HBRIDGE'S CELEBRATION

Natal Day on May 9th, be a Monster Event. City's Enterprise.

bridge, April 29.—The program Natal Day celebration of the Lethbridge on May 9 has been matured, and the prospects t the event will eclipse all s efforts in the west. The riations have been made for rious sub-committees, includ- handsome sum for prizes for t features of the parade, and on for a monster exhibition of hnics in the evening. The course, bears the expenses of tire celebration, including the penses of visiting bands and teams. It is now probable large banquet at which the s of the province will be fully arranged for, and that rgest floor space in southern will be secured for banquet es.

program, as finally arranged, nearly the whole morning to rade, which in its various fea- vill illustrate the progress of dge, and the district of which e geographical and commercial Among the various divisions parade will be three bands, thbridge, cadets, a band of d Indians, the school child- thletic teams in uniform, the gade, a mercantile section of roportions, and a trade section will include every organized The trade and mercantile sec- ill be gay with floats. afternoon attractions will be s on the public square free to football match between the Leafs, of Lethbridge, and Coal Creek or Pincher Creek, acrosse match between Leth- and either Medicine Hat or Riyer are also on the card. evening program will be in respects the best of the day, ing of a massed band concert public square, while the fire- display is in progress. The feature will be the banquet. likely that special railway nd trains will be arranged for vey the hosts of visitors from nts between Cranbrook and ne Hat east and west and Falls and Edmonton north and An accommodation commit- making ample arrangements ing care of the visitors.

Weather in Northwestern States.

sas City, Mo., April 29.—A com- on of snow, sleet and rain was ed this morning in this part of uthwest with freezing weather ling here from the Nebraska Kansas.

NO CARS, NO COAL.

yone must view with consider- pprehension the present state irs in the Alberta coal mining But back of the question occupies the foreground today arger question which has a di- elation to the whole difficulty. question is the car supply. question of wages and an eight- law can be settled with only rative difficulty. The provincial ment has decided to give an hour law in Alberta as they it in British Columbia. This emove a most contentious phase situation. The question of will present no difficulty. The d for coal is above the supply g ideal conditions for the mine r and the operator. Common and forbearance on both sides n time prevail and establish onious relations.

the problem of car supply re- . Lack of cars keeps the mines ng irregularly and disturbs the l relations between operators miners to a point where arbitra- and conciliation are fruitless, n equitable arrangement im- ble. The crux of the situation is: rs, no coal. The enigma to is to furnish enough cars to re- the full product of the mines. e is impossible. The necessary se of storing and handling a time would create a new and serious problem.

truth about car shortage is by every company operating coal district. The capacity of ethbridge mines is 1,200 tons a yet the net averages 300 tons a The Frank board of trade state from May to October last year hines were only working half The capacity of the mines in rank district is 4,500 tons a day one shift; with two shifts this t could be doubled. Yet the av- production had been only 2,500 a day. The Hillcrest mines, could have produced 45,000 from October 15 to January 0 ced 6,000 tons in that time. Is wonder there was a coal fa- last season? During the month uary the Hillcrest mine was ked with only 26 cars of 30 tons o that the total output for that was only 780 tons, whereas the ty of the mine is 600 tons a

Thomas Shaughnessy's state- that the C. P. R. are making investments for increasing stock, if true will be welcome to the west.

BUILDING PERMITS FOR APRIL TOTAL $311,939

Second Highest Amount in the City's History, and Nearly $100,000 More Than April Last Year. Cold Weather Failed to Effectively Keep the Record Down. Record for First Four Months Exceeds a Million Dollars.

Despite the fact that April was the coldest for many years, and building operations in Edmonton, as throughout the entire west, greatly retarded, Edmonton's building permits for the present month reach the second highest total in the history of the city, and are far in excess of April of 1906, which at the time was a record for the city. February of this year broke the record. Already almost a million dollars has been promised in construction work, and this is the poorest season of the entire year.

There is perhaps no truer index of the advancement of a city than the record of its building, and Edmonton in this regard furnishes another reason for the optimism of its people. That the city is growing at a marvellous rate is even more evident when an investigation of the building inspector's returns is made, for they indicate the erection of hundreds of dwellings as well as larger structures in every section of the city.

