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FIRST DAY'S CURLING IN THE BIG BONSPIEL

Club Chaplain Opens the Spiel by Throwing the First Stone--Large Number of Games Played in the Grand Challenge and Saskatchewan Cup--Some Fine Play Witnessed--Drewry Competition Draw

Play in the big bonspiel started in yesterday morning and was kept up throughout the day, continuing up to 1:30 o'clock this morning. Some delay occurred at the start, owing to difficulty in getting the stones to the rink, but at 10 o'clock everything was in readiness and a large crowd of curlers and interested spectators gathered in the curling rink to watch the chaplain of the Branch, Rev. E. A. Henry, throw the first stone. Taking off his overcoat, Mr. Henry, who appeared to have "been there before," and with the ice lined on either side with enthusiastic curlers to the number of over a hundred, threw down his stone, which was assisted on its way by the vigorous sweeping on the part of those present on the ice that did not at that stage of the proceedings need sweeping. Well down the centre of the sheet sped the stone, and passing safely over the fatal hog-line, landed amid loud cheering almost in the center of the house. Three hearty cheers were accorded the chaplain for his auspicious opening of the spiel, and immediately play became general on all nine sheets of ice in the skating and curling rinks.

Play in the morning and also in the 1 o'clock draw was confined solely to the Challenge Cup competition, the Saskatchewan Cup play commencing with the 4 o'clock draw. Throughout the entire day play was confined to these two competitions, which by midnight were very satisfactorily advanced. The ice in the curling rink was in splendid condition, that in the skating rink not being quite so good, though it is expected that by this afternoon that too will have been made altogether satisfactory. Play on the whole was interesting, one or two games especially attracting the attention of the onlookers.

About the closest game of the day was that between Dr. Harvey of Fort Qu'Appelle and H. O. Partridge of Sintaluta in the Grand Challenge, who tied at the twelfth end with 10 points each, an extra end going to the doctor 2 points and the game. Another game in which much interest was shown was that between Hicks Napinka and Williamson, Regina, in the Grand Challenge also. At one stage of the game, with a six end to his credit, the game looked like being an easy win for Williamson, but the eleventh end found the two rinks 10 all, Williamson winning out, however, in the twelfth by one point. Yet another close and interesting game in the Grand Challenge was that between McCarthy, Regina, and MacCaul, of Indian Head, in which, with MacCaul leading at the end of the eleventh end 13 to 12, McCarthy finally drew out winner with one to spare, by scoring 2 in the last end.

Hicks' Napinta rink, which, with the exception of one player, is the same as did so well at last year's bonspiel, has not up to the present been very successful, having been defeated in the Grand Challenge by Williamson, 11-10, and in the Saskatchewan Cup by Rodgers, 10-6. Mr. Hicks, however, is considerably handicapped by the fact that his stones have just been sharpened and are far from being suitable for the very hard ice which is just now the order of the day, thanks to the present cold snap.

One of the best games played in the 10 o'clock draw was that in the Grand Challenge between McCannel, Regina, and Partridge, Sintaluta. At the end of the eleventh end McCannel was three up and the game looked as good as won, but in the twelfth end Partridge scored four, thus winning a splendid game by 9-10.

The following is a complete list of yesterday's game and the scores made, the full rinks being given in the first round of the Grand Challenge:

GRAND CHALLENGE.

9:30 Draw.

