DISTRICT NEWS

RED DEER.

Bulletin News Service.

Didsbury and Red Deer clashed last night in the A.A.H.A. series, Red Deer winning out by a score of 4-2. Didsbury got the first goal by a long lift from cover-point in 8 minutes. Red Deer tied the score on an almost identical shot two minutes later. In the second half Red Deer scored in three, eight and four minutes and Didsbury scored one about five seconds before time was called.

The teams lined up as follows:

Didsbury.		Red Deer.
Geddes	Goal	Richards
Pearson	Point	Cornett
Laing	Cover	Codd
Sexsmith	Right	W. Beckett
Stark	Left	M. Beckett
Bricker	Centre	Hewson
Gamble	Rover	Tait

Referee—Mann. Time, 20 minutes late.

Capt. Thorn left yesterday for Tees to purchase cattle for shipment.

T. A. Gaetz left yesterday on a business trip to Calgary.

Geo. Thurston, of Melverton, was in town yesterday.

H. McKenty of Calgary, is spending a few days in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Neville arrived yesterday from Wetaskiwin. Mr. Neville has applied for the position of City Engineer, having held that position in Wetaskiwin.

Jas. Laydon and Jos. Sargent of Wilverton were in town yesterday.

A. Munro left today on a business trip to Calgary.

The Minstrel Maids Co. showed here last night immediately after the hockey match.

A. S. Munro of Coulbanks, was in town yesterday.

R. L. Able, of Evarts has been in town for the past few days.

Hewson's dray team had its annual run away today. No damage was done this time.

W. Bannerman left on Sunday for Vancouver, B. C. If he finds conditions favorable he will reside there permanently.

Mrs. Dr. George entertained her lady friends at 500 yesterday afternoon.

A surprise party was held at the residence of Geo. W. Smith last night.

Red Deer, January 21.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Bulletin News Service.

Rev. A. Forbes went to Edmonton on Monday to attend the pre re natal meeting of the presbytery of Edmonton, which was held in the First Presbyterian church. There were present Rev. C. A. Myers, moderator, Rev. Drs. McQueen, McDonald and Messrs. Forbes, Flemming, Campbell, Hamilton and Mr. Menoff, one of the Ruthenian missionaries. The special business of the meeting was to consider the call from the Surgeon congregation in favor of Rev. G. H. Gratz, B.D. The call was unanimous and heartily sustained by the presbytery, and was transmitted to the presbytery of Calgary, of which Mr. Gratz is a member.

Several members of the legislature came down this morning and drove on from here to Elk park. Major Daniel and a number of citizens met them at the station and accompanied them on their fifteen mile drive, which proved very pleasant, the weather being all that could be desired. The buffalo had been counted up for the occasion and the visitors had a fine view of them. Luncheon was served in the caretaker's house. The party arrived back at the Fort in good time and returned to Edmonton on a special car at 6.15, after enjoying a fine outing.

Miss Mildred Turnbull, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. A. D. Lees, for several months, expects to leave on Thursday for Calgary and will also visit other places of interest before returning to her home in Ottawa. During her stay in the Fort Miss Turnbull has made a host of friends, all of whom wish her bon voyage.

Miss Lulu Carscadden entertained some twenty of her friends on Monday evening last. Music and games was the order of the evening. Supper was served and the party broke up about midnight.

Mrs. Sutter, of Edmonton, has taken over the Victoria restaurant.

Fort Saskatchewan, Jan. 21.

LLOYDMINSTER.

Bulletin News Service.

The dance held in Dibble and King's hall last night by the Social Club was another big success, about 30 couples being present. A pleasant evening was spent in games and dancing. The Keser orchestra furnished the music and Dibble and King did the catering.

Three of Lloydminster's prominent business men will leave the bachelor's rank in the very near future.

By some error not yet explained the R.N.W.M.P. caused the bar of the Alberta hotel to be closed on Monday and part of Tuesday. An investigation will likely be demanded. This house has just changed hands, and is now under the control of Miller and Robinson who are not sparing labor or expense to put the same in first class shape, and the prevalent opinion among the citizens seems to be that the action of the police in closing the bar was a little wide of the mark. Miller and Robinson's standing in this community as clean, honorable business men is so thoroughly established that no one thinks for a moment that they would be willingly guilty of any ilegal act.