The month that closes to-day furnishes a total of $311,936, while in April of last year it was only $218,927. Last April the total was a record one at the time, while this year it is nearly a hundred thousand in excess. The following is a comparative statement for the last four months, and for the corresponding period in 1906:

	1906.	1907.
January	$ 12,418	$127,135
February..	56,920	373,790
March..	103,915	131,547
April	218,927	311,936
Totals	$392,180	$944,408

The following permits were taken out at the office of the building inspector this forenoon:

Secord & York, Jasper, addition to Windsor, $145,000.

Chas. Whitton, River Front, dwelling $800.

Secord & York, Second, sample rooms, $3,000.

John Regan, Twelfth, dwelling, $6,000.

Jas. A. Hitchcliffe, Ross, dwelling, $350.

August Reske, Namayo, dwelling, $1,000.

Walter Cook, Thirteenth, dwelling, $250.

S. H. Cowards, Fifteenth street, dwelling, $2,000.

Wm. Carey, St. Catherines, dwelling $1,500.

A. G. McFarlane, Ottawa, dwelling, $1,500.

Fred Watson, Twelfth, addition, $1,200.

Archie Kendall, Kinistino, dwelling $250.

Frank L. Alywin, Victoria, dwelling, $3,300.

TO GET PRACTICAL WORK.

McGill Mining Students Go to B. C. to go Into Mines.

Winnipeg, Man., April 29—A party of twenty students of the mining department of McGill university passed through the city en route to British Columbia, where they will spend the next few months gaining some knowledge of actual mining operations at the larger mines of the Pacific coast province.

The students who are all in the junior class at McGill, are accompanied by J. W. Bell, assistant professor of mining at the university. Those making up the party are: E. E. Campbell, H. G. Carmichael, K. B. Carruthers, V. E. Dawson, W. J. Dick, H. I. Gilmour, W. K. Harding, J. C. Kemp, M. Meyerstein, E. C. Montgomery, H. G. Morrison, A. E. Pere, W. W. Raymond, E. B. Rider, C. N. Ross, C. W. M. Sanders, C. S. Sproule, L. H. D. Sutherland, H. H. Yuill.

THE WEATHER.

The weather today has been fine and much milder throughout the western provinces, with good prospects for continued mild weather.

The barometeric readings are: Atlin 34-48, Port Simpson 42-50, Victoria 32-60, Barkerville 20-50.

Forecasts: Manitoba. Saskatchewan and Alberta—Fair with higher temperature.

Port Arthur	34	..	Clear
Winnipeg	38	..	Fair
Minnedosa	36	..	Clear
Qu' Appelle	44	..	Clear
Swift Current	52	..	Clear
Battleford	48	..	Clear
Prince Albert	42	..	Fair
Medicine Hat	50	..	Fair
Calgary	54	..	Fair
Edmonton	52	..	Fair

CORNER STONE LAID YESTERDAY

Appropriate Services in Strathcona Yesterday in Connection With New Presbyterian Church.

Presbyterianism in Strathcona was strongly in evidence yesterday afternoon. The occasion of this demonstration was the layinig of the corner stone of the new Knox church, which is in course of erection close beside the old building.

Owing to the absence of the pastor, Rev. D. Flemming, the duty of presiding at this important event fell to the lot of Rev. Dr. Macdonald.

Promptly at 2 o'clock, in the presence of a large and deeply interested gathering of spectators, the proceedings began with devotional exercises.

To Rev. Dr. Herdman, superintendent of the mission fields of the Northwest, was given the honor of performing the chief function of the day, a task which he performed with the utmost dignity and dispatch.

The corner stone having been well and truly laid, the superintendent was followed in exceedingly appropriate addresses by the Hon. Mr. Rutherford, premier of Alberta. N. D. Mills, mayor of Strathcona; Revs. George, Johnstone, Alexander, Hoyler and others.

Rev. Dr. McQueen, of Edmonton, who in earlier days was so intimately connected with the affairs of the Strathcona congregation, gave an historical resume of the church's progress from the time of its inception. Dr. Hotson, clerk of session, read a list of the documents which had been placed within the corner stone. This list included copies of the Plaindealer and Chronicle, The Westminster, Presbyterian Record, two maps of Strathcona, a copy of the first communion roll of the congregation.

