AROUND THE CITY

LOCAL.

Five drunks lined up at the police court this morning and were fined the usual sums of $5 and costs.

Inspector Worsley returned last evening from a trip to the Mounted police posts down the Wetaskiwin line as far as Hardisty.

Assessor and Tax Collector McMillan states that to-morrow is the last day on which taxes may be paid and the discount of 10 per cent. secured.

Wm. Sugarman, Jasper avenue, clothier, has issued an exceptionally handsome burnt wood Christmas souvenir.

PERSONAL.

Rev. J. C. Herdman, of Calgary, was in the city today.

A. E. Jennings, of Vegreville, is a guest at the Windsor.

J. H. Rath, a Lacombe merchant, was in the city on business today.

B. McDonald, a farmer of Patie Gulf, Cal., is in the city staying at the Castle.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Brown leave tonight for Seaforth, Ontario, on a two months' trip.

Miss Louise Moir, of Humboldt, Sask., is visiting at Mr. Ed. Butchard's corner 6th and Hardisty.

J. D. Maloney, of Riviere Qui Barre, was in town today buying supplies for the winter.

H. A. Manning, a well known lumberman of Revelstoke, B.C., is registered at the Alberta.

A. M. Colborne, from Washington, is in the city and will go north for the timbering season.

W. C. Wright, of Bathgate, N.D., is in the city for the purpose of arranging to homestead next year.

J. C. Doblin and R. G. Penguelly, of Vancouver, are in the city in connection with the real estate business.

W. F. Stevens, of Clover Bar, was in the city today with some hay and farm produce and was at the Queens.

Thos. Oliver, of Medicine Hat, was in the city today trying to sell some cattle, and was registered at the Queens.

Major Belcher and family, of Lethbridge, have moved to this city to reside. Their new home is at 1135 McKay avenue.

POULTRY ASSOCIATION MEETS.

The regular fortnightly business meeting of the officers of the Alberta Poultry and Pet Stock association, was held on Wednesday evening at the office of the president, Jas. A. Stovel. Considerable business, mostly in relation to the annual winter exhibition, was transacted. The renewals of membership for the ensuing year are coming in encouragingly.

A sample and tender of exhibition coop front was presented and approved. It is a strong, neat and convenient article and a big and much needed improvement over those heretofore used. The date of the show will probably be decided at the next business meeting on December 18th, a week previous to the regular time.

The recent public lecture and illustrations on poultry lines, having proved so instructive and popular, the association have decided to hold one each month during the winter. The next will be held on January 6th. The subjects to be dealt with are "Strain breeding and feeding of poultry for winter egg production," and "Preparing poultry for exhibition," by Messrs A. W. Foley and J. Longmore. The secretary, Francis Taylor, reports a large number of names entered for insertion in the Poultry Breeders' Directory, and has still room for more. This directory is being prepared for free distribution to poultry breeders of standard bred fowls, and will soon be out.

AT THE HOTELS.

Queens—Thos. Oliver, Medicine Hat; B. Rose, Telfordville; J. D. Maloney, Riviere Qui Barre; W. F. Stevens, Clover Bar; A. Friedland, Vermilion; A. Gervais, Morinville.

Alberta—J. W. Burt, St. Paul; R. P. Inglis, Montreal; J. C. Dobbin, Vancouver; C. R. Schacht, Tofield; R. H. Pollard, Tofield; C. Bradow, G. T. P.; T. M. Anderson, Vancouver; J. C. Stedman, Milk River; J. C. Herdman, Calgary; L. J. Austen, Ponoka; Duncan Mleck, Paynton; Mr. and Mrs. Herd, Vermilion; J. Kimber, Shellbrook; J. S. Gross, Morinville; J. F. Johnson and wife, Namao; B. Beaumont, Winnipeg; W. B. Herrington, Winnipeg; J. H. Rath, Lacombe; Mrs. M. Gummett and daughter, Content.

