

Coal Mine Operators Have Genuine Grievance

Ready to Ship a Train Load of Coal a Day But No Cars to be Had Here

Local coal operators vigorously deny that there is any longer any responsibility attaching to them in connection with the coal shortage down the line either of the C.N.R. or the C.P.R. They claim that while they are in a position to ship hundreds of tons of coal to relieve the suffering at outside points they cannot get cars to ship a ton, and that at the identical same time that they are demanding them and receiving no satisfaction there is an empty train of C.N.R. cars goes out every day over the C.P.R. to Calgary, on which local producers are refused the privilege of shipping coal at any price.

On the C.N.R., the coal producers claim, they cannot get one-tenth the cars that they want and that even when they do manage in a limited way to load cars there is no guarantee that they will ever reach their destination, as the Canadian Northern has no snowplows to keep their tracks clear and inadequate motive power to haul their trains if the tracks were open, added to all of which the C.N.R. has developed a habit of "swiping" cars consigned to dealers and using the coal for company purposes.

Another, the coal producers version of the affair leaves no room for any conclusion except that the country is literally tied up and that through railroad obstinacy to the south and railroad incompetency to the east there is practically no hope of relief.

Regarding the shortage to the south, a couple of coal dealers in speaking to the Bulletin on Saturday said that it would be difficult to produce an argument which would free the railways from blame. The Canadian Northern at the present time is using Crow's Nest coal. Owing to the scarcity of cars the C.P.R. refused to carry this coal on its own wheels and the C.N.R. has had a gang of men at work for the past two or three weeks putting sides onto ballast cars and fixing them up as "gondolas" so as to have rolling stock enough to transport their coal in their own cars. These cars are hauled empty to the Crow's Nest by the C.P.R., loaded, and brought back to Edmonton. For some reason known only to the railroad managers themselves they will not allow local producers to load these cars for Calgary or any intermediate point, but insist in hauling them south light, notwithstanding that there are whole reams of telegrams on file in the local coal office begging for coal. One coal producer stated that he was allotted one of these flats in Strathcona last week and loaded it for Calgary, a divisional point which would not break the run, but after having billed the car the C.P.R. refused to move it and the C.N.R. hauled it back to Edmonton, charging him \$10 for switching. As he had hauled the coal from Edmonton in the first place his ire may be imagined. The car was rebilled to Warman, but so far the producer has not been apprised of its arrival.

Another producer claims that he spent several days trying to get a car in Strathcona, and finally one morning, being told that there were no cars for him, that day, got desperate and threatened to wire headquarters a hot message. The agent told him to hold it awhile, and 15 minutes later he had a car. The coal dealer infers that as no freight train arrived during the fifteen minutes the agent probably had a bad attack of the sleeping sickness and it took a threat of the carpet to wake him up.

Over on this side, the wires are still pouring in pitiable appeals for coal from points down the C.N.R. line, but there is no way of getting the coal to the consumer. Producers claim that they are in a position to ship out a solid train of coal every day and that if the C.N.R. was as well equipped as the mines the coal famine would not last a week.

Furthermore, the producers claim that there is a horrible laxity on the part of the C.N.R. employees in the local yards. In almost any other yard on earth shippers are informed the night before how many cars they can have next day, and first thing in the morning are spotted. In Edmonton this is more necessary than anywhere else, as many of the trains from Clover Bar start at 5 and 6 o'clock in the morning and reach here at 7 and 8 o'clock, but notwithstanding this it is usually away along toward noon before shippers can learn how many cars they can get and when they are spotted.

Another substantial grievance that the producers mention is that they are given only grain cars to ship in, but that the grain doors are always taken off them by the C.N.R. and the producers have to buy lumber and make doors at a cost of \$2 to \$2.50 a car. These rifles, however, might be overlooked if the C.N.R. were track open, and comparatively speaking, very little moving, there is not much chance of relieving the famine.

