Around the City

STRATHCONA BLAZE EARLY THIS MORNING

Friday's daily)

With the thermometer twenty degrees below zero the firemen of Strathcona were called out about half past seven o'clock this morning for a blaze in the northwest end of the town in the sash and door factory of R. B. Bissett on Griesbach street.

Before the alarm had been given and the firemen were on the spot the flames had made considerable headway in the dry, twostorey frame building. Upon their arrival some time elapsed in getting the hydrant to work, the unusually cold weather having frozen the connections.

Before long however two streams were playing on the fire, but they were unable to stay its progress and the building was completely gutted. Water was poured for several hours on the remains of the woodwork which still stood but the factory is an entire loss.

The fire started in the engine room. A new bas erecently placed underneath the engine was being dried. Two men were supposed to watch the fire but the night man left before the day man arrived with the result that the woodwork was ignited from the drying fire.

Mr. Bissett, who lives close by, immediately gave the alarm on detecting the fire, but it spread very rapidly among the dry material of the factory.

Almost all the machinery of the large plant, including the engine and boiler, are destroyed. All that remains uninjured are a planer, a rip saw and a sticker, valued in all at $800. These were in the end of the building farthest from where the fire started. About $800 worth of finished sashes and doors were also burned.

Mr. Bissett estimates the value of the building and machinery at $12,500. He had only $3,000 insurance, placed with the Anglo-American and the London Mutual, represented by J. G. Tipton & Son. A large part of his outfit was new machinery, eight new machines having been installed recently and were onl yset up the last few days.

About eight men were employed on an average in the factory, and these are of course thrown out of employment.

Much sympathy is felt for the owner, who has been particularly unfortunate in the matter of fires. About three and a half years ago his old factory was completely burned down and all the plant destroyed. He started business again and had just reached a position of independence when this second severe loss has overtaken him.

CEMENT BUILDING FOR TELE

Friday's daily)

Owing to the scarcity of brick the new telephone building is to be of concrete up to the street level and of cement blocks above that. This is the conclusion come to by the commissioners. Work is to be rushed, and it is hoped to have the building ready for the plant by March 1st.

PROSPECTING FOR LAND.

Member of Minnesota Legislature Follows Wheat Line North.

Friday's daily)

Mr. E. Borgstrom a member of the Minnesota state legislature, was a passenger over the C. & E. last evening. He is staying at the Queens. When seen by the Bulletin today he said he had come to Alberta to seek a good farming district, and upon his report of the country depends the immigration of some twenty farmers with their families from Clitson county, Minnesota. He has called at several points alon gthe C. & E. and intends going north and west from Edmonton. Asked as to the reason for the desire to come to Alberta Mr. Borgstrom said that wheat raising in Minnesota was not so profitable as in the past. Twenty years ago it was usual to have 40 and 50 bushels as an average yield, while today the average has decreased to 8 and 10 bushels. The area of good wheat lands is farther north today and the movement of the people will follow the steady migration of the wheat line.

EASTER TERM AT ALBERTA COLLEGE

Work has got fairly started at Alberta College for the Easter term with a larger registered attendance than recorded in any previous year. The registration of the present academic up to this date is 320 compared with 313 for the whole of last year.

The classes resumed yesterday with most of the old students in their places and a host of new ones. Some of the new students who have registered are Miss Flora Nelson, Lethbridge; Miss Stella Ross, Lacombe; Miss B. Aitchison, Sedgewick; Miss E. Hulle, Canyon; Mr. Orluff, Inakel; Miss Ruby, Maple Creek; Miss J. Gibson, Lacombe; W. S. Douglas, Edmonton; Irene Millar, Edmonton; J. A. McDougall, Edmonton; R. Shanks, Edmonton; Miss Brown, Innisfail; Miss Hazel Rae, Edmonton; C. P. Wallred, Olds; Fred E. Cooper, Medicine Hat; Ernest Jenson, Innisfail; Wesley Benson, Strathcona; Max. Macchow, Earlville; A. R. McLachlin, Macleod; Russell Carry, Carstairs; Pearl Madill, Maymont; Ruth Madill, Maymont; Emma Wheeler, Red Deer; C. W. Richardson, Edmonton; Beryl Adams, Bentley.

Miss Mabel V. Hicks, of Crystal City, Manitoba, has arrived to take charge of the elocution classes. Miss Hicks is a graduate of one of the eastern colleges and spent last summer travelling in Italy, France, England and Scotland.

