DISTRICT NEWS

FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Bulletin News Service.

Rev. Canon d'Easum preached his farewell sermon last Sunday evening in St. George's Church to a crowded house, taking for his text, Romans 12, 5: "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another," from which he preached a most affectionate and touching sermon. It was no easy matter to say farewell to a congregation whose pastor he had been for 13 years, and in closing the Canon referred to the many happy and solemn times they had spent together. He remembered what struggles they had had to get the little church built, and how pleased they had been to see its equipment added to from time to time. He recollected many a happy Christmas and joyful Easter; many a blessed communion together, and he was truly thankful, among other things, for the many kind and unchanging friends he and Mrs. d'Easum had made since being here. He expressed his gratitude to the wardens and vestry, the faithful women's guild, the choir and organist, Sunday school teachers and others who had helped in church work, and asked that he might say good-bye in the words of the Great Apostle when he bade goodbye to those he loved, "Finally, brethren, farewell, be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind and live in peace and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

On Saturday Canon d'Easum was presented with a purse containing one hundred dollars, being the gift of the citizens of Fort Saskatchewan. A. O'Brien made the presentation. Canon d'Easum and family expect to leave for Calgary this week, where he takes up his new duties next Sabbath at St. Barnabas' Church, Hillhurst, Calgary.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Foster last week and left a little daughter.

Friends of Milton Carscadden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carscadden, will be pleased to hear that he is now convalescent after his long and dangerous illness.

Mr. M. Staples, of Cooksville, is visiting Mrs. Hiram Staples, of the Fort.

G. O. Baetz, official organizer of school districts, passed through here today on his way to Islay.

Fred J. White spent the week-end in the Fort, returning to the Capital on Monday morning.

Frank Walker, M.P.P., came down to the Fort on Friday and returned to Edmonton on Monday morning.

Commencing February 5th next, the banks in the Fort will close at 1 p.m. on Wednesday of each week and remain open until 3 p.m. on Saturdays. It is thought that this will be more convenient for farmers and those residing out of town, who usually come in on Saturday afternoons and find it very inconvenient not to be able to transact their banking business.

Misses Jessie Forbes and Margery Poucher, of Edmonton, spent Sunday in the Fort, guests of Mrs. J. Forbes.

Miss Macleod, of Edmonton, spent Monday in the Fort, the guest of Mrs A. Forbes.

The champion skaters, Baptie and Bellefeuille, gave a splendid exhibition of fancy skating on the Arctic Rink here last Friday. A good crowd turned out to see the sport.

Fort Saskatchewan, January 28.

RED DEER.

Bulletin News Service.

F. S. Simpson went north to Edmonton yesterday.

Lloyd Bannerman returned from Vancouver on Tuesday.

H. H. Drake returned from Calgary on Saturday.

J. J. Gaetz left on yesterday's train for Edmonton.

A hockey team from Red Deer drove to Lacombe last night and went down to defeat by a score of 9.3. The score at half time was 3-1 in Lacombe's favor, but in the first ten minutes of the second half Red Deer scored twice, evening up the score. End to end play for the next five minutes, and then Red Deer went to pieces. Lacombe scoring almost at will. Garland for Lacombe played a star game Red Deer lined up as follows: Goal Watson; point, Syer; coverpoint, M. Beckett; right wing, A. Cornett; left wing, F. Cornett; centre, Hewson; rover, Porter. Dan Smith refereed the game. The game was an exceptionally clean one, and Lacombe played good combination. A return match will be played in the near future.

E. R. D. Porter, of the Merchant's Bank, returned on Monday from Medicine Hat, where he spent the last couple of weeks, nursing two badly frozen feet. His return is welcomed in hockey circles.

A. T. Stephenson went north to Wetaskiwin yesterday, where he will spend the next two weeks.

Red Deer went down to defeat at Didsbury last Friday in second game with that town in the A. A. H. A. series by a score of 6-3. The team was the fire brigade team, with the exception of Syer, of the Wigwams, who played point.

Baptie and Bellefeuille were here on Tuesday night and gave an exhibition of fancy and speed skating. There was an excellent turnout at the rink and their work was well received.

Archie Percy, of Calgary, was in town on Tuesday.

M. A. Munro spent a few days this week in Calgary, returning Wednesday.

A. E. Bingham was a visitor at Lacombe yesterday.

Invitations are out for a leap year ball to be given on February 14th by the ladies of Red Deer.