The local producers are very wrathful about the way they are being treated and threaten to take the whole question to the railway commission. The Coal Mine Owners' association has had several indignation meetings since the subject, and the following letter about the subject showing the situation in a mild light, was despatched to C.N.R. headquarters Saturday.

Edmonton, Jan. 14th, 1907.
Mr. George H. Shaw, Winnipeg, Man.
Dear Sir:—The seriousness of the coal situation has been brought prominently before the coal mine owners at Edmonton and the district and they have endeavored to allay the suffering down on the prairie country by supplying them with coal, but they are now up against a very serious proposition owing to the shortage of cars at your depot.
The mines here are running at their full capacity and the coal mine owners are now prepared to ship a train load of coal per day down your line if you will supply them with the necessary means of transit.
We understand that it is a question of life or death with some people on the prairie and we consider that your company ought to give us every assistance in the efforts that are now making.
We sent you a telegram yesterday as follows:—
"Shaw, Traffic Manager, Winnipeg. Impossible to obtain cars for loading coal here; have orders for 46 cars to go east. Can nothing be done? Respectfully yours,
"Otter, President Coal Mine Owners' Association."
And we shall be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience.
COAL MINE OWNERS ASSOCIATION.

OBITUARY.
(Tuesday's Daily)
The burial of Martha Dridson, aged 12 years, of Leduc takes place today at 1 o'clock to Edmonton cemetery.
The death of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Beckman, Starnow avenue, occurred yesterday morning. The funeral will take place tomorrow.
The interment of the little child of Mr. Hurry, Belmont, took place yesterday from Moffatt & McCoppens to Edmonton cemetery. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Dr. McQueen.
The body of George Robertson who died on Sunday morning will be shipped tomorrow to Sigrav, Ont. The body will be taken from Moffatt & McCoppens' offices on First street to the C.P.R. depot at Strathcona. Members of The Journeymen's Union will accompany the body to Strathcona depot.

GEORGE ROBERTSON COMMITS SUICIDE
(Friday's Daily)
George Robertson, blacksmith employed by Johnston and Latimer, Fraser avenue, took his own life early on Sunday morning by cutting his throat with a jack knife.
The reason for the desperate act cannot be ascertained.
The deceased had been out of work since New Year's and spent a couple of days last week in Dr. Hommel's sanitarium on First street. He left the sanitarium on Thursday evening, and returned to work on Friday afternoon. On Friday evening he went to his own room on Nunway avenue and worked in the shop all day Saturday. On Saturday evening he stayed in the office of Johnston and Latimer's livery barn, going to sleep on the floor by the stove on some blankets and robes given him by the attendant in the office. The attendant was the last man who saw Robertson alive. During the night he apparently rose without disturbing the attendant and went into the smiddy beside the barn, where the deed was committed.
About ten o'clock Sunday morning Mr. Latimer came down and finding the door of the shop unlocked looked in. He saw the dead man lying on the floor in a pool of frozen blood and a couple of deep gashes on the right side of the neck. Robertson apparently died without a struggle and was lying on his face, the knife caught in the lapel of his coat. Mr. Latimer immediately notified Chief Evans. Dr. Braithwaite was called and deemed an inquest unnecessary. The body was removed to Moffatt, McCoppen and Bull's undertaking rooms.
Arrangements for the funeral are held over until advice are received from relatives in Wingham, Ont.
Geo. Robertson was well known in the city, having come here from Wingham many years ago. He was about 30 years of age and unmarried. A sister lives in the city, while a brother who formerly worked as a blacksmith for Jackson and Latimer, is in the east at present. He was a capable and steady workman and never lost a day except on an odd period of inebriation.

MUSICAL FESTIVAL MEETING.
(Monday's Daily)
A committee meeting of the executive of the Alberta Musical Festival was held on Saturday afternoon, but owing to the absence of some members of the executive, the meeting was not held. The committee is still working on the proposed festival music.