Davidson— J. Wilson G. W. Spence H. Brookbank Scott, Skip, 6.	Regina— Greig R. M. Ross. J. P. Brown W. Greig Skip, 20
Regina— E.T.B.Pennefather C. Boyd J. Anderson Jarvis, Skip, 11	Balgonie— J. Hicks Geo. Hutton W. McDonald Hyde Skip, 9
Regina— Jackson Broadfoot Saunders Hopkins, Skip, 17	Grenfell— W. T. Guest P. F. Griffin J. W. Brown McLeod, Skip 6
Regina— Loverock Pollock Gibbons Angus Skip, 6	Balgonie— Hicks Covington Moore Grady, Skip, 13
Sintaluta— McKinney Barber Cooper Railton, Skip, 7	Grenfell— T. Collins Dr. Hutchinson N. Gowdy Chris Rosborough Skip, 14
Regina— Cunningham Lott A. Ross E. McCarthy Skip, 14	Indian Head— Q. Cox H. P. Gardner McKenzie McCaul Skip, 13
Arcola— Murison Amos Hyslop Thompson, Skip, 13	Regina— Cram Eddy Burdett Pope Skip, 6
Regina— P. H. Douglas Travers Gray A. B. Cook Skip, 11	Sintaluta— Dan Railton Ewart Ingram Hill Skip, 7
Lumsden— J. Ross B. Morton J. Miller Dixon Skip, 9	Indian Head— Geo. Simmons H. Fleury Butterworth Donelly Skip, 10

1 O'Clock Draw.

Moose Jaw— Hugh Thompson P. G. McCarger W. J. Batell Saunders Skip, 15	Regina— Coles E. B. Hutcherson H. V. Biglow McDonald Skip, 9
Sedley— Goldie White Naysmith Edwards Skip, 11	Regina— J. M. Wessell J. Miller Jas. Greig Fergusson Skip, 15
Ft.Qu'Appelle— N. C. Holland J. Leader O. M. Boyles Dr. Harvey Skip, 12	Sintaluta— Dr. Lord T. E. Partridge Geo. Bell H. O. Partridge Skip, 10
Lumsden— W. Morris Morrow S. Matheson H. F. Hall Skip, 8	Sintaluta— Trench A. Stauffer Mitchell J. O. Partridge Skip, 12
Regina— W. M. Logan J. F. McCannel L. Rankin D. S. McCannell Skip, 11	Moose Jaw— H. Smith H. Frood Jas. Mundell Bunnell Skip, 7
Moose Jaw— Geo. Tuxford Fred Williams D. McNab Hockin Skip, 8	Regina— J. K. Hunter Armour J. Black Rodgers Skip, 12
Weyburn— R. N. Sutherland T. W. Robinson W. Horn A. L. Mitchell Skip, 8	Regina— Hodgkins J. Shaw A. B. Dunnett Dr. Shaw Skip, 10

4 O'Clock Draw.

Qu'Appelle— G. McEwan W. Webster C. T. Bailey Dr. Henderson Skip, 8	Regina— Martin B. Acaster F. Cooper A. W. McIvor Skip, 13
Arcola— G. Reid W. T. Hislop J. R. Anderson J. D. Stewart Skip, 14	Sintaluta— Hastings McLeod Quigley Hurlburt Skip, 6

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PROVINCIAL RIFLE CLUB

Well Attended Meeting Decides Upon Formation of Saskatchewan Association—Executive Elected--Meeting to Be Held Early in July

A well attended meeting of interested in rifle shooting held Elks' hall last evening it was decided to form a Provincial Rifle Association with headquarters at Regina. A large number of well known shots from outside points were present and the meeting was in every way representative. The chair was taken by W. M. Williamson, who has always shown himself to be deeply interested in all matters connected with rifle shooting.

A resolution deciding upon the formation of the association having been passed the following executive was elected:

Patrons—The Lieutenant Governor and Col. Evans, D.S.O.

Vice-Patrons—Hon. Walter Scott, Hon. F. W. G. Haultain, Col. Perry, R.N.W.M.P., A. J. Adamson, M.P.; Dr. Cash, M.P.; W. E. Knowles, M.P.; R. S. Lake, M.P.; J. G. Turriff, M.P., and D. McCraney, M.P.

President—W. M. Williamson.

Vice-Presidents—T. W. Wright, Grenfell; W. R. Robinson, Stoughton; H. B. Brockman, Cannington Manor; M. C. Hollands, Fort Qu'Appelle; J. H. Rigny, Wolseley; Inspt. Knight, R.N.W.M.P.; W. H. Hewgill, Moosomin; P. D. Stewart, Saskatoon.