Thursday night the Wigwam and Waskasoo teams clashed in the city hockey league, and the very small crowd of spectators saw some star hockey. Half time was called with the score 2-1 in favor of the Waskasoos. In the second half Cornett made a rush from point, and scored for the Waskasoos. Brown evened up. Swanson then got one, and Brown tallied again. A. Cornett then scored for the Wigwam, tieing the score 4-4. Each side scored two more, and time was called with the score 6-6. Five minutes each way was played with no score. Another five minutes each was played, and the Waskasoos scored one at both ends. The teams lined up as follows:

Wigwam.		Waskasoos.
Hambly	Goal	Coote
Syer	Point	R. Cornett
Richards	Cover	Mann
Brown	Rover	Swanson
Smith	Right	Brumpton
A. Cornett	Left	Tait
Reinholt	Centre	C. Smith

W. Beckett refereed.

J. C. Trenaman, of Trenville, Alta., was in town yesterday.

H. P. Chapman had the misfortune to lose two valuable mares last week by strychnine poisoning, picked up on the range. The poison was probably bait laid for coyotes.

The firemen are giving another carnival on February 12th.

H. Meeres returned last week from a trip to his home in Ontario.

A meeting will be held Saturday night for the purpose of trying to re-organize the Red Deer band. H. G. Stone's residence will be the scene of the resurrection.

J. F. Gaetz spent a couple of days last week in Calgary.

Capt. Thorn returned Monday from a cattle buying trip to Alix.

J. H. Menzies, manager of the Northern Bank, spent a couple of days last week in Calgary.

J. D. Kennedy left on Friday for the Great West Lumber camps near Olds

W. B. MacQueen has returned from England.

A little snow fell yesterday, but not enough for sleighing.

The hockey team started to Lacombe last night with a four horse team and sleighs, but had to exchange it for a couple of democrats at Blackfalds, the roads being absolutely impassable for sleighs.

Red Deer, Jan. 30.

L.I.D. NO. 26, R. 4.

Bulletin News Service.

The first council meeting for 1908 of Local Improvement District No. 26, R. 4, was held at B. H. Monypenny's residence, January 25th. There were present: Councillors Sanford, Portas, Grummett and Leslie. J. A. Leslie was elected chairman for the current year L. Baird was elected secretary-treasurer at a salary of $125 per annum.

It was proposed by Mr. Sanford, seconded by Mr. Portas, that the council meetings for the year 1908 be held on the last Mondays of April, June, August, October and December. This motion was carried.

A motion by Mr. Sanford, seconded by Mr. Grummett, two two opportunities be given to ratepayers of working their axes, one before July 1st and one before October 1st. Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Portas, seconded by Mr. Grummett, that all council meetings be held at the residence of Mr. Monypenny, N.W. 15, 51, 21. Motion carried.

A motion by Mr. Sanford, seconded by Mr. Portas, that the chairman's remuneration shall be $5.00 for each town journey on council business was carried.

It was proposed by Mr. Sanford, seconded by Mr. Leslie, that the tax for the year be 5c. This was carried.

A motion made by Mr. Portas, seconded by Mr. Leslie, that the secretary-treasurer find such bonds as the council require, that is, two substantial men in the district, was carried.

It was moved by Mr. Sanford, seconded by Mr. Portas, that clause 49 in ordinance be strictly adhered to and was carried.

It was proposed by Mr. Leslie, seconded by Mr. Portas, that clause 58, section 2 of ordinance be strictly adhere to, that there be no rebates on taxes for labor. The motion carried.

A motion by Mr. Portas, seconded by Grummett, that time sheets between 21 and 22 in, 51, 22, 21 and 21, 52, 22 be passed, was carried.

A motion by Mr. Leslie, seconded by Mr. Grummett, that Coney Island time sheet be paid as far as funds in hand will allow, was also carried.

It was moved that a special meeting be called when the government grant for above trail is forthcoming and this was carried.

Cooking Lake, January 27.

SEBA.

Bulletin News Service.

Mr. Baker passed through here on Saturday with a gang of men to cut sixty miles of right of way for the G.T.P. He had five teams and thirty men

There was a dance and party held at the residence of Mr. F. J. Klaas on the evening of Friday, January 24th. There was a large attendance of the settlers and all expressed themselves highly pleased with the evening. First class music was furnished by Mr. Crawford and an Indian from Island Lake.

