Promising Future Opening Up for First Divisional Point West of Edmonton.

(Bulletin Sta:ff Correspondent.) Newspaper readers have read advertisements of Edson and have become curious. Knockers have made son. some thoughtless statements about the place. But the purpose of this write up is to give a fair account of Edson as observed by the Bulletin's representative and an idea of what the tuture may have in store for this G.T.P. divisional point. This is not an advertisement nor is it a knock.

Citizens of Edmonton have every reason in wishing ewll to all the young towns growing up around the great central city of Central Alberta. As the grandchildren prosper, the grandfath. er rejoices; so as each new town is an interest in its progress.

There is a Great Edmonton. sight when the twin cities amalga- Coal mining companies have already mate but there is the Greater Edmon- begun development work in earnest. lages and of towns and cities of Cen- full capacity and when the 'thicklytral Alberta. Even as the whole province prosperous from the far north to most demand for coal, then the coal the extreme south so will the Capi- trains will become numerous at Edtal City gain the height of its pros-

commodation is perhaps good under the circumstances. But when the opnot then take a whole day as it does

connect between the ocean gryhounds crossing the Atlantic and Pacific and to complete with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the carrying of first-class freight and tourist passengers from Europe to the ports of Japan and China; then and not till will become a stopping place of the Overseas Limited, the connecting Canadian link in the shortest and quickest commercial chain between London and Tokio

Edson an Important Divisional. At Edson, the first divisional point even to the Overseas Limited, which ed, is a strong company, as indicated will only halt at divisional points. by the names of the directorate, The stopping of a train may not which are said to include E. B. mean much. But at Edson the trains (Greenshields (president), Hon. Rober will stop to change engines, West of this point the upward climb begins, eastward lies the comparatively level prairie. Stronger engines or

shorter trains will run up the grades. The next divisional point westward is in the mountains. Edson will very likely be the home town for the train crews running west of the mountains and return thus making the round trip before resting at home. Crews on eastward division could reside at either Edson or Edmonton. On the Crow's Nest line. Crow's Nest is a divisional point in the mountains but the crews make their home at Lethand Macleod and at Cranbrook. For a mountain townsite is not so pleasant for a home all the year

Big Payroll Will Result. Now here lies, one secret of the future growth of Edson as a town. The G.T.P. have nearing completion a twelve stall roundhouse. This indicates a probability of about twenty locomotives running out of Edson, for all are never a t home at once. Counting a crew of five trainmen to a ing extensively. locomotive this will mean about a hundred employees operating on the train out of Edson. Each of these will earn on an average \$100 per month and the engineers and conductor often much more. So with a twelve stall roundhouse the payroll of the train crews should be over \$10,000 per

The plans call for extensions in the future to a twenty-four stall roundhouse which would naturally double this estimated payroll.

At a divisional point there are located many other employees about the roundhouse and yards with day and nearing completion and is a large accommodate the traffic of the future. Large Level Railway Yards.

Large yards are needed at a divisional point and this no doubt had something to do with the location of Edson yards on a muskeg. Yes, the When well ballasted the

ulties which M. McCauley, ex-M.L.A., the Public Works Department and the been drained and the C. N. R. line when the new towns yet unborn spring runs safely across it to Stoney Plain up in the mountains westward along on a roadbed which gives little or no the route of the G.T.P. rouble. Ten years from now the apare today, the old muskeg will be for-

station will need to be drained, but the Rockies.

has a good drainage.

least two miles out. Trail to Grande Prairie. The Edison board of trade are alert

whether her transferred to the

ter sawing freshly cut native spruce, jack pine and balsam Some large spruce are over two feet in diameter and from 80 to 100 feet high. The lumber is teamed to their yards at ocal demand for building material.

branch of the G.T.P. is being built south to tap several rich coal fields There is a Greater Edmonton in on the Embarras and Brazeau rivers. ton, including the whole group of vii- When these mines operate at their settled prairies have reached their utson and the rallway yards at this erity.

