Strathcona

LOCALS
Saturday's daily)

—The term examination of the high school begin next week.

—The members of the Young Men's Club, of Knox church, will hold their regular monthly meeting at the home of the president, Mr. R. P. Lewis next Thursday evening. A debate will take place on the Chinese Head Tax and a number of the young men will participate.

—Rev. C. W. Corey goes to Leduc today, where he will assist Rev. Mr. McDonald in the Sunday services. Rev. Mr. Alexander will preach in the Baptist church here at both services tomorrow.

—The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. to have been held yesterday at the home of Mrs. H. B. McKenzie, has been postponed till next Friday and will take place at the home of Mrs. J. Gainer. Any contributions of literature for the lumber camps may be sent to Mrs. Gainer's.

—The annual anniversary services of Knox Presbyterian church will take place on Sunday. Owing to illness Rev. Mr. Myers of Queen's avenue Presbyterian church will not be present as anticipated but in the evening Rev. Dr. McQueen will speak and give a history of the church from its inception to the present time. As this will probably be the last anniversary service in the present building, more than ordinary interest will attach to it.

—The Vogel Meat and Packing Co., while boring for water, discovered a seven foot coal seam underneath their property and contemplate establishing a colliery.

—Plaindealer: Some time last summer a couple of men belonging to a Dominion lands survey party engaged up the river, were drowned, apparently while endeavoring to cross the river on a raft. One of the bodies was recovered soon after the drowning and the other was not found until a few weeks ago. The parties who discovered the body notified the Mounted Police and were instructed not to disturb the body until they arrived to take charge of it. A lumber man from the vicinity, seventy miles up the river, where the body was found, informed the Plaindealer on Saturday last that the remains still lie where they were discovered awaiting the long delayed coming of the police.

At the regular meeting of the literary society of Grandin street school yesterday afternoon piano duets were given by Misses Inez and Sybil Clark and Miss Bell, and Miss Francis Bennett; also a vocal solo by Miss Jean Skinner. An interesting lecture on Rome was also delivered by Principal Jenkins, M. A., who dealt very interestingly with that classic city both in ancient times and at the present day. The next meeting of the literary society next Friday will be the last of the present term and a special effort will be made to have an especially enjoyable afternoon.

STRATHCONA MARRIAGES

McKinley—Schiltt.—At Strathcona, on Thursday, Dec. 6th, by Rev. David Flemming, Daniel McKinley and Miss Mary Schiltt, both of Stony Plain.
Bevington—McKeen.—At Strathcona, on Thursday, Dec. 6th, by Rev. David Flemming, Charles E. Bevington, Edmonton, and Miss Isabella McKeen, Strathcona.
Belden—Smith.—At Strathcona, on Dec. 4, by Rev. D. McDonald, M.A., Ph.D, John Amos Belden, Rabbitt Hill, and Miss Clara Wilhelmina Smith of the same place.
Mode—Grant.—At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Campbell, Strathcona, on the 5th inst., by the Rev. D. Macdonald, M.A., Ph. D., Allan Thomas Mode, Advocate, Strathcona, to Miss Mararita Edna Grant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Grant, of Singhampton, Ontario.

CURLING.
(Monday's Daily)

The contest for the Ochsner cup commences today and promises to be keen from start to finish. It will be a knock out contest and the victory will be a decisive one. The skips are as follows; J. B. Millar, George F. Downes J. F. Weir, F. H. Sache, J. M. Douglas, W. H. Supple, W. Jackson R. B. Douglas, Dr. F. Crang, A. J. McLean, A. McLean, W. H. Sheppard and S. H. Somersall and George Thomson who come in on the second round.

AT THE HOTELS.
(Monday's Daily)

Strathcona hotel—C. T. Robston Vancouver; J. C. Carlston, Arch. Bell, Battleford; R. M. Angus, Belfast; Fred Sult, A. Nelson, Calgary; P. J. Leary, Lamont; J. Cotton, M. Stagg; W' Spreadboro, Neillbank; J. M. Starke, B. G. Turner, G. F. James, F. W. Tester, Calgary.

Dominion hotel—F. W. Gilling, Ward; Robt. L. Coffin, Stewart's Camp; K. Kelliwik, Zurich; K. A. Porter, Zurich; S. Logan, Laggan; W. J. Chambers, Calgary; R. Parstt, Z. Moran, W. J. Kelly, Thos. Konway.

LOCAL.
(Monday's Daily)

Mr. M. J. McLeod, deputy provincial treasurer, and Mrs. McLeod, were passengers by the southbound train this morning. Mrs. McLeod will spent a week in Calgary and Mr. Mc Leod went to Lacombe.

