EDMONTON NEWS

LOCAL.

Chief Davidson has authority from the city to supply suitable fire protection on the Exhibition Grounds during the period of the Edmonton exhibition.

Erick Alsager, of Marwayne, Alta., has been appointed executor of the $2,175 estate of the late Charles E. Anderson, of Marwayne, who died intestate on October 15th, 1908.

H. J. O'Toole, manager of the fur department of Revillon Bros., returned to the city yesterday from the north, where he has been inspecting the fur trading posts of that company.

This weather looks more like it. The storm of Wednesday was general north of New York and east of the Rocky Mountains. Today the weather man prognosticates milder weather.

His Lordship Mr. Justice Harvey will preside at the session of the Supreme Court in Edmonton, which opens on Tuesday, May 4th. Mr. Justice Beck will preside at the Supreme Court in Calgary, which opens at the same time.

Edward Nagle, of the fur trading firm of Hislop & Nagle, left the city Friday for Athabasca Landing will go north with a fur trading party as far as Fort McPherson, on the McKenzie river, as soon as the ice breaks and will be absent for about five months.

NEW WEST END BANK.

The Imperial Bank of Canada will open a new branch in the west end of the city in the course of a few weeks. Premises have been secured in the Carpenter block, on lot 88, block 7, H. B. R., between Seventh and Eighth streets, near the site of the proposed new C. P. R. depot. The new branch will be temporarily under the management of G. R. F. Kirkpatrick, manager of the main branch in Edmonton.

OREGON PHILANTHROPY.

Hon. Alexander Hewitt Kerr, of Portland, Oregon, has written to Secretary Harrison, of the board of trade, asking if he can be of any assistance in helping the starving Indians in the north. He offers to subscribe some money if he can be put in touch with the proper authority to receive contribution.

Enclosed in the letter was a newspaper clippiing which led to the philanthropic suggestion. The clipping contains a despatch from Toronto on the authority of an Edmonton correspondent, that the Indians of the Mackenzie river were on the verge of annihilation by reason of the cold and hunger. The denial of this by H. A. Conroy, Indian treaty commissioner, in another column of the Bulletin may be considered an authoritative statement of the facts.

ROUND UP IN SOUTH.

H. E. Rudd, of the license branch of the Attorney General's department, has returned from the south of the Province where he has been for the past two weeks making a round up of the "blind pigs" in different towns. At Bankhead as the result of a raid last Friday night Mrs. Budda was fined $175 and costs for selling liquor without a license and Louis Pekota $100 and costs for keeping liquor for sale without a license. John RaKovity, a Slav, was arrested by Corp. Townshend of the R.N.W.M.P. for furious driving in the National Park and was fined $5 and costs and was given a month's imprisonment for resisting arrest. The cases were tried before George Hunter, superintendent of the National Park at Banff.

During Detective Rudd's trip 15 convictions were obtained and over $1,000 in fines were paid. The convictions obtained were as follows, Calgary 9, Medicine Hat 2, Bankhead 2, Wetaskiwin 1, and Stettler 1. Fines in the latter cases ranged from $50 to $75 each.

SNOW STORM A BENEFIT.

Hon. W. T. Finlay, Minister of Agriculture, when seen by a Bulletin representative this morning anticipated no serious results from the snow flurry of Wednesday. He said that the snow fall was quite general all over the province and that when he passed through Calgary yesterday afternoonn there was six inches of snow on the ground.

"It is only a question of how long the snow will remain," said the Minister. "If it all disappears in a day or two it will do the soil a world of good, but if the weather does not considerably moderate and the snow remains it will put the spring wheat very late."

"The spring operations in the southern part of the provinee have been delayed by the weather" continued Mr. Finlay, "but the coal strike is also a serious proposition for the farmer. The great steam plows require a great deal of coal and some of them have had to close down on account of the coal famine. I think something should be done of prevent a condition of things such as this."

