EDMONTON NEWS

LOCAL.

H. E. Gardiner, of Winnipeg contemplates the erection of a $150,000 apartment house near the corner of Victoria and Eighth streets this summer.

Edwin H. Auld of Clover Bar last week seeded a hhundred acres of spring wheat. He reports that seeding is now general in the Clover Bar district.

E. Roy, D. L. S., left Wednesday a survey party of ten men to undertake the survey of a township at Green Court, near Entwistle, on the Pembina river. He expects to be away about six months.

Oscar McCallum, late in the branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Charlottetown, P.E.I., has been transferred to Stoney Plain and passed through the city yesterday for that town. Mr. Brown, the former manager at the Stoney Plain branch, has been transferred to Edmonton.

The Merchants Bank of Canada has opened a branch at Manville, Alta. Mr. W. Prest who has had charge of the Namayo Avenue branch in Edmonton, assumes charge of the new branch and Mr. Philip Tod, of the main office, succeeds Mr. Prest at Namayo Avenue.

The superintendent of dependent and neglected children would like to hear from any farmers who are desirous of securing boys or girls for doing chores and other work around their farms. A letter addressed to the superintendent of the reformatory at No. 13 Jasper west, will reach him.

EXAMINING CONVICT BARRETT.

An examination into the mental condition of Gary R. Barrett, the convict at Edmonton penitentiary who killed Deputy-Warden Stedman, is being made on behalf of the defence by Dr. Ferris and Dr. Blais. The medical men paid a visit to the penitentiary yesterday and will again examine the convict tomorrow. It is understood that the Crown will present as their sanity expert Dr. Laidlaw, of Lacombe, who has had considerable experience in institutions for the insane.

WORK STARTED ON WAREHOUSE.

Excavation work has been begun upon the new two-story brick warehouse to be erected by the Royal Fruit Co. Limited, Winnipeg, on Third street, opposite the Empire Theatre. The biulding will be 50x115 with basement and will be of solid brick. The architect is Bert D. Keck, of Winnipeg, who will open an office in Edmonton, and the superintendent of construction is Chas. Ross. The Fruit Company will occupy the entire building.

W. W. SHORT WILL DEFEND.

W. W. Short, of Short, Cross & Biggar, will take up the defence of Jonathan Davidson, now under arrest at the police station on a charge of arson in burning down his meat market on Syndicate avenue on the night of the 22nd of February last. The other prisoner, George Fisher, has not yet secured a lawyer. Both appeared at the Police Court Friday morning, and Mr. Short asked for an adjournment till next Monday, in order that he might more fully look into the charge, which was a most serious one. The adjournment was granted on consent of the counsel for the crown, G. B. Henwood.

IMMIGRATION REPORT.

Last week was a little quieter in immigration circles in Edmonton than on the previous week. There is every prospect, however, that the rush of new settlers to this part of the west will continue all summer. The following is the report for the week ending Saturday, May 1st:

Immigrants received	37
Immigrants left	77
Number at hall	73
Residence over one week	6
Residence over one week	36
Letters sent	38
Interviews	255

W. J. Webster, local immigration agent, in his remarks on the conditions existing here says:

"This has been a slow week. The weather was stormy and for some reason there were only thirty-seven persons registreed here. There are perhaps twenty or more who stop at boarding houses, who do not register but who come for information.

Many of those who left this week went out to Stettler and around Lethbridge, where they can pre-empt land. This is their song. They want to go where they can obtain more land than a quarter section.

The report for the month of April shows that there were a total of 344 immigrants arrived at the Hall at Edmonton. Of these 158 came via ocean travel, 127 from the United States, and 59 from Canadian points. There were 208 males, 35 females, and 42 children. The nationality of these immigrants was as follows: English, 46; Irish, 3; Scotch, 12; Germans, 21; Scandinavians, 60; French and Belgins, 27; United States, 81; Canadians, 51; Chinese, 6; other countries, 43. Total 344.

There occupations was as follows: Farmers, 207; farm laborers, 7; general laborers, 38; mechanics, 13; clerks, 4; female servants, 1; not classified, 74. Total, 344.

MORINVILLE ARMORY.

