TRYING TO COVER UP THEIR TRACKS

Opposition Trying to Obscure the Fact That Late Government Legislated Away Rights of Ontaria.

Ottawa, April 23—The Opposition surely reached the limit of inconsistency yesterday when they talked provincial rights for seven hours for the purpose of obscuring the unobscurable fact that the late Conservative government most decisively and flagrantly extinguished such rights.

The Hamilton Radial Railway company operate a street car system in Hamilton and a line to the town of Oakville and applied to Parliament for a charter to build a line some two hundred miles in length from Hamilton through the Lake Erie countries to the Detroit river. The measure received very, very casual support from some Liberal members, and was not backed by the government, and was finally withdrawn. On the other side it was noticed that Mr. E. B. Osler, a director of the Canadian Pacific railway and member for Toronto was in his seat—the first time for months.

Whether or not the presence of Mr. Osler had an animating effect on his friends or whether they took the tip from the bluster of Premier Whitney, they pounced on the Radial bill as an attempt to side-step the provincial legislature by seeking a charter from the federal parliament. For hours the atmosphere was surcharged with attentions of the exalted regard Opposition orators entertained for the rights and powers of the Provincial legislature and of their undying hostility toward any and all infringement thereon by the National parliament. The British North America Act, was read, with commentaries for the edification of those whose mentality could not digest the legal phraseology. Authorities were quoted and misquoted. Even the words of the noted dead were brought from their dusty tombs to demark more finely the line between the business of Canada and the privileges of the province, and successive opposition speakers strained voice and vocabulary to convince the House that they stood on the constitutional pedestal with departed greatness.

Unfortunately for our Opposition friends they have a history and so has the Hamilton Radial Railway company. In the year of grace 1888 Sir Charles Tupper fathered a railway act for Canada in which it was specifically provided that when a railway company extended its line across the line of a company operating under a Dominion charter the crossing company thereby became also a Dominion company under the jurisdiction of the Dominion, and under that jurisdiction alone. Under this law in 1897 a judge of the Supreme Court of Ontario declared in a judgment that the Hamilton Radial Railway company, having extended its line across that of the Grand Trunk Railway company thereby became amenable to Federal jurisdiction and to no other body.

If therefore, the Hamilton Radial company was entitled to appear before the Parliament of Canada for amendment or extension of its charter it was entitled to do so because the legislation of Sir Charles Tupper had changed its status from that of a municipal or provincial concern to one under the control of the Dominion and of the Dominion alone; while if the Radial company were not entitled to ask for such powers from the Federal Parliament, the legislation of Sir Charles Tupper did not mean what it said and what the courts of Canada held it to mean. For the bill in which our Opposition friends found such cause of offence therefore they have only to thank their political ancestors—one of whom is the second in command of their forces today, and who even had the effrontery yesterday to join in an attack upon a measure which was given countenance because the government of which he was a member had legislated away the rights of Ontario.

BRIBERY IN LONDON.

Unusual Case Up in Old London. Officials Charged With Accepting Bribes.

London, April 29.—The first trial here in a long time of municipal officials for receiving bribes began today, when six members of the West Ham, an eastern suburb of London, Board of Guardians, and four workhouse and infirmary officials, appeared in the dock of the criminal court charged with accepting money for awarding contracts for coal and other supplies and for appointing minor officials. The sums involved are comparatively small. It is charged, for instance, that a doctor paid $500 for a hospital appointment. Attorney-General Walton and three assistants are prosecuting the officials, who are defended by a large array of counsel.

MINERS STILL ENTOMBED.

The Seven Unfortunate Fellows Imprisoned in Pennsylvania Mine.

Johnstown, Pa., April 29.—The seven men who were imprisoned by a rush of water in mine No. 38 of the Berwind-White Coal Company at Fousttwell. on Friday are still entombed, although scores of rescuers have been working night and day in an effort to pump the water out and effect their freedom.

LACOMBE.

Potatoes are in demand in Lacombe this week at 35 cents per bushel.

Mr. Bergman has been appointed town scavenger at $100 per month. This amount will be raised by a special closet tax.

R. C. Webster has been appointed license inspector for the town.

The public works committee insists that it must spend $3,000 on improvements to streets this year.

A stock company is being formed to finance a brickyard here.

At the next meeting of the council a by-law will be introduced to tax real estate agents.

