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TORE DOWN THE AMERICAN FLAG

Victoria Day Celebrations in Winnipeg Has a Flag Incident.

Winnipeg, May 24—Victoria day was dedicated to athletic sports here and thousands attended the various sporting tournaments and the events included professional baseball, which attracted a record attendance even for Winnipeg, which is noted for its devotion to the diamond. Senior lacrosse was the only branch of sport which was not included in the day's calendar. The weather was simply delightful. The Y. M. C. A. road race today attracted great interest. It was won by Walker of Winnipeg, who covered the five mile course in 26 minutes, 54 1-5 seconds. Walker is a great runner and also captured the mile event in easy fashion. The celebrations were marred by the unfortunate action of two young Englishmen, whose identity is so far unknown, who tore down the flag from the American vice-consulate. Keen regret is felt here and should the perpetrators be discovered they will be severely dealt with. The British Ensign was flying on the same pole, but because the former was uppermost it aroused their resentment and their ignorance did not permit them to discriminate.

FOTTBALL.

The team to represent All Saints Reserves in the football game to be played tonight on the Exhibition grounds against Edmonton City Reserves will be chosen from the following players: Jenson, Adams, Bowen, Tyler, Herrick, H. G. Moore, E. Moore, Southern, Clark, Fiddler, McMaster, Shewell, Candy and Hampton.

Young Travers Leads Travis.

New York, May 22.—Starting off as he did last year, Young Jerome T. Travers, of Montclair, ran away from a field of over seventy of the best golfers in the east to-day, on the links of the Nassau Club, near Glencove, R.I., and bids fair to retain the Metropolitan championship title which he won twelve months ago. Young Travers was the best performer in the qualifying round at 36 holes play, which opened the annual championship tournament of the Men's Metropolitan association, and next to him was Walter J. Travis, of Garden City, who formerly held the title of American and British amateur golf champion. Travers did the double round of the eighteen hole course in 153 strokes, and Travis took 157.

Actor and Printer Dead.

Associated Press Despatch.

Cleveland, May 22.—Charles B. Church, an actor of the time of John Wilkes Booth, died here to-day aged 79 years. After leaving the stage, Church became a printer, and at one time was reputed to be the most rapid typesetter in the world.

Too Far To Travel.

Daniel Webster objected to making the present state of Washington a part of the American union on the ground that a senator elected from that state could not reach the national capital before the expiration of his term of office.

Alliance Won the Case.

Claresholm, Alta., May 22.—The C. P. R. were fined $200 to-day in prosecution under the Lord's Day Act for having allowed freight to be shunted on Sunday. There was no appearance on behalf of the company, and it understood the case will be appealed. This is the first prosecution of the kind in the West.

Quarterly Dividend of $5.

Calumet, Mich., May 22.—The Calumet and Arizona Mining Co. declared its quarterly dividend of $1,000,000, or $5 a share, payable June 20, to stockholders of record June 1. This is the amount paid three months ago.

Plattsville Preacher Dead.

Associated Press Despatch.

Plattsville, Ont., May 22.—Rev. John Kay, Methodist minister, for many years prominent in the church, passed away at his home here yesterday.

Vancouver Company Gets Contract.

Associated Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, May 21.—The board of control this morning decided to recommend that Evans, Coleman & Evans of Vancouver, B.C., be awarded the contract for 66,000 feet of water pipe of various sizes needed for this year's extensions in the system.

Saskatoon.

R. E. Harris of Harrisford is in town, and says that the wheat seeding is practically over in his district; but it will be some time before all the barley, flax and oats are sown.

The steel derrick of the Canadian Bridge company was started to work today unloading from cars the heavy material for the traffic bridge.

Planting poles for the wires of the city's electric light and power system will commence shortly. The Allis-Chalmers-Bullock company, who hold the contract, have a couple of men on the spot to superintend the completion of the system.

The prospects are that Saskatoon's first summer fair will be held in the city park, and to meet the requirements an effort will be made to have temporary buildings erected to accommodate greater exhibits and displays than has ever before been possible.

By the end of this month the British Columbia General Contracts company will have 350 or 400 teams at work on the C.P.R. grade between hert and Strassburg, and by the middle of June the whole line then uncompleted will be covered with a force sufficint, it is intended, to complete the grading into Saskatoon by the end of September.

