EDMONTON NEWS

LOCALS.

J. Roberts, of Stony Plain, who returned to the city yesterday from a trip to Seattle, reports the weather there as being ideal, an overcoat scarcely necessary.

The Edmonton bank clearings for the week ending Thursday show considerable increases over last year. They totalled $819,477. For the similar week last year the total was $666,866.43, and for 1907 $755,987.82.

A considerable quantity of fish is being shipped down from the north this winter for Winnipeg and cities in the United States. The fish are caught at Calling Lake, northwest of Athabasca Landing, and shipped out by the car-load.

West Ho chapter of the Daughters of the Empire have written letters of thanks to Rev. Dr. McQueen and the trustee board of the First Presbyterian church for placing the church at the disposal of the chapter for the several lectures which have been instituted to raise funds for the ambulance horses. The chapter has also written to Mr. F. Nankin for his generous contribution of $25 to the same fund. Liberal assistance was also given by Secretary Harrison of the Board of Trade, the several city papers and eight members of Col. Edwards corps.

ACTION OVER FREIGHT.

At the Supreme Court Thursday the case of the Alberta Milling Co. vs. Christensen was heard by Mr. Justice Stuart. The action was over some $612 being the balance due on some consignment of flour shipped by the plaintiffs to the defendant. The defendant claimed that the flour should have been shipped F.O.B. Olds and that the plaintiffs should have paid the freight from Edmonton. After hearing the evidence judgment was given for the plaintiffs for the amount of the claim with costs. O. M. Biggar appeared for the plaintiff and H. H. Parlee for the defendant.

MEN FROM THE NORTH.

T. H. Stone, Rede Stone, P. R. Stone, Archie D. Stone and W. N. Burmarch, all of Grand Prairie, and James Silmee, of Vermilion, arrived in the city Wednesday and are staying at the Brunswick Hotel. They have made the 600 mile trip to Edmonton with sleighs to get their supplies for the next year, and will remain in the city for a few days before returning to the north. They report a considerable number of settlers going into that country, all of whom are looking eagerly for a railyway. The country is an excellent one and the grain crops every year are good. Some surveying for a railway line has been done in this country by the C.P.R.

STREET CARS TO HAUL GRAVEL.

One of the problems that the city council will face shortly will be the securing of cheaper gravel than at present for paving operations and for ballasting the street railway line. At the present time the gravel is being purchased at the power-house for $1.25 per cubic yard, but this is an exceptionally good price from the city standpoint. In the near future, it is probable that the car line will be extended to one of the gravel pits around the city, which the city will purchase, and the gravel will then be distributed by the railway department at a much lower rate than it can be purchased.

COST OF PUMPING WATER.

During the past two days Commissioner McNaughton has been looking into the cost of pumping water by steam power in various cities of Canada and the United States and has now at his office a mass of authorities to establish the correctness of his figures, as given this week at the meeting to discuss the gravity system. In Fanning on Water Supply are given many statistics of various cities, and the average cost to raise water to a level of 300 feet, as in Edmonton, is 1.32 cents per 100 cubic feet. In Chicago the cost is six cents per 100 cubic feet. Most of the cities have a larger consumption than in Edmonton, and this accounts for the slightly increased cost in this city, where the cost is placed by Commissioner McNaughton at 2.56 cents per 100 cubic feet.

FORT CRIMINAL CASES.

A special sitting of the District Court was held at Fort Saskatchewan on Tuesday by His Honor Judge H. C. Taylor to hear three criminal cases set down for trial.

Henry Weir was charged with incurring a debt for the price of a wagon on Nov. 26th at Fort Saskatchewan, unlawfully obtaining credit for the same under false pretences. He was also charged with the same offence in the purchase of sleighs on Dec. 2nd. After hearing the evidence the case was adjourned, the argument to be heard on Feb. 18th. W. A. D. Lees conducted the cause for the crown and H. H. Robertson for the defence.

George Hanson was charged with indecently assaulting Clary Osincuk on Dec. 16th, near Fort Saskatchewan. After hearing the evidence the judge dismissed the case. W. A. D. Les prosecuted and H. H. Robertson appeared for the defendant.