Lieut. Col. R. Belcher, 19th Alberta Mounted Rifles, and Major De Blois Thibaudeau, went out to Morinville Wednesday to inspect the new armory which has just been completed for the use of "D" Squadron. The Armory, a well-finished frame building, 30x60 feet, is divided to meet the requirements of the squadron, and the Aams accontlement under charge of O. M. S. Boissonault will be removed into these new quarters this week. The squadron is getting ready for the coming June camp and will hold their annual church muster parade on Sunday, May 23rd next. Lieut. Col. Belcher has presented the squadron a Union Jack for their new armory, and on Sunday, June 6th, the squadron will parade to the Morinville church, where the colors will be blessed and the formal opening of the armory take place.

MILK INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The report of the milk inspector, Dr. Shearer for the month of April indicates that the source of supply of milk to the city are generally in pretty good condition. The sanitary conditions of the stable, milkhouse and utensils are in all marked good or fair, none falling to poor as was the case some months ago. Following is the report in detail:

R. A. Mitchell, 10 cows, good, fair, fair.
D. Warner, 12 cows, good fair, good.
F. H. Herbert, 10 cows, good, good, good.
W. Chamberlain, 20 cows, good, good, fair.
E. Gee, 9 cows, good, good, fair.
Dowling & Hyde, 11 cows, not completed, good, good.
R. Loughboro, 12 cows, fair, fair, fair.
J. Lang, 7 cows, fair, fair, fair.
F. J. Miller, 16 cows, good, fair, good.
J. E. Hall, 14 cows, fair, not completed, fair.
J. Toane, 33 cows, fair, good, good.
F. Seamen, 17 cows, good, fair, good.
Alberta Dairy, 3.60% butter fat.
Highland Park, 3.50% butter fat.
Sanitaria, 3.60% butter fat.
W. P. Huff, 3.60% butter fat.
Haire Bros., 3.50% butter fat.
A. Palin, 3.80% butter fat.
N. Ross, 3.50% butter fat.
Cherry Grove, 3.50% butter fat.
Hazelwood, 3.60% butter fat.
Eastwood, 3.50 per cent. butter fat.
Delton, 3.50% butter fat.
Edmonton City, 3.50% butter fat.

CIVIC HEALTH IN APRIL.

Practically all the contagious disease in the city during April was the epidemic of mumps, which has been prevalent for some time.

the statement of the Medical Health Officer as given up in his monthly report. It is as follows:

Isolation Hospital.

During the month nine patients have been admitted, as follows: Erysipelas 3, mumps 2, diphtheria suspect 1, measles 1, scarlet fever 1, typhoid fever 1. The last was a nurse who acquired the disease in attending two cases of typhoid fever complicated with erysipelas, sent in from one of the general hospitals. Twelve patients have been discharged cured, as follows: Erysipelas 4, mumps 4, syphilis 2, measles 1, diphtheria suspect 1. Three patients are still under treatment: Tuberculosis 1, typhoid fever 1, scarlet fever 1.

Infectious Diseases.

Exclusive of mumps, there has been remarkably few cases of infectious disease. Only 18 cases in all are reported, of which six occurred outside the municipality. Typhoid fever appears to be on the decline, as only eight cases are reported, three of which were from outside the city.

The Incinerator.

During the month 1151 tons of refuse have been burned, or an average of 46 tons per day, and in addition twenty horses and cows and eighty-two dogs have been incinerated. The amount received in fees was $48.80.

The cost for fuel has been considerably less than for March when 1,300 tons were disposed of at a cost of 41 cents per ton. The cost per ton during April is also about 41 cents per ton, but less material has been burned. Towards the end of the month an induced draft fan has been installed and has been operated for a few days by steam from the incinerator itself as the supplementary boiler has not yet been put in place. The indications so far are that the installation of this fan will add greatly to the efficiency of the plant and reduce the cost for fuel, but until the small boiler necessary is installed no fair test can be made.

Health and Relief.

During the month $82.50 has been expended on relief cases, made up as follows: Three months board for Flavelle children $36.00; one months board for Kenneth McKay, $20.00; food supplies for destitute families, $26.50; total $82.50. The destitution in families has been due almost entirely to sickness or incapacity of the bread winner.

The Scavenging.

The necessity for a general clean up of yards and premises has become very apparent since the snow disappeared and it is desirable that all citizens should do their share towards assisting the scavenging department in improving matters in this respect on the 13th and 14th of May as appointed by the council for this purpose.

FIREMEN'S CONVENTION.