A CITIZEN'S DUTY.

The season of the year has come when every citizen should inaugurate some scheme for beautifying his property, and incidentally confer a positive benefit that will redound to the welfare of the city of Edmonton. A little work and spense well directed will render the most unpromising property, more valuable and attractive. A few shrubs, bulbs and seeds of the early flowering plants will, if planted now, transform a rough and commonplace exterior into a place of pleasure and beauty.

This coming summer a special effort should be made in view of the fact that Edmonton is a veritable Mecca for western tourists. Thousands will visit our city and it is important that a good impression should be made by every legitimate means. The city authorities are discussing a comprehensive scheme of improvement in this regard, and the public school boards have decided to beautify all the public schools. All that is left is for the citizens to cooperate and supplement these laudable ends by beautifying their own premises.

Apart from the general improvement in the appearance of the streets resulting from such a movement, all citizens would co-operate in such a scheme if they knew how much pleasure there is to be obtained in a garden, however simple, or a well kept lawn, however small. Besides the aesthetic view of the improvement there is the sanitary benefit which conduces very considerably to the health of the locality and the city at large.

What is needed in the city is some organization that will concentrate the energies of the enthusiasts along this line and create public sentiment. The suggestion made at the Canadian Club luncheon yesterday that a horticultural society be formed in the city is a good one, calculated not only to create public sentiment, but to sieze it and organize it, and give practical expression to the latent aesthetic taste in every citizen.

DAYSLAND.

Mr. E. W. Day, Mayor by Acclamation.

Dr. Wilson from Alix has opened up an office here.

Mrs. E. W. Day and E. W. Jr., have gone east for a trip.

Dr. Wright of Tottenham is expected to take up his residence here shortly.

Mr. Pelley, the young man injured severely in the Barker fire is slowly recovering.

Dr. Shea, who some weeks ago fell and broke one of his limbs, is rapidly recovering.

Councillors—Messrs. C. A. McLeod, J. S. Orr, H. Bentley, W. C. Crowell, J. E. Vanderburg and G. Wardstrom.

The Presbyterian church, one of the handsomest small buildings in the West, is nearly ready for occupation.

The construction of the new Creamery, for which 100 tons of ice have been put up, will be commenced immediately.

Miss Elsie Day will accompany the Lady Principal, Mrs. Gerry Smith and Miss Smith on a trip to France, where they will spend the summer.

The first election for councillors for the town of Dayland took place on the 23rd inst., with the result that the first council stands as follows:

The newspaper plant is being put in order in the Dayland Press building, and the first issue of the newspaper is expected early in May.

A canvas was made regarding a hospital and over $6,000 was subscribed by the business men of the town, which with other money in sight will insure that much-needed institution for this town.

The demand for town property has been extremely brisk. We are informed by the Manager of the Alberta Central Land Corporation, Ltd., here that the company have practically no lots left.

Mr. R. J. White of Red Deer, who built a large store building here last fall, has moved to town with his family. He will erect a building 50 feet by 70 feet, half of which will be used for the Post Office and Dominion Lands Office.

The council will get down to the matter of grading street and building sidewalks immediately. The important matters to be dealt with at once are: Ample and efficient fire protection, an eight room school, with a high school department, water supply for fire apparatus and electric light plant.

The town is very much in need of a bright young lawyer. With the appointment of five new judges by the Federal Government, Dayslard will be a High Court District. As it is now, there is no lawyer within 50 miles of the town and the people are subjected to great inconvenience on that account.

LETHBRIDGE.

One of the stores in the new Whitney block will be occupied by a new drug and stationery business.

The Dominion Express Co. returns for March were $2,033, an increase of $680 over the same month in 1906.

The Lethbridge Brewery, to meet the demands for their product, has been compelled to brew twice a day.

The R.N.W.M.P. barracks is so full of prisoners that on Monday two were sent to Macleod to relieve the congestion.

C. R. Daniel, of the Alberta Realty Co., has bought half the Silver farm, southeast of Lethbridge comprising 7,200 acres, from Marion Johnson.

There will be four automobile loads of Masonic dignitaries go to Taber on the 30th to institute a lodge of the noble order at Taber.

The permit was issued yesterday for the Ellison flour mill and elevator. The estimated cost of the structure is $45,000.