Constable J. C. Rockwell of the R.N.W.M.P. was charged with forging the name of Chas. Bowsfield to a voucher for 75 cents. Bowsfield gave evidence that he had instructed the accused to sign the voucher for him. The case was accordingly dismissed. Crown Prosecutor Lees conducted the prosecution and H. H. Robertson the defence.

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PERSONAL.

Sheriff Robertson goes east tonight on the C.N.R. to Winnipeg on a business trip.

P. J. Boisseau, M. D., of Vegreville, is in the city today a guest at the King Edward Hotel.

J. A. Birmingham, western travelling secretary of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew arrived in the city yesterday and will remain here until after the Alberta conference of the Brotherhood which opens in Edmonton on Thursday next.

J. Stott, provincial inspector of meters, with headquarters at Edmonton, went to Calgary this week, where he is inspecting the meters of that city. There are at least 2,000 electric power and gas meters in Calgary and to thoroughly test these will mean three or four months work.

TEACHERS' CLUB RECEPTION.

The Alexander Taylor School entertained the members and friends of the Edmonton teacher's club Friday night with Miss Agnes Deans Cameron, the distinguished guest. Miss Cameron delivered a most appreciated address on the broad subject of the parents and the teacher, the home and the school. Drawing on twenty-five years experience as a school teacher, Miss Cameron touched the well springs of sympathetic feeling. She carried her audience unanimously and frequently applauded as she presented one homely truth after another with her inimitable manner and diction. Those present, who expected an address on travels in the north land were not disappointed at the subject chosen. All felt the favor that Miss Cameron had bestowed on the Edmonton school teachers.

R. H. Roberts, principal of the school, Miss Sinclair, Mrs. McCraig and superintendent McCaig received at the head of the stairs leading to the large assembly hall. The large gathering present included many prominent citizens of Edmonton. An orchestra which played throughout the evening and the dainty refreshments added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

GRATEFUL FOR TREATMENT.

Freeman Cardinell, the last smallpox patient at the Isolation Hospital, has completely recovered from the effects of the disease and has not a mark upon his face or body. His son, Bert Cardinell, called at the Bulletin office today to express his thanks to the physician in charge, Medical Health Officer Dr. Whitelaw, for the good care and prompt attention given his father during his illness. Mr. Cardinell, though 71 years of age, has come through his attack of smallpox without feeling any the worse and is now in as good health as he was before being taken ill.

UP-TO-DATE TRANSPORTATION.

The C.P.R. have broken the records for quick dispatch and prompt delivery. The government shipped a car of telegraph wire, 20 tons, from Antwerp, for the first section of the Peace River line, now under construction, on January 13, which arrived at St. John on January 27. The Canadian Pacific Railway brought the car from St. John to Strathcona, a distance of 2,930 miles, in 14 days, or less than a month from Antwerp to Edmonton. This is an exceptionally quick run for this season of the year. It was necessary to get this material here in order that it might be taken up to Athabasca Landing before the sleighing breaks up, and the government officials in charge of the telephone construction work are particularly pleased with the excellent service given by the C.P.R.

BANQUET TO J. B. HOLDEN.

J. B. Holden, M.P.P. for Vermilion, was tendered a bumper banquet at Holden on the G.T.P. on Saturday last, when fully one hundred residents of the town were in attendance.

The speeches of the evening were bright and pithy with frequent flashes of oratory. Votes of confidence were passed in the Rutherford government and all present pledged their support to the Government candidate. "The People's Jim" was commended for the manner in which he has striven for the welfare of the community, and the allegiance of the constituency was secured. The securing of the C.N.R. branch line from Vegreville to Calgary is particularly pleasing to the people of Holden, as it passes through their district.

Mr. Holden was presented with an enlarged photograph of the village in the course of the evening.

Among those present were Geo. P. Smith of the Camrose Canadian, A. L. Horton of the Vegreville Observer, Jas. J. Stanton, and Dr. Goodwin, Vegreville. Representatives were present from Tofield and Ryley and the surrounding districts. Wm. Brisbin, president of the Liberal Association, presided at the banquet.

BIG INCREASE IN BUILDING.

