DISTRICT NEWS

L. I. D. 26-A-4.

A meeting of the council was held at Hilltown schoolhouse on May 8. All the councillors were present.

Two communications from the chief fire guardian were read, one drawing the attention of the council to the fact that in consequence of a decision of the Supreme Court of Canada railway companies operating under Federal charters are exempt from prosecution under the prairie fires ordinance; but that by a regulation of the board of railway commissioners every railway company subject to the federal authority shall establish and maintain on each side of the line and not less than three hundred feet from the centre of the railway a plowed fireguard of not less than sixteen feet in width. The councillors are instructed to see that these regulations are complied with. The other communication called upon the councillors to rigidly enforce the provisions of the prairie fires ordinance, as the laxity of the enforcement of this ordinance is being taken advantage of, and much loss is being caused by prairie fires this spring. Councillor D.S. McIvor reported that he had been combating a prairie fire all the previous night. In this fire Mr. Allan M. Campbell of Marwayne suffered the loss of a team of horses. Mr. Alexander McDonald's house with $400 worth of personal effects went up in smoke, and Mr. Thomas Hurley's barn was consumed. There were probably other losses of which he had not yet heard. After discussing the matter at some length the council decided that it was advisable to interest the district with fire guards. These fireguards could be disced and would make a smooth summer trail. It was proposed that both sides of the road allowance be plowed and that after a time as the finances of the district would allow this loose soil could be run by a grader into the centre.

The secretary reported that he had now got the necessary information for the completion of the assessment of the district and that the current year's taxes would amount to $2,250. It was moved by Councillor W. W. Shaw and seconded by Councillor W. J. Wilson tht two-thirds of this amount be spent in improvements in each division proportionately. It was decided to let the work by contract, and to divide it into small sections if necessary, to suit the convenience of any ratepayers who wish to get employment of roadmaking or plowing fireguards. The letting of this work will commence on June 22. The next meeting will take place on July 31, at 4 p.m.

Lloydminster, 11th May, 1908.

WETASKIWIN.

Bulletin News Service.

Yesterday morning J. W. Bailey sighted a big black bear on his father's premises a mile west of town. Mr. Bailey himself succeeded in shooting the animal. He brought the carcass into town. He will send the head to Calgary to be mounted and will tan the skin here.

Miss Jean Major has been indisposed the last few days and has been absent from school. She is suffering from eye trouble.

Wetaskiwin was well represented at the musical contest at Edmonton Tuesday evening. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bauer and son, Warner, Mrs. John West, Miss Amy McCallum, Miss Lucy Knight, Mrs. Dr. Daly, and Mr. H. J. Montgomery, in addition to the members of the double mixed quartettes.

Mrs. Wylie is ill.

Miss Margaret Moore and Miss Ethel Morson spent the week end in Lacombe, returning on Sunday afternoon. They were the guests of Inspector Thibaudeau and his wife who entertained in their honor on Friday evening.

Miss Dowler of Millet is the guest of Mrs. Chas. Rubbra. In her honor Mrs. Rubbra entertained a number of the young people on Tuesday evening. Bridge was the main feature of the evening, 5 tables being formed. J. H. Benson captured the head gentleman's prize, a handsome deck of cards, while Mrs. Benson earired off as ladies' prize a choice piece of cut glass. Miss Annie Bearisto received the consolation prize. After refreshments the young people enjoyed a dance. Miss Dowler expects to return to her home on Thursday.

E. Davies, formerly of the Bank of Commerce here, expects to go almost immediately to Lac Ste Anne, west of Edmonton, where he intends keeping books for a rancher. Mrs. Davies will accompany him.

Dr. Stevenson went to the capital on Tuesday evening for a short holiday.

Rev. H. E. Gordon of Lacombe preached Educational sermons in the Methodist church on Sunday. The theme of his evening discourse was "Young People, hold fast to the faith." He dealt very forcibly with the influence of one life upon another. Contributions were asked ed for the support of the general educational fund and also for the University of Alberta. The response was generous.

A track is in course of construction back of the station for the accommodation of the east line traffic.

The mid-week operatic performances scheduled for the Angus Opera House have so far been very successful. The plays have been above the average and the attendance good.