Mr. J. B. Kroetch, of Edmonton has come out to his homestead.

Mr. Alexander, of Lac Ste Anne, is putting in two tie camps in the neighborhood this week.

There have been a number of men through here lately looking up timber, but they have not been very successful, as the tie timber has nearly all been taken up.

Fornes Groat, the G.T.P. land guide, passed through this week with a party of G.T.P. contractors.

W. J. Westran has a gang of men cutting ties in this neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lord returned home Friday, after spending a week with friends in Strathcona.

There is under construction here now a stopping place which, when finished, will accommodate about twenty-five or thirty people.

Seba, January 26.

WETASKIWIN.

Bulletin News Service.

E. H. Dobson, Strathcona, visited his brother P. C. Dobson, Saturday returning Sunday. This was a hurried visit before the latter's departure for Winnipeg.

F. M. Bearisto is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Curling scores: Ferris 10; Radell 9 (one of the most closely contested games of the year); Forbes 12; Fowler 6; Carruthers 10; Rix 7. In the final for the Farris Cup Forbes beat Carruthers handily and holds the silver for this year.

Several lady teachers have rented Lunquist's new cottage near the Alexandra school and will at once start housekeeping. They are Misses Morrison, Watson, Major and Moore. The difficulty of obtaining permanent suitable private boarding is the reason.

Mrs. J. E. Hogg entertained the "Thimbles" recently, a number of the gentlemen dropping in later for lunch. The auctioning off of the men's hands for partners was most amusing.

John Ross, Inspector, was a recent visitor in town. He is considering a change of occupation, viz.: inside work at the Department of education. If he likes the work he will make a permanent change.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Stanley street, are considering a move to Edmonton or Vegreville. Mr. Campbell is looking up a house and will leave in a couple of months or so.

Mrs. J. F. Fowler is on the sick list—la grippe.

Miss Evelyn Turner, who was ill all last week has as yet been unable to resume her duties, being still confined to the house.

J. J. Gardner has been offered a good position in the new million dollar packing house at Edmonton and will assume his duties next summer probably.

J. W. Bruce is moving his family to Vegreville, as he will be busy for the next two years or so winding up several large concerns in that town and in Fort Saskatchewan.

Mrs. W. J. MacNamara has recently become the proud possessor of a beautiful Cecilian piano player which those who have heard it, pronounce faultless in execution of the best classical music.

Mr. Kelly tenor singer of Edmonton, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Miller returned home on Sunday.

Rev. Dr Daley gave the first of his new series of Sunday evening addresses on the "Symbolism of Natural objects and phenomena." This sermon was on the Stars and was a very scholarly and eloquent address, which was heard by a large audience. Miss Kolb sang acceptably "Come Unto Him."

The family of Jos. Irca has been quarantined for scarlet fever. There is likewise one case of diphtheria in the city. The new private hospital will be a boon though but six cots are to be set up at present.

Dr. A. R. C. Walker is considering opening out a sanitarium.

The large dailies of Winnipeg have been telegraphing Principal Dobson for his photo in view of the important appointment to the staff of Winnipeg High School.

J. W. Ruttle has just lost his mother by death taking place at her residence in North Dakota. He was unable to attend the funeral owing to the lateness of the telegraphic despatch announcing her demise.

A meeting of the Alexandra School Board was held last evening when Principal Dobson's resignation was accepted and plans made for continuing the work until a successor takes up the reins of office. Several good men had been recommended by inspectors and others, but the Board decided to take only the best man available, advertising in the Globe, Toronto, and Free Press, Winnipeg. Miss Burns will take over Mr. Dobson's work for the present, her work being supplied probably by Miss Sinclair, whose school at Daysland is shut down through a small-pox epidemic.

Reginald Wilkins who was the victim of a coasting accident at Edmonton by which his leg was broken is reported doing well now.

Wetaskiwin, Jan. 28.

RESOLUTION OUT OF ORDER.