Mr. Finlay states that he has met a number of discouraged settlers who have not yet become accustomed to an April snow storm. He assured them that the fall of snow was an important factor in Alberta agriculture provided it can be caught somewhere near the right time.

NEW POST OFFICES OPENED.

The following new post offices have been opened during the month of April:—

Pitcox, opened April 15th, 2-39-4 w5, G. H. McDonald, postmaster; Monday, 8 o'clock from Eckville.

Hazel Bluff, opened April 15th, 5-60-27-w4; W. Wiedrick, postmaster; Tuesday and Saturday, 8 o'clock from Edison.

Eastgate, opened April 15th, 16-57-22-w4; C. J. Woodward, postmaster; Wednesday, 7 o'clock from Sturgeonville.

Wellsdale, opened April 15th, 10-53-5-w4; Jas. Hagen, postmaster; Wednesday, 4 o'clock p.m. from Dewberry.

Myrtle Creek, opened April 15th, 14-53-20-w4; Peter Robinson, postmaster; Saturday, 9 o'clock from Pine Creek.

Musidora, opens May 1, 34-54-11-w4; Z. Chomik, postmaster; Saturday, 3.30 o'clock, p.m., from Duvernay.

Beauvallon, opens May 1st, 2-55-10-w4; E. Lajeunesse, postmaster; Saturday, 3.30 o'clock, p.m., from Duvernay.

Irma, opens May 1st, 27-45-9-w4; J. H. S. Armstrong, postmaster; Friday, 3.30 o'clock p.m. from Hardisty.

Beaver Lodge, opens May 1st, about township 71 5-w6 (unsurveyed); W. H. Lowe, postmaster; monthly from Spirit River.

A new money-order office has been established at Hillsdown, Strathcona.

The frequency of the mail service has been increased as follows:—

Belvedere and Riviere Qui Barre to twice per week.

Athabasca Landing and Peace River Crossing to twice per month.

Bentley and Lockhart to twice per week.

Sod Lake and Warwick to twice per week.

The names of the following offices have been changed: Holmstead to Greenshields, May 1st, 1909; Valley City to Clive, May 1st, 1909.

Gilliston, in the Strathcona district, is closed, April 30th.

The following changes in postmasters have been made:—

Cotterview to A. J. Phillips, vice Thos. Bell, resigned.

Pembina to Thos. W. Letts, vice G. H. Letts, resigned.

Chipman to Mrs. E. J. McLennan, vice D. J. Simmons, resigned.

Waugh to A. E. Patry, vice Edwin Williams, resigned.

Lac Ste. Anne to Mrs. M. Gunn, vice Peter Gunn, resigned.

Kingman to Chas. A. Limberg, vice F. W. Kingsbury, resigned.

Holden to Wm. Campbell, vice N. M. Smith, resigned.

IS AN ACT OF PEACE

Working of Lemieux Act for the Past Two Years.

Ottawa, April 28.—A summary of the results of the operation of the industrial disputes investigation act, or the Lemieux act, as it is more generally called, during the first two years of its operation, up to the end of last month, shows that there were received in all during the period indicated 55 applications, as a result of which 49 boards were established. In the remaining cases the disputes were settled either during the formation of the board or during the discussion arising out of the application, and in any case as a direct result of the influence of that act.

Of the 49 disputes referred under the act, in each of which the sworn statement accompanying the application declared that a strike or lockout would take place in the event of a settlement not being reached, there were two cases only in which a strike or lockout resulted. The cases in question are those of the dispute between the Cumberland Railway & Coal Co. and its employees at Springhill, N.S., which resulted in a strike of the coal miners, commencing on August 1, 1907, and continuing until October 31, when the men returned to work on the terms originally recommended by the board, 1,700 men being concerned; and the dispute between the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. and its mechanical employees, which also resulted in a strike, commencing in this case on August 4, 1908, and continuing until the end of September following, when the employees returned to work on the terms originally recommended by the board, about 8,000 men being concerned. In each of the other 47 disputes referred under the act, the investigation before the board resulted either in a direct agreement between the parties, or in effecting such an improvement in the relations that no cessation of work occurred.