Secretary—Frank Haultain.

Executive Committee — Inspt. Knight, R.N.W.M.P.; Staff Sergt. Ayeres, R.N.W.M.P.; S. W. Anderson, J. G. Coles, A. D. Miller, and the captains of all affiliated clubs.

While no definite date was fixed upon, the general opinion was in favor of holding a provincial rifle meeting about the second or third week in July, and although no final decision was arrived at, it is probable that the meeting will be held at the R.N.W.M.P. rifle range at the barracks.

EASY WIN FOR QU'APPELLE.

Defeats Grenfell 10 to 4 in a Clean Game.

(Special Despatch to The Leader.)

QU'APPELLE, Sask., Jan. 15.—The Hockey League game between Grenfell and Qu'Appelle here tonight was an easy win for the home team. Grenfell failed to wake up in the first half, and did little checking in the second half, the shots going wide. In the second half the visitors got down to play, and, though winning four goals, could not recover lost ground. The score when time was called was ten to four in favor of Qu'Appelle. From the spectators' standpoint it was a poor exhibition of hockey, though clean.

FIRE AT EDMONTON.

Chisholm Block Was Gutted—Total Loss Will Be $50,000.

(Special Despatch to The Leader)

EDMONTON, Jan. 15.—A serious fire raged last night in the Chisholm Block, a three storey structure, on Jasper avenue. The building was gutted, but the firemen worked like heroes despite the cold weather. T. Oscar Brown Co., wholesale fruits, and Williamson Bros., grocers, were heavy losers. The occupants of the upper floors lost everything. The total loss will be $50,000.

RHODES SCHOLARSHIP FOR SASKATCHEWAN

Dr. Parkin, Organizing Representative, Is Endeavoring to Arrange Scholarship for This Province.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 15.—Dr. George R. Parkin, organizing representative of the Rhodes Scholarship Trust, is in the city on business connected with the Rhodes scholarships to be awarded in the present year. Dr. Parkin arrived here on Saturday on the Empress of Britain, and went to Calais, Me., where he sent out over 300 sets of examination papers to points in the United States. These examinations will be held on January 17 and 18.

Dr. Parkin is endeavoring to arrange a new scholarship for the province of Saskatchewan. In this move he is backed by the other trustees. In a few years there will be 27 Canadians at Oxford under the Rhodes scholarship. At present there are 24 from Canada, 18 from Australia, 17 from South Africa, 3 from Bermuda, Jamaica and Newfoundland, 79 from the United States and 11 from Germany.

Speaking of the reports that the United States students were not making as much progress as the colonial men, Dr. Parkin said that their previous education was more at variance with the Oxford system than the colonial system. Americans had told him that in many cases the ablest men had not been sent to the old country, as the benefits to be derived from an Oxford education were not yet fully appreciated, especially in the western states. The students who have made the best records so far are from Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

Dr. Parkin is preparing a register in which the records of all the Rhodes scholars will be kept. The men will be asked to supply information about their work before entering Oxford, and from that time until their death a complete record of each man's career will be kept, so that the benefits of these scholarships may be ascertained.

Another scheme on foot is to have the Rhodes scholars establish fellowships for graduates whom they think deserving, which will allow the successful men a year of study and travel in the best educational centres. Dr. Parkin has talked this matter over with the students, and says they have enthusiastically taken up the idea.

OPEN SWITCH CAUSED A DISASTROUS WRECK

Passenger Train, Running at Full Speed, Crashes Into Freight. Three Trainmen Killed.

(Associated Press Dispatch.)

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 15.—Two trainmen are known to b dead, another trainman is believed to be dead, and a fourth is probably fatally injured, and several passengers were slightly injured in a wreck at Waldron, Mo., last night, caused by a head-on collision between a Rock Island passenger train and a freight train. The injured passengers continued on their journey. The freight train had orders to wait for the passenger at Waldon, but the switchman there had left the switch open, and the passenger, running at full speed, rushed into the freight train. Both engines were demolished and two of the passenger coaches were derailed and ditched.

