

NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

KILLAM. Bulletin News Service. Killam, seventy miles east of Wetaskinaw on the C.P.R., is situated in the centre of the best hard wheat belt in central Alberta, and will ship this year over a quarter of a million bushels of the best spring wheat grown in the province. Striking testimony of the amount of wheat grown in the district is found in three large elevators and a flat warehouse. The soil is a black loam and the land is high and rolling enough for good drainage. The people are energetic and industrious, most of them coming from the eastern provinces and United States. To be convinced of the hustle and optimism of farmers of this district one has only to drive through the country and see the amount of prairie that has been turned to the sun and made ready for spring seeding. The yield of wheat this year is very good. Among the threshing crews of forty bushels and more of wheat per acre were Chas. Stewart, M.P.P., William Gibb, William Grant, E. J. McGowan, John Gour, F. E. Geduhn and others. Not only have the farmers threshed good crops, but they are building fine homes and equipping their farms with good stock and the best of machinery. The country in this district being free from brush is coming rapidly under cultivation and the transportation from prairie to beautiful farms is very marked.

The village of Killam is beginning to boom since the people feel assured that the Killam-Strathcona branch of the C.P.R. will be built in the near future. The real estate firms of W. E. Larson & Company and the Killam Real Estate Agency have been kept busy disposing of village property which has doubled in value of late. Wheat land, too, seems to be in great demand. Killam has it.

There are several chances for good business openings, among which are a hardware store, laundry, bakery, jewelry and flour mill.

The Killam board of trade held its regular meeting on Monday evening. President Doherty appointed the following committees:

Manufactures—F. E. Nichol, W. R. McGowan, L. R. McKenick. Agriculture—Chas. Stewart, M.P.P., B. Fox, Joe. T. Hatfield.

Finance—A. E. Forsythe, W. D. Larson, A. D. Jardine. Advertising and Immigration—J. O. Lange, L. A. Murphy, W. E. Larson.

Chas. Stewart, M.P.P., spent Sunday with his family, returning to the capital city Monday to resume his duties in the house.

W. R. McGowan attended the opening of parliament at the capitol city last week.

E. H. Macdonell left for Southern Alberta to deliver lectures at the different seed fairs held in that portion of the province. He is being paid liberally as a lecturer has been recognized by the government.

E. R. Vin conducted a very successful horse sale last week. He has gone to make his home in Edmonton.

H. T. Lenzgard, president of the Farmers Elevator Company Limited, left on an extensive tour through Montana and Idaho, where he has large land interests. He was accompanied by his wife and Mrs. J. B. Mathews and wife left Monday for a trip to Southern Alberta.

LASSEN. A tradesmen was held in Birch and Wilson's office on Friday, when a Business Men's league was formed, the object of which is to further the advancement of the town. Dr. McLeod was elected president, Frank Buck secretary and Messrs. Larson, Lassen and Johnston, executive committee. Every tradesman in town joined the new organization. Amongst the first business taken in hand was the petitioning for opening new government roads east and west of Lassen, applying for a direct telephone line between here and Camrose, better postal facilities as early as possible, and the further advertising of the town.

Constable Smith has just resigned his position with the R.N.W.M.P. after twenty-five years service, and left an office on Main street and Mr. Lovatt's appointment as postmaster.

The government inspector looked over the timber reserve on the north side of town on Thursday last. On account of the prairie fires destroying most of the timber last fall, the government intends throwing it open to bidders in the near future.

The Union Bank of Canada have opened a branch of their bank at Irma. They are occupying Milburn's Hall until their building is completed. The building was completed on Feb. 12th.

LASSEN. Bulletin News Service. Amongst the many visitors to Lassen during the past week are Mr. Carson from Minnesota, who purchased two lots on the corner of Adam and Johnston streets and anticipates building in the near future. Mr. McCleod and Mr. Creighton from Camrose. A gentleman looked over the town for a night for a hardware store and implemented. He is very favorably impressed. He is understood to have a hardware store already ordered waiting instructions to ship.

It is reported that Mr. Hadley has the misfortune to have an arm broken from a kick by a horse.

There will be a meeting of the directors of the Wabamun Agricultural Association on Saturday afternoon, February 19th, at Dunns store.

H. H. Richards of Edmonton, made a trip to the lake recently and ordered lumber for the erection of some cottages on his property south of Larson's and Cathers' homesteads, and also arranged for the storing of a supply of ice for the use of the summer sojourners.

Harry Carter and wife made a trip to Edmonton last week. Mrs. Carter will remain in the city for a time.

