DISTRICT NEWS

ST. ALBERT.

Bulletin News Service.

On Sunday last a family gathering at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Ringuette, the occasion being the 67th birthday anniversary of Mrs. David Chevigny, Mrs. Ringuette's mother. An appreciative address was read by Miss Amandine Lamoureux, grand daughter of Mrs. D. Chevigny, to which Rev. Father Merer was asked to respond. Among the numerous gifts given by relatives and friends, was a rich arm chair as the family gift. There were present Rev. Father Merer, Rev. Father Beaudry, Mr. and Mrs. D. Chevigny, Mayor and Mrs. F. Perron, Mr. and Mrs. Coulombe, Mr. and Mrs. F. Larocque, Mr. and Mrs. Alp. Lamoureux, Mr. and Mrs. L. Chevigny, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lafleur, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sevigny, Mr. and Mrs. Art. Lamoureux, Mr. and Mrs. A. Leblanc, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lemire, Mrs. A. Lanseigne, Mr. E. Courchesne Mrs. N. St. Jean, Mrs. J. Ringuette, Mr. L. Levasseur, the Misses L. St. Pean, A. E. and A. Lamoureux, Miss J. Chevigny and Miss L. Lamoureux, Mr. A. Chevigny, Mr. O. Chevigny. At midnight a sumptuous luncheon was served to which the guests did ample justice. The parlor and the dining room were prettily decorated with flowers and inscriptions of many kinds. Delightful music was provided by Miss J. Chevigny. There were several excellent vocal numbers rendered one of the best of which was sung by Mr. A. Leblanc, aged 73. Mr. and Mrs. D. Chevigny are old timers, who came to St. Albert in the year 1881.

St. Albert, March 3. J. C.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Bulletin News Service.

A. G. Griffin, tinswith for A. T. Chambers & Co., has returned from a visit of several weeks' duration in Winnipeg, with his parents.

Miss Jessie Forbes, a student in the Grand Trunk Business College at Edmonton, spent Sunday with her mother in the Fort.

Friends of Mrs. D. N. McLean are pleased to see her out again after a protracted illness.

Rev. A. Forbes left on this morning's train for Strathcona to attend the meeting of the Presbytery there.

G. Butler is a visitor in the capital, going up on Tuesday.

Misses Mary and Jessie Kimball returned to Edmonton on Monday, after spending a week with their parents in the Fort. Other week-end visitors were G. O. Baetz and J. F. White.

W. A. Lowery, western representative of the Occidental Fire Insurance Company, of Calgary, is in the Fort today on business.

Mrs. G. O. Baetz and daughter, Kary, and Miss Ruth Staples, went to Edmonton on Tuesday to attend the production of the oratorio of "Samson."

On Saturday evening last a supper party was tendered to K. R. Bone by the staff of the Union Bank here. Mr. Bone left for Edmonton on Monday, after having been in the Fort since October last, when he came down to relieve J. M. Carscadden, who was ill for so long, but who expects to be able to resume work this week. R. E. Staples catered for the supper.

Miss Bourke, teacher of Lamoureux school, went to the capital on Tuesday's local, to spend the holiday.

Miss McCauley, teacher of the intermediate department of the Fort school, went to Edmonton on Tuesday's local, to spend the holiday.

J. Cameron, principal of the Fort Saskatchewan school, went to Edmonton on Tuesday's local to spend Ash Wednesday.

Miss L. Robinson, of Lamoureux, went to Edmonton on Monday for a prolonged visit to friends there.

Fort Saskatchewan, March 3.

WETASKIWIN.

Bulletin News Service.

The concert held in the Angus Opera House on Tuesday evening was a decided success. It was under the auspices of the Church of England, and the two farcical comedies presented were under the management and direction of J. W. Hey. Miss Dudgeon exhibited great talent in the first play in her varied role, while Mr. Hey's innate talent had wide scope in his character of wandering street musician. His costume and appearance were ridiculous in the extreme, and his speech and actions a perfect portrayal of the part. Between acts E. A. Melanson delighted the audience with two piano selections, and Miss Hazel Anderson, sang Godard's "Angel's Guard Thee," to a violin obligato by Mr. Valcourt. The prolonged applause forced Miss Anderson to return. Her encore, very pleasingly rendered, was "When you and I were kids." P. A. Miquelon entertained the audience by a clever impersonation in costume of the typical Irishman, singing of course with the brogue.

