EDMONTON NEWS

LOCALS.

Chas. J. Macphee, of the Elsie Bruce Co., of Pembina city, is in Edmonton this week a guest at the Castle hotel.

The Presbytery of Edmonton will hold their regular spring meeting in the First Presbyterian church here beginning on Monday, February 22nd, at eight o'clock. It is expected that the session will last two days.

Rev. G. W. Kerby, of Central Methodist church, Calgary, will occupy the pulpit of McDougall Methodist church on Sunday, Feb. 28, which is Young People's day. Mr. Kerby will deliver his lecture on "Rome" on the following Monday.

On Sunday evening the death occurred of Mary Varley, wife of Richard Varley, of the D. R. Fraser Co. The funeral took place at three o'clock Wednesday from the family residence, 223 Sixth street, to the Edmonton cemetery.

Ratepayers who are desirous of securing local improvements, such as water and sewer extensions, plank sidewalks and concrete pavements must have their petitions properly signed at the offices of the City Commissioners by March 15th.

The license branch of the attorney general's department has made a clean up in the Pembina district. On Thursday, Arthur Hankin, of the Hub restaurant, Entwistle, was fined $100 and costs for selling liquor without a license. A house of ill fame at Stoney Plain was also closed up last week.

A strong lodge of the Knights of Pythias was instituted recently at Wainwright under very favorable auspices, having an initial membership of 20 or more. The lodge was instituted by Deputy Grand Chancellor Jamieson, of Sedgewick, assisted by Grand Knight of Records and Seals Dr. Stapleford, and several others of Sedgewick.

In return for the grant of $250 recently made by the City Council to the British Association of Scientists who are to convene in Winnipeg and make a tour of the west next summer, the secretary of the association has written the city commissioners asking that the copy of a 1,000 word article on Edmonton be forwarded to be inserted on the itinerary of the trip.

The following are some of the outgoing passengers on the C.P.R. this week from Edmonton: J. J. Stewart to Lucknow, Ontario; Mary Ranwell, to Kansas City; Mrs. L. Pellitier, to Concordia, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Ronagan, to Spokane, Washington; A. C. Patterson and J. D. Patterson, to Kempville, Ontario; F. H. Cleland and family, to Victoria, B.C.; Mr Gardiner, to Alma, Ontario; Sidney Farmer, to Seattle.

Carl Wendland, the Swedish subcontractor on the G.T.P. thought to be insane, who attempted suicide in the Philadelphia restaurant, was taken from the hospital this morning to the police station and was arraigned before Police Magistrate Cowan. The case was adjourned for a week. The man is fast recovering from the gashes that he made with the penknife. He is being guarded in order that he may not again attempt self-destruction.

The death occurred at the General Hospital on Monday of Donald McLeod, who was engaged on the steel super-structure of the G.T.P. bridge at Clover Bar. The remains were removed to the mortuary of the Moffat Undertaking Company and will be sent east on the C.P.R. on Wednesday to Collingwood, Ontario for interment. The deceased was 26 years of age and has a number of relatives residing in Collingwood.

Rev. E. E. Marshall, returned Monday from Vermilion where he preached on Sunday at the re-opening services of the Methodist church there. The building in which the Methodist congregation hold services was formerly used as a public school building. Since the erection of Vermilion's magnificent public school building, the old school building has been remodelled and is now a comfortable church. Rev. R. A. Aldridge is pastor of the church. The congregations at the services Sunday were both large.

The ladies' hockey match last Wednesday, which was in aid of the day nursery, was very successful financially. The gross receipts totalled $173.50. The expenditures included $75 for the rental of the rink and $7 for printing and advertising, netting the Creche $94.50, which amount has been handed over to the Creche lady superintendent. The day nursery is filling a place among the worthy charitable institutions of the city. Yesterday there were twelve infants crowing in their cots and places in the nursery.

INDUCTION AT NORWOOD.

Rev. Mr. Duclos, the new pastor of Norwood Presbyterian Church, was duly inducted into that charge Tuesday evening. Rev. C. A. Myers, of Westminster Presbyterian Church, presided and performed the induction ceremony. Rev. Mr. Stevenson, of First Presbyterian Church, preached the sermon; Rev. John McLean, of Sturgeon, gave the charge to the new pastor and Rev. Alex. Forbes, of Fort Saskatchewan, addressed the people. Refreshments were served by the Ladies' Aid, and Miss Yule sang a much appreciated solo. Owing to the length of the service, the newly inducted pastor made no reply to the charge addressed to him, but will do so at the morning service on Sunday next. Norwood church is but of very recent organization, but the prospects for rapid growth and successful endeavors are of the brightest.