The new edifice will be a handsome, roomy place of worship. The contract for its construction is in the hands of Mr. McHardy, who has guaranteed to have the work completed by the end of the summer.

James Has Not Resigned.

Winnipeg, April 29.—"I have not resigned, nor do I intend doing so," said E. A. James, manager of the Canadian Northern Railway, in discussing a report to the effect that he was likely to resign, which appeared in a local morning paper. He has been granted leave of absence and intends spending several weeks at the Coast.

CREW WILL GET $10,200.

Seattle, April 29—In the Federal court this morning Judge Handford handed down a decision awarding $10,200 to the officers and crew of the Northwestern SS. Company, Tacomah, for sufferings and privations they endured during the 42 days the vessel was imprisoned in the ice in Laperouse Strait in 1905, while she was on a voyage from Seattle to Vladivostok.

Ensign Killed Superiors.

Associated Press Despatch.

Cettinje. April 29.—General Martinovitch, governor of Podgoritaza and Chief of Police Mascoweda were shot today by an ensign and mortally wounded. The assailant was killed.

FRENCH ART EXHIBITION OPENS.

Americans Lead. All Paintings of the Decadent Schools Extended.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, April 29.—President Fallieres, accompanied by hte representatives of France and foreign nations, including Henry White, the American ambassador, this afternoon inaugurated the spring salon of the Society of French Artists in the Grand Palais. It is universal verdict of critics that the exhibition of paintings and sculpture surpasses any seen in a dozen years. America, for the first time, leads all foreign countries both in the number and in the excellence of works displayed. England secured second place. The exhibition is remarkable for the uniformy high standard of the works. All paintings of the decadent or the impressionistic schools have been rigorously excluded.

POPPING AT EACH OTHER.

Down in South America—More Fighting in Honduras.

Puerto Cortez, April 23, via New Orleans, April 29.—Fresh fighting has occurred in Honduras the latest being a battle between the factions of the Honduras rebels, who a year ago help Nicaragua to the overthrow the government. The troops of the Junta opened hostilities among themselves on April 8. It is expected, however, that during his term an attempt was made to strengthen his party by dividing up the patronage where it would do him the most good. Finally the friends of Bonilla proclaimed Bustillo provisional president without any fifteen days' clause, and the opposition factions did the same for Rosales. Then the fighting began, and up to the present there have only been deaths.

Winnipeg Grows.

Winnipeg, April 29.—An increase of 10,000 in Winnipeg's population during the past year is shown by the census just completed by the assessment commissioner, J. W. Harris. The result gives a population of 111,350, instead of 101,057 as last year.

DECLINED APPOINTMENT.

Rev. Marshall, of Prince Albert, Will Not Accept General Missionary Appointment.

Prince Albert, Sask., April 29—Rev. Marshall, Baptist minister at Prince Albert, has been offered appointment of general missionary for Manitoba by the Home Mission board of the Baptist Association of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, but yesterday morning announced to his congregation that he had declined the offer.

NICHOLAIEVITCH'S SUCCESSOR.

The Grand Duke Retires Owing to Approaching Marriage.

St. Petersburg, April 29—The Novoe Vremya today announced the appointment of the governor of Moscow, Gen. Scallon, as commander in chief of the entire body of guard regiments and commander of St. Petersburg military district in place of Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholaievitch, who is led to retire from this dangerous position owing to his fast approaching marriage to Princess Anastasia, of Montenegro, divorced wife of George of Leuchtenberg. The post carries actual power scarcely second to that held by the minister of war.

TELEPHONE MONOPOLY.

Is to be Investigated by Railway Commission.

Montreal, April 29—The railway commission opened an inquiry here today into the telephone business at the head office of the Bell Telephone Co. The forenoon was spent in perfecting arrangements for the enquiry. Messrs. G. F. Shepley and W. S. Buell are acting for the crown and there are a number of experts on hand in different branches of work. The Bell Telephone company will be the first to undergo an investigation.

WRECK AT FERNIE.

Freight Train Jumped Track—Passenger Repeated the Trick.

Fernie, B.C., April 29—A freight wreck occurred two miles west of the Crow's Nest Pass this afternoon, and a passenger train was delayed eight hours. The caboose of the freight was thrown across the track and four cars were ditched. The engineer was slightly hurt, but there were no casualties. A special passenger train was made up at Fernie for the West and the engine on this train was also derailed before starting. The track is now clear.