The second play, "Chiselling," was much more pretentious than the first. Mr. Hey converted himself into a marble statue of Alexander the Great, and by his clever impersonation and lightning changes, provoked endless mirth. The Wetaskiwin orchestra was in attendance all evening, and favored the audience with several selections.

Mrs. John West entertained about sixty guests on Monday evening, before the lenten season, should effectively put a stop to such gaieties. The chief feature of the evening was bridge, fourteen tables engaging in play. Mrs. Wyld won the ladies' prize, a rose bowl of Egyptian ware, and Mr. Langton won a handsome sugar case the gentleman's prize. Miss Gould and Dr. Stevenson received consolation prices. A number of out-of town guests were present, among whom were Mrs. Pike and Mrs. Lamb, of Camrose; Mrs. West and Mrs. Langton, of Innisfail. Mrs. West makes a charming hostess, and the guests pronounced it the nicest affair of the season. As six o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the barn of the Alberta hotel. The fire engines were quickly on the spot, but in spite of them the flames made headway and almost completely destroyed the building. A very valuable dog, belonging to one of the men about the hotel, perished in the flames.

Mrs. Dr. Walker entertained the bridge club on Tuesday afternoon. Great regret was felt that this must necessarily be the final meeting for the year. Mrs. Baristo was the fortunate winner of the prize, a handsome Daulton china dish.

Mr. McKitric, of Geo. D. Wallace's hardware store, has rented Mr. Cutler's new house on Stanley street, and will move in on the return of his wife from the east.

A number of Swede families here organized into a Baptist church, and held their first meeting on Sunday.

Miss Ada Legge, who has been visiting in Calgary, returned home on Saturday.

Wetaskiwin, March 3.

WETASKIWIN.

Bulletin News Service.

A number of families contemplate moving in the near future. Mr. Nagle intends going on a farm very soon and Ed. Bailey will move into his house by April 1st. By that time Mrs. Bailey will have returned from Cookshire, Quebec, where she has been visiting relatives. Frank Talbot expects to move almost immediately into one of Mr. Bush's houses on Lorne street. Mr. Porter, who at present is living on Railroad street east, has taken a homestead and will leave for it about April 1st, while his wife will, for the present, return to her home in Lewisville. Mr. Cutler's new house on Stanley street is progressing well and will soon be ready for an occupant.

Since the drop in the thermometer the work on the new court house has been practically at a standstill.

The secretary of the Alexandra School Board received word from A. W. Keith, of Moose Jaw, that he will report for duty as principal by April 16, two weeks earlier than was previously anticipated.

J. W. Mallet is improving the appearance of his new residence by the addition of a veranda.

Mrs. J. L. Knight, amongst others, is a victim of la grippe. She is seriously ill. Mr. Newton has been indisposed for some time, but is now convalescent.

Miss Jones, of the post office staff, paid a flying week-end visit to her home in Strathcona.

Miss Quarry, Compton & Montgomery's new milliner, has arrived and is deep in the mysteries of spring headgear. She comes from Calgary, although she is but recently from the east.

Dr. Daly's sermon on Sunday evening, one of a series on natural phenomena, was an exceptionally strong one. His theme, "Suggestions of the snow—its treasures and symbolism," was handled in a masterly manner, evidencing deep thought and a fine command of language. He made the little snow flakes teach great spiritual truths, the omnipotence and omnipresence of the Creator and the unfailing evidences of His power.

Miss Isabel Daly left on Monday for Edmonton, where she will attend Alberta College, taking a course in shorthand, stenography and possibly other branches.

Mrs. L. R. Rix entertained a few friends at a thimble tea on Tuesday afternoon.

