# NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

## VEGREVILLE.

Bulletin News Service.

The board of trade held its annual meeting in the town hall Tuesday night. After a few skirmishes the officers were elected for 1909. President, M.A. Worth; vice-president, William Clements; secretary-treasurer, Frank Wilson; executive, the above officers with H. S. Monkman, Geo. Walker, J. B. Holden, A. H. Goodwin, W. T. Clements, A. M. Thompson, James McNeill, J. Davis, C. W. Field, A. L. Horton, A. W. Fraser, T. Balaam, J. McCoams, H. H. Halladay, Geo. Robertson and C. R. Morton. There was also a board of arbitration elected. The board is in good financial standing, having a balance of over $100 with outstanding membership fees to be collected.

The railroad crossing on Main street was discussed at length. The crossing is urgently needed as was experienced by the calling out of the fire brigade for the fire north of the track. The president and A. H. Goodwin were selected to wait upon the commission. A letter was read from the Traders' Bank of Canada seeking for information with regard to Vegreville and vicinity with a view to putting in a branch office. The question of railroads was also before the board. Spirited discussions on the necessity of having a branch line passing through Vegreville being of most vital importance to this town.

McKenzie, with his gang of men, came in on Thursday's train from Prince Albert. The object is to survey the yards here for the C.N.R. line from Calgary to Vegreville hence north to Fort McMurray. When the survey of the yards is completed the gang will survey from here to Calgary.

T. F. Cadzow, hog and cattle buyer, and shipper of Vegreville, has purchased weigh scales for his own use. Down at the stock yards are scales that were owned by the board of trade and purchased by the town council. Mr. Cadzow had the use of these by paying therefor. The council appointed M. G. Connolly as weighmaster. They also put a charge of $25 a year on Cadzow for the use of the scales. The council also decided that no person should use the scales except the official weigher. If a man came in with a bunch of cattle Cadzow had to run uptown to hunt for the weigher, who is a veterinary surgeon, and might be out in the country. All this time the man with his steers stood out in the cold waiting for the weigher to arrive. Mr. Cadzow in view of these facts decided to install his own weigh scales.

Beaver Lake Coal sold as high as $8.00 a ton yesterday when the local dealers were out of fuel.

Mr. Hacking and bride nee Miss M. Filchie, of Mount Forst, Ontario, arrived in town on Monday.

The hockey boys got in on the local yesterday which was five hours late. They are satisfied with the kind of hockey the Edmonton boys play but the tactics used by the Strathcona team do not meet with their endorsation. The Edmonton boys did not come down to Vegreville today, and the game goes by default to Vegreville.

J. H. Welsh, collector for the Massey-Harris was sent up for trial by Magistrates Goodwin and Halliday on information laid by G. Anderson for adding "one black horse," to a certain chattel mortgage given by Anderson. The evidence went to show that those words were inserted after the mortgage had been executed and signed.

Philip Mohr, of Brush Hill, was up before Magistrates Pozer and Watson today on a charge of seduction laid by Tilly Hahn, of the same place. After summing up the evidence which was one-sided the case was dismissed.

Three by-laws were voted on and carried yesterday, only three voting against each by-law. The bylaws were to borrow $2,200 by debenture for a public market; $1,660 for a public cemetery and $7,000 for a town and fire hall. The vote was 43 for and 3 against for each.

The C.N.R. survey gang which has been at the Queen's hotel for the past few days hired two teams for three months and drew out and pitched their tents four miles south of town. The survey from Vegreville to Calgary is to be finished by May 1st.

The curling contest for the Holden donations is keenly contested. Mr. Holden's prize is four curling coats, caps and sashes. There will be 28 games in all to be played by all the skips. So far Loucks' colts have the other skips faded. The Colts made a poor showing on the start and odds were given against them, now the other skip is defeated when he hears the name Colt.

Vegreville, Jan. 13.

## STETTLER.

Bulletin News Service.

C. M. Bray, of Calgary, has bought the Dominion Hotel and will take possession January 22. Shaw, Good & Garder, the former proprietors of the Dominion, have bought the National Hotel from Carl Stettler and will take possession about January 20th.