Windsor—W. C. Wright, Bathgate, N.D.; H. Biggar, Los Angeles; A. J. Walker, Vegreville; A. M. Colborne, Washington; A. E. Jennings, Vegreville.

Castle—B. Morris, Winnipeg; H. Jones, Bilboa; B. McDonald, Pata Gulf, Cal.; T. Crandall, G.T.P.; E. Putnam, Winnipeg.

King Edward—J. C. Dobbin, Vancouver; H. Morton, Lavoy; R. G. Penguelly, Vancouver; E. A. Lilly, Calgary; A. Quentin and wife, Morinville.

PREMIER RESIGNS.

The Mock Parliament in connection with the Young Men's Club of McDougall Church met last evening. A bill was introduced by Mr. J. Knott, and seconded by Mr. F. S. Parney, to build a railway to Hudson Bay. It was shown the great advantages to be derived from this route in shortening the way to Liverpool by a great distance. Mr. E. Richardson, leader of the opposition, then spoke in reply to the mover and seconder. Mr. F. W. Cox also spoke in favor of the bill, showing how much Canada west of Winnipeg would gain by having such a railway. On the motion being put to the House, the bill was lost and the Premier resigned on the spot.

AT THE POLICE COURT.

At the police court this afternoon before Magistrate Wilson and S. Larue, J.P., the case of Ferdinand Thiel, charged with unlawfully intimidating will come up for hearing.

The complainant is Otto Waysch, and both he and Thiel lived in a shack on the Groat estate. Waysch claims that he took Thiel to live with him and the latter took possession excluding the owner entirely from the shack. It is said that a jealousy over a woman whom both admired is at the bottom of the trouble.

TO DESTROY STRAY DOGS.

The chief of police has called the attention of Poundkeeper Parraton to the large number of dogs at large on the streets without tags and steps will be taken to exterminate these useless quadrupeds. The bylaw provides that it shall be the duty of the poundkeeper of the dog pound and of such person or persons as are appointed or authorized by the commissioners to capture all dogs or bitches found running at large contrary to the provisions of this bylaw and confine the same in such place or places as the commissioner may provide and designate, as above provided and such dogs shall be there kept confined subject to the right of the owners or possessor to redeem the same within seventy-two hours from the time of capture, by paying for the use of the city a fine of the sum of two dollars for each dog and three dollars for each bitch. If the dog is not redeemed by the owner he shall then be killed by the parties authorized to perform such destruction.

FUNERAL OF MRS. MERCER.

The funeral of the late Mrs. J. B. Mercer took place yesterday afternoon from All Saints to the Edmonton cemetery. The services were conducted by Archdeacon Gray and there was a very large attendance of citizens. The pall-bearers were Jos. H. Morris, Robt. Mays, Harry J. Helliwell, N. F. Harbottle, St. George Jellett and G. R. F. Kirkpatrick.

CANADIAN CLUB.

Next Tuesday will be the anniversary of the forming of the Canadian Club in Edmonton and the occasion will be observed by a luncheon in Cronin's new club cafe. The speaker will be Rev. A. M. McDonald, on a subject to be announced later. It has been decided to hold the meeting at a quarter after six instead of at one as formerly.

TO HOLD SERIES OF MEETINGS.

John McPherson, M.P.P., of Spruce Grove, member in the Provincial Legislature for Stoney Plain, was in the city yesterday.

Next week Hon. C. W. Cross, Attorney General, and Hon. W. T. Finlay, Minister of Agriculture, will hold a series of meetings in Mr. McPherson's constituency.

On Monday a meeting will be held in Musselman's school. Other meetings will be held on Tuesday at Lac St. Anne, on Wednesday at White Whale Lake, and on Thursday at Stoney Plain.

PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN.