Misses Kolt and Martin and Messrs. Gardner and Kimaird, who have of late delighted several audiences, sang at Millet recently at the anniversary of the Oddfellows' organization and enhanced their reputation as singers. A Presbyterian quartette, composed of Messrs. Kinnaird, Bouer and the Hogg brothers, has been organized and is doing good work.

An interesting service took place here on Monday, the occasion being the formal opening of the new hospital, "The Scandinavian Home for the Sick." Mr. Johnson a Norwegian, has given up his handsome new residence, which has been fully equipped by philanthropic people and is now ready for patients. On Monday it was thrown open for public inspection. A dainty luncheon was served, Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Phillips presiding over the tea and coffee, relieved later by Mrs. James Bradley and Mrs. Swanson. Mrs. Thibaudeau, Mrs. Rodell and Mrs. Gibbs formed the reception committee. Upstairs there are three large, bright, airy bedrooms, an operating room, bath room and linen closet. Downstairs there is a private ward and two large rooms to be used as public wards, besides kitchens, pantries, etc. The accommodation has already been taxed to the utmost, and it is believed that in the spring steps will be taken for the building of a large hospital. Gross & Johnston, the real estate firm, have offered the choice of one of six lots for this purpose. During the afternoon a generous money contribution was made by a citizen, who has the work of the institution at heart.

Wetaskiwin, March 3.

Favor National Press Association.

Winnipeg, Mar. 5—At the meeting this evening of the Western Canada Press association, now in session here, it was decided unanimously to endorse the proposal of the National Press Association, now in session in Toronto in favor of forming a central organization, with which existing associations in various parts of the country might be affiliated or incorporated and a telegram to this effect was sent to the secretary of the Toronto convention.

BRITISH PRESS ON JAPS.

Declare Attitude Toward China Will Defeat Object of Alliance.

Pekin, March 4.—The British newspapers in China are giving the most serious consideration to the attitude of Japanese, which they assert will defeat the object of the alliance looking to the integrity of China. The stand taken by Japanese in Manchuria in the matter of the railway questions has given rise to much discussion, but the determination of Japan, however, invoking all its diplomatic resources to back up its position with regard to its refusal to permit the construction of the Hsin Min Tun Fakumen railroad has to some extent altered the tone of the press comment.

The representatives of the powers have referred to their home governments in detail the matter of the Hsin Min Tun Fakumen railway, and the question of the control of the Harbin municipality. The British government is anxious for a settlement of the Harbin question, so that a precedent may be furnished to Japan.

Upon the decision of the powers as to whether China intended to convey a settlement of the municipality rights by the railway concession or whether the possession of large tracks of land at Harbin makes the Russian position different from that of the Japanese, may depend on future action looking to the restraining of Japan, although the situation is believed to be outside the control of the powers unles China is able to arouse joint aid.

Captain Barnett, commander of the guard of the United States legation, has arrived here, taking the place of Captain Logard, who resigned some time ago.

Louis Reil's Nephew Injured.

White Earth, Minn., March 6.—Geo. Reil, a nephew of Louis Reil, of Canadian rebellion fames, who was employed in a saw mill 18 miles east of the reservation, met with a serious accident. While cutting timber he was caught under a falling log. He was taken to the hospital and is not expected to recover.

AFTERMATH OF GREAT DISASTER

Overheated Boiler May Have Caused Fire—Burial of Dead Children.

Cleveland, Mar. 6—That the boiler which became overheated because it was without water caused the fire in Collingwood school and the death of 160 children and two heroic teachers was the opinion of Fire Chief Wallace and other investigators today. The janitor has broken down and is under the care of physicians. Three of his children perished, while he was helpless after a desperate effort to save them and others.

Turning their rage against the janitor this morning several hundred grief stricken parents sought to mob him although there was no evidence that the fire was due to his carelessness. It is reported today that three little girls were in the lime floored closet near the furnace just before the fire started and this report is being investigated for a clue. Meanwhile, forty more bodies have been identified, raising the identified victims to 131, while another thirty bodies were unrecognizable and will be buried in one grave with a publicly donated headstone. The identified tots were returned to their home and the funerals will be held tomorrow publicly while the business and schools will be suspended in Cleveland. There will be no general service, merely a grouping of the little coffins in the churches where the parents attended. The unidentified will rest together in the largest cemetery.

