DISTRICT NEWS

WETASKIWIN.

Bulletin News Service.

The address given by Dr. Torey, president of the University of Alberta, in the assembly hall of the Alexandra School on Wednesday evening was heard by a large audience. Dr. Torey"s theme was "Education," viewed from a broad standpoint. He treated the subject under four main heads—reformatory, common school, secondary school and university. He pointed out clearly that with the cosmopolitan population of Alberta, if we wished to keep our country from degeneration and vice our social life must be kept up to a high standard, and this could only be accomplished through education. A nation could be judged by its attitude towards education. Education was synonymous with national progress and ignorance with national retrogression. He commended the United States thirst for knowledge, saying that their zeal in this direction could teach all civilized nations a valuable lesson. An American would willingly part with his last dollar that his son might have the advantage of a university education. He then dealt with the problem among individual states, proving that Massachusetts spent infinitely more than any other state on the education of her citizens, and as a result towered head and shoulders above her contemporaries in all productive enterprizes, invention discovery, etc. He then forced the truth home that even our banner educational province, Ontario, only paid on an average $1 per head yearly for educational purposes, as compared with Massachusetts $10. Then he said, to the praise of Alberta, that young as she was, it had been estimated that her average payment per head yearly was $5, the largest in the Dominion. He compared the average teachers' pittance in Ontario ($350) with the $600 average Alberta wage, but lamented the fact that educationally Alberta was utterly dependent on her sister provinces; that all the teachers of this province, almost without exception, had been educated elsewhere. This, he said, was a powerful plea for the secondary schools and universities.

The common schools at the expense of the public gave the minimum education possible—the three R's—to insure the safety of the state and that this was made compulsory and was the state's only safeguard against villainy of every sort.

But the secondary schools were the spreaders of culture and had unmistakable disciplinary value, as the pupil for the first time and to think abstractly. This value could not be too highly estimated. Some object that the secondary schools were degenerating into teacher-making factories, but Dr. Torey claimed that herein lay their chief value.

As the secondary schools furnish and train teachers for the common schools, so do the universities in turn for the secondary schools. Dr. Torey claimed that the old-time objection to universities that the impractical nature of the work unfitted the student for the practical affairs of every day life, had entirely vanished, and that positions were open to university graduates in every walk of life. In a humorous way he compared the Oxford student, emerging from one beautiful city (Oxford), where he had been intent on learning of another beautiful city (Athens), gazing in a dazed and helpless way at the surrounding world, with an Ontario theological student "hustling" during vacation to earn his next years' fees.

He then spoke in a feeling way of the needs of our new country and the grand possibility, which was fast becoming a probability, of establishing such a university in Strathcona, that not only Albertans but all Canadians would point to it with pride.

J. F. Fowler was chairman of the assembly. During the evening a quartette was rendered by Misses Kolt and Martin and Messrs. Kinnaird and Gardner. Mr. Gardner also sang "The Curfew."

A social function of unusual interest took place at the "Prince of Wales" after Dr. Torey's lecture on Wednesday evening. On the invitation of J. F. Fowler, the members of the board and their wives, the teachers of the school and Dr. Torey himself, repaired to the hotel and were served with a most elaborate dinner. The guests numbered 24 in all, and the social intercourse during dinner was very pleasant. At the conclusion of the meal Mr. Fowler expressed the pleasure that this gathering had given him, and hoped it might become a precedent, that many other opportunities of social intercourse between board and teachers might follow in the near future. Dr. Torey, in a few well chosen words, gave expression to the pleasure this function had given him and proposed a toast to Mr. Fowler.

T. G. Bosworth moved on Wednesday into the house recently occupied by P.C. Dobson. For some time past he has been living in one of Mr. Mills' houses.

Sergeant Phillips has gone on a business trip to Stettler.

R. W. Manley left for Edmonton on Friday. He is a candidate for the second intermediate departmental law examination and commenced writing on Monday.