Tuesday night's train brought curlers from Innisfail, Red Deer and Lacombe to compete with the Stettler rinks for the district trophies and medal. The games resulted in a win for Ferguson, of Stettler, over Red Deer, by a score of 11-6, while Trimbal, of Lacombe, trimmed Innisfail 16-8, after which the five visiting teams, accompanied by about 30 Stettler curlers and the Mayor and a few of the rest of the boys repaired to the Colley Hall, where refreshments were served and a jolly good time spent. Mr. Forbes took the chair and called upon the Mayor, who rendered the speech of welcome, which was responded to by ex-Mayor Trimbal. Other speeches and songs were rendered by various members of the party. Special mention should be made of the songs of Messrs. Johnson and eJnkins and of the speech of A. A. McGillivary, who replied to the toast to the ladies. The concluding address was given by Mr. Manning, who complimented all present in the highest terms.

The Wednesday morning games with McBrine, of Stettler, drawn against Humber, of Red Deer, resulted Stettler 15, Red Deer 7. Day, of Lacombe, was pitted against Fairley, of Innisfail, the result being 11-6 for Lacombe. The final draw between Ferguson against Trimbal resulted 11-10 in favor of Stettler. McBrine against Day resulted in a victory for Stettler 11-10. They were two of the hardest fought games on Stettler ice, which gives the medal to Stettler in the trophy competition. Ferguson against Farley resulted: Ferguson 12, Farley 5. Trimbal against Humber resulted: Humber 15, Trimbal 5, which left Ferguson to play Humber. The excitement was intense during this game, as it was a tie at three stages, Ferguson winning in 12 ends 10 to 9. Johnson and Humber were the two star curlers.

Stettler, January 13.

## FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Bulletin News Service.

The annual congregational business meeting of the Presbyterian church was held on Wednesday evening last. The night was bitterly cold, which no doubt, would account for the small attendance. Rev. A. Forbes, pastor, occupied the chair. After a few opening remarks A. M. Sutherland, secretary-treasurer of the church, gave the annual financial report, which was fairly satisfactory, considering the unusual expenditure of the past summer. Mrs. G. O. Baetz, secretary, and Mrs. E. Wilmeroth, treasurer of the Women's Home Missionary Society, had most satisfactory reports to submit, showing the assistance given to the church and to outside points during the year. Miss Flora McDonald, secretary of the young women's class, reported on the work undertaken by the class. John Paul, superintendent of the Sunday school, gave excellent reports for the school and the session, whilst R. Walton spoke on the general work of the different departments of the chruch and highly commended those in charge of the pulpit supplies during the summer, in the absence of the pastor. A further expression of appreciation was extended to the choir and organist by Mr. Paul and Mr. Walton. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Sutherland for the satisfactory manner in which he had transacted the business of the church during this and several previous years. The two retiring managers were re-elected. The officers for the ensuing year are: Pastor, Rev. Alexander Forbes; M. A.; elders, Mr. J. Asher, John Paul, R. Walton; managers, E. Wilmeroth, H. Staples, S. A. Dickson, A. Dewar, J. B. Adamson; secretary-treasurer, A. M. Sutherland; organist, Mrs. G. O. Baetz. After the business was transacted, the ladies served refreshments and the meeting closed.

At the thank-offering meeting held on Wednesday afternoon in the Presbyterian church by the Women's Home Missionary Society, a collection of $15.50 was gathered; $10 of this amount was donated to the building fund of the Galician school which Dr. Arthur is having erected at Vegreville in connection with the Galician Hospital.

The members of the Board of Trade banqueted W. H. White, M.P., in the Mansion House, before leaving for Ottawa. A pleasant evening was spent.

Since the New Year Shera & Co.'s departmental store on Government street has changed hands, W. J. S. Waugh being now proprietor.

Miss Mabel V. Hicks, elocutionist of Alberta college, has been engaged to assist at a concert which is to be held in the Methodist church here Jan. 29.

The thermometer registered 58 below Thursday morning.