Land Case in Regina.

Regina, Sask., March 3.—The Supreme Court was occupied today with an appeal in the land case in which the plaintiff appelants are J. T. Huggard and H. Corelli and the defendant appelants the Ontario and Saskatchewan Land Corporation, Ltd., John Aird, Sir Daniel McMillan, Hon. Robert Watson, C. D. Scott, W. J. Hambley, Maude Amelia Scott, administrtrix of the estate of the late J. T. Scott and A. John Arthur Donnot. Notman Mackenzie K.C., Regina and C. P. Fullerton, Winnipeg, appeared for the appelants and W. M. Martin, Regina and A. E. Hoskin, Winnipeg, was for the respondents.

Montana Mines Resume.

Butte, Mont., Mar. 3—Work started in the mines of the Amalgamated north Butte and Coalition companies yesterday. Of the Amalgamated mines which suspended Dec. 9th last, about 30 per cent. of the normal force was put to work yesterday. On Saturday last these mines employed 540 men. In a few days when the normal force is restored, the mines will give employment to 5,500 men. The North Butte company took on 250 men last night. The Red Metal company by the end of the week will have added 700 men on their pay roll.

Charges Against U.S. Navy True.

Washington, March 6.—The truth of the Reuterdahl charges against United States battleships was practically admitted this afternoon, when, following a mysterious and hurriedly-called conference at the White House, it was unofficially announced that in future no battleship's speed would be sacrificed to permit higher armor belt and all possible safeguards would be made in turrets.

Another Princess Joins Church.

London, March 6.—The Chronicle says that on the occasion of the betrothal of the Count of Turin, cousin of King Victor Emmanuel, and Princess Patricia of Connaught, a niece of King Edward, the Princess reluctantly decided to change her religion. She will begin to prepare shortly for her reception into the Catholic church.

Kaiser to Meet King Victor.

Berlin, Mar. 5—According to an official note issued today Emperor William will meet King Victor Emmanuel, of Italy, at Venice during the course of his Mediterranean cruise. Later Emperor William will visit Emperor Francis Joseph at Vienna.

KING'S GRACIOUS ACTION.

Bestowal of Medal on Sister of Man Killed at Strathcona Confirmed.

London, March 6.—The London Gazette anounces that the King has been pleased to allow Miss Margaret Jane Lamb, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, to receive the Edward medal of the first class in recognition of the gallant action of her brother, the late George Huddlestone Lamb, who lost his life in endeavoring to save the lives of five men at the fire at the Strathcona Coal Company's mine at Strathcona, Alberta, on June 8th, 1907. There were two shafts in the mine—a hoisting shaft and an air shaft. The engineer of the mine woke Lamb up about 11.25 p.m., when the fire was discovered, and told him there were five men in the mine.

Lamb descended three times, one by the air shaft, and having found the men urged them to escape by the ladder, saying that he would remain until they had ascended. One man made an attempt but returned. Lamb himself then succeeded in reaching the surface, but his clothes were in flames and he died shortly after from the effects of the injuries. Others seemed to have endeavored to follow him, but failed either because they were overcome with smoke or the ladder was burned.

FROM PILLAR TO POST.

Hindus Permitted to Land at Vancouver and Are Then Arrested.

Vancouver, B.C., March 3.—The game of shuttlecock between the provincial and Dominion governments with Hindus as victims saw another round this afternoon. Fifteen Hindus who had arrived yesterday by the Empress of Japan, were admitted as immigrants by the Dominion inspector, Dr. Monroe, and were allowed to land. While still on the ship and before the Dominion inspector had given his decision, the new arrivals lined up and were examined by the provincial inspector and failed to pass the examination prescribed by the Natal act, but the provincial officer could not prevent their land under the instructions of the Dominion inspector.