The letters of incorporation for the Saskatoon Foundry and Machinery Works, Limited, have been received in the city. The company is capitalized at $50,000, and numbered on the list of provisional directors are some of the leading younger men of the city.

Lac Ste. Anne.

Mr. A. R. McDonald and his three sons arrived here on Friday and proceeded for the Yellow Head Pass the following afternoon with six packs and four saddle horses.

Mr. McDonald has had over forty years' experience, having passed through Mexico, Arizona, Montana and the Kootenay, and was connected with the Pittsburg, Glengarry and other well known mines.

He intends to prospect in the valley of the Fraser river, and his reports will no doubt be of great interest in mining circles, where he is known to stand second to none.

The first batch of pack horses for Grand Trunk Survey parties, consisting of 2 head under charge of Mr. Jim Smith, arrived here on Friday evening and proceeded towards Mr. Bett's camp the following morning. The second batch of 22 horses arrived here Sunday morning in charge of Mr. T. Tompson, and left for the west Monday.

The third bunch of G.T.P. pack horses for the G.T.P. survey parties camped three miles east of here Sunday evening, consisting of 25 head in charge of John Felix Gladis, and passed on west Monday morning.

Mr. O. Enghardt, chief divisional engineer, G.T.P., arrived here Monday morning and proceeded west.

Mr. Fred Stephens, the well known explorer and guide outfitted here and proceeded to-day for the Yellow Head.

Mr. S. S. Manahan from New Westminster and Mr. C. M. Scaddam from Fernie, are outfitting here preparatory to proceeding to the Yellow Head.

Mr. J. Ball, who homesteaded here last autumn and later went back to Melbourne, has just returned. This speaks well for the attractions of Lac Ste. Anne.

Mr. E. Sibbald and G. Belcour took a run to the Narrows Thursday evening on a shooting expedition, and returned the following morning with 60 blackbirds and reported capital sport.

Messrs. Caws and Buttler, who have been land seeking around Lac Ste. Anne, arrived here Sunday evening and stated that while camping near Jack Fish Lake, 17 miles further west, the horses attracted their attention by their startled antics. On going to see the cause they found a big she bear standing about six feet high and three cubs with her. A volley of shouts instead of shots was heard. As hard luck would have it neither possessed a gun. The whole outfit made tracks for the bush, twigs and sticks flying in all directions.

Hardisty.

The season of snow has now fully surrendered to its mild-natured rival spring, and the beneficial rain is pattering on the window glass and forcing its way deep into the ground to supply energy for the crops when in a short time they shall require the moisture to act in consort with our Warm Alberta sun.

No heart shall rejoice more than the farmer's at the coming of rain, and the farmer in the district surrounding Hardisty shall rejoice more than all, for to him will come a two-fold blessing; he shall get good crops and shall prove to the country that his land is second to none for productiveness; and, alas! it is actually necessary to prove this, for many people really believe that ours is a barren country and that because we have what is perhaps the finest material in Alberta for the manufacture of cement blocks, our soil is not fit for the production of wheat and other grains; that because we are blessed with the presence of a river and innumrable streams and lakes, and are possessed of a rolling country, the preparation of our land is attended with too much labor to make its returns profitable to the holder. But its farmers who are already settled here simply smile when they hear such things. They are quietly working in full confidence of the result of their efforts, knowing that a bountiful harvest is the greatest proof of the fertility of the soil. The harvest for which we are now preparing is to be the first of the Hardisty district. We are but new-born, and our country is only opening up.

Our village, too, is building up fast. The progress of Hardisty is really remarkable when one considers the age of the place and remembers that the town has sprung up in the midst of a purely undeveloped country to which the settlers are but now coming, having been debarred from earlier ingress by the unusually severe winter and the late spring.

Our school district has now been formed. Mr. Whyte, Mr. Johnston and Mr. Gunn have been elected trustees at the first meeting, which was held last week. For the present the board will rent a place, but we hope to have steps taken soon for a building of our own, one worthy the progress which Hardisty has made and will yet make.

The work on the large bridge over the Battle river is being rushed by the contractors. Mr. McArthur, who has the contract for the C.P.R. grading between here and Saskatoon, has sub-let the different sections, and the village is very busy receiving and forwarding supplies for the crews of men employed at this work.