The new boiler is now installed in the yard of the Brick & Terra Cotta company. It is a 200 horse power affair, and one of the largest in the country.

A number of Lethbridge financiers have formed a company and purchased the townsite of Coleridge, which is situated seven miles east of Medicine Hat on the main line.

A hotelman was in the city this week looking over the situation, and may invest from $35,000 to $50,000 in a first-class hotel if a suitable site can be procured.

The Alberta Sheep Co. recently sold a number of year old half-bred Shropshire ewes for $7.50 each to a Stirling sheepman. This is considered the record price.

Hugh Scott, who is in charge of the city's tree planting, says that the city will plant 600 trees and private citizens about 400 trees this spring.

CALGARY.

R. H. Hoskins has opened a new pool room on Eighth avenue.

Rochon Brothers' ice cream factory is turning out 300 gallons a day now.

The city treasurer paid out for salaries for the month of April, $5,061.

Three hundred and eighty-seven samples of grain were sent in to be tested at the seed laboratory last year by Alberta farmers.

T. W. Ruttal, who for some time past has represented the Massey-Harris company in New Zealand, has returned to the city and will act as a general agent for the company in Alberta.

The third sessions of the Alberta Normal School closed last night after a most successful session. The class, although a large one, included many experienced teachers from all provinces of the Dominion.

MOOSE JAW.

the safe. Everything in the show cases was carried off.

A university graduates' society will be organized here shortly.

The government will be asked to devote 200 acres for a city park.

The C.P.R. freight blockade at this point is now entirely cleaned up.

Sheriff Duncan has purchased the Cadillac automobile of Ford Jones.

The Elks' club has been organized in connection with the Elks' lodge.

It was learned yesterday that burglars obtained an entrance into H. E. Holden's jewelry store on Broad street on Sunday night last and cleared up everything in the store except a few collar buttons and the goods in

Matthews & Ferguson will erect a $50,000 building on River street west.

J. E. W. Thompson of Phoenix, B. C., is opening a wholesale fruit warehouse.

The city's assessment this year will show an increase of seventy-five per cent.

J. E. W. Thompson. of Phoenix, B.C., is opening a wholesale fruit warehouse.

A gang of confidence men are busy here at present. They relieved Thos. Behan of $140 last night.

The council will sell $150,000 of city property for the purpose of raising money for a municipal sinking fund.

The coal supply is running low. Some of the dealers are out of it, and all the others are selling in half-ton lots.

Milne, Jacks & Co. of Regina have opened a real estate office in the Hitchcock block. H. & F. Martin of Toronto will also open in the same line here next month.

A great many settlers are coming in this spring from Manitoba points. There is hardly ever less than a train load of stock and effects in the yards here for the north.

The contract for the Y.M.C.A. building has been awarded to Snyder Bros. for $35,000. The directors are considering the advisability of putting the building up another storey and devote it to bedrooms.

Owing to the large increase in attendance at recent board of trade meetings, it is proposed to see whether some more commodious place of meeting cannot be found than the civic chamber.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Rev. A. F. Forbes left last Wednesday to attend the synod in Calgary.

Mr. Hill of Strathcona spent a couple of days in the Fort last week.

Mr. Walter Armstrong of Edmonton is renewing acquaintances here this week.

We are pleased to see Mr. W. J. Hunter around again, after a somewhat severe attack of 'grip.

Our enterprising Chinamen have bought property on Dennis avenue this week for laundry purposes.

Messrs. Kelly & Warren have bought a lot on Ross street next to the Queen's hotel, and intend building an implement warehouse immediately.

The ladies of the Fort turned out in large numbers last Monday to attend a meeting in the town hall for the purpose of making arrangements for the comfort of our Edmonton guests on May 24—"Red Cross Day" in the Fort this year. All Edmonton is welcome.

The children of the Methodist church gave a very pleasant entertainment in the church on Tuesday night last, under the auspices of the Epworth league. Mrs. Rev. Howard had spared no pains in the drilling of the children, and all acquitted themselves well. There was a very fair attendance.

On Wednesday evening last Mr. A. M. Sutherland and Miss B. Asher were quietly married at the home of the bride's father, only the immediate friends of the family being invited. Miss Nettie Asher, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. Russell of Edmonton assisted the groom. The bride looked beautiful in a gown of white silk eolienne over cream taffeta, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses. Rev. A. F. Forbes officiated. After the ceremony and Mrs. Sutherland left for their own home on Dennis avenue accompanied by the ubiquitous Charivari band. We wish the young couple every happiness.