SHOEMAKER SUICIDES.

Alexander Gordon, of Winnipeg, Found Dead by His Son.

(Special Dispatch to The Leader.)

WINNIPEG, Jan. 15.—Alexander Gordon, shoemaker, of 268 McDermott avenue, committed suicide shortly after 1 o'clock today. He was found by his son lying in the back of the shop, his shotgun lying across his knees. The full discharge from the gun had entered his heart. The body was removed to Gardiner & Co.'s undertaking rooms. Deceased was well known in the city, being an old-timer. He had been drinking heavily.

20,000 BUSHELS OF WHEAT WERE BURNED

R. J. Hurt's Elevator Was Destroyed at Boissevain—C. P. R. Car Also Destroyed.

(Special Dispatch to The Leader.)

BOISSEVAIN, Jan. 15.—Fire which broke out this morning destroyed ex-Councillor R. J. Hurt's elevator, entailing a loss of nearly $25,000. About 20,000 bushels of wheat were stored in the elevator. A car belonging to the C. P. R. was totally destroyed and another was badly damaged. The elevator was located on the C. P. R. tracks opposite the Ryan Hotel.

PRINCE ALBERT SENDS GREETING.

The following telegram was yesterday received by the secretary of the Saskatchewan branch of the R. C. C. C.:

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask., Jan. 15.

R. B. Fergusson, Regina, Sask.:

Club wishes branch successful 'spiel. Regrets uncertain train service, attendance impossible.

T. M. MARSHALL,
Vice Pres.

WINNIPEG CITIZENS BLEW THEIR FINGERS

Mercury Registered 38.6 Degrees Below Zero Monday — Antique Furniture Burned at Seattle.

(Special Dispatch to The Leader.)

WINNIPEG, Jan. 15.—Winnipeg's record low temperature for this winter was reached last night, when the mercury at the St. John's observatory registered a minimum of 38.6 degrees below zero. Last night's cold spell is also the record for last winter. The local fuel dealers are doing a rushing business at present, and the demand for coal and wood has never been so great in the history of the city.

The street railway company were up against a serious problem to keep their cars warm today, and seemed to be up against an almost impossible contract to do so. The cold spell has also been the cause of a large number of fires, stemming from overheated stovepipes and other contributory causes.

Railway companies are up against the weather problem very hard just now. Many branch line trains were late today on the C. P. R. and C. N. R., while the transcontinental trains were all behind schedule time.

(Associated Press Dispatch.)

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 15.—Seattle suffered severely yesterday from a cold wave. In many homes furniture was chopped for fuel and old antiques, which had been saved from grandmothers' days, went under the axe. The charitable societies had many requests for aid which they were unable to grant, being unable to purchase coal or wood.

GOVERNMENT PROVIDES FOR ITS EMPLOYEES

Will Contribute $100,000 Yearly to Pension Fund for Men Employed on Government Railroads.

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier informed Mr. Borden in the House today that no member of the Government had received the resignation of Mr. Hyman for his seat in London in the House of Commons. C. R. Devlin was introduced by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Lemieux.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson, in moving the House into committee to provide life allowances to certain retired employees of the I.C.R., and Prince Edward Island Railway and to authorise a contribution from the Government to the fund out of the gross earnings of the railways, an amount not exceeding $100,00, said that the subject was one which had been under the consideration of the Government in one shape or another for many years.

It had the support of the men and the railways. The men will lay aside one and one half per cent. of their monthly wages to the fund. All the employees of the I.C.R. and the Government railways will have to contribute this amount. There were at present in the empolyment of the Government railways men who had exceeded the four score year limit. They were employed on the Nova Scotia and European and North American Railways in New Brunswick. It had been said that the I. C. R. had too many employees. It had less than one important Canadian railway. There was on the Canadian Pacific Railway an average of 4.2 employees per mile, on the G.T.R., 6.5 per mile, and on Government railways, 4.65 per mile, a little higher than the C.P.R., and a good deal less than the G.T.R.