The Wetaskiwin orchestra seems to be in demand lately. Last Friday they drove to Ponoka, played there all night and returned to the city in time for work in the morning. That night they played for a dance here, and it is rumored that sleep overtook one or two of the members in the midst of the festivities.

Mrs. H. J. Millar, who has been suffering from neuralgia for some time, went to the Capital the other day to consult a specialist.

Mrs. C. C. Baily gave a ladies' bridge afternoon on Saturday, and on Tuesday evening her daughter, Miss Ethel Baily, entertained her young friends with five hundred. Miss Lucy Knight was the fortunate prize winner on the latter occasion, the prize being a handsome cup and saucer.

Wetaskiwin, February 27.

HURRY.

Bulletin News Service.

The stork recently visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robinson.

Rev. R. H. Sharp, Free Methodist pastor, has been granted a three months' leave of absence. He and Mrs. Sharp left for Wittenberg on Feb. 17th.

Quarterly services were conducted in the Flint school house by District Elder O. L. King, February 14th to 16th. The attendance was good and a deep interest manifested by the people in these services.

Thomas Waldie is building a house 16x24 for Alfred Miller on N. E. 1-4 of section 22, 49, 14. Mr. Miller's sister, Mrs. Knight, will occupy this house soon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Green from Harland, spent Friday to Monday visiting friends in this neighborhood.

Rev. Frank B. Lewis and Geo. McAlligan, from Edmonton, attended the quarterly meeting services last week.

Charles Lynch, from Vegreville, spent the Sabbath here with his sister, Miss Lynch.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem. Daily are spending the winter in the Beaver Hills, cookinig for a saw mill camp.

A snow storm accompanied by a strong wind last Sunday evening, drifted the trail full, making travel somewhat difficult the fore part of this week. The winter so far has been so fine and mild that no one is complaining.

Mrs. John Wilson is ill. She has not been able to leave home for some time.

Geo. Barker is reported to have purchased the building opposite Miller Bros.' store, and expects to fit it up for a restaurant.

R. K. Lee was recently to Edmonton in an effort to secure the establishment of a post office in his neighborhood, some seven miles east of here. If he succeeds he will open a store there also.

Arthur L. Haight is digging a well for Alfred Miller.

Howard Wilson, from Martins, is stopping at S. W. Cole's while receiving medical treatment from Dr. Halliday.

The chinook that came yesterday and continues today is taking the snow off rapidly. If it continues wheels will soon be necessary.

Two vacancies in the school board of the Woodside school district have made it necessary to call a special election for March 4.

Wm. Robinson, elected at the annual school meeting as trustee for the Flint district, failed to qualify and a new election has been ordered to fill the vacancy.

Hurry, Feb. 22.

LLOYDMINSTER.

Bulletin Special.

Fred Sample has returned from G.T.P. camp 13, where he has been working all winter.

Fred Cuthbert last night dropped a stone on his foot, badly crushing one toe.

H. Bowtill, of Vermilion, is in town on his return from Onion Lake.

D. S. Irwin is able to be around again, but is still quite unwell.

Mrs. W. P. Yeo, who has been unwell for several weeks, was taken to the hospital today for treatment.

The Knox Church annual entertainment on Monday evening was a great success in every way.

There were two shows in town last night, one a coon and the other a wire artist. Both were N.G.

J. F. McNamara is in Edmonton.

The firemen were called out twice on Saturday to small chimney blazes.

D. V. Farney is giving a big dancing party tonight at Blackfoot.

Local Improvement District 25a 4 Council will ask the Alberta government to build a road along the telephone line as a government work.

E. L. and Mrs. Burdett left for Edmonton for a short visit on Saturday night.

On Friday evening, march 13, a joint debate will be held by the St. John's Church Literary Society on "Amalgamation." Representatives from the village and town will take part.

It is rumored that an attempt will be made to secure a liquor license for Blackfoot.

Mr. Martin, of the elevator, is in Lumsden.