Once landed, the constables of the C.P.R. company forcibly kept the Hindus from returning to the ship, where they were ordered by the provincial officers. The latter were powerless before the force of special constables. According the provincial police arrested the entire party and took them to jail. Upon being searched each Hindu was found to be carrying a hatchet.

NO REASON FOR DETENTION

Given Hindus and They Were Released Only to be Re-Arrested.

Vancouver, B.C., Mar. 5—Three Hindus who arrived last week from Suva and were ordered deported by the Dominion inspector, were released today under habeas corpus proceedings by Justice Morrison on the technical ground that they had never been informed why they were detained. The trio was immediately re-arrested by a provincial officer under the Natal act, and this officer took elaborate pains to inform the Hindus, through an interpreter why they were kept from freedom. Eighteen Hindus are making it miserable around the court house, for every person not afflicted with a cold so bad that the olfactory nerves are paralyzed. They are indescribably filthy about their persons. All insist on cooking their own food, and the vile mess they prepare in the basement sends forth a stench which, by comparison, would make a fertilizer factory seem like a fountain of lilac de France.

Two New B.C. Banks.

Ottawa, March 6.—Two British Columbia banking proposals were before the banking and commerce committee today. Mr. McPherson, M.P., approved for both bills. One proposed to incorporate the Bank of Vancouver, the other to incorporate the Bank of British Columiba. In view of the objections by the Bank of Commerce, which some time since purchased the assets of the bank bearing the name of the Bank of British Columbia, the promoters of the Bank of Vancouver substituted their names for those of the original bill. In response to Hon. Mr. Fielding, assurances were given that the promoters represented fully two millions of capital, who proposed and would go on with organization at once.

Narrow Escape From Fatal Fire.

Detroit, March 6.—A fire tonight completely destroyed the dormitory of Darcambal Farm-home, fifteen miles from Detroit. Thirty-six boys in the home, sleeping on the third floor of the building, escaped in their night clothing. Three boys were saved by Homer T. Line, superintendent of the institution, who was himself cut off from escape by the flames. He was driven up to the roof, whence he jumped three stories to the ground. His arm was broken in the fall, but no other serious injuries were sustained.

Condemns School Buildings.

Vancouver, March 6.—Chief Carlise, of the fire department, today condemned the school buildings of the city in strong terms because only a few of the rooms are provided with fire escapes. He insists that every room on the second and third stories be so provided. A committee has been especially appointed to make recommendations regarding schools and other public buildings.

Claims Self-Defence.

Montreal, Mar. 6—Vito Miccoli, the Italian captured in Syracuse and brought back here to answer a charge of the murder of Antonio Di Lucca, on Feb. 21, pleaded not guilty today. He admitted striking the blow, but said it was in self-defence, as Di Lucca had beaten him severely.

Chair of Journalism at Varsity.

Toronto, March 6.—At to-night's banquet of the Canadian Press association, Lieut.-Governor Clark suggested a chair of journalism for Toronto university.

STRONG MEN ARE SCARCE.

In England and There is Difficulty in Securing Recruits.

London, March 5.—The difficulty of obtaining recruits for the British army possessed of adequate strength has become so great that the recruiting officers and army doctors are being allowed the greatest discretion in passing men, the authorities trusting to the military gymnasium to bring the men after enlistment up to the proper standard.

An energetic promoter of physical education who recently gave a course of instruction to soldiers at one of the principal military centres states that he was surprised to find that many of the recruits were unable to raise their bodies by the strength of their arms until their chins were level with the horizontal bars, and these are the defenders of Great Britain! No wonder the military authorities are crying out for men with large chests instead of big heads.

The danger of the situation lies in the gradual nature of the physical deterioration which has been allowed to take place, and, in fact, that while the rural population of Britain is decreasing in number, the town-bred men and women are augmenting at the rate of hundreds every year.

Large numbers of inhabitants of the towns are physically unfitted, though in the prime of life, not only to defend the country in time of war, but to carry on work in time of peace. Nothing practical was done to check this physical deterioration until the war in South Africa focussed public attention on the national physique for a tremendous percentage of the recruits had to be refused as unfit.