HOSPITAL NEWS.
(Monday's Daily)
At the general hospital the wards are filled, the male ward in particular being taxed in accommodation.
The general hospital is a very serious operation was performed on Saturday by Dr. Blair. The patient, a resident of Edmonton, is now making excellent progress and by tonight the result of the operation will be definitely known. Two smaller operations were performed successfully today.
Without Amputation.
(Monday's Daily)
At the Misericordia Hospital Henry Opler, the Vermilion farmer, who was lost blind, is getting along splendidly. It is found that his hand and feet can be saved, but he will be kept at the hospital for several weeks until recovery is complete, as he has no one to tend him in the shack on the homestead.

MUSICAL UNION.
(Monday's Daily)
Over a score of Edmonton musicians attended the meeting in the T. & L. council hall, called to the organization of a local branch of the International Musicians' Union. This union which extends over the continent, aims to maintain a standard of excellence in orchestral and other work by musicians, and to secure for them a uniform rate of remuneration for engagements. Vernon C. Barford was elected president. John T. Richardson, second vice-president. C. Harper secretary, and George Mackay treasurer. A meeting will be held in the same place next week.

CHARMING YOUNG ACTORS.
(Monday's Daily)
Nothing daunted by weather that sends the thermometer racing between 10 and 15 below zero, a number of enthusiastic Edmontonians arrived here yesterday afternoon by the C.P.R. and are staying at the Cecil hotel.
Tonight they will produce "Dorothy," an attractive opera in which little Rose Cole takes the part of Dorothy Bantam with fascinating grace. Of the company the Helena Mont, a soprano, the little Bostonians soprano, and a juvenile company that has ever before been seen in this city.
The company will hold a dress rehearsal this afternoon. Special care is being taken that the opera house will be filled with the best of the Edmonton theatre goers, who have enjoyed these charming little acts before, will again have an opportunity to hear them.
The company has just closed a highly successful week's engagement in Lethbridge.

FIRE AT ALIX.
General Store, Post Office and Drug Store Burned Yesterday.
Calgary, Jan. 14—A despatch was received today from Alix, a small town on the Lacombe branch of the C. P. R. The post office and general store of B. G. Campbell, and the post office and the office of Dr. Wilson were completely destroyed. The loss to the Campbell general store will be about \$20,000.

JOHN A. McDOUGALL PRESENTS A FINE
(Monday's Daily)
The third fortnightly luncheon of the Edmonton Canadian club was held this afternoon in the Prince Arthur Club. The feature of the occasion was the president's address on the old time old times, and the early days of Edmonton. He referred to the increasing importance of Edmonton as a growing city, and to the fact that the city has grown from a few shacks in 1872, to a city of 25,000 in 1907, and the gradual growth of the city to the present metropolis of a thriving and opulent province.
The speaker was thoroughly appreciated by all present. Premier Rutherford moved a vote of thanks which was seconded by Matthew McCreary. The premier said he would ask Mr. McDougall to present his paper to the provincial library in order to have it published and preserved in the archives of the province. A full account will appear in the next issue of the Bulletin.

MORE LOG CUTTING THAN EVER
(Monday's Daily)
Lumber men returning from the coast of the Saskatchewan, say the snow is deeper than it has been in years. In fact, it is a little too deep for the loggers, and they are having a hard time of it. The snow is so deep that the loggers are having a hard time of it. The snow is so deep that the loggers are having a hard time of it.

HOSPITAL AID
(Monday's Daily)
At the annual meeting of the Women's Hospital Aid held last week in All Saints' school room, the following reports were read by the secretary and treasurer.
SECRETARY'S REPORT
The president and members of the Women's Hospital Aid for the year ending 1906.
It is with great satisfaction and pleasure that the members of this society may look back over the work of the past year. The object for which we have been striving so ardently since the fatal fire of October, 1904, has at last been accomplished and the debt of \$2700 assumed at that time has been paid. The city hospital is free. Only those who have taken some part in the work realize what a satisfaction this is.
In other respects this has been a successful year. The interest in the society has been well sustained and the membership roll has increased to 198. In February the membership fees collected amounted to \$228.55. The meetings have been fairly well attended, the largest number present being 26, the smallest 12.
During the year there were twelve regular meetings held and three special.
Meals were served by the ladies during the fair days of the fair and the society realized the handsome sum of \$288.55.
The hospital ball which took place in October, the 16th, was well patronized and increased the funds of the society by \$599.25.
Donations to the hospital from friends during the year have been most liberal and the secretary takes this opportunity of thanking all those who so generously contributed to the success of the year's work.