Mr. Moss returned from British Columbia on Saturday. He says Lloydminster still looks good to him.

Applications for seed grain seem to be about all in here. About ten thousand bushels is required.

On Saturday George Flannank received a cable announcing the death of his father in England.

Dr. Holt, of Lashburn, was in town on Monday.

The provincial seed school car will be here on March 5th.

Rev. Mr. Symons preached to large congregations, morning and evening, on Sunday, the occasion being the anniversary of the Presbyterian Church.

Lloydminster, Feb. 26.

RED DEER.

Bulletin News Service.

A meeting of the Red Deer Memorial hospital board was held last night in Michener & Carscallen's office for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. The following directors were present. Rev. W. G. W. Fortune, Capt. W. H. Cottingham, W. J. Galbraith, S. N. Carscallen, S. McKee and W. L. Ouimette. F. H. Tallman and T. L. Gaetz, representing the town, and Drs. Collison, Parsons and Rowantree were also present. The meeting resulted in the election of the following officers: President, S. N. Carscallen; vice-president, H. Campbell; secretary-treasurer, A. W. G. Allen. Several matters pertaining to the staff and to finances for the coming year were discussed at length.

The monthly meeting of the Alberta Natural History society was held last night at Dr. George's museum. There was a very good attendance and several new members were added. A paper was read by Dr. George on "Woodpeckers and their habits." The next meeting of the society will be held at the residence of Mrs. F. H. Tallman, the provincial secretary.

J. H. Foore, the Stettler real estate man, is spending a few days in Red Deer.

J. B. Gaetz and F. W. Gaetz returned from Didsbury yesterday afternoon, having made the long drive in record time.

Ald. Moodie, of Calgary, is in town on business connected with the proposed racing circuit.

J. R. Cowell left on Sunday for Edmonton.

A meeting of the Red Deer Mill and Elevator company was held in the office of F. S. Simpson yesterday afternoon.

W. C. Cowell, of the Dominion lands office staff, Red Deer, left on Monday's train for Regina, where he will assist in the distribution of seed grain.

Mrs. R. W. Grieve is spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. Dawson, in Calgary.

A. B. Contford, of St. Catharines, Ont., is spending a few days in town.

H. P. Chapman, of Great Falls, Montana, has been in town for the past few days.

A special train is being run from Olds to the Alberta Amateur Hockey league finals in Lacombe between Edmonton and Lacombe on Tuesday and a car will be added at Red Deer. A large number of people have signified their intention of going down.

Red Deer, Feb. 19.

EAST CLOVER BAR.

Bulletin News Service.

With the mild weather the snow has almost gone. The cattle are feeding out, and stock is looking well.

Mr. D. D. Lint's auction sale passed off successfully, excellent prices being realized for horses, cattle and grain. Mr. Lints and family are leaving for their old home in Nebraska. A party of friends and neighbors gathered at their home here to spend a sociable evening with them before their departure. They will be greatly missed in the settlement for no one was more ready to give a helping hand to a friend.

A skating party under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of East Clover Bar was held on February 19th on Mr. E. G. Andrew's lake. A large crowd attended. Everyone enjoyed the outing. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening. The proceeds, amounting to $20, are to go towards building a manse in East Clover Bar.

Quite a number of people throughout the community are suffering from severe attacks of la grippe. Mr. James Daly has but recently recovered.

Mr. Horton's new store is nearing completion. It is a large and roomy building, well stocked, and is a great convenience to the surrounding district. Much credit is due Mr. A. Gillies for his able workmanship.

Mr. John Reynolds lost a valuable pure-bred cow last week. She was hooked by another beast.

Mr. T. Jackson, who has been seriously ill, is mending rapidly.

The regular meeting of the East Clover Bar branch of the A. F. A. will be held on the 24th inst., in the East Clover Bar school house. This branch is in a flourishing condition, all up-to-date farmers are realizing the necessity of working in unison.

Mr. Sid Ottewell lost a valuable mare from influenza last week.

