

Around The City

(Saturday's Daily)

A wire received from Secretary-Treasurer G. J. Kinnaird, who went to Nepeawa to attend the funeral of his father, indicates that he is snowed in and may not be able to reach the city for several days as no trains are running on the Nepeawa branch.

Mr. Christopher Fahrin of Gladstone, Manitoba, who has been in the city for the past week left for his home today. While in the city Mr. Fahrin bought thirty-five hundred acres of land and a quantity of city property. Mr. Fahrin who has been on a trip to the Coast says that Edmonton is the busiest city he has visited. He is familiar with the west having come to Winnipeg in 1872.

The Executive Committee of the House to House Association held a meeting last night to complete the returns of the visitors. In some cases the visitors did not have the records completed, and some cases the information was not obtained owing to the absence of the occupants of the house. The severe weather has somewhat interfered with visitors completing their visits. It is desired that the work be completed as soon as possible so that the returns be tabulated and published.

(Tuesday's Daily)

Rev. Mr. Fleming, of Stratford, occupied the pulpit in First Presbyterian church last evening.

Miss Hazel Anderson, of Alberta College, assisted the choir at First Presbyterian church last evening.

Rev. A. R. Aldridge of Vermilion arrived in the city yesterday to attend a meeting of the Board of Alberta College.

Roy L. Gaetz, Red Deer, is in the city today. He came up yesterday to attend the meeting of the board of Alberta College last night.

The students of Alberta College will hold a mock parliament on Friday evening next under the auspices of the College Literary Society.

M. A. Clark and wife, A. L. Vardon and wife and James Spooner and wife left last night via C.N.R. for eastern points. They expect to be absent from the city some three months.

A reading room has been opened in the temporary Y.M.C.A. quarters at the head of Howard street. The Alberta provincial dailies, the principal dailies of the east, and a number of magazines are on file.

Principal Riddell will leave in a few days for Toronto to attend a meeting of the Educational Committee of the Methodist church in Canada on the 18th of this month. This promises to be a very important meeting as the whole educational policy of the church will be under consideration.

The Hudson's Bay Company have added a Land Enquiry Bureau to their district office at Edmonton. All enquiries regarding the character of land made of the district manager, Mr. L. W. Wade, either verbally or in writing, will be promptly forwarded to the head office.

Petter Kall was committed to Fort Saskatchewan for a term of four months this morning by Dr. C. H. Stuart-Wade, J.P., for vagrancy. Kall was a conspicuous character yesterday morning on the streets in semi-military dress, having somewhere obtained a pair of trousers worn by the R.N.W.M.P. Dr. Wade has made a requisition for a medical examination to find if it is necessary to send him to the Brandon asylum. Kall has just finished a three months term at the Fort having been committed for theft on Sept. 4.

Mrs. A. H. Bennett leaves for Calgary today, where she will take part in A. R. Gal's new work, "The Prince of Peace."

The body of the late W. M. Tate will be shipped east this evening to Ridgeway, Ontario. Mr. Tate lived on the corner of Fifth and Jasper and resided in Edmonton for over two years.

The meeting of prospective members of the local lodge of Knights of Columbus announced to be held this evening in the Young Liberal club rooms, has been postponed until tomorrow evening.

A large mouse was brought to the city today. He was shot last Saturday about 20 miles north of Fort Saskatchewan by Tim Griffiths. Mr. Griffiths and his son followed the mouse for two days before they captured it.

W. J. Horner's open air rink at the corner of First and Clara streets, was opened last night with a large crowd. The ice was in good condition. The rink is provided with comfortable dressing rooms. Mr. Horner employed Phil Shaver to make the ice. The rink is open afternoons and evenings.

(Wednesday's Daily)

Alberta college has 87 students in residence and a total of 275 in attendance.

Mr. Hobson of the Maya Coal Co. went to Morinville today by the C.N.R. express.

Miss Fielders is holding a sale of hand painted china at her home, corner of Victoria avenue and Seventh street this evening at 8 p.m.

The Braemar Circle meets on Friday evening in Hounston's Hall. Dancing from 8.30 to 12.30.

The funeral of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Newman, 9 Griesbach street took place this afternoon at 2 p.m.

The annual meeting and smoker of the Edmonton Rifle Association will be held next Tuesday evening when the officers for the new year will be elected and the prizes distributed.

Dr. E. A. Schwabe who has been busy for the last month in fitting up his dental office and installing equipment, in the Crystal Block, has completed the work and began practice.

Mr. Fred Day, of Winnipeg, arrived in the city today over the C.N.R. Mr. Day is on a tour of inspection of the works and offices of the Canadian Stock and Grain Co. He leaves tomorrow for Calgary.