Hon. John Haggart said there was a good deal to be said against removing old employees. The fund would benefit the road if it permitted the removal of these. What the proposition of the minister meant was that the pay of the railway employees be increased 1½ per cent. Mr. R. L. Borden criticised the action of the Government in now supporting pension schemes when they were formerly against them.

STABBER GETS TEN YEARS.

Roy, of Hull, Sentenced—Kelly Gets Seven Years for Manslaughter.

(Special Dispatch to The Leader.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—In Hull today, Napoleon Roy was given ten years in the penitentiary for stabbing to death Arthur Richard on the Union Bridge about nine months ago.

James Kelly, of Buckingham, got seven years for manslaughter in causing the death of Arnold Walsh, a ward of the Catholic Immigration Society of Hintonburg, by ill-treatment and failing to provide the necessaries of life for him while a servant in his home.

ANGLICAN CHURCH AND ITS MISSIONS

Rev. G. C. Hill Gave an Interesting Address on the Work of the Canadian Church.

At St. Paul's Church of England, Regina, Sunday, the rector, the Rev. G. C. Hill, read a letter signed by the Archbishop of Rupert's Land and all the Bishops of the ecclesiastical provinces of Rupert's Land and Montreal, being the Epiphany appeal to be read in all churches Sunday, preparatory to the missionary collections which will be made next Sunday.

This communication points out that the true missionary work of the church consists not merely in keeping her light burning brightly at home, but in carrying that light into the darkness of heathenism, and that upon her active zeal in fulfilling the Divine command to preach the Gospel to the whole creation, depends not only the life of the church but the speedy advent of the Lord.

Mr. Hill said it had been imperatively urged, and with good reason, that if the church in Canada neglects her opportunity now in the great North-West she will in a very few years be too late to fulfil her mission there. With equal imperativeness, he added, it can be asserted that if the whole church of Christ does not respond to the utmost of her ability to the urgent cry which comes from heathen nations, in a very short time this door of opportunity will have closed, perhaps forever.

China's Intense Desire

In China, where ten years ago the ruling classes were bitterly anti-foreign and anti-Christian, they are throbbing with such an intense desire for Western knowledge that in many cases they are now applying for Christian teachers, and in the city of Foochow 130 students have embraced Christianity, Chinese converts going into the streets and preaching to their neighbors the Gospel of Christ. One of the best informed men on missionary problems has reported that if he can win one million literati to Christianity, China's 426 millions would be potentially as Christian as Canada today.

In India, owing partly to a process of education resulting from contact with superior races and superior systems, and partly owing to the wonderful object lesson given by the Japanese war, the heart of "Young India" is at the present time deeply stirred, and old religions are steadily weakening before the tide of Christianity.

In Afrisa native kings of the pagan tribes of Northern Nigeria, all British subjects, have definitely asked for Christian teachers. Twelve men only have been sent to teach about ten millions.

In Japan there is a cry for a "National Church," so that whilst the door is open in this Island Empire to foreign workers it is of the deepest importance that the Church of England should not be slack in sending there the best men available.

Latest Statistics

From the latest statistics we find the numbers of communicants and native Christians respectively, in those foreign fields in which our missionaries are at work, to be as follows: Japan, with a staff of 9 male missionaries, of whom 6 are married, and 4 lady missionaries, 393 communicants and 627 native Christians; China, with 2 married missionaries and 1 lady missionary, 1,029 communicants and 3,260 native Christians; India, with 1 married missionary, 153 communicants and 407 native Christians; Palestine, with 1 married missionary, 84 communicants and 207 native Christians; Africa, with 2 missionaries, 1 of whom is married, 198 communicants and 435 native Christians; Persia, with 1 lady missionary, 120 communicants and 231 native Christians. One lady missionary in Egypt has 185 children under her care; and Miss Thomas, in South America, reported 18 persons baptised during the last year.

