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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Librarian Honeyman Outlines the Work That Has Been Done--To Open in November

While the organization of the Regina public library is not yet complete such progress has been made as enables me to make public, through the courtesy of the city press, some information regarding the institution and the lines on which it will be conducted.

With this end in view bulletins, of which this is the first, will appear from time to time in the city press dealing with the library and its administration, its relations with the public and its many aspects of usefulness.

The first definite action towards the establishment of a public library for the city was taken on the 15th day of October 1907 when a petition "signed by Walter Scott and 154 others" was presented to the city council praying for the establishment of a public library under the Public Libraries Act. On the 17th of December following a bylaw was introduced in the council by Ald. Macdonald and Ald. Cowan giving effect to the prayer of the petitioners.

The act referred to provides for the government of a public library as follows: "The general management, regulation and control of the library shall be vested in and exercised by a board of management which shall be a body corporate and politic."

The board shall consist of seven members as follows: The mayor or other official head of the municipality shall be ex-officio a member of the board during his term of office, and the council shall appoint from among the residents of the municipality the remaining six members of the board, three of whom shall hold office until the date of the first meeting in January of the year following their appointment and the other three shall hold office until the date of the first meeting of the council in January of the second year following their appointment.

The board of the Regina Public Library were appointed at their meeting of the council of Feb. 17th last, as follows: Rev. G. C. Hill, A. M. Penwick, B.A., S. C. Burton, John McCarthy, Thos. Wilkinson, J. F. L. Embury and his worship the mayor ex-officio. The first meeting of the board was held on the 27th of March. Rev. Mr. Hill was appointed chairman, Mr. J. Kelso Hunter, city clerk, interim secretary and the various standing committees to attend to the different branches of organization were named. Since that date the board have held regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month besides special meetings. The real hard work has, however, been done by the committees, especially that on books which had a formidable and responsible task before them and which I venture to think they have performed in a manner which will meet with the approbation of the citizens when the results are before them.

At a meeting of the board held on the 2nd of July the undersigned was appointed librarian and at the following meeting he was also given the office of secretary-treasurer of the board, immediately assuming the duties of his office.

For the present the city council have provided the library with quarters on the first floor of the new city hall building. The rooms occupy the south western portion of the floor and are large and well lighted. One room will be used for a public reading room and the other large room for book stacks and administrative purposes. There are two other small rooms which can be devoted to special purposes. The rooms are steam heated and can be made cool and comfortable in summer. The floors have been laid with cork carpet which is agreeable to the tread

and effectually deadens the sound of tramping feet. Arrangements are being made to have the walls covered in tasteful and restful colors and high class engravings of historical and general subjects, suitably framed will be displayed.

The furnishings now on their way from the east, will be handsome and substantial and of the same general character and design as the other city hall fittings.

Although all possible effort has been made to hasten the opening of this institution it is hardly likely that it can be opened to the public before November. The getting together and shipping of a large number of books which have to be got from all parts of the continent and some from Great Britain and Europe is a matter that takes time. Meantime arrangements will be made so that once the books do arrive there will be no time lost in getting them into circulation.

The most modern and up-to-date methods of administration will be adopted and no effort will be spared to make the institution a benefit to every member of the community, old or young. The books under each section will be the latest and best procurable, and all the old standard works will also be available. In a later bulletin I hope to go more fully into a description of the books. In the next I will deal with the general plan of admission to be adopted.

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Gazette Appointments

The current issue of the Saskatchewan Gazette contains the official notice of the election of twenty-five members of the new legislature, as follows:

Regina City—J. F. Bole.
Pipestone—A. B. Gillis.
Arm River—G. A. Scott.
Duck Lake—Hon. W. F. A. Turgeon.
Pheasant Hills—H. H. Willway.
Touchwood—G. M. Atkinson.
Moose Jaw City—J. H. Wellington.
Wadena—H. C. Pierce.
Souris—A. Riddell.
Francis—J. J. Stevenson.
Prince Albert City—J. E. Bradshaw.
Lloydminster—H. C. Lisle.
Saltcoats—Thos. MacNutt.
South Qu'Appelle—Hon. F. W. G. Haultain.
Moosomin—A. S. Smith.
Weyburn—R. M. Mitchell.
Last Mountain—T. A. Anderson.
Prince Albert County—S. J. Donaldson.
Rosthern—Gerhard-Ems.
Regina County—F. C. Tate.
Moose Mountain—W. Elliott.
Battleford—S. S. Simpson.
Yorkton—T. H. Garry.
Kinistino—G. B. Johnston.
Swift Current—Hon. Walter Scott.

The following recent appointments are also gazetted:

Justices of the Peace:
William Davey of Strongfield.
W. B. Cruickshank, of Owenstown.
John B. Rueseler of Rama.
F. J. Sauter of Fairlight.

Notaries Public:

John H. Lane of Huronville.
David Bundell of Moosomin.
Jacob Ellen of Norse.
G. J. Bowley, Manor.
Commissioners for Oaths:
J. R. Little of Ruddell.
F. C. N. Kennedy of Winnipeg.
Chas. F. MacAuley of Huron.
J. M. Bergstrom, jr., Wauchope.
William Wall Woolsey, of Webb.
E. R. MacPhee of North Portal.
F. B. MacNaughton of Dismore.
Wm. Philip of Petrofka.
R. L. Strickie of Langenburg.
John Fleet of Platt's Springs.
Tunis Alfred Hart of Leslie.
James David Taylor of Yorkton.
Robt. Bruce McGregor, of Macoun.
John Kwonicka of Rosthern.
L. E. Yingst of Weyburn.
Horace H. Lowe of Drinkwater.

Sheriff:

Andrew B. Cook, of Regina, for the judicial district of Regina, pro tempore.
Deputy Local Registrar of the Supreme Court, District Court and Surrogate Court of the judicial district of Regina,--Norman R. Hoffman.

Issuers of Marriage Licenses:
G. H. Nesbitt of Grayson.
D. W. Patena of Grayson.
Charles Clark of Owenstown.
R. G. Armstrong of File Hills.
L. Carey of Riverview.

Official Auditor: Herbert Geddes of Esterhazy.
School Inspector: S. J. A. Brannon, B.A., of Regina.

Coroner: Robt. A. McLurg, of Wilkie.
Stock Inspector: R. W. Grant of Davidson.
Game Guardian: A. V. Whitehead, of Weyburn.

Inspectors of Wolf Pelts: J. J. Gardiner of Perdue. W. W. Hoffman of Borden.
Resignations and Retirements:--
H. C. Lisle of Lloydminster, official auditor.
Robt. Jones of Moose Jaw, official weed inspector.

Jas. M. Duncan, Regina, sheriff.
G. A. Scott, Davidson, stock inspector.
S. Caswell of Asquith, inspector of wolf pelts.

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"Young man," she said, in a harsh rasping voice, fixing her stern eagle eyes on the assistant, "young man, have you any kids?"

The assistant bewildered by her fixed stare, lost his wits and failed to realize that she was referring to gloves. He gasped and blushed. "N-no, I've only been married two weeks, madam."