The Alexandra School held an open Literary on Friday afternoon which proved more than usually interesting, a number of parents and friends forming an appreciative audience. Dances, kindergarten drills, speeches, etc., made a varied and attractive programme.

Supt. Nieblock of the C. P. R. was in the city today on business.

Dr. Daly was in Lacombe on Sunday preaching for the Rev. H. E. Gordon.

The singers, who represented Wetaskiwin at the musical concert held in Edmonton Tuesday evening, returned tonight greatly elated over their success. The double mixed quartette composed of Mrs. Montgomery and Miss Kolb as soprano, Mr. James Horner and Miss Dudgeon as alto, Messers. Gardiner and Mr. Millan as bass carried off the first prize, a large wooden shield on which is mounted a smaller silver one. The latter is beautifully engraved. It will be on exhibition in Higg's Drug store for some little time. They sang "The Sun Shall Be No More" and "The Night Now is Falling," the latter being rendered unaccompanied. Mr. John Gardiner took the first prize as a baritone soloist. This was a gold medal beautifully cut. He sang "O Lord God of Abraham" and "The Veteran's Son." Mr. Warner Bauer although not successful in carrying off the first prize came second on the list of bass soloists, Thos. H. E. Mayer taking first rank. He sang "The Mighty Deep."

Mrs. Teddy O'Brien is visiting her parents at present while Teddy is boarding at the Queen's". A school girl living with Mrs. O'Brien has contracted the measles and is in quarantine at the house.

Mrs. Bruce and family leave for Vegreville to-morrow.

Mrs. A. S. Rosenroll is very ill.

Harold De Long has resigned his position at the Star Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pike of Camrose, remained in Wetaskiwin on their way home from Edmonton, the guests of Mrs. John West.

A sad death occurred at Dr. Mary McGill's private hospital yesterday. The deceased was a foreigner, a member of the Swedish Lutheran church. She had been operated on quite successfully for tumor but after being convalescent suddenly took a relapse and died. She was buried this afternoon.

Mrs. Teddy O'Brien received word recently of the sudden death of her sister in the States.

The Beggar Prince Opera Co. played to-night in the Angus Opera House that pleasing comedy La Mascot.

Born, on Thursday, May 2, to the wife of Geo. Wallace, a daughter.

Wetaskiwin, May 6.

VEGREVILLE.

Bulletin News Service.

The Edmonton Maple Leaf baseball team under the management of Deacon White, played the Vegreville team yesterday. The strong wind that was blowing all afternoon interfered with star playing. The high score, 15 to 8, in favor of the locals, was due largely to the visiting team's errors, and the high winds and dust. There was some good playing at times and some very loose work and very costly errors. The score was 6-5 in favor of the visitors when McCusker, the local pitcher, got his finger smashed by Vining's batted ball. Things looked blue for the local fans, but the harder the finger hurt the fiercer the ball went over the plate. He kept the visitor's guessing the greater part of the game. T. Crowley, of Edmonton, umpired, and gave good satisfaction.

J. Bidnell, of Warwick, lost two horses and a colt by prairie fire. Mr. Bidnell was at dinner when the fire caught the stable and all he could save was one horse.

P. P. Kjosness, of Martins, while unloading some machinery at the freight sheds, had the misfortune to have a galvanized rod run clear through his hand. Dr. Field treated the wound and the patient is getting along nicely.

The baseball teams had a social dance in the McIntyre hall. There were about 40 peresent.

Mr. Warrack, of Edmonton, has taken the general agency of the Singer sewing machine, with headquarters at Vegreville.

The C. N. R. being late today the Edmonton team were going to take advantage of it by playing another game today. The cold wind, however, prevented the game from being played.

Jack Forbes, rancher from the north is in town. He states that the grass is farther advanced up in the hinterland than in this part of the country.

I. Dose, Pakan, is in town looking after the seed grain question.

D. McColman, of Innisfree, is renewing acquaintances in this burg.

Vegreville, May 9.

NORTH BATTLEFORD.

Bulletin News Service.

Mayor Gregory, who has been absent from town for the past two weeks, has returned. He spent some time at Winnipeg, Yorkton, Neepawa and other points in Manitoba.

Dr. H. R. Sparling arrived in town on Wednesday evening. He has been visiting friends in Ontario.