KING LEOPOLD IS BLUFFING.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, April 29.—King Leopold's visit to Paris in a moment of political crisis in Belgium and His Majesty's lengthy conference today with President Fallieres, minister of foreign affairs, and Premier Clemenceau, has given rise to an impression that the king intends to make a feint by offering the Congo Free State to France for the purpose of coercing the Belgian parliament into complying with his wishes.

SUMMER RACES.

There was a good turnout at the meeting of the Driving Club at the King Edward last night, at which C. May presided. Arrangements were made for the matinee meets during the summer, which will be held on the fair grounds track, and the opening meet will be on May 10th, commencing at 2 p.m.

The hobble question was discussed, and for the present it will be left to the executive to decide under what circumstances their use will be sanctioned. Bike sulkies were ruled out, and only jogging carts and four-wheel vehicles will be allowed in races. The judges for all events will be chosen from members of the club, and only club members will be allowed to drive during the season.

McDOUGALL EPWORTH LEAGUE.

At the regular meeting of McDougall Methodist Church Epworth League last night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Hon. president, Rev. C. H. Huestis; president, F. W. Cox; first vice-president, Mrs. C. E. Race; second vice-president, E. Richardson; third vice-president, Miss McLean; fourth vice-president, Miss Campbell; secretary, V. G. Gosnell; corresponding secretary, H. Chown; treasurer, C. Banford.

DUTCH TROOPS SURPRISE REBEL BAND.

The Hague, April 29—An official despatch from Celebes islands says the Dutch troops today surprised a rebel band at Akassa and that the chief of the tribesmen and fourteen of his followers were killed.

One Killed, 30 Injured in Explosion.

Cettinje, April 29—One person was killed and thirty persons seriously injured Sunday night by an explosion of dynamite at the Harbor works at Antivari, on the Adriatic. The buildings surrounding the harbor works were badly damaged and the telegraph lines were wrecked.

NAVIGATION OPEN.

Fort William, April 29—Navigation is open. Six boats reached this port tonight. Midland Prince was the first to dock. The captain, Mr. Featherstonhaugh was given a silk hat by the board of trade, according to annual custom. There is a busy season ahead for the lake fleet, there being a great deal of grain and merchandise awaiting shipment.

CECIL RHODES' DREAM.

Looked For England to Recover the United States.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, April 29.—The Standard this morning says that among the aspirations in the will of Cecil Rhodes, to which Earl Grey, Governor-General of Canada, referred in his speech at the National Arbitration and Peace Conference banquet in New York, April 17, were the ultimate recovery of the United States by Great Britain and British occupation of the whole of Africa and the South American continent and the seaboard of China and Japan.

JURORS FOR RUEF TRIAL.

San Francisco, April 30.—Four jurors more were finally selected and five were sworn in at today's proceedings in the Ruef trial. This leaves three additional jurors to be obtained for the completion of the trial, a task begun two months ago. The prosecution is hopeful of beginning the introduction of evidence some time this week. No session of the grand jury was held today.

Towns to Row Durnan.

London, April 29.—Sydney cables state that Charles Towns, if he is then champion, will row Eddie Durnan in England in 1908.

McBride to See Lord Elgin.

London, April 29.—Premier McBride, of British Columbia, announced that he is going to see Lord Elgin on the question of provincial subsidies.

Canadian Purses Presented.

London, April 29.—Purses from Canada towards the building fund of the new S. P. G. offices, were presented to the Princess of Wales on the occasion of the laying of the memorial stone by the prince.

BUDGET OF NEWS FROM THE NORTH

Athabasca Landing's Many Business Establishments. Expeditions Fitting out for North.

The weather here is still cold with raw northwest winds, and the river shows very little signs of breaking up. Bets are now freely made that the ice will not go out till May 1st.

The boat yards are now presenting a very active appearance, as there are over 50 boats on way of construction, and this is not half of what will be required this season to move the large quantities of merchandise which is goin ginto the McKenzie District this year.

Count Von Hammerstin's party of oil prospectors are now here making arrangements for forwarding their supplies down to their oil wells at Fort McMurray.

Calin Fraser of Chipweyaw arrived by stage to supervise the preparation of his transport down as far as Chipewyan, where he does an extensive fur-trading business.