The southbound train was delayed an hour this morning, the cause being that the cars were frozen up on the switch. The assistance of a second engine and considerable work by the men were required before they could be moved after standing for the night.

Polling opened briskly at the Strathcona fire hall this morning and immediately on the poll being declared open by the returning officer, Geo. F. Downes, a number of ballots were deposited. The contest is a keen one and the outcome is looked forward to with much interest. Declaration will be at ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

The ladies of the Rectory Guild of the Holy Trinity church are to hold a sale of work in the Orange hall on the afternoon and evening of December 18th.

The coldest registered by the thermometer in Strathcona last night was twenty-nine degres below zero.

The Young Men's club in the Orange hall yesterday afternoon was led by Mr. R. P. Lewis.

In Knox Presbyterian church yesterday the anniversary services were of an especially interesting nature. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Flemming, occupied the pulpit in the morning. In the afternoon a special baptismal service was held before the Sabbath school. In the evening the pulpit was ocupied by Rev. Dr. McQueen whose discourse dealt with home mission work and the early history of the Strathcona church. The sermon was especially interesting to the older residents, who look with gratification on the progress the congregation has made since the early pioneer days, when the bounds of the presbytery extended from Calgary to Edmonton, covering a territory which now is made up of four districts.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trade will be held this Monday evening.

—The firemen were called out Friday evening shortly after five o'clock for a blaze in the store of A. M. Terrabain & Co. It was caused by the stove which ignited the floor but was put out without the assistance of the brigade.

—At the police court this morning two drunks from Leduc, gathered in last night by the Police were each fined $1 and costs.

BOARD OF TRADE.
(Wednesday's Daily)

The regular monthly meeting of the Strathcona Board of Trade was held last night in the fire hall with President Bush in the chair and a fair attendance of members present. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The council of the Board recommended that the applications of Hugh Duncan, Ewen McDougall and D. M. O'Brien for membership, be accepted to take effect on the first of the Board year.

The council also recommended that there be a nominal charge on the pamphlets being procured for distribution by the Board. These pamphlets were procured at a cost of $377.75 for 5,000 copies and in addition to this is the cost of freight from Victoria, B.C.

The former recommendation was adopted and with regard to the latter it was agreed on suggestion of Mr. Mariott and Mr. Martin, that ten copies be supplied to each member and additional ones supplied to any real estate men or others who wish, at a rate of one cent each.

A communication was read from F. T. Fisher, Edmonton, secretary of the Associated Boards of Trade, calling attention to a resolution passed by the Associated Boards urging improvements to the western postal services and a western inspector who could act with regard to improvements without reference to Ottawa.

Messrs. Bush, McDonald and Jamieson were appointed a committee to prepare a resolution to be sent to the postmaster general and Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Mr. Malone, as chairman of the select committee, reported that W. J. Webster had accepted the offer of the Board re the free site, exemption of taxes, low water rates, etc. The same committee, composed of Messrs. Malone, Cluff and J. H. McDonald, were appointed to bring the matter before the town council and also look out for a free site.

On motion of Mr. Jamieson, seconded by Mr. Blain, and endorsed by Mr. Ritchie, the Board placed themselves on record as opposed to loans to individuals or companies seeking such.

Mr. Palmer and Dr. Fuller opposed a cast iron rule against loans to industries seeking such.

Mr. Jamieson gave notice that at next general meeting he would move a resolution that the government of Canada should take steps to introduce cheap foreign labor.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. H. McDonald for his excellent work in procuring the Board of Trade pamphlets while on his recent trip to the coast. By his energy in securing the lowest possible tender for the work a considerable amount of money was saved to the Board.

Mr. Martin and Mr. Pearson condemned the inadequacy of the present post office. From the large number waiting at the wicket it was apparent that another wicket was necessary and also additional boxes that were required for months.

Mr. Blain, postmaster, said new boxes were ordered in Toronto Aug. 8th, and shipped November 8th, but had not yet arrived. On their arrival he contemplated making some improvements. The remuneration was in proportion to the income from the office and the needs of the building were far in advance of the income. As a matter of fact the post office is costing $15 more a month than he got from it, without regard to his own personal labor. The only return he got was from the box rents, which went to him.

Mr. Mariott urged that the matter of improvements be brought to the notice of the Government and a motion to that effect, moved by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Pearson, was unanimously passed.

Mr. Jamieson introduced the matter of the location of a permanent force barracks in this town. This question had been discussed as long ago as in 1901 and lately he had seen it stated by the Minister of Militia that a permanent barracks was to be located, and for this a grant had been made recently at Ottawa.

A committee composed of the president, secretary, Mr. Pearson and Mr. Jamieson were appointed to prepare a suitable memorial to the Minister of Militia urging that the barracks be located at Strathcona.