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PROF. McLAY WILL LECTURE.

On Friday or Saturday of this week Professor McLay, member of the Railway Commission, will address the students of Alberta University and the general public, probably in the University Assembly Hall, in the Strathcona Collegiate Institute. Professor McLay is the newly-appointed member of the Railway Commission. Prior to receiving this appointment he was professor of political economy in Toronto University, and some years ago was assistant professor of political economy in the University of California. His lecture will be looked forward to eagerly by all who take an interest in public affairs of the present. The exact date of the lecture will be announced later.

WEALTHY CHINK IN TROUBLE.

Edmonton's wealthiest Chinaman, Mah Jim, was arrested last night by the police after a raid on his restaurant known as the Frisco, at 264 Namayo avenue. The charge against him was that of keeping a house of ill-fame and with him were taken two girls, one a colored girl, named Gertie Harper, and the other, Jessie Shepard. Lulu Crosby is also being held at the station on a charge of vagrancy. This morning they all appeared at the police court, attended by a bevy of lawyers and the cases were set down for hearing tomorrow morning. A young man found in the house last night was given a $10 fine. Mah had lots of loose change in his pocket when arrested and was handed $56 in bills over the counter of the police office when released on bail.

The young lad recently from Dublin, named John Hampson, who was caught in the act of stealing granite-ware from the ruins of last Friday night's fire, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment at Fort Saskatchewan. He had just arrived from Winnipeg and thought to easily obtain some cooking utensils for his shack by a visit to the debris. The police were watchful, however, and as he was getting away with an armful of goods at midnight they pounced upon him.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES.

An energetic series of evangelistic services are to be held in Edmonton during the month of March under the auspices of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches. The meetings will be in charge of the well known evangelists Messrs. Gale and Hatch, assisted by two other evangelist. A meeting of one of the ministers and laymen of the city was held in the Y. M. C. A. building to formulate plans for carrying on this work efficiently.

The following committees were appointed to have charge of the work of arranging for this series of services:

Finance—T. M. Turnbull, H. H. Hull, P. E. Butchart, A. T. Cushing and R. T. Williamson.

Music—East end, leaders of choirs Howard Stutchbury, leader. West end, leaders of choirs, Prof. Hunt, convenor.

Advertising—Rev. E. E. Marshall, Rev. C. A. Myers, W. H. Reod, J. W. Ward.

All matters of finance were left with the finance committee. The appointment of ushers was also left over. It was decided to hold union prayer meetings in the east and west ends of the city on the last two Wednesdays in February and the first Wednesday in March. The secretary, to will look after the entertainment of the evangelists while in the city. It was decided to hold meetings in the following chudcheswhichrvmfwyrrr HT HT T TrT churches:

West End.

First week— First Baptist church.
Second week—Second Presbyterian church.
Third week—McDougall Methodist church.
Fourth week—McDougall Methodist church.

East End.

First and second weeks—Grace Methodist church.
Third and fourth weeks—Westminster Presbyterian church.

Before the meeting adjourned a hymn book committee composed of H. H. Chown and E. F. Hall was appointed and a decision card committee composed of M. W. Harlow ad J. W. Ward. A personal worker's class will be formed with Rev. A. fo this crlass.

IMMIGRANTS FROM NEBRASKA.

J. A. Murphy, of the firm of Murphy & Ryan, proprietors of the Transit Hotel, North Edmonton, has returned to the city after a three weeks visit to Chicago and his former home in Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Murphy carried all his enthusiasm and faith in the prospects of this city back to his old home and never lost an opportunity of boosting Alberta and particularly the Edmonton district.

Speaking to a Bulletin representative Mr. Murphy stated that business prospects in the part of the country which he visited were much improved over last year. There prevailed in Nebraska a great faith in the future of Alberta and in the fifteen or twenty towns which he visited he found many men who owned much land in Western Canada and were in every instance firm believers in a great future for Alberta.