The marriage of R. H. Stirton, local manager of the Hall Milling company, to Miss Nellie Clark, took place at the Presbyterian church here at 4 p. m. on Wednesday. The bride was attended by Miss Stirton, sister of the groom, while Mr. Shannon, of Prince Albert, supported the groom. Rev. S. W. Thompson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, performed the marriage ceremony. After the marriage all repaired to the home of M. C. Tynen, where dinner was served. The happy couple went west on Wednesday by express to points in British Columbia, where they will spend their honeymoon.

Mr. Carveth, of the firm of Carveth & Stepler, spent Thursday in town.

For the past three days prairie fires have been raging south and east of the town. Frequent reports of the destruction of farm buildings and stock are brought to town. On Thursday night a large number of citizens were called out to combat the flames that moved at the rapid pace of about five miles per hour The fire is still raging.

H. Haywood arrived in town on Wednesday evening. Mr. Haywood who left town early in the year, after his business was destroyed by fire, will open up store again.

North Battleford, May 9.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Bulletin News Service.

On Sunday evening, in the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Alexander Forbes, M.A., preached an earnest sermon in behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society, taking for his text John 5, 39. He first reviewed the society's operations and told what the Bible Society is; the origin of the society; its one object and its character; its providential development; its national influence; its mission on the continent; its labors in the new world; its work in the east; from the jubilee to the centenary; its latest statistics; its economy in administration; its publishing of cheap Bibles to the poor; a brief survey of its versions; its claims on science and civilization, and showing by statistics that in nearly every country in Europe the demand for the Bible is steadily growing.

The death occurred on Sunday morning of Mr. Charles Harnden, at the residence of his son, Dr. Harnden, on Ross street. Deceased had been ill for some time and his death was not altogether unexpected. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Harnden and family in their bereavement.

A most disastrous prairie fire has been raging through the country some three miles north of Fort Saskatchewan. Many of the farmers in that district have lost their fences, outbuildings, wood, etc., besides being obliged to turn out in the night to fight the fires.

Arbor Day was observed here on Friday last by a general closing up of the business houses, but little or no planting was done, owing to the stormy weather which prevailed all day.

John Paul, of this place, has been appointed a justice of the peace.

Dr. and Mrs. Donald and family and Miss Pearce left last week for Lesser Slave Lake, where they will reside in future.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Forbes and family, who have resided in the Fort for several years, left last week for their new home in Strathcona.

The ladies of the English Church and also of the Methodist Church intend having refreshment booths on the exhibition grounds on Victoria Day, where they will serve meals throughout the day. A full meal or a lunch may be had at any hour from 11 a.m. till evening.

Friends of Mrs. H. A. McAvoy are pleased to see her about again after a long and most tiresome illness.

Mr. and Mrs. William Walker are spending a week at Mundare, visiting their son, Mr. Edward Walker.

Dr. and Mrs. Ferris, of Edmonton, spent the week end in the Fort, guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wilkin.

Some unknown person rang the fire bell at one o'clock Sunday morning and the townsmen turned out. It was a false alarm. The perpetrator is unknown.

Fort Saskatchewan, May 11.

RED DEER.

Bulletin News Service.

George Ball shipped a carload of hogs from here and one from Ponoka this week to British Columbia.

A. J. Taylor, C.P.R. night operator here, has been transferred to Blackfalds, where he will act as agent and operator.

Mrs. W. G. W. Fortune was in Edmonton this week as delegate to the Presbyterian Ladies' Home Mission Society, and responded to the address of welcome.

J. C. Hyndman, the assistant manager of the International Harvester Company of America, was a visitor at the Red Deer agency this week.

Miss Ray Cliffors, the proprietress of a house near Red Deer, was summoned before Jos. Wallace, J.P., for violation of the liquor license ordinance by Provincial Detective H. E. Rudd and fined $50 and costs.

Harold Woodsworth, of Winnipeg, paid a short visit to his brother, R. B. Woodsworth, this week before leaving for Japan, where he intends taking up educational work under the Japanese government.

Word was received by J. L. Crawford, solicitor for Mr. Hansen in his suit against the C.P.R. for damages, that the appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada had been dismissed. This closes one of the most interesting railway cases in Alberta, as the company has fought it every inch of the way.

