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Edmonton News

MAYOR OF EDMONTON

EDMONTON. — With a majority of 487 votes ex-Alderman Joseph A. Clarke was elected to the mayorship of Edmonton for 1919 in succession to the present incumbent Mayor Evans.

EDMONTON ELECTION RESULTS

For Mayor: Clarke 4,782 Wilson 4,275

Majority for Clarke 487 City Council:

HEPPEL 4,861 McCOPPEN 4,086 H. M. MARTIN 4,053 McKENZIE 3,825 McLENNAN 3,599 GRANT (One year) 3,530 Criswell 3,324 W. H. Martin 2,283 Farnilo 2,119 Fiedle 2,635 Findlay 2,591 White 2,466

Public School:

DUGGAN 5,153 REA 4,688 CRANG 3,258 Scott 3,227 Frost 2,929

Separate School:

DRISCOLL 367 GARIEPY 470 JENKIN 424 MURRAY 305

The names of the winning candidates are given in larger type.

DATE OF DEMOBILISATION JANUARY 15.

EDMONTON. — Howard Stutchbury, commissioner of the returned soldiers branch of the Alberta government, who returned from Ottawa recently, brings the information that January 15 is the date set for the demobilization of Canadian forces in Canada. It is the intention of the government, says Mr. Stutchbury, to demobilize from 20,000 to 25,000 soldiers a month at the various dispersal stations which have been established throughout the country. The men, on arrival in Canada, will be carried on special trains, carrying 500 men each, to the stations selected by the soldiers.

As far as possible, all documentation will be done in England. On arrival at a dispersal station, the men will be paraded before a series of officers in order to expedite the process of demobilization to the utmost.

Rifles and military equipment will first be turned in to the ordnance officer, the men retaining uniforms and shrapnel helmet.

From the paymaster they will receive a cheque for back pay, deferred pay, clothing allowance and one month's post-discharge pay. From the O.C. of the station they will receive discharge certificates. The employment officer will then give all information respecting employment bureaus, opportunities for employment, etc.

Men will then proceed to their homes individually, receiving railway transportation, if necessary, to destinations, and they will remain in barracks and draw rations while awaiting trains, if desired.

INCOME TAX IS COMING IN WELL

Edmonton income tax collections received a big boost by a cheque for \$25,000 on Saturday before last, being the income tax of a big corporation doing business in the city.

City officials say that the smaller payments are coming in well and there is no complaint being made about the principle of an income tax.

MR. SCHICKENDANSTZ MET WITH PAINFUL ACCIDENT

Our Alberta representative, Mr. C. W. Schickendanstz, on Wednesday last met with a very painful accident while cranking his car. We regret to have to report that he broke one of his arms in two places. He will likely be under a doctor's care for a few weeks. The Courier wishes Mr. Schickendanstz a speedy recovery.

WHOLE FAMILY DOWN WITH FLU; ONE DIED.

On Monday of this week, Julius Busenius, 28 years old, died at his father's place, a few miles south of the city. While working in the city, he contracted the influenza, and he died after a few days illness. The whole family Busenius, six more children and their parents, are in a more or less serious condition yet with this pest, also several other neighbors, so that it became necessary to send help from the city. Mr. H. Mecke, a prominent farmer in this district, is lending a helping hand to his stricken neighbors, by taking care of their stock and doing other errands, in a true neighborly spirit.

FINE EXHIBITION AT POULTRY SHOW

The pheasant exhibit at the Edmonton poultry show this year was the largest and best ever held in the Province of Alberta. In the golden variety there were three splendid specimens, the winning male bird being in fine condition. In the silver variety the color is not so brilliant but there were some very attractive birds in this breed. The next class, the English pheasant, is more common than the other breeds but is not so striking. However, the harmonious blending of its brilliant feathers renders a very pleasing effect. In each section the winning birds were ahead by merely a margin of condition.

In the class for any other variety of pheasant the first prize male bird was a Reeves, its tail being about three feet in length. The color is a brilliant yellow intermingled with rich golden brown and black and white. In this class there was also a "Lady Amherst" which was possibly the most brilliant of the pheasants. However, chiefly on account of his tail feathers being broken he received only second place. A most interesting feature of the pheasant exhibit was that the third prize male and also the third prize female in this class were hatched and raised in Edmonton this year by W. Wolf. The winning hen was a "Lady Amherst." Her appearance was pleasing but, of course, lacked the brilliant coloring of the male. The second prize hen was a "Reeves," which was probably the largest of all the pheasants. The third prize hen, of which mention has already been made, was a well developed Chinese pheasant pullet.