"Western Canada has many friends in the United States," said Mr. Murphy, "and there is no 'knocking' of this country. The people who have visited this country and have brought back information are mostly old farmers and their reports are depended upon as strictly accurate. As a result Alberta has received a great deal of the best possible advertising."

During his trip abroad while in conversation with W. V. Bennetts of Omaha, Mr. Murphy was informed by him that there would be 250 cars of settlers effects leave Omaha for Western Canada about the middle of March. This would represent from 1,000 to 1,500 settlers of which it was estimated about 90 per cent. would come to Alberta.

"Edmonton has been well advertised also by the building of the G.T.P." said Mr. Murphy, "many of the contractors of the grade have come from Nebraska and they have carried back reports of the excellence of the new line. The people know that railway development means greater wealth in the country and consequently are turning their eyes to the land where the brightest prospects are."

During the trip Mr. Murphy was interviewed by a number of papers and he seized every opportunity to place before Nebraskans Alberta's advantages in the line of government, soil and climate.

NEW SCHOOL OPENED.

The new Norwood school was opened Monday with an attendance of about 400 pupils. Ten rooms have been organized in the school with J. M. Clindinan as principal. The other teachers have not yet been permanently allotted but will be decided upon in the course of a few days. By the opening of the new school the four temporary rooms at the corner of Syndicate and Morris have been closed, as well as the four temporary rooms at Norwood. The school at the corner of Picard and Syndicate is still being kept in operation.

PLAINDEALER GUILTY OF LIBEL.

At the Supreme court on Saturday Mr. Justice Stuart gave judgment in the case of ex-Chief of Police Patterson vs. the Strathcona Plaindealer, imposing a penalty of $25, with $50 costs on the Plaindealer for libel. Patterson brought suit for $10,000 damages against the Plaindealer for libel in publishing an article which he considered reflected on his conduct when chief of the Strathcona police force. The Plaindealer in their defence endeavored to prove justification for their article.

In connection with the statement made that Patterson was found loitering in the bar rooms of hotels while wearing his uniform of chief of police, the judge found that the defendant company had proved the truth of the assertion.

With reference to the innuendo in the article alleged by the plaintiff, the judge held that this could not be sustained.

"A plain statement of fact was made," said his lordship, "which in itself was true, and the defendant company cannot be made resposible for any improper inference that a reader might draw from the statement."

Mr. Justice Stuart held, however, that the statement that the plaintiff was found to be in the pay of a professional gambler was not proven. He stated that he had been informed by Mr. Justice Scott that this charge had been investigated by him for the Strathcona city council and had not been proven.

"It was the duty of the defendant," said his lordship, in giving judgment "to prove the truth of the assertion, and as in my opinion they have not done so, but were found to have used what I hold to be neither a necessary or inevitable inference of fact, they must take the consequence of having made an improper inference."

"I accordingly give judgment for the plaintiff. As to the amount of damage to be given I cannot see that the plaintiff is entitled to very much consideration. He was the officer charged with looking after the doings of all suspicious characters in the community and yet he accepted $5 from a man whom he knew little of and that little unfavorable. No one can have any doubt as to Kitchen's reason for giving the money and the plaintiff must have been exceedingly innocent if he did not suspect that the reason was an improper one, considering his position."

A penalty of $25 and $50 costs was accordingly imposed upon the defendant company.

DEATH BY SUICIDE.

The inquest Monday afternoon at Andrews' undertaking rooms on death of Edmond Ratliff, brought in the expected verdict of suicide by shooting. The unfortunate man, after eating a light meal at noon on Saturday, had gone immediately to his room, and with a revolver which he had purchased that morning at Ross Bros., sent a bullet through the back of his mouth and into his neck, causing instant death. The muffled report was heard by a number of the other inmates of the Royal Temperance hotel but no thought was taken of it. The suicide was the most cold-blooded and deliberate ever known to occur in Edmonton and the unfortunate man arranged all the details with methodical exactness. The letters which he left on the bureau were pronounced by the coroner, Dr. Forin, as the most extraordinary of the kind that he ever saw. They were written in a clear, legible hand, back-hand style, and were as follows:—

Royal Temperance Hotel.

Fraser Ave., Edmonton, Saturday

To the Powers That Be:—

Having been a sufferer for the past forty years from congestion of the brain, caused by a blow at the back of the skull, I have decided to put an end to my existence, knowing full well that my case is incurable.