Councillor Lackey is quick to realize the necessity of building good roads to the new townsite on the G.T.P. There should be some excellent roads under the able management of Councillor Lackey.

East Clover Bar, Feb. 25th.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Bulletin News Service.

The special train bearing the grain judges and lecturers arrived in the fort on Saturday morning last, and the morning session was opened at ten o'clock. About 100 of an audience attended the school at both morning and afternoon sessions. The first of the subjects taken was "Studies in Barley," the various varieties and brewing qualities being described by A. F. Mason, who was remembered in the Fort as having been here last month with A. W. Foley, the poultry expert. Mr. Mason was then to have addressed the meeting on dairying, but the great majority of the audience at that time being poultry fanciers, the entire time was taken up by Mr. Foley.

The judging of "Commercial grades" was in the capable hands of H. A. Craig, superintendent of fairs and institutes; and "Examining for Seed Purposes" was dealt with by Mr. Mason.

The subject of "Clovers and Grasses" was taken by T. W. Woolford, of Cardston, and elicited frequent questions from the farmers present, as did also the "Studies in Weeds," conducted by A. Mitchell, who has been provincial weed inspector in Alberta ever since the establishment of that office, but who has recently resigned to accept a position in the Forestry branch of the Dominion Department of the Interior, in connection with the extensive system of tree planting work which that department has been pushing for some time in the three prairie provinces.

In the afternoon the classes were devoted to "Studies in Oats" and "Studies in Wheat." Mr. Mason took up the varieties and milling qualities of oats, and Mr. Woolford conducted the class in grading commercial oats; and the "Examining for Seed Purposes and scoring was led by Mr. Craig. The studies in wheat were then conducted in a similar manner by Messrs. Mitchell and Woolford.

Each compartment in the car is provided with a table and sample trays of wheat, barley and oats, which are placed before the students, who, when judging the quality of the grain under construction, mark the points on score cards, furnished them for this purpose. The farmers of this neighborhood were highly complimented for their good judgment in this respect. The car left on Sunday night for Lamont.

Fort Saskatchewan, Feb. 25.

NORTH BATTLEFORD.

Bulletin News Service.

By reason of the illness of Judge Forbes the sittings of the District court dated for Feb. 24 have been indefinitely postponed.

J. A. Gregory, who for the past few days has been visiting at Regina and other places in the southern part of the province, returned home on Sunday.

Rev. E. Salter, of Winnipeg, occupied the pulpit in the Presbyterian church on Sunday morning. In the evening he addressed a union service in the Methodist church. Mr. Salter is western representative for British and Foreign Bible society. He left town Monday morning for Battleford, where he will address a meeting on Tuesday evening.

H. M. Allen, principal of the North Battleford school, has been confined to his bed for the past few days. He is improving, however, and will soon be in a position to resume his duties.

E. E. Colbeck will put up a large cement block building on Main street. Operations will be commenced shortly.

The Grand Central hotel has changed hands. Mr. Graves, who, at an earlier date, had an interest in the hotel, has again assumed the management.

David Clapp, late school inspector of Ontario, now a law student at Radisson, is in town.

On Friday night, 21st inst., the senior hockey team of North Battleford held a dance in the opera house. A large number were in attendance.

On Monday night, under the auspices of the North Battleford fire brigade, a dance was held in the town hall.

The town curlers, who, two weeks ago, went down to Winnipeg to attend the bonspiel, have returned. They report having spent an enjoyable holiday.

North Battleford, Feb. 25th.

VERMILION.

Bulletin News Service.

Harry Bowtell has returned from Onion Lake.

R. G. Dunsmore is in Edmonton on a business trip.

R. P. Inglis returned from Edmonton last night.

W. E. Sutton was the lucky purchaser of No. 13 ticket, which entitled him to a pair of curling rocks owned by the Curling Club.

Robert Mitchell, late proprietor of the Vermilion Hotel, is visiting in town.