Mention should also be made of the J. E. Wilkinson & Sons' splendid exhibit which included many of the above varieties, all the birds being in excellent condition and were the centre of attraction.

THREE INJURED IN AUTO SMASH

Two automobiles, owned and driven by Adolph Kuhn, a farmer, and S. J. Bentley, of North Edmonton, respectively, collided a few days ago at the intersection of 102nd avenue and 29th street. Mrs. Bentley and her two boys, Fraser and John, were thrown out of the car and badly bruised and cut. They were taken to the Royal Alexandra hospital. Both autos were pretty badly wrecked.

EDMONTON MEN GO TO CALGARY FOR WINTER FAIR

Professor A. A. Dowell has been appointed the judge of cattle of the Calgary Winter fair, and goes down early in the week to act in this capacity. Jas. McCaig, of the department of agriculture, will also go to Calgary the first of the week to act as judge of the sheep. There are to be a large number of cattle and sheep exhibited and there is very keen interest being shown in the fair as well as in the probable price that the cattle will bring. A. F. Meyer and Sidney C. Carlyle, of the department, will attend the show.

CITY POLICE COURT

Forty dollars and costs or 30 days in jail was the penalty imposed upon two young men, Leo Cyr and Alex Htsalak who stole an automobile from the garage of John Domica, 9151 118th avenue. They had returned the auto after using it for several hours. The accused will each bear his equal share of the fine and the costs.

Herman Wagner, 5808 104th street charged with being in possession of an illicit distillery contrary to the provisions of the inland revenue act, not having a license, was remanded to stand trial at the next court of criminal jurisdiction. He was allowed bail of \$500 and two other securities of \$500.

Augustus Stokes, charged with being an idler under the War Measures act, was found guilty and fined \$150 and costs.

Andrew G. Crawford, charged with being intoxicated in a public place, contrary to the Provincial Liquor act, was found guilty and fined \$10 and costs or spend ten days in jail.

ACQUITTED ON CHARGE OF THEFT

The case against Fred E. Farrel in the criminal court was completed Monday morning before last, and the accused acquitted of the charge of theft by His Honor Judge Taylor.

Detective MacDonald, who made the arrest at the Royal George hotel after the complainant, Fred Holze, had missed \$60, gave evidence that he had found a \$20 bill on the accused, which answered the description of one of the bills lost. The accused explained that he had got the money by cashing two cheques that day, one for \$15 and the other for \$15, and Laurence Adler and Roy McKinley swore to having cashed these cheques for him. The judge thought that in face of the evidence and lacking positive proof of the theft on the part of the prosecution he could do no other than acquit the prisoner.

E. R. Cogswell, K.C., was crown prosecutor, and H. H. Robertson appeared for the defendant.

RAILWAY FINED FOR CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

In the city police court a few days ago the C.N.R. was found guilty of cruelty to cattle in that they did allow them to stay in cars without food and water longer than 8 hours contrary to the provision of their tariff regulations. The fine imposed was \$100 and costs or in default of immediate payment a distress warrant shall be issued upon the company's goods and chattels to cover the fine.

The charge against the defendants was laid by the Humane Society and included the item that the company loaded three ears of cattle at Alliance before 7 o'clock a.m. on November 15th, consigned to Edmonton, and did not unload these until about noon the following day at the Swift Canadian Company and had made no provision for the feeding or watering of the cattle during the intervening time, causing suffering to the animals and considerable loss to the owner.

In presiding judgment Magistrate Primrose pointed out the necessity of providing more and better accommodation for dumb animals while they are being transported and said: "I think the Humane Society should get after all companies who allow animals to stand in cars longer than one and a half hours after their arrival at their destination. I would, moreover, make every employee of the companies responsible and send them to jail if they fail in their duty. I am sorry, but the railway company is up against it in this case." H. H. Robertson was solicitor for the Humane Society.