The Young Liberal Club was addressed by F. S. Simpson at the regular meeting this week on Dominion finances, showing how the Dominion revenue was raised and spent and how the operations had grown with the development of the country.

A meeting will be held next Tuesday in the Alberta Hotel for the purpose of forming an amateur athletic association and to appoint delegates to go to Calgary to form the Alberta Amateur Athletic Association.

A ladies' basketball club has been organized in town and they have secured the grounds where the rink was last winter. The following are the officers: President, Miss Lila Smith; 1st vice-president, Miss Helen G. Stephenson; 2nd vice-president, Miss L. Pidgeon; secretary-treasurer, Miss Irene Clarke.

The first annual public sale of shorthorn bulls from the herds of George F. Root, Spruce Bluff Farm, Red Deer, and Robert Page, Pinehurst, Pine Lake, was a very successful affair, although the prices were not as high as might be expected. But taking into consideration the condition of the money market, they were good.

Born at Red Deer on April 21st to Mr. and Mrs. Neil Mifflin, a son.

Born at Red Deer, on May 5th, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Ramsay, a daughter.

Red Deer, May 9.

WETASKIWIN.

Bulletin News Service.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Henwood, of Edmonton, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. D. Benson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bowie, of Ferry Point, are spending a few days in the city renewing old acquaintances.

Mrs. Caniff, mother of Mrs. George McManus, arrived this afternoon from Portage la Prairie.

C. Schnell has disposed of his house and two lots, directly opposite the front entrance of the Alexandra school to F. Vopat for $1,600.

Mrs. L. Howse is visiting her sister near Hardisty.

The smoke from the prairie fires raging in this district was very dense on Thursday. The rain fall the following day cleared the atmosphere.

A rather serious fire occurred about a mile out of the city on Wednesday, when Mr. D. T. Lenoir's grain stacks took fire from the thrashing engine. Eight of them, in addition to a neighboring stable, were completely destroyed.

Mr. and Mrs. McKenney, of the Pacific hotel, Spokane, Wash., are at the Driard for a few days.

L. R. Rix, of Stony Plain, paid a flying visit to his home here at the end of the week.

Harry Haywood, brother-in-law of L. R. Rix, was renewing acquaintances in the city on Friday. Mr. Haywood was the victim of a hold-up in Chicago a week ago, while on his way west. He says he was seized on either side by two hold-up men and muzzled by a third, and then hurried down a neighboring alley. His pockets were relieved to the extent of $100. Mr. Haywood left last evening for Stony Plain.

Inspector Ross is making Wetaskiwin headquarters for a short time, while he inspects the neighboring country schools.

Wetaskiwin, May 9.

VERMILION.

Bulletin News Service.

Rev. A. R. Aldridge visited in Edmonton this week.

R. G. Pilkie is taking part in the musical festival at Edmonton this week.

H. MacConnel, operator at the C.N.R. depot, left for a couple of months holidays to renew old acquaintances at Listowel, Ont.

K. D. McLay and family have moved to town from Edmonton.

Pilkie Bros. have opened up their grocery store in the King Edward Block.

S. Brown, contractor of Winnipeg, has been awarded the contract for the erection of the new school.

Harry Bowtell visited in Kitscoty this week.

W. B. Cameron, editor of the Signal, paid a business trip to Edmonton on Monday.

Frank Murray, of Edmonton is visiting in town this week.

R. G. Dunsmore has moved to the homestead for the summer.

Albert Pilkie has bought out Geo. Blayney's interest in the water wagon.

H. O. Woods celebrated the opening of his new livery stable by a dance on Tuesday night which was attended by a large number of friends from town and country. The band assisted by Stewart's orchestra supplied the music for the occasion.

Rev. Mr. Gilbert conducted the services in the Episcopal church at Mannville on Sunday.

Mrs. McCallum and J. McArthur have returned from a visit to their brother at Mannville.

A. Howard, of Vancouver, B. C., is renewing old acquaintances around town J. Bethune has been appointed C.N.R. operator during the absence of H. MacConnel.

T. Gilbert Cook, of Frederickton, N.B., is visiting his cousin, Mr. G. E. Hayward.

W. H. McClinton has purchased the chopping mill of O. Baker and Sons.

W. Scott arrived here from Edmonton on Monday. He intends to resume his homestead duties on his farm one mile south of the town.