divisional point will be full of long
The Grand Trunk Pacific west from trains of coal cars laden with coal for full of long Edmonton is still in the hands of the the prairies or coke for the smelters construction department and the ac- in the mountains of British Columbia. The Yellowhead Pass Coal and Coke Company have already done consider-

erating department take it over it will able development work on their property on the south end of Last Chance at present to travel from Edmonton Creek, about sixty-seven miles from Edson a distance of a little less Edson. Their present mine is three miles off to the side from miles 58 on When the Grand Trunk Pacific the branch line. Two tunnels have transcontinental express trains begin been opened for a total length of their races across the continent to nearly 200 feet. They have a hoisting engine, cars and a pile of coal twaiting the arrival of railway trans-

ortation. Mr. O'Brien, of Renfrew, Ont., and Messrs. Doheny & Richardson, of Montreal, are interested in a coal mine to which a spur will be built this then will Edson begin its fullest de winter from mile 37 on the branch line velopment. From then on, Edson of the G.T.P. There are three seams of a good grade of bituminous coal, one being 12 feet and another seven teet thick. Development work has unnels extend in a 24 degree slope and the seams have a dip of fifty-two

legrees. The Pacific Pass Coal Fields, Limit-McKay (vice-president), W. Molson, AcPherson, H. A. Lovett, K.C., J. W McConnell, F. L. Wanklin, A. cook, R. Brutinel and A. De Bernis, vith G. A. Cousins as secretary reasurer; P. Christensen, mine man

iger, and Chas. Fergie, chief enineer. There are several seams of ood bituminous coal, including one 5 feet and another 17 feet thick. Men have been working there for ear, and about twenty men were employed in the early winter. dies have been hauled over the trail rom mile 16 on the main line. This company has contracted with the Grand Trunk Pacific to supply 300 ons per day, to be shipped within hree months after steel reaches the Thus the G.T.P. will be able

ilding the G.T.P. on westward to the coast. At Brule Lake, in Jasper Park, a mile 76 on the main line of the G.T,-P., some coal is now being mined, and at mile 86 the Jasper Park Collieries purpose developing coal min-

Big Possibilities for Yellowhead Mines. Down in Southern Alberta, on the are on the Alberta side of the pass asset to the province. While "only of the United States and of Mexico. about a thousand men" are employed future has in store for the coal and tion camps. Other mines will develop the rich re-

Coal Miners Demand Farm Products. many tracks can be said out to make wholesalers of Edmonton. It will be named. For example, Mile 16 is surements depend the final perfection keep law and order in this territory fiend. Too many of these new towns also affect the agricultural develop- known is Bickerdike. ment of the province. This winter large quantities of hay, feed, eggs and butter are being shipped south improvement department had in the to the mountain towns of Alberta building of the base line road west and B.C. The supply is hardly equal city across the muskeg to to the demand and the price is higher 57, 84, 92, 97, 99 and 103. The sum-Stoney Plain. But the muskeg has in proportion. But how will it be

Coal miners work hard and earn pearance of the Edson railway yards about \$75.00 per month. A mining will be much different from what they town demands large imports of hay, oats, potatoes, beef, butter, eggs and even milk and cream. But the townsite is not all on the of Alberta are blessed with the ready large force of surveyors preceeding temp muskeg. The first block south of the cash markets of the mining towns of and accompanying the construction

south of that the ground rises and Even products of the Swift-Cana- cut is said to require frequent meathe business portion of the young dian Packing Plant at Edmonton is built on solid ground, which travel over the Crow's Nest Pass. The fast as it is excavated. Then there output will need to be increased to are the large gangs building bridges A citizen stated that there is a keep pace with future developments and culverts and the regiment of men large bed of clay quite suitable for through the Yellowhead and beyond, engaged in laying the steel rails folthe making of brick. Another states This increased output will react on lowed by the gangs which follow up that town lots had been sold for at growth and expansion on business at with the ballasting and surfacing and the City of Edmonton. Yes, as the last of all the section men, whose Yellowhead country develops, even duty it will be to keep the track in Edmonton will prosper immensely. The Burrows' Lumber Co., Ltd., are great transcontinental trains. to the importance of securing a trail to the Grande Prairie to the north cutting logs this winter, to be sawn

reap a share of the resultant trade. Some day possibly a railway may branch off to the northwest of the G.

The increase of coal mining all over allowed branch from near Edson this will increase the amount of traffic and enlarge the consequent pay roll of the train crews at Ed-

pay roll of the train crews at Ed- an apparent wilderness of more or steadily increasing number of settlers pay roll of the train crews at Euson.

Saw Mills Already Operating.

Already Edson district has important local industries in saw mills and tie camps. W. S. Heffernan & Co. have a saw mills miles northhave a saw mills miles northhave a saw miles and to the large district of Edson and a new population to the park and all firearms are sealed, which Edmonton is the distributing to the park and all firearms are sealed, which Edmonton is the distributing to the park and all firearms are sealed. There is a heavy fine for anyone found having an unsealed firearm in his possession in Jaspar Bark. The west of Edson and are busy this win- products of the wooded country, Billions of Fence Posts Needed.