The meeting then adjourned.

COMING TO STRATHCONA.
(Wednesday's Daily)

It is probable that Strathcona will shortly have the factory of the present Edmonton Wool and Wood company located in its midst. Some time ago the manager of the company, Mr. W. J. Webster, wrote the Board of Trade regarding the inducements that the town would offer should the business be located in this town.

Negotiations between the Board through the medium of a select committee and the company have been in progress for some time and lately it seemed as if there would be a hitch as Mr. Webster at first made a loan from the town as one of his conditions.

This he afterwards waived, however, and he has now intimated to the council that he will accept their offer of a free site, exemption from taxes for five years and light and water at manufacturers' rates, which is practically cost. A committee of the Board of Trade have been appointed to bring the matter before the town council, whom it is understood, look favorably on the project, and also take steps to locate a suitable site.

The Edmonton Wool and Wood company manufactures woollen goods and cheap furniture, articles of woodwork, such as buckets, etc., and it is the intention of the management to employ thirty or forty hands which will be increased to a hundred or more as the business becomes more firmly established in Strathcona.

WHYTE AVE. PROPERTY SELLS.
(Wednesday's Daily)

The Mac restaurant has been sold through the agency of B. Whyte & Co. to Mr. Lalonde, Montreal, and Messrs. Lafleche Bros., Strathcona, for a sum in the vicinity of $3,600. The same property changed hands about six weeks ago for $2,600.

ELECTRIC PLANT READY.
(Wednesday's Daily)

The new electric plant is almost ready for operation and the current will be turned off within the next few days from the smaller dynamo. The connection will still be maintained with the Edmonton power house for some time, till the new plant is fully tested.

AT THE HOTELS.
(Wednesday's Daily)

Strathcona hotel—Mazie Jackson, Annie Jackson, Will McLeod, David L, Stewart, S. Homer Eaton, International Entertainers; P. Blixt, H. J. Cooper, Winnipeg; D. McNeill, F. Chiddy, Jos. Barnes, Calgary; P. C. Connelly, Red Deer; W. Galagher, W. Pullan, H. Graham, G. Roper, Calgary.

Dominion hotel—L. J. Walkie, Wetaskiwin; M. A. Stevens, White Star Coal Co.; Jos. Anderson, Cooking Lake; M. A. Steves, White Star; E. F. Baker, Dorenda; J. E. Winsloe, city.

LOCALS.
(Wednesday's Daily)

A wages case came on at the police court this forenoon before Magistrate Taylor.

Contractor W. H. Martin leaves in the course of a few days on a short trip to his home in Toronto.

Mr. Harry Burkholder, who had his finger broken and his head bruised by being caught in the belting at the Alberta Grain Co.'s elevator last week is able to be out again.

An assembly dance is to be held in Walter's hall this evening. The hall is shortly to be utilized by Douglas Bros. as a show room and this will probably be the last dance held in the building.

The milk sleigh of the Edmonton Condensed Milk company was upset last evening near the Strathcona end of the bridge and the glass sides broken, besides a quantity of milk spilt. The horses took fright from a passing dray.

The hockeyists and another excellent practice at the rink last night and are fast getting into shape for the season's matches. The team has practically been selected and should prove the strongest aggregation ever sent out from Strathcona.

There was a large attendance at the assembly hall of the Grandin st. school last night to hear the International Entertainers and a very much appreciated programme was given. The performers were S. Homer Eaton, impersonator; Will McLeod, comedian, violist and dancer; Mazie Jackson, soprano; D. L. Stewart, violist; and Annie Jackson, accompanist. The entertainment was in aid of the school and a good sum was realized from the evening's entertainment.

The hill approaching White Mud creek was the scene of a couple of accidents last week which were costly financially but fortunately did not result very seriously to any of the parties concerned. A farmer going home with a load on had trouble with his team on the hill. They got turned almost at right angles to the road and ran into the bank, spilling the load, smashing the sleigh and cutting loose, ran away. Three young men coming down the hill a little while after with a load of straw did not see the wreck till nearly upon it when their horses shyed and dumped their load over the embankment. One of the boys was buried in the straw and snow and it required some minutes of hard work on the part of his comrades to rescue him from smothering to death. Eventually everything and everybody reached their destination slightly disfigured but still in the ring.—Plaindealer.

RANFURLY NEWS ITEMS

Correspondence.

On Saturday, Dec. 1st, L. R. Davison, living about four miles south of the village, had the misfortune to lose four horses. Mr. Davison started after a load of wood. In order to shorten the distance he decided to try the ice on Birch Lake. He had gone but a short distance when the ice suddenly gave way, engulfing his four horse team. It was by sheer luck that he personally escaped the fate of his horses.