A new teacher has been added to the commercial department. The registration in this department has exceeded all expectations. This makes four teachers in charge of commercial department, all of whom are specialists, as well as holding provincial teachers' certificates.

Night classes resumed last evening under Prof. Race.

A large number of new students arrived this morning over the C. & E.

SENATOR PERLEY MIS-INFORMED

Friday's daily)

Senator Perley has written a letter to the Winnipeg Telegram, stating that Mr. H. A. Craig, who is now superintendent of Farmers' Institutes in Alberta, was sent to Saskatchewan last fall under the instructions of the Alberta Government to collect samples of grains and grasses for the Alberta exhibit at the Dominion Exhibition, Halifax. He states Mr. Craig was sent to Wolseley and Indian Head.

Senator Perley has egregiously blundered. Mr. Craig was not sent by the Alberta Government to Saskatchewan, and was not at the time he collected samples in Saskatchewan in the employ of the Alberta Government.

The facts of the case are that Mr. Craig was in the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan acting as judge of the live stock at the summer and fall fairs. After completing his circuit of the fairs he was appointed by the Saskatchewan Government to prepare, collect and conduct the grain exhibit for Saskatchewan at the Halifax exhibition.

The Alberta exhibit was in charge of Mr. Frank Webb of Edmonton and every straw of it was collected within the boundaries of this province. It was some weeks after Mr. Craig returned from Halifax that he was appointed by the Alberta Government to the position he now holds.

AN ENTERPRISING RANCHER.

Friday's daily)

A cattle rancher, of Calgary, named McHugh, has arrived at Birkenhead, by Warren liner with 700 Northwest cattle. He is making an experiment in direct shipment from the ranch to the British market. Mr. McHugh contends that the middleman takes an undue profit and expects to prove how much better results would follow independent direct shipments. He will report on the experiment and his general inquiries here to the Dominion and Alberta governments.

DEATH OF JOHN MAKSYMIK.

Friday's daily)

John Makaymik, of Kinistino avenue, died last night, and will be buried tomorrow morning at Edmonton Cemetery. The deceased leaves a wife.

AN EXAMPLE FOR CANADA.

Friday's daily)

Denmark occupies a high place on the markets of the world by the superior quality of her products of butter, cheese, hams and other food products. Nowhere has governmental aid been so signally successful in establishing native industries. Great care has been taken to disseminate useful knowledge, and a watchful eye is kept upon all matters affecting the external trade of the country.

At the last session of the Danish Parliament a law was passed regulating control of all establishments for killing hogs and cattle for export. This action was caused by the Chicago packing house scandals. The act provides for a veterinary surgeon for each factory to inspect every animal as soon as it is killed. In order to give the British purchaser of bacon a guarantee that he gets only that which has been officially inspected, the Danish Minister of Agriculture has given instructions that all bacon intended for export shall be stamped "Denmark" in red ink, and only such may be exported. No preservative is lawful but common salt, borax and other chemicals injurious to digestion are strictly forbidden under severe penalties.

PRIVATE THEATRICALS.

(Friday's Daily)

The Edmonton Private Theatrical Company gave a very pleasant entertainment at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, 15 Morris street on New Year's Eve. The play was entitled "Circumstantial Evidence." The leading actors were Mr. B. Marshall who played Monsieur de Villier, the villian; Mr. A. Williams, the Governor, Harry Holmes who acted the part of judge showed a clear grasp of the case, Mr. Magee gave a fine exhibition of his hypnotic power. Mr. Sydney Orchid acted the part of the general in a most tactful manner. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

DEATH OF CHRISTOPHER STONE.

(Friday's Daily)

Christopher James Storie died yesterday at the city hospital. The late Mr. Storie was well known in Edmonton and held in high esteem by a large circle of friends. He lived with his parents at 317 Kinistino and was only eighteen years of age. He was employed as cashier in the National Trust Company, where he has been always regarded as a most capable and reliable officer. He had been unwell for some time previous to an attack of typhoid, on account of which he was taken to the hospital on Christmas day. Yesterday morning he suffered from several hemorrhages, and died about two hours later. The funeral will take place tomorrow from his father's residence 317 Kinistino. The services will be conducted by Rev. C. A. Myers.

DEATH OF MRS. SCOTT.

Friday's daily)

At her home in Glencoe, Ont. on Friday, December 28th the death occured of Mrs. C. A. Scott, relict of the late John Scott of that town.

