AROUND THE CITY

LOCALS.

C. Garson, the Hudson Bay's Company's agent at Onion Lake, is forwarding a number of Indians to Edmonton to bring down his scows of supplies as far as the Onion Lake landing.

The death took place at her home, Sixth street north, on Sunday, after an illness of some months, of Clara Alice Martin, wife of Everett Martin. The funeral takes place at Red Deer this afternoon.

A. L. Whitworth has just returned from an extended trip in the south. Everywhere the farmers report phenomenally good crop prospects. Dealers in all lines are in consequence buying more freely. The Whitworth Co. have been compelled to double their staff and are now looking for larger premises for their confectionery business.

The local union of the Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist Young People's societies will hold a picnic on Grant's Flats on the afternoon of Friday, June 26th. A programme is being prepared by the executive.

Arrangements are being made for the formation in the city of a St. George's Society, open to all male descendants of English or Welsh parentage. The constitution has arrived and a meeting for organization will be called soon.

Rev. Edson E. Marshall, B.A., P. E. Butchart and W. W. Chown returned on Tuesday from the Methodist conference in Medicine Hat. Rev. Dr Riddell, Rev. Mr. Coulter, Rev. A. S. Tuttle and J. E. Robinson returned on Wednesday. Rev. Mr. Marshall and his family leave to-night for Banff and the coast to spend a two weeks' vacation. Mr. Marshall will conduct the mid-week prayer service in McDougall church this evening before leaving for Banff.

D. Boyaner, who has been manager of the Edmonton Fur Store, has removed to the corner of McDougall and Jasper, where Potter & McDougal formerly were, and has opened a gents' furnishing and clothing store in connection with his other business. Owing to larger premises and better location, Mr. Boyaner intends branching out on a larger scale in the fur business, and is filling up a special department for ladies, where his increased stock of furs will be displayed. He will also carry on the repair work.

The two principals of the Syndicate avenue shooting are both doing well at the public hospital. Dembicki, whose lung was punctured by the bullet, was in bad condition yesterday afternoon, but was much improved this morning. Pakarski will be taken to the Fort in the course of a few days if he continues to recover at the present rate.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL RETURNS.

Hon. C. W. Cross, attorney-general for Alberta, returned to the city on Sunday from a trip through the southern portion of the province. Mr. Cross says there is a wonderful optimism in the south country. The crops are confidently expected to be the greatest in years. The rain of the last week, while disastrous to railway traffic has had no appreciable effect on the growing grains. Little damage will result to the crops from the rains, which now have ceased, and which have been succeeded by as fine and as warm weather as has marked Central Alberta yesterday and to-day.

SUPREME COURT CASE.

The case before Judge Stuart in the supreme court on Wednesday was that of Banler vs. Anderson. The plaintiff had been an employee of Anderson and was engaged in a clay pit, getting out a vein of a certain composition to be used in making brick. According to the evidence, he was required to dig about eighteen inches under the cliff, and in so doing a slide occurred which resulted in his leg being broken. He accordingly was suing his employer for $2,000 general damages and $530 special damages to cover hospital expenses and loss of time. H. H. Robertson appeared for the plaintiff and pleaded that the employer had been guilty of specific carelessness in causing the man Banler to work where he did. J. F. C. Bowen, on behalf of the defendant, argued that the negligence was rather on the part of Banler, as reasonable discretion would have shown him the danger.

Judge Stuart was not convinced that Anderson was liable to any damages and dismissed the action.

MAYOR SETTLED THE CASE.

Mayor McDougall has settled the threatened suit which was brought to the notice of the city council by a letter from Arch. Rendall last Monday night. It was in connection with trees set out by the city in the east end and nearly opposite the Mounted police barracks. The question was first raised when Mr. Rendall wrote offering to sell some fine sturdy trees on lot 10, block B, R. L. 12 and 14.