Wabamun, February 12th. Bulletin News Service. A very successful and enjoyable social, concert and dance was held in the school house at Mossade on Friday, February 4th. A committee consisting of ladies and gentlemen connected with the Craven school district was responsible for the arrangements and are to be congratulated upon the success which attended their efforts. The school house was beautifully decorated with evergreens and other suitable decorations, the windows being draped with lace curtains, while a motto at each end of the room gave all the guests a hearty welcome and wished them all a happy new year. The concert was a great success. The following program being given through in a most creditable manner:

Song—"Mistle Leaf Forever," school children. Recitation—"You can never tell," R. Littlefair. Song—"Grandfather's clock," Mrs. Beaton. Recitation—"A Little Ship," Mr. Horner.

Song—"Flight of Ages," Mr. Roberts. Recitation—"The Festive Season," Harold Richmond. Song—"Break the Waves to Mother," Mrs. Treven.

Reading—"The Runaway Wedding," Mr. Richmond. Part song—"Swanee River," School children. Recitation—"Parody on Swanee River," Mrs. S. M. Smith. Recitation—"My Love Dido," Miss R. Storm.

Dialogues—"Indigestion," Misses Littlefair and Barton. Song—"Redwing," Miss O. Davidson. Recitation—"Fifth Avenue Bus," S. Mills. Song—"Charity," Mrs. F. uette. Reading—"Adam and Mary," Mr. Richmond. Song—"What would you take for Papa," Miss R. Tetreau. Recitation—"Hayes and Brewer," Mr. Beddome. Song—"The Grand Old Day," Mr. Newman. Recitation—"Now the day is over," Paulo Meunier. Song—"True till Death," Mr. Roberts. Song—"Evening News," Miss J. Davidson. Song—"That's All," A. Meunier. Song—"La Shine," F. Meunier. Part song—"God Save the King," school children.

During the interval Mrs. Lampmaid gave some selections on a record of her good grammars. The concert being largely presided over by Mr. Robert Barton. Immediately after the concert the box of bids for the ladies' tickets which had been given by the ladies present, and all of which reflected great credit upon the fair givers was opened and a most interesting competition amongst the gentlemen, and realized the sum of seventy-five dollars and fifty cents. Mr. Lovatt proving an acceptable and witty auctioneer.

The dance to the evening strains of the violin proved most enjoyable to all who tripped the light fantastic toe; the company departing about five o'clock. The gross proceeds amounted to eighty dollars, which after paying expenses will be devoted to school purposes.

IRMA. Bulletin News Service. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stuart are visiting friends in Olds and Diabery. Cliff Trolls has returned from Strathcona to his homestead. Mrs. E. H. Scott of Olds is visiting Mrs. J. W. Stuart. Mr. Burton has returned from Edmonton. An Onast has purchased Stuart & Peterson's stock of harness and intends putting it in a complete stock here. An Oddfellows lodge is to be instituted at Irma on March 1st. The work to be accomplished by members of Edmonton Lodge. Messrs. Milburn Bros. have sold their stock of lumber to the Imperial Lumber Company. J. W. Stuart has a license for auctioneer. Hector Hoffman of Jasper, Ont., is visiting at Hoffman & McGowan's. P. J. Hardy, of Imperial Lumber Co. is in Wainwright this week. J. J. Holmes, Kewatin postmaster, is visiting relatives at Irma. Mrs. Chas. Mages, of Fenton, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Fenton. A. G. Walker was in Edmonton last week. Fred was in Wainwright on Tuesday. J. A. Henderson is building an addition to his hotel as large as the original building.

Quite a number of resolutions were passed. The substance of the more important is as follows: That the best size for the proposed new municipal territories is three townships square; that they should be divided into six wards, of two or three councilors each, to be elected from each, and a reeve or a chairman by the municipality at large; that 2 1/2 cents per acre be the minimum rate of taxation, 10 cents the maximum; that provision be made for the compulsory payment of taxes in cash; that ratayers decide at the annual meeting whether road work shall be done by contract or day labor; that the amount of the payment of taxes should be added on December 1st of the year in which taxes are levied; that the financial year end December 31st; and that nomination for councilors be held on the third Monday in January; that a flat rate of tax be placed on all land and a rebate be allowed for improvements; that school tax be levied and collected by the secretary-treasurer of the municipality; and that the money be paid to the school districts on warrants issued by the secretary-treasurer of the municipality; that municipal officers be empowered to borrow on debentures 20 cents per acre for a term not exceeding ten years, to be paid in equal annual instalments with interest; that a compulsory hall tax be imposed on all taxable land, sufficient to pay all taxes to crops by hand.

BOWDEN. Bulletin News Service. About four inches of snow fell here on Tuesday. The best sleighing of the season and making glad the hearts of many, especially the business men. Work has been commenced on a new house on Mrs. J. Washburn's place. Mrs. Washburn is at present in Edmonton.

GLENFORD. Bulletin News Service. Mr. Huhle has finished the addition to his house. He expects his family from Montreal to arrive in a month.