Mrs. Jas. Cummings gave a thimble party to a number of her lady friends on Monday afternoon when a very pleasant time was spent.

The Evangelistic meetings in the Baptist church are drawing large crowds, the church being filled to overflowing every night.

A young man Percy Tugels was brought in from John Murphy's farm, 8 miles southwest of town this morning, badly frozen by Arthur Blackwell. Ingram has been working feeding the stock for Mr. Murphy who is in Edmonton, and came into town yesterday and got filled up with whiskey returning to Murphy's at night. He went out of the house and sometime after Mrs. Murphy sent her boys with the lantern to look for him but they could not find any trace of him, and thinking he had returned to town they retired for the night. Early this morning Inglis made his way to the house and aroused the family. Mrs. Murphy at once sent for Mr. Blackwell who brought him into the hospital and he is now in care of Dr. Cassels. Both feet and one hand will likely have to be amputated.

Dr. J. C. Hill has bought out Mr. Bow's half interest in Medical Hall and will now have complete control of the entire business.

The new council elect for Local Improvement District 25-A-4 will hold their inaugural meeting on Saturday, January 25th at 3 o'clock in the Britania hotel.

Large quantities of fish are arriving daily from Cold Lake.

Mrs. Jas. Farley entertained her lady friends to an afternoon tea on Friday afternoon.

Good coal (Alberta) is selling here for $4.50 delivered.

Morrison Bros. will sink a deep water well at the Electric Light Power House.

Fred Street has returned from Cold Lake where he has been for the past two months engaged in the fish business. He reports the weather up there as very mild and little snow.

The weather here today is warm. The snow is thawing.

Lloydminster, Jan. 22.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Bulletin News Service.

The Presbyterian congregation here held its annual business meeting last night in the church, with Rev. A. Forbes, pastor, in the chair. There was an excellent attendance of members and adherents. After devotional exercises the minutes of last congregational meeting were read and adopted. The various reports from the different departments of the church were given and considered. A. M. Sutherland, secretary-treasurer of the congregation, gave a clear statement of the church's funds, showing that the general revenue for the past year amounted to almost $1,000.

R. Walton reported for the session that upwards of $150 had been raised by special collections for mission purposes, and that the children in the Sabbath school, at their monthly collections, had raised $55. The Women's Missionary Society during the year formed an important part of the church's work. This work had been purely missionary, home and foreign; many cases of need in the town and country had received their financial and moral support. Mrs. G. O. Baetz as secretary, gave an eresting account of the year's work, and Mrs. E. Gilmeroth, as treasurer, reported that over $200 had been raised by fees and talent money. Various points came up for consideration and were warmly discussed. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to secretaries, treasurers and to the choir. Following are the officers for the ensuing year: Elders, Dr. Ashe, Mr. Walton and Mr. Paul, who is the session clerk; managers, Messrs. Staples, Dewar, Wilmeroth, Dickson, Sutherland and J. B. Adamson. After the business was all transacted, the ladies had provided refreshments and a social hour was spent. The singing of the doxology brought a pleasant and profitable evening to a close.

Rev. A. R. Aldridge, of Vermilion, paid a flying visit to the Fort this week when on his way to Calgary to attend the second annual convention of the school trustees of Alberta.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard entertained a large company of young folks in the Methodist Parsonage on Tuesday evening last, when the "Cobweb social game" was introduced, causing much merriment. Mrs. Howard and A. Griffin furnished music. A dainty lunch was served, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

The third game between Agricola and and the Fort intermediate hockey team was pulled off at the Arctic Rink here on Wednesday night last and resulted in favor of the home team by a score of 3-1, thus giving the Fort two of the games. Both teams worked hard, and the game was keenly contested throughout.

On Tuesday last the Fort senior hockey team went to Lamont to play the return match with the team there. The game was played with the usual excitement and resulted in favor of Fort Saskatchewan. The local boys are in good shape and feel capable of holding their own with any team they have played this season.