Edson, and up to the present has been used mostly in helping supply the used mostly in helping supply the local degree of for hullding material.

At the law is take a lot of fence and hospitals. As their men complete their contract and beyond their confines of safety. The law is strict—no fire water of the law is strict. to the southern boundary of Alberta. But Edson has other advantages will require more preparatory work Stewart's dictors and hospitals retire, besides that of a divisional point on before the first crop is grown than a great transcontinental railway does the treeless playground of the medical work as far as the end Capital City should rejoice and take From a point a few miles west a steam plow, but even it will become of steel.

> clear, but a revenue may be derived from the bye-products during the pro-Tree Growing Soil Grows Big Crops. A soil that can grow trees can surebe used to grow some of the many products of modern agriculture. The nuskegs can be drained. The clearing of the bush will possibly affect the plenty of natural moisture and no ir- works westward to the end of steel, rigation is needed. The soil is rich and Dr. Proctor eastward towards Ed-

has not been burnt up by the devastating fires of the prairie. The Last May Be First. The past few years have brought a the homes of thrifty agricultural combecome the first in riches and in pros-

perity. been progressing for two years. The been surveyed. Tis true these he had in getting cash for his time homesteaders may require more work cheque. at the outset than did the bare quarters on the open prairie, still those foothills of the Rockies.

come wealthy.

Tourists Will Flock This Way. On a clear day, from the rising peaks of the Rockies can be seen shining in the reflected glory of the sun- face value. rise. While in the evening the peaks

anticipated by the Fastest expresses wages in his pocket. of the Grand Trunk Pacific. on the G.T.P., J. W. Warner, a well- system now in vogue. known guide for hunting parties, has difficulties, but surely not impassable made his headquarters at Edson. Among those which are expected to lifty dollar cheque have to walk visit this district in the spring are nearly or perhaps over a hundred snows and leaves the ground bare up the clergyman at two o'clock in Crow's Nest line of the C.P.R., there John R. Bradley, the man who financed Cook's expedition to the pole, and about ten big coal mines busy operat- reddy Roesevelt, Jr. Mr. Warner ing extensively, and the total pay has had considerable experience in

oll of all these mines is a valuable guiding hunting parties in the Rockies by the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Com- district fish are said to be plentiful. pany at the coal mine and coke ovens Trout and pike are common and black at Michael, this company also have bass are found in the mountain i big plants at Fernie. These facts of streams. At Whitefish Lake, Messrs. the south country are but mentioned Norton and Hill have a permit to fish but go to work for another contracto indicate the vast possibilities the and are supplying fish to the construc-

coke industry of the Yellowhead Pass, Constructing Great Transcontinental. The mountain division of the consources of black diamonds in the struction department of the G.T.P. G.T.P. division west from Edmonton Canadian Rockies to the west of Ed- starts westward from the crossing of monton in both Alberta and British the Macleod River, and the various from Edmonton to Mile 118, in Jasper camps are known by the number of Park, beyond the steel, to be in closer south of the G.T.P. line. It is a ers in Edson. A few inches of snow miles they are west of the Macleod This development will mean much river. But the mountain division of is in fact a large contingent of surin it, in the settlements and at the ing aparatus in sight. Since that date to all lines of business in Alberta, es- the operating department starts west- veyors ahead of and following the construction camps along the line of pecially of Central Alberta, and the ward from Edson and the sidings will graders and upon their accurate mea-

By New Year's steel was laid for nearly sixty miles west of the Maclead river. Rock-cutting camps were The base of supplies was at mile 16, with caches at Miles 16, 33, 36, 39, 42, mit is at mile 128. Fitzhue, the next in Jasper Park.