A meeting of the ratepayers to consider the raising of an extra loan of $800 for the school was held in the town hall on Friday night. After considerable discussion the majority were in favor of the extra loan by a vote of 21 to 3.

W. J. McNab advertising agent who has been in Edmonton for some time past, has returned to town.

Vermilion, May 9.

WETASKIWIN.

Bulletin News Service.

T. C. Buchanan, superintendent of Methodist missions, was in the city on Saturday.

Dr. Stevenson made a trip to the Capital on Saturday evening.

L. O. Hooper has returned from a ten-day visit in Strathcona.

S. J. Simpkins, of Millet, had an unfortunate accident the other day. While out shooting he pulled the trigger of his revolver accidentally and the bullet passed through the index finger of his left hand. Dr. Stevenson was summoned and the sufferer removed to the hospital here. He is reported to be doing as well as could be expected.

Mrs. Alex. Cameron, recently a patient in the hospital, has been moved to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ainslie. Mrs. Cameron has recovered very rapidly from her operation.

Miss Arabella Kolb left last evening for a trip to the coast. She expects to be gone at least three months.

Rev. W. Fortune, of Red Deer, secretary of the Temperance and Moral Reform movement of Alberta, will preach in the Methodist church here next Sunday morning in the interests of temperance. In the afternoon he will give an address in the same church at 4 o'clock.

W. J. Stevenson is in Calgary today.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. J. H. Martin on Friday afternoon at 3.30.

Miss Thunk, Nurse Walsh and Dr. McEachern, all of Bawlf, were in the city yesterday.

At a meeting of the Alexandra school board, held last evening, the report of the recent inspection made by Mr. John Ross, B.A., was read. In many ways it was very flattering, this school taking a very high rank amongst the schools of his inspectorate. He congratulated the board on the completeness of the equipment and the condition of the school. The general deportment and discipline, too, is above the average. He recommends putting in a larger supply of physical appliances and adding more reference books to the library. The attendance this spring has almost reached the 400 mark.

Another of the series of Church of England teas will be held on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Chas. Rubbra.

Mrs. Ed. Bailey received on Tuesday afternoon for the first time since her return from the east.

J. Cowan is improving his livery barn and the macaroni factory which he recently bought on Stanley street, by a much needed coat of paint.

Last Sunday evening in the Presbyterian church Mr. John Gardner and the members of the double mixed quartettes, who won fame in Edmonton, repeated the music sung at the festival. The special music was rendered at 9 o'clock to give the congregations of the other churches an opportunity of hearing it. The church was filled to its capacity and every one was more than delighted with the musical treat, particularly with the selection, "The Sun Shall be no More," which was rendered in an exceptionally pleasing way. Mr. John Gardner sang "O, Lord God of Abraham," and his fine baritone voice was at its best in this selection. Wetaskiwin is justly proud of the rank taken by these singers at the recent competition.

Wetaskiwin, May 13.

Stock Growers' Convention.

Medicine Hate, May 14—The executive committee of the Western Stock Growers' association met this afternoon. The annual meeting is tomorrow. A large number of delegates of both provinces are arriving.

VEGREVILLE.

Bulletin News Service.

A dance was given in honor of Miss M. Gould, of Wetaskiwin, by her friend, Miss Bruce, with whom she is visiting.

L. Cadzow shipped another carload of hogs to Winnipeg to day.

Among the newcomers to arrive in town last night were W. J. Gordon from Grand Forks, N.D., a brother of Chas. Gordon. He was accompanied by W. Carmichael, of Cando, N.D. Ed. Kallal, of Ord, Nebraska, who owns considerable land in the Warwick district, is here also. Immigrants are arriving daily.

Deacon White had fire in his eye all right when the Vegreville aggregation added three runs to their score and led his bunch by two runs, but we did not think it had affected him so badly as to turn into a prairie fire.

Ed. Kallal intends breaking one hundred acres on his farm this summer.

Vegreville, May 12th.

MOSSIDE.

Bulletin News Service.

Munroe Bros. have taken their herd of cattle to their northern ranch for the summer.

Miss Bertha Davidson is expected home from her visit to Olymphia, Washington.

Mr. Pilling, brother of Mrs. Richmond has arrived from England. He talks of homesteading, and seems quite taken with the Canadian climate, after the fogs and mists of the old land.

