

EDMONTON NEWS

LOCALS. Word has been received that Joseph Lea, Toronto, father of Mrs. E. Trowbridge, of this city, died suddenly in London, England, whither he had gone last month to be present at the consecration of his son Rev. Arthur Lea as bishop of a diocese in Japan. The ceremony took place in Westminster Abbey Nov. 29. Mr. Lea is survived by his wife and five sons and four daughters. Death is thought to have been due to heart failure.

BOTH MEMBERS EAST. Both of Edmonton's sitting members in the Alberta legislature are out of town. Hon. C. W. Cross has gone east to accompany Mrs. Cross back to Edmonton, after having been ill in the Toronto General Hospital. John A. McDonald, P. P., has gone east with a deputation from the Selkirk Centennial exposition promoters, which will wait on the Federal government for the purpose of securing a grant towards the proposed international exposition to be held in 1912.

FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER. The monthly statistics compiled by the Edmonton board of trade show progress over last year in almost every direction. The falling off in building permits is attributed to the exceptionally cold weather of November this year. The increase in street railway traffic is phenomenal. The figures:

Table with 3 columns: Category, 1908, 1909. Rows include Caskets, Building permits, Bank Clearings, P. O. Receipts, Street Railway, Passengers Carried, Revenue.

LORD'S DAY ADDRESS. "God's day of rest for every man" was the topic of an address given in the First Presbyterian church last evening by Rev. T. Albert Moore, Canadian secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance.

The speaker undertook to prove that the Sabbath was made for man for all time and all places. It benefited every part of man, physical, mental and moral, and was good for every relation of his life, domestic, social and national.

"The duty of every citizen is to exalt the Lord's Day as being different from other days," said Mr. Moore. It should be made a day of rest, worship and doing good. It should be anything but a day of "brights," gladden and most help of day of the week.

The nation needs the Sabbath for its development. Assemblies held in the Imperial Parliament and the Canadian House of Commons by Gladstone, McCauley, Bright, Burns, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and R. E. Duden and others, show that the commercial, industrial and social life of the nation benefited by the observance of a weekly day of rest.

The Lord's Day Alliance is an organization of Canadian citizens seeking to preserve the Lord's Day by instructing the public mind, arousing the sentiment of Canadian citizens to a proper observance of the day, and to secure the legislation for the protection of the civil right to the weekly rest day for all toilers. Since the passing of the Lord's Day Act of 1884 almost 25,000,000 citizens have secured a day of rest through its operation.

MANNVILLE FARMER BURNED. W. E. Puse, a farmer near Mannville, was admitted to the General Hospital this morning suffering from severe burns to his face and hands sustained in a fire which occurred in his house on Sunday and which destroyed the two storey building and its contents.

Puse was lying on some hay in the cellar of his house when the fire occurred. He made strenuous efforts to extinguish the blaze, but the hay ignited with great rapidity and he barely had time to escape with his life. He is very badly burned.

He was brought to the city this morning on the C.N.R. express which arrived an hour late.

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MEDIATION IS BETTER THAN STRIKE POLICY

Telegraphers' Controversy Submitted to Mediation—Union Officials Say Mediation Bears on Actual Grievances—Barbaric, Because Bearing Upon Side Which is Strongest.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—The first steps for an amicable settlement of the grievances between railroad officials and employees was taken today when the Illinois Central officers proposed to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers to submit their controversy to mediation under the Erdman act. This was accepted.

Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce commission, and Commissioner of Labor Neil, were requested by the telegraphers, through the telegraphers and Illinois Central officials, to come to Chicago as soon as possible and endeavor to adjust the trouble. The telegraphers have asked for an increase in wages and the right to make schedules for the telephone operators and are rapidly taking the places of telegraphers.

No agreement could be reached and although a strike vote had been taken by the telegraphers, they decided that mediation was better than striking. In making this statement the members of the union committee said:

"Mediation usually bears upon actual grievances. A strike is barbaric because it bears upon which side is the strongest."