H. A. Craig, superintendent of Farmers' Institutes for Alberta has returned from a trip to Medicine Hat and Lethbridge in the interests of the stock judging schools to be established at these points.

Edmonton Archa F.O.E. No. 1652 will hold a banquet after their regular meeting Monday, Dec. 17th in the Leader Cafe, First street. Tickets may be secured from Mr. M. N. Irwin, or Jack Laviole. All brothers are cordially invited.

The workers, that have the compiling of the church census in hand have not yet completed their work. Some of the records have not been taken and it is expected by the executive committee that such work will be completed as quickly as possible.

A Christmas entertainment and basket social will be held in the East Edmonton schoolhouse on Friday evening, December 25th, at 8 p.m. Admission 25 cents. Everybody welcome. Ladies providing baskets admitted free of charge. Proceeds in aid of schoolroom improvements and decorations.

THE GRAIN COMMISSION

The Dominion grain commission held its second session in the province of Alberta today in the City Hall, Edmonton. Those of the commission present were Mr. John Miller, chairman, Indian Head; G. E. Goddard, commissioner, Agr. Ont.; Mr. J. B. Boyle, M.P.P., secretary, Edmonton; Mr. Ned official stenographer, Toronto.

A representative gathering of the farmers and farmers organizations were present and an interesting and profitable gathering is in progress. Mr. Miller stated in opening the session the commission had the widest scope in dealing with all matters relating to the grain trade in the province and the frankest discussion. Owing to the pressure of other local news the details of the report will not appear until Monday.

CITY COUNCIL HAS AN EXCITING ADVENTURE

The city council had a somewhat interesting time at the meeting last night.

It all came up over the Canadian White Company contract. The commission had presented a report that they and the White company had completed an estimate which indicated that the whole sewer would cost \$190,000, of which \$18,000 worth had already been completed. The company wanted 10 per cent for carrying out the work and in carrying out the work the city would be paying the balance of the amount the work the company was to get \$15,000 anyway.

Alderman Calhoun was against the proposition from the first mention. He said that the contract should be put out to tender again and a bond required to guarantee the contractor. The city should do the work by day labor. He argued that the White Company's proposition did not guarantee anything to the city except that they would have it done some time next fall; but that there was absolutely nothing to protect the city from any expense what the White Company might incur. He asked the company representative if his company would be willing to undertake to complete the work for \$175,000 and receiving an answer in the negative he said, "then if you put the motion I am going to quit the chair."

Acting Mayor Picard, who was in the chair put the motion and Alderman Calhoun said: "Excuse me," and stepped outside. Then the gravity of the situation dawned on the acting mayor and the other aldermen. With Alderman Calhoun away there was not a quorum as only Aldermen Smith, Bellamy and Myers were present. The election by-law had not been passed and the time in which it could be passed was up. Unless Alderman Calhoun would come back and help pass the election by-law there could be no election and consequently no council for 1937 until the legislature could be convened and an enabling act passed permitting an election to be held on some other date. This is one of the weaknesses of the charter.

However when the proposition was put to Alderman Calhoun in the light he stated that he had no wish to be elected, but merely to put the White proposition back to the next meeting when there would probably be a fuller meeting; he did not think that he had quarrelled with the city to let such an important contract.

The White contract was therefore shelved and the election by-law brought into the limelight. Alderman Calhoun resumed his seat in time to save the situation.

ALBERTA COLLEGE BOARD.

The board of Alberta college held a meeting last night in the board room of the college. There were present Messrs. P. E. Butchart, W. T. Henry, John McDougall, A. R. Aldridge, T. M. Turnbull, R. L. Gaetz,

EDMONTON RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the necessity for meeting the demand for increased accommodation for carrying on the college work, and to make provision for permanent enlargement. The executive were empowered to take such steps as they deemed advisable under the present conditions.

NORTHERN ALBERTA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Northern Alberta Medical Association held their regular meeting last Thursday evening. Dr. Sloan, of Namay, contributed the paper for discussion on the subject, "Prevention of Typhoid Fever." The conditions in our city and other western towns, which contributed so much to the prevalence of typhoid, were taken up in the paper and in the discussion which followed.

CARD OF THANKS

To the Daily Bulletin: I respectfully request space for insertion of the following: For a good many years I have been identified with nearly every proposition of material benefit to the town and city assuming same with my time or money, or with both.

For the past two years I have spent a large amount of time; not including committee meetings; in assisting the best interests of the city. A large majority of the electors have concluded that my services are no longer required, and I accept their decision without protest; and wish to say right here that I am glad the position I coveted has fallen to Mr. Griesbach and he and the newly elected aldermen have my very best wishes. I desire to extend to the Bulletin my very best thanks for their assistance, and also thank the Free Press for their expression of cordialness to me, also I wish to thank my scrutineers, Messrs. McLeod and McKinnon for their assistance; and also Mr. Lessard for the help he gave me. I thank the electors who voted for me but am sorry that the valuable time I necessarily spent to record their votes was wasted. When I entered the campaign, I thought that with the assistance of my friends I would be successful. I had before election day that it was impossible to win by my own unaided efforts, and though I expected defeat, did not expect an avalanche.

Respectfully,

THOS. BELLAMY.

EDMONTON RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Members and friends are requested to note the date of Annual Smoker and prize distribution, Tuesday evening, December 18th, '36 at 8 p.m. in the annual meeting of the association of officers will take place at 7.30 p.m. prior to opening of concert.

A LARGE ORDER.

The city council last Tuesday night sanctioned the ordering of 2025 tons of cast iron water pipe, all with the necessary fittings, and 147,000 feet of sewer pipe, the invoice of which will amount to something like \$225,000. The water pipe order is calculated to be sufficient for all the water mains in the city, including the main to Dwyer's plant.

THE CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.

The young section of the city met last night in Hounston's hall and organized a Caledonian Society. The following were elected to the various offices: President, J. R. Heberington; vice-president, Henry Wilson; secretary, John Gulkraith; treasurer, A. G. Reid; official printer, Tom Craig; auditors, Messrs. Walker and Black, and J. W. Williams. Three additional players were also appointed, Messrs. Watt, Lynd and Cairns. The general committee is comprised of Messrs. John Campbell, J. A. McDonald, W. Stuart Campbell, John A. C. Cameron and G. H. McLeod.

The club have not yet decided upon a place of meeting, but this matter will be arranged and due notice of the next date of the next meeting advertised.

INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY.

Manager Joe Duhamel of the Intermediate hockey team desires that all players turn up for a practice at the Thistle rink Thursday night from 9.15 to 10.15. The training room is comfortably heated and lockers for the players have been provided. Trainer Geo. Scott will have charge of the men on the ice.

A good practice was held on Monday night. Of the old team there were present Harold Grady, goal; G. Haskell, point; R. Johnston, cover point; "Bub" Kent, rover; Chester Sanford, centre; Earle Clark, left; Gordon Sanford, right. The faces were Ross, Holby, of the Calgary team, Seaman, Gausreau and Taylor.

CITY COUNCIL MET ON TUESDAY NIGHT

A letter from the pastor of the German Lutheran church was read stating that they had received notice of taxation on the lot on which their church and paragonage stood, in block 2, H.B.R. As the notice was received too late for the court of revision of the assessment, they asked for a rebate of the taxes as per the usual treatment to church property. The request was granted.

Alfred Brown, as agent for the syndicate offered to extend for ten days an option already run out on the old disputed 66 feet known as Water street. The property is a question used as a street by the city, but the syndicate claims that it belongs to them. Alderman Manson and the solicitor who were appointed to look into the matter reported as it was a fact that the street had been laid down and used for many years as such, and that water works had been laid down and that the street had been shown on an unregistered plan, it was the opinion of the solicitor that the fact was established that it had been used as a highway and that the city could not be compelled to pay for the property occupied as a street. The report was adopted.

The report of the returning officer was submitted and read. The report was adopted and accepted by the council.

A report of the commissioners recommending that the charge for water where wood-briar plaster was used be reduced from 1-4 of a cent a yard to the charge for ordinary plaster to 1-4 of a cent a yard, was adopted.

A report of the city solicitor the effect that the city could not be compelled to pay for the property occupied as a street. The report was adopted.

Alderman Latta moved that the appointment of a medical health officer be postponed until next year, until the isolation hospital was completed. Acting Mayor Picard pointed out that the applications were to be received up until the 1st of the next month, suggested that the motion of Alderman Latta would be in order.

The fire limits by-law came up but was laid over for the next council. Alderman Picard stating that some of them had a plank about fire limit extensions in their platform.

BOARD OF TRADE REGULAR MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of trade was held yesterday afternoon in the city council chamber with Mr. John McDougall as chairman. The business of the afternoon was confined to business arising out of the minutes, and the disposal of communications.

NEW MEMBERS.

Six new members were nominated and elected. They were Messrs. E. C. Hawker, manager of the Dominion Bank; F. L. Dunn, Dominion Brokerage Co.; F. M. Morgan, Manager Ames Hardware Co.; W. G. Harrison; J. R. McInch, and Louis Moore.

The communication of the Halifax board of trade soliciting the good offices of the Edmonton board to assist in the weekly call of the C.P.R. Dominion Express at Halifax to put off mails before landing at St. John, N.B., was finally adopted. The board decided the Edmonton board will take no action in the matter.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to report on technical education on technical education was submitted. The committee reported in favor of making strong representations to the Dominion Government in favor of a national system of technical education. The resolution will be forwarded to the Federal Government.

IMPROVED WATERWAY.

Communications were next dealt with. The Kingston board of trade have sent a resolution for the endorsement of the board of trade for the enlargement of the Welland Canal as a matter of urgent importance to Western Canada. They requested also the delegation from Edmonton to act with other delegations from the west and attend at Ottawa sometime during the present parliamentary session to urge upon the Government to undertake this great work without further delay.

The board decided to endorse the resolution, but will not send any delegation.

REDUCED EXPRESS RATES.

Secretary J. F. Smith of the Kamloops board of trade has written asking the co-operation of the Edmonton board in making representations to the superintending engineer of the C.P.R. Dominion Express at Vancouver to reduce the rates upon the fruit from the fruit centres of British Columbia to Kamloops. The rates are now too excessive as to allow no margin of profit to the producer and shipper. The present on a box of apples of 40 lbs is 25 cents and on a box of tomatoes 50 cents.

The discussion on this question was emphatic, and the committee recommended that the rates be reduced to 15 cents on apples and 30 cents on tomatoes. A motion was passed to co-operate with the Kamloops board in making representations to the superintending engineer of the C.P.R. Dominion Express at Vancouver to reduce the rates upon the fruit from the fruit centres of British Columbia to Kamloops.

LOWER PASSENGER RATES.

Mr. Fisher stated he had received a communication from the Railway Commission on the matter of railway passenger rates. Last summer at the meeting of the western associated boards of trade a resolution was adopted and submitted to the railway commission asking that the passenger rates be reduced to 3c a mile on all western lines. The commission has refused to reduce the rates. The railway commission has refused to reduce the rates beyond Jan. 1st 1937 when the company will reduce the rate to 3 1/2 cents a mile upon the main and all branch lines.

DETERMINED ALCOHOL.

H. L. Craig of the Oids board of trade has written the secretary of the Edmonton board asking for concerted action of the Alberta boards of trade in urging upon the Government to put denatured alcohol on the free list, in view of its value as a fuel and the growing scarcity of wood, and difficulty in obtaining coal. The necessity of the request has passed away as the new tariff has taken this commodity on the free list.

A discussion on the coal problem led by Col. E. B. Edwards concluded the business of the board of trade yesterday afternoon at their monthly meeting. The question was raised by Col. E. B. Edwards that the board of trade was brought to his attention by a report in the public press that capital was being raised for the purchase of important coal lands in the vicinity of Edmonton.

If Edmonton is to be more than a commercial centre for the surrounding district, if it is to be a manufacturing centre, it is a question of cheap coal as a means of producing cheap power. If the statement is true that Winnipeg capitalists are coming in here to buy up coal lands, to supply the Edmonton with coal, but Manitoba with coal, to take away from our very doors that which we have been depending upon, it seems to me that the coal situation is at a stage now when it should be gone into thoroughly by a committee to see what course should be taken to have the government retain control of the coal lands now in its possession, and let them out in such a way as to ensure cheap coal. Unless a control is exercised by competent authority over the production of coal and prices, the miners may enter into a combination in which it will be impossible to reach them.

It was in these words that Mr. Edwards closed his remarks and submitted the following motion on which was unanimously carried:

That a committee be appointed by the chairman to consider the question of coal supply with Edmonton district, to enquire into the coal situation in the district, the quantity of coal available, the conditions governing the output, and the best means of retaining such control of the supply as will ensure cheap coal for the use of consumers generally, and for manufacturing purposes.

The committee was made by some members of the board that if the price rose any higher than at present, it would be cheaper to bring anthracite from Banff and Bankhead. Others of the board said that outside capital was needed here to develop coal mines. The committee was unlimited and Edmonton should be able to supply a large portion of Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Mr. McDougall said it was generally thought the increase in price was due to temporary causes. It is difficult to obtain skilled labour and the haulers are charging \$1.50 per ton for hauling the coal from the pit to the surface.

Secretary Fisher stated that a prominent coal dealer said to him that coal could be procured at a price of \$1.00 for \$1.10. Mr. Donald Ross said he remembered when coal was \$1.50 a ton in 1898.

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CANADIAN WHITE COMPANY GETS SEWER CONTRACT

(Wednesday's Daily)

After a hard fight by Alderman Calhoun against giving the contract without competition, the contract for the construction of the entire sewer system was given to the Canadian White company last night on a ten per cent basis.

The commissioners brought a report to the city council last night recommending that the contract be given on the terms specified, namely, that the company should accept the work on an estimate of \$175,000, which was the figure arrived at by the engineer and the representatives after making all deductions for work already done. The company was to get ten per cent of the cost as wages of superintendence, but in case the cost of the work overran the estimate the company was to forfeit one-half of the overplus up to the amount of half of their percentage