An Army of Railway Builders. West of Edson, in the construction camps there are over 2,000 men, including station men, who take small sub-contracts of short stretches of The farmers rock cuts. The G.T.P. also have a outfits of the contractors. One sand. suring, for sand drifts in nearly as

and west and so considerable money has been spent in cutting out a wagon road from Edson for 45 miles to the crossing of the Athabasca river. The government are putting in a ferry at the Athabasca river and a bridge across fib. Little Smoky river. As settlement flows into the Grande Prairie no doubt many will follow Prairie no doubt many will follow this trail and Edson merchants will some day possibly a railway may loss, railway ties and cordwood.

| Aspur track way night back to the section men working in the G.T.P. yards at Edmonton, there is almost an army of men plodding steadily. Each is do-time for the having it in possession for the springs they set down their possible to the police work is in entor-tion. Owing to their painful rheumonton, there is almost an army of men plodding steadily. Each is do-time for the springs they set down their provisions and after taking a bare bath. Settlement flows into the Grande provisions for a two weeks' vacation. Owing to their painful rheumonton, there is almost an army of men plodding steadily. Each is do-time flows and provisions for a two weeks' vacation. Owing to their painful rheumonton, there is almost an army of men plodding steadily. Each is do-time flows from the provisions and after taking a bare bath. Some of the springs they set down their points the police work is in enforcing the policy from the G.T.P. As an instance of the policie, work is in the G.T.P. Owing to their painful rheumonton, there is almost an army of intoxicating purpose, within a distance of the policie work is in the G.T.P. Down the policie, work is in the G.T.P. Down the fourth way right back to the section

when it will be safe to predict that had four doctors and three hospitals are not over bashful. Some station the greater part of Alberta, south of to look after the health of their men. up by agricultural settlers. Land in pital with three nurses, under charge torn off and that some bacon and Edson district will be harder to of nurses, with Dr. Richardson and the R.N.W.M.P., because it was found Dr. Myer was incharge. As the not be punished, according to law. workers move westward, so the medical corps will follow and new hoslimate and so cause less need for in Alberta and uses the hospital at his window. Out of fearsome generdrainage. The facts of trees and Edmonton as a base. But at Edson, muskegs show that this district has two doctors were located. Dr. Curtis

n the decayed vegetation of ages and monton. Complaints of Men From the Grade. The workmen at the camps have the bear in possession. variousstories to tell. For example, one complainer, when questioned, admiles from Edson, was clearing his miles from Edson, was clearing his contractors sometimes feel a shortage worked a month of the bear in possession.

Mr. Freeman, a homesteader three works act prevents crime of a serious nature, but contractors sometimes feel a shortage worked a month of the bear in possession.

Mail for Edson and beyond travels on the G.T.P. trains as far west as wolf a serious nature, but contractors sometimes feel a shortage worked a month of the bear in possession. wonderful transformation on the old mitted that he had worked a month land. buffalo pastures of the plains. In the at the construction camps, but when munities. The last to settle may the camps, considering the many away. diciculties to be contended with in A sub-agency of the Dominion was returning to his homestead or A sub-agency of the Dominion was returning to make the sub-agency of the Dominion that Stony Plain, mistill this man from the tip of its nose to the end with that of the C.P.R. construction ships adjacent to the railways have had a kick in regard to the difficulty

Difficult to Cash Time Cheques. who have come late must take what keeper at the construction camp states in the park. they get and be satisfied. A very the name of the workmen, number of few more years will see the end of days and total wages, less \$1.00 for free homesteads south of the North hospital, less amount purchased at settler, strong in overcoming initial Welsh & Stewart had to be presented difficulties, and these settlers will be at Wolf Creek or Edmonton, where days. Tete Jaune Cache is where he | Rev. Fothergill, of the Church raluable assets to our province. They they were exchanged for bank kept his supplies, probably hung up England, assisted by Mr. Bousted, a will not be of the get-rich-quick type, cheques. But there is no bank at in trees to escape the marauding ani- lay reader, who are under the auspices though in the end they too will be- Wolf Creek, so the man must return mais-four-footed ones. The Indians of the Archbishop of Canterbury's

ground of the town, the snow-capped places dare not cash these time long time ago, for the C.P.R. surveyors their work at Edson F. I. Woodworth, cheques, for fear they are not worth passed through here nearly forty years whose previous experience in Y.M.C. So often the holder of a valuable on their maps. of Jasper Park show up against the time cheque has difficulty in securrich background of the sunset when one of the sunset when old Sol disappears, waving his fare-while travelling to a point where he by the Canadian Pacific surveyors son, and at the first appeal for funds well sky banner while travelling down can get his cheques cashed. While some time in the early seventics. the western slope and starting on his he worked he earned money by the is a low-grade pass with a gradual as- citizens of Edson. This reading-room the western stope and starting on the cent from the east and is a much bet may be a nucleus of a railway Y.M.ages the sun has made the transcon- track he has no money, though hav- ter route than that of the Kicking C.A., to be later established at Edson.