On Monday evening the installation of officers for the coming year for the I. O. O. F. took place. There were a large number of members present. The following officers were elected: Noble Grand, J. C. Karran; Vice Grand, Dr. G. Turner; Recording Secretary, J. W. Kidney; Financial Secretary, P. S. Gordon.

Fort Saskatchewan, Jan. 15.

## WABAMUN.

Bulletin News Service.

Smith & Carter are erecting a new stable to accommodate the freighters' teams.

Mrs. W. C. Dunn is in Edmonton visiting the family of her brother.

Wm. MacOwan was unanimously elected road councillor in 53-4 and Mr. Shields in 53-3 on Monday last.

Fishing is reported as slow by the fishers. The price continues at ten cents, however, as the amount of money received averages well.

S. W. Eakins has been appointed an official auditor.

The death of Mr. Huddlestone occurred at his residence in 53-4 on Friday, Jan. 7. He was buried in the Wabamum cemetery on Tuesday, in the presence of a large number of sympathizing friends. Mr. Huddlestone came from England about two years ago, and was followed by Mrs. Huddlestone this fall. The widow has the deep sympathy of the community.

A meeting has been arranged for Jan. 21st at 7.30 for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Canadian Club. A large attendance is expected.

Wabamun, Jan. 16.

## BELVEDERE.

Bulletin News Service.

C. A. Roberts and wife are in Edmonton awaiting the arrival of Mrs. Roberts' sister and family, who are due from England to settle near the river.

Brusso Graffunder has returned from Edmonton with a blacksmith, his previous force not being large enough to handle the daily increasing business at the junction.

Charles Ritchie leaves for the Pritchard mill on the north trail to get out his lumber. Messrs Donnelly are getting the lumber for their house at Richmond mill.

Mr. McKinnon, from the west end of Lesser Slave lake, stopped here on his way through to Edmonton. He had a very fine team of huskey dogs which were great pacemakers. He says that through Belvedere is the best trail to the Peace river, being much shorter than the water route.

J. S. and Stanley Mills came in with supplies several days ago.

School resumed on Jan. 4th with a good attendance. The scholars were glad to see their former teacher, J. A. Roberts, again, in his old position.

Archie Henderson, one of the popular storekeepers, is spending the holidays in the metropolis.

Several days ago on going towards the city your correspondent met Major Elmslie, Chas. Dunn and R. Hojd Kinson, each hauling an upright piano of the latest design and make.

H. L. Langmaid is to open a large store on the west Paddle.

Howard Bemis returned from Washington last week.

Messrs. Hale and Lovette are busy logging.

J. Menzies, Marvin Lucas and E. Ritchie returned with the thresher and tied u pfor the season.

Harold Milner was up from Edmonton to spend the holidays.

Ed. and Will Ramsay are confined to bed with tonsilitis.

Now that the legislature is in session their attention should turn towards the fertile stretch of country from Belvedere northwest to the mouth of the McLeod river to Grand Prairie and also due north to Fort Assiniboine and Lesser Slave lake. A moderate expenditure to both crossings of the Paddle river at once would without doubt be the cause of many settlers coming in who if the roads are not made passable will follow the end of the track into British Columbia. After the temporary needs are attended to it would be a fine commercial proposition for Edmonton business men to interest themselves in agitating a main trunk colonization road through to the Peace River to catch the "Red River cart" and "prairie schooner" travel which will make Edmonton their outfitting base. The water route will not catch that class of travel.

## MINBURN.

Bulletin News Service.

The weather here has been very cold

John Crawford has returned to his homestead after an absence of nearly twelve months. He and Mrs. Crawford are getting settled.

D. W. Ross was in town today. He is putting in a few days on the ranch.

The farmers in and around Minburn are agitating for a government creamery for this place. Many of the farmers offer to market the product of as many as thirty cows. A meeting was held this evening for organization. The farmers have every hope of being able to comply with the requirements of the Alberta government and be able to have the creamery built under the government's direction.

At the annual meeting of the Minburn school section, Alex Gray was elected trustee to succeed James Wadson, retiring trustee.