Of the disputes dealt with under the act, 30 concerned mines and smelters, and 23 concerned transportation and communication.

Nearly 60,00 men were concerned in the disputes settled, and the amount saved to the country through the industrial peace secured by means of the act during the past two years runs up into many millions.

Big Loss of Grain by Fire.

Buffalo, N.Y., April 28—Two hundred thousand bushels of grain were destroyed by fire in the Husted Milling and Elevator Company warehouse. The loss was three hundred thousand. Four hundred men are thrown out of employment.

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WHITE STUDENT FIGHTS JAP.

Latter Uses Knife and Comrades of Boy Help Him With Rifles.

Tacoma, Wash., April 27—At Vashon college last evening a student named Adams censured a Japanese engineer for turning off the light and a fight followed in which it is reported that the Japanese used a knife, slashing the white boy's face severely. Later it is said he drove off his assailant with a revolver. Students and members of the factulty witnessed the fight.

Members of the military company, with rifles, are reported to have surrounded the engine room. The professors finally calmed the young rioters. They gav eout a statement to the effect that the Japanese was in the right and that he used no knife, the student's wounds being inflicted by a ring on the finger of the Japanese. Feeling is very bitter, and while the factulty belittles the matter, some of the students predict further trouble.

PROTECTIONISTS IN CONFLICT.

Germany Threatens Tariff Reprisals if U. S. Maintains Payne Schedules.

Berlin, April 27—Unmistakable threats of retaliation on the part of the German government unless the United States congress modifies certain features of the Payne tariff bill are being uttered by business men representing the manufacturers of textiles, gloves and toys, who make a strong plea on behalf of their industries. The influential Tagliche Rundsicha says: "Among the increased duties provided for by the bill are a number which strike especially at German trade. What is far worse, the provisions of the bill in regard to the valuation of imports give the New York tariff officials abundant opportunity to hinder the importation of undesired articles. Should the bill really become low the German government doubtless will remember it and also the maximum tariff which provides for increases up to 100 per cent. America, however, needs us more than we need it. The Americans have more to lose."

Hope is expressed by exporters that the bill yet will be altered materially before its passage.

RESERVED THEIR DECISION.

Divisional Court on Motion to Quash Coroner's Kinrade Warrant.

Toronto, April 28—At the conclusion of the argument in the Divisional court Chancellor Boyd and fellow-justices reserved devision as to whether the coroner's warrant issued for the arrest of Florence Kinrade was legal.

In the course of the argument Deputy Attorney General Cartwright asserted to the court that the examination of a witness "went on until it was closed." Chancellor Boyd asked Cartwright if he contended this to be so in the case of the Kinrade inquest where Florence had been twice examined "at unseemly hours."

The chancellor expressed the opinion that the crown should disclose on what matters it sought to re-examine this witness. This may be done in affidavit form, although Mr. Cartwright was of the opinion that the information should be imparted privately only to the court.

It may be days or even longer before the divisional court will render judgment on this case, as the evidence taken at the coroner's inquest must be transcribed and sent to the court to consider, along with the other documents asked for.

Chancellor Boyd said he doubted whether a coroner's warrant could be served outside the county in which it is issued. He thought the crown should disclose on what questions the crown proposes to re-examine the girl. "It does no harm to issue summons for an inquest and few people would resist it, but when they do you must of course show your authority," said Justice Magee.

CRIME OF CAIN CHARGED.

Ernest Morris Committed For Trial For Murder of Brother.

Milestone, Sask., April 28.—Ernest Morris was arraigned today for the murder of his brother Chas. J. Morris, before Magistrate Bunn and Murphy and formally committed for trial. The deceased's remains were found in the ruins of his burned shanty on April 6th and it was at first thought to have been accident. Medical testimony showed that the deceased had probably died of a blood clot on the brain, caused by a blow, and despite the charred condition of the remains it was decided the hemorrage could not have happened after death and that it occurred before the damage was done by the fire. Several witnesses saw the deceased on the eve of his death and said he was sober and all right.