Mr. and Mrs. Coehn have removed to their home at Chip lake after a few months sojourn at the saw mill here.

There are now three bridges over the Paddle River where a few months since there was none.

The Post Office here is a reality at last W. Davidson is Postmaster. A regular mail will be a boon to the people of this district which will be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Baldwin has been visiting friends at the Pembina.

Miss Ruth Littlefair has been visiting friends in township 59-3.

Fine weather, no rain to speak of since September 10.

A school is soon to be opened here. Mr. Barton is the senior trustee.

Mosside, May 12.

BATTLEFORD.

Bulletin News Service.

The worst prairie fire that has swept over this district for the past twenty years has practically cleaned out the Eagle Hills settlement adjoining this town. A number of settlers have lost heavily. Over thirty stables and outbuildings have been destroyed tnd two homes have been completely demolished. R C. Laurie, D.L.S., lost everything on his farm. The Royal Northwest Mounted Police have had every available man from town out in the hills for the past three days assisting in putting out the fire, and it was quite amusing to watch the people going down all the back lanes to avoid running into a red coat for fear of being pressed into service. On Friday afternoon it got into the grounds of the Industrial School, and for a time it was feared that the old historic building, which was formerly the Capital buildings, would be destroyed. The wind veered around a providential for the town to turn out. The fire brigade answered the call immediately, and the engine and chemicals were soon on the road for the fire. Every store and office was soon closed and every available man was loaded into some kind of a vehicle and taken out as fast as horses could travel. It was nine in the evening before all danger was over, and had it not been for the united efforts of the people of the town the school buildings would now have been in ashes. The fire leaped the Battle River in two places. All the beautiful timber in the hills is destroyed, and several hundred cords of wood that was piled there for next winter's use. There were a number of hay stacks through the districts that were well fire-guarded, but the flames leapt the guards and the hay was destroyed. A very bad feature is the matter of pasture, which is all burned, and it is feared that cattle will now have to be taken out of this district till the grass grows sufficiently. No casualties have been reported. The Royal Northwest Mounted Police are making patrol of the burnt district.

Fighting for homesteads is a new feature in town. There were a few choice quarter sections that were cancelled and would be open to the public for entry on the morning of the 8th, but as this was Arbor Day the Dominion lands office was closed, and it would be the 9th before the lands could be entered for. Just before the office closed on Thursday, the 7th, enquiries were made regarding these lands, and on being informed that they would not be open till Saturday morning, four men immediately took up their positions at the land office door to wait for 41 hours to secure their entries. All through the long, tedious night they waited and manfully held their positions; the next day was exceedingly hot, and when the general call was made for the prairie fire they refused to budge unless the police would guarantee to them their respective positions when they returned. During Friday night the number was increased greatly by would-be homesteaders, which resulted in a free fight. One Graham, a stalwart, who held a second position at the door and was after land in the Wilkie district, was mobbed, and in the morning he appeared in the office with a black eye, thick ear and a sleeve out of his coat. He said they just wanted to get him to fight, so that he would lose his position, but now that he had secured the homestead he had plenty of time to hunt up these gentlemen and make a settlement with them—and he certainly looked quite capable of doing it.

A. J. Cross secured a quarter which had $300 worth of improvements on it, and when asked if he wished to dispute the valuation said "No; land is worth $25 an acre in this district. I guess it is cheap enough at $310." There were two policemen on duty when the office was open, one at the outside of the door and one in the office. Only one person was admitted at a time, and with the exception of the scrap through the night everything was orderly.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Battleford General Hospital, held in the council chamber on Saturday evening last, it was unanimously decided to close the doors of the hospital for a matter of four or five months, on account of financial difficulties. The board will now turn their attention to collecting accounts and financing generally. Arrangements are being made to run it as a private hospital till the board are in a position to open up again. This is a very serious thing for this district, as a lot of good work has been done by the hospital in the past, but there are so many accounts owing to it and it is consequently so much in debt that the directors had no other option than to close its doors to the public.

F. J. Dixon, manager of the branch of the Bank of British North America, who is being transferred to Winnipeg, was tendered a banquet at the Windsor Hotel. Mayor Prince presided, and about fifty were present. Mr. Dixon was presented with a handsome gold watch by his fellow Masons, of which order he was an active member.