The commissioners replied that there must be some mistake, as the property in question was the city nursery and the trees belonged to the city. Mr. Rendall however, maintained that this was his property, so the city engineer was given instructions to make a new survey of the city nursery and find out about the adjoining owners. This work was done last week and it was then and then only that the city awoke to a realization of the fact that they had been planting city trees on private property and that Mr. Rendall really did own part of lot 10. The commissioners at once wrote Mr. Randall explaining the mistake that had been made and stating that they had given orders that the trees were removed from lot 10. Mr. Rendell replied that there must still be some mistake about the matter and that the city must have removed the trees from lots 8 or 9 and not from lot 10. Moreover, he forbid the city to move any trees on lot 10, claiming that they had no right to move trees from private property without the authority of the owner. He threatened to institute legal proceedings against the city if they touched the trees planted on lot 10.

PERSONAL.

Hon. W. F. Finlay, minister of agriculture, left yesterday for Medicine Hat.

W. D. Jones, real estate agent, First street, who has been seriously ill, is now convalescing.

Mr. J. A. Trudeau, of Calgary, is visiting the city, and is stopping at the Cecil. He is much impressed with the air of progressiveness evinced in every department of the city's life, and may locate here permanently.

His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Bulyea has returned from his trip east, to his old home in Gagetown, N.B. While away the honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him by the University of New Brunswick. His Honor will officially open the Edmonton Exhibition on June 23 and the Dominion Exhibiiton at Calgary on June 29, proceeding from Calgary to participate in the Tercentenary festivities at Quebec City.

Clayton Peterson, proprietor of the Clayton Hotel, Regina, and president of the Licensed Victuallers' Association of Saskatchewan, has been in the city for the past few days. He is much struck with Edmonton's rapid growth.

NEW ELECTRIC LINE.

The city electrical department has begun the construction of a new electric light line two and a half miles to the big packing plant east of the city. The city will supply electricity for lighting purposes only. The company will instal a 1are power plant of their own for operation of the machinery, which will nearly all use electric power.

BUILDING PERMITS.

With the fine weather of yesterday and today building operations have begun anew in the city. A number of permits were issued this morning at the office of the building inspector.

They were as follows:—

Fred J. McLay, Norwood boulevard, stores, $2,000.

W. McRoberts, Nelson, residince, $600.

Geo. Montgomery, McDougall, offices, $500.

E. J. Armstrong, Sixth, veranda, $900.

Pheasey & Batson, Kinistino, stable, $200.

Thomas Meridith, Eastwood, residence, $600.

FINE SPRING VEGETABLES.

Only last February Wm. Livingstone, son o' Alex. Livingstone, of the Caledonia Store, Namayo avenue, came to Edmonton from Scotland. He secured 125 acres of land near the new packing plant, east of the city, and started the Springfield Gardens, where he put in large quantities of vegetables, with the idea of supplying the Edmonton market. On Tuesday morning Mr. Livingstone, junr., sent to the Board of Trade office some of the finest specimens of lettuce, all grown outside, that have been shown this year. Mr. Livingstone is enthusiastic over the prospects for raising vegetables and is bringing out his wife and family from the old home in Bathgate, Scotland.

LEFT HUSBAND FOR ANOTHER.

A startling case of immorality was brought to light in a suit at the police court Monday before Magistrates Wilson and Weeks. The defendant was a man named H. Scott, who was charged with the theft of a trunk and other goods from Rosie Huelin, with whom he had been living for some time. The case was dismissed and an order made for the return of the trunk to the woman, while she was assessed with the costs. From the evidence it appeared that the woman who has a husband in England came to Canada last February in company with Scott and since leaving the old country has been living with him up till a short time ago. Then a quarrel took place and she secured a position in Edmonton. The accused wished her to go back and live with him but she refused and then he took possession of the goods.

BRUCE WALKER HERE.

Bruce Walker, of Winnipeg, Dominion superintendent of immigration, was here on Monday on business for the Department of the Interior. While seated in the rotunda of the Alberta Hotel, Mr. Walker recalled the fact that it was five years since he had visited the city of Edmonton. "There have been so many changes in the city since then," said he, "that it seems as though some fairy had passed a magic wand over the city and uttered the magic word. Five years ago the principal buildings in the town were the Queen's avenue school and the Presbyterian church on Jasper avenue. Now you have such wide streets, almost palatial residences along the streets between the water front and Jasper avenue and splendid public buildings.

"The progress of the city," said Mr. Walker, "has been really marvellous when compared with other Canadian towns and cities, and nearly all of them have passed under my notice during the past five years. The city is rapidly approaching a metropolitan status."