> But it seems as if an improvement In anticipation of the tourist travel could be made in the cheque paying ones. Why should a man with a

Army of Railway Builders. The cheque can not be cashed beause it may be subject to deductions velled west in a sleigh on good sleighat paying office for transportation ing, but the next day he had to re-In the lakes and streams of the advances, of which it seems the time- turn on bare ground. He said the keeper at the camp is quite ignor- chinook was as pronounced as any he ant. In defence of the company, it used to feel in the Crow's Nest count stated that men have their railway try. The effect of the chinook was fares advanced by the contractors this transportation advance. There

are two sides. The engineering department of the have moved their headquarters staff of the railway.

aside a large tract of land for about west over the two lines of the C.P.R. busy at Miles 99, 109, 118 and 120. sixty miles east and for about a hundred miles northwesterly along the eastern slope of the Rockies, near the Park, one at Lac Ste Anne and a ser-Yellowhead Pass, through which the geant at Stony Plain, G.T.P. runs. This is a game and ivisional point, is at mile 120 and is timber preserve and will soon become famous camp ground for the tourists who wish to visit the primeval wilderness home of the native wild

animals of this region. The hot springs of Jasper Park are larger than those at Banff and the water has more sulphur and a higher perature. A branch line will be run from near the crossing of Fiddle Creek, at about Mile 80, on the main line, to the hot springs, about twelve miles south.

The government contemplate provements in the park and at the springs, which are at the foot of Roche Miette Mountain. The scenery of the park rivals Banff in its pic-

Bear Visitors to the Hot Springs. The springs are already patronized repair for the safe running of the Two men of Swanson's camp, at Mile

and west and so considerable money next spring at their big saw mill, | clearing the timber off the right of | het springs, carrying their blankets | police cases reveals the fact that the

But man and his animal friends in the centre of larger boxes and Doctors and Hospitals Along the Grade | wild animals will gradually learn, as | ing sacks of oats and, occasionally The health of this army of railway if by instinct, that this park is their thus find a bottle which does not con-Even little willow pickets two inches in diameter become valuable fence posts on the farms of Southern Aiberta. It will take a lot of fence mave westward the G.T.P. track lay- law is strict-no fire water on the ing proceeds. As Foley, Welsh & grade and no firearms in the park and fire rangers patrol the forests.

The animals found in the park are moose, black, brown and grizzly bear, mountain goat and mountain sheep. About New Year's the contractors Bears are plentiful in the park and At Big Eddy, or Mile 14, was a hos- the park found that the roof had been of Dr. Shillaber. At Mile 65, or lard had disappeared. A complaint Prairie Creek, a hospital and a staff was not laid before the inspector of Dr. D. A. Henderson, and at Mile 106, to be the work of bears, who could This Bear Dined Regularly.

A squatter lived alone at Mile 70, Dr. J. A. Hislop, of Edmonton, is Park. A bear is said to have come osity the man placed at some distance boundary.

around and saw a big moose curious- work to get on their periodic spree. buffalo pastures of the plains. In the lat the construction of the plain of the plai next score of years or sooner will be a more wonderful change in the fertile weeks acknowledged he had been dismorted country east of the Rockies, charged. Another workman, when wooded country east of the Rockies, charged. Another workman, when the moose. Having no gun, Mr. Inspector raven is an old-time stamping ground of the R.N.W.M.P., having been with the week's mail to Edson. Answers to this mail, if posted in the government wooded country east of the Rockies, charged. Another workling, where the old wilderness will become questioned at Edson, stated that ac-where the old wilderness will become questioned at Edson, stated that ac-Freeman breathed more freely when dian rebellion of that year. As concommodations were pretty good at the moose turned and leisurely walked stable he was on duty at Donald, diciculties to be contended with in pioneer railway building, and said he was returning to his homestead or

of its stubby tail. Such an animal camps in the early days. would be unwelcome when it would stand on its hind feet to shake hands

Tete Jaune or Yellowhead. According to a legend of the early with magazines and books. times. Tete Jaune and Yellowhead are the Rocky Mountains in the early song services. Edson, where there is a branch of respected a cache even-though at Mission, hold services at Wolf Creek, the Merchants' Bank ... Train agents, that time there were no police in this Entwistle, Edson and Bickerdike. merchants, restaurants, and stopping district. This must have been a The Methodists have in charge o ago and Yellowhead Pass is marked A. work is quite useful. Services are