The census taken in Battleford during the recent assessment of the town gives the population at 1,353 people.

George Clark, who for some time has been teller at the Bank of Hamilton at this point, has left for Winnipeg, where he has accepted a position with the Bank of British North America. Sydney Simpson, junr., has succeeded him as teller in the Hamilton Bank.

Battleford, May 11.

HURRY.

Bulletin News Service.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Haight on May 3rd were presented with a son.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Hall received a visit from the stork on May 3rd. He left a son.

Jesse R. Allen is suffering from a severe sprain of his right ankle.

David Robinson, with his family and brother recently came here from Michigan. They are greatly pleased with Alberta and especially the Hurry district. They hope to be able to secure homesteads here.

Seeding operations are in full swing. Quite a large acreage is being put in to wheat and oats.

Mr. Towner has rented his farm to D. Robinson and expects to go to British Columbia in the near future. Mr. Robinson will live in Mr. Towner's house.

Rev. O. L. King, of Edmonton, last Sunday evening preached in the school house for Rev. F. C. Wilson.

Last Thursday a prairie fire started from a spark flying from a stove pipe in Wesley Stambaugh's shack. A high wind was blowing from the southeast and in an incredibly short time a great wave of fire was sweeping toward the post office and business portions of Hurry. Great excitement prevailed for a time and the school children were nearly wild with frigit. Men came hurrying from all directions to fight the flames. By dint of hard labor they got the fire checked at Barker's store and soon only a long stretch of blackened prairie remained. Fortunately no houses were burned. Fires have been seen in the far distance on every side of Hurry, but this is the first one in this section for a year and a half.

Mrs. W. J. Earl expects to leave soon to visit her home in Virginia.

W. J. Earl & Co., keeping the most enterprising general store in Hurry, have dissolved partnership and the business in future will be conducted by W. J. Earl.

Clara Cole has returned from a four weeks' visit with friends in Edmonton. Her health seems to be somewhat improved.

Merritt Haight recently lost a fine cow.

A. L. Haight with a good deal of pleasure shows his friends a fine pair of little colts.

Frank Jeffords is building an addition to his house.

Millar Bros. have opened a store some seven miles east of Hurry post office at R. K. Lee's place, where the new post office of Nestor has been established.

Rev. R. H. Sharp, the Free Methodist pastor, who was given a three months' leave of absence, will return in a few days.

The local improvement taxes in 49-14, are six dollars per quarter section. This town believes in getting the highways in good shape.

Wm. Cole is again in the neighborhood. He has a homestead south of Lloydminster.

Hurry, May 12.

RIVIERE QUI BARRE.

Bulletin News Service.

The seeding for the season of '08 is almost finished: Not as great an acreage has been sown as in former years in this district.

Judge Noel, accompanied by A. Bonneau, clerk of the district court, was here this week. He found a clean slate, and accordingly postponed court until July 23rd. After paying a friendly visit to the pastor, Rev. Fr. Ockinpen, the judge left for Lac Ste. Anne.

Turnbull and Cameron, fire inspectors, passed through here last week, en route to the north. They have authority to employ all the labor necessary to prevent the spread of fire.

Travellers report bad fires in the direction of the Paddle river. The bridge has been partially destroyed. Dan Noyes, who runs the hotel and sawmill outfit, was burned out.

Prairie fires have done a great deal of damage in this section, and the rain of Friday was welcomed by the farmers. Mr. Cuss lost a house and barn, Mr. Wright a granary and barn, Mr. Saford a house and barn, Mr. Glynn, house and barn; Mr. Barry hay and A. Perry a horse. People cannot be too careful in this matter, and legislation cannot be made for strict on this matter.

Riviere Qui Barre, May 8th.

MANOLA.

Bulletin News Service.

The ratepayers of township 59-2-5 held their first election as a local improvement district recently. E .B. Rogers was elected councillor.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Tharp and Mrs. J. A. McFee were visiting in town last week.

John Skinner, blacksmith, has resumed work on his homestead.

Charles Fraser and family have moved to Edmonton for the summer.

Weather conditions are favorable and seeding is the order of the day.

Arthur Williams of Independence visited Manola friends recently.

Manola, May 10.