The fourth annual convention of the Western Canada Firemen's association will be held in Edmonton on June 29th and 30th. The previous meetings have been very interesting but the coming one promises to eclipse all previous efforts. The president is Chief J. E. Buchanan, of Winnipeg, and the secretary-treasurer, E. G. Wiswell, of Brandon. The latter in sending out his invitations to attend to western firemen, says:—

"The city of Edmonton is one of the most progressive cities in this rapidly growing western country and presents many attractions in the way of municipal enterprises, together with an up to date fire department, which will furnish useful information to all who are interested in the work of improving the fire protection of western Canada. Many papers on appropriate subjects wil lbe read and discussed and it is unnecessary to say that Chief Davidson will make every moment of your time pass like a summer dream. The date selected is the opening of the provincial exhibition, which will ensure reduced railway rates and an added feature to the attractions."

A MYSTREIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

A report has reached the city of a mysterious disappearance either by suicide or otherwise of a man named F. B. Scott, alias Cheesman, who lived at Pembina up till April 23rd last. On that day he was seen writing a letter which he afterwards mailed to Chas. Wilson, contractor on the Wolf Creek Camp of the G.T.P. grade, in whose employ he was. Then he disappeared but the matter did not excite public atention till the contents of the leter were learned from Stony Plain several days ago. In the letter Scott stated that he had a bottle of chloroform and chloral in his possession that he intended suiciding and his body would never be found.

Scott went to work with Mr. Wilson about two year ago and recently has been keeping store at Wolf Creek. He showed considerable business ability and refinement and those who knew him best were of the opinion that he had seen far better circumstances. From an examination of his papers it is learned that Scott is an assured name and that he has a brother named Creesman residing at Maple Creek. Among his possessions were ensignia indicating that he was connected with the Masons, Oddfellows and Elks.

INSPECTOR PELLETIER HERE

Among the visitors to Edmonton today is a man who has occupied a prominent place in the Canadian-American press during the past few months, in the person of Inspector Pelletier of the R.N.W.M.P. It was this officer who made one of the longest and most eventful patrols in the history of the service in the corp from Great Slave Lake to the Hudson Bay over a far northern wilderness.

Inspector Pelletier is now making a holiday trip throughout the west. He will stay here several days and then proceed to the coast. Speaking to the Bulletin he modestly disclaimed any credit for his long and successful trip, stating that it was not nearly so bad as it had been portayed in the press.

He left Edmonton last May with three constables going straight to the Great Slave and Fort Resolution in about a month's time. From there the trip across the Barren to the Hudson Bay occupied two months. On the shores he met a steamer from Fort Churchill and it was while sailing to the fort that disaster overtook the expedition and they were wrecked on Farewell Island. From here they crossed to the Fort after the ice froze by dog train. The non-rarival of the steamer owing to the wreck, gave rise to the report that the Inspector and his party was lost.

The Barrens are filled with game says the Inspector and the party on their trip lived largely on deer and other game. There are no inhabitants. This party is one of the few white men who have ever made the trip across the northern wild.

FIRE AT HORNER'S LIVERY BARN

Shortly before noon Friday a fire alarm came in for a blaze in the large two storey brick livery barn owned by W. J. Horner and situated on Clara street between First street and McDougall Avenue. Nos. 1 and 2 fire halls responded and were on the scene in a very short time.

When the firemen reached the spot they found the flames located in the hay loaf at the rear of the second floor. There was a large amount of hay in the building and the fire smouldered for a long time, it being nearly two hours before it was all extinguished.

Dispite the highly inflammable character of the contents the flames were kept inside the building and the roof was very slightly destroyed. The hay was nearly all ruined however.

On the ground floor all the horses and carriages were removed without difficulty but upstairs a large number of cutters and wagons were damaged by the smoke and water. Mr. Horner estimates his damages as over $2,000 but his losses are all covered by insurance.

The cause of the fire is supposed to have been the carelessness of a man who was unloading some hay in the loft. The last load had been deposited in the barn and the men had just left a minute or two before the fire broke out. It is most probable that one of those engaged in the unloading was smoking and dropped a spark which soon set the hay ablaze.

A large crowd gathered to watch the fire fight. It was at first thought that the entire enterior would be destroyed but the flames were confined to the rear half of the building and inside the roof.

AID FOR EAST END BRIDGE.