There is grave fears in the minds of the city health authorities that the smallpox, six cases of which are reported in the Lloydminster district may spread to Edmonton in the near future. The present season of the year is the most favorable for the spread of the contagion but should there be an outbreak in this city every possible precaution will be taken to present its spreading. In the meantime the situation is being looked after by the provincial authorities who hope shortly to stamp out the disease.

THE DOG NUISANCE.

A large number of complaints are being made to the police of the large number of dogs on the streets that are a great annoyance to horseback and bicycle riders as well as to teams. At the present time there are only 275 dog licenses issued while it is evident to everyone on the streets that there are many more dogs in the city. It is probable that measure will be taken shortly for the destruction of many of these annoyances.

SMALLPOX NEAR LLOYDMINSTER.

Reports have been received in the city to the effect that a smallpox epimedic has broken out near Lloydminster. Six cases are reported at Long Lake, two at Cold Lake, and several at Moose Lake and North Vermillion. Dr. Amos is handling the outbreak, and has communicated with the Provincial Health Department. The houses in which the disease has broken out have all been quarantind. Every effort will be made by the Provincial Health Department to stamp out the disease.

TESTING APPARATUS.

The electric power was turned on and the generator and motor set in connection with the part of the automatic telephone equipment now installed in the new telephone building. The machinery is now being used to test the outside work already completed for the new telephone system.

PLEASING CONCERT BY TRIO.

The concert given in Grace Church last night by the Ladies' Trio was a decided success. The trio, composed of Miss Brice, Miss Downe and Miss Moore, sang several well-chosen selections in excellent voice and style both individually and in chorus. The Wedding Song, from "Lohengrin," and Three Little Maids, from "Mikado," were particularly enjoyable selections. The Trio was ably assisted by Miss Hicks, who gave several pleasing readings. A large audience was in attendance.

ORANGES WORMY.

A. Klukas, flour and feed merchant, Jasper Ave., East, has returned from Vancouver, where he has been on business for ten days. Mr. Klukas went to Vancouver to purchase a car of Jap oranges. He returned, however, without making any purchase. While he was in Vancouver 40,000 boxes of these oranges were condemned by the fruit inspector and were burned. The oranges are said to contain myriads of infinitisimally small worms, and are a menace to the health of the person eating them. Mr. Klukas thinks there should be an inspection of the oranges in Edmonton, and if found to be wormy the oranges should be destroyed.

U.S. BATTLESHIPS NOW ASSEMBLING

For Trip Around the Horn and Up the Pacific—Reach Frisco on April Tenth.

Washington, Dec. 12—On Monday next the battleship fleet of Admiral Evans will be reviewed by President Roosevelt and will then start forth from Hampton roads, where the great vessels of war are today rumbling, on the long cruise to the Pacific. Nearly all of the vessels are now in Hampton roads and the others will report there within the next two days. The Connecticut, the flagship of Admiral Evans, is now in Virginia waters, as is the Louisiana, its sister, which carries 975 officers and men, the largest crew ever assembled on an American battleship. The Rhode Island, the Ohio and the Alabama are ready for the cruise, and the Virginia arrived in Hampton roads today.

The fleet of auxiliary vessels, including the tender Yankton, which will be used by Admiral Evans in entering shallow harbors to pay official calls; the repair ship Panther and the supply boats Glacier and Culgoa, also reached Hampton roads today. Tht latter two vessels will be literally laden to the gunwales with the thousands of tons of provisions for the great voyage. A novel item on the list of supplies is 14,000 pounds of cold storage Vermont turkey. This will be served on Christmas, allowing each man in the fleet about ont pound of the national food bird.

The fleet in its etirety wil consist of sixteen battleships, six torpedo boats, four supply ships and nine colliers. Order shave been issued that mail for officers and members of the crew should be addressed, from next Monday to February 5, in care of the postmaster of San Francisco. From the time the vessels leave Rio de Janeiro until they reach Gallao, on the west coast of South America, it will eb impossible to get mail to them from the United States.