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STILL DEBATIN
ELECTION

Federal House in Session L
Midnight—As to Seed C
Purchased.

Ottawa, May 12.—At the c
the House of Commons yest
ternoon, Sir Frederick Bord
question of privilege, took
to an article in the Ottawa
wherein it was claimed that
ister was withholding a repo
Ross rifle, and stated that t
ed the weapon inefficient.
ister produced a report wh
made to the House on March
Col. Worthington inquired
two rifles compared with t
Metford in the Royal School
ketry, and if the report wa
able. The minister claimed
faults were remedied before
port reached the House, also
tract price of the rifles, $25,
include the inspection fee, $
million and a half has been
the rifles up to date.

In answer to Messrs. Bor
Foster, Hon. Mr. Brodeur s
Montcalm would be raised th
A preliminary examination
held under water, Command
will select two assessors and
further investigation. In rep
F. McLean (Conservative
York), Hon. Frank Oliver sta
the department had purchase
850 bushels of oats, 49,924 bu
barley and 576,435 wheat
grain; but had no informatio
the price paid or where purch

Dunian Ross (Liberal, Yale
resumed the debate on Ayle
election bill, declaring that
who had a right to vote must
the Dominion for his Feder
It was absolutely necessary t
Dominion have the franchise
own. He declared Dr. Roche
Monk and Hon. Mr. Foster
changed their views. They f
protested against the provinci
He declared that the act, as
derstood it, merely provided fo
vision by Federal revising ju
the provincial lists. Mr. Ro
that in British Columbia the p
politics was played fairly. T
not buy votes nor switch bal
the lists were fairly honest, th
was true they were loaded w
sentees and dead men's name
since British Columbia had an
any general who would attac
king if could make political
out of it, he did not think it
that an honest returning
should be subject to attack by
tizan a minister.

Mr. Schaffner (Conservative,
followed, eulogizing the Ma
act. He wished to know why
vision provided for in the act
done by judges or barristers a
ed by judges so that politicians
have nothing to do with the
Dr. Schaffner continued wo
why Manitoba was placed in th
category as the backtowns
tario, and pointed out that the
law was satisfactory, while th
vinces all had Liberal adm
tions. He pointed out that the
sition was supported by every
pendent newspaper. He claim
the Minister of Justice had sa
risters revised the Manitoba li
ing the impression to parliamen
they were appointed by the
cial governments, whereas the
or barristers appointed by judg
the revising. He contended
most cases the registering d
corresponded with the poling
and cases where there were n
office addresses in the voters
were rare. The minister had c
that the names of hundreds o
men and absentees were on th
whereas the lists were annually
ed and purified. As to the temp
of impersonation, what about
tario?

S. J. Jackson (Liberal, Selkirk
lowed. As a specimen of the
toba law, he said that in 1906,
the provincial elections, an a
of 253 names were struck off or
in each of the four constituencie
complained of the instability o
Manitoba law for several years,
der the Greenway regime not onl
the law better but it was bett
ministered. He claimed that i
$40 to get a list from the govern
He took issue with the Hon. Mr.
ers' figures as to the number di
chised in 1904, and challenged
Staples (Conservative, Macdonal
point to one name left off the l
Selkirk, the list whereof he hi
was in charge Mr. Jackson cl
that of the names struck off in S
wall, another place where R
claimed 270 were struck off, none
struck off who were entitled to
He instanced forty names at La
Bonnet, where the registration o
had gone after the work was com
ed elsewhere, and despite the wa
of the attorney-general, had sen
books in at once. These names
confirmed and certified to, but
not on the lists when they reache
polling officer and the men were
franchised. Mr. Jackson eulogiz
E. A. Leech, and dwelt on the
that the "Thin Red Line" pr
tions were not pushed, and he
cluded by declaring that the law
remedy many evils in Manitoba.
Wright (Conservative, Muskoka)
ed the debate long after mid
taking up the Ontario side of
question. He failed to see the
sity of the new law.

Brandon-Regina Line Soon Ope

Winnipeg, May 14—D. D. Man
the C. N. R., before leaving fo
coast, made the statement that
ballasting trains would soon b
on the Brandon-Regina branch
and as soon as could be it wou
put into a good operating cond
and freight and passenger se
would be started. It is intend
make it one of the principal t
lines in the country.