A meeting of East End ratepayers was held Friday in the city hall to discuss the east end bridge scheme. The chair was occupied by H. J. Dawson, of Hyndman, Dawson & Hyndman, and there was a fair number of representative men present. The plans of the bridge, which it is proposed shall be built either at the foot of River street, west of the Fraser's mills, or at the bend of the river, below the mills, place the cost at about $150,000.

That such a bridge would be of immense benefit both to the eastern part of the city and to the Clover Bar farmers, who would have easier access to Edmonton, was made plain by the speakers, and a strong committee was appointed to ask assistance from the city council, the provincial and Dominion governments. The committee is made up of the following: W. H. Clegg, S. A. Whitby, J. D. Hyndman, John Cameron, Cornelius Gallagher, S. W. Candy, F. Haldane, H. J. Dawson, J. H. Morris, R. C. Watson, Ernest Brown, T. B. McKay, W. J. Jackson, John McDonald, Dr. Sloane, J. C. Dowsett, A. C. Fraser, James Little, E. C. Pardee, Wm. Short, Paul Rudyk, Rev. A. Hagar, W. D. McPhail, D. W. Warner and John Parmitter. They will meet this evening at five o'clock in the office of F. Haldane, East Jasper.

The meeting was called at the instance of E. B. Williams, solicitor for Clover Bar farmers and east end residents and both he and Engineer Mitchell, who had prepared the preliminary plans, gave full particulars of the proposed bridges. The grade on each side of the river would be from six to eight per cent., and the more easterly bridge would give a slightly better grade. After the plans were considered for over an hour a resolution with reference to asking aid for the bridge and appointing the above committee was passed.

FIRST LACROSSE MATCH.

What will probably be the first lacrosse match of the season will be played on Friday, May 14th, Arbor Day, on the Second street grounds, when a lacrosse team from J. H. Morris & Co.'s store will play a team from the Bulletin office. The Dust-eaters, as the counter-hoppers are familiarly known, have issued a bold defi to the Bulletin Inkslingers, and Friday should see a strenuous contest. Eddie Bolander, secretary of the Edmonton Lacrosse Club, will be the guiding star of the Dust-eaters, and Billy Power, captain of the Edmonton Lacrosse team two years ago, will marshall the Inkslingers. The game will take place at ten o'clock in the morning. The Edmonton Rooters' Club, organized for the baseball season, will probably be requisitioned to spur the opposing teams on to greater efforts. It will give them a chance to get their voices in trim for the first league baseball game in Edmonton next Monday.

FAIR WAS A BIG SUCCESS.

The reports in connection with the Hospital Fair last week indicate that it was a great success from every standpoint, reflecting much credit on those who had its management in hand. The report o fMrs. E. C. Bowker, secretary of the entertainment committee, is as follows:

The total receipts from the mammoth hospital fair up to Saturday night, May 1st, when the fair closed, were:

On the meeting of Tuesday	$6,178.30
Received additional	492.87
Making one total receipts	$6,671.17
At the meeting on Tuesday was chequed out, to cover expenses for the various booths	$1,054.40
Leaving a cash balance of	5,616.77
Since then a rebate on ice cream of	8.00
Brought the total up to	$5,624.77

There still remain a few expenses to be paid, but we can safely give to the public the cheerful news that we have cleared $5,500.00 towards the furnishing of the new hospital by our mammoth afir.

To say that it was a success, socially and financially, beyond all our expectations is to repeat what is already well known. That it could never have been such a triumph without the generous and enthusiastic cooperation of practically the whole of Edmonton, this committee is well assured. We want to thank everybody for their patronage. We want to thank hundreds for their personal and financial help. To do so by name is impossible. But we would ask all those who have helped us, in whatever way, to accept that heartfelt gratitude which in many cases we are unable to express in person. Especially would we thank the members of this aid, who by their wonderful enthusiasm, perseverance, brains and good temper have made this fair an historic feature of Edmonjon; and who, besides making money for the hospital, have helped to make old-timers and new comers contemporary citizens.

Kinrade Canard Denied.

Toronto, May 6.—Published reports that Miss Elliott, alias Mrs. Gallie, was in Toronto in daily communication with the Kinrades during the first half of April met with a summary denial as a sensational canard at the attorney-general's department tonight. "There is not a word of truth init. We have no information on the point. In fact, the statement is in direct variance with information in possession of the crown."

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