My last will and testament will be found in the Bank of Montreal, Edmonton. I have given the whole of my personal estate to my sister-in-law, Matilda Ratcliff, 242 Shrewsbury Road, Forest Gate, London, England. Kindly let her know.

Should any letters be waiting for me either at the Bank of Montreal or post office, kindly forward same to my sister-in-law, also my box and portmanteau, as letters referring to my affairs in New Zealand will be found therein.

My bank book and cheque book will be found in my box, also my purse, which contains $12 in notes and $1.15 in silver.

Yours faithfully,

ALFRED EDMOND RATLIFF.

P.S.—I have some washing at the Snow Flake laundry.

On the other side of the sheet was a second letter addressed to the coroner. It read:—

Dear Sir,—I wish it to be distinctly understood that any expenses incurred on my account shall be paid for by me. You will, no doubt, put me down as a coward, but if you only knew the awful torture I go through at times you would pity me.

I can only describe the pain as being similar to the toothache, earache and neuralgia combined.

I will conclude by asking you to thank Mr. Harrington and his guests for the kindness I have received from them. Please remember I owe Mr. Harrington for one week's board up to Monday next.

Can anything be done re the homestead I took up in Rich Valley. I paid $50 to inspect same, which is not much when you say it quick, and $15 to file on same.

Yours faithfully,

ALFRED EDMOND RATLIFF.

NORWOOD PASTOR HERE.

Rev. Chas. Dulcos, formerly of Valleyfield, Quebec, preached two impressive sermons Sunday in Westminster Presbyterian church in the morning, and in First Presbyterian church in the evening.

The theme of the morning service was the creation and commission of man.

Rev. Mr. Dulcos comes to Edmonton to have pastoral charge of the Norwood Presbyterian church which has recently been organized. The induction service will take place on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock in the Norwood church. Rev. Mr. Myers of Westminster church will officiate.

SLOT MACHINE DECISION.

Though a decision was given last week in the gambling case against Sydney Roberts, proprietor of the Central Cigar store, the magistrate did not then specify as to whether the slot machines seized, of which there are three or four now at the Police Station, shall be destroyed. Decision in this matter will not be rendered by the magistrate until the ten days allowed for the appeal of the case have elapsed. This will mean that no decision on the machines will be given for about a week.

LANDING RESIDENTS ANXIOUS.

The residents of Athabasca Landing are becoming anxious regarding the extension of a railway line from Edmonton to that point. At a recent meeting the board of trade at the Landing the following resolution was passed and has been forwarded to Premier Rutherford:

"Whereas statements have appeared in the Edmonton Bulletin Jan. 26th, also in the Winnipeg Free Press announcing an interview between your cabinet and Messrs. D. D. Mann and M. H. McLeod of the C.N.R.; and whereas these statements intimated that the line decided upon to tap the north would be from Edmonton to Fort Assiniboine, no mention being made of a line to Athabasca Landing, therefore the board would respectfully ask if a line to Athabasca Landing has been decided upon, and if it will have precedence in construction."

Y.M.C.A. MEN'S MEETING.

The rotunda of the Y.M.C.A. was filled to capacity on Sunday afternoon by an interested audience of men who assembled to hear an address by Dr. H. M. Tory, president of Alberta University, in "Christ's Methods of Making Disciples." Dr. Tory gave a very vivid picture of Christ's life on earth. He referred to His being tempted by the Devil and His refusal to be led away by these temptations. He had a message to give to the world greater than that of John the Baptist or any of the prophets. He could not use the schools of the time or the prophets as these were not fitted to give this message to the world. Instead He went down among the common people and selected His disciples and taught them the great truths and to spread broadcast the gospel of Jesus Christ. The best indication He had that His work was bearing fruit was when Peter in response to Jesus' question, "Whom think ye that I am," said "Thou are the Christ, the son of the living God."

If Peter was convinced of this Christ knew that in time all the world would be. The speaker emphasized the fact that the real essence of the life and power of Jesus Christ was found in the relation of His life to our own, and in the application of the principles taught by Him. During the service Howard Stutchbury sang a solo. There will be no meeting for men in the Y.M.C.A. next Sunday, owing to the mass meeting for men being held in the opera house by the conference of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

JUDGMENT IN WADE CASE.