The large crowd who attended the firemen's concert in the Fire Hall on Saturday night was somewhat disappointed, as the moving pictures were not up to expectations. The merchants who kindly consented to close their stores during the entertainment were mainly responsible for the large crowd present.

P. Harvey, who has been travelling for the London Life Insurance Co., is back to town.

A number of the Vermilion Masons attended the banquet at Mannville, given by the members of that lodge.

Vermilion, February, 25.

THE SULTAN'S HAIR RUFFLED.

By Great Britain's Attitude on the Macedonian Trouble.

Constantinople, Feb. 27.—The sultan and his advisers are in an ugly frame of mind over the menacing words used by Sir Edward Grey, British Foreign Secretary in the House of Commons the other night in regard to the Macedonia difficulty. Several conferences have taken place on the subject and more are to follow. The hint is freely thrown out that Britain seems bent on getting into war in the Levant, and unless the other Powers stand rigidly aside from these "machinations," there will be trouble. While this is rather in the nature of a bluff, smart observers have little doubt that Turkey will fight in preference to scuttling from Europe, even if threatened by the Christian nations in a solid phalanx. However, the Sultan does not expect war-like developments immediately. What he does expect is that Sir Edward Grey will put so much pressure, both on Christian and Turkish governments as finally to cause an explosion of some kind.

The attitude which the German ambassador here will assume is anxiously awaited in the palace. Last fall Prince Buelow, speaking in the Reichstag, said such nice things about the Sultan's "sagacity" and "ardent interest in his Macedonian subjects" that the Sultan fully looked for continued support from Germany in resisting effective reforms. Now comes telegrams about Ambassador Metterich's speech in London, which seems to side with England in admitting the terrible state of things in Macedonia.

Earl Grey Endorses Rifle Matches.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—At the annual meeting of the Dominion Artillery Association, Lieut.-Colonel H. McDavidson was elected present in succession to Lieut.-Colonel John S. Hendrie. Mayor C. Arnold, of Ottawa, was elected secretary. There were few other changes. Earl Grey, in replying to a vote of thanks, congratulated the association on the splendid array of trophies—three cups won from the British teams. He believed more competitions between the old country and the colonies would be better. Sir Frederick Borden said he believed Canadians would be glad to have the British use Petawawa often, and wished the British artillery to feel the Petewawa camp grounds always at their disposal. The artillery association was a great help to the government, and he was glad to get their well-thought-out suggestions, which were nearly always complied with.

Judge Burbidge's Successor.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—It is said that the Minister of Justice has decided on the appointment of Walter Cassels, K.C., Toronto, to succeed the late Judge Burbidge in the Exchequer Court. Cassels has been a member of the Ontario Bar for many years, and is a partner of Blake, Lash and Cassels. He is regarded as an authority regarding patents.

TEMPLARS ASK MUCH.

Of Saskatchewan Government in Temperance Legislation, and Expect Something.

Regina, Feb. 28.—A deputation of R. T. of T., consisting of R. A. Magee and Levi Thompson, of Wolseley; F. J. Reynolds, Regina, and Rev. Mr. Powell, Maple Creek, today waited on Acting-Premier Calder and Attorney General Turgeon to urge upon the government certain amendments of the liquor license ordinance. The amendments asked for have reference to shortening the hours of sale, raising the age of minors to 21, the abolition of bars and treating; no wholesale licenses in places of less than 2,000 inhabitants with five thousand as the minimum for a second license and one license for every ten thousand people over that, the raising of the minimum quantity of liquor to be sold under the wholesale licenses and the passing of local option by a bare majority. The ministers in reply stated that the government was already preparing legislation to amend the License act and were prepared to go to the limit that public opinion justified. Interviewed afterwards the members of the deputation expressed themselves as well plased with their reception, stating that while they hardly expected to get all that they were asking for, they were confident of receiving a very substantial advance on the present law.