S. GRACE FERRIS.
ANNUAL REPORT.
Receipts.
Amount in Bank \$ 117.11
Fees 62.25
Donations 682.45
Interest 2.55
Dining hall 1297.45
Ball 690.25
Interest 1.45
1 Load of coal and one of wool from Mr. Walter.

CATTLE DEAD ON COCHRAN RIVER
(Friday's Daily)
Mr. R. M. Armstrong of this city has just returned from a trip to Cardston and the Lethbridge country. To his bulletin today Mr. Armstrong stated that it was a terrible sight to see the number of cattle lying dead on the prairie in groups of 150 or more. The greatest loss was on the Blood Indian reserve where the snow is about 18 inches deep and covered with a crust of ice. Many farmers have adopted the practice of going over the range with an immense snow plow a track of ice or cattle to forage for the winter. The losses are mostly among the cowboys with calves at foot. Few losses are reported at Cardston and Magrath or fact throughout the Mormon district.
No dead cattle were seen north of Calgary. Many losses are reported alongside the Great Northern down as far as Great Falls, Montana.

CHISHOLM BLOCK DESTROYED BY FIRE
(Tuesday's Daily)
The most disastrous fire in the history of the city occurred last night by which the Chisholm block, on the corner of Jasper and Fourth street, was totally destroyed. Today the outer walls alone are standing. The floors, cross walls and roof have fallen in. The fire is still smouldering in the mass of debris precipitated into the basement and sending forth lots of steam and smoke quickly condensed into lazy cumulous masses in the clear cold vapor. The firemen made a brave but futile struggle, which was rendered all the more difficult by the intensely cold weather. Several firemen living suffered from frost. The flames were kept confined to the building.
The Chisholm block was one of the first brick structures erected in the city. It was occupied by Williamson Bros., produce merchants, and by O. S. Able, a fruit merchant. The second and third floors were occupied by several suites of living rooms and afforded accommodation to some forty residents. Very little of the furniture or household effects of the residents was saved, and several have lost their entire wardrobes and furniture. Mr. Chisholm, the owner of the block, lost all his papers. Mr. Brown succeeded in rescuing his office desk.
The loss on the building is \$30,000, covered by \$1,800 insurance. Messrs. Williamson valued their stock at \$8,000 covered by \$2,500 insurance. Mr. Oscar Brown's stock is put at \$7,000, covered by \$3,500 insurance. The losses of the residents cannot be computed. Mr. McPherson, manager of the Journal, lost all his household effects. Mr. Kelly and Geo. Godsmith, of the Hudsons Bay Co., are also heavy losers. Joe Duhanl and E. O. Stevenson lived in the block and have lost everything.
The cause of the fire is unknown. The alarm was given about 8 o'clock. The cleaner, Geo. Gerrard, was in his room in the basement when he heard the crackling of burning wood in the adjoining cellar in the front. He ran upstairs and called "fire." Mr. Tait, manager for Williamson Bros., and Mr. Tait, the photographer, at first thought they could extinguish the fire, but at once sent in the alarm. Meanwhile the occupants of the upper flats were aroused. By the time the fire brigade arrived the basement was a seething mass. It contained a great quantity of boxes, paper bags, lard and groceries, which burned with shocking persistence. From 8 o'clock until 12 the fire was confined to the basement and was up to this time thought to be controllable. Five streams were immediately sent into the basement, but he men were unable to live there and came up. A hole was broken through the ceiling and the nozzle inserted, but the piles of boxes prevented any effective work being done by the revolving nozzle. About 12 o'clock the fire had worked its way to the rear of the basement, but the men were still in the rear added to the fury of the flames, and a pile of dry boxes in the passageway afforded additional fuel. Reaching the first floor the fire made its way up the back stairway to the second floor.
Streams were then directed from three sides and a most stubborn and persistent struggle began with fire and frost. The firemen, sheathed in ice, with their clothing so stiff they could hardly work, hunched with the intense cold, fought on like Trojans through the entire night. About one o'clock Chief Davidson called the men from the walls and removed the ladders. Four streams were kept on the walls to keep them cool. A non was placed on the Stevenson building to the east and a stream directed through the upper windows in the east wall.
Four firemen were forced to give up towards morning. O. Hogan, with both feet frozen, was taken back to the fire hall. E. Owens and E. Murray also suffered severely with frozen feet. Hogan is still suffering. Dr. Duncan Smith attended the patients.