Deceased was the mother of Messrs James R. and John A. Scott of the firm of Scott Bros., commission brokers in this city. Besides the two sons she is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Hugh McDonald of Thamesford, Ont.; Mrs. Wm. Kirkness of Mount Forest, Ont; Mrs. B. F. Watterworth of London, Ont and Miss Lotta at home.

Deceased was well known and highly respected for her many excellent qualities and the community at large will join with her sorrowing family in lamenting her loss.

Interment took place in the family burying plot at the beautiful Kintore burying grounds on Monday December 31st.

DONATIONS TO HOSPITAL.

Friday's daily)

The Edmonton City Hospital acknowledges with many thanks the following donations for the month of December;

Messrs Revillon Bros., 4291.
The Journal Publishing Co., $15.
Mrs. Ellmer, one dozen oranges.
A Friend, three boxes of Jap. oranges 1 box apples.
Mrs Holowey, two jars fruit one box apples.
The Missionary Society of Queen St. Presbyterian church, one box fresh fruits.
Mrs E. C. Emery, books, magazines, and toys.
Messrs. Gallagher & Hull, one turkey, one goose.
Mrs. Jas. McKinley, fruit.
The Baptist Young People's Society, cut flowers.
Mr. McKenzie, fruit.
A Friend, two pairs of chickens.
F. T. Chapman, games.

Will all registered graduate nurses who are at present on call, kindly report to registry as soon as possible.

HOSPITAL NEWS.

Friday's daily)

The number of typhoid patients in the city hospitals total little over 25, the number showing as apparent decrease within the past few weeks. The General Hospital has 12 cases at present. The Public Hospital has 13 cases with one death yesterday. Several cases have been refused by this hospital for lack of accommodation. The Misericordia has very few patients from this disease. An operation was performed today at this hospital by Dr. Redmond the patient being Mrs. J. Hart.

THE EVERLASTING TOPIC.

Friday's daily)

The Canadian Metrological service weather observations taken at 7 o'clock last evening, Winnipeg time, report the disturbance which covers British Columbia promises to pass to the southward of the boundary and the extremely cold weather which prevails in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta is likely to continue.

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A. W. Taylor, Dawson City, is at the King Edward.

Hon. Justice Harvey of McLeod, is at the Alberta.

GREETINGS FROM OLD LONDON.

(Saturday's Daily)

The president of the Edmonton battalion of the boys' brigade has received the following greeting from the South London Eng. Battalion—

To the Boys' Brigade, Edmonton.

Dear sir—Just a few lines of greeting for Christmas from officers of South London Battalion in the old country to officers and boys of the Edmonton battalion. May the advancement of Christ's Kingdom be prospered among the boys of Canada through the agency of the boys' brigade.

We are, on behalf of the South London Battalion.

L. A. BENHAM, President.
HERBET W. PEET, Sec.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR CONCERT.

(Saturday's Daily)

The concert given by the first Presbyterian choir under the direction of Mr. S. W. Morris last night was very successful from a musical viewpoint. It was the first secular concert given by the choir in some years, and reflects credit on its members and conductor. The glees sung by the full choir were particularly well rendered, the blending of voices, the attack and precision displayed being quite worthy of note.

The vocal soloists of the evening were Miss Hazel Anderson and Miss Lila Tillen, pupils of Mr. Sydney W. Morris. Their selections were rendered in a highly pleasing manner. Miss Anderson and Mr. Morris in the duet "Excelsior" were in excellent voice and received unstinted applause. Miss Maguire and Mrs. E. L. Morris performed their part as accompanists in an artistic manner. Mr. Comar Park's violin solos from Dancla & Raff afforded artistic pleasure and variation in the program.

GETTING READY FOR ICE RACES

Driving Club Scraping Track on River ----Opening Meet Inside of Two Weeks----Straight Course

(Saturday's Daily)

Edmonton driving club is getting busy this week getting things in shape for their annual series of ice races. Just as soon as the cold lets up a trifle men will be put at work clearing off a track on the river in the neighborhood of Fraser's sawmill.

It will be a three-quarter mile straightaway course, and under favorable climatic conditions, will be completed by the middle of next week. Mr. G. Roberts of the Windsor livery stables, is superintending the work and as soon as its completion is assured a meeting of the club will be called to arrange for the opening matinee, which will likely be held about the 18th, or earlier.

It is likely three events will be carded for opening day, at half-mile distance, best two or three to take the money. The outlook for close competition among the speeders this season is bright. At least twenty animals will be seen in harness in the different events, and possibly twenty-five.

BRANDONS DEFEAT WINNIPEG STRATHCONAS.

Easy Victory for Wheat City Gang on Home Ice Yesterday.