Captain Mills of the Hudson's Bay Company also arrived by stage to arrange for boats to transport the machinery of the new H. B. Co.'s steamer which will be bulit at Fort Smith this summer. As this machinery is very heavy, it will require extra strong and large boats to transport it down to Grand Rapids.

The boys of the village are doing some hard work these days at football practice, as it is their intention to go to Edmonton on the First of July where they feel quite confident they can make things interesting for the capital boys.

The R. N-W. M. P. have had a very busy time of it lately, looking after law-breakers.

There has been two arrests for theft during the last three days— Cecil Cardinel of Lac La Biche getting six months hard labor, and Chas. Godear three months for stealing goods out of stores here.

The Methodist Mission is about to build a church here, and the Rev. Mr. Hopkins is now at the Landing. He is now holding his services in the schoolhouse until such time as they can get a church built. This will give the Landing the benefit of three churches, the Catholic, Church of England and the Methodist.

For its size, Athabasca Landing is one of the busiest villages of the West. It is the key to the North. There are four up-to-date general stores, two hotels, one "licensed to sell", one wholesale liquor store doing a big business. There is a blacksmith shop, barber shop, butcher shop, two billiard-rooms, several boat-building establishments, also three lumber and planing mills. There is a good public school. Religious services are conducted each Sunday by the Catholics, Episcopal and Methodist churches.

The Hudson's Bay Co. holds one square mile of land, every lot of which has for some time been withdrawn from the market, the general opinion being that the company will offer the railway company a station site, etc., and then be in a position to survey the remainder to better advantage. There is good homestead land quite near the village, several of the nearest quarters have already been taken up, those holding them being well satisfied with their claim.

The stage operating between Edmonton and the Landing is quite an extensive outfit. Two, three and sometimes four conveyances being required to carry the mail, baggage and passengers. The round trip is made once per week, two days being required to make the 105 miles each way. Egge's, a good half-way stopping place, which divides the journey, has good stable accommodation for 36 horses. Here also fresh horses are in readiness for the second day's journey.

Mr. J. H. Kennedy is the jovial stage proprietor. He drives good body. There is a strong feeling among the citizens, however, that the mail should come twice per week as it could be done with very little extra expense.

High on the river stands the steamer "Midnight Sun", awaiting the opening of navigation. The citizens are just now looking forward to this event, as there is sometimes a flood and great excitement the day the ice breaks up no the river. The Athabasca is navigable for about 270 one York boat, and a[illegible] miles.

Already about 40 flatboats, 46x12, one York boat, and a Government dredge are being built, but this is just the beginning of operations. With the coming of the railway, Athabasca Landing promises to be one of the important cities of the north.

DEATH OF OLD TIMER.

Wm. Plaxon, Farmer, Near Prince Albert, Passes Away.

Prince Albert, Sask., April 29—One of the best known old timers in this district ,passed away yesterday in the person of William Plaxon. Mr. Plaxon was born in Toronto in 1843, was educated at London, Ont., and was in the employ of the E. B. Eddy Co., of Hull, in the lumbering business for some years before coming west to settle as a farmer near Prince Albert in 1879. In 1888 he was elected to the Northwest Assembly as an Independent, but was defeated in 1891. For several years the deceased had resided in the city and was immigration officer until a few weeks ago when failing health made his resignation necessary.

SUPPOSED STOLEN HORSE FOUND.

One of the horses supposed to have been stolen last week from the Imperial stables was found yesterday by the R. N. W. M. P. at large in the vicinity of Strathcona. A man is being held on suspicion of being one of the thieves, but it is now thought by the authorities that the animals strayed from the stables, and were not stolen as at first reported to them.

FRENCH LABOR TROUBLES.

Are Expected on May 1—Socialists Arrested.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, April 29.—The fear of extensive troubles in connection with May Day labor demonstrations has disappeared so far as Paris is concerned. The authorities have decided it will not be necessary to bring additional troops here. Last year's disposition of troops and police will be repeated Wednesday.

Meetings of workmen will be permitted, but no street processions. Several of the more violent socialist agitators have already been arrested. Trouble is likely, however, in the large seaports, Toulon, Brest, L'Orient and Cherbourg, and in the interior cities of Renen, Lyons and Limoges, which are revolutionary hot-beds.

Denmark's Representative.