At the Supreme Court this week His Lordship Mr. Justice Beck handed out judgment in the case of the D. Wade Company, a packing firm of Leduc, which went out of business about three years ago. He decided that the present members only can be placed on the list of contributors, and that all those whose stock was forfeited could not be added to the list of contributors.

The case has been before the courts for a number of years. It was an application to settle the list of contributors. At a directors' meeting, held on April 17th, 1905, a resolution was passed to the effect "That all stock be cancelled and forfeited whose calls have not been paid."

It was contended in arguing the case that the evidence given shows that the proceedings leading up to the passing of this resolution did not meet with the requirements of the Ordinance and that the regulations ever, that the forfeiture could not be of the company were not complied with. Mr. Justice Beck said, howcalled into question, but was validly made.

It was ago argued that even in the event of the forfeiture being valid these persons were still liable to be placed on the list of contributories. In dealing with this argument the judge said:

"It is necessary to remember that although every shareholder in the company is a member, every member is not necessarily a shareholder, and that while the liability of the shareholder is to "contribute the amount unpaid on his shares of the capital," the liability of the members of the company is limited by guarantee, or, if an unlimited company, is something quite different. It is my decision, therefore, that the present members only can be placed upon the list of contributories when proceedings under the Dominion Winding-up Act are taken, and as a consequence that the several persons whose names are now in question, inasmuch as they had ceased to be members of the company by reason of the forfeiture of their shares, cannot be made contributories."

The question of whether these persons were liable in some other capacity than that of contributories, while not a question at issue, was also decided by His Lordship, as it might come up in connection with the case. He held that they were still liable by reason of the provisions in the regulations, to be sued for a debt in respect, not of the whole amount remaining unpaid upon their shares, but in respect of all calls owing upon their respective shares at the time of the forfeiture.

The application to place these persons on the list of contributories, however, was dismissed with costs.

TWO FIRE ALARMS.

Sunday morning about 6.30 a hot water tank in the house of Mrs. A. Hutchings, 514 Eighth street, exploded owing to freezing of the water pipes which allowed the tank to dry up. For the fire which followed No. 2 brigade was called out, but there was little damage apart from the explosion which wrecked the range.

On Saturday evening an alarm came in from the restaurant of J. Lane at 641 First street, where a pan of grease had boiled over. No. 1 responded, but there was no serious damage.

WILL OPERATE ON THURSDAY.

The street railway department expect to have the generator at Walter's mill, the coils of which were burned out several weeks ago, ready for use again by Thursday. More time is being taken in making the improvements than was at first anticipated, as it is intended to have the generator in first class condition. When it is started two street cars will be put on the Strathcona service at once, so there is strong probability that by the end of the week the improved service will be in operation.

A SENSATIONAL RUNAWAY.

A sensational runaway occurred Monday afternoon about half past three on Jasper and McDougall avenues. A horse driven by J. Curley of Delton broke away near the post-office and after throwing the driver and his wife from the cutter dashed down to Jasper and up that crowded thoroughfare towards the west. On rounding the corner the momentum carried both horse and cutter to the sidewalk near the Yale hotel. Tearing up the sidewalk the runaway struck Miss Maisie Martell of the Empire theatre, throwing her to the ground with considerable force. A few feet further on was Mrs. McDonald, wife of Albert McDonald, of the Crystal Palace, with her ten months old baby in a sleigh. The horse passed to the side of the woman and struck the sleigh, throwing the child in the air, and to the spectators it appeared as if the little one could not escape death. Fortunately it was heavily wrapped and investigation revealed only a slight bruise on the scalp. Miss Martell was badly shaken up, her clothes were torn and her body and face severely bruised. The horse continued his wild career until a collision with a telephone post on Howard avenue completed the demolition of the cutter and brought him to a standstill.

BISCUIT MAN HERE.

H. Y. Telfer, of the Telfer Biscuit Company, of Collingwood, Ontario, arrived in the city yesterday on a business trip and is a guest at the Alberta Hotel. The Telfer Company have an agency of their business in Edmonton, handled by the G. F. and J. Galt Co. They have also a large brick wholesale block on Third street. Mr. Telfer has come west to keep in touch with the conditions in Western Canada, but stated that his company has no particular idea of making any large extensions to its business in the west.