Despite the cold weather of the past few days, the building outlook as recorded by the permits issued at the office of the building inspector since February 1st has been very bright. Up to yesterday, permits had been taken out for the ten days in February amounting to $67,700, which is far in excess of the whole month of February, 1908, when the total only reached $31,000. The indications are that the record for the present year will be again larger than 1908. Permits already taken out in February include the following:

Miller, Spencer & Cannell—Store and office building on the north side of Jasper avenue between Fifth and Sixth streets, to cost $30,000.

E. J. Taylor, seven apartment houses, each two stories high, of brick, at the corner of Ninth street and Saskatchewan avenue, where the street railway bends down to the Flats. These houses will cost over $26,000.

Nat Bell, additions and alterations to the Pendennis Hotel, Jasper avenue, to cost $2,500.

Duncan Ritchie, house on lot 35, block 36, on river lot 16 to cost $1,500.

J. D. Blayney, warehouse on Namayo avenue, at the rear of lot 3, block 6 R.L. 6, to cost $1,000.

Mrs. A. Sandison will also build a number of houses on the Groat estate. They are four in all and will cost $4,000, $1,500, $1,400 and $1,000.

WILL ASK FOR AMENDMENTS.

The city commissioners will take action at once to have the city charter amended so that there will be no future doubt as to whether the city is able to collect the floor space tax of bars in addition to the license imposed by the city bylaw. A number of amendments to the city charter are now being considered by the committee on municipal bills and as a result of the decision of Judge Stuart Thursday annuling the floor space taxes of the Alberta and Windsor hotels, action will at once be taken to have that defect in the charter remedied. At the next meeting of the council a decision will be reached as to whether the case just decided will be appealed to the full bench.

P. BURNS GETTING FOOTHOLD.

A deal was completed yesterday afternoon in the city whereby P. Burns & Co. have secured by purchase the three retail stores of Williamson Bros. at 825 Jasper east, 415 Namayo and the corner of Heiminck and Namayo, at a price in the neighborhood of $20,000. Negotiations are also in progress for the entire transfer of the abattoirs and other business of the Williamson Co. in the city. The purchase is evidently a move of P. Burns & Co. to secure a portion of the northern wholesale market before they are crowded out by the J. Y. Griffin Co., Gallagher Hull and J. Gainer & Co.

RELIEF WORK IN FULL SWING.

The relief work started by the city last Monday, in order to afford aid to the unemployed and destitute, is now in full progress. There are now over 150 men employed, working on half shifts, and are paid at the rate of $4.50 per week. Part of the relief brigade are engaged in sewer work on Fraser's Flats, on Government avenue and Water street. This work was delayed last year owing to a dispute over Water street. The remainder of the men are engaged in brushing at the Groat estate and in Norwood. The laborers show a decided preference for brushing over sewer work, as the former does not call for as great exertion as the latter.

SUCCESSFUL Y.M.C.A. SOCIAL.

The social held in the Y.M.C.A. Friday evening under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian association, was a decide success. A large number were present, particularly of the younger element and all entered heartily into the spirit of the evening. The proceeds of the entertainment amounted to over $100, which Edmonton.

The two lower floors of the Y. M. C. A. were attractively decorated and booths representing different countries were fitted up. The Japanese booth was artistically decorated with Japanese fittings. The ladies in the booth were attired in Japanese costumes. They served Japanese tea and read fortunes in the tea cups, causing considerable merriment.

The first booth was suitably decorated in green and white. Home-made candies were sold at this booth. At the Scotch Scotch cakes, scones, oatmeal cookies and other Scotch culinary productions were disposed of. In the Canadian booth ice cream was served. A short program consisting of vocal and instrumental and selections by the bag pipes was given.

REAL ESTATE MEN IN COURT.

This morning four alleged real estate agents came up before Police Magistrate Cowan for refusing to pay the license fee of $50 placed on real estate agents. The defendants were L. L. Pearce, Jasper avenue, U. S. Bolster, Namayo, W. S. Weeks and W. J. Jones & Co, First street. The defence in each case is that the men are selling their own property alone and are not acting as the agents of anyone. This morning the case of U. S. Bolster was completed and judgment reserved until next Monday. The other cases will come up next Friday.