According to the itinerary, the fleet will reach Trinidad two days before Christmas. Rio de Janeiro will be reached January 10 and Magdalena bay on March 5. The fleet will remain at Magdalena bay one month for target practice.

Four Months' Voyage.

San Francisco, 1,000 miles from Magdalena Bay, will be reached April 10th. The distance by this route is 13,772 miilts, and the fleet will be cruising sixty-three days and will be in port coaling and engaged in target practice fifty-one days.

The itinerary provides for ten knots an hour, which is regarded as the most economic speed for the fleet. This will permit the colliers to accompany the battleships for part of the voyage on the Atlantic side. Starting with full bunkholes of coal the ships will require in addition 100,000 tons, not counting the fuel that will be burned by the torpedo boats, which will be provided by merchants en route. This great supply of coal must be supplied by the colliers. Four small colliers, the Marcellus, Hannibal, Nansen and Sterling, carrying 2,200 tons each, will accompany the fleet to Trinidad, and five larger colliers, the Ajax, Marenda, Caesar, Nero and Brutus, carrying 4,000 tons each, will go as far as Rio de Janeiro. It will be necessary to have twelve additional colliers meet the fleet, four at Sandy Point, Magellan straits, four at Callon, Peru, and four at Magdalena Bay. The Panther, which will accompany the fleet, carries a full machine shop and a number of skilled machinists, who will repair broken or damaged machinery on short notice. The Glacier and the Calgoa, refrigerator ships, loaded with food supplies, will also accompany the fleet on the full voyage.

Preparations for the review next Monday are now being completed. The Hampton Roads event will afford the most interesting and inspiring naval spectacle ever seen in American waters. The fleet that passed in review before President Roosevelt on September 5, 1906, at Oyster Bay, numbered more vessels than will be reviewed next Monday, but it was a vastly inferior fleet in displacement and armament compared to the magnificent line of vessels which the public will have a chance to see assembled in Atlantic waters for the last time in several years. In the fleet of 1906 there were twelve battleships in line, and of this dozen two were vessels that have since been placed in reserve—that is, practically retired from the fighting line. These ships were the Iowa and the Indiana.

In the review the ships that will be present and which were not seen in Oyster Bay in September of last year are the Connecticut, the flagship of Admiral Evans; the Georgia, flagship of Rear Admiral Emery; the Kansas, the Vermont, the Ohio and the Minnesota.

President Roosevelt will, of course, review the fleet from the bridge of the naval yacht Mayflower. Immediately following the review the president, it is understood, will visit each of the four flagships, the Connecticut, the Georgia, the Minnesota, and the Alabama.

Hal Chase and other big league stars make a great mistake in plying winter ball. Any of the veterans who have done this will tell them that the winter work will surely have a bad effect on their playing the following summer. They are sure to turn up in the spring a bit stale.

Bobby Kerr, of Hamilton, Canada's fastest sprinter, is sure of a place on the Olympic team.

NEGOTIATING FOR BIG UNITED STATES LINE

Much Conjecture Regarding the Boston and Maine Road—Canadian Pacific Said to be Making Efforts to Purchase.

Boston, Dec. 12—President Charles S. Mellen, of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway, said today with reference to a report that negotiations for a sale of the New Haven's holdings of Boston & Maine Railroad stock were under way with a prospect of successful consummation: "I do not feel that negotiations looking to the sale of our Boston & Maine stock have reached that point where I can discuss it at any length.

"The opportunity has presented itself to us whereby we can dispose of our Boston & Maine stock at a very satisfactory and profitable figure. The prospective purchaser is a contemplative interest of the New York, New Haven & Hartford, although our road will be protected by a contract which will preserve our relationship." It is understood that this purchase will involve the trasfer of 109,984 shares of the Boston & Maine railroad.

Speculation in New Haven.

New Haven, Dec. 11.—Intense interest has been aroused here by the statement coming direct from President Charles S. Mellen at Boston today, that negotiations were in progress for the sale of another railroad interest of 109,948 shares in the capital stock of the Boston & Maine to the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, which practically controls the Boston & Maine.