China Looking to U.S. For Aid.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 28.—From advices from the Orient it is understood that Wu Ting Fang, the newly-appointed Chinese minister to Washington, who arrives in San Francisco on the steamer Siberia today, is the bearer of an appeal from his government to President Roosevelt to use the friendly offices of the United States on behalf of the preservation of China's interests in Manchuria. It has been a matter of diplomatic gossip for some time that the Washington government is contemplating sending a formal note to the powers protesting against the Japanese encroachment in Manchuria, but it is now known for the first time that it has the intention of China to ask American aid in the protection of her interests.

To Pick Up Stranded Sailor.

Lima, Feb. 26.—The tender Yankton will leave here Friday for Galapa. It goes to the islands to search for an American seaman, Frederick Jeffs, who was stranded on the Indefatigable, the wildest group which lie off the western coast of Ecuador. Jeffs was a member of the crew of the Norwegian vessel, Alexandria, bound from Newcastle, N.S.W., to Panama. The boat was blown off its course by a storm and wrecked off the island, Jeffs being one who managed to reach shore. Eventually all but Jeffs of the shipwrecked sailors were rescued by merchantmen. After rescuing Jeffs the Yankton will proceed to Acopulco.

Insane Conductor Jumped Overboard.

Vancouver, Feb. 26.—Percy Gallagher, conductor on the Canadian Pacific in New Brunswick, was committed to the insane asylum here today. Gallagher lived with his wife and daughters in California and was particularly despondent when his wife refused to return with him until spring. Last Friday he left San Francisco on the steamer Umatilla for Vancouver. Tying his hands behind his back, he jumped overboard and was sinking the third time when he was grasped by the hair by the boat's crew, which put off to rescue him. He apparently recovered, but last night in Vancouver became hopelessly insane.

New C. P. R. Superintendent.

Saskatoon, Sask., Feb. 26. — General Manager Bury, C.P.R. announced here last night the appointment of E. S. Maharg, now superintendent at Brandon, as Superintendent of operating and construction on the new Saskatoon division. The new superintendent will move here in a couple of weeks with his staff of despatchers and the usual division officials. It was also announced that work on the new shops here would start as soon as spring opens and the passenger service would start to Winnipeg about June 1st on the new line. Maharg's division goes east as far as Bredenbury on the M. & N. W. and Neudorf on Kirkella line.

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GERMANY'S MUNICIPAL DEBTS.

Large Amounts Needed by the Leading Cities of the Empire.

Berlin, Feb. 27.—It is a well-known fact that the imperial finances of Germany are in somewhat of a tangle, that expenditure, particularly in the army and navy departments, greatly exceed the revenues while the government is wondering whether to move for complete fiscal reorginization or introduce a new system of taxation. Nor are the principal cities of the empire much better off than the imperial treasury. Large amounts have been used by Berlin, Colonge, Cassel, Munich, etc., and still large amounts must be forthcoming this year.

In other words, 1908 will see municipal loans throughout the empire more than twice what they were a year ago. During 1906 the municipal loans issued amounted to $67,500,000. In 1907 these loans amounted to $78,500,000, exclusive of $20,000,000 which were not registered. If the money market had been in a better state, more loans would have been raised. It is estimated that the municipal loans raised in Germany will amount to nearly $175,000,000. Berlin will raise $30,000,000, Charlottenburg $10,030,000, Cassel $7,500,000, Kiel $6,500,000, Wiseba den $5,750,000, Munich $5,250,000, Breslan $10,500,000 and Rixdorf $5,500,000.

FOR GREED OF GOLD.

Russian Betrays Fleeing Prisoner for Large Reward.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 27.—No melodrama could surpass the story of Horace G. McKinley, the Oregon land frauder, against whom over one hundred indictment are pending.

Up to yesterday the real facts of McKinley's escape from Mukden, Manchuria, jail, were not disclosed. He smuggled a note to the outlaw organization of Hung Hu Tsu, an organization of bad men in all parts of the world, with headquarters at Mukden. The reply came telling him to enter the toilet room of his cell at 8 o'clock on the night of November 7 last, and shove on the wall, which would fall out. It did. Hung Hu Tsu members carried him by day in a Chinese coffin, letting him out at nights disguised as a Russian girl.