As concerned those unable to obey the call to missionary effort in person, Mr. Hill pointed out that they could do their part by the liberality of their offerings for the support of those willing to spend their life in foreign fields in extending the knowledge of the Gospel. It was a privilege to embrace such an opportunity as would present itself to the people of his congregation next Sunday.

Cold Causes Death.

(Special Despatch to The Leader)

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 15.—Word comes from Okanagan Landing that the body of a young Englishman, Harold Claton, was found frozen stiff in a boat in Middle Lake. Claton came from Alberta some months ago. He was 35.

Hungry Hindus, begging and shivering, are becoming a charge on the public. Some have died during the cold snap, and several are in the hospital, and it is thought more will die.

COUNCIL AGREE TO GRANT GAS PLANT FRANCHISE

Solicitor to Draw Up Necessary Bylaw—Hon. F. W. G. Haultain Appointed City Solicitor—Ald. Wilkinson's Warehouse Track Under Discussion--Contract Let for Exhibition Grounds Amphitheatre

Before proceeding to the regular business the City Council at its meeting last night, received two deputations which were allowed to address the council. The first, consisting of Rev. Father Suffa, O.M.I., R. Rimmer, J. Murphy, D. L. Murphy, J. McCarthy and Ald. Kramer, and representing the Roman Catholic ratepayers of the city, appealed for a site, tax exemption, free light and water, for a Catholic Hospital, to be managed by Catholic nursing sisters. After hearing the various speakers in connection with the project, the matter was referred to the Finance Committee who will consider it in conjunction with the Health and Relief Committee.

Mr. Sinton, President of the Saskatchewan Fat Stock Association, then addressed the council, urging upon them the necessity of providing further accommodation at the Exhibition Grounds in view of the forthcoming fat stock show. At the conclusion of Mr. Sinton's speech, His Worship informed him that the matter would receive the very careful attention of the Markets' Committee, and that he had no doubt the result of that consideration would be satisfactory.

The City Solicitor.

Upon Ald. L. T. McDonald moving the third reading of the by-law appointing the firm of Haultain & Cross city solicitors, Ald. Gillespie moved an amendment that the firm name of Haultain & Crsos be struck out and the name of F. W. G. Haultain substituted. Ald. Gillespie maintained that under the city charter the council had no choice but to appoint an individual solicitor. He had been given to believe that Mr. Haultain would accept the appointment and would be prepared to attend the council and look after the city's interests wherever required.

Ald. Wright said that judging from past experience it would be to city's advantage to have a firm rather than an individual hold the office.

Upon the amendment being put to the vote it was carried by 6 to 4, Ald. Wright, Thomson, L. T. McDonald and the Mayor voting against it and Ald. Gillespie, Kramer, Ball, Kusch, Cowan and Wilkinson voting for it.

Ald. Gillespie then moved that the by-law as amended be given its third reading, which was accordingly done.

Ald. Wilkinson's Siding.

Ald. Gillespie, chairman of the Board of Works, introduced a report recommending that Ald. Wilkinson be afforded certain track facilities in connection with his warehouse on block 200 and further that an interim appropriation of $5,000 be made for the purpose of purchasing gravel in preparation for the work of the coming spring.

Considerable discussion took place upon the first clause of the report, Ald. Cowan objecting that some sort of system should be introduced in connection with the granting of spur lines. He did not think it businesslike to deal separately with these applications.

Ald. Wilkinson explained that the proposed track was the only possible way of providing track facilities for the warehouse which he had erected. He had been given to understand from the old council that he would be granted such facilities as he now asked for. The building as it was at present was quite worthless to him.

Ald. Wright suggested that that part of the report dealing with Ald. Wilkinson's proposed siding should be referred back to the committee for further consideration, and this Ald. Gillespie said he was prepared to agree to. Eventually this was agreed to, the portion of the report dealing with the appropriation being alone passed.

Amphitheatre Contract Let

A report of the Markets' Committee, brought in by Ald. Kramer, recommended that the offer of Messrs. Snyder Bros. to build the proposed amphitheatre at the Exhibition Grounds for the sum of $12,000 be accepted, the building to be ready for occupancy at the time of the Fat Stock Show, though not necessarily completed by that date. The report was adopted.