John W. Kincade saw the accused on horseback at 8 o'clock the evening of the tragedy. He rode off in the direction of the deceased's house. Subsequently he tracked the horse, which had lost one shoe, to within forty rods of the deceased's shanty. He detailed the bringing of the deceased's remains to Kincade's with the subsequent preparations to ship them to the Missouri home.

L. Shiefer deposed to buying a team from the accused for $100 cash and $250 in notes in February, but owing to being short of swibling the horses remained at the Morris barn.

At a quarter to one Tuesday morning Shiefer was awakened by the accused. He let him in and he went straight to bed. About eight in the morning the witness was informed by phone of the fire and in company with the accused he went to the scene. The accused stopped at his place that night. He told of a bottle of strychnine being found in his stable by Carpenter Quale, who was working for him. He did not keep the strychnine. The horses mentioned as sold by the accused, are understood to have belonged to the deceased annd are supposed to have a bearing on the tragedy. John McDonald represented the crown and C. R. D. Wood the defendant.

CHICAGO HORSESHOERS STRIKE

May 1st Will See at Least Two Strikes in Western Metropolis.

Chicago, April 28.—The first strike of journeymen hourseshoers since 1892 is scheduled for next week. The employers have refused to grant the same scale to floormen that is paid fire men. The latter receive $4.00 a day and the floor men have been paid $3.50. Negotiations had been on for two months but were broken off last night after a stormy session in the Sherman House. The International officers will meet in Toronto Monday to endorse the strike. Until that is done the horseshoers will remain at work. About 400 men will be affected.

Twelve hundred cement floor and sidewalk layers have arranged to strike next Monday unless they are granted an increase in wages. At a meeting to be held tomorrow afternoon with the Cement Contractors Association. The working men are now paid 35 cents an hour. They want 37 1-2 cents. Their wages have heretofore run parallel with those of the building laborers. The latter were recently granted an increase to 37 1-2 cents an hour. The cement workers want the same scale.

RAILWAY BOARD HITS SNAG.

Case in Toronto Referred to Supreme Court for Interpretation.

Toronto, Ont., April 28.—For an interpretation of two sections of the Dominion Railway Act, the Dominion Railway Commission will send a stated case to the Supreme Court to determine whether section 341 is in any way controlled or affected by section 77, and, if it is controlled, to what extent, and in what particulars.

In substance section 77 says that wherever a railway charges one person lower rates for services than that given another person for similar services, the burden of proving this is not unjust discrimination rests upon the company. Section 341 says a railway can issue mileage excursion or commutation tickets with the consent of the Railway Board.

The point is raised in the application for an extension of the commutation rates to certain places in the neighborhood of Toronto. The railways dispute the jurisdiction of the Board and contend there is no control and that they are perfectly free in the matter of commutation mileage or excursion tickets to discriminate in whatever way seems good to them.

MAY USE CHICAGO MEAT.

German Army Officers to Investigate Packing Plants.

London, April 29—Four German officers, two naval and two military, representing the supply department of the German army left London Wednesday on their way to Chicago. They are to inspect the packing of meats for the British and Japanese armies with a view of entering into big contracts. These officers are to stop in Chicago about fifteen days during which time they will learn all they can about meat supplies and the methods of packing, rations for military and naval purposes and report to their government.

Germany wants the best meat for her army and navy and she can take something like 60,000,000 pounds of meat every year. Chicago again supplies the British army with some meat, but since the meat scandals the British navy has cut off all supplies from Chicago.

EVIDENCING THEIR FAITH.

Members of Scottish Agricultural Commission to Buy 10,000 Acres in Western Canada.

