the night in town Wed-
nesday.

The Fraser Pierrots gave entertain-
ment two nights in the Odd Fellows'
hall.

R. Welton and wife have returned
from the coast.

The Brandon Construction Co. have
been awarded the contract for a \$10,000
church, to be erected for the Metho-
dists of this town. The building is
of brick and stone, and will be a
fine structure. Pressed brick will
be used on the two principal fronts.

The C. P. R. is making extensive
improvements to the railroad yards
this spring.

Jack Sewall, who has been connect-
ed with the Dominion Bank, has been
dismissed since they first opened, has
left their employ, and will start in
business on his own.

Jack will be missed in sporting circles
here, but his many friends wish him
luck in his new venture.

Guy Edgington took a run up to
Lacombe on Saturday.

LAMONT.

On Tuesday evening the men of La-
mont held a meeting in the J. R.
Walker Lumber Co.'s office to organ-
ize for a season of Merchants Bank
of Canada.

S. Millard occupied the chair. The
election of officers was the first thing
on the program. The following were
elected:

Dr. A. E. Archer, hon. pres.; R. J.
Torrie, pres.; P. S. Millard, hon. vice-
pres.; E. A. Holmes, vice-pres.; J. H.
Shedden, sec.; Ab. Walker, treas.;
Al. Joslin, business manager.

Messrs. Al. Joslin, Wm. Dehnke, and
Jos. McLachlan were appointed a
committee to pick out the team, sel-
ect a new ball ground, and have it
prepared for games.

As the Fort is to have a day of
games in aid of their hospital fund
it was decided to have a Perry Sound
Day here on June 12th, when a good
program of sports and entertainment
is to be held at Lamont.

Large numbers of passengers are
getting on and off at Lamont this
week, and a prospectus is pro-
mised to all our business men.

Mr. J. J. Mackinnon has moved his
family to Edmonton and Mr. and
Mrs. McLachlan of Forest, Ont., will
move into the house that has just
been vacated.

Mr. W. J. Hackett sent a visit to
Fort Saskatchewan this week and or-
dered more desks to be placed in the
school as the attendance is increas-
ing.

A car load of Frost and Wood ma-
chinery and farm implements arrived
in Lamont this week for Mr. J. H.
Shedden.

Mr. Jos. Hackett is visiting in La-
mont.
The J. R. Walker Lumber Co. are
busy unloading lumber and building
material this week and Mr. J. D. Mac-
Kinnon has just completed a line
house for them.

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Sec 17.

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years.

FOR SALE—Two thoroughbred year-
lings by Frank Edision, Edision, Alta.

FOR SALE—Chatham incubator No. 2
and brooder at a bargain. 58 Boyle.

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