At the police court yesterday afternoon the Magistrate gave judgment in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Wolverton, accused of keeping a house of ill fame at the corner of Jasper and Syndicate avenues. Each of the defendants was fined $40 and costs, making an entire amount of $92. The fines were paid under protest and the solicitor for the defendants asked a few days to consider the question of an appeal.

The ten men and one woman found in the house at the time will come up for hearing tomorrow on charges of being inmates of houses of ill fame.

A woman recently from Calgary, named Eliza Beddington, was this morning fined $10 and costs on a charge of drunkenness.

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS.

The third annual reunion of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry was held Thursday in the Masonic Hall. Prominent members of the craft were present from all over the province and all day the degrees from the fourth to the Grand, Elect Perfect and Sublime Mason fourteenth degree were conferred. About 200 Masons sat down to a brilliant banquet in the King Edward Hotel in the evening, with Judge Taylor as toastmaster.

The toast of His Majesty King Edward was heartily drunk with full Masonic honors.

"The Supreme Grand Council," replied to by Brother Dr. E. A. Braithwaite.

"The Grand Lodge of Alberta," by Brother J. T. McDonald, of Calgary.

"Sister Lodges," by Brother M. C. Wright, of Edmonton, and E. T. Roosevelt, of Chicago, Ill.

"Province of Alberta," by Brother Hon. W. T. Finlay and W. F. Puffer, M.P.P.

"The First Reunion," by Brothers T. Robie, of Calgary, and W. Wilson, of Medicine Hat.

"The Second Reunion," by Brothers J. B. Holden, M.P.P., and Brother T. Jackson.

"The Third Reunion," by Bros. Armstrong and Dr. Estey, of Calgary; Brother E. Trowbridge, of Edmonton, and Bro. W. J. Stauffer, of Didsbury.

The toast to the hospitality of the Edmonton brethren was eloquently proposed by Brother J. T. McDonald, of Calgary, and replied to by Bros. A. R. Duncan and E. T. Bishop.

Messrs. Griffiths and Turner rendered several songs, which received well-merited encores. The banquet closed by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King."

TO TEST NEW FILTERS.

Arrangements have been made by the city commissioners with the science department of the University of Alberta for the periodic tests of the city water after it passes through the new filtration system, which is to be installed this spring. This test has been asked for by the Provincial Board of Health, as the result of their conference with the city last week.

STOCK YARDS PLANNED.

It is th eintention of the J. G. Griffin Co. in the near future to establish extensive stock yards and a horse market near the packing plant, east of the city. Whether these additions will be made this summer will depend entirely on the prevailing conditions. When the great Peace River country is opened up by better trails and by a railroad it is expected that this will become a great stock country. Horses and cattle as good as any place in the world can be raised in Alberta comparatively cheaply. In order to accommodate those wishing to dispose of their stock, a horse market and stock yards will be established at the packing plant. The company have 160 acres of land near the plant and this property will be utilized for this purpose and for other factories established in connection with the plant.

ALL SAINTS CHOIR CONCERT.

Not even the highest anticipations could have been disappointed at the concert given by All Saints' church choir on Thursday evening. The program rendered was probably the best ever given by this very excellent choir, and an appreciative audience completely filled the spacious school room.

In Part I. of the program two numbers were given by the choir, "The Song of the Vikings" and "The Bells of St. Michael's Tower;" both were very good, but the latter, unaccompanied, elicited hearty rounds of applause and was repeated. Miss A. M. Hetherington and Mrs. F. C. Mahan and Miss Pinckston each gave a song very acceptably, while Mr. H. G. Turner rendered capitally a solo, "The Three Beggars." A four part song, unaccompanied, by Miss Pinckston, Miss K. Cameron, Messrs. Turner and Griffiths and a part song for female voices afforded a pleasing variety, and a duet by Miss Pinckston and Mr. Turner, with orchestra accompaniment was rendered as an encore.