Asked as to immigration matters, Mr. Walker said that the tide of immigration from the old country is not as great as last year, but those that are coming are of a much higher standard. Any decrease in numbers from across the water is entirely made up by the very great increase from the United States, so that we have lost nothing in quantity by restrictive measures and have gained considerably in the quality of the immigrants.

"The efforts of the government," continued Mr. Walker, "to prevent immigration of persons not suited to conditions is having the effect of raising the standard very much indeed. The restrictions apply not only to ocean ports of entry but to all points of the frontier. Careful scrutiny is made at the entry ports and all immigrants who have not employment in view or a reasonable amount of money to keep them until they secure work are uniformly turned back."

GRADING OUTFIT GOES WEST.

A grading outfit belonging to Foley, Welch and Stewart and composed of 34 teams with dump carts, several big shovels and forty men, passed through the city on Friday from the Battle River en route to the right of way of the G.T.P. west of the city. The teams were all driven from the Battle river, the trip, which was made by the right of way of the G.T.P., occupying a week. The outfit proceeded through the city and will commence work in the course of a few days west of Stoney Plain.

SHOT IN THE BACK.

While looking after the targets in the East Jasper shooting gallery, the proprietor, Wm. Thompson, was accidentally shot in the back on Monday by one of the patrons of the resort. Thompson did not know that he had been shot until he was told that blood was running down from his back. He was taken to the Jasper House and upon examination it was found that the small bullet from the 22 calibre gallery rifle had entered his back near the kidney. This morning he was operated upon at the Public Hospital and part of the shot, which had divided, was extracted. Nothing serious is expected from the wound.

EXHIBITION ASSOCIATION.

The Exhibition Association directors held their regular weekly meeting on Wednesday. The business transacted was mostly detail.

J. C. C. Bremner was given charge of the horse jumping competition. There will be one competition each day and prizes of $200 in all will be given. Each day's competition will have a different feature, such a style, height, etc.

The matter of athletic clubs using the grounds was considered, and it was decided that all the clubs be subject to the orders of the caretaker of the grounds.

A resolution was passed that any societies or athletic associations collections fees for games, etc., shall pay 25 per cent. of the gross receipts to the association.

In the exhibition prize list, Class 4, section 3, roadsters, this section was cut out and the other prizes of the class raised to $15 and $10 each.

Mr. Manson reported re the new stables that the city had guaranteed $2,500. It was arranged to have 30 horse stables and 50 for cattle. The tender of Frank Kelsey of $2,625 was the lowest and was accepted.

D. R. Stewart mentioned that there was only accommodation for 100 race horses and at least 130 were sure to come. He was given power to arrange for further accommodation, and a stable to hold 30 or 40 has been secured at the corner of Saskatchewan avenue and Fourth street.

NEED OF CROWN PROSECUTOR.

The need of a crown prosecutor was forcibly brought out at the Police Court on Saturday forenoon. It was in the case against a young lad named George Matthews, charged with stealing $25, and in the theft of which the police believed a number of other young lads were implicated. The case for defendant was conducted by H. H. Robertson and the accused was dismissed owing to lack of evidence.

After the judgment had been given the chief of police, who was in court, stated that he had applied for a crown prosecutor, but the attorney-general's department had thought such were not necessary and had also pointed out that the appropriations for crown prosecutions were being rapidly taken up by the Edmonton police court. The chief thought the police department were put at a great disadvantage without a lawyer to prosecute when difficult legal points arose, and they were opposed by able legal talent. The question was discussed at some length and the Mayor was also called in to participate.

It was generally agreed that the police were sometimes placed at a great disadvantage without legal assistance in conducting cases. It was shown, however, that the province would establish a bad precedent by furnishing a regular prosecutor in small cases, as similar requests would come from all parts of the province. It was also shown that Edmonton has already used up a large appropriation in crown prosecutors' fees for the police court.

The situation will likely be discussed by the City Council.

CITY LOSES CIVIL CASE.

The attention of the Supreme Court was directed this week to the case of Jackson et al vs. the City of Edmonton. The plaintiffs own river lot 18, immediately north of the D. R. Fraser Company's mill property, in the east end of the city, and the city attempted to open a street, known as Water avenue, over the premises. The owners obtained an injunction last May restraining the city from cutting down trees, and it is understood the plaintiffs offered the property to the city for the sum of $1,500, which the assessment shows to be less than the value of the lots. The present action was brought for trespass on private property.

Mr. C. F. Newell, who acted for the city, called Mr. Driscoll, D.L.S., ex-Commissioner Kinnaird, City Assessor McMillan and others and attempted to show that the property in question had always been a highway.

The plaintiffs' case was in the hands of C. C. McCaul, K.C., who asked for a non-suit at the conclusion of the evidence for the city. A few witnesses were called and then Mr. Newell summed up the argument for the city. Judge Stuart did not require Mr. McCaul to reply, as it was his opinion that the city's case was very weak, and he gave judgment accordingly for the plaintiffs, referring the matter to the clerk of the court to assess the extent of the damages which the property had incurred.

R. C. Whitehead, manager of the Strathcona opera house, has made arrangements for the appearance in Strathcona shortly of a number of attractions, including the Harold Nelson Co., the George B. Howard Co., Uncle Tom's Cabin and Clay Clement.

OPEN FOR ENTRY.

The Dominion Lands and Crown Timber office, Edmonton, have been advised that the preliminary plans of the following townships have been received, for which entries may be granted in ten days.

Township.	Range.	Meridian.
59	6	4
59	5	4
58	8	5
60	11	5

NEW OIL COMPANY.

A company of local capitalists has just been formed under the name of the Elk Park Oil Company for developments of the oil lands in the northern part of Alberta. The company has acquired 960 acres in the heart of the Morinville oil belt, which geologists have declared to be capable of producing abundant petroleum. The president of the newly-formed company is Charles May, of the May-Sharpe Construction Company; the vice-president, P. E. Lessard, of Gariepy & Lessard, and the secretary, Leo Savard.

THE FIRST SEPTIC TANK.

The city engineering department has had a plan prepared showing that three acres will be required for the septic tank in the east end of the city. The most suitable ground will be on the river bank, south-east of the penitentiary, and this will be asked for from the Dominion government, who now own the property. The first septic tank which will be located on this site will take the sewage of the new Jasper east trunk sewer, as well as all the present sewerage system south of Rat Creek and east of First street. It is expected that work will shortly be started on this septic tank.

AGREEMENT OF SALE CASE.

An important decision was handed down by Judge Stuart in the case of Ferris and Graves vs. Mason and Finn, which was heard in the Supreme Court yesterday. The plaintiffs in the case had some time ago purchased a section of land known as North Delton in the northern part of the city from E. D. Grierson. The property was purchased on the principle of a nominal cash payment, and the balance in instalments. Subsequently the plaintiffs entered into an agreement with Mason and Finn for the sale of a number of lots under similar conditions as stated above. The defendants failed to meet their second payment, and a suit was entered against them.

Judge Stuart, after hearing the case, gave judgment in favor of the defendants, holding that the plaintiffs were not entitled to recover until they could show title in their own name.

This decision of the court will materially lessen the opportunities for land speculation. A man having payments to make on his property, and wishing to sell portions of it cannot rely on getting full payment for such portions until he has made his own payments, and secured a title to the land.

ATTEMPTED TO MURDER HIS STEP-SON.

With a bullet hole through his body, entering at the base of his neck and coming out below the left shoulder blade and blood streaming from his breast and back, Harry Dembicki, a Pole, who lives at 725A Syndicate avenue, ran nearly two blocks Tuesday afternoon to the Public Hospital. Just as he reached the corner of the building he fell to the ground exhausted. The nurses and others who had been attracted by his shouts ran to the spot and he was carried into the building. From the stories of the neighbors and all appearances the wounded man, who is still alive and may recover, was the victim of a murderous assault by his step-father, Frank Pikarski, with whom he lived and with whom he has had frequent quarrels. Two minutes after the first rifle shot rang out another was heard, and upon investigation the step-father was found in the loft in the stable at the rear of the lot with a bullet wound on the left side of his head, but which had no appearance of proving fatal. He had attempted to commite suicide by blowing out his brains, after shooting down his step-son.

A few minutes after the attempted murder and suicide a Bulletin representative was on the spot, and with Sergeant McCallum and Sergeant-Detective Griffith, of the city police force, made a minute examination of the premises.

The Scene of the Occurrence.

The scene of the occurrence is the second lot from the corner of Syndicate avenue and Isabella street, on the north-east side. At the front of the lot is the shack where the would-be murderer, with his wife and three step-children live. At the rear of the lot and fronting on the lane is the barn from which the almost fatal shot was fired by the 25-calibre rifle in the hands of Pikarski. It appears that the latter lay in the loft of the barn and as his son entered the lane at the front he carefully levelled the fire-arm through a hole where the side wall meets the roof and fired at Dembicki, who was at the time about 20 or 30 yards away. The bullet passed through the body of the man and embedded itself in the house adjoining, from which it was removed later by Dr. Sloane and the Bulletin reporter.

A short time after firing at his step-son Pikarski re-loaded and turned the rifle upon himself as he lay in the loft among the hay. He was not successful, however, in his attempt to take his own life, and only a scalp wound resulted.

Shouted as He Ran.

Dembicki, after being shot, started at once for the hospital, about 200 yards away. A trail of blood on the sidewalk, grass and road marked the track of the wounded man to the hospital. As he ran he shouted that he had been murdered, and almost before he was at the hospital a crowd of several hundred men, women and children had gathered to the spot.

With the sound of the second rifle shot the search for the would-be murderer began. He was found in the loft with the wound in his head bleeding profusely and the hay saturated with blood. He, too, was taken to the hospital and his wound dressed. There is little doubt but that he will recover.

The Attempted Suicide.

After firing at the young man the would-be murderer, in the solitude of the hay loft, removed his boot and sock from his left foot, and with one of his toes discharged the re-loaded rifle. Excitement or nervousness, however, prevented him from accomplishing his desired object, and when he was found several minutes later he was able to talk and move around.

At the Hospital.

At the hospital it was found that the bullet had glanced along the right side of his head, inflicting a scalp wound and fracturing his skull. There was no apparent danger of complications.

The bullet which passed through Dembicki was about half an inch long and about as big round as an ordinary lead pencil. It was a lead bullet and thus tore the tissues to a greater extent than one of harder surface. It had entered the base of the neck and passed out below the left shoulder blade, passing through the left lung, which bled considerably last evening.

This forenoon both men were doing fairly well, though there was some danger of complications in the younger.

During the day, Pikarski, who will be charged, when he sufficiently recovers, in the police court with attempted murder, is under the surveillance at the hospital of a city police constable. At night an orderly of the hospital, who has been sworn in as a special constable, has charge of the man.

Story of Young Man.

The young man, in speaking of the shooting last night, said he had been quarreling with his step-father over some land which his mother intended giving him in preference to her husband. About four o'clock he and his step-father had some words and the latter made some remark about fixing him. A few moments later, as the young man was walking in the lane, he stopped to pick up a stick. Just as he straightened himself he heard the shot from the barn and the bullet struck him. He immediately ran for the hospital.

The Principals of the Affair.

Pikarski is a man about 48 years of age and is known in the city as a well-to-do foreigner. He has considerable property and is thought to have money. His wife, who has been married several times before, is employed around the city in cleaning banks and other public buildings.

Dembicki, a son of the woman by a former husband, is 22 years of age and is reasonable group for making the charges against the chief of police. Judge Scott consented and Mr. Lavell pointed out that any conversation between the officers and Kitchen was no evidence against the chief.

Frank Harris (sworn)—I told Kitchen when I served him with the summons on April 30 that I wanted him to tell the truth. He then told me that he had paid the chief $25 during fair week last year in front of the Strathcona Hotel for the protection of the house in which he was interested. He was sober at this time, as on the previous occasion just before the first civic investigation when he first made the statement of paying the chief money for protection.

To Mr. Lavell—"At the first investigation I said I had charges but I might or might not be able to prove them. I did say that I was not desirous of pressing charges against the chief.

James Robinson (sworn)—"I am a constable of Strathcona. I had a conversation with James Kitchen regarding a house kept by Florence Miller. To the best of my knowledge he was sober at the time. It was to the effect that he had given Patterson hush money for protection. There was a sum mentioned. I think it was $15. I think this was about the last week of December.

Patterson's Evidence.

Henry Patterson was then called by Mr. Lavell and, being sworn, said: I have been chief of police for about six years. I knew Florence Miller to see her, but never saw Edna Stanley till I saw her in court. On the night of the 19th of March, 1907, Harris and I went out to raid the house. This house was not in the limits of the city till the new act passed at last session of the Legislature. The house was not raided since to my knowledge. It was sold and moved away quite a time afterwards. I never had any conversation with James Kitchen. I never received money from Kitchen or either of these women or anyone else as protection money. I have known Kitchen slightly for over a year. Apart from the $5 mentioned at a previous investigation I never received any money from Kitchen."

To Col. Edward—"I did get a sum of $5 from Kitchen. I gave warning to Beauchamp, proprietor of the Strathcona House to stop gambling, and he said he must tell "Jim," presumably referring to Kitchen. He paid me the $5 without any cause for it. There was no cause why he should pay $5 except as a present at Christmas. Other people made me presents of money at Christmas time. There were no other gamblers gave me presents that I know of.

"The house of Florence Miller was within the city limits from March, 1907. It was carried on more or less from that time till August. There was no raiding during the summer. In the spring ex-Mayor Mills directed us to clear out the house. I don't remember of his asking me again to raid it later in the summer. I did not receive any money from Kitchen, Murphy, or any of the women that occupied that house of ill fame.

This ended the evidence.

The Counsel Speak.

Col. Edwards then spoke briefly on the charges pointing out that Harris in the previous investigation had not been allowed to tell what he had been informed on the streets. Later he was asked to put in the charges to the police committee. The whole matter had become public property by virtue of the former investigation. Harris, in making these charges, had done so by instructions of the police committee, and as a result of information given him by Kitchen and others. Had Kitchen and Murphy sworn to the truth of what they had previously told, and the chief had then given an emphatic denial it would be for the judge to decided which was telling the truth. However, Kitchen has repudiated what he told Harris and Robinson. Murphy admitted he received the money from the woman, but kept it for his own use. He could not ask the judge to find that Patterson was guilty of the charges, but he would ask him to find that Officer Harris had acted in perfect good faith.

Mr. Lavell said that Officer Harris had been asked by the police committee to make the charges only after they had appeared in the public press. Kitchen, according to his own evidence, was "hot" against the chief and would say some hard things against the chief. The fact that Murphy admitted taking the money and keeping it for his own use was good proof that what he said was true.

Col. Edwards said that the other charges were minor ones, with the exception of the one of being drunk on the street. On this charge one of the witnesses was in camp at Calgary and the other was out in the country and had telephoned that he was unable to get back to the city in time for the enquiry.

The judge said that he thought he had reasonable grounds for assuming that the counsel had concluded the case.

After some further discussion the judge ruled that the case was closed and the enquiry adjourned. Judge Scott will make his report later.

TRAIN DELAYED.

The freight train going from Strathcona on Saturday afternoon was ditched about 12 miles south of the northern terminal, owing to soft roadbed, and the track was blocked for some hours. Two cars and the caboose left the rails, but no one was hurt. As the track could not be cleared in time to allow the night train to pass to Strathcona a train was sent down to meet it and the passengers transferred. They reached the city about 2.30 o'clock yesterday morning.

CAMROSE WON.

In one of the best baseball games ever played in Camrose the Strathcona team last night went down to defeat before Camrose by a score of 4 to 2. It was in the sixth innings that disaster came to Strathcona when a long drive to right field resulted in a home run and brought in the three men that were on the bases. The Strathcona team lined up as follows: McLaughlin, pitcher; Miller, catcher; Ball, first base; R. Hall, second base; Maloney, third base; Purdy, s.s.; Carmichael, l.f.; Grant, c.f.; Hall, r.f.

The score by innings was as follows:—

Camrose.. .. .. 000004000—4

Strathcona .. .. 000001010—2

Tonight the Strathcona team play at Wetaskiwin and a large crowd will go down by the afternoon train to see the game. The Strathcona team will be considerably strengthened by several of the players who could not get away yesterday and a win is looked for tonight.

LOCALS.

The Canadian Order of Foresters will hold their semi-monthly meeting in the Orange hall on Friday evening.

James Elder and Jos. Wood, of the East End bakery, have dissolved partnership and in future Mr. Elder will conduct the business alone.

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STRATHCONA NEWS

THE STRATHCONA POLICE INVESTIGATION ENDED.

Evidence of James Kitchen and Officers Harris and Robinson Given This Forenoon—Report of Judge to be Made Later.

The final hearing of the police investigation being held at Strathcona took place on Wednesday before Judge Scott. The witness, James Kitchen, whose absence on previous occasions had caused several adjournments, was present, and his evidence with that of Constable Harris and Constable Robinson was all that was taken. Kitchen positively denied having paid Patterson any money for protection, but admitted that he might have told Harris and Robinson that he did. Both these officers later swore that he told them he had paid the chief money for protection.

The hearing of the other charges of drunkenness, abuse, etc., was not gone ahead with, owing to a misunderstanding between Col. Edwards, the counsel for Harris, and the judge. Judge Scott thought Col. Edwards had concluded all his evidence, and so noted it, while the latter said he had only reference to the charge on which evidence had been taken, viz., that of receiving protection money from a house of ill-fame. The judge ruled that the entire hearing was concluded.

Judge Scott will make a report to the Council probably next Tuesday evening, embodying his findings.

James Kitchen's Evidence.

James Kitchen was the first witness called. Before giving his evidence he asked that the testimony that he would give might not be taken against him in any future proceedings.

James Kitchen (sworn and examined by Col. Edwards)—"I was living in Strathcona about the month of July, 1907. I know Florence Miller, who kept a house of ill fame about that time. I did not receive any money from her about that time to pay to the chief of police.

"I received some money from her as follows: May 9, $20; June 7, $20; July 4, $40. I kept the money. She owed me $600 borrowed money since about the beginning of March, 1907. I did not receive $25 from her about fair time, 1907. All I know of her evidence given at this investigation is what I saw in the papers.

"I may have made several statements about this money. I may have said to James Robinson, police constable, that I had paid to the chief of police $25. I never received any money from any woman to pay Chief Patterson. If I made this statement to James Robinson, I did so when under a state of intoxication or in a passion."

Q.—Did you make a statement to Frank Harris that you had paid Patterson protection money?

A.—I don't think I did, but I might have done so. I could not under oath say whether I did or not.

Q.—Why did you ask the protection of the court before giving evidence?

A.—I was advised to do so. I know nothing about the law at all.

Q.—Do you know you are liable for perjury if you make a false oath?

A.—I don't know if I am.

Q.—Did you make a statement to Frank Harris on the 30th of April that you had paid protection money?

A.—I did not.

Continuing, he said he would not swear under oath that he told Harris that he paid Patterson for protection of Florence Miller's house. He admitted stating in a previous case that he had given Patterson $5.

Q.—Did you on a previous occasion during last winter or spring tell Frank Harris that you had paid the Chief of Police protection money from Florence Miller's house?

A.—I won't swear. I don't remember. I was under a state of intoxication almost all last winter.

Continuing—"I never received any money from Florence Miller for protection, but however I may have told both Robinson and Harris that I did. The only interest I had in Florence Miller's house was that I lent her $600. I may have said anything about the chief as I was on bad terms with him last winter.

Q.—Were you interested in allowing her house to be carried on undisturbed?

A.—I had no interest in the house.

Q.—Did you tell Frank Harris that you would rather than $500 not being mixed up in this case?

A.—I may have told him that.

Q.—Why did you do so?

A.—I did not want to be mixed up in any such cases. I have relations in the country and I did not want the publicity in this case.

Police Officers' Evidence.

Col. Edwards then asked that the evidence of Officers Harris and Robinson be taken to show that they had reasonable ground for making the charges against the chief of police. Judge Scott consented and Mr. Lavell pointed out that any conversation between the officers and Kitchen was no evidence against the chief.

Frank Harris (sworn)—I told Kitchen when I served him with the summons on April 30 that I wanted him to tell the truth. He then told me that he had paid the chief $25 during fair week last year in front of the Strathcona Hotel for the protection of the house in which he was interested. He was sober at this time, as on the previous occasion just before the first civic investigation when he first made the statement of paying the chief money for protection.

To Mr. Lavell—"At the first investigation I said I had charges but I might or might not be able to prove them. I did say that I was not desirous of pressing charges against the chief.

James Robinson (sworn)—"I am a constable of Strathcona. I had a conversation with James Kitchen regarding a house kept by Florence Miller. To the best of my knowledge he was sober at the time. It was to the effect that he had given Patterson hush money for protection. There was a sum mentioned. I think it was $15. I think this was about the last week of December.

Patterson's Evidence.

Henry Patterson was then called by Mr. Lavell and, being sworn, said: I have been chief of police for about six years. I knew Florence Miller to see her, but never saw Edna Stanley till I saw her in court. On the night of the 19th of March, 1907, Harris and I went out to raid the house. This house was not in the limits of the city till the new act passed at last session of the Legislature. The house was not raided since to my knowledge. It was sold and moved away quite a time afterwards. I never had any conversation with James Kitchen. I never received money from Kitchen or either of these women or anyone else as protection money. I have known Kitchen slightly for over a year. Apart from the $5 mentioned at a previous investigation I never received any money from Kitchen."

To Col. Edward—"I did get a sum of $5 from Kitchen. I gave warning to Beauchamp, proprietor of the Strathcona House to stop gambling, and he said he must tell "Jim," presumably referring to Kitchen. He paid me the $5 without any cause for it. There was no cause why he should pay $5 except as a present at Christmas. Other people made me presents of money at Christmas time. There were no other gamblers gave me presents that I know of.

"The house of Florence Miller was within the city limits from March, 1907. It was carried on more or less from that time till August. There was no raiding during the summer. In the spring ex-Mayor Mills directed us to clear out the house. I don't remember of his asking me again to raid it later in the summer. I did not receive any money from Kitchen, Murphy, or any of the women that occupied that house of ill fame.

This ended the evidence.

The Counsel Speak.

Col. Edwards then spoke briefly on the charges pointing out that Harris in the previous investigation had not been allowed to tell what he had been informed on the streets. Later he was asked to put in the charges to the police committee. The whole matter

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American Women Will Monster Procession in don Today.

London, June 13 Americ will form the vanguard of suffragettes through London the leading carriages will be can delegates to the meeting Shaw and Miss Lucy J. An lowing will be a carriage con Catherine Waugh McCulloch ston, Ills., Mrs. Stewart and It was intended that the should be headed by Millice Fawcett, LL.D., widow of Hon. Henry Fawcette, but a ment to her American co-w resigned the place to honor t This compliment was als to the representatives of the Lady Francis Balfour, Sa Beatrice Harriden, Elizabeth other leaders of the suffrag ment in England who will ta part in the great demonstra leaders in the proposed dem have taken precautions to p disturbances such as have ma suffragette gatherings in the has been a strong effort ma the aid of prominent cultured showing the law makers th should be given as much government as are men. Mrs in writing to the press to u of all classes to join the proce "Since the premier's pronounc any electoral reform concern must have behind it the stro doubted support of the wom country, it becomes the duty men believing in the question of paramount importance to their differences o opinion a united in the coming demons

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Young Cavalryman Ran Do Girl On the Street

Minneapolis, June 11.—Tw held a mob at bay in St. night to protect J. Helmm cavalryman, who, while dri two women on Payne ave down Elizabeth Hackman, seriously injuring her head ing her shoulder and brea right arm. After the se crowd of men gathered wit tention of lynching Helmar officers arrived rescuing him rest, and with the help of policeman he was safely l jail.

Mother Drowned With He

Buckingham, Que., June Wm. Parcher and her fou daughter lost their lives in lake to-day. Her two little fell into the water, and th plunged in after them, n shouting for help. Neighbo to the spot and succeeded one child, but Mrs. Parcher other were drowned.

Missed Gopher Shot Andrew

Michael, B.C., June 12—Andr son, a lad of ten years of age identally shot yesterday afte a Hungarian named Mike Ger was shooting gophers with a 2 the bush and did not see the bullet entered the right side hip. The boy is in a serious

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