At first there was lively speculation as to the interests which were seeking control. The theory that it was the New York Central was rejected on the ground that it was only with that company's consent that Mr. Mellen had recently secured the Boston & Maine chares, and also because after the experience in Massachusetts with the Boston & Albany by the New York Central would be bitter if not fatal in that state.

Think it is C. P. R.

As a result of various conjectures, opinion in railway circles here at last focussed on the conclusion that interests seeking Boston & Maine was Canadian Pacific. The strong financial condition of that company with its nine thousand miles of railroad and through continental lines and connections at such junction points as Callas, Vanceboro, Maine, Matawamkeg, Cookshire Junction, Sherbrooke, Que., and Newport, gave strong possibility to this conclusion. There is high authority for stating, however, that before any sale could be made to the Canadian Pacific or another company, the N. Y., N. H. & H. corporation would feel compelled to offer the Boston & Maine shares to the N. Y. Central.

Friendly to N. Y. C.

A director of the compony speaking of the matter expressed strong disbelief in the acceptance of any offer, however high, for the Boston & Maine stock, but added that it might be taken somewhat seriously in view of the attitude of the state and federal authorities towards the New Haven's policy of consolidation in Massachusetts and in Northern New England. While he did not admit that the proposal had come from the C. P. R. he added that the N. Y. C. would be likely to oppose any transfer to interests rival to its own and that in the present friendly relations of N. Y. Central and the New Haven, should opposition arise, should not be disregarded.

PRINCE RUPERT A GEM.

Progress of Railway Terminal and Ports on Coast.

Vancouver, Dec. 12—"Itwas my first visit to Prince Rupert. Some years ago I was at Port Simpson, but not near this wonderful land of promise in and about the terminal of the G. T. P. It far exceeded my greatest expectations."

This was Mr. Robert Kelly's view in a word of the progress and present condition of the near and fertile north from which he has just returned.

"At present, as is well known, we have a retail store there. But it is not our intention to do business long on that scale. Just as soon as conditions warrant it we wil have a wholesale house there, and the way the place is bounding ahead that will come before many months."

Mr. Killy estimated the population of Prince Rupert, even in this season, at 600. He was equally amazed at the growth and prosperity of the ports en route.

To Bring Russell Back.

Toronto, Dec. 12—The attorney-general will be asked to issue a warrant to bring W. Lockhart Russell back to Toronto to stand trial in connection with the conspiracy charges growing out of the exploitation of the Highland Mary mine. Counsel for the defense had undertaken to produce Lennox in court but yesterday, after the case of the crown against Frank Law and Russel had been adjourned, counsel admitted that he was unable to do so. Russell was last heard of in Paris, France.

GRAFT CASE WITNESS AWAY.

Jas. L. Gallagher Disappears Frof San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 12—The disappearance of former Supervisor Jas. L. Galagher, one of the most important witnesses for the state in the bribery graft cases, and the inability of the prosecution to locate him, yesterday morning caused the postponement of the trial of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United railways, until January 7. Calhoun desired to go to New York and was given permission by the court to leave the state.

Judge Lawler in making the order of continuance laid stress upon the "absence of an important witness for the state, coupled with uncertainty of his reappearance in this city." This has given rise to rumors that Gallagher left with the intention of not returning to San Francisco. The prosecution regarded his testimony as the self-confessed "go-between" between Abraham Ruef and the boodling supervisors as one of the stronogest links against the public service corporations.

Calhoun, through his attorneys, stated to the court that he was anxious for the trial to proceed, but that important business connected with the financing of the United railways demanded his presence in New York.

CHIEF JUSTICE IS SARCASTIC

Says He Admires Man Who Will Spend $400 to Recover $11—Good for Lawyers.