Mr Miller, the owner of the Horse Shoe Ranch, reports losing some seventeen head of cattle by drowning in Birch Lake. He also has lost several head by timber wolves.

On Thursday, the 6th inst., about 4 p. m., fire was seen coming from the roof of Mr. McDonald's shack, just south of Lake Elizabeth. By the time Ranfurly's volunteer fire company arrived on the scene the fire was beyond control. The shack and contents were entirely destroyed.

Besides cooking utensils, bedding, and some clothes, Mr. McDonald lost a chest containing a quantity of carpenter's tools, a gold watch and ninety-one dollars in cash.

Mr. Quartanache commenced boring a well for T. W. Thompson, on Wednesday. When down about twenty-five feet he struck a vein of quicksand This stopped proceedings temporarily.

Mr. M. Parent has disposed of his livery business to T. W. Thompson, the consideration being Mr. Thompson's farm.

Dr. McLeod from Ontario is looking over our village with a view to locating here. We understand he has leased a suite of rooms from Labelle Bros. and intends building and putting in a stock of drugs in the spring.

Mr. Heggard has disposed of his holdings in Township 50, Range 12. One of the purchasers is a farmer, who will take up his residence on the land the first of the year.

It has been very cold here for the past week. Wood is at a premium.

November 8—Mercury dripped to 30 below zero.

ATHABASCA LANDING

Correspondence.

The annual meeting of the ratepayers of the village of Athabasca Landing, was held in the school house last night to elect an overseer for 1907. The hearing of the overseer's report of receipts and expenditures for the year 1906, and other matters were disposed of.

Mr. Chas. E. Hilker was re-elected by acclamation. A very important question was then brought forward regarding fire protection for the village.

After a lengthy discussion it was unanimously decided that the overseer proceed at once to have three large wells put down in the most central parts of the village and to provide them with large force pumps and hose necessary to reach any part of the town.

It was also decided that the pound by-law be strictly enforced, and that No animals shall be allowed to run at large in the village from November 1 until April 1.

D. J. Bergin, G. T. P. engineer and party, who have been working west of Lesser Slave Lake for the past seven weeks, left yesterday on his way to Edmonton.

Mr. Reid, manager of the Imperial Bank, is now here busy getting the bank fixtures in place. He wishes to open for business about the twentieth.

The weather has been very cold for the last few days. The thermometer went as low as 33 below on Sunday night. Much warmer today. About four inches snow fell last night and still snowing.

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CRISIS IN FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 9.—France tonigh seems to face an alarming religio crisis. Last night's report of th pope's rejection at the eleventh hou of the government's final offer, unde which Catholic worship was to b continued under the common law turned out to be true. The deadloc is now apparently complete. Accord ing to the pope's orders declaration under the law of 1881 were prohibit ed, but the parish priests must re main in their churches until drive out by violence.

The official confirmation of th communication has created a sensa tion both in government and Catho lic circles. Cardinal Lecot, the Arch bishop of Bordeaux, Archbishop Ger main and others who advised com pliance with the law have hastily in structed the parish priests in thei dioceses that their former advice i null and void.

Today in all the churches of Par bishops and priests after mass rea the letter from Cardinal Richard Archbishop of Paris, communicatin the directions of the holy see to French clergy to "continue service in the churches, but to abstain fro any declaration," and Cardina Richard's own instructions in view o the order issued by the perfect o the Seine yesterday, forbidding fo the present the employment of cere monial draperies at marriages or fun erals. The church wardens, whose legal existence will expire next Tues day, were thanked today from the pul pits of the various churches. Prayers also were offered for the protection of God during the coming period of persecution.

The government regards the action of the pontiff as little less than a summons of the French Catholics to open rebellion as rendering the situation exceedingly grave and possibly entailing the most deplorable consequences.

Premier Clemenceau and M. Briand minister of public worship were in conference all day today. There is no sign of the government faltering, but it realizes that it may be forced to resort to extreme measures.

"The situation is very grave," said M. Briand. "While condemning the law of 1905, to refuse to form cultural associations was the church's legal right. In a spirit of conciliation and to do nothing to disturb peace and tranquility, the government thereupon prescribed this easy means of continuing worship by a simple declaration in accordence with the law of 1881. The pope no longer acts as the spiritual head of the church, as the colonial objections of the law of 1905 cannot be invoked against that of 1881. The pope now assumes a political leadership and the vital question is whether the Catholics of France will consent to follow him or not. If they do, the government will act with even greater energy because of the tolerance it has manifested heretofore. Every violation of the law will be prosecuted and further, special measures legislative and otherwise will be taken."

The special measure referred to by