Part II. consisted entirely of a cantata entitled "The Wreck of the Hesperus," in which the soloists were Miss Pinckston, Mr. H. S. Turner and Mr. Griffiths and which included an orchestra of twelve instruments. The cantata is a fine composition by Thomas Anderson and the various phases of the narrative were given by the soloists and chorus with excellent phrasing and telling effect, while the work of the orchestra was very good. Mr. Vernon Barford, conductor as usual, proved himself a thorough master and can be congratulated upon adding one more very decided success to his already long list of musical triumphs, at the close of the concert, while refreshments were being served by the ladies to those who had taken part, Mr. Richardson on behalf of the choir, presented Mr. Barford with a purse of gold, to which the recipient made suitable acknowledgment.

DR. TORY'S LECTURE.

At the Separate Schoolhall Thursday President Tory, of Alberta university, delivered an admirable lecture to the Caledonian society. There were about 125 members present. The subject was "John Knox and the History of Education in Scotland." President Tory was in excellent form and his address was an intellectual treat. He began by sketching in a few graphic sentences the main features of Scotch history down to the Reformation period, when Knox came upon the scene. Scotland was a country not specially favored in nature—not great in population—but yet had exerted a remarkable influence in the world's civilization. This was due mainly to the type of character produced: the great intellectual and moral and religious force of the Scottish character. John Knox was the man who, above all others, had laid the foundations of this type.

He was the man that worked out the Reformation in Scotland; and was also the forerunner of Puritanism in England and later on in the New England States. But his most enduring work was along the lines of education. Though a religious reformer he was also a great educational reformer, and stood for the greatest freedom in education. Here the lecturer briefly traced the different systems of education that had been evolved in Europe, down to this time. He devised a system of public or parish schools for Scotland—a scheme for a college in every considerable town—also an excellent system of school inspection. He was a century or more ahead of his time; but the majority of his ideas on education were all adopted in Scotland, and later throughout the other parts of the empire.

He was a statesman as well as a religious and educational reformer. He was the forerunner of the movement that led to the union of the English and Scottish crowns and later of the two parliaments. The lecturer was frequently applauded by the audience.

In addition to the address, the following program was rendered: Selections from the pipe band, under the leadership of Major Craig; reading, "The Relief of Lucknow," by Miss Heathcote; songs by Mrs. Menzie and Miss Johnston; violin and piano selection by Mrs. Morton and Mrs. Westgate, and the reading of an original poem by Edward Anderson. Wm. Rea, the president of the Caledonian society, presided.

No Collision at Gibraltar.

Gibraltar, Feb. 10—Reports that the U. S. battleship Georgia was in collision with another vessel of the American fleet, which have been circulated here, are not confirmed. The reports were published originally by Spanish newspapers.

J. W. Windsor, Montreal, Burned Out

Montreal, Feb. 10.—Fire this morning gutted the canning establishment of J. W. Windsor, Visitation street. The loss is twenty thousand and is covered by insurance.

Earl Grey at Nurses Meeting.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 12.—Earl Grey at the annual meeting of the Victorian Order of Nurses in the council chamber this afternoon congratulated the order on its growth.

OTTAWA USURY CASES.

Another Conviction Registered—Case Against MacKinnon Dismissed.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 12.—The moneylending cases came up again today. Mrs. Arabella Lahaise was found guilty of usury and will be sentenced next Wednesday. Neil H. MacKinnon was discharged when his case came on for hearing. The principal crown witness who had failed to put in an appearance when the case was up before, was arrested and today was fined $5 for contempt of court. He was so confused that the prosecution could make nothing out of him. Another charge will probably be made against MacKinnon. The case against J. H. Dube was proceeded with and argument will be heard tomorrow. M. J. Hardy, who pleaded guilty last week, will be sentenced next Wednesday. A. L. Forbes is ill and his case was postponed. Walter Hatch, who could not be located here, has returned to the city and will be served with a summons.

SOUTH MUST SOLVE PROBLEM.

Taft Says Negro Must Work Out His Own Future.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 13—Mr. Taft's speech today to the negroes of New Orleans once more illsutrated the point he is driving at in his effort to liberalize political thought in the south. The north must keep its hands off the race problem, he declared, speaking at the Pelican club in Carolton avenue, where a big reception was tendered him this morning. The question, he continued, is one for the south to solve, and he especially pointed out to the negro that he must work out his own future. This is the point that the president-elect dwelt upon most. He wants the negro to regard himself, not as a problem, but as a citizen and he would have the south take the same view. Seven thousand people, the whites being numerous in the throng, greeted the president-elect, who began his second day here at the Pelican club.