Minburn, January 18.

## MEETING OF ST. ALBERT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The directors of the St. Albert Agricultural Society met at the Victoria Hotel, Morinville, Saturday, January 16th. There were present Messrs. McDonnell, McRae, Timney, Hogan, Semire, Gouin, Mercer, Silvester. The minutes of the last meeting were read and upon motion of McRae and Sylvester were adopted.

On motion of Messrs. Timney and Gouin it was decided that in case the grant due the society from the department was not received before the note given to the Bank of Hamilton fails due, the president and secretary be empowered to renew the same in the name of the society.

It was decided to arrange for a smoker to be tendered the lecturers attending the Stock Judging School during their stay in Morinville Messrs. Semire, Boissinault and Hogan were appointed a committee to arrange for the same, the expense incurred not to exceed $15.

It was decided that prizes of $3, $2 and $1 be given by the society to successful competitors at the Stock Judging School in each class of animals scored.

The next and most important business of the meeting was the appointing of a secretary-treasurer. The president, A. McDonnell, informed the directors that he had received two applications, one from Mr. St. Germaine, who tendered his services for $100 a year, the other from A. A. Ringuette for $75. Messrs. Silvester and Mercier moved that Mr. St. Germaine be appointed. Messrs. McRae, Timney and Hogan objected to this motion on the ground that Mr. Ringuette's application should not be turned aside when there was a difference of $25, and especially from Mr. Ringuette, who was the organizer of the society and who had always worked in the best interests of the society. Before taking a vote Mr. St. Germaine made a verbal tender of $75. The vote taken resulted in a tie, Messrs. Silvester, Mercier and Semire voting for Mr. St. Germaine and Messrs. Timney, McRae and Hogan voting for Mr. Ringuette. The president was obliged to give the casting vote, which was for Mr. St. Germaine.

On motion of Silvester and Gouin the meeting adjourned to meet again February 8th at 7 p.m.

Morinville, Jan. 18.

## KITSCOTY.

Bulletin News Service.

The carnival has been postponed to Friday, January 22. After the carnival there will be a dance and box social in aid of the hockey club. There will be a hockey match in the afternoon between Vermilion and Kitscoty.

The box social held at Stretton on Thursday last was a huge success. The proceeds totalled $60. The baskets averaged about $2.50 each. Bobbie Taylor, the auctioneer, secured big prices for the baskets.

Mr. Whiting is still buying a few loads of grain.

Owing to the blizzard on Friday last the train were all late.

James Carson, of Marwayne, came in this morning and reports the trails in fair shape.

Miss Doze, of Lamont, has taken the Stretton school.

John Drew is to represent Kitscoty for the current year as councillor for this townsite, and Ed. Tyler is the newly-elected school trustee.

Owing to recent storms and cold weather, business has been slack, but is picking up. The merchants are nearly all finished stocktaking.

Kitscoty, January 18.

## WABAMUN.

Bulletin News Service.

Judging by appearances, even the railroad contractors have given up the coming of the rails until late in the summer. All the large contractors are arranging to build storehouses in the neighborhood of the McLeod and Athabasca rivers, and freighting to these points has already commenced. Foley, Walsh & Stewart are building stores west of the McLeod, and the Canadian White Company have a gang engaged in erecting storage depots near that river, and will commence freighting soon, so as to have a sufficient amount of supplies on hand for next summer's work. Other contractors are doing the same thing, determining not to be caught the way all the western parties were last summer.

If dame rumor is to be believed, the C.N.R. will certainly have their right of way cleared this winter and everything in readiness for the work of grading the coming spring.

Ole Larson has, it is understood, been compelled by force of circumstances to turn his domicile into a stopping place.

The Sundcy evening song services at C. H. Dunn's continue to be well attended, a very pleasant hour being spent in the singing of hymns.

The latest convert to the desirability of Wabamun as a place of residence and business is a physician, who will soon move his family to this place and erect a drug store near the post office. On Friday last he was called to Lac Ste Anne to attend to a broken leg.