There is hardly a school in the United Kingdom which does not now teach gymnastic exercises to boys and Swedish drill to its girls, and in most cases it is compulsory physical training. The people have ceased to believe that there is something in British flesh and blood which is able to withstand the deteriorating influence of bad air, food and want of exercise.

LEOPOLD CEDES HIS DOMAIN.

Belgium Takes Over Congo and and $21,000,000 of Debt.

Brussels, March 6.—The text of the new Congo annexation treaty was submitted to parliament yesterday by Premier Schollaert and on his motion sent to the committee without debate. According to the terms of the new treaty King Leopold agrees to abandon the crown domain and crown plantation to Belgium. Belgium on its part shall assume Congo obligations amounting to twenty-one million dollars. Belgium is specially required to respect the concessions granted to two American companies in 1906, in which Thomas F. Ryan is interested. In spite of opposition, the prevailing impression in parliamentary circles regarding the King's concessions assumes the ratification of the treaty. The King's friends naturally regard the treaty, as it now stands as exceedingly magnanimous.

THE KING TRAVELS INCOG.

During Visit to Paris Every Precaution Taken Against Anarchists.

Paris, March 6.—King Edward arrived here last evening from London. Sir Francis Birtle, British ambassador to France, met him at the station and escorted him to a private hotel. Although travelling incognito as the Duke of Lancaster, King Edward will visit President Fallieries, departing for Biarritz on Saturday. He witnessed the production of Paul Bourgels "Divorcous" last night. Owing to the world-wide activity of anarchists recently, exceptional precautions have been taken to safeguard King Edward. Police and detectives had a scare at the hotel where the King is staying when a photographer set off a flashlight at the curb as the King alighted from his motor carriage.

Bowles to Succeed Lanigan.

Winnipeg, March 6.—It is announced that W. C. Bowles, general freight agent at Nelson, B.C., has been transferred to succeed W. B. Lanigan as general freight agent in charge of the central district of the C.P.R.

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32 YEAR CURSE IS LIFTED.

Formal Retraction of Malediction "in Life and in Death."

Philadelphia, Mar. 5—A strange legal document by which an aged woman lifts a curse pronounced thirty-two years ago, has come to light in this city. In 1876 Dennis Comey, a laborer, aged 28 years, who was out of work, quit his boarding house, owing the boarding mistress, Mrs. Mary Costello, $90. Mrs. Costello, who was then 62 years of age, fell upon her knees and called down the curses of heaven upon him and his.

Nothing more was said of the curse for many years, but neither Mrs. Costello nor Comey forgot the board bill. Some time ago Comey fell heir to money and Mrs. Costello, who now lives in Atlantic City, attempted to collect her bill through attorneys. Comey informed the lawyers that he remembered the bill, but would not pay it until Mrs. Costello removed the curse. As he was not satisfied with a verbal retraction, but wanted legal evidence, Mrs. Costello's representatives for a time were in a quandry. Finally they agreed upon the following retraction and had it signed by Mrs. Costello and attested by witnesses:—

"Know all men by these presents: That I, Mary Costello, do hereby revoke, recall and retract to the utmost of my power the curse which Dennis Comey claims that I put upon him in 1876, calling down upon him and his, as he claims, ill luck, disease and disaster through life and eternity, living and dead, at all times from the present to the end of the world, even unto the tenth generation, and do hereby declare that I hold for him nothing but sentiments of good will and respect."

Comey went to Atlantic City and also got a verbal expression of good wishes. He wanted Mrs. Costello to get on her knees, but as she was 94 years old her friends objected. Comey paid the bill.

Shot One, Three Ran.