(Saturday's Daily)

Brandon, Man., Jan. 4.—The Strathconas, of Winnipeg, lost to the Brandon team here tonight by the decisive score of 10 goals to 2. The game was the opening of the senior season in Brandon and a larger rowd filled the rink. In many respects the game was disappointing to the big crowd who went expecting to see a close and hard fought game. As indicated by the score the game was very one sided, the high commissioners being outclassed in every department, and the result of the match was never doubted after the first few minutes. From the face off, the Brandon forwards jumped into the game with a vim and dash that fairly rushed their opponents off their feet, and made them look like juveniles. The local team gave the prettiest exhibition of stick handling, combined plays, fast skating and close checking that has ever been seen here and at half time they had piled up six goals to the opponents' nil, and the score might easily have been twice as many but for hte work of Goal-keeper Gilday.

GRACE CHURCH MUSICALE.

(Saturday's Daily)

The musicale given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Cushing in aid of the Grace Methodist church was thoroughly successful in providing pleasure for the members who attended it. Miss Wright's piano selections were rendered in a most artistic manner, her performance of Grieg's "March of the Dwarfs" being particularly enjoyable. Miss Scythes was in excellent voice and sang very daintly one of "Nevin's Lullabies, with an encore of the charming "My Ain Folk". Mr. Stutchbury sang "Mandalay" in his usual excellent form, giving as an ensore a delightful German song "Still wie die Nacht."

The male quartette contributed a coupl eof pleasing numbers. Mrs. Gray sang a pretty selection from Chaminade and Mr. Adamson contributed to the humor of the program with an interesting reading.

DONATIONS TO GENERAL HOSPITAL.

(Saturday's Daily)

The sisters of the General Hospital extend their best wishes to all for a bright and prosperous New Year and sincerely thank the following persons, who so kindly remembered their institution on Christmas and New Year.—Revillon Bros., H. McKenny, Mrs. McNamara, a friend, Rev. Mr. Gray, Mr. Halliler, Mr. and Mrs. Beck, Mr. Schultz, Mr. Storey, Dr. Park, Dr. and Mrs. Blais, Dr. Harwood, A. Friend, Strathcona, The Oscar Brown Co., Mrs. J. Kelly, Miss Lawler, Mrs. Lachambre, Mrs. Garlepy, The Gallagher Co., P. Burns, The B.Y.P. Society, Mrs. R. Cautley, Miss Milner, Miss Candy, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Dodge, Mrs. Reckinger, The P.C.J., A. Friend, St. Albert, Mrs. J. Gibbons, Stony Plain. Special thanks to the local press for reading matter highly appreciated by the patients.

TRUSTEES' CONVENTION

Two Delegates for Each City or Town and One for Rural or Village Districts

The Department of Education has sent out a circular letter to the secretaries of the various rural and urban school boards in the entire province inter asking that delegates be named at once to attend the coming convention of Trustees to be held in Edmonton in January 24th and 25th.

The purpose of the convention is to discuss all matters relating to the duties of trustees in both urban and rural schools, to have such interchange of ideas as will profit those having limited experience in school administration and generally to promote an increased sense of the responsibility and dignity of the trustee's office by organization and co-operation. The holding of the convention in advance of the session of the Provincial Legislature will afford an opportunity to suggest necessary or desirable changes in the school law and regulations.

For the first convent on two old gates may be named for each city or town district and one for each rural or village district. Trustees or school board officials are eligible for appointment as delegates. School districts unable to send delegates may be represented by proxies duly authenticated in writing.

Arrangements have been made for reduced rates on the Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern railways and delegates will purchase first class tickets to Edmonton and secure standard certificates from the locall agent for endorsation by the secretary of the convention.

The provisional executive, consisting of A. Taylor, Edmonton; J. F. Fowler, Wetaskiwin; R. J. Hutchings, Calgary, and J. H. Fleetwood, Lethbridge, with J. McCaig, Edmonton, as secretary, are preparing a program for the convention. The work of the secretary will be to secure with the help of the provisional committee, material for a program of such definite sort that the convention will have something to work on when they meet. Trustees will be asked to contribute papers or addresses on topics relating to the public and high school interests. These may take account of the improvement of rural school premises, and the consolidation of rural schools. It is understood that the department has in view an improvement in the status of secondary schools in the province. It is not improbable that trustees may contribute ideas on any or all of these topics. The question of remuneration of teachers is one that has been engaging the attention of the whole Dominion for the past year or two. There could be no more suitable body to take consideration of this matter than the trustees of the province who know the conditions under when teachers work, and are likewise business men who know general commercial conditions, and who know the remuneration given in other employments.