Recently the G.T.P. surveyors found, Woodworth is planning for a combintinental trip in faster time than even ing a time cheque for a month's Horse Pass, which the C.P.R. ulti- A union Sunday school is held o mately followed, much to the disapointment of the early pioneers then

ocated near Edmonton The Warm Chinook Blows Here. The chinook wind also blows through the pass of the Yellowhead, and sweeping eastward licks up the to Edson on the late train and, waking miles and go hungry and sleep out while doing it? recently, Inspector Raven, of the R .-N.W.M.P., visited Prairie Creek, at the edge of Jasper Park. He trafelt from Mile 106 to Mile 52, but

was also noticeable as far east as Ed-Few Police for Such Large Area. Royal Northwest Mounted Police, exboundary line of Alberta, and for a fouch with the westward work. There large area and there are many people Yet to there are only a few red-coated mem-Jasper Park Will Become Famous.

The Dominion Government have set spector Raven. The inspector, with two constables, make their headquarters at Edson. One constable is also at Bickerdike. Orderly Settlements.

The settlements give little trouble, and so more attention is given to patrolling from Wolf Creek to the boundary of British Columbia, a distance of 129 miles, covered by Inspector Raven and four constables. Yet in this big beat are the thousands of men in the camps. The inspector is kept busy travelling from place to place and holding sittings of court for his powers are also those of a magistrate and the penalties imposed are not the minimum, so some of his constables are frequently off on the long two days' trip to Edmonton, escorting prisoners eastward. The force hardly adequate to the large territory, yet good law and order are very remarkable.

Law Prohibits Liquor Along Grade.

were seized had been discovered concealed in boxes marked as merchandise. The twelve cases were packed packed with straw and shavings. Board of Trade pay a membership fee Suit cases and trunks are also sometimes found to contain the forbidden liquid. Cases of tomate cans also sometimes contain liquor. The police are armed with a long sharp iron rod which they prod into innocent look-

price of success. For the enforce- were found to be very impatient of the ment of this law is the secret of preserving order at the camps. A large and from the outside world. The first percentage of the forbidden juice is difficulty is the name of their post Intercepted; still some does get office, which the Post Office Department have called Heatherwood. The When a "boot-legger" is caught In-G.T.P. divisional point is named after spector Raven imposes a heavy fine or Edson J. Chamberlain, general manaimprisonment. There are occasional ger of the G.T.P. The first request was for a post office under the name wage cases. Inquests are held over all accidental deaths. : ' Really No Other Serious Crimes.

L. Zohrab, J.P., has recently been tion was raised, no doubt due to its appointed to assist in the trying of similarity to Edison, a rural post office vil cases. This will relieve In- north of Morinville, so the department spector Raven and give him more granted the post office under the name time for the more important criminal of Heatherwood. But still mail adwork. Inspector Raven has also been dressed to Edson gets there sometime. appointed commissioner of police for pitals will be established at the front, near the boundaries of the Jasper Alberta and British Columbia, so has construction, department and runs jurisdiction as a police magistrate in three times per week, leaving Edmondivision surgeon for the G.T.P. lines regularly at four o'clock to peep in both Alberta and B.C., so will be able ton on Mondays, Wednesdays and Frito follow his work over the westward days in the early morning, and refrom the house a daily dinner, which number of workmen on the grade, Thursdays and Saturdays. To the unthe bear regularly called for at four o'clock. The location of the boun- and law abiding. Out side of boot- mail between Edmonton and Edson dary line was uncertain, but punish- legging, there has been no serious would be quite feasable, and the enerment would sure follow if the bear crime, except a few minor cases of were shot, so the man moved and left theft. Enforcement of the liquor ly the poor mail service. When piling brush he looked of men who now have to leave their Saturday, when the mail carrier goes Rogers' Pass and Revelstoke during son till the next Saturday. said measured nine feet three inches G.T.P. camps compares very favorably is distributed to residents for 140

Uplifting Forces Are at Work. Last summer, at Mile 36, a reading or give a friendly hug. It will take camp was established, where meetings The time cheque given by the time- a strong fence to retain such animals were held with singing and short talks. A night school was held in the reading room, which was stocked

The Church of England had a camp Saskatchewan river, unless along the store and less 25 cents for mail. This synonymous names for a Frenchman mission, whose workers became quite returning homesteader could not get with yellow hair, who lived with the popular, for they worked with the long delayed en route, and if a reply Here in this wooded country will his time cheque cashed at Edson. At Indians for a great many years and men of the camps and, assisted by a develoved a plucky sturdy class of that time all time cheques of Foley, travelled through this pass across gramaphone, held much appreciated

held at Edson every Sunday. It met with a liberal response from the

Sunday afternoons at Edson. The first couple to be married at Edson were from away west. They had to go past Edson and away east to Entwistle to get a license; but as there was no preacher there they returned the morning, had the important legal ocuments signed.