ONTARIO SAVES A MILLION.

In the Indian Treaty Case Decision of Supreme Court.

Toronto, Feb. 12.—From $600,000 to $1,000,000, it is estimated by Hon. A. J. Matheson, provincial treasurer, is saved to the province by the decision of the supreme court in favor of Ontario in the Indian treaty case with the Dominion government. The Dominion sued the province in the Exchequer Court, for $829,000, claiming payment of all moneys paid under Treaty No. 3 up to 1912, and for all that might be paid in future. The sum was to recover all money paid to the Indians, the cost of administration, the salaries of agents, the cost of ammunition, clothing, school surveys and other items. The land covered by the treaty is included from the boundary line up to Keewatin.

WANT MATTER INVESTIGATED.

Coast Moral Reform League Condemns Alleged Forgery in Borden Telegram.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 12.—The committee of moral and social reform of the Anglican synod of British Columbia has taken up the matter of the forged Borden telegram. The following resolution was passed:

"This committee presses for judicial enquiry into the alleged disgraceful forgery in connection with the late Dominion election in this city, which has cast an unmerited slur on one of the greatest parties in the state and has suspected many innocent persons to suspicion, and for public punishment of the criminal."

The committee feels that if a public crime of this magnitude is allowed to go unpunished, it is not reasonable to condemn crimes of private citizens.

$10,000,000 Concern Absorbed.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 12.—The United Settlers Railway and Copper Company, with a capital of $12,500,000, has purchased the properties of the Penn-Wyoming Copper Company, a ten million dollar concern that has been operating the Ferris, Haggerty and Rambler copper mines, the Battle Lake Encampment sixteen mile aerial tramway, the smelters and mills at Encampment, water, light and power companies, banking an dmercantile institutions and which recently completed the Saratoga and Grand Encampment railway, which runs from Walcott on the Union Pacific to Encampment, a dostance of 46 miles.

Wife No. 1 Cruel, Says Bigamist.

Chatham, Ont., Feb. 12—Brigham Sprague, charged with bigamy, was given a preliminary hearing before Judge Houston. He pleaded guilty and was committed for trial at the Spring assizes. Sprague claims that wife No. 1, whom he married in 1901, was cruel to him and kicked him out, after which he married No. 2.

Taft Faction Force Issue.

Washington, D.C., Feb. 12—A sharp challenge was issued to Representative Henry T. Rainey in the House today by the friends of Wm. Nelson Cromwell and Charles Taft to present his proofs of frauds in connection with the purchase of the Panama Canal property and the subsequent negotiatoisn for lumber and railroad franchises in Panama.

Masquerade Ball at Macleod.

Macleod, Alta., Feb. 12—The masquerade ball last evening under the auspices of the Cricket and Tennis clubs was a brilliant function. There were ninety couples present. The sum of $400 was realized. Young's orchestra furnished excellent music. It was the most enjoyable ball ever held here.

Oldest Man in Canada Dead.

Belleville, Ont., February 12.—Julian Terreau, an inmate of the county house of refuge, died this morning aged 111. He was born in Quebec and was probably the oldest man in Canada.

Iron and Steel Active.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 12—Iron and Steel continue to be the features today, the former showing transfers of one thousand shares registering 24 1-4. Later on seven hundred shares sold up to 29 1-2, the closing price.

BORDER PHYSICIANS DISAGREE

An International Question at Niagara Falls.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Feb. 10—There is no telling where the controversy between the physicians of this city and their brothers across the border will end. Arrest and conviction of Dr. Thos. Snider, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., last week, and imposition of a fine of $25 for practicing here without a Canadian license, has led to a complaint against five other American physicians who have built up practice on this side of the river.

Canadian physicians all visit patients when they are removed to hospitals in the American city without being molested, although a few of them licensed to practice across the border. Many also have patients in the American city and no question has ever been raised by the medical society there, but if cases pushed against American physicians practicing here it is expected that the American society will retaliate and Canadian physicians be debarred from practicing in the United States.