There may be minor provisions of the school law regulations which trustees would like to discuss.

It is quite probable that the university question may come in for a share of the attention of the convention though it is hardly possible that a question can be brought much nearer solution in the time available in the Trustees' meeting. The matter would afford strenuous labor for a commission for considerable time.

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—Mr. W. J. Tompkins, of Toronto, has joined the Bulletin staff. Mr. Tompkins is an expert ruler and comes from the Copeland Chatterson Company, Toronto. He also has had considerable experience in England with the Pulman patent business systems.

—Col. E. B. Edwards secretary of the Edmonton Canadian Club has prepared a neat card which he has sent with the compliments of the club to the older sister clubs throughout the Dominion and wishing them a happy new year.

—Premier Rutherford went to Calgary yesterday to confer with Hon. Mr. Calder, Minister of Education for Saskatchewan, but owing to the critical illness of Premier Scott, Mr. Calder was unable to meet the Premier. He returned last night.

—The officers and members of the Alberta Poultry and Pet Stock Association will meet at the hardware store of Jas. A. Stovel this evening to arrange all details of the annual exhibition to be held next month. All breeders and fanciers are invited to attend. Meeting at 8 p. m.

—The annual meeting of the Bricklayers, Masons, and Plasterers No. 1 of Alberta takes place in Hourston's Hall at 7 p.m. this evening. The election of officers and general routine business will occupy the attention of members. After the meeting a banquet will be held at the Prince Arthur Cafe. All members are specially requested to attend.

—Calgary Albertan—One Albertan was in the accident on the Soo line. He was on the freight the passenger ran into. The High River Times is in receipt of a letter from W. B. Thorne who was a passenger on the ill fated freight train which caused such a loss of life and property on the Soo line on the 23rd inst. Mr. Thorne who was shipping horses from Chicago to his ranch, says in part: "Just a few lines to inform you that I have pulled out of that awful wreck on the Soo line near Enderlin. A passenger train ran into us and the result was terrific. Nine people are dead and a great many are injured. Everything was torn to pieces, cars telescoped, engines demolished and nothing but broken up cars can be seen. In some miraculous manner I escaped, how I do not know, but I received no injury and my horses are apparently uninjured, but they were badly shaken up. Expect to be in High River shortly."

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—Skating at the Thistle this evening.

—Miss Besse Phillips will reopen her class on Monday.

—The first regular meeting of the new City Council will be held on Monday evening.

—N. D. Sweet, Edmonton will tender for the contract of putting in Saskatoon's cement walks.

—The Printers' hockey team will turnout for practice this evening at 6.30 o'clock at Horner's rink.

Alberta College hockey team will play the High School team this afternoon at the College rink at 2.30.

—The Young Men's Club of Queen's Avenue Presbyterian Church will give a banquet on Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

—E. C. Hopkins, architect, has resigned his position as provincial architect to go into practice with H. Alton Magoon, Architect.

—In a hockey match this afternoon on the Victoria Rink the Bulletin carriers defeated the Journal carriers by a score of 8 to 0.

—The Young Liberal Club will hold a meeting on Monday evening in the club rooms. Plans for a mock parliament will be discussed.

—Mrs. John Hart who went through a surgical operation at the Misericordia hospital under Drs. Wilson, Redmond and McDonnell is progressing very favorably today.

—Among the donations gratefully acknowledged by the superintendent of the public hospital are two boxes of oranges from Mrs. E. P. Emery and Mrs. Macnamara.

—Jim Dallas has taken over the management of the St. Elmo hotel for the St. Elmo Hotel Company. Jim is already known in Edmonton having been for some time with the Grand Central.

—The subject of Pastor McDonald's address on Sunday evening at the Baptist Church will be "The Waste of Capital." This will be the fourth of a series of addresses delivered especially to men.

—J. McCaig, B.A., superintendent of the Edmonton City Schools has been appointed secretary of the Provisional Executive that have the program in hand for the Trustees' Convention in Edmonton, Jan. 24th.

Social and Personal

Mr. G. Robert returned from a month's holiday at Banff and Vancouver.

Miss Stevenson, of Red Deer, who was visiting Miss M. B. McKinnon, Eighth street, returns to her home today after spending the Christmas in Edmonton.

Ben Prince of Battleford, member of the Saskatchewan legislature, is at the Windsor today, having come in on the delayed C.N.R. train this morning.

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