SUNNY ALBERTA THE BEST OF ALL

President of Alberta Farmers' Association Writes From Ireland.

Joshua Fletcher, president of the Alberta Farmers' association, who is at present on a visit to Ireland, writes interestingly to The Bulletin from Londonderry. He says:

"I left London at 5.30 o'clock on Friday afternoon, 22nd March, and reached the port of Fleetwood at 10.45. The steamer "Duke of York" was ready to sail from Belfast. At the end of a smooth passage the morning found us tied to the wharf at Ireland's commercial centre in the north. The sun shone brightly and the wind was warm and pleasant. The shop windows made a good display of Irish taste and talent in their decoration for Easter trade; and Belfast, a thoroughlymodern town, looked her best.

Belfast's Growth Like the West.

At present Ireland enjoys a prosperity before unknown. Belfast has grown like a western town, with its paved streets and an excellent system of electric cars and street lights. It is the centre of the Irish linen trade, and has what is said to be the largest rope and cord works in the world. The shipbuilding is very extensive and employs about fifteen thousand men. The whole population is about three hundred and forty thousand. It would be a big city if we had it in western Canada. The great rush of young men who have gone to Canada has left the Irish labor market not over supplied, but I am told that the young women of this country far outnumber the positions of fair employment. Hundreds of these young women from respectable homes would gladly go to Canada—and every person in Canada knows there is room for them—but how are they to save the money to pay their passage and maintain themselves until they obtain employment in a new country? In these days, when men are scarce, there is much of the work on western farms which these girls could do; and it would be lighter and less severe than the work they do at home. The dairy and poultry, and even the sheep and hog industries, would afford employment better in every respect than that in which they are now engaged.

As Domestics They Would be a Boon.

As domestics they would to a large extent replace the Chinaman—and this in itself would be very desirable. During the coming year the administration at Ottawa will be pressed very hard to suspend the restrictions against Asiatic labor on the plea that the country needs the workers. Therefore, it becomes us, who strongly oppose this kind of labor, to suggest any means by which it may be replaced. Sir Wilfrid Laurier clearly read the sentiments of our people—particularly in British Columbia, when he raised the head tax on Chinamen to five hundred dollars. Now, let us do what we can to get both men and women of our own race, and close the mouths of the railway constructors and the cannery men of British Columbia. They are clamoring for cheap labor irrespective of sentiment or morality, and we must be on our guard, or our country will be deluged with the copper colored slaves of southern China. In our new provinces the departments of agriculture, are to some extent taking charge of the creamery and poultry business, and we are being asked to take up other lines. Now, why could they not engage the services of some of these young women and at least give them a start? They could learn all that they need to know about these branches in less than a year, and a large number of them would be married and have homes of their own before that.

WESTERN HAPPENINGS.

There isn't a vacant house in the town.

Considerable grain was marketed here last week.

The license commissioners meet on Wednesday.

The Representative is moving this week to the premises over Norris' harness shop.

A poll tax will be imposed on all male inhabitants over 21 years old who are not on the assessment roll.

thousand here, and it is likely the board of trade will get busy and induce some one to start a brickyard here.

The Wetaskiwin district meeting of the Methodist church will hold its annual session in Leduc on the 14th, 15th and 16th of May.

The council has passed a bylaw prohibiting the erection of wooden buildings in the business part of the town.

Edmonton brick costs close to $20

REGINA.

One minute after the fire alarm was turned in at the Victoria school Friday morning the 450 pupils had all vacated the building.

Regina may not have a flower show this year; the prizes for the 1906 show have not all been paid yet.

There are some 40 cars of settlers their stock tied up in Regina yards today waiting transportation to the north.

On May 16 the ratepayers will vote on the question of raising $100,000 on debentures to erect a municipal hospital. A grant of $50,000 is also expected from the provincial government.

The new street sprinkler and sweeper are in commission now and were working on the street the other day.

Seven or eight applications have been received for the position of city gardener.

Tenders for the city scavenging have is prepared to take the whole work at $1.60 per load; and from Mike Elberts, who is asking $3.00 per load.