W. C. Dunn was unanimously re-elected as trustee in Sylvan School District at the annual meeting on Monday last.

Mr. Leversidge, the Church of England rector, made a trip to Edmonton last Saturday. C. H. Dunn accompanied him to Stoney Plain.

Mr. James arranged for a concert to be given for the entertainment of the Indians on the reserve last Friday evening, but the severity of the weather prevented many from attending, so the arranged programme could not be carried out.

A meeting of the Canadian Club will be held at C. H. Dunn's at 7.30 on the evening of January 21st, when it is expected that organization will be completed.

Wabamun, January 19.

## STETTLER.

Bulletin News Service.

The Globe Lumber Co. has purchased the independent yard and will make extensive additions and improvements to their stock.

The hotels in Stettler will be required to pay $200 license in the ensuing year instead of $100.

Conductor Jack Fenton is enjoying a vacation of a few days from his arduous duties of piloting the "Blue Flee" to and from Lacombe.

The Woodmen of America have purchased two lots on Maine street and will erect a modern opera house with hall above.

One of the Stettler doctors was before a justice of the peace on a charge of not being registered. The case has been dropped.

Work is going ahead on the Merchants Bank under Contractor Baxstrom.

The recent cold weather has prevented the farmers hauling in grain to a great extent although C. A. Walters, of the Williston Trading Company and Orville Haney, from Haneyville, and a few other adventurous parties from 40 to 56 miles out were in town during the past week with loads of grain.

What Stettler wants and is working for at present is to have a court house, and to have the sub land office made a head office.

There is talk of an other newspaper in Stettler.

W. F. Puffer will ship another car of hogs this week which means $2,600 for the farmers.

The boxes and fixtures have arrived which makes a great improvement to the appearance of the post office and which will help the service to a great extent. Since the fire the public have been at a great disadvantage but have not found fault.

Stettler, Jan. 19.

## ONOWAY.

Bulletin News Service.

Despite the cold, the thermometer touching 20 below zero, the school house at Onoway was comfortably filled for the entertainment on Friday evening, January 8th. Some weeks before a committee was appointed with J. M. Rexbrough, secretary, and James Priestly, chairman, to provide an evening's entertainment. That their efforts were successful was attested not only by the attendance, but by the apparent appreciation by the audience of the program. The children, who took part in the entertainment had been trained by Rev. R. Clegg and the school teacher and they did themselves credit. The following choruses were given: "God bless our broad Dominion;" "My Uncle's Farm," "If you're good;" "Topsy turvy drill," "Birdies Ball" and "Maple Leaple." Other numbers on the program were recitations by Teddie Beaupre, Cordelia Newton, Clara Priestly, Edith Beaupre, Edgar Priestly, Delmer Newton, Albert Newton, Leslie Tucker, Naomi Beaupre, May Armistead, and Dagmar Beaupre. Readings were given by Mrs. Fred Newton and Mrs. Beaupre. Songs were rendered by Arthur Ducharme, Sammy Geer, John Blacklock, Norman F. Priestley, Wm. Mackay, R. Clegg, Mrs. James Priestly and Miss N. W. Priestly. The tit-bit of the evening was a glee "Let the hills resound," by Messrs. Priestley and Clegg, Mrs. J. Priestley and Miss Priestley, who also sang at the close "Hail, Smiling Morn." Messrs. Ablett and Furley gave a realistic rendering of a scene from "Julius Ceaser" in character. The former also gave a selection from Henry VIII. Two organ solos were rendered by Mr. Clegg. The whole program, with an interval took about four hours to complete. During the interval fruit was served to the children and at the close refreshments were handed round. The proceedings came to an end about 1 a.m. and at the call of the chairman joined in singing "God Save the King." Thus ended one of the most enjoyable evening's entertainments ever held in Onoway.

The annual meeting for the election of school trustee and to receive reports was held in the schol house on Jan. 9th when James Priestley was re-elected. The question of forming a Farmers' Association was introduced at the school meeting but no action was taken in the matter.