POLICE MAKE BIG LIQUOR SEIZURE

The provincial police report the seizure of 435 bottles of whiskey on the Edmonton-Tofield trail in the possession of William Zappertzen, who it is alleged, was on his way to Cold Lake district with Christmas greetings. The man was arraigned before a magistrate in Tofield, charged with being in possession of an excessive quantity of

the fluid and found guilty and a fine of \$100 imposed.

Constable B. P. Smith of Tofield detachment received information from time to time that there was considerable traffic going north in which a lot of liquor was being hauled. On November 29th he received a message that a big load had left Edmonton for Tofield and intercepted Zappertzen about 13 miles west of Tofield, where he discovered him hiding about half of his load in a dug-out, in the field, which he carefully covered over with a load of hay. Proceeding to within a few miles of Tofield the accused cached the remainder of his load in a similar way and then drove his team and empty wagon into Tofield but was all the while followed by the eagle eye of Constable Smith, who effected his arrest and confiscated the 435 bottles to the crown. The accused stated in court that he received the consignment of liquor from a Saskatoon liquor firm, and was proceeding north with it.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEED GRAIN ARE UNCHANGED

It has been decided that the same arrangements for the purchase of seed grain will be made this year as there were last. The farmers will make their applications to the municipalities which will be guaranteed by the provincial government. The Dominion government has undertaken to supply all the grain that is required. The mortgage companies are also going to lend money for the purchase of seed grain, and they will take their own security, so the farmer will be able to either make private arrangements through the loan companies or to buy through his municipality. The rate of interest is not yet decided, but it is understood that the minister of municipalities was negotiating with the banks before his departure for Chicago, in regard to getting the best price possible on the money required.

During their trip East the Premier and Mr. Mitchell interviewed the representatives of some of the mortgage companies in connection with the matter of lending money to farmers for the purchase of their seed grain. No very definite estimate of the amount of seed grain that will be required can yet be made, as many farmers have not yet sent in their applications. They are however sending them in much earlier this year than they have in other years.

NEWS OF THE LEDUC DISTRICT

IMPERIAL BANK OPENS BRANCH AT GRANDE PRAIRIE

The Imperial Bank has opened a branch at Grande Prairie under the management of C. L. Grisdale, formerly manager of the West End branch here. R. A. Matthews, formerly accountant at the Calgary branch, has been appointed manager of the West End branch in place of Mr. Grisdale.

OPENING CAMROSE NORMAL SCHOOL IS POSTPONED

On account of the re-occurrence of the influenza epidemic at Camrose the opening of the Normal school there has been indefinitely postponed. It will not be opened before the first of the year at the earliest.

SURVEY ALBERTA HORSES FOR FOOD

There has been no letup in the Food board regulations applying to beef. Conservation of beef still is most important at the present time and in the future.

In view of the shortage the Alberta office of the Food board now is making a survey of the number of horses available in the province for slaughtering purposes. There is a large demand for horse meat in France and Belgium and the opportunity exists to get some of the business provided horses can be obtained at a price which will allow the finished article to be sold at an attractive price as compared with beef.

The United States already is after this business. There would appear to be no good reason why Canada should not get a piece of it.

CALGARY HOSPITALS ARE AGAIN CROWDED

CALGARY. — Influenza cases are decidedly on the increase in Calgary. Forty-seven new cases were reported on December 11. No deaths occurred at the hospitals. There were ten releases. The annex to the general hospital is filled, the emergency hospital is full and the Stanley Jones school, one of the largest and best-equipped schools in the city, has been taken over to be used as an extra emergency hospital.

EDMONTON BOY'S DEATH

CALGARY. — The boy who was found dead in the Princess theatre Tuesday morning has been definitely identified as Reginald Ashton, son of Mrs. Ashton, of 7103 Ninety-Seventh street, Edmonton. Mrs. Ashton has claimed the remains. They will be buried in Calgary. Nothing definite has been established as to the cause of his death.

TEACHERS WELL PAID

CALGARY. — That the six Calgary school board nurses drew double pay during the period of the first influenza epidemic, one of them received as high as \$172.50 for the month beside her regular school board salary of \$20 a week was a surprising fact which was revealed at the commissioners session at the city hall recently.

MINES ONLY PRODUCING HALF CAPACITY

DRUMHELLER, Alta. — Drumheller mines are putting out about 4,300 tons of coal a day at the present time, and of this about 1,100 to 1,200 tons are being shipped into Manitoba. The mines in that district have pretty much recovered from the shut down occasioned by the epidemic and are keeping up to their olders.