The Canadian Northern Railway company has purchased from a Chicago firm fifteen locomotives to be delivered within the next month.

A detachment of mounted police went west to-day to the post at McLeod.

The Hobbs Manufacturing company of London are negotiating with the city for two lots on block 183 for $800, on which they agree to erect a $4,000 warehouse and make this city provincial headquarters.

RED DEER.

The baseball fraternity are anxious to organize a town baseball league. There will be four clubs in it.

The C.P.R. yards here present very busy appearance this week in the effort to have the new yards completed by May 1, when it is understood the company intends stationing five complete train and engine crews here.

The council has decided on opening the town market on May 1.

W. L. Quimette is the president of the new board of trade, with W. A. Munro secretary.

In the supplementary estimates brought down last week at Ottawa is an additional item of $3,638 for the Red Deer court house.

J. B. Herbert intends opening up a pleasure resort at Pine Lake the coming summer.

The teams and gun clubs have organized for 1907. The latter will go to the High River tournament on Victoria Day.

WETASKIWIN.

W. A. Macfarlane, manager of the Criterion, has gone to British Columbia to take a position as superintendent of a new hotel company.

Long & Co's. macaroni and Vermicelli factory is doing a large and rapidly growing business. They are now turning out about 1,000 pounds a day, and are now about to install a machine with a capacity of 6,000 pounds a day.

Mr. S. E. Denny of the Prince of Wales is about to add a large wing to his fine building on the south side.

B. F. Shantz has been appointed city constable at $65 er month. He must supply his own uniform.

The city clerk has written the minister of works, Edmonton, requesting that a telephone expert be sent to Wetaskiwin to discuss the question of establishing a government-owned telephone in the city.

VERMILION.

The Old Fellows' lodge was instituted here last Monday by Grand Master May of Edmonton. G. F. Nuphard is N.G., and A. L. Vandrick secretary.

A large number of Vermilionites intend going to Vegreville to attend the banquet on Tuesday evening next in honor of J. B. Holden, M.P.P.

At a meeting of the creamery association held on Saturlay last the secretary reported that 505 of the 800 shares necessary had been subscribed.

The first Roman Catholic service in Vermilion was held at the residence of Mrs. De Delley on Monday morning last. It was well attended.

The new $20,000 school will be built at the east end of the town. The matter was decided at a ratepayers' meeting, and the vote stood 44 to 34.

Mr. Doran, teller at the Bank of Commerce, has been transferred to Winnipeg.

A movement is on foot to secure the establishment of a hospital in Vermilion.

Harry Bowtell left on Tuesday for Winnipeg, to discuss with the immigration officials plans for taking care of settlers arriving in Vermilion this season.

INNISFAIL.

The council has voted $204 to send the fire brigade to Calgary on May 24 to take part in the firemen's tournament.

The town will purchase a team, waggon and outfit, and engage a man specially to do the scavenging work this year. The estimated cost of the work and outfit is $1,000.

The council has purchased a supply of tags, and in future all dogs running at large without a tag will be impounded.

G. R. O'B. Hoare, the Bowden photographer, is in town. It is reported that he will take over the studio in Innisfail owned by H. N. Maynard.

Wm. Geary received a postcard on April 20 that was posted at London, Ont., on April 4. Something wrong with the postal service somewhere.

Commencing May 1st, there will be a mail service between Marketville and Innisfail four times per week—Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

N. Maley, sowed fifteen acres of fall wheat just before the ground froze last fall. The grain is now over an inch high and looks splendid.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

The ladies have appointed committees to handle the refreshment booths in connection with the Victoria Day demonstration.

The electric street lights are to be re-arranged. The fire and light committee of the council will do the work.

D. W. Sutherland is opening up a new barber shop adjacent to the Mansion House, and will open for patronage in a few days.

Ned Simmons is away on a six weeks' trip to Kamloops, B.C. He is taking his son, Merit, there for the good of his health.

T. Frieze of this place has gone to Edmonton, where he has entered into partnership with his brother in the tinsmith business.

The genial Reddy Cameron of the Queen's hotel has taken charge of the bridge work on the C.N.R.

C. H. Russell, former principal of the town school, enters upon his new duties as a provincial school inspector Wednesday.

MEDICINE HAT.

Mr. J. D. McGregor has returned from the Grand Forks ranch, and reports that seeding is in full swing. He expects to crop 500 acres this year and to sumer fallow 700 more.