STONEY PLAIN.

It is reported that W. Pugh, lately arrived from England, has purchased Phillip Eichenlaub's farm.

W. H. Cooper license inspector, of Edmonton, visited our town on Sunday.

Mr. Gabelhaus, of Glory Hills, has a field of excellent fall wheat.

Messrs. Madu and Thill, proprietors of the Royal Hotel, will soon have their three-storey addition completed. The first baseball match of the season here will be played at Stoney Plain on May 24th, when the Stoney Plain Wanderers will play the Spruce Grove Veterans.

Mr. Jacob Miller's new threshing outfit arrived here last Thursday. Jacob intends to start sawing in about a week.

The Stoney Plain Creamery will open on June 1st. The directors report that there will be many new patrons who will give their milk to the creamery.

Among those who went to Edmonton on Tuesday were Philip Miller, Thomas Porter, G. A. Graham and A. M. Brown.

VEGREVILLE.

William Lonenson, government land guide, was in town after a very successful trip north and east with American settlers. The settlers were well pleased with the country they saw and took up homesteads and bought other land. They are moving here in the fall.

The town council had a lively sitting last night. It got to the limit over the debate on the work of the health committee. The mayor left the chair and the debate was at an end as far as he was concerned.

The question of water supply and good water supply is settled. At a depth of 50 feet and upwards a strong flow of water has been obtained in several wells in town. There has been no overflowing wells so far, but the water comes within a few feet from the top, and in all the deep wells the flow is very strong.

The town council bought 500 feet of hose and 12 suits for the fire brigade from the Winnipeg Rubber Company, to be delivered in about a month.

William Kelley, of Morrisville, Ontario, brought up two thoroughbred entire Clydesdale horses with him. One is to be stationed at Ranfurly and the other in Vegreville. They are splendid horses and the kind that is needed in this coustry. Mr. Kelley has purchased several lots from the Alberta Land and Loan Company and is going to put up a fine residence and stables.

Mr. Martel, of Dawson, is here and is prospecting for coal on the Powell farm. Mr. Martel is an experienced miner and has every faith in the future coal supply of Vegreville. By the outfits that are at work in Vegreville, prospecting for coal, it seems that this busy centre will become a mining town as well as an agricultural city.

Building operations are brisk again here. Charles Gordon has completed his planing factory. Father Bernier, at the mission, found his room cramped and is building an addition to his already commodious building.

Cameron's brick yard is to be opened in full blast next Monday. This firm turned out some fine brick last year and are prepared to fill all orders this year. The other brick yard, under the management of Mr. Mitchell, shipped a ton of clay to Edmonton to be tested. The result was a decided success. The brick panned out beyond all expectations. The machinery is expected daily and when installed will be of the first class order.

Mr. Carney, superintendent of the C. N. R., was in Vegreville last week and gave the town some very good promises, even if they are never executed. Mr. Craney promised to plank and grade the approach on the track north of Main street, also to build 200 feet of platform on the east end and 100 feet in the west of the present platform, also to have the platform lighted at night. The farmers' loading platform is to be removed to the south side of the track. The freight sheds are to be built right away.

Mr. Carey admitted that Vegreville was one of the leading towns along the line and had outgrown the anticipations of the company also that Vegreville did a wonderful amount of business which required the attention of the railway authorities. Mr. Carey promised to give the matter his serious consideration.

The comic minstrel show is to be given in the Massey-Harris building tonight. A full house is expected; everybody is going.

MEDICINE HAT.

An emigrant by the name of Mary Flinnery, of Woodford County, Ireland, while waiting at the station on Wednesday to make connections for the Crow train to Greenwood, B.C., felt sick, and upon consulting Dr. Woodland found she had scarlet fever. Dr. Boyd, the health officer, was at once notified, and the isolation hospital was at once made ready for her use. Nurse Grant has taken charge of the case, which is quite serious, and lives in a tent close to the hospital. She has to cook for her patient as well as attend to her, as the hospital and hotels refused to do her cooking. The patient has an uncle in Greenwood by the name of L. Beno, who was notified of his niece's condition. The government will pay for the expense of the keep of the patient during her sickness.