Winnipeg, Man., April 28.—The members of the Scottish agricultural commission that visited the West last year are giving a practical demonstration of their faith in the country. J. M. Hodge, a member of the commission and a successful Perthshire farmer arrived here during the week with the intention of purchasing ten thousand acres on behalf the commission and their friends. The intention of the syndicate is to place a number of Scotch plowmen on the land, also to employ a number of Canadian farm laborers and if it seems desirable an interest in the farm will be sold to the men who are actually doing the work.

PEACE IN ANTHRACITE MINES

Miners Union Sign Up Agreement For Next Three Years.

Scranton, Pa., April 28.—The miners convention of the anthracite region renewed this afternoon the agreement based upon the award of the strike committee of 1902 and adopted the stipulations proposed by the negotiations committee of the mine workers and accepted by the operators, which are in the nature of small concessions granted by the mine owners. The new agreement takes effect April 1, 1909 and will continue until March 31, 1912, insuring peace for three years.

NAVIGATION IS OPENED.

First Boat of Season Docks at Port Arthur.

Fort William, Ont., April 29—The first boat of the season docked at Port Arthur at 12.30 this morning. She was the City of Montreal, of the Merchants and Montreal line, carrying six passengers and freight. The boat left the Soo on Monday morning. Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning she encountered much ice and owing to the strong winds having closed up the ice behind her they think the next boat will have even more trouble.

Valuable Museum Articles Stolen.

Paris, April 29—Burglars have stolen from the museum at Gueret, the capital of the Department of Creune, 52 valuable enameled and several reliquaries to the value of $20,000. The theft illustrates the lack of care in provincial museums. Several of the pieces stolen were stolen by the Thomas band of thieves in 1908 and were returned after the members of the band had been convicted.

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Portland Cement.
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POLICE GRAFT IN MONTREAL.

Civic Investigation Discloses Almost Incredible Conditions.

Montreal, April 29—More police irregularities were disclosed today at the meeting of the royal commission which is investigating the administration of Montreal's civic government. P. J. Kavanaugh, a former saloon keeper, testified that he had paid Capt. Murphy, of No. 12 station, $25 and each of three officers $5 as a Christmas reminder. The money was not for protection, said the witness, but it was the custom of the establishment he ran, to remember the police during the holidays. The cheques were produced in court. The same saloon keeper also swore he paid $25 to Ald. Proulx, chairman of the police committee, after service, namely that he had suspended an action in court against him for infraction of the license law. About a year ago, Chief Campeau suspended some 50 such actions on the promise of the saloon keepers that they would not sell any more after hours. This was declared illegal later and no more cases have been interfered with. It was not known, however, that any of the benefited saloon keepers were making presents for the favors received. Kavanaugh, the same saloon keeper, has already testified he spent $800 on Ald. Proulx's election, but without the direct knowledge of the latter.

TO SHIP GRAIN IN SACKS.

C.P.R. Will Not Build a Terminal Elevator at Vancouver.

Calgary, Alta., April 29.—William Whyte, who is here today on his way home from the coast, said: "Well, you may say that the C.P.R. will arrange for the proper handling of the 1909 grain harvest through Vancouver to the markets of the world in a suitable manner. The importance of the matter so far as it regards Alberta and the West is fully recognized, and the C.P.R. will do everything reasonably expected to further the westward movement of grain."

"Will a terminal elevator be built this year at Vancouver?" was asked.

"I don't think one is necessary. In fact, I think it inadvisable to do so. During my visit to the coast I visited Portland and other shipping points and noticed that grain, especially wheat, can best be shipped in sacks, and have arrived at the conclusion that a larger elevator is unnecessary. What is more required is a large warehouse and more dockage space to properly take care of all shipments tendered us from the west. Shippers of Portland told me the best way to ship wheat was in sacks or bags and their past experience has convinced me they are right. You may say, though, that the C.P.R. will be in a position to dispose of the coming harvest by way of the western route."

While in Calgary Mr. Whyte had a conference with local officials.

A Marriage in Royalty.

Berlin, April 28—Prince Harold of Denmark, third son of King Frederick today married Princess Helena of Sonderburgh-Glucksburg at the Glueckburg castle.

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