The Chinese government offered four thousand dollars reward, and a greedy Russian betrayed him at Harbin, on December 27.

The U. S.-Japanese Situation.

London, Feb. 28—The Manchester Guardian today prints dispatches from its New ork correspondent saying: "On the battleship fleet now safely in the Pacific and available in any emergency the official pretense that the sailing of the warships was only a practice cruise is no longer kept up and the president in confidential talks with the senators now makes no concealment that the battleships were ordered to the Pacific distinctly as a precautionary measure. The dispatch goes on to point out that this does not imply that a clash is feared or imminent and says: "The state department is satisfied with the condition of the negotiations with Japan, yet there is no doubt that apprehension existed. Several naval officers insist that it is only a question of months before the hostilities will begin. The attitude of the administration is perfectly correct and peaceful and the general sentiment of the country is wholly averse to war."

MAY SETTLE TYNE STRIKE.

Labor Leaders and Ship Owners Meet and Discuss Strikers' Demands.

London, Feb. 27.—A provisional agreement looking to the ending of the shipbuilding and allied engineers' strike along the Tyne was reached in this city today. At a meeting of representatives of the employers and of the labor leaders terms were provisionally accepted, both sides promising to recommend the acceptance of the findings to their respective bodies. The strike of shipbuilders on the Tyne began early in January. By the middle of February the strikers had been joined by the Allied Engineers, who voted by an overwhelming majority against a reduction in wages, and it was feared at one time that the entire Tyne shipbuilding industry would be completely tied up. The situation was so serious four days ago that troops were draited in to assist the local police at Sunderland in case there should arise disorders requiring stern methods of repression

G. T. P. CONSTRUCTION IN B. C.

Is Being Prosecuted Energetically Considering Difficulties.

Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 27—Considering the difficulties experienced, good progress is being made in the construction on the Kitimaat branch of the Grand Trunk Pacific, according to J. B. Harstone, superintendent for the contractors, Messrs. Foley, Welsh and Stewart. Mr. Harstone says that the big undertaking of building a road from Kitimaat to tide water, a distance of fifty miles, was completed a fortnight ago. Since then many sleigh loads of supplies have been forwarded across the divide to the Copper river, where several hundred men are engaged in grading operations. Two engineering parties are now in the field checking up the final survey and it is stated that one or two slight alterations may be carried out. With the advent of spring the numbers of laborers will be greatly increased.

Czar Entertains Douma Members.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—Over 300 members of the Douma were received by Emperor Nicholas today in the palace. The Legislators gathered in the great hall of the palace where the Czar made an address in a particularly happy vein. After he had concluded his address he was joined by the Empress and the four year old Crown Prince, who greeted the Douma members cordially. With the little Prince between them, the Czar and Czarina walked up and down the guest chamber meeting the members. After the reception was over the members were treated to a buffet luncheon.

Texas Gets Damages.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 27.—The Supreme Court of Texas has sustained the judgment of the lower trial courts wherein they rendered a judgment for $1,600 damages for the state against the Waters Pierce Oil Company for violating the Texas Anti-Trust laws. The case will be appealed at once to the United States Supreme Court.

To Reclaim Marsh Lands.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—Mr. McInnes, of the Geological Survey, told the Commons agricultural committee today that by the lowering of the channel of the Saskatchewan River in the Cedar Lake region, north of Lake Winnipeg, three million acres, which are now marsh lands, could be converted into good lands.

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WILLIAM J. BRYAN, TH DEMOCRAT CANDIDA

For President of the United State a Man Who Has the Persist of a Good Cause—Is Now a W ing Journalist—Was Formerl Lawyer.