In the course of a few days a second court room will be opened up in the Sandison Block for the use of the new District Judge, H. C. Taylor. The room will be that at present in use for a library, and the books will be transferred to the offices west of the clerk's quarters.

When this new court room is ready Judge Taylor will hold court monthly and dispose of a number of suits that now come before the Supreme Court. He will also deal with a large number of the criminal cases that come up from time to time where the prisoners elect to be tried without a jury. The following criminal cases are now pending, a number of which will be heard by the new District Judge:

King vs. Bember, Leduc, rape.
King vs. George McKay, Edmonton, theft.
King vs. Stray, Edmonton, receiving stolen goods.
King vs. Robert, Edmonton, theft.
King vs. Morgan, Mannville, arson.
King vs. Liscom, Edmonton, theft.
King vs. Cameron, Edmonton, misappropriating of money.

At the Supreme Court.

At the Supreme Court this morning before Chief Justice Sifton the case of Nolin vs. Collins was heard. This suit arose out of the seizure of a horse and rig by Collins for a note given by Nolin. The Chief Justice in giving judgment ironically remarked that he had the greatest personal admiration for the men that spent $300 or $400 in a law suit to recover $11, as in the present instance. It was a good thing for the lawyers, but he could not allow his personal admiration of the litigants' desire for law to weigh in his decison. He gave judgment for the plantiff for the return of the goods seized, and dismissed the counter claim of the defendant for $11. The goods have already been returned, so the action practically hinged on the counter claim.

H. A. Mackie and Mr. Cormack appeared for the plaintiff and H. H. Robertson for the defendant.

The next case called was that of J. N. Pomerlean vs. the City of Edmonton—an action for breach of contract. Mr. Pomerlean conducts the Imperial Livery Stables on Third Street. The point to Battle river, a distance of two hundred miles, can be started. This place is 118 miles east of Edmonton, and construction work on this section will also be carried on next season. ff

No Japs Will Be Aboard.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 13.—When the fleet leaves Monday for the Pacific, there will not be a Japanese cook or servant aboard any battleship, according to a statement made to-day by the petty officers on shore on leave, who say the Japanese are being quietly weeded out, by order of the commanding officers. It is said their places are being filled by negroes.

NELSON BOARD OF TRADE.

Passes Resolutions Dealing With Lead Bounty and C. P. R. Fright Tariff.

Nelson, B.C., Dec. 13—At a meeting of the Nelson board of trade two important resolutions were passed, both of which will be considered at the annual convention of the association of the boards of trade at Kootenay next month. The first dealt with the lead bounty and asked for an extension of the same terms as the bounty which expires in June next for another term of five years. The second dealt with the C. P. R.'s new freight tariff and took a broad basis for argument. It objected to distributing centres and asked for the establishment in lieu of this a mileage basis for freight rates, letting the trade find its own distribution centres. Further, as the lowering of the freight rates is often balked by raising the classification, class four being raised to class three, and so on, the whole system of classification was objected to.

SEASONABLE MEDICINES.

Coughs and colds are quite prevalent now and require attention.

Graydon's Syrup of Tar and Wild Cherry. Sure cure for recent coughs, 25 cents per bottle.

Can be given to Children and will be found most efficacious.

P.D.Q. Grippe Tablets break up a cold in a day. Try a box, 25 cents.

See our display of Christmas Goods.

GEO. H. GRAYDON,
Chemist and Druggist,
King Edward Pharmacy.

TO-DAY'S GRAIN MARKETS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—There has been another dull day in the wheat markets, but a more confident tone has been exhibited. Liverpool cables were ⅛d lower, but that market became firmer and closed ⅜ to ⅝d higher than yesterday. The American markets opened easier and somewhat lower, then held steady to firm throughout the session, closing unchanged to ⅛d lower than yesterday. The Winnipeg market had a decline of ¼c at the opening, but under the influence of the better feeling in the other markets it recovered and closed ⅜ to ½ under yesterday. To-day's Winnipeg prices are No. 1 Nor. 1.00; No. 2 Nor. 97; No. 3 Nor. 90; No. 4 wheat 81; No. 5 wheat 68¾; No. 6 wheat 53¾; feed wheat 44; feed No. 2 33. Futures, Dec., 1.00; Jan. 1.00¼; May 1.03¾. Oats, No. 2 white 43; No. 3 white 40; rejected 30. Barley, No. 4 44. Flax, No. 1 northwestern 1.02.