The Lethbridge brewery has donated $25 to the Medicine Hat agricultural society.

The Medicine Hat automobile club has been organized. Membership fee is $25.

The council are considering buying forty acres of land from the Presbyterian church for a public cemetery.

E. Roberts, city clerk, has been appointed a commissioner for taking affidavits.

The special sitting of the supreme court, which was to have been held in Medicine Hat on the 18th inst., was postponed until May 3.

Among recent large deals in sheep is a purchase by W. R. Williams, a well known stock raiser of Pierre, S. D., of seven thousand yearling ewes from C. D. Peather of Musselshall, and six thousand mixed yearlings from the Wright ranch at Flat Willow.

VEGREVILLE.

A wire was received from J. Obed Smith, Commissioner of Immigration, Windipeg, to rent E. L. Ponlin's building at once for an immigration building for the rush of immigrants that will soon be here.

The past severe winter has not turned the tide, it was the worst winter in 35 years, but in Nebraska they have had since 1871, five winters that were more severe on people and on stock.

The Westerners are coming in greater numbers than ever before and by fall the movement will be enormous.

Work has been started on the new brick yard. The machinery is ordered and will be installed in early spring. The price of brick seems rather high—$14 a thousand.

The town of Vegreville is well patronized by well-boring outfits and they are all busy. One outfit is testing for coal near the Catholic mission.

Mr. F. Harris of Edmonton was down and is going to sink a couple of shafts on Section 13 adjoining the town on the west.

The building operations are in full swing and if the demand for building continue Vegreville will be a city by next Autumn.

A company has been formed for the purpose of making concrete blocks. If the deal goes through Vegreville will have an up to date concrete block. Concern sand can be obtained near the town and time alone will tell if the concern is a success.

Real estate and farm property is geting brisk again. A great many sales have been effected.

HARDISTY.

Hardisty is at last feeling the gentle touch of a western spring. The townsite is entirely bare, and only on the surrounding hills can the white covering be seen. The warmth of the lengthening days is gladly welcomed, for it brings not only the hope of the coming summer, but also an increase of business, and the inward tide of settlers whose coming means the filling up of the country and the building of the town.

Last week we had our first annual meeting of the ratepayers of the village. The meeting was very well attended, and a good program of work was laid out for this, our first, year. From a sanitary point view, measures were taken which, if properly carried out, will place Hardisty far in advance of much older towns and will safeguard us against those dangers to public health to which our western towns are so often subjected. So we come into the municipal world with a splendid chance to preserve the natural health.

We are soon to have a public school the district being practically formed. There remains to complete it only a general meeting for the election of trustees, etc.

Among the business palaces which are opening up this week, are a drug store, a harness shop and a boot and shoe store. When these are finished we will have all the necessaries of life and many of its comforts and luxuries.

The secretary of the Board of Trade will be glad to answer any inquiries about our country and village.

VERMILION.

Communion service was held in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday. The pastor, was ably assisted by Rev. Dr. Herdman, president of Western missions, who preached an eloquent and impressive sermon.

Rev. Father. Bernier paid us a visit on Monday, and held divine service at the residence of Mr. Didilly.

Mr. Brand, a Michigan brewer, is in town, looking up a location.

Capt. John Vankleek is here from Minnesota with a large party of landseekers.

The Ladies of the Church of England gave an afternoon tea today at the home of Mr. Thompson. Many ladies attended and are much enthused with this popular form of social intercourse.

Wm. Laidlaw of Albia, Iowa, died here on Sunday last of pneumonia, the result of a severe cold contracted in the C. N. R. blockade at Humboldt. Mr. J. McInniss, son-in-law of the deceased, accompanied the remains to their former home in Iowa

Mr. Powell, pioneer rancher, is in town and reports that cattle are doing well on the range.

Dwyer Bros. & Foley have purchased another fine team of draught horses for their stock ranch.

A prospecting outfit is working on the banks of the Vermilion river on the outskirts of town, where it is reported, there are promising indications of coal.

J. H. Shea is in from the homestead, fully recovered from a very severe cold, and reports much activity in his district.

An alleged real-estate man from St. Paul assaulted one of our prominent citizens, and for his trouble, took a first-class beating and a fine of $10 and costs.