ATHABASCA LANDING. Bulletin News Service. J. L. Lessard returned from his trip to eastern Canada last Saturday. On Monday W. C. P. Heathcote D.L.S. was in the village on route to Edmonton. He has been engaged for the last month in running the preliminary line for A. G. W. from Lac La Biche north, but has severed his connection with the company.

On Friday evening the youth and beauty of Bowden and vicinity met for a dance on the lawn of the residence of the late Mrs. J. H. Wetmore. The dance was a very successful one, and was held in honor of their daughter, Mrs. Strong, who is visiting at the home of Mrs. J. H. Wetmore. A large and enthusiastic gathering of Old Fellows met in the Odd Fellows hall at Olds on Wednesday evening, the occasion being the conferring of degrees by the degree team of Calgary. The lodge, from Calgary, to install, inclusive, were present. A special train left Calgary in the afternoon with ninety representatives from the four Calgary lodges, and were supplemented on the way by a party of forty more from Alberta, including the Grand Master, J. H. Wetmore, and the members of the lodge at Athabasca Landing.

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Peter Gunn, M.P.P., gave a very interesting talk to a good-sized audience at the Silver Star Schoolhouse, Saturday evening, the 5th.

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At the church of England service held in the Zion hall on Quinnesessima Sunday, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hinchfield (named Charlotte A.) was baptised into the church by the Rev. W. E. Hodgkinson acting incumbent. There was a good congregation present.

Church of England services are held in this hall on the first and third Sundays of each month.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN. Bulletin News Service. Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wetmore at their home in Pleasant View.

Major Outhbert, R.N.W.M.P. of Edmonton was a visitor to the town on Tuesday.

Sergeant Major and Mrs. Emery returned on Wednesday night from an enjoyable trip through Vancouver and California.

Miss Anson has returned from Edmonton where she has been spending a few days.

A sitting of the court of Athabasca district sat at Lameroux on Tuesday last. Judge Noel being the presiding judge. Lawyer Russell from Vegreville was in attendance.

EDISON. Miss Patallo is now teaching in the Edison school, as the Dunganon school is closed for the month.

Mr. J. Edgson on January 25th. There was a large number gathered at the home of Mr. Taylor, south of Bowden, and had a very enjoyable time, and in the morning Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wetmore entertained in honor of their daughter, Mrs. Strong, who is visiting at the home of Mrs. J. H. Wetmore.

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Final Revision of Speech. King Edward Geas Over Speech From Throne—Tremendously Important. London, Feb. 19.—King Edward today for the last time took up the actual opening of parliament on Monday. In conducting the King over the speech in its definite form before affixing his signature, the council was held at Buckingham Palace. The ministers appointed to the new places in the new cabinet received their portfolios at the meeting. Profound secrecy has surrounded the speech and not an inkling of its tenor has been allowed to escape into public.

Jealousy Leads to Shooting. Former Domestic Fires Revolver at Fred Carroll, Desperately Wounding Him. Winnipeg, Feb. 19.—Calling him to his door at eight o'clock last evening at his home in Carroll, Man., Lottie Colloch, formerly a domestic in his father's house in the same village, shot and desperately wounded Fred Carroll, son of A. H. Carroll, side sits in the legislature for South Brantford. About a year ago the girl took service in A. H. Carroll's house, where young Carroll then lived, but the girl left some months ago and has been living in Brantford.

Mad Dogs in Hamilton. Hamilton, Feb. 18.—The police were called upon to hunt down two alleged mad dogs this afternoon. They were killed after a cry of "men and children."

Foster's Slander Action Dismissed. Toronto, Feb. 18.—Justice Magee has ruled that the slander action brought by George E. Foster in the slander branch of the action for \$2500 against J. A. McDonald, of the Globe, but allowed the plaintiff to proceed with the libel charge today.

LEA PARK. Bulletin News Service. Mr. F. D. Riley has returned from British Columbia after spending a year in the mountains. He is at present assistant in the Lea Park store.

E. H. Barnes and A. Campbell are in partnership in the lumber business. Messrs. Weston and Addison have completed their work in the bush and have returned to wait for the sawing.

F. Cox, J. Christopher and H. C. Graham set up their camp last week in the bush and have begun cutting logs.

Messrs. Cox and Graham are spending a few days in Lloyminster this week. Messrs. Stoker and Johnston, Burke & Elders are hauling home lumber.

J. C. Dale, butcher of Tring, and councillor in 53-3, has distributed hand-bills announcing his renewal of his occupation as auctioneer. His services will be in evidence on Friday evening, February 25th, in the Tring school, when the hand-made valentines are put up for auction.

Notices are out for a social-dance given by the United Farmers. In connection with the above dance, the Women's Institute are putting on a valentine and mailing department. The girls are wondering who will get the largest number of pretty valentines, while the boys are wondering who they can work off the comics on. Everyone is expecting lots of fun. The women and girls are packing their brains for more valentines pretty and original. Lea Park, February 15th.