Empress Alexander Better.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 13.—While considerable alarm is still felt to-day over the condition of the Empress Alexandra, it is reported this morning there is some improvement, and the fever has abated.

ANNUAL MEETING OF GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC

Directors and Officers Elected at Meeting Held in Montreal—Progress of Construction—The Line From Saskatoon to Edmonton.

At the adjourned annual meeting of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company, held in the general offices in Montreal last Thursday, the following directors were elected:—

Sir C. Rivers-Wilson, G.C.M.G., C. B.; John A. Clutten-Brock, Alfred W. Smithers, Rt. Hon. Lord Welby, G.C. B.; Sir Wm. Lawrence Young, Bart., Chas. M. Hays, Frank W. Morse, Wm. Wainwright, E. H. Fitzhugh, W. H. Biggar, Hugh A. Allan, E. B. Greenshields, Hon. Geo. A. Cox, E. R. Wood, J. R. Booth.

Three of these, Rt. Hon. Lord Welby, G.C.B.; Sir William Lawrence Brook, all directors of the Grand Trunk, are new members of the board, succeeding Col. Frederick Firebrace, R.E.; Sir H. Mather Jackson, Bart., and Hon. N. Chas. Rothschild, who as representatives of the Grand Trunk were members of the board last year. This change in directors is simply in pursuance of the policy adopted to have the directors of the Grand Trunk serve in rotation on the Grand Trunk Pacific board.

The directors who attended the meeting were: Chas. M. Hays, Frank W. Morse, Wm. Wainwright, E. H. Fitzhugh, W. H. Biggar, Hugh A. Allan, E. B. Greenshields, Hon. Geo. A. Cox, J. R. Booth.

The officers of the company were re-elected as follows:—

Chas. M. Hays, president.
Frank W. Morse, vice-president and general manager.
Wm. Wainwright, second vice-president. ff
Henry Phillips, secretary.

Report of the President.

The report of the president, showing the progress of the work since the last annual meeting, was very interesting. The authorized mileage of the company, both main line and branches is 7,900 miles. The mileage under contract, construction work on which is in charge of the Grand Trunk Pacific, consists of 988 miles from Winnipeg to Edmonton, including also the Lake Superior branch. The mileage under contract in charge of the transcontinental railway commission consists of 852 miles of the main line in the eastern division; or a total of 1,840 miles of the new road now in the course of construction.

The severe winter and late spring in the Northwest last season delayed the work very much, but as soon as the spring opened up the forces were increased and the work pushed ahead as fast as possible and now on the prairie section there remains but a small portion of the grading to be finished and the laying of the tracks is going on between Portage la Prairie and Saskatoon, and it is expected to complete it to this latter point during the winter.

It is thought that the bridge at Saskatoon will be practically completed in the spring, so that at that time the work of tracklaying west of that point to Battle river, a distance of two hundred miles, can be started. This place is 118 miles east of Edmonton, and construction work on this section will also be carried on next season. ff

Ask Dunsmuir's Dismissal.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 13—The question of the employment of Japanese by Governor Dunsmuir's Mining company was the basis of the following resolution passed last night by the Young Liberals: "The governor general in council should ask for the resignation of the Hon. Jas. Dunsmuir, failing in which he should effect his removal from office, and that this meeting strongly condemns the un-British and unparliamentary attitude adopted by the Hon. Richard McBride and his government in holding office in the face of the unconstitutional practices of Lieut. Governor Dunsmuir as being a course of conduct sub-ervient of and a menace to our system of representative government."