Billy Read, our well-known, popular live-stock dealer, gave his many friends a very pleasant surprise by returning from the West with a charming bride. The community extends their best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Reid for a long, prosperous and happy life in Vermilion.

At last a long-felt want has been supplied. Thanks to the efforts of Rev. Mr. Aldridge, we now have a very comfortable and commodious Immigration Hall for the convenience of intending settlers.

Cummings & Bradshaw have gone West to buy a few hundred head of young cattle for their Silver Lake ranch south of town.

Early on Monday morning the stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reilly. Tom is looking up a quarter section for the new boy.

Donald Bradshaw has shipped his railroad outfit to Battleford and will resume work on his contract on the G. T. P.

D. L. Kennedy, stockman of Big Hole, Mont., goes north to the homestead tomorrow with a carload of settlers' effects.

The angel of life has been busy in our town, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Fisk are rejoiced in the arrival of a fine baby boy.

The firm of Robinson & McRae reports much inquiry about land north of town, owing very largely to the recent survey of the Vermilion Cold Lake Railway.

Six cars of agricultural implements and 9 cars of settlers' effects arrived today.

LETHBRIDGE'S CELEBRATION

Of its Natal Day on May 9th, Will be a Monster Event. City's Enterprise.

Lethbridge, April 29.—The program for the Natal Day celebration of the City of Lethbridge on May 9 has been finally matured, and the prospects are that the event will eclipse all previous efforts in the west. The appropriations have been made for the various sub-committees, including a handsome sum for prizes for the best features of the parade, and provision for a monster exhibition of pyrotechnics in the evening. The city, of course, bears the expenses of the entire celebration, including the full expenses of visiting bands and athletic teams. It is now probable that a large banquet at which the notables of the province will be successfully arranged for, and that the largest floor space in southern Alberta will be secured for banquet purposes.

The program, as finally arranged, gives nearly the whole morning to the parade, which in its various features will illustrate the progress of Lethbridge, and the district of which it is the geographical and commercial centre. Among the various divisions of the parade will be three bands, the Lethbridge, cadets, a band of mounted Indians, the school children, athletic teams in uniform, the fire brigade, a mercantile section of large proportions, and a trade section which will include every organized trade. The trade and mercantile sections will be gay with floats.

The afternoon attractions will be matches on the public square free to all. A football match between the Maples Leafs, of Lethbridge, and either Coal Creek or Pincher Creek, and a lacrosse match between Lethbridge and either Medicine Hat or High River are also on the card.

The evening program will be in many respects the best of the day, consisting of a massed band concert on the public square, while the fireworks display is in progress. The closing feature will be the banquet.

It is likely that special railway rates and trains will be arranged for to convey the hosts of visitors from all points between Cranbrook and Medicine Hat east and west and Great Falls and Edmonton north and south. An accommodation committee is making ample arrangements for taking care of the visitors.

Bad Weather in Northwestern States.

Kansas City, Mo., April 29.—A combination of snow, sleet and rain was reported this morning in this part of the southwest with freezing weather prevailing here from the Nebraska line to Kansas.

NO CARS, NO COAL.

Everyone must view with considerable apprehension the present state of affairs in the Alberta coal mining region. But back of the question which occupies the foreground today is a larger question which has a direct relation to the whole difficulty. That question is the car supply.

The question of wages and an eight-hour law can be settled with only comparative difficulty. The provincial government has decided to give an eight-hour law in Alberta as they have it in British Columbia. This will remove a most contentious phase of the situation. The question of wages will present no difficulty. The demand for coal is above the supply making ideal conditions for the mine worker and the operator. Common sense and forbearance on both sides will in time prevail and establish harmonious relations.

But the problem of car supply remains. Lack of cars keeps the mines working irregularly and disturbs the normal relations between operators and miners to a point where arbitration and conciliation are fruitless, and an equitable arrangement impossible. The crux of the situation is: No cars, no coal. The enigma to solve is to furnish enough cars to remove the full product of the mines. Storage is impossible. The necessary expense of storing and handling a second time would create a new and more serious problem.