GOLD PROPERTIES PURCHASED.

J. MacMartin, Who Discovered Cobalt, Invests in B. C. Mining Proposition.

Nelson, B. C., Feb. 13.—J. MacMartin, one of the first men to make known the possibilities of Cobalt camp in Northern Ontario, and at present one of the largest holders in the famous Larose and other paying properties there, today closed a deal for the Kootenay Bell and Mother Lode groups of gold claims, south of here, in the New Sheep Creek camp, which is proving such a producer of yellow metal. During the past year Sheep Creek produced $250,000 in gold, of which the Kootenay Bell and Mother Lode groups have contributed $40,000 since last June. Mr. MacMartin will put a large gang of men at work on development at once.

MIDDLE WEST DISAPPROVES.

The Present Anti-Japanees Movement—This is Evidenced at Peoria Banquet.

Peoria, Ills., Feb. 13—With the Stars and Stripes intermingled and entwined with the Sun Flag of Japan, and with over six hundred banqueters paying tribute to the Oriental Island across the Pacific, by tremendously cheering its ambassador to this country, Baron Kogura Takahira, on his appearance before the Creve Coeur banquet, in honor of the centenary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln in the Coliseum here tonight, the middle west, represented by hundreds of mercantile and railroad persons, put its stamp of disapproval on the present anti-Japanese movement in the west. The Baron was warmly applauded throughout his address.

GREAT PILLAR OF FIRE.

Unusual Violence of Eruption of Colima Volcano.

Mexico City, Feb. 12.—The people in the vicinity of the Colima volcano are greatly excited by a phase of unusual violence which the eruption of that mountain has undergone. A pillar of fire is reported to have shot from the crater several hundred feet into the air, and there was a heavy fall of ashes in the town of Colima and other nearby places. Many people fled to the hills. The flames have started forest fires on the sides of the mountain and property is endangered. An enormous flow of lava is reported, endangering the villages at the base of the mountain.

TEN YEARS FOR ARSON.

Calgary Girl Gets Long Sentence From Mr. Justice Harvey.

Calgary, Feb. 12—Mr. Justice Harvey this morning sentenced Florence Driscol, aged 19, of High River, to ten years imprisonment for arson. The trial has been in progress for some days. Her father, Michael, and her brother with her, were charged with burning the barn and attempting to burn the house in which was Mrs. Demiers, four children and a hired man. The judge criticized the verdict, not guilty, brought in against the father. The son was convicted.

GATES FOR LEVEL CROSSING.

Railway Commission Order Railway to Provide Protection Wehre Accident Occurred.

Grimsby, Feb. 12.—The board of railway commissioners this morning ordered the erection of gates at the level crossing where five people wr killd a fw weegs ago. The railway must pay the entire cost of the erection of these gates on both sides of the track. A watchman must be placed in charge day and night, and eighty per cent of the cost of maintaining him must be borne by the railwap, ten by the town and ten by the township.

Many Unemployed in Montreal.

Monreal, Que., Feb. 12—Socialist leaders went to the city hall this afternoon, alleging that 28,000 are out of work in the city. Alderman Lapointe delivered a statement. St. Martin, socialist, asked the city to build tenements to give employment to workers.

Talking Militarism in Montreal.

Sir Andrew Fraser to Be Present.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—H. K. Caskey, secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, received a cable from Sir Andrew Fraser, Bengal, India, that he will be present at the congress in April. Earl Grey will be honorary president of the congress.

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Locked Up With Bank Funds.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 12.—Every night for a month Carl Summers, employed for that purpose by the State Bank of Bishop, at a salary of $50 a month, has been locked up in a cell of the Bastrop county jail with all the funds of the bank in his possession for safekeeping. Now he is on a strike and the officials of the institution are compelled to buy a vault. No one else is willing to assume the task.

Miners Escape From Living Tomb.

Usovka, Russia, Feb. 11.—One hundred and twenty-five miners, imprisoned in the Catherine mine two days by an explosion and fire, escaped today through an abandoned gallery. Several, who were overcome by the fumes, were helped out by their comrades. The second engineer died soon after coming to the surface.

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