Copenhagen, April 29.—Constantine Erun, minister of Denmark to the United States, will represent Denmark at the coming peace conference at the Hague.

R.N.W.M. POLICE RETURN.

A number of members of the R. N. W. M. Police from the north, and along the line of the C.N.R., who have been mobilized in the city in case of trouble in connection with the southern Alberta coal mines strike have returned to their stations. It is now thought there will be no need of their services.

THE SEASON'S LAST SOCIAL.

The Caledonian Club had a very successful social and dance last night. Over two hundred people were present and taxed the capacity of the Oddfellows' Hall. The proceedings opened with a grand march to the stirring strains of the bagpipes. The dances old and new were heartily enjoyed and were interspersed with songs, recitations and instrumental music. Misses Sadie and Katie McCrimmon delighted the company with mandoline selections. Mr. De Roziers danced the sailors' hornpipe in fine style, and the Highland fling and Irish jig were splendidly executed. Mr. Tom Harvey danced the sword dance very creditably. Miss Maude Watson sang "Come ye by Atholl," and her singing was much appreciated. Mrs. Thomas Craig sang very sweetly "Robin Adair." Other singers were Messrs. McLeod, Wilson and Belfrage. Mr. William Wallace Howe recited as usual in masterly style. Substantial refreshments were served at eleven o'clock, and Miss Aitken deserves much credit for her painstaking management of the catering arrangements. She was assisted by several other ladies. Mr. Staurt Campbell also gave much valuable assistance. From start to finish the gathering was a success. President Hetherington presided. Mr. Thomas Irving supplied the orchestra. The pipers were Messrs. Craig, McLennan and Couutts. The National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne" brought the last social of the season to a close.

MADE THE OPEN WATER.

Ice Breaker Gets Through the Ice at Port Arthur.

Port Arthur, April 29—The ice-breaker Whalen succeeded in reaching the open water yesterday about 30 miles out, and there met a fleet of seven steamers waiting to get in. This morning, headed by the Whalen, the ships formed a processioon and at noon had penetrated the ice field to a oint this side of Thunder Cape. It will be necessary possibly that the channel shall be cut wider, but this will not be difficult to accomplish, and it now looks as though the fleet will make port this evening or through the night some time.

FLOATING STONE LAKE.

Snow still lingers in the bush and on the north hill sides.

The ducks are returning. They have been seen sitting on the sloughs.

Mr. Vincent Smith went to Island Lake on Friday after his cattle, returning with them on Sunday morning.

P. Tompkins and Mr. Nibbock were Floating Stone Sunday visiting Mr. Thomas McCullough. Mr. Tompkins and Niblock are running the saw mill at the Beaver now.

Our Indian friends tell us that about twenty-one years ago we had just such a winter and spring as this, and the ensuing summer brought four abundant crops.

Fred Poinier and family have moved to Strathcona for the summer.

Mr. Wm. Waters raised about four hundred bushels of potatoes last season and he is now selling them at fifty cents per bushel.

Mr. Taylor and his son Howard of Seattle have taken claims at Island Lake.

Mr. Charles Leonard has thrown up his claim at the Vermilion.

BRITISH HAGUE DELEGATION COMPLETE.

London, April 29—With the appointment of Lieut.-General Sir Edward Roche Eller, military member of the governor general's council in India as military expert, Capt. Charles Langdale Ottley, director of naval intelligence, as naval expert, and a large staff of attaches, included among whom is Lieut. Col. Henry Yarde Buller, military attache to the Northern European corps, the British delegation to the peace conference at The Hague is now complete.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Westward Ho! Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire will hold their regular meeting at the residence of Mrs. Taylor, Fourth street, on Wednesday afternoon at half past three.

Mrs. Clarence A. Mitchell will not receive on Wednesday, nor again this season.

SOCIAL.

Mrs. J. Almon Valiquette, with her child and maid, left this afternoon for Montreal and other eastern points on a four months' tour. Mr. Valiquette accompanied her to Calgary.

Mrs. Harrison Young left yesterday for Athabasca Landing, where she will spend a couple of weeks with her sister.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL FOR MURDER OF WOOD

Magistrate Wade Sends Victor Houde up to Assizes. Conclusion of Preliminary Hearing. Evidence Against the Accused Entirely Circumstantial. He has Shown Indifference During Police Court Hearing.