The Village of Edson Edson was not an incorporated vilage till January, 1911, However, the T. P. have pushed out some of the cf the railway construction camps, scared of a bush fire such as wiped month for mail which they do not alout Fernie, a citizen replied "We are ways get. As far as the passenger Sub-district No. 3 of G Division, green and thin." Still another citizen told of a large patch of dry timtends from Edmonton west to the ber a few miles away. At the time of the Bulletin's visit there were but considerable distance north and two small hand chemical extinguishand well water were all the fire fightthe largest store in Edson is reported have been consumed by the fire of Alberta take great chances with very inadequate fire protection. No doubt some system of fire protection will be among the first matters for settled country, but under the circonsideration by the municipal fath-

ers of Edson. Business Places The following is the list of business places at Edson when visited between Christmas and New Year. A fire has been reported since but in such a growing town a few more places may have been added in the stores, two hardware stores, a shoe- tion to the distributing field of cenintervening weeks: Four general maker, a furniture store, a jeweller, tral Alberta. As it grows and devea drug store, two doctors, a harness lops Famonton will each year reap the shop, an implement agency, a black- benefit. For many years the Edmonsmith shop, livery and feed stables, ton Board of Trade has been advertisthree hotels (no licensed bar,) three ing the advantages of Edmonton's lodging houses, six restaurants, two large tributary territory and the delaundries, two barbers, four pool velopments now maturing at Edson. rooms, three real estate offices, four on the Grande Prairie and along the lumber yards, a wholesale butcher Yellowhead and Brozeau are but shop, two retail butcher shops, two ripening fruits which will be soon flour and feed stores, and a branch exhibited to the world as products of of the Merchants Bank, under the Central. Alberta. Music material management of R. S. Sparling. There growth and profit will thereby result There are two causes: First, there was at New Year a population of 250 to the capital city of Canada's fairest is a good class of men at work at the with about 150 workmen in the yards province. So, from the gangs ahead, busy have started to tramp 12 miles to the camps; and secondly, a review of the and at the roundhouse and station,

some twelve cases of whisky which Tait. A new frame school has been built at a cost of \$2,000. D. H. Lent has been engaged as teacher for 1911. The seventeen members of the of only two dollars, but this is supplemented by liberal subscriptions towards public works. They have issued publicity literature, arranged forincorporation of Edson as a village, and have cut out a road leading to-

> ment objected. asked for, but to this also an objec-The G.T.P. train is operated by the

Considering the large turning from Edson on Tuesdays,

post office or carried by a govern-ment mail carrier, can not leave Ed-From Edson, or more properly

iles westward, and at one time there have been as many as ten full sacks of mail, containing about 5,000 pieces of mail, counting letters, parcels and papers.

Freight Beats Mail Service. Storekeepers in buying goods can get freight or express three times per ek from Edmonton but the voice, which comes by mail, is often is needed, owing to an error, the delay in mail service is most vexatious t the merchant, who wants to sell the goods to the waiting customer. The Merchants' Bank use the triveekly express service in preference to the Post Office mail, and a lot of

cople have their mail addressed to Edmonton and called for there and rought to Edson by friends. A post office is often judged by the number of letters posted at it, but very small fraction of outgoing mail is posted at Heatherwood. For n every train for Edmonton hundreds of letters are sent out with some one who is going to town. Most of these

letters are posted for replies are said to come to some of them. Foley, Welsh and Stewart charge the men of their camps 25 cents per month for mail. The men get so no mail. Some may reach the dead latter office, but possibly all letters do not reach their proper destination To the uninitiated busy business

men of these new towns it looks as if the Part Office Department could improve their mail service of only to Edson but even beyond the fartherest camp by having a mor elatic ma I service even beyond the rail hand y having a z vernment mail driver who could keep on taking the mail for sixty miles beyond the steel and citizens took up a collection to buy serve the pioneer settlements of busiumber and sidewalks were built last ness men locating in the new towns year leading to the station. The G. ahead of the steel as well as the men streets. When asked if they were not who now have to pay 25 cents per not scared of a bush fire because we coaches run on the trains of the G. never saw any near. The timber is T. P. construction department, the mail carrying looks simply to the busy business men who frequently rides safely on that train to and from Edmonton. For important business communication compels a personal journey, instead of a slow letter.