3. C. Legislature Discusses Impeachment of Dunsmuir.

Victoria, Jan. 29.—The Socialists' resolution of impreachment, which the Liberals supported, was ruled out of order on the ground of the language used being disrespectful to the Lieutenant-Governor, and also that it imputed motives of private interests. The speaker also held that the reserving of the Natal Act was within the constitutional rights of the governor, whether by his own discretion or by instructions from the governor-general, and the legislature by well-established precedent cannot censure the lieutenant-governor except as a preliminary to an address to the governor-general.

The Socialists will to-morrow appeal to the House against the ruling, and if defeated will seek the re-introduction of the resolution against the ruling.

In the renewed and unfinished debate on the Natal Act, McDonald, Liberal leader, argued that as the Act could not apply to the Japanese owing to the treaty, nor to the Chinese owing to the poll tax, it could refer to Hindus only. As Canada's interests were paramount to Imperial he would support the bill to limit immigration of Hindus, though British subjects.

The Conservatives supported Borden's views as expressed in the Commons yesterday, pointing out that the Conservatives refused the treaty with but a restrictive clause.

Increase Their Indemnity.

Winnipeg, Jan. 31.—In committee this morning the Legislature decided to boost their salaries up to one thousand apiece, while the ministers get a raise of two thousand, bringing them up to $4,800.

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ALL DEALERS.

STRATHCONA NEWS

LOCALS.

In the Oddfellows' assembly hall last night the ladies of Holy Trinity church held a very enjoyable social and entertainment. The most interesting feature of the evening was the drama, "Our Bitterest Foe," in which the characters were taken by W. M. Hill, Bowden Smart and Mr. Sharratt. Lunch was served durinig the evening by the ladies.

The Young Liberal club of Strathcona were addressed last night by Dr. Rutherford and John T. Moore, M.P.P., Red Deer, who, in brief speech gave some interesting information on the current local questions of the present time. Dr. Rutherford in the course of his remarks referred to a paragraph in a local paper with reference to an alleged excessive charge for printing letterheads and said upon reading the item he had investigated the charge and found it to be absolutely without foundation in fact.

A meeting has been called in Mayor Mills' office for next Monday evening at eight o'clock to further discuss the arrangements for the ball to be given by the Hospital Aid society.

A ratepayers' meeting will be held Wednesday evening in the Oddfellows' hall hall to discuss the bylaws to be submitted to the burgesses on Feb. 10th.

The case of A. M. Terrabain vs. Wasef Habeb, has been on before Magistrates Connelly and Tipton for several hearings this week and comes on again tomorrow. Wasef Habeb is a clerk with A. M. Terrabain, a general merchant of Strathcona, and he is charged with falsifying the books. A. T. Mode is prosecuting and D. H. McKinnon defending.

The residents of Walter's Flats have called a public meeting for Saturday night at eight o'clock to consider the advisability of altering the name of this section of the city. John Walter is expected to preside.

Tonight the Edmonton and Strathcona senior hockey teams meet in the Strathcona rink in another of the league series. The Strathcona people are of the opinion that the game will be the best of the season as the locals will spare no pains to win out.

An important meeting of the Strathcona Liberal association is called for next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Young Liberal club rooms. A full attendance is requested.

Miss Blein held a very enjoyable social gathering at her home last night for a number of her friends.

The new Odd Fellows' hall has been connected with the city sewerage system.

A fancy dress carnival will be held in the Strathcona rink on Thursday evening next, February 6th. The Strathcona band will be in attendance.

The gallery of the new Presbyterian church will be opened next Sunday owing to the rapid growth of the congregation. It was at first thought it would be unnecessary to utilize the gallery for some time to come.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid of the Strathcona Hospital will be held in the new council chamber on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The question with reference to the hospital ball will be discussed immediately after instead of the evening as at first announced.

The remains of the late Mrs. Hamilton, wife of Dr. J. A. Hamilton, of Kenora, were brought to the city Thursday by the C.N.R., and were interred yesterday from Wainwright's undertaking rooms in Strathcona cemetery.

The service in the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening will be a special nature, being the anniversary of the organization of the first Christian Endeavor by Dr. E. F. Clarke. Rev. Mr. Flemming will conduct the service.

George Groat, ex-chief of the Strathcona fire department, left this morning for Vancouver, where he will take up his future residence. Previous to his departure the fire department presented him with a handsome suit case and an address.

Miss Edith Tofield, of Owen Sound, Ont., is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. B. Clutterham.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Clarke leave on Monday on a three weeks' trip to Chicago and Detroit. During Mr. Clarke's absence his position as secretary-treasurer will be taken by F. C. Jamieson.