The truth about car shortage is voiced by every company operating in the coal district. The capacity of the Lethbridge mines is 1,200 tons a day, yet the net averages 300 tons a day. The Frank board of trade state that from May to October last year the mines were only working half time. The capacity of the mines in the Frank district is 4,500 tons a day with one shift; with two shifts this output could be doubled. Yet the average production had been only 2,500 tons a day. The Hillcrest mines, which could have produced 45,000 tons from October 15 to January 0[illegible] produced 6,000 tons in that time. Is it any wonder there was a coal famine last season? During the month of January the Hillcrest mine was furnished with only 26 cars of 30 tons each so that the total output for that month was only 780 tons, whereas the capacity of the mine is 600 tons a day.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's statement that the C. P. R. are making heavy investments for increasing rolling stock, if true will be welcome news to the west.

BUILDING P APRI

Second Highest Amount i 000 More Than April Effectively Keep the P Months Exceeds a M

Despite the fact that April coldest for many years, and operations in Edmonton, as t out the entire west, greatly r Edmonton's building permits present month reach the secon est total in the history of th and are far in excess of April which at the time was a rec the city. February of this yea the record. Already almost a dollars has been promised i struction work, and this is th est season of the entire year.

There is perhaps no truer in the advancement of a city th record of its building, and Ed n this regard furnishes anoth on for the optimism of its that the city is growing at vellous rate is even more when an investigation of the b inspector's returns is made, f indicate the erection of hund dwellings as well as larger str in every section of the city.

The month that closes to-da nshes a total of $311,936, wh April of last year it was only $ Last April the total was a reco at the time, while this year nearly a hundred thousand in The following is a comparative ments for the last four months for the corresponding period in

	1906.	
January	$ 12,418	$
February	56,920	
March	103,915	
April	218,927	
Totals	$392,180	$

The following permits were out at the office of the buildi spector this forenoon:

Secord & York, Jasper, addit Windsor, $145,000.

Chas. Whitton, River Front, ing $800.

Secord & York, Second, s rooms, $3,000.

John Regan, Twelfth, dwe $6,000.

Jas. A. Hitchcliffe, Ross, dwe $350.

August Reske, Namayo, dwe $1,000.

Walter Cook, Thirteenth, dwe $250.

S. H. Cowards, Fifteenth s dwelling, $2,000.

CORNER STONE LAID YESTERD

Appropriate Services in St cona Yesterday in Connect With New Presbyterian Church.

Presbyterianism in Strathcona strongly in evidence yesterday noon. The occasion of this de stration was the layinig of the c stone of the new Knox church, w is in course of erection close b the old building.

Owing to the absence of the p Rev. D. Flemming, the duty of siding at this important event fe the lot of Rev. Dr. Macdonald.

Promptly at 2 o'clock, in the ence of a large and deeply inter gathering of spectators, the pro ings began with devotional exer

To Rev. Dr. Herdman, superi dent of the mission fields of Northwest, was given the honor performing the chief function of day, a task which he performed the utmost dignity and dispatch

The corner stone having been and truly laid, the superinten was followed in exceedingly appr ate addresses by the Hon. Mr. R erford, premier of Alberta. N Mills, mayor of Strathcona; R George, Johnstone, Alexander, ler and others.

Rev. Dr. McQueen, of Edmon who in earlier days was so intima connected with the affairs of Strathcona congregation, gave an torical resume of the church's prog from the time of its inception. Hotson, clerk of session, read a of the documents which had placed within the corner stone. list included copies of the Plaind and Chronicle, The Westminster, byterian Record, two maps of Str cona, a copy of the first commun roll of the congregation.

The new edifice will be a handso roomy place of worship. The cont for its construction is in the ha of Mr. McHardy, who has guaran to have the work completed by end of the summer.

James Has Not Resigned.

Winnipeg, April 29.—"I have resigned, nor do I intend doing said E. A. James, manager of Canadian Northern Railway, in cussing a report to the effect tha was likely to resign, which appe in a local morning paper. He been granted leave of absence intends spending several weeks the Coast.

CREW WILL GET $10,200.

Seattle, April 29—In the Fed court this morning Judge Hand handed down a decision awar $10,200 to the officers and crew the Northwestern SS. Company, comah, for sufferings and privat they endured during the 42 days vessel was imprisoned in the ice Laperouse Strait in 1905, while was on a voyage from Seattle to V divostok.

Ensign Killed Superiors.

Associated Press Despatch.

Cettinje, April 29.—General M tinovitch, governor of Podgori and Chief of Police Mascoweda w shot today by an ensign and mort wounded. The assailant was ki