Ask Jap Question Be Left Out.

Ottawa, Dec. 13—The special committee of the House of Commons met this morning and elected chairmen as follows: Railways, Hugh Guthrie; vice- Campbell; public accounts, A. H. Clarke, vice Belcourt; banking and commerce, H. H. Miller, re-elected; privileges and elections, H. J. Logan, re-elected; private bills, J. A. C. Ethier; standing orders, J. D. Grant; agriculture, H. S. McKenzie.

Died from Injuries.

Regina, Dec. 13—Fireman Edward Norris, of the Canadian Northern, who was run over here last night by a Canadian Pacific local, died this morning. He was severely cut about the head and both legs had to be amputated. He came from Winnipeg where his wife lives.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS.

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the North-West Provinces, excepting 8 and 26, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person the sole head of a family, or male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section, of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for homestead entry must be made in person by the applicant at a Dominion Lands Agency or a surb-agency. Entry by proxy may however, be made at an agency on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader.

An application for entry or cancellation made personally at any Sub-agent's office may be wired to the Agent by the Sub-Agent, at the expense of the applicant, and if the land applied for is vacant on receipt of the telegram such application is to have priority and the land will be held until the necessary papers to complete the transaction are received by mail.

In case of "personation" or fraud the applicant will forfeit all priority of claim or if entry has been granted it will be summarily cancelled.

An application for cancellation must be made in person. The applicant must be eligible for homestead entry, tion will be received from an individual until that application has been disposed of.

Where an entry is cancelled subsequent to institution for cancellation proceedings, the applicant for cancellation will be entitled to prior right of entry.

Application for cancellation must state in what particulars the homesteader is in default.

A homesteader whose entry is not the subject of cancellation proceedings, may, subject to the approval of Department, relinquish it in favour of father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister, if eligible, but to no one else, on filing declaration of abandonment.

Duties.—A settler is required to perform the conditions under one of the following plans:—

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

(2) A homesteader may, if he so desires, perform the required residence duties by living on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80 acres in extent, in the vicinity of his homestead. Joint ownership in

(3) If the father (or mother, if the land will not meet his requirement. father is deceased) of a homesteader has permanent residence on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of the homestead, or upon a homestead entered for by him in the vicinity, such homesteader may perform his own residence duties by living with the father (or mother).

(4) The term vicinity in the two preceding paragraphs is defined as meaning not more than nine miles in a direct line, exclusive of the width of road allowances crossed in the measurement.

(5) A homesteader intending to perform his residence duties in accordance with the above while living with parents or on farming land owned by himself must notify the Agent for the district of such intention.

Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, or his intention to do so.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS.

Coal.—Coal mining rights may be leased for a period of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 per acre. Not more than 2,560 acres shall be leased to one individual or company. A royalty at the rate of five cents per ton shall be collected on the merchantable coal mined.

Quartz.—A person eighteen years of age, or over, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500 x 1,500 feet.

The fee for recording a claim is $5. At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1 per acre.

The patent provides for the payment of a royalty of 2 12 per cent. on the sale.

Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee $5, renewable yearly.

An applicant may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The leases shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles. Rental $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2 1-2 per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior

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Special Committees of House.

Ottawa, Dec. 13—The special committee of the House of Commons met this morning and elected chairmen as follows: Railways, Hugh Guthrie; vice- Campbell; public accounts, A. H. Clarke, vice Belcourt; banking and commerce, H. H. Miller, re-elected; privileges and elections, H. J. Logan, re-elected; private bills, J. A. C. Ethier; standing orders, J. D. Grant; agriculture, H. S. McKenzie.

Died from Injuries.

Regina, Dec. 13—Fireman Edward Norris, of the Canadian Northern, who was run over here last night by a Canadian Pacific local, died this morning. He was severely cut about the head and both legs had to be amputated. He came from Winnipeg where his wife lives.