"I am always particularly glad to come to Edmonton," said Mr. Telfer to a Bulletin representative on the Alberta Hotel this morning. "This is my third visit here, and every time I come I am more than ever impressed with the great possibilities of your city. You are certainly making great progress," and he paused to watch a crowded street car go by, "and I think you will have a great city. In the East we have been having very mild weather, but it would be pretty hard to beat the kind of weather I find here today."

Mr. Telfer stated that his company has not yet considered the establishment of a branch manufactory in the west. Their action in this regard would depend entirely upon the existing conditions.

OBJECT TO PEDDLERS.

In order to do away, if possible, with the injurious effect of peddling in the north, the Athabasca Landing Board of Trade have passed the following resolution, which has been forwarded to Premier Rutherford and J. R. Boyle, M.P.P. for Sturgeon: "That for the past three years quite a number of pedlars have operated in the vicinity of this village and in the country to the north of it, much to the detriment of the resident merchants and traders, who have, at a large expense, established homes and shops, and carry goods, provisions, etc., to meet all the requirements of the people in the country.

"That the class of goods, cheap shoddy stuffs, and very inferior jewelry peddled is of little use or no benefit to the natives, who will, however, buy such and go without the actual requirements of food and clothing requisite for the maintenance of their families.

"That, in addition to the goods named above, it is currently reported that they peddle essenses, contrary to law; that they do not openly sell such, but, following an old custom with the Indian and Half-Breed, they make a present and get a return present of a hundred or more times the value.

The inhabitants of Peace River and Athabasca districts complain that disease, especially among the children, showed an alarming increase during and after the visits of such pedlars and physicians there, give it as their opinion that the diseases are carried from house to house by the pedlars, who, for the most part, are Asayrians, Jews and of filthy habits, and from a hygenic standpoint not proper persons to mingle with the inhabitants of the north, especially as there is an alarm amongst the natives generally as to the outbreak of smallpox. A petition is now being largely signed by the residents of said districts asking the government to restrict the issue of licenses to all pedlars, which, when received by this board, will be forwarded to the Honorable A. C. Rutherford, to whom it is addressed.

"That this board, acting for the merchants and traders in this vicinity, and endorsing the action taken by the people of the north, humbly petition the government to grant no more licenses to any pedlars to operate in any part of this northern country."

WESTMINSTER SOCIAL.

On Friday evening February 19th, the Christian Endeavor Bible School of Westminster Presbyterian chure hwill hold a social evening in the Y. M. C. A. building. An elaborate programme has been arranged. From 8 to 9 there will be a reception for the guests in the rotunda, a phonograph concert in the parlor and an athletic exhibition in the gymnasium. From 9 to 9.45 promenades will be held in the rotunda, the Westminster Brotherhood Orchestra providing the music. From 9 to 10.15 a musical programme has been arranged. At 10.15 refreshments will be served.

BAPTIST MINISTER ARRIVES.

Rev. F. W. Patterson, the new pastor of the Baptist church arrived Tuesday afternoon in company with Mrs. Patterson and child from Calgary and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Nobles 240 Sixth street. They were met at Strathcona yesterday afternoon by a special street car in which were a number of the members of the congregation. The party included R. W. Sharpe, W. Morritt, C. B. Beals, Oliver Brown, Mr. McPhee, Mr. Armstrong and a number of ladies. Rev. Mr. Patterson will occupy the pulpit of the church at both services on Sunday and will be tendered a reception by the congregation a week from next Thursday.

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the city council will be held on Thursday evening to take up the discussion of the building by-law. The recently specified first-class fire limits do not include the section that was destroyed by fire last week, and it is the intention to take in at least part of this block before erection of new buildings is commenced.

The sale of the $800,000 debentures, which was left over from last night, will also be considered on Thursday evening. There are half-a-dozen offers and these will be opened at the meeting on Thursday evening.

AN AERIAL TRAMWAY.

Mr. Frank Povah, general manager of the McGillivray Creek Coal and Coak Co., Ltd., of Coleman, is in the city at present while a private bill affecting the interests of the company is being put through the Legislature.

The bill as explained by Mr. Povah is to empower the company to build an aerial tramway for the purpose of transporting coal from the mouth of the mine to the C.P.R. tracks. The tramway line is to be 7,500 feet in length and will handle 2,800 tons of coal per day. Without the aerial line about eight miles of railway line would have to be constructed in order to get a safe grade. The bill will be discussed before the railway committee on Saturday morning.

Tramways of this nat ure are quite common in Pennsylvania and other great coal centers of the world, but this will be the largest in Canada. British Columbia has several now in operation, but they have not nearly the capacity of the one to be constructed near Coleman.

The company has recently been organized and represents American capital almost entirely. The directors are Jas. A. Nowell of St. Paul, Henry L. Simons, president, and Thos. Payne, secretary, of the First National Bank, Glencoe, Minnesota; Byron E. Sharp, of the Sharp Irving Co., Spokane, and J. Frank Povah.

Mr. Povah speaks very highly of the coal bearing areas in southern Alberta. He says it is very rich in bituminous coal of excellent quality. Branch lines are coming in from the great American lines and this year will see a great increase in the coal exports of the province.

CITY APPEALS HOTEL CASE.

J. C. F. Bown, city solicitor, yesterday afternoon entered appeal for the city in the case of Youk vs. the City of Edmonton, against the judgment of His Lordship Mr. Justice Stuart in awarding $758.31 and costs to the plaintiff in the action. The appeal is being made to settle definitely whether the city has the power to impose a license fee on hotels in the city. The appeal will be heard at the next session of the Supreme Court of Alberta en banc, which meets in Edmonton this month.

The following are the grounds on which the city is appealing the case:

1. That the learned judge erred in holding that the defendants not having specifically denied the allegation in the statement of claim that the payment thereon referred to was made under compulsion, should be treated as having been admitted.

2. The learned judge should have held that the question of compulsion was one of fact, and the plaintiff not having set forth in his statement of claim any facts showing compulsion, and not having produced any evidence at trial showing compulsion, the leaned judge should have dismissed the plaintiff's action.

3. The learned judge erred in holding that the license issued to the plaintiff was in respect to the same business as that under which the "business tax" mentioned was assessed.

4. The learned judge should have held that the license was issued in respect of the sale of liquor only the same being for a special privilege not enjoyed by all hotel keepers.

5. The said business assessment tax and the said fee for a license to sell intoxicating liquors are separate and distinct from the former, being payable by reason of the Edmonton charter and the latter by reason of the liquor ordinance, and the learned judge should have so held.

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Body of Municipal Expert
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Proposed Legislatio

A new municipal act ha
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lature Friday afternoon.
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mission will be appointed by
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monton and Calgary, inaugu
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for the municipalities.
The act provides, if desira
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not more than $3 per mee
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Mr. J. O'Brien, Cobalt Mi
Invest $250,000 in the
of Edmonton—Compa
Work to be Commence

M. J. O'Brien, of Renfrew,
a man who has made a
money in the Cobalt, has org
company, incorporated un
name of the Yellowhead P
and Coke Co., Ltd., which w
mence this summer the dev
of a hard bituminous coal fi
of Edmonton. Eastern c
who have had their ears
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the possibilities of the count
between this city and the
Mountains, but it has rema
the O'Brien Company to first
ly announce their intention
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men are interested, will sp
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M. Doheny, of Montre
O'Brien's personal repres
returned to Edmonton this w
the west country, where he
the property. In the party
Mr. Doheny, were F. B.
M.E., R. McKinnon, D.L.S.
Jackson, of Edmonton, an
Yates and Stanley Wollard
Ste Anne. The party left
ton on January 22. As a
Mr. Doheney's inspection
claim, the company has de
commence operations this
The preliminary work of un
the coal seams will be b
August. No actual mining
place until the summer of
that time the Grand Trunk
will be operating as far we
Macleod River. The succe
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railway connection, and so
tial are the men behind the
company that the G.T.P. ha
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pany that a spur line will b
Is a Large Field.
The coal property embr
area of 5,120 acres. It is s
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where it crosses the Macleo
The actual distance from E
is 150 miles. The coal field is
12 and 18 miles from the
line of the C.N.R., from wh
not unlikely another spur
also be run.
F. B. Smith, the mining
who was a member of th
which inspected the field,
coal is of an excellent quali
uminous, having the sam
ance as the bituminous coa
Crow's Nest Pass country, a
are illimitable quantities of
Smith estimates that one sea
claim will produce 100,000,0
Altogether there are five sea
5,120 acres.
Same Area as Crow.
"This coal field," said M
Bulletin representative