"The Best Investment on Earth" and "The Faith that Worketh" will be the subjects for discussion at the morning and evening services in the Methodist church to-morrow.

PRESIDENT TORY ADDRESSES PUPILS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

Eloquent Address Delivered Yesterday Afternoon By the New Principal of the University of Alberta.

Yesterday afternoon Dr. H. M. Tory, the new president of Alberta university, addressed the pupils of the High School and the Strathcona school teachers. The speakers was happily introduced by Principal R. S. Jenkins, M.A., who spoke at some length on the university question, and his attitude towards higher education. Dr. Tory was loudly applauded as he stepped out to address the future university students.

"I have not yet begun," he said, "to take into serious account the attitude of the public towards the university. I have had the pleasure of addressing in Calgary the school trustees and as a result of that hour's conference we began to see eye to eye, and I believe when we get such men as Dr. McIntyre, Prime Minister Rutherford and other educationalists, speaking throughout the country, public opinion will be in favor of higher education. Unless the Anglo-Saxon race goes back on its traditions, we shall ultimately overcome all difficulties, and the university will come off triumphant. My own attitude, and the one I want you, whom I hope to instruct, to take, is that you are being educated in order that you may lead a prosperous, happy life. That your future life is bound up within what training you get in school.

"You must get all the school has to give if you would lead a happy life—physically and mentally. That happiness depends upon physical and mental capacity to take the best out of life. It is the mind of your teachers and myself to train you, heart, mind and body to the full capacity of enjoyment of all privileges. In forty-five or fifty years all our great men, Laurier, Rutherford and others, will have passed away, and you boys will be needed to take their places. Fifty new legislators will be needed in the new buildings on the hill across the river, and one hundred thousand educated men and women, will be needed in Canada in the next thirty-three years, and they are going to be the people who will make history.

"You are to be the scientific men who will fight the battle in conquering disease and bringing health and happiness to our homes, by seriously entering into the possibility of making the best of life, and whether we enter into the best, this great country offers, depends on whether we develop ourselves to the utmost of our capacity. Without cutting off any pleasure of childhood, keep the thought in mind that you must climb step by step to something higher. To the literary society I must say this: We men and women, who belong to the Anglo-Saxon race, who speak the English language, have the finest literature the world has ever seen. There is nothing like it to be found in all history. We can also boast that we have produced the greatest men in science and literature the world has ever seen. I would like to see the boys and girls grow up with a splendid appreciation of our history and traditions, for the Anglo-Saxons have done more than any other race, that men might live peaceful, happy lives. To you, this university will be a splendid opportunity, and I hope you will have a keen appreciation of your splendid advantages, to keep alive the traditions our fathers handed down to us. Their price is more than rubies, compared to things material. I look forward to welcoming a large number of Strathcona boys and girls to the university which is going to come to pass in spite of all difficulties."

ADDRESSED THE YOUNG LIBERALS

W. C. Simmons, M.P.P. for Lethbridge Dealt With Subjects of Interest to Canada.

The first of a series of open meetings arranged by the Young Liberal Club was held in the club rooms Wednesday evening and was addressed by W. C. Simmons, M.P.P., for Lethbridge, the Liberal candidate for the new Federal constituency of Medicine Hat. The address delivered by Mr. Simmons was not along stereotyped political lines. It concerned the factors in the development of the various nations of the world, and the progress of modern ideas. The speaker was attentively followed by his audience. Dr. Strong, president of the Young Liberal Club, introduced the speaker.

"I feel highly honored," said Mr. Simmons, "at being asked to address this club, which takes such a great interest in politics and exists chiefly for the purpose of studying the questions of the day and to arrive at conclusions that will be of benefit to the commonwealth.

"I believe it is the duty of every one of us, after having arrived at conclusions, to inculcate those principles into our fellow men. By doing so, we are not only doing good work and getting benefits from it ourselves, but we are extending our influence far and wide.

"I am not going to use the usual political speech and elaborate on the merits of the party, but want to call your attention o several current thought that are uppermost in the minds of the thinkers today. The political party cannot live on is past. It must be busy all the time, improving and broadening and living up to its policies. In Canada we have a great field along these lines.

Public Ownership.