At a special meeting of the Fort Saskatchewan fire brigade band, held on Thursday evening in the Town Hall, Rev. Canon d'Easum gave his farewell address to the band, which he has conducted ever since its organization. The canon thanked the members of the band for the able support they had given him and hoped the same kindly feeling would be extended to his successor, and that it was with the deepest regret he was leaving. A. O'Brien, after thanking Mr. d'Easum on behalf of the band for the able and successful manner in which he had performed his duties as leader of the band, presented him with a case of pipes, a tobacco pouch, and a box of tobacco, as a small token of their appreciation. Canon d'Easum made a suitable reply, and after singing "He's a jolly good fellow" and "Auld Lang Syne" the meeting broke up.

Despite the general outcry of "hard times," a big crowd gathered at Yorkville School, three miles north of the Fort, on Friday night last and spent a jolly night in dancing. Over $60 was taken in, which will be used for improvements to the school and yard.

Fort Saskatchewan, January 24.

WETASKIWIN.

Bulletin News Service.

A meeting of ladies to form committees for work in connection with the new Swedish hopital is being held at Mrs. R. Bruce's this afternoon.

Teddy O'Brien has been done at Olds this week on business, returning to-day.

The four skips left in the Forris cup are Forbes, Fowler, Carruthers and Rix; the first and last play off, and the second and third.

L. Evarts, of the milk route, was laid off this week a short time with grippe.

Miss Turner, of the public school staff, was laid off duty this week, through illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Clegg, of the Driard, were Capital visitors this week.

Mrs. Montgomery gave a thimble tea on Tuesday afternoon.

L. R. Rix has taken Teddy O'Brien's house, and will move in shortly.

Great anxiety is being expressed that the council continue the gas boring operations in the spring, to secure this boon for the city. The gas is still burning daily, and there seems to be a strong flow even at the present depth.

Jno. Nixon and family are leaving for Didsbury, Mr. Nixon having decided to locate his jewellery shop there, in preference to Bawlf.

Principal P. C. Dobson, of the Alexandra school, has just been chosen classical master of the Winnipeg Collegiate Institute. The board in granting his release, to take effect Jan. 31st, instead of insisting on thirty days' notice, expressed regret at losing his services, but congratulated him on his big advance step. The maximum salary is $2,000. Mr. Dobson leaves for Winnipeg about Feb. 1st.

In the new curling draw, Dr. Walker Wednesday evening skipped a team of Colts to victory against a rink of old curlers, the score going to 12-0, before the latter had a "look in"—the final score was 15-12.

Messrs. J. F. Fowler and O. H. Anderson returnel from Calgary on to-day's train. They have been spending the week at the association of School Trustees' convention in the southern city.

The ladies of the Methodist church have decided to get ready the "Temple of Fame," to be given before Easter in aid of the church debt fund.

Miss Isabel Daly is visiting out of town over Sunday.

Thursday night Rix won from Stephenson 10-8; Carruthers, the oldest skip, beat Wallace 14-8.

Good progress was made in the district court docket this week, some ten or twelve cases being disposed of one way, and another the first day.

The first meeting of the Alexandra Literary Society was held on Tuesday afternoon in the assembly hall. The programme was creditable in every respect, the debaters were making their maiden efforts, and did very well, Warner Bauer showing considerable oratorical ability. The drills by pupils trained by Mrs. Terry were particularly good. The programme was: Piano solo, Grace Thomas; recitation, "Lost for Christmas," Clifford Robinson; vocal solo "The Foolish Maid," Myrtle Thomas; fan drill, primary department girls; debate, Resolved that the Japanese should be excluded from British Columbia (downstairs vs. upstairs), affirmative, Warner Bauer, Forgive Hendrickson; negative, Hazel Prichard, Norman MacEachern; judge's decision was rendered in favor of the affirmative; recitation, "Seein' Things at Night," Margaret Wyld; Highland fling, Auriol Wilkins, Marian Wyld, Ruth Gourlie, Lennice Thomas. God Save the King.

Wetaskiwin, Jan. 24.

VEGREVILLE.

Bulletin News Service.

The anniversary of Bobbie Burns was celebrated in gran' glee by the Scots in the new fire hall last night. The table space was filled to its capacity, 60 couples being seated. The tables were decorated to suit the occasion and the eatables were particularly tasty. The toast of the evening was "The Oldest but yet the Youngest," proposed by M. McInnis and responded to by Mrs. J. Lauder, Edmonton. After a fine oration in the English language Mrs. Lauder turned to her native dialect, that even Bobbie Burns could not improve on. When David Watson started up his bagpipes, hoot mon but the men of the land of the heather could not keep quiet. Ay, but it was a gran' affair whatever.

The following program was rendered: Part I.—Toast, "The King,"; toast, "The Immortal Memory," proposed by F. A. Morrison, B.A., LL.B.; solo, "There was a lad was born in Kyle," C. C. Ward; toast, "Scotland," responded to by J. Stanley Reid, R. G. Watson and W. McKenzie; solo, "Jessie's Dream," Mrs. T. D. Beattie; toast, "Canada," responded to by J. B. Holden, M.P.P.; solo, "The Maple Leaf for Ever" A. E. Simpson shrdlu cmfwyp dlu yp A. E. Campion; recitation, "Bairnies Cuddle Doon," Miss L. Walker; toast, "Oor Ain Toon," responded to by W. C. Clements, A. I. Walker, M. A. Worth L. Gully, C. Gordon, Geo. Walker and Dr. C. W. Field; solo, "O Whistle and I'll Come to my lad," Mrs. A. E. McDougall; toast, "The Press," responded to by A. L. Horton; duet, "O wert thou in the Cauld Blast," Mrs. J. J. Worth, Miss L. Worth; toast, "The Ladies," responded to by Dr. H. S. Monkman; toast, "The Oldest but yet the Youngest," responded to by Mrs. J. Lauder. Part II.—Recitation, "Address to a Louse," Mrs. J. McNeill; solo, "Monarch of the Woods," H. H. Halliday; solo, "Eventide," Miss Hoyem; Male quartette, "Ye Banks and Braes o' Bonnie Doon," Messrs J. J. Worth, Campion, Fraser, and McDougall; reading, "Cotter's Saturday Night," John Fleming; solo, "Within a Mile o' Edinboro Toon," Miss L. Worth; solo, C. C. Ward, Autoharp, "Scotch Selections," Mrs. Jas. McNeill; quartette, "Afton Water," Mrs. I. D. Worth, Mrs. T. D. Beattie, Messrs. I. D. Worth and Fraser; recitation, "Tam o' Shanter," J. Stanley Reid; toast, "The W.C.T.U." responded to by J. Stanley Reid. Auld Lang Syne. God Save the King.

The Farmers Association held a meeting today. President J. J. Stanton occupied the chair. Secretary T. Boloam read a report on the work done at the Edmonton meeting. A committee was formed to look into the advisability of building an elevator for the use of the farmers. The Vegreville Farmers' Association is the strongest in the Province having a membership of only a hundred. The constitution of the Association is to be translated in to the Galician language. Oscar Johnston and E. A. Kennedy were appointed to confer with the two members appointed by the Agricultural Society and Board of Trade respectively.

Vegreville, Jan. 25, 1908.

OLDS.

Bulletin News Service.

"Are the winters cold in Alberta?" This is the stereotyped question asked by the folks back home. What sunny reports can be now given. "Finest winter I ever witnessed anywhere," is the common speech at almost every hand. Truly, it is sunny Alberta.

But the fine weather causes troublesome conditions. The long strings of teams hauling baled hay into Olds has grown somewhat shorter since the prevailing mildness has materially lessened, the demand for this farm product. However the dealers expect better markets shortly.

The lack of snow is working great hardship to the bush work. The camps west of Olds are experiencing great difficulty in moving the timber.

Hockey matters are extremely quiet since the Red Deer and Olds exhibition here last week. The local management in trying to pull off a friendly tilt with the Calgary senior team at the Olds rink, but so far no definite arrangements have been made.

On the night previous to the last hockey match, and the only brisk night for cold that we have been treated to for a long time, occurred the swellest dress carnival at the association's rink that has gone into the skating history of Olds. The representations were wonderful in variety and many most unique in get up. The most amusing thing of the evening, however, was the Olds Brass band attempting to keep the instruments thawed out, and perforate the surrounding atmosphere at the same time. After repeated attempts the members had to beat a retreat.

A special meeting of the Olds board of trade was held in the council chamber and dealt with several important matters, giving special attention to urging the Alberta government to engage in beet and pork packing, keeping up an agitation for the bettering of roads and installing bridges and along more local lines, recommending to the Olds school board that a fire drill be a part of the curriculum.

Tom L. Buckton, editor of the Olds Gazette, and Robert Hunt, farmer, were delegates to the annual meeting of the Alberta Provincial Creameries, the former part of this week. These gentlemen report very interesting sessions and progress in profitable dairying that is indeed encouraging.

The new council of Olds and the new council chamber begin their terms of usefulness on the same night. Retiring Mayor Craig gave a very interesting resume of the progress Olds has made in improvements during his regime, and at the conclusion of his address gave the "right hand of fellowship" to his successor, Mayor Hainstock. After taking the chair, the latter gentleman returned the compliments from his predecessor and in a neat little speech gave out what he hoped the new council would accomplish during the present year. At the close of the meeting, Mayor Hainstock invited his colleagues and the few visitors present to a spread at the cafe.

The death occurred on Tuesday, Jan. 14, of one of the oldest and most respected ladies of Olds district, and to the Province, Mrs. James Murray, of Murray Valley. Mrs. Murray had been a sufferer for some time, but yet was a cheerful soul, and not given to complaining, thus making her death the greater loss to the sorrowing family and her many friends. Deceased leaves a husband, two daughters and four sons. The funeral was held from the residence on Thursday, the 16th, to the Bame cemetery, west of Olds.

John Murray of Cloverdale, B.C., arrived in Olds the day after the burial of his mother, Mrs. James Murray. Mr. Murray started for Olds by the first train after learning the sad news, but the time was too short for him to arrive in time for the burial. While the weather is mild in British Columbia, Mr. Murray was more than surprised to witness just as mild weather here and far better roads.

O. S. Moore is preparing to open up a drug store in Olds, H. A. Samis having taken over the management of the Olds Realty Co.

The Bankers and C.P.R. team played the business hockeyists last night at the local rink, and a most athletic exhibition was witnessed. The performance abounded in summersaults and all sorts of acrobatic features. The game was fierce at times and lent to the fervor which only needed the slightest aggravation to burst forth into a flame. The score at the close stood 10-6 in favor of the business lads.

Olds, Jan. 24.

LAC LA NONNE.

Bulletin News Service.

Dunstable School at Lac La Nonne held their anual election for trustee January 14th. The ratepayers turned out in full force, electing Mr. Robinson, Mr. Kerrison retiring. Mr. Langmaid tendered his resignation owing to press of business, which was accepted. Robert Moss was elected by a good majority to the vacancy. The trustees not beng able to sell their debentures of $500, owing to the financial stringency, the ratepayers at this meeting by vote decided to tax the ratepayers $4 per quarter section to defray the cost of building a log school-house 30 x 40, each ratepayer having to pay this extra tax in cash or labor. A building committee of three was appointed: Messrs. Mazeau, Haynes and Dunn, with Mr. Laderoot as foreman. The erection of the school building will commence at once.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Mr. Robinson, chairman; Robert Hambling, secretary and treasurer.

Many complaints are heardhere in reference to the unsatisfactory mail facilities.

Lac La Nonne, January 17.

RANFURLY.

Bulletin News Sevice.

On Monday, January 20th, the Ranfurly board of trade met in the council room over Labelle Bros.' store to discuss the advisability of having a road opened up on the dead line running east and west through the centre of the township. A motion approving the scheme was put and carried and a motion was also passed to the effect that the petition for the above mentioned road be handed to Councillor R. H. Gibony, for him to place before the district council for approval, and then to be handed J. B. Holden, M.P.P., for him to place before the provincial government. A motion was carried to the effect that the secretary write some of the leading banks with a view to securing the opening of a branch in Ranfurly. The meeting adjourned to meet again on Feb. 3rd.

On Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock the Ranfurly Literary and Debating society meet in the Ranfurly school house. The debate for the evening being: "Resolved, that Oriental immigration is detrimental to Canada." The affirmative was taken by Messrs. Pittman, Goodnough and Wood, and the negative by Messrs. Reid, Duplessis and Gouthiod. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative.

The poultry and dairy meeting held here on Jan. 23rd by Messrs. Foley, Longmore and Mason was well attended. The addresses were instructive.

A meeting will be held at Labelle Bros.' store on Friday, Feb. 7th, at 2 p.m., for the purpose of forming a government rifle association.

J. S. Wood has been appointed issuer of marriage licenses.

An entertainment will be given by the Literary and Debating society on the 29th, at 7.30 p.m.

Ranfurly, Jan. 25.

VEGREVILLE.

Bulletin News Service.

The Presbyterians held a very well attended and enthusiastic meeting in the church, for the purpose of giving a call to a pastor for the church. Since the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Gold, they have been without a pastor. The meeting unanimously decided to tender a call to the Rev. H. Scott, of Killiam, Alta., and former of North Dakota.

The revival meetings in the Methodist church are still being held, and much good is being done. Several new converts are being added daily.

The Liberal association are to hold their annual meeting on February 8, for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The new rink under favorable conditions ought to be ready by February 1st. The rink is an open-air one, and is situated on Second avenue, opposite to C. Gordon's sash factory.

Work will soon be commenced in excavating for the new Alberta hotel to be built where the old hotel stood. The new structure is to be of solid brick.

Vegreville, Jan. 28.

STRATHCONA NEWS

SOCIAL AT EAST EDMONTON.

There was a large number of people present from Strathcona at the basket social held in East Edmonton school house on Friday night. Mayor Mills, of Strathcona, presided and after an enjoyable program had been given the sale of baskets was conducted by W. Lang, with the result that over $50 was realized. The money is to be used for the purchase of an organ for the use of social gatherings. The following was the program:—

Gramophone selection.
Solo—"We'll Tack with the Morning Breeze," Mr. Cox.
Recitation—Miss Bessie Brickman.
Solo—"The Holy City," Mr. T. Morrow.
Pianoforte selection—Miss Cox.
Solo—"The Gates of the West," Mrs. Sheppard.
Recitation—Mr. Hyde.
Trio—"A Lover's Complaints," Mr., Mrs. and Miss Cox.
Gramophone selection.
Solo—"The Toilers," Mr. Hyde.
Recitation—"Poor Fisher Folk," Miss Cox.
Solo—"The Anchor Weighed," R. Sheppard.
Step dance—Miss Peggy Smiles.
Duet (Scotch)—"Hunting Tower," Mr. and Mrs. Cox.
Solo—"Old Folks at Home," Mr. E. Gee.
Peter Potter—"A Temperance Speech," Mr. Brickman.
Solo—"She was Bred in Old Kentucky," Mr. F. Herbert.

LOCALS.

Norval Baptie and Gil. Bellefueille gave an exhibition of fancy and fast skating at the Strathcona rink on Saturday evening. There was a fair attendance and the different feats received liberal applause. The skaters left this morning for the south.

On the occasion of his recent marriage Dr. McIntyre, M.P., of Strathcona, was the recipient of a magnificent cabinet of silver cutlery, presented by the Liberal members of the House.

Mr. Pohnsonwho owns a farm east of Strathcona, lost 21 ewe sheep several night ago as the result of ravages by dogs.

At the Baptist church last night Rev. J. C. Bowen delivered an eloquent discourse on the text, "How Are the Mighty Fallen," as illustrated by the life of Saul. Excellent music was furnished by a quartet composed of Currie brothers and Mr. Chapman.

The games at the Strathcona Curling rink last were among the most closely contested of the Lord Strathcona cup series.

In the games between Downes and Baines and Sheppard, and A. J. McLean, each rink was a tie at the end of the twelfth end. In the play off, Downes and A. J. McLean won by one point each. Geo. Thompson defeated A. McLean by a score of 10 to six.

It has been reported that the Queen's hotel of this place has been purchased by Mellon & Swartz of the Dominion hotel at Strathcona, but Mr. W. Cameron denies any knowledge whatever of the transaction, and as manager of the house and part owner he should be in a position to know.—Fort Saskatchewan Reporter.

The death of one of Strathcona's oldest and most respected citizens took place yesterday at noon in the person of Thos. Bennett after a long illness. Mr. Bennett was from 1894 to the present year Dominion lands and immigration agent in Strathcona and was the first mayor of the town, beating Mr. Harry Wilson in the contest for that position. The remains will on Wednesday be sent to Sherbrooke, Quebec, for interment.

The funeral of the late H. N. Jones, of Ellerslie, took place from Wainwright's undertaking rooms to Strathcona cemetery. Rev. Dr. McDonald officiated.

A very enjoyable time was spent in the banquetting hall of the Strathcona Hotel last night by the Scotchmen of the Southern City and their friends. There were present about forty from Edmonton, with three pipers. Instrumental music, vocal solos and speeches were given by a number of those present, and general joviality prevailed. Among those present were a number of the Battleford hockey team.

The funeral of the late Thos. Bennett took place this morning from his home to the railway station en route to Sherbrooke, Que., where his remains will be interred. There was a large attendance of citizens, the City Council attending in a body as a last tribute of respect to the first Mayor of the city.

At a meeting of the Board of Trade in the Board of Trade office on Monday afternoon, it was decided to ask Mayor Mills for either proof or a retraction of his recent statement that "the Board of Trade has been a curse rather than a blessing to the city during the year," and "had been of less use during this year than during any other year since it was formed." The secretary was instructed to write the secretary of the Dominion Fair at Calgary, re space for an exhibit, and it was arranged that T. P. Malone should audit the treasurer's accounts.

Battleford and Strathcona meet tonight in the second hockey game of the winter played between those teams in Strathcona. The Stratheona players are confident of duplicating their victory of Monday night.

L. O. L. 1654 will hold a special meeting to-night in the Orange Hall to make arrangements for attending the County Lodge, meeting at Agricola next Tuesday evening.

R. S. Jenkins, M.A., principal of the Strathcona High School, has announced himself a candidate for the senate of the university of Alberta.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice Sheppard of Chiselhurst farm entertained a number of friends from Strathcona at their home on Monday evening.

An open meeting of the Young Liberal club is called for Thursday evening at 8.30 in their rooms in the Baalim block. A number of prominent speakers will attend the meeting and a very interesting time is expected.

J. A. Connelly, trustee of the separate school, was the only representative of Strathcona at the trustees' convention last week in Calgary. On behalf of Strathcona Mr. Connelly extended an invitation to the association to hold their convention next year here. Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, and Red Deer all extended invitations also. On the final ballot Strathcona was accepted as the place for the next convention.

NOTHING IRREGULAR.

In Tenders for Timber Limit—Lawyer Followed Instructions.

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—Angus W. Fraser, the Ottawa lawyer who put in two tenders for Moose Lake timber limits, one low and one high, has issued the following explanation in a letter addressed to a local newspaper: "Referring to your article regarding tenders for timber limits sold by the Department of the Interior, I beg to say that the two tenders put in by my firm were drawn and completely filled out in my office. Instructions were received from clients to put in a tender for the lowest amount, and subsequently instructions were received to put in a tender for another client at a higher amount. These instructions were of course bound to be carried out, and we did so in the usual way. There was nothing irregular about the transaction."

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THE SETTLEMENT OF THE JAP QUESTIO

Extracts From Speech of Ho Rodolphe Lemieux Reviewing t Occasion and Results of His M sion to Japan.

Taken from Hansard.

I do not wish, Mr. Speaker, to historical in the statement I have offer the House this afternoon, having visited Japan, having seen little of official Japan, having read great deal about that country, may be permitted to state that there a in the history of modern Japan thr days which must ever be borne mind. These three days are the thr landmarks of modern Japan. The are, first, the revolution which rest ed the emperor to the throne of Japan after dissensions which lasted durin centuries, during which the efforts the empire had been baffled by th shogunate. That revolution took plac forty-five years ago. Then there wa the introduction of parliamentary gov ernment in 1889, and finally what now called in Japan the treaty r vision of 1894. That treaty revisio marks a new era in the history Japan. Before that time Japan wa not considered a great power but plac ed on the same footing as China b what are known as the great power of Europe and America. For instance the treaties of Japan with the othe nations contained what were known as extra territorial rights. Japan had been obliged to give humiliating tar iff rates to other nations, and indeed was subjected to keen indignity. But in 1892 the Japanese government de cided that at last Japan should un shackle her bonds, and have treaties with the great powers which would no subject her to any humiliation.

For many years Japan had concentrated her efforts in the problem o what is no wknown as treaty revision and every possible obstacle that stood in the way of that great goal was steadily removed. When, in 1892, this long standing affair was taken up, Great Britain was of all the powers the first approached, as she held larger interests than any other in the question. The negotiations bore fruit, and a revised treaty was concluded with Great Britain on July 17, 1894. The other powers followed suit. The revised treaties were put into force on July 17, 1899. Thus, for the first time, Japan admittance into the comity of nations on the status of equality.

By clause XIX of the treaty of 1894 it was made optional with Canada and other British colonies to adhere to the treaty, Article XIX of the treaty reads as follows:—

The stipulations of the present treaty shall be applicable, so far as the laws permit to the colonies and foreign possessions of His Britannic Majesty, excepting to those hereinafter named, that is to say, except ten:

India, the Dominion of Canada, Newfoundland, Cape, Natal, New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia, New Zealand, provided always that the stipulations of the present treaty shall be made applicable to any of the above-named colonies or foreign possessions on whose behalf notice to that effect shall have been given to the Japanese government by Her Britannic Majesty's representative at Tokio, within two years from the date of the exchange of ratifications of the present treaty.

For various reasons, which I will mention later on, it was only in 1905 that by a minute of council dated September 26, that Canada became a party of the treaty.

This minute of council is based upon a report from the secretary of state, in which he recommends:—

That a cable despatch be sent to Mr. Lyttelton, advising him that the government of Canada is prepared to adhere absolutely and without reserve to the treaty of commerce and navigation made between Great Britain and Japan in 1894 and supplementary convention signed in Tokio in July, 1895.

In view of the expiration of the two years allowed by Article XIX of the treaty of 1894 for the adhesion of British colonies, it became necessary to conclude a special convention so as to give effect to the stipulations of the treaty applicable to the intercourse of commerce and navigation between the empire of Japan and the Dominion of Canada.

The convention was signed at Tokio on January 31, 1906. It came into effect immediately after the exchange of ratifications and, as stipulated:—

It shall remain in force until the expiration of six months from the day on which one of the high contracting parties shall have announced their intention of terminating it.

The treaty was submitted to and sanctioned by parliament during the session of 1907. It will be noticed by the first paragraph of article I of the treaty that the Japanese are unequivocally given the same rights as any British subject in Canada. It reads as follows:—

The subjects of each of the two high contracting parties shall have full liberty to enter, travel or reside in any part of the Dominions and possessions of the other contracting party, and shall enjoy full and perfect protection for their persons and property.

Before I proceed any further, I wish to answer at once an objection which has been raised by some newspapers. It was stated that the government should have accepted the suggestion made by Mr. Chamberlain several years ago, namely, that Canada might adopt a policy based on the Natal act. It has also been stated that we should have striven to have obtained an arrangement with terms similar to that of Queensland. The Natal act would be nothing less than a means of excluding the Japanese from Canada and I have no hesitation in saying that it would be a most unfriendly act towards Japan. As regards the special arrangement with Queensland, it is contained in the protocol, signed in Tokio, March 16, 1897, in that Queensland, although adhering to the treaty, reserves her rights as regards the im-