The police have been successful in capturing the man who attempted to steal a horse and rig belonging to Mack Higdon, as reported in a previous issue of the Times. They had descriptions of him wired through the west, and a lookout was kept. He worked the same scheme in Moose Jaw, hiring a horse to see some land, but this time he succeeded in selling the horse and rig. By telegraphing ahead, he was caught in Brandon. He gave the name of Bert McCleod. He is wanted in Lethbridge for alleged forgery. His aliases are McDonald, McFadden and Donald. He has already served a term at Maple Creek, and it is certain the police have caught a dangerous crook.

The Mounted Police are determined to stop antelope shooting out of season. A C.P.R. gang out at Stair seems to take easily to this pastime, and the magistrates show they can impose fines just as easily when guilt is shown. T. Holdcraft got $25 and costs, and J. H. Ker got $10 and costs for shooting antelope, and L. Flynn, a boy of fourteen, $5 and costs for shooting at them.

The election by-law to appoint a successor to J. K. Drinnan set the date of nominations as May 30 and the elections June 6. E. Roberts will be returning officer and F. S. Pingle and G. Borradaile deputy returning officers. Polling booths to be same as usual.

A communication from the Western Canneries stated that $16,000 worth of additional machinery had been ordered.

Piles for the new bridge have been driven out as far as the second pier. Work on the piers has been stopped by the high water.

REGINA.

Austin Bothwell, who two years ago was awarded the Rhodes Scholarship for Saskatchewan, has passed a very creditable examination at Oxford, having taken first place in modern classics.

Regina council proposes to send a delegation to Toronto to ascertain the merits of the bituminous base for bitulithic pavements.

Comte Barle de Foras, and Comte Roussy de Sales, of Paris, France, arrived in the city on Sunday and are guests at Government House. They are on their way west.

The race days of Regina's industrial fair will ge July 30 and 31, August 1 and 2.

For the first time in four months, Rev. Mr. Brown, father of the pastor at Hamilton street Methodist Church was able to be out Sunday last and he was able to celebrate the occasion, by the reading of the lesson at the church

Despite the stories of late spring the grain is already geginning to peep through the ground on farms a short distance away from Regina. Several crops are already sprouting, and there is indication that the year will give excellent growth. This time last year there was but little advance upon the present situation.

The work on the prize list for the Regina Exhibition this year has commenced. The directors of the new association which has charge of the fair this year, are offering some $12,000 in prizes.

MOOSEJAW.

Looking for a better field for rough labor and a more favorable location for a colony by themselves where they may build their own church a colony of fifty families, comprising 300 persons, are now living under conditions unsatisfactory to them in Regina, are looking for a part of Moose jaw that they can secure for themselves for a small colony.

T. W. Robinson left last week for a trip around western points, going around by Calgary, Edmonton, Battleford, Saskatoon and Regina.

On Saturday night the total of building permits which have been granted in Moose Jaw this year totalled over $402,000, which, of course, did not include any public buildings or railway improvements, which means that with what is actually in sight at the present time over $1,000,000 will be spent in Moose Jaw this year.

The new choir master of the Presbyterian church, Mr. McClellan of Toronto, is expected to arrive very shortly.

LETHBRIDGE.

The O. W. Kerr company have purchased from the Alberta Land & Stock company their entire holdings at Magrath, consisting of something like 14,000 acres.

This land at Magrath is some of the finest to be found in Sunny Southern Alberta, which is saying a good deal. Mr. Mackenzie says that seeding is hindered on account of rain, but he has a ten-plow gang breaking till it dries up a little.

In conversation to-day with a local real estate man it was learned that the news of the bridge and the progress made with the gas well was having a strong effect on the tone of the real estate market. Prices were firm and showing a strong tendency to rise. He predicted a resumption in the near future of the activity of a month or two ago. The definite news that work on the erection of the bridge would begin shortly meant a great deal, and the effect of this would be realized when the men were at work on the bridge.

A representative of the News called on A. M. Nanton of Winnipeg, managing director of the Alberta Railway and Irrigation company, who arrived at Lethbridge this morning on one of his regular trips of inspection and asked him whether he had heard anything lately regarding the construction of the C.P.R. high level bridge at Lethbridge.