Edmonton mines are barely working 50 per cent. Some of them have cut down their staffs owing to lack of orders. However, John T. Stirling, chief inspector of mines for the province, believes that the country is well taken care of in the matter of fuel, and that this was due entirely to the propaganda urging people to get in their winter supply of fuel early.

Mr. Stirling estimates that the output for this year will be over 6,000,000 tons. Last year the amount mined in the province was 4,863,400.

FOUR YOUNG PEOPLE DROWNED IN LAKE NEAR NELSON, B.C.

VERNON, B.C. — Four young people, Miss May Leatherdale, Miss Ella Johnston, William Souham and Leslie Dodd, met death by drowning here one evening a few days ago when they skated into two separate holes in the ice of Goose Lake, a body of water near here. All the bodies were recovered. All are under 20 years of age.

The quartet formed a skating party to go to the lake. Their absence from home in the morning alarmed friends and relatives and a searching party was sent out. The searchers found the ice broken and two caps floating in the water. The preceding night was cloudy and the supposition is that they skated into the opening in the dark.

FIRE IS RAGING IN BIG COAL MINE

PERMIE, B.C. — The fire, reported some days ago, as having started in No. 1 mine, south, Coal Creek, is still burning.

BAN IS LIFTED IN NORTH-EASTERN PART OF PROVINCE

The Provincial Board of Health met Friday afternoon before last, and lifted all bans in the north-eastern part of the province. The situation over the whole province will then be as follows:

In the southern portion of the province the municipal councils control the situation. In the northern two-thirds of the province the local Boards of Health have absolute control, as they have had absolute control, except as to that portion of the province north of the C.N.R. line and the Athabasca district, which has been held under provincial control until now.

Even that portion is now absolutely released so far as the Provincial Board is concerned.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

CAR OF WHISKY FAILED TO REACH B. C. GOVERNMENT

Sensational Disclosures Expected

VICTORIA, B.C. — On representations made by Hon. J. W. de B. Farris, attorney-general to the provincial executive council, this morning, W. C. Findlay, prohibition commissioner was relieved of his office and in his stead Deputy Attorney-General A. M. Johnson was formally appointed commissioner.

It is stated that the government has reason to believe that a recently imported carload of rye whiskey failed to reach the government store and the department of the attorney-general is conducting an investigation in relation thereto.

Warrant for Findlay

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of W. C. Findlay, who was relieved of his office as prohibition commissioner for British Columbia, the charge against him being that of illegally importing liquor into the province. The charge is based on the federal order-in-council which prohibits importation from one province to another.

It is stated that the Government is not short of money but short of booze.

Editorial Comment

The Vancouver World in an editorial says: "That something has been radically wrong with the liquor situation in this city for some little time has been apparent to those in touch with it. Within very recent days whiskey of well-known brands has been procurable in Vancouver at \$2.50 and even \$2 a bottle. There was no escaping the inference that by one means or another the underground sources of supply had been replenished and that resources were sufficiently unlimited to induce a competition that had brought prices down with a run. That a whiskey ring has been operating and that carloads of whiskey brought from the east, ostensibly for shipment to the Orient, have been deflected to the local market seems evident from the facts. Altogether, the situation promises to result in an expense which will bring to light the operations of a syndicate which has grown bolder from day to day as it has found itself able to conduct its illegal business with impunity."

NEWS OF THE LEDUC DISTRICT

LEDCU, Alta. — A large crowd attended the auction sale at Sam King's a few days ago. The horses and cattle did not go as high as expected, but the household furniture sold well.

A temporary isolation hospital for flu patients has been established at Leduc.

Mr. Van Stralen had an auction sale and has left for North Dakota. The Union Bank of Canada has opened a branch in the U.F.A. Co-operative Association hall.

The Bank of Commerce is also looking out for premises to establish a branch here.

The deaths in the district due to influenza since last report are: Robert Deutschman, Nick Dobka, Metro Syez, A. A. Phillips, Alfred Westlin, Mrs. Jabbs, Mrs. Posain, B. Eckert, Mrs. Moberk and Mrs. A. Pachal.

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This fire, caused by spontaneous combustion, started on Nov. 18, and it will be near the end of this year before it will be entirely fought to a finish.

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