But an explanation is given by the Post Office Officials that there is a difficulty about the contract for carrying of mail on such a train, a difficulty which is due to some formality or regulation of the department quite right and proper in regard to an old cumstances as already mentioned the busy business men of Edson can not understand how it is not possible to overcome these difficulties and secure an improved mail service to Edson and the new west along the G. T. P. construction as the work progresses

westward through to the coast. Edson and district with its ever-increasing trade will be a valuable addi-F. R. F. McKITRICK.

DISTRICT NEWS

HAZEL BLUFF.

Bulletin News Service.

The weather still remains of though the days have become it and clear. Sleighing is good one and is being taken advantage of mies Warren, who has been se a holiday with her sister and b in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, has un teaching duties at Glenwood In-law, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, h
up steaching duties at Glenwoe
a few miles distant.
The Epworth League met on
evening last at the Hazel Bluf
when Miss Vernon Leek, who cently commenced to teach at hurst school, gave an interest

ing paper. A large nui inspiring paper. A superior of the deat to the meeting and sper helpfur evening.

Notice was received on Sun of all who came in cont Before finally yielding mone of death. Mr. Hayne ons of death, his sickness for three many friends deplore ith his Hazel Bluff, Jan. 30.

Bulletin News Service. Congratulations are again Mr. and Mrs. J. Sheppy are th parents of a baby boy. Sam Swatfigure is the che people again for councillor. Miss C. Patulla has been i ed with increase of salary the school for another year. ullo has given general satisfa teacher and disciplinarian district appreciates the actio trustees in retaining her serv At the election of school John Edgson and Geo. Dieff M. Granger has gone to

were elected. bring home his wife and fa The annual celebration Burns' anniversary was here. Despite very unfavor ther a good crowd assemb spent a very pleaasnt evening Houghton of Inde was the guest of Rev. T. B.A., for a few days this wee Miss S. Beaton is attendin Great sympathy is felt

the community for Michael in his bereavement in the dea Geo. Weisel is still in the C pital and reports state that provement is not very rapid. Edison, Jan. 29th

KEEPHILLS.

Bulletin News Service. A public school meeting at the schoolhouse recently. the chair. E. Tattersall, treasurer, read the minutes of meeting. The first business ction of a new trustee. J. H. Collins retiring, Mr. He posed the name of J. Gre which was seconded by W. carried unanimously. The reported the average atten the first term had been 90 and the second term 89.6 per teacher has been written to the desire of the district to school next month if possi Heap has secured the contra

the year. On Saturday, Jan. 25th the lors of the Local Improvem trict held a meeting at the of H. G. Hearn, C. W. Ibsen w ed chairman and M. L. Hoff appointed secretary-treasure Councillors W Brook and A. Bell, W. Ruff, A. Brook and Jahneke were present. G. H. Collins made a bus to Edmonton this week. Mesers. Harnisch Herschel and Hearn were in Stoney Samurday, ... A petition to the Govern

uesting them to sell a port indian reserve that separate he G.T.P. is being extensive in the district. Keephills, Jan. 30.

VEGREVILLE. Bulletin News Service. A successful Burns suppe en under the auspices of th erian Ladies Aid on evening hast: Rev. G! R. La ed and among the speakers leid, Revs. Dr. Arther and strong. Mr. Mylrea sank w May, IMr. A. Cromb rende taste, hat beautifu Wert Thou in the Could B Loude Lang contributed to ng's enjoyment with a pian rlife broke out in the ho Smolley, Hairy Hill last Sur Mr. and Mrs. Smolley were ones at home at the time ! strenuous efforts to put th the flames soon spread from enveloped. Fortunately the lavorable which enabled M set the most of the fur bousehold articles out Ja son was the first of the ne arrive ion the spot to ren four help. The Smolley temporary reside

old home of Mr. Jones now Mrs. Smith. The Hairy Hill coal mi working order three i earlily employed bringing nds to the top. Th toddily improving. The thephone emplo espite the inclement weat phones over the Park nci. The following farmers installed: B. Jennings, Orkwood, Alf. Langridge

Quite a difference of regarding the kind wheat most adapted for t r. Arthur and Mr. But have purchased a half sec proved land three miles file, pin their faith to Red have Bought heavily for this kind from Pat Bolar Carey McGowan, Hairy lifted the first prize at Government grain competi verable to Preston, but he his cereal that he anticir quite recently brought tion called Marquis. It