J. W. Derby received injuries from smoke which will indispose him for a few days. Chief Davidson, from sheer exhaustion and exposure, was forced to take a respite and change his clothes, which were soon encumbered with ice that they had to be cut off.

About 2 o'clock the ceilings and roof began to fall in, and final hope of saving anything of the furniture and belongings of the occupants was abandoned. The firemen and residents of the building were so confident that the fire would be controlled that no effort was permitted to move the furniture. A few trunks were taken down the ladder from the front window.

An auxiliary brigade was sent about 9 o'clock to keep the fire from spreading beyond the limits of the ruined building. The managers of the Cecil hotel supplied the firemen with coffee and sandwiches throughout the night. The police who were on duty controlling the crowd, suffered considerably from steam and smoke were ascending in the cold.

THE BIG STORE ANNOUNCEMENT.

We wish to announce to the Public that we have Sold out our Store Business to Messrs DUNCAN BROTHERS & BUTTERS, who will take possession on the morning of the 16th January, 1907, and will continue on the Business in the Old Store and with the same old staff of employees.

We wish them success and prosperity, and we hope our old customers will stay with them, and trust they may in addition get many new ones.

We take this opportunity of thanking most sincerely all our past customers for their dealings with us, and wish them one and all a Prosperous and Happy New Year, and many of them.

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Bulletin Special.
Fort Saskatchewan, Jan. 15—After midnight a fire in the kitchen of the Mansion fire was caused by an stove setting fire to the paper was notice at once sent in. The brigade promptly and in a short time the fire out, small damage done. Business will be usual today.

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W. E. Lee, of Winnipeg that he was a wrooked a man in the sewer pipe contract was let by the city councilary to the Macomb through Gorman, Clancy & Co. of this city.
With regard to the same in his receipt of the following from Mr. Lee:—
To the Editors Edmonton Bulletin:—
Gentlemen:—Would you please space through your columns, to air a little of the matter that has just taken place in this city?
On Dec. 31st I sent you a copy of sewer pipe and placed of \$3,000 with them. Later the same day I was asked by the manufacturer of this pipe, "I wish them," "Manufacturer of the Macomb Sewer Pipe Co.," with at St. John, P. Q., "Hann Toronto, Ont."
My price for these pipe in accordance with their specifications at Edmonton, was \$70,525. I received from the Commissioners of the City of Edmonton on the 11th inst. a letter from the Commissioner of the City of Edmonton, in which he had been refused to pay me the \$3,000. I was then asked to sign a contract, and any American firm contract, and you may be surprised and annoyed, when I signed the contract, I was not very encouraging to Canada, and is no compliment to the integrity of the city of Edmonton at all. If the honest taxpayer of Edmonton endorses an action like this, an American firm preference to the rate and tax payers of Edmonton? I should be very pleased to get some explanation from some one who has the well-being of the city of Edmonton at heart. If the honest taxpayer of Edmonton endorses an action like this, an American firm preference to the rate and tax payers of Edmonton? I should be very pleased to get some explanation from some one who has the well-being of the city of Edmonton at heart.