Mr. Nanton stated that before leaving Winnipeg he had a conversation with Mr. Whyte, second vice-president of the C.P.R. regarding the bridge, who had informed him that he had had very careful soundings made regarding the piers and abutments, and now had full information before him. Mr. Whyte further stated that everything was being got ready, and that he would be in a position to ask for tenders for the building of the piers and abutments very shortly, and that the contract had already been let for the steel required in connection with the building of the bridge.

The special meeting of the officers of "A" squadron of Alberta Cadets was held in St. Augustine's rectory Monday evening. Those present were Majors Bennett, G. A. Magrath, G. L. DeVeber; Chaplains Chivers and Gordon, Captains W. Wilson Irwin, T. E. Patteson, Q.M.; Adjutant J. F. Eakin and Lieutenant W. H. Horne.

It was finally decided to hold the first annual instruction camp for "A" squadron for twelve days following July 13th, and that the commanding officer and the adjutant be empowered to select the most suitable place for encampment.

Quarter Master Patteson submitted a very substantial bill of fare for the boys, the total cost of which will not be more than $300 for the camp of 70 boys.

The funds to defray the expense of the camp will be raised by public subscription.

Tuesday morning at the barracks before Inspector Duffus W. T. Steed, president of the Dominion Meat Market, was fined $5 for depositing animal matter in a running stream. The stream in question is Nose Creek, and Sergeant Wilson secured the evidence which convicted the accused.

The police did a neat little job of cleaning up last night and corraled a number of supposed vags who are supposed to have been living in the city by begging and working on the sympathies of gullible men and women.

They have a nice outfit of lame legs, crippled hands and touching cards.

One of them, whose card speaks of praying for those who feed him, cursed frightfully when taken to the station, although he knew he would be fed while there. Perhaps he prefers choosing his own food.

Officers Douglas, Job and Cameron did the round-up act, and the prisoners are now at the city hotel. One was roused out of bed to accompany the police.

At a meeting of the city council Tuesday the health and relief committee recommended that tenders be asked for an isolation hospital, that the health officers be instructed to clean certain lanes, and that an infected stable be burned.

The secretary of the Galt hospital wrote that the request of the city for righ of way for sewer and water mains mains would be granted. A resolution of thanks was passed.

An early closing by-law was introduced providing that wholesale and retail shops shall be closed at 6 p.m. except on the evening of Sunday and other holidays, and at 11 p.m. on such other days.

It was decided to give the merchants of the city the opportunity to be heard before the passing of the by-law. The health by-law was then taken up.

Calgary.

The work of placing the steel work for the new Centre street bridge began last Wednesday.

Rev. Principal Riddell, D.D., of Alberta college, Edmonton, will be the speaker at the Canadian club luncheon at 12.30 in the Young Men's club rooms, Wednesday, May 2. The subject of the address will be "Some Practical Thoughts on the Origin of Government."

During this week Rev. Father Emard, O.M.I., of Edmonton, is conducting mission services at the Catholic church. The services are held every morning at 8 o'clock and in the evening at half past seven.

House Accommodation in Calgary.

A. Henderson spoke with regard to the housing accommodation in Calgary. He said many workmen had left the city for this reason. There are shacks and tents in Calgary in which people are living that are worse than the accommodation in Asia. We have slums and malaria bogs that are a menace to the lives of wives and children.

Many workmen can only afford to pal one month's rent at the exorbitant rate charged now in the city, and the hotel rates are so high that working men are forced to go out on the prairie and live in some shack, for which they pay eight or ten dollars per month.

He suggested that the city build houses and rent them at reasonable raes to workmen. It would be splendid advertising for Calgary. He asked that the council pass a by-law compelling the building of decent houses with a garden, a decent bedroom and a bathroom.

Immigrants continue to pour into the Calgary hall so fast that the place is filled up every day.

The other morning a Herald reporter visited the hall just at lunch time, and the place where the immigrants were preparing their meals presented a busy appearance. Some were cooking beefstakes, others opening tinned meats, and doing all kinds of cooking; and in some instances it looked very much like their first attempt at cooking.

Yesterday G. Russell of Grenadaa, British West Indies, called on Officer Winn. Mr. Russell has a plantation of nearly 200 acres on which he grows tea, tocoa and cocoanuts. The visitor expressed himself surprised with the advantages of this western country, and after looking round here for a few days he intends investing in farm lands.

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