New York, March 4.—In a desperate battle with four men, who attempted to rob him as he was about to close his saloon in East 24th street early today, Thomas Craven shot one of the robbers dead and put the others to flight. Then, fearing the killing might mean a long term of imprisonment, Craven concealed the body of the dead robber in a hallway outside the saloon and hurried to his home without notifying the police. When the officers took him into custody less than an hour later he at first denied all knowledge of the killing, but finally made his full statement. The three men who escaped from the saloon after their companion had been killed are also under arrest. The man who was killed was known only as "Scar" Reilly. Those who were later arrested gave their names as John Kenny, Frank Reilly and Albert Dobson.

Joseph Martin for England.

Vancouver, B.C., March 5.—Joseph Martin, K.C., will leave in October for England, where he will take legal work before the privy council. He also intends to enter political journalism and probably will eventually enter political life in the old country.

Vancouver Debentures Bring Par.

Vancouver, B.C., Mar. 5—Vancouver debentures which were sold in December at 85, sold on the London market two weeks ago at par.

DESTROYS ODOR FROM AUTOS.

Frenchman Invents Contrivance to Prevent Offensive Exhaust.

Paris, March 5.—Automobilists will be able to avoid the annoyance of smoky exhaust by an apparatus invented by M. Guasco, which is attached to the exhaust pipe and consists of two large funnels joined at the widest part. At the junction is a perforated metal diaphram, behind which, toward the exterior, is a perforated disc of platinum and rhodium. The heated gases, striking the disc, are decomposed and rendered odorless.

The chamber of deputies has adopted a bill by which every automobilist who becomes aware he has caused an acicdent is bound under heavy penalties to stop and see what responsibility he has incurred. Failure to comply may result in a heavy fine or a term of imprisonment.

The Portuguese Elections.

Lisbon, March 4.—The Council of State has endorsed the decision of the Cabinet on Tuesday last to annul the decrees of France dissolving the Chamber of Deputies and reforming the House of Peers, and to summon the dissolved chamber in order to permit King Manuel to take the oath of office. In addition the Council of State decided to issue, at the proper time, a fresh decree dissolving the Chamber of Deputies, according to the constitution, and at the same time summoning the electoral college to meet on April 5. Former Premier Franco's supporters have decided not to participate in the elections for deputies.

Endorses G. T. P. Deal.

Victoria, B.C., Mar. 5—The legislature sat till 1.30 this morning trying to finish the business. The chief feature of the session after 10 o'clock in the evening was the address by J. A. McDonald, leader of the opposition, endorsing the deal of the government with the Grand Trunk Pacific as thoroughly wise. The second reading of the bill was passed unanimously with the exception of the opposition of the three socialists.

Legislation For Safety of Public.

Toronto, March 6.—In the Legislature yesterday Hon. Richard Harcourt asked the minister of public works if he had a bill in mind for the regulation of exists in schools and public buildings. Hon. Mr. Reaume said that it would be taken up. Hon. Mr. Matheson hinted at legislation regarding cinematograph shows enclosing machines and demanding expert operators.

Roy Will Be Tried in Paris.

Paris, March 6.—It is stated at the foreign office that nothing has been received from Washington in regard to the extradition of Paul H. Roy, for the murder of George A. Carkins, his brother-in-law, at Newington, N.H. The officers add that France would not extradite Frenchmen, but would try this man here for any crime of which he was accused.

Vancouver Relief Station Closed.

Vancouver, March 5.—Because the unemployed would not accept jobs on railway construction from a dollar and a half to two dollars a day, the Vancouver relief station was closed today.

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EVIDENCE TAKEN IN THE CHIEF OF POLICE CHAR

Meeting of the City Council Adjou Last Night in Order That a Board Might be Present to sider the Evidence.

The adjourned meeting of Strathcona City Council, called last night, to consider the evi submitted in the recent investig into the charges against Chie Police Patterson, was adjourne Saturday morning. Six of the c men, with the Mayor, were pr but owing to the seriousness o case it was thought better to h full board, when Aldermen Can and Richards, who were absent night, will be present.

The charges preferred against chief in brief are as follows:

1.—That Mah Deep, a Ch restaurant keeper, paid money t Chief for protection from pro tion.

2.—That the Chief was drinkin the Windsor Hotel while on duty was in the bar at other times u the influence of liquor.