Gas Franchise Scheme

Ald. Ball, seconded by Ald. Gillespie, then introduced a report from the Fire, Light and Power Committee, recommending that the council grant a franchise to Messrs. Springer and Eaton to operate a gas plant in the city and that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare a by-law to that end, having full regard to the safeguarding of the city's interests.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that in the preparation of the by-law it would be as well to keep in mind certain suggestions made in the city press, such as the locating of the gas works away from residential districts, keeping the mains in lanes as much as possible, and he would also like to see the rate made as low as that which existed in Winnipeg.

The motion for the adoption of the report carried.

The City Hall

The matter of the new City Hall plans was brought up by Ald. Wilkinson, and a report recommending that the City Clerk be instructed to ask Architect Dodd to wait upon the council, was passed, with a view to getting the necessary plans prepared.

Ald. Wright in connection with this report stated that as the proposed plans, which referred to the fireproofing of the building, were not in Mr. Dodd's original plans, that gentleman would be sure to ask for his commission on the same, and that he ahd indeed intimated as much. He believed that Mr. Archibald, of Winnipeg, who had taken the contract for fireproofing was the responsible man. In this Ald. Gillespie agreed, stating, however, that he believed Mr. Archibald was not competent for the work.

Victoria Park

On the motion of Ald. McDonald, it was decided to accept Mr. Todd's offer to prepare plans for the laying out of Victoria Park, and that that gentleman be asked to prepare two or three sketches before submitting a final plan for approval. Mr. McDonald, in answer to a question, stated it was not the intention of the Park's Committee to reserve any portion of the park for playground purposes.

The council adjourned at 10 o'clock.

EXECUTIONER WAS MASKED

Identity of Man Who Hanged Macri at Winnipeg Yesterday Remains a Secret--Feet of Murderer Touched Ground After Drop, But Fall Broke Neck

(Special Dispatch to The Leader.)

WINNIPEG, Jan. 15.—Muttering a prayer to the Holy Virgin, Salvatore Macri dropped from the scaffold to his death by a hangman's rope in the jail yard sharp at 9 o'clock this morning, thereby paying the extreme penalty for the revengeful murder of his fellow-countryman, John Romanelli, on April 29, 1906. Every detail of the hanging was carefully carried out under the supervision of Sheriff Inkster, and seven minutes after the trap was sprung, the jail physician, Dr. Carscallen, pronounced life extinct.

The executioner was one chosen by the sheriff from twenty applicants when it was learned that Radcliffe, the official hangman, was unwell and would not be present. He was masked and disguised by a beard, and the name of the man who pulled the lever which sprung the trap and sent Macri to his death will probably never be known. His fee will be paid by the Government.

The condemned man took no nourishment this morning and slept but a short time last night. Shortly after 7 o'clock this morning Rev. Father Funke, who has been acting as spiritual adviser since the death sentence was passed, went to the death cell. He was accompanied by Rev. Father Odwyer and Rev. Father Thibodeau, and the intervening time before death was spent by the three priests in preparing Macri to meet his Maker.

Protested His Innocence.

He confessed his past misdeeds to his spiritual advisers. Nothing was said to Macri this morning about the crime, and as he stolidly denied all knowledge of the death of Romanelli, he really died protesting his innocence. He said from the first that he was drunk, and if he killed his friend he had no knowledge of the act.

Macri had been very despondent since his sentence, but yesterday and this morning his attitude changed, and he calmly and patiently awaited his doom.

The fall was nine feet. The rope was a trifle long, and the feet touched the ground as the body fell, caused by the knot slipping to the back of the neck, but the neck was broken and the heart ceased to beat in seven minutes. The last words of Macri on the scaffold were in his native tongue: "Santa Maria, Madre di Dio, pregate per me peccatore, adesso e nel fora di notrao morte. Cosi Rin," which in English means, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen."