NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

VEGREVILLE.

Bulletin News Service.

The Christmas tree for the Sunday school scholars at Warwick was held in the Fairwood School on Christmas evening. Besides a full representation of children, a large company of adults of the district assembled, accompanied by a number of visitors. The programme was of a high order, the children reciting, singing and going through six exercises in physical drill in a manner that called forth encomiums from the audience. One prominent feature of the evening entertainment was the debut of the Warwick select choir, under the leadership of the Rev. W. T. Cromb. This choir, which has been very recently formed promises to become a "feature of the landscape" in these parts. Their rendering of "Arise and Shine," was in the best of taste and the two other pieces they were called upon to render, elicited hearty applause. Altogether the evening entertainment was pronounced by qualified critics to be a huge success.

The following program was rendered:

Recitation—"Xmas day has come at last," Edna Mahaffey.

Song—"Snow Birds," by six little girls.

Reading—Mrs. D. McFarlane.

Recitations—by Ada Bradshaw, Arthur Bradshaw, David Hugson, Bertha Mahaffey.

Dialogue—by Warwick Scholars.

Recitation—Minnie Larson.

Physical Drill—by six girls.

Recitation—Flora Facey, Lillie Larson, Helena Larson, Lukla Larson.

Recitation—"Two Letters," Anna Woods.

Song—Warwick Select Choir, composed of two sopranos, Misses Woods and Cochran; one alto, Miss May Cromb; two Tenors, Messrs. Cromb and Fisher; two Bass, Messrs. Teffery and Woods.

About ten o'clock Christmas evening a blaze was discovered in a small building at the back of Gehragly's confectionery store. The building was used for a sleeping room. The fire originated from the stove pipe and had gained considerable headway before discovered. The chemical engine was called out and in less than five minutes had the fire extinguished.

Some of the disorderly were celebrating the night before Xmas in high class order when there was a general mix up. One man had his shoulder dislocated. On Saturday several appeared before magistrates Pozer & Watson, on a charge of assault. It cost one $30 and another $24.95.

Miss K. O'Brien, of Edmonton, is spending her Christmas vacation with Warwick friends.

Miss M. Carswell, of Leochville, is spending her holidays with Warwick and Vegreville friends. Miss Carswell is to take charge of a school near Penhold for 1909.

Messrs. Will Facey, of Innisfree, and Fred Facey of Tofield, are visiting under the parental roof for Christmas holidays.

Vegreville, Dec. 26.

RED DEER.

Bulletin News Service.

Mrs. Jas. Faris, jr., has left for a visit at Los Angeles, Cal.

Coal is being brought to town this week down the river from the mines.

The Alberta Pacific Elevator Co., completed a heavy shipment of chopped barley to Mexico this week.

P. Cork, who has been accountant in the Northern Crown Bank here for the past year, has been promoted to Earl Grey, