EDMONTON NEWS

LOCAL.

The marriages were solemnized at the Presbyterian Manse on Monday, by Rev. Dr. McQueen, of Mr. Thomas J. Todd to Miss Grace McKenzie McAllan, late of Aberdeen, Scotland, and on Tuesday, of Mr. Clinton Von Moltke Weiss to Miss Maude Burt, of Duagh, Alberta.

An unexpected visitor to the centre of the city Wednesday was a large musk rat, which was killed by one of the police officers at the corner of Jasper avenue and Second street. This is the close season for musk rats and the guardian of the law may yet have to face a charge of breaking what he has been appointed to observe.

The death took place at the Public Hospital Thursday of Arthur Blackhall, aged 23, from typhoid fever. The deceased came to the city about three weeks ago from Toronto with a car-load of horses. Soon after his arrival he developed the fever, which had a fatal termination. The body is now at Andrews' undertaking rooms and is being looked after by the Oddfellows, of which order the deceased was a member.

Alfred Violette, late of Maine, U.S., who has recently been on a prospecting trip to the north, is in the city and leaves again in a few days for the Peace River. He will take several others with him, including his brother, and they intend to locate a huge ranch on the Grand Prairie country from which they will work out on prospecting tours. The party expect to take north with them 300 head of thoroughbred stock from Montana.

NEW PUMP SHIPPED.

The new six million gallon pump for the increased city water supply has beeneshipped to Edmonton and will arrive here within the next two weeks. The pump has been manufactured by John Inglis & Sons, of Toronto. It will be placed in the new pump pit now being constructed some distance east of the present power house and near the water filtration system. Previous to its installation the water will be brought to the filters by means of a connection which is now being made from the power house.

CONTESTS IN THE NORTH.

In the elections which are to take place in the two northern constituencies, Peace River and Athabasca, both the former members will be again in the field and will be opposed. In Peace River the ex-member, T. A. Brick, will have as his opponent J. R. Cornwall and in Athabasca the ex-member will be opposed by J. L. Cote. Mr. Cornwall will leave for the north on Saturday accompanied by W. Kehoe who will assist him in the campaign.

In the electoral districts of Athabasca and Peace River the returning officers shall fix the day for the nomination of candidates and also the day and place for holding polls, the nomination shall take place not less than fourteen days after the proclamation required has been posted up and the day for holding the polls shall be as early a date thereafter as possible but not less than fourteen days after the nomination.

WILL MORPHINE INTOXICATE?

Whether a person in an incapable condition as a result of the use of morphine or similar drugs should be classed under the charge of drunkenness, was the question threshed out at length at the police court Thursday when a case against a woman of the under world, which had been pending for some weeks, came up for hearing. The two officers who arrested the victim on April 29th last in a west end store, where she was lying in a helpless condition and using profane and obscene language, testified that they could smell liquor off her breath and were of the opinion that she was intoxicated.

J. A. Brenyan, for the defence, contended that the woman's condition was due to morphine, which she had taken on the advice of the physician, but his defence was entirely removed when the magistrate stated that his view was that morphine or similar drugs might bring a person under the charge of drunkenness in the same way as the excessive use of intoxicating liquor.

After considerable argument between counsel and the magistrate, the case was adjourned in order that Mr. Brenyan might produce cases, if possible, in support of his contention. J. M. McDonald appeared on behalf of the prosecution in this case.

Ranald Schuhn, of Norwood, was fined $2 and costs for obstructing the poundkeeper and $1 and costs for allowing his cattle to roam at large. The two fines and costs brought the total to upwards of ten dollars. The case was heard on Tuesday but was adjourned for judgment until the magistrate could get a new copy of the pound bylaw which had to be again typewritten.

Seeding in Rosthern.

Rosthern, May 13.—Wheat seeding is finished in Rosthern district, and many farmers have started their ots. The weather has been good. One farmer has eighteen acres of wheat two inches above ground.

EXHIBITORS INTERESTED.

Manager Harrison, of the Edmonton exhibition, has sent out 491 letters to former exhibitors at the Edmonton exhibition, calling attention to the dates of the fair and asking them to exhibit this year. The prize lists will be issued shortly and will be widely distributed. Already 30 applications from stock exhibitors in Southern Alberta and Saskatchewan have been received. A large number of applications for space in the exhibition grounds have been received and widespread interest is being awakened in the Edmonton fair this year.

REDUCED FREIGHT RATES.

An order has been passed, recently, by the board of railway commissioners, reducing the rates of shipments of C.P.R. freight between Edmonton and Strathcona. The order for the reduction of the rate was made on the application of the Fullerton Lumber Co., of Vancouver. It came up before the commissioners here but was set down for further hearing at the Vancouver meeting. In the past the rate for shunting cars was $10 and $12 between the packing plant and Strathcona. In future, the C.P.R. will ,according to the order, charged one cent a hundred pounds more on their rates and then collect from the C.N.R. whatever can be arranged upon for the shunting. The change will mean a great saving to shippers. For example, a car load of 60,000 pounds of steel in the past would cost $10 to bring it from Strathcona; in future, at one cent a hundred pounds, the cost will be $6.

LAID OUT MARATHAN COURSE.

F. A. Walker, M.P.P., Fort Saskatchewan, and J. W. Ward of the Y.M.C.A., Edmonton, governors in their respective districts for the Alberta Amateur Athletic Association, Wednesday officially measured off the twenty mile course for the Fort Saskatchewan Victoria Day road race. These gentlemen started from the Fort early in the morning and with two men dragging a chain carefully and accurately measured the distance between Fort Saskatchewan and Edmonton. From the finihings tape which is reached after circling the race track at Fort Saskatchewan, one and three quarter times, to the corner of Jasper Avenue and Fourth streets is exactly twenty miles. The race on May 24th, will, therefore, start at Fourth street. The start of the ten mile race, which finishes in the same manner as the longer run will be at a point 300 yards east of the Halfway House. Up to date the sports committee of the Fort Saskatchewan Victoria Day celebration have received five entries for the twenty mile race and one for the ten mile. It is confidentially expected there will be at least fifteen competitors for the long run and twenty for the shorter distance event. In the Marathon Fraser, the Indian, Meh merit, who ran third to Longboat in the Hamilton Herald road race, when that event was won by the Ourondago, McDonald, an old countryman with a good record and several dark horses will be included among the starters. Burns, of Calgary, who won the event last year, will not be an entry. He is at present in California. Entries for this and the ten mile race will close on May 18. For the other races 100, 220 and mile, entries will be received up to the day of the event. Every mile of the twenty mile course is to be posted this week, which will give competitors an opportunity of knowing the time they are making in thei rtrials. The course is along the old Fort trail. For the accommodation of sunners the sports committee has arranged this year for a large tent on the grounds at the track to be used as a dressing room. Competitors clothes will be carried from here to the Fort in a rig provided for the purpose, and delivered to the owners at the dressing tent.

The foot races while an attractive feature of the Victoria Day celebration are by no means the only feature. There will be six horse races, three trots and three runs for which purses of $200 have been hung up with $25 added in the free for all. The races will be run in heats. A lacrosse game between Strathcona and Edmonton and a football match between the St. George's, of Edmonton, and Fort Saskatchewan will be played.

The prizes for the foot races re not only handsome, but decidedly valuable. For the 100 and 220, $15 gold medals will be awarded and for the mile a $20 gold medal. The Marathon cup is valued at $100, and the cup for the ten mile event at $25.

Special arrangements have been made with the C.N.R. for special train accommodation. Three trains will leave the city in the morning at 8.45, 9.45 and 11 o'clock. Returning the trains will leave at 6.00, 7.00, and 11 o'clock. The 9.45 train is timed so that Edmonton people may see both the start and the finish of the Marathon.

Refunded Extra Insurance.

Galt, Ont., May 13.—The records of the Gone District Co., of Galt, show that A. H. Loft & Co., dry goods, St. Marys, returned $2,500 which they found after stock taking had been overpaid them for losses from fire.

H. B. CO. SELECTING LAND.

The Hudson's Bay Co., this summer will make the selection of the remaining 500 sections of land or about 320,000 acres, which is the share of the company of Dominion government lands already surveyed north of the Saskatchewan. The work will be done by H. A. Bayne and E. Matheson, of Winnipeg, mostly in the country being opened up by the Grand Trunk Pacific and along the Pembina river to the Athabasca. The men expect to travel four or five thousand miles before they return to Edmonton next fall.

WILL SUPPORT THE CHIEF.

At next week's meeting of the city council the city commissioners will submit a report favoring the supporting of Chief of Police Lancey in the suit which has ben started against him for $400 damages in connection with the dismissal of Constable Howey some time ago. They will recommend inasmuch as the action taken by the chief was part of the internal administration of one of the city departments, that City Solicitor Bown defend the case and the expenses in connection therewith be paid by the city. The commissoners hold that the present case s altogether different from that of Constable Aysant, who was sued for damages as the result of an arrest last summer and the policy then outlined does not apply in the present instance.

PARTIES FOR THE NORTH.

The Athabasca river steamer, the Northern Sun, whose name has been changed from that of the Midnight Sun, which conflicts with the name of a boat on the Yukon river, will leave Athabasca Landing early next week carrying northern parties up the river to the rapids on the Little Slave. The rest of the journey towards Peace River Crossing will have to be made in wagons as the lake has not yet broken up.

The election parties, including candidates J. K. Cornwall and J. L. Cote and representatives of the government, will travel by this steamer. Some left for the Landing this morning and others will leave tomorrow. The fur traders in the city will leave at the end of next week.

CALGARY PITCHER SUMMONED

A summons has been issued in the city Police Court against E. Vining, pitcher of the Calgary baseball club, charging his with willfully and maleciously breaking a plate glass window in a building on Queens Avenue, opposite the Imperial Hotel on the 23rd of April last. The information has been laid by D. W. McDonald, owner of the building, and unless the case is settled before Friday next the defendant will have to return from Calgary to face the charge. The breaking of the glass was the result of a work out of Vining near the Imperial hotel. One of the balls got passed Alf. Fidler, who was catching, and crashed through the glass. As a settlement was not made the summons was issued.

WILL NOT PROSECUTE.

No action for alleged breach of the building by-law will be taken against George Gilmore who came before the city council last Tuesday evening, in connection with changes to his building on First street, used as a restaurant. Mr. Gilmore was instructed by the medical health officer to install water and sewers but when he started making some changes in the enterior of the building he was stopped by the building inspector who claimed that it was an ingraction of the by-law. The matter was discussed by the city council and then referred to the city commissioners. They will take no action however, as the building practically completed. City Solicitor Bown has given it a this opinion that he is doubtful if the changes made are in contravention of the by-law as has been claimed.

MANY CHARGES AGAINST KING.

Oscar William King, the prisoner who escaped from the R.N.W.M.P. last fall near Markerville, and who was recently captured by the city police in Edmonton, will have a big list of charges to face when he comes up in the Supreme Court. In addition to several horse stealing charges he was on Thursday committed before Inspector McDougall, at Fort Saskatchewan, on six charges of fraud in connection with horse deals. There is also the charge of breaking away from the officers. King who has a number of aliases had been committed on horse theft charges and afterwards told the police that he could show them where the bones of a murdered man lay. They took him on the trip to investigate and the bones were found. While going to a second place he gave the policeman the slip, by taking a horse into the stable and then escaping through a back window.

EXHIBITION DIRECTORS MEET.

A meeting of the directors of the Edmonton Exhibition Association was held in the manager's office Wednesdey, at which several matters pertaining to the welfare of the Edmonton summer fair were discussed. It was decided to instal new automatic registering gates at the Exhibition Grounds and to place a gate on the south side of the grounds for the convenience of Stratheona residents attending the fair. The sanitary condition of the grounds will be improved. D. R. Stewart was instructed to take the necessary steps to have the grounds and buildings ready for use by June 1st. Complete plans of the grounds and buildings are now on file at Manager Harrison's office to facilitate the work of renting space to exhibitors and others. The reserved seats in the grand stand will be numbered this year and tickets for these sold in advance throughout the city. The exhibition prize list will be ready for distribution by Saturday.

On Wednesday next the Exhibition directors will drive out to inspect the proposed site of the new Exhibition Grounds in the east end park and in Norwood. They will report on the result of this inspection to the city council, recommending the most suitable site.

MORE PRISONERS FOR PEN.

Two prisoners arrived this morning over the C.N.R. in charge of the R.N.W.M.P. from Saskatoon for Edmonton penitentiary. They are Ole Brattes, sentenced to two years for bigamy, and Charles Hunter, sentenced to five years for housebreaking and theft. Both are young men who have lived for some time in the vicinity of Saskatoon. These additions make in all a total of 94 in the penitentiary.

MEMBER FOR HIGH RIVER.

L. M. Roberts, M.P.P. for High River, the district which shipped more grain last year than any other in Canada, is visiting the capital for the first time since his election.

He called at the government offices Monday and met the Premier and the various caginet ministers. He will remain in the city some days, a guest of Duncan Marshall, M.P.P.

Mr. Roberts is a youn gman of keenly alert appearance. He is a successful business man in High River. Like every other man in the south, the subject of paramount interest to him atthe present moment is the crops. He says the winter wheat west of the C. P. R. line, Calgary and Lethbridge line, to the foothills, will be a full crop. The same is true for a distance of ten miles east of the railway. Further east not more than a third to a half of the crop has been effected. The lack of moisture is responsible for the lack of growth in the winter wheat sections, where the grain as yet shows no signs of life. West of High River, where thre will be a full crop, there was an abundance of moisture. Another cause contributing to the possibility of a part of the wheat crop of the south being winter killed was the warm days and cold nights during the month of march. But despite what may now appear to be an uncertainty with regard to the crop, Mr. Roberts believes there will be a very satisfactory yield this year.

Mr. Roberts says the High River district is getting an exceptionally superior class of settlers this year. These are Americans and eastern Canadians ,who are purchasing improved farms, and who invariably have comfortable bank accounts. There are no homesteads open for settlement in the district; they have all been taken up.

AT THE POLICE COURT.

Jonathan Davidson and George Fisher appeared at the Police Court Monday before Police Magistrate Cowan on a charge of arson in burning down the former's butcher shop on Syndicate Avenue on the 22nd of February last. The prisoner Davidson was defended by W. W. Short R.C., and the prosecution was conducted by the Crown prosecutor, E. B. Cogswell. The first witness called was R. J. Robinson who had acted as agent for W. F. Racey in placing the inaurance. The day after the fire Davidson had come to him and told him about it. Witness had asked how it happened and the prisoner had replied that he did not know but he thought some one had set the place on fire. He said he had lost $200 worth of meat and a case of hams and he had ordered some more meat for the previous day but it had not arrived. Witness said in answer to cross examination that the place and contents had been insured for about three-fourths of its value. The evidence of W. F. Racey as to the issuing of the policy to Davidson and of the prisoner Fisher who had made a written confession that he set the fire at the instance of Davidson was also taken and then both were committed for trial at next session of the District Court.

Archibald Osborne appeared on a charge of drunkenness and was fined $6. A more serious charge of stabbing as the result of a fracas at the Edmonton hotel about 6.30, on Saturday evening, was not preferred owing to the complainant failing to appear. It is alleged that Osborne, who is a cook at one of the city coal mines, struck Murdock McDonald on the neck with a pocket knife in the rotunda of the hotel. It was at first thought that McDonald was seriously injured but Dr. W. A. Wilson who was summoned pronounced the wound a slight one and he was removed to his home.

The bill incorporating the Prairie Provinces Trust Company, whose head office is to be at Edmonton, passed the Senate at Ottawa on the 27th of April, the Banking and Commerce Committee having made a few changes in the bill as introduced, the principal one being that the amount required to be subscribed before the company can commence business is raised to $400,000, and the amount to be paid un is raised to $100,000. Mr. Alex. Stuart, K.C., the solicitor for the company, attended before the committee in putting the bill through.

The committee of management of the Edmonton Creche and Children's home will hold an open meeting Wednesday afternoon, May 19th, at 4 p.m. in the Y. M. C. A. building for the election of officers. It is particularly desired that everyone who has subscribed towards the maintenance of the Creche should attend this meeting and take part in the elections. A cordial invitation to attend this meeting is also extended to everyone who is at all interested in this important work.

J. Dickie, who owns a large tract of land adjoining the city, has just arrived from Southern Wisconsin en route to his ranch near Cooking Lake. He states that on May 2nd, in Wisconsin there was snow from one to four inches deep and was still snowing as he journeyed along. In Minnesota the drifts in places were from ten to twelve feet deep. There was snow until he reached Moose Jaw. From Moose Jaw to Edmonton the weather was all that could be desired. Mr. Dickie has large property interests in Southern Wisconsin.

PICNIC

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Western Country Had Fir ience With Earthquak Damage of Conseque

Winnipeg, May 17—That at least from earthquakes the fixed idea of the Canadi West until Saturday eve when seismic disturbance corded over practically one miles of territory, from th Lake Winnipeg in the ea ranching country of Souther lying under the shadow of ies, and running from the the state of Montana up far as telegraphic wires h carried. Shocks appear to h most severe along the main the Canadian Pacific betwe don and Medicine Hat, bu recording instruments avail comparative severity is at guess work and a noteworth is that the larger centres r worst disturbance, apparentl these were more fully felt buildings. In Brandon damage was done to the plant, and the same occurre eley, where the well of the light works caved in just b shock plunging the town in At Grenfell the shock was that horses travelling on had difficulty in keeping t At Saskatoon, at Regina, a Jaw, Medicine Hat and ma points people rushed wildly their houses expecting wor low and it is reported in at case that they expected th the world had come. Curio the report from Regina that ing most shaken there was constructed, being of steel a forced concrete, while dimsi ings with perhaps more give withstood the shock well.

Ranchers in the neighbo Medicine Hat thought the q to a fearful explosion of gu stored there, while in seve rumbling as of thunder was to have immediately prece shocks, which generally laste seconds. These were from tw in number and occurred at tw eighteen central time, the midnight. It is not too muc that the event has astoun wes. Nothing else is talke Prof. Allen, of Manitoba u encourages the belief that it h happened before and may nev

Winnipeg, May 16.—E shocks varying in intensity all through the Canadian pr about 10.20 central time, evening, in most places rattl es, banging doors, and shak dows ,while at several poin were driven in alarm out of Wolsely the well of the elec plant caved in just before t was felt, and the town was p darkness. Other places cracked plaster, but that ap be the sum of the damage d shock was very light in this was distinctly felt at Selkirk Winnipeg and from there th bance was noted at scatter for a thousand miles west a prairie. The shocks appear been most severe in the heav bo" country of Saskatchewa the main line of the Canada fic, but they were felt as far Prince Albert. It is the first known history that earthquak have visited the Red River katchewan valleys and Frank Allen, Ph. D., of M university said tonight it might never recur. He attri disturbance to a wave or ech ious earthquakes in Souther ca or the Central Pacific a that the vibration thus ca followed the chord of a circl out in the Canadian prai points out that the last ea on record was noticed at fir observatories of Western En it was some weeks before it known that the disturbance took place in the barbarou of Northern India and Per thus thinks that presently inf will come to hand of very able upheavels in the south of the continent or in the the Pacific.

The Points Affected.

Regina, May 16.—The sole conversation in the city toda earthquake shock of last nig shock occurred about 9.15 w stores were crowded with night shoppers. Every buil town from the smallest shac most modern fire-proof co office block appears to ha shaken. The shock was su severe to set pictures sway crockery rattling and distu pieces of furniture, while i few instances it is reported t were cracked.

A strange feature of the q that it seems to have been f by people in the streets an the open.

Grenfell, Sask., May 16.— ple of this town and district around were thrown into gre ment last night by two distin preceded by a rumbling nois of all kinds were violently sh bles and chairs moved, di lamps rattled and many pe from their houses fearing wo Horses being driven on the s