"The first question I would like to draw to your attention is that of public ownership. In the old country, the benefits of public operation of public utilities is greatly felt and firmly established. Germany, France and England have this in regard to railways. In Scotland it has been mostly municipal ownersnip. In the republic to the south of us, it has been chiefly limited to towns and cities of rustic development. In Canada it has not gone far, but has taken root, particularly in this province of Alberta. Here things are in such a condition as to form a guage of this very important subject. We have the postal service, the telegraph and the telephone. One reason this subject has taken such a hold in this province is by reason of the fact that prior to the adoption of the government's telephone policy the province did not have a complete system and there was no strong competition. The Bell system are merely holding their breath, convinced that the province of Alberta means business. I think, irrespective of political opinion, that this work will be a success, because the Minister of Public Works has staked his business reputation upon its outcome.

"Public ownership is not the panacea for all public ills. Some would like to see the public own the railroads, mines and elevators. But this is a subject on which we must go slow. Some think that the federal government ought to control these utilities. I do not. We do not believe in the centralization of power. If they are to be publicly owned they ought to be under the control of the provincial governments. The Prime Minister of Canada has expressed himself in this way, and I think he is right. There is not so much chance for mistakes.

Industrial Development.

"The second question I would like to bring to your notice is the industrial development of the country. This has caused a great deal of discussion and debate in the United States on account of the strife between labor and capital. Nearly all the working classes have combined. They have their own opinions, and when it comes time for an election will vote them. In Canada, even the farmers are incorporating. At present in this country, as in the United States, there is an overwhelming tendency on the part of these classes to stick together. Here, as young Liberals, is food for thought for you. Industry must continue, and how it proceeds depends largely on yourselves, your thoughts and actions."

To more clearly point out his ideas Mr. Simmons mentioned the Lemieux Bill, the Law of Compensation for Damages, and the mine workers' laws, and said "Such things may cause a re-arrangement of things, even to parties."

The Subject of Trade.

"The next question with which I would like to deal is trade. To-day we are under the influence of tariffs and trusts. Many people are of the opinion that tariffs are the children of trusts. My opinion is that the trust is the child of tariff. The present condition in the United States is unprecedented, and we may thank our government because we are not under a high tariff today. In my estimation this great west of ours will be a low tariff country, because we have everything back of it to make it such.

"On the immigration question I have little to say. When the United States were getting tens of thousands we were getting few, but with the change of government there was a change of conditions, that has continued and I think will continue. But along with this subject is the question of Asiatic immigration. There is the real danger of an invasion, and although some people would laugh at such an idea as the country being overrun with Asiatics, yet at the same time it is a great subject for thought.

"The next question, the one of agriculture, draws nearer home. Chiefly in this subject comes education. It has always been the boast of Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick of their fine schools and educational facilities. This education and polish no doubt reached thousands of them, but did it cause them to have an interest in their farm lands, which really are the backbone of the country? Out here we want to inculcate every boy and girl with the idea that farming may be made as pleasant and equally as profitable as any other business in the land, and not have those that are on farms going off to the city. This is a decisive point, and by doing so we are laying the foundation of the best agricultural community in America.

"The last and chief question is Senate reform in the Federal government. The fathers of confederation built better than they thought when they copied the British government. But the Senate today does not accomplish what it should. It overbalances to extremes. When a Liberal party is in power Liberals are appointed, and when the Conservatives hold sway Conservatives are appointed. We all admit the need of reform, but the question is how to do it. I do not believe in one party only. The United States adopted a policy of two parties, but it has fallen short of their expectations. For four years the President is practically an autocrat. Our parliament is better than their government, because it is liable at any time to a vote of dissolution. But the Senate must be made a careful body and bring forth fruits of their office. They must get closer to the public sentiments. How will this reform be worked out. Will you make it an elective body or partly so?

"Canada is rapidly ceasing to be a colony depending upon the mother land, but a country of her own ideas, and with men capable of carrying them out. It has been shown that our statesmen have been capable of conducting foreign negotiations, and this shows that a properly elected Senate could deal with these subjects.

"There have been great changes in Canada in the last fifty years, but the greatest change has come in the last decade. We are simply in a transitional stage. There have been current thoughts of annexation to the United States and of individual independence, but, believe me, Canada's greatness lies in her being one part as a commonwealth among the nations. Gentlemen, to do this we can safely rely on the steps that Premier Laurier has so carefully tried to outline, for independence at home, but still retaining a great love and fealty for the mother land, and it behoves us to encourage such institutions.