The first meeting of the school trustees was held Saturday afternoon all the members being present. W. P. Beaupre was elected chairman and Wm. C. Turnbull, secretary-treasurer. James Priestley was appointed delegates to the School Trustees' Convention to be held in Strathcona on January 27 and 28.

Onoway, Jan. 16.

## LEDUC.

Bulletin News Service.

Rev. W. G. W. Fortune, Field Secretary of the Alberta Temperance and Moral Reform League, preached on Sunday morning to a large congregation in the Methodist church on questions involved in the campaign being carried on by the league. On Monday evening he delivered an address to a fairly large audience in the Presbyterian church. The subject of his address was "The Economics of the Barroom." In this address he made a number of statements with regard to conclusions he had arrived at in reviewing the various phases of the effect of the barroom upon a community. He said that it was a common impression among certain merchants and business men that a town could not thrive and maintain the volume of business it would if it were dry, that trade is attracted to a town very largely by the bar-room. He stated that this impression was entirely erroneous and that the merchants and business men of any town or city suffered in a business way as a result of the existence of a bar-room in their city or town, that one very large factor that prevented men paying cash for the goods purchased by them or the work done by them professionally was the fact that those men squandered their money in the bar-room instead of paying their legitimate bills therewith. Further, he said, if a town lost the trade of any farmers because of the fact of its being dry, it would not be damaged much, for the class of farmers whose trade would be lost would be that class who spent their money in the bar-room and who would ordinarily be the poorest class of customers. He said further that in an actual canvass of ninety farmers living near a certain town in Alberta, seventy-seven of them signed a petition declaring themselves in favor of prohibition. Before leaving town on the south bound train yesterday afternoon Mr. Fortune succeeded in getting over $200 from the citizens of the town of Leduc to be used in carrying on the work of the league.

George W. Robertson, B. A., mathematical master in the Collegiate Institute at Strathcona, was a guest of A. L. Marks on Saturday last. He returned to Strathcona on the evening train.

On Saturday evening Frank J. Nichols was convicted before Justice of the Peace C. C. Hoyle and fined $5 and costs for having taken a false declaration under section 23 of the Local Improvements Act. A. L. Marks appeared for the prosecution and C. E. A. Simonds for the defendant.

Miss Eva Watson, who was engaged as a public school teacher near the city of Winnipeg, and who has more recently been visiting at the home of Mr. Robert Ritchie, of Strathcona, was a guest at the home of Rev. Alexander McDonald on Friday of last week. Miss Watson has been engaged as teacher for the Spruce Grove district for the coming year.

Mrs. Fortune, wife of Rev. W. G. W. Fortune, addressed a meeting of the ladies in the Presbyterian church on Monday afternoon on topics in connection with home and foreign missions.

That the farmers of the district appreciate fine weather, is attested by the fact that the streets of Leduc are thronged with crowds when the weather moderates sufficiently to make travelling comfortable. There is no other town in Alberta of its size that does the volume of business that is done in Leduc.

Leduc, Alberta, January 20th.

## L. I. D. 27 T. 4 COUNCIL.

The council of L. I. D. 27 T. 4 for 1909 met at the Royal Hotel, Spruce Grove Centre, on Monday, January 18th, the members all being present. George Bevington representing division 1, Remi Sretart division 2, Ed. Steffler division 3. Mr. George Bevington was elected chairman and W. Bristow re-appointed secretary for 1909 at a salary of $125. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. It was decided that John Singer be allowed the balance of taxes due on n. e. 21-53-27, $6, and that he be allowed $7 for work done and also for cash paid for 1907, and that the same be credited on 1908 taxes. It was also decided that all owners of land in arrears for taxes be notified that after July 31 next all taxes unpaid will be placed in a bailiff's hands for collection, adding the bailiff's fees to the amount due for taxes. A note due C. Getzel, amounting to $256.66, was ordered paid, to be charged to divions 1908.

The secretary was instructed to see the attorney-general's department to ascertain what legal proceedings can be taken to collect arrears of taxes from non-residents, and if the department would undertake to collect same for the district.