That George Wood was murdered by a heavy iron stove shaker in the hands of some unknown person, and that the murderer after inflicting the fatal blow secreted the weapon underneath the bed clothes in the Houde shack is evident from the testimony brought out last night at the preliminary hearing before Magistrate Wade.

That the man now charged with the crime was seen coming from the shack on the evening of the tragedy about the time the murder is thought to have been committed, and that when arrested he admitted having had a fight with the murdered man, who, he claimed, had ill-used him was brought out in the earlier session of yesterday.

As a result of this evidence, which the Crown produced in the last hours of the preliminary trial, Victor Mitchell Houde will next June stand before a jury of six of his peers in the Supreme Court and answer to the indictment of murder

If Houde is convicted of the murder of Wood, it will be on entirely circumstantial evidence, unless some further evidence is adduced when the case comes up at the assizes. The evidence taken at the preliminary hearing has all been circumstantial.

Committal Expected.

The decision of Magistrate Wade to send the accused up for trial did not come unexpectedly after hearing the evidence of yesterday. The Crown made out a strong prima facie case, but what the defence will produce in the trial next June is as yet only a matter of surmise.

It is understood, however, that the contention will be that the fatal blow was not struck by Houde, that he knew nothing about the fatality till he learned of it upon his arrest, and that the crime is chargeable to another of the parties to whom some suspicion now attaches. With this end in view it is thought that a big fight will be put up, and there may be some sensational developments at the hearing of the case in June next.

The preliminary hearing was practically concluded last night, the only evidence taken this morning being that of Dr. Schwab, the medical expert who analysed the spots found on the different exhibits, and testified that they were blood stains.

No addresses were made either by the Crown prosecutor or Mr. Robertson. The one contented himself with asking for committal and the other for acquittal. Mr. Robertson later supplemented his request by stating that he did not at this stage of the game intend to show his hand and point out the weakness in the Crown's case with a resultant advantage to the prosecutor in the Supreme Court hearing.

Houde was then told to stand up, and the usual form of committal was read over to him. In answer to the question "Have you anything to say," he replied in a clear voice:

"No, sir, I have nothing to say, your honor."

Will Be Taken to the Fort.

The prisoner will likely be taken this evening to Fort Saskatchewan, where he will be kept at the barracks till June next.

A request by the counsel for the defence to obtain parts of the blood-stained clothing and other exhibits at then met with strenuous opposition from Mr. Cogswell, but later he consented to furnish portions for analysis of the stains by experts for the defence.

During the entire case Houde has shown no great concern as to the ultimate result. He has chatted considerably with his junior counsel, Mr. Mackie, and frequently laughed heartily at humorous incidents during the progress of the trial.

He Saw the Weapon.

Last night, while the case was in progress, he received a letter from his mother, and was engaged in reading it when the iron with which the murder is supposed to have been committed was produced. At this juncture he showed greater interest than at any other time in the trial, and as he eagerly scanned the ugly weapon he was visibly moved.

The following is the remaining evidence submitted:

Dr. Schwab: "Prior to coming to Edmonton, six months ago, I was bacteriologist and microscopist for the Australian government at Queensland. I was given a stained iron stove shaker, a stained cap and a portion of a stained coat by Mr. Griffiths, of the city police service. By the microscopic and chemical tests which I made I arrived at the conclusion that the stains were blood. From the tests which I made I could not tell whether the stains were of human blood or not."

To Mr. Robertson: "All blood would show the positive reaction such as I have described in the tests that I made. I am now a dental surgeon and attended a dental college in Philadelphia. I was an assistant government analyst in Australia. I made a test of human blood in a murder case once before, where the evidence was used. There are also other tests for blood.

Last Night's Session.

Chief Evans (recalled)—"After the body of Wood had been discovered we boarded up the door and locked up the place. We got the key to lock it. I made a search on the 5th and went again in the afternoon of the 12th with the city detective. We searched all the beds and in the northeast corner bed found a piece of iron, a stove shaker with blood on it. There was a heavy quilt and the iron was under the quilt towards the head of the bed."

The witness here produced the iron about a foot long, flat, and varying from an inch to an inch and a half in width and about half an inch in thickness; a broken-backed, blood-stained chair, copies of the Bulletin and the Journal of April 4th, a tin pail, a cap out of which three pieces had been cut for the purpose of analysis.