William Jennings Bryan is on the most striking and picture personalities in the United State day. Not yet 50 years of age, he presents a type of American str ousness quite personified in Presi Roosevelt. The hope of the De cratic party, he as at least an ar crat, and the paradox has found pression in a dozen phases, and dents of his brilliant and lively reer.

Bryan is a working journalist to He has been a working journalist his life; and he is a splendid sp men of the best type of Amer journalism. A native of the s which gave President Lincoln to great republic, he, like the fathe presidents, was started out in li a lawyer. He was a student at Union College of Law, Chicago, practised his profession for ten y after graduating. Then he went di to journalism, having for some y previously dabbled in newspaper w as an occasional contributor. As editor of the Omaha World-Herald, speedily made his trenchant pen as a power for the Democratic pa He entered into the game of poli with a natural aptitude for the sp and an inborn genius for diplom of an advanced type which has always stood him in good stead.

Twelve Years in Practical Politi

His first practical experience on inside of politics was as the delег for the state of Illinois to the natio Democratic convention in 1896. had been a lively worker long be this, however, and was well and orably known to all the leading De crats in the country. His fervid thusiasm, his irrepressible optim and his power to convince even "hardbacks," carried the convent off its feet, and he found him nominated for the presidential c didature in the first year of his de gate representation.

For a young man of 36 to opp such a man as Mr. McKinley was best a serious and difficult task. McKinley had the whole weight of organized Republican party at back. He had a wide experience political life and political intrigue aid him in his candidature. He h a magnetic personality, a powerful a at times astoundingly eloquent pl form style, and the prestige that born of dignity, consciousness of p er, and the support of the lead active statesmen of the day.

Against these factors making success, young Bryan had to fight w an indifferent organization, the dis vantages of comparative youth, and backing which, though no whit l loyal, was far less influential. made a splendid fight, but the res was a foregone conclusion, and lost. But he was not dismayed. had entered the political arena a De ocrat, and he continued to fight battle of democracy in season and o of season. He had lost his first ca paign on the free silver questio Four years later, nominated once m for the presidency he again enter the lists and again put up a splend fight.

The imperialist doctrine had bitt deep into the minds of the nation, a opinion was keenly divided on t question. Bryan took the side of t opposition.

Opposed the Trusts.

Bryan fought against imperialis and he waged a terrific war agai the trusts. McKinley was support by every possible influence that cou tell in a candidate's favor with t electorate. But his opponent did n give him an easy victory. It was o of the most keenly contested electio the States had known for years. Pa sions were aroused which had be dormant for many years, and thou McKinley won, his victory was n easily bought.

Since 1900, Mr. Bryan has been a vocating the cause of democracy season and out of season. He h tackled the United States imperiali policy at first hand. He went to Cu and the Philippines and inquired in existing conditions himself, and h articles on what he found in bo places are still the most comprehe sive and most exhaustive accounts social, industrial and political life, it affects both nationalities extant American literature.

There is little doubt in spite of t opposition, notably of the New Yo World, but that Mr. Bryan will be t Democratic candidate for the presi ency in July next. He is now in th prime of life, with a wealth of exper ence, an unexcelled knowledge of co ditions both in the United States an in the dominions governed by that r public beyond its own borders, and h has a strong and increasing influe tial following. Whatever be the r sult, he may be relied upon to ma another fight as game and as stren ous as any in which President Roos velt has engaged.

Dead Priest Honored.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 27.—The bo of Father Leo Heinricks was tak from St. Elizabeth's Roman Cathol Church today to the Union Statio where it was placed aboard the Bu lington train to be forwarded to Pa terson, N.J., the Franciscian Father American headquarters. The corte was led by a squad of police. A co pany of the Knights of St. John, full uniform and with drawn swor acted as a guard of honor. Re Father Ryan delivered the funer sermon, in which he highly eulogiz the dead priest.

Earl Grey's Competition.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—Earl Grey's dr matic competition closed tonig when the string orchestra of t Canadian Conservatoire of Music w heard to advantage. Competitio has been successful from eve point of view.