The tax rate for 1909 was fixed at same rate as 1908, viz, four and three-eighths cents per acre, residents to be allowed to work to amount of $6 and pay $1 cash for each quarter section or portion thereof. All road work, other than work done in lieu of taxes, shall be let by tender or auction when such work amounts to more than $16; if under $10, the work may be done by day labor. The meeting adjourned to meet on Saturday, the 20th day of February, 1909, at the Astoria Hotel, St. Albert.

Spruce Grove Centre, Jan. 20th.

## ENTWISTLE—PEMBINA RIVER.

Bulletin News Service.

An invitation dance was given on Friday evening, Jan. 15, under the auspices of the Liberal Club. An enjoyable evening was spent, dancing being continued until the early hours of the morning. Refreshments were served by Mr. O'Grady of the Pembina Hotel. The lady patrons were Mrs. Steele and Mrs. Switzer. The managing committee was composed of Messrs. Hoople, Entwistle, Fair, McPhee, Elsie and Arnup. Among the ladies and gentlemen present were Mr. and Mrs. Hood, Mrs. and the Misses Hall, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Jaegar, Miss Urick, Miss Thompson, Messrs. G. Fair, C. McPhee, G. O'Grady, J. Marshall, Wm. Hoople, W. E. Satwistle, M. Pettijohn and Guylander. The music was provided by Messrs. Riley, Crawford and Smith.

A case of stealing hay was tried before Justices of the Peace, P.J. Craddock and A. W. Arnup and the prisoner, a Galician, who pleaded guilty, was committed for two months with hard labor. He was handed over to the R.N.W.M.P. officer and conveyed to Fort Saskatchewan.

The weather here has been cold. The coal of the district is of the finest quality and sells delivered at $5 per ton. There is a great future for this mine, when the railway reaches here.

Large quantities of dry spruce cut lumber is coming in from the Lac Ste. Anne district for the new hotel and other buildings. It is commanding a fair price.

A great number of freighters are now passing through, bound westward.

A petition for a traffic bridge is now being signed by a large number of settlers and homesteaders of the Pembina district.

Dr. Treadgold was in town at the beginning of the week.

Dr. Steele is at present out of town.

Mr. W. G. Entwistle came in from Edmonton on Friday.

A petition for a semi-weekly mail has been signed by a large number of people and forwarded to the post office authorities.

Mr. Hood has gone west on a business trip.

Mr. McMurray has returned from his Christmas vacation.

Entwistle-Pembina River, Jan. 19.

## FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Bulletin News Service.

The first meeting of the Fort Saskatchewan auxiliary of the Alberta branch of the Canadian Bible Society was held in Mr. Paul's office on Friday night last for the purpose of appointing collectors and to consider the general work of the auxiliary for the ensuing year. The sum of $10 has been sent to the head office at Calgary.

A handsome new pulpit and several suitable chairs have been put into the Presbyterian church by the Women's Home Missionary Society, and were used last Sabbath for the first time.

Invitations are out to the Odd Fellows' "At Home," which is to be held in the opera house on Wednesday evening, January 27th.

The fancy dress carnival held on the skating rink on Tuesday was fairly well attended, very few, however, being in costume. The prizes were awarded as follows: Ladies, first prize, Esther Diamond as flower girl, prize $2; second prize, Madge Karran, as Japanese lady, prize $1. Gents, first prize, Niel Sutter, clown, prize $2; second, C. Loucks, as Dutchman, prize $1. Children's first prize, Alex Batter as Mephisto, prize $1.50; second, Olive Kimball, fairy, prize 50 cents.

The curling competition up to 13th inst. stands: Dickson 13, McDowell 12; Chard 9, Graham 8; McAvoy 14, Shera 7; Staples 7, McLean 20; Cuthbert 11, Blyth 10.

Mrs. A. Chard and family left on Monday night for Stirling, Ontario, where she will spend several months visiting her parents.

Mrs. H. H. Wilkinson left on Monday night for Ontario, to be absent several months.

Miss M. McConaghy, of Edmonton, spent the week end with friends in the Fort.

Miss Mary Kimball, of Edmonton, spent a few days in the Fort this week visiting her parents.