3.—That the Chief received money from Jos. Beauchamp, prietor of the Strathcona Hotel.

4.—That the Chief received money from James Kitchen.

5.—That the Chief acted impro in forcing his entrance into Strathcona rink.

There were three secret sessio the investigation held by Mayor M Alderman Somersall (chairman), derman Bush and Alderman Elli

The Evidence.

The evidence, which was t down at the time by the clerk o committee, Mr. Cox, has been mitted to the aldermen for their usak. The Bulletin has been en to secure a copy, which is as follo

Harry Lynn, who instituted charges, was the first witness. gave evidence under oath as foll "My name is Harry Lynn I liv Strathcona."

Asked by the Mayor "What do know of the matter in your letter? answered, "I went to Mah Deep as a result I obtained charge N signed by him. Regarding charge 2, I saw the Chief in the Win Hotel between 30 and 40 days once in the forenoon about 10 little after and once before that, fall near end of November at abo or 6.30. I consider he was under influence of liquor at that time. was drunk. I observed to him his place was on the street, to w he replied 'you are not as smart you think you are; I am not on d He was in uniform. I saw the C at the bar on both occasions. pecting the charge of receiving m from James Kitchen, it occurre month or two ago. I understoo occurred at the Strathcona House to charge No. 5. I received this formation from Mr. Beauchamp.

The Chinaman's Evidence.

Mah Deep, sworn—"My name Mah Deep. I live in Strathcona am a restaurant keeper in W avenue east of railway track."

The mayor then read the letter cusing Lynn from Mah Deep which the witness stated that he given the chief $5 at one time to cure evasion from prosecution for ducting a house of ill-fame. Cont ing his evidence he said:—

"The next morning he came to me about 9 o'clock and asked me money. I said, 'Why?' He said, 'I give me $5 and keep quiet and yo all right.' I said, 'I haven't got money.' Chief answered, 'If you me $5 you'll be all right, you'll ge no trouble at all.' I gave him $5, gave no receipt. I have been fined keeping a house of ill-fame and on two occasions before I was fine gave him $5. I think it was at two months ago I was fined. I g him the second $5 about a week be I was fined. Chief Patterson c and asked me for another $5. said, 'you give me $5 and keep q and you'll be all right.' I said, 'I not now in that kind of business want to do straight.' He said, 'Y make that money easy.' I said, don't want that kind of money.' told him I had no money then a he went out.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lavell, witness stated: 'I did not tell magistrate when I was fined tha had paid money, but told Mr. Lyn week ago. I told no one else exc a Chinaboy.

Second Session.

At this juncture the committee journed to meet again at 4.30 o'clo when the evidence of Mah Deep, der cross-examination was continu

The witness stated: "The first was about five months ago. The ch came to my place, he asked me abo $5. 'You keep a girl here, you ke quiet you get no trouble at all. I chief in Strathcona. You'll have to careful. No man can bother you all.' I gave him $5; he gave me receipt.

Asked by Mr. Bush: "Had you girl there?" he answered, "I had girl there."

Asked by Mr. Elliott: "Did the ch ever put a girl out of your house?" answered, "Not before the time wh I was fined."

Under cross-examination by Mr. L vell the Chinaman's evidence was materially shaken.

Beauchamps Evidence.

Joseph Beauchamp was the n witness: "I live in Strathcona. I a hotelkeeper at the Stratheona hou Chief Patterson borrowed some mo keep quiet and you're all right.' borrowed $10 and has not paid back. It is not true that he ever ceived any money from me to hush a game of cards. I do not remem that the money was borrowed Chief English, of Calgary, and can recall that English ever paid it be I cannot recall ever saying anyth to Patterson about it since."

Bartender's Evidence.

Andrew Bradt, sworn—"I live Strathcona and am a bartender at present time at the Windsor ho I have seen Chief Patterson in hotel. He has walked through the several times. In fact all the po do. They walk in the hotel and l to see what is going on. If I e served the chief with anything o the bar it was a cigar or someth of that sort. I could not even sa I ever served him at all. I will