The chief, continuing, described the positions in which each of these articles had been found and said there was blood on the floor, on the chair and near where the head was resting.

To Mr. Robertson—"These are all the articles taken from the shack that I know of. I think Sergt. Tidsbury was at the shack between the 5th and the 12th, when I found the iron. Another man or two were with him at the time. Griffiths was also at the shack between these dates."

The last witness called was H. C. Griffiths, who has been doing detective work on the case in conjunction with the police. He said:—

"I was present when the exhibits produced by the chief were discovered. The iron was found in the bed in the northeast corner. The chief then took charge of it and later on handed it to me. I kept the steel in my possession for a time and then handed it over to an expert, Dr. Schwab. I received it back again and it is now in the same condition as when I received it back. I also found the hat (produced) and handed it to Dr. Schwab, receiving it back again. The towel (produced) with blood marks upon it I found on the wall. On the tin pail, tin basin and tin cup standing beside the basin there are apparent blood stains. I went to the undertaker and asked to see the clothes Wood had on when found. The only thing I took away was the coat with blood on the back, which I have here (produced).

To Mr. Robertson—"I did not tell the undertaker to burn the rest of the clothes. He said they had a bad odor and I said to do with them whatever was the custom. The shack was padlocked on the 13th and prior to that it was only locked by an ordinary key. I handed the steel to the expert on the day I found it. The shaker is not common one as it is broken. I am quite sure the water, both in the basin and in the pail, was clear. I was told to take those articles to the expert by Mr. Cogswell.

Court then adjourned till this morning at 10.30.

FIRST CONVOCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA.

The attention of all university graduates residing in the Province is directed to the University Act of 1906, providing for the establishment and incorporation of a University for the Province of Alberta. Special attention is drawn to Sections 8, 9 and 10 of the Act in question, which provides for the first convocation of the University.

Section 8 is as follows: "The first convocation of the University shall consist of all graduates of any university in His Majesty's Dominions having the degrees of Bachelor or Master of Arts, Bachelor, Licentiate or Doctor of Law or of Civil Law, Bachelor or Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor or Master of Science, or Bachelor the Science of Agriculture, and graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada, who are actually residing in the Province three months prior to the first election of the members of the Senate of the University, and who at least one month prior to the said election register themselves members of such convocation in the office of the "Provincial Secretary."

Section 10 reads as follows: "A register shall be kept by the Provincial Secretary in which he shall enter the names of graduates who are entitled to be members of the first convocation upon their producing to him satisfactory proof of their qualification under Section 8, and upon due payment of the fee of $2, and the entry upon the register of the name of any person shall be conclusive evidence that such person is a member of the Convocation and is entitled to vote as such."

A register for the enrolment of the members of the first convocation of the University of Alberta as above outlined is now open in the office of the Provincial Secretary where enrolment may be made at any time upon complying with the foregoing conditions.

All applications for enrolment should be addressed to the Honorable The Provincial Secretary, Edmonton.

IMMIGRATION AT FLOOD TIDE

2,400 Passengers Have Arrived Within 24 Hours Many for Edmonton.

Associated Press Despatch.

Halifax, N.S., April 29.—Spring immigration movement is now at flood tide. Twenty-four hundred passengers arrived from Europe within twenty-four hours, and this season's total arrivals at Halifax is expected to reach 40,000, breaking all records. Two steamers—the Dominion liner, Ottawa, with 900, and the Allan liner Ionian, with 1,263 passengers, bound to Quebec, were obliged to come to Halifax owing to the fact that the St. Lawrence was still closed by ice. Reports last night, however, were favorable, and the Ottawa and Ionian proceeded to Quebec. The Hamburgh-American liner Armenian also arrived with 1,173 immigrants, the majority of them were Austrians and Russians. Many were dressed in sheepskin coats with high leather boots. It was the first lot of Galicians seen here for a long time. They are a strong, sturdy-looking class and nearly all farmers. They are destined to Winnipeg, Edmonton, Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Yorkton, Whitemouth, Ottawa, Montreal and about twenty were bound for Sydney.

$10,000 will be expended on a public hospital at Maple Creek this year.

The pigeon Lake Lumber Co. are running their mill at Millet day and night.