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ORIGINAL PAPERS WERE NOT RETURN

Department of Interior Was for Years Without Original Pap Which Had Been Supplied to Foster.

In the debate a few days ago a whether or not original documents the custody of government dep ments may be demanded by memb of parliament without reason assi ed, the minister of the interior sp in part as follows, (from Hansard)

Hon. Frank Oliver (minister of interior)—Mr. Speaker, I would like take exception, in so far as the partment of the interior is concern at any rate, to the very definite st ment made by the hoon. member North Toronto (Mr. Foster) in the ea part of his remarks that every deavor was made to prevent the position from getting informati Since I have had the honor of hav charge of the department of the terior, the members of the House w bear me out in saying—their reme brance will be the same as mine—t never in the history of parliament there been such a demand for in mation from the department of interior, or any other department the government, and never has th demand been acceded to as fully a as readily and with as little questio My hon. friends on the other side the House absolutely tied up the bu ness of the interior department di ing the session before last until I h to place the facts before the Hon and put upon them the responsibili for the fact that the business of t country could not be carried through that department. I say th my hon. friend is not warranted in a degree in that statement in so far the department of the interior is co cerned, a fact that must necessari have been within his knowledge fro his long parliamentary experience. repeat that never in the history of t country has there been a demand u on a single department for inform tion such as had been made upon th department of the interior during th and the past two sessions, and neve has the demand been acceded to a readily and as fully.

In regard to the matter in questio or which is stated by my hon. frien to be the matter in question, that i the right of the hon. member for Mo treal, St. Antoine, to inspect origin documents on the files of the depar ment, my hon. friend no doubt chang ed his point of view when he change his seat in the House. I understan that the business appertaining the department of the interior is pla ed under my control as a trust to b discharged in the interest of the pe ple of the country, that while it the right of parliament to have all i formation in connection with that de partment it is only the right of pa liament to have that information, an it is my understanding of the trus placed upon me that it is not the righ of any individual, whether he be member of parliament or not, to hav access to the documents in that de partment. As I understand the trus placed upon me, in discharging th business of the people—the people wh are behind members of parliamen and who send them here—it is tha documents placed in that department the property of the people, or repre senting the property of the people shall be duly and properly cared for If parliament sees fit to issue an order parliament is supreme. Parliament can turn the department of the inter ior inside out if it pleases, but it is not the privilege of an individual o parliament to do so, I submit. If I am instructed to the contrary, wel and good. I will accept the instruc tion, but in so far as I understand my duties and responsibilities, they are to carefully guard and care for every paper and every interest that is in that department. My duty and responsibility is to carefully guard and care for every paper and every interest that is in that department, and the fact that a certain gentleman has been honored with a seat in this parliament does not give him any more right to investigate the private business of other people which is in charge of the department of the interior, than it does any other citizen.

Mr. Lake—If this resolution is passed by the House, does the minister still intend to refuse to members of parliament the privilege of looking at the files in this department.

Mr. Oliver—Unless otherwise instructed by the House I certainly do. I do not accept this resolution as instruction on that point. If the House so instructs me then the responsibility is taken off my shoulders and I care not. But so long as the responsibility rests on my shoulders I feel bound to discharge that responsibility according to my conscience.

Mr. Bristol—I would ask the minister if it has not been customary in his department for a long time past, to allow members of parliament to examine original documents, just as Mr. Ames said he was allowed to examine the Galway-Brown papers?

Mr. Oliver—Not to my knowledge.

Mr. Bristol—Was it done without your knowledge in the department? When did you first learn that your officers had been accustomed to show original documents in that way?

Mr. Oliver—I never learned they were accustomed to show original documents in that way. If they have been accustomed to do, as I will take occasion to show, it was contrary to my orders and contrary to the orders given before I entered the department.

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Mr. J. D. Reid—Did not the minister invite members from this side of the House to go over to his department last session and the session before, to inspect original documents?

Mr. Oliver—Certainly not. But in the case mentioned by the hon. member for St. Antoine (Mr. Ames) there was a question raised before the House to the correctness of a return and in order to facilitate business, in order to assist in clearing up any doubt or question there might be in that direction, permission was given