This decision of the telegraphers, who were instrumental in having the Erdman act passed by congress, was undoubtedly followed in other cases, notably that of the telegraphers' controversy with the Big Four. The controversy is said to be reaching a point where about mediation.

Both railroad officials and employees appeared confident, after the announcement, that the telegraphers would leave their controversy to mediation, that all future disputes among railroads and employees would take the same course in the event of disagreements. The action of the telegraphers is on the side of the railroad organizations which will settle their differences with the various railroads in an amicable manner.

Queen of Spain Returns. London, Dec. 6.—Queen Victoria of Spain, who hurried to England when she learned her brother, Prince Leopold of Battenberg, was dying, left for Madrid. The Prince is on the way to recovery.

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THOMAS PATTERSON SUCCEEDS DUNSMUIR

Resignation of Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia Accepted and His Successor Appointed by Federal Government—His Honor is a Scottishman From Oxford and Bruce Counties in Ontario.

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—The resignation of Lieut. Gov. Dunsmuir, of British Columbia, has been accepted by the government, and by an order in council passed today Mr. Thomas Patterson, of Victoria, was appointed as the new lieutenant governor of the province.

MEMORIAL IS A MYTH. Australian Millionaire, Said to Have Left Fortune to Toronto Man, Does Not Exist.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 6.—For over a year the case of David Kidd has been a mystery to the people of the city. A month ago Kidd, who changed his name to David Burn, left here for Vancouver, thence to sail on a Canadian Pacific steamer for Australia, where he said W. M. Burn, a millionaire, had died and in return for Kidd's having saved his daughter, Lucy Burn, from the downward path, he left Kidd \$125,000 and a Lucy Burn memory home, \$400,000 to endow it and \$150,000 to Kidd personally. Kidd was a lame evangelist and itinerant test merchant. Kidd wrote here that he had missed his first boat and would sail December 3rd. Today a solicited cablegram was received by the Evening Telegram from the attorney general of Australia, denying the authenticity of a letter from him read by Kidd to a group of friends outlining the size of the \$8,000,000 estate and confirming the fact that he was left a fortune. If Kidd now Burn, sailed yesterday for Australia, the case becomes more of a puzzle than ever. Plans had actually been drawn by a local architect for the building.

Poles Stood With Bowed Heads. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 4.—Local Polish laborers organized themselves into a Conservative club in the Labor Temple on Saturday night, under the patronage of Hon. J. J. Foy, A. Claude Macdonald, M. P., and Edmond Bristol, M. P. Upon the entrance of the Attorney General, every Pole rose and stood with bowed head until Mr. Foy took his seat on the Platform. The same reverence was observed, as the speaker was announced. About 100 were present and regrets were uttered on behalf of seventy-four others for inability to attend on account of a shift they were doing with the Canada Foundry company.

Earliest Heavy Frost on Record. Atlin, B.C., Dec. 5.—The first mail box has been frozen in on Lake Atlin, the earliest on record. Carrying mail from the steamer across ice, Dan Holland and Fred Taylor broke through and they and the mail were only saved with great difficulty by a companion. Wet through, the men had to tramp several miles to the nearest miners' cabin. Arriving there, Holland's feet were found to be frozen and Taylor's hands. Both were suffering from exposure and Holland was brought to Atlin Friday in a serious condition.

To Shorten Liqueur Sale Hours. Toronto, Dec. 6.—The West End Temperance society passed a resolution asking the city to apply to the Ontario Legislature for power to pass a by-law to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquor after 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon and 5 o'clock any other night of the week.

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The Great Meeting in Which Britain's Prime Minister Announces Liberal Plan

HOME RULE IN IRELAND FOR PURELY RALLY GREATEST AND MOST SINCE THE DAYS OF ASQUITH DISCOUNT RECEPTION

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