Fort Saskatchewan, Jan. 20th.

## CLYDE.

Bulletin News Service.

Despite the cold weather with which this district has been favored there has been no dearth of social affairs during the last three weeks. The first of these events was the entertainment given in the Dunganon school on Christmas eve. Friends came from far and near and filled the beautifully decorated school which, though large, gave standing room only for a great many. The program was partly given by pupils of the school who deserve great credit for the manner in which they performed their parts. Special mention may be made of the numbers given by Miss Lizzie Meyer and Master Albert Nelson. A duet given by Mrs. N. Ball and Mr. Jack entitled Dear Old Home, received a hearty encore. Mr. Jack's cornet solo was well received and the applause given the instrumentals by Mr. Jack Taylor showed the pleasure of the people in listening to the favorite violin player of the district. Duets by Mr. and Mrs. Smaliman, and Mrs. Smallman and Mr. Ferguson deserve special mention. A special treat was given by Mr. J. Gibson, who, in response to an encore, gave an original comic song and later by special request a recitation, both of his own composition. Space forbids mention of many other as excellent numbers on a long and varied program but the success of the evening was due in a great measure to the chairman, Mr. J. Gibson, who, by his witty remarks, held the attention of all. The program was concluded by the distribution of sacks of candy to the children in the audience while all present received oranges, apples, grapes, etc. Mr. Nelson, secretary of the schol district, then took the platform and thanked all who had takne part in the program and gave special credit to the teacher, Miss Pattullo, for the careful training of the children.

On New Year's there was a gathering of another description at Clyde. A shooting match was held and the successful competitors carried home turkey and chickens as a result of their prowess. In the evening the young people gathered to have a merry time and pass the first evening of the New Year in dancing and merriment.

Mr. Francis returned to his home after a two-week visit in Edmonton.

C. Wilson spent a few days in Edmonton this week.

Mr. Wieldrich is expected home this week from a visit to his old home in Ontario.

On Jan. 11 a meeting of the ratepayers of the district was called and C. F. Nelson was elected councillor.

The sleighing is good.

J. Beaton went to Edmonton on Tuesday.

Mrs. and Miss Pattulo spent two weeks' vacation in Edmonton and arrived home Friday, Jan. 8.

The Dungannon school reopened Jan. 11 with a smaller attendance than usual owing to the cold weather.

The annual school meeting of the Dungannon district was held Jan. 4, with a good attendance. The only business done was the appointing of McEwen as school trustee, after which the meeting adjourned till Jan. 9.

A special meeting of the ratepayers is called for Jan. 16 to transact important business.

On Friday last a merry crowd of young people formed a surprise party and visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gibson, where they spent a most enjoyable evening.

## VEGREVILLE.

Bulletin News Service.

The Queen's Hotel has changed hands, Mrs. T. Shipley having sold out to Miles McInnis, a local man. Messrs. McCulla & Peacock had the hotel leased for a year. The lease will soon expire. McCulla & Peacock are building a brick-veneer hotel at Meighen. Mr. Peacock will have charge of this hotel.

Frank Wilson was appointed town auditor at a salary of $25 at Monday night's council meeting. Not much business was done, owing to the fact that a curling match was on the boards and some of the council were absent.

The anniversary of Bobbie Burns is to be celebrated in the Town Hall, the Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church having charge of the menu.

David McFarlane, of Warwick, is having an extensive sale on the 22nd. Owing to the health of Mrs. McFarlane, it was found necessary to make a move west to British Columbia.

T. Leask is going to hold another carnival at the rink on the 28th of this month.

On Friday, the 29th, a basket social is to be held in the Town Hall in aid of the Agricultural Society.

The fire brigade was called out Tuesday morning to a small blaze at W. Lonenson's. Not much damage was done. Mrs. Lorenson was away at the time and the children were playing with matches, causing the fire. Fortunately, Mr. Lorenson was at the stable.

Vegreville, January 20.


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# IN THE

John T. Moore, member
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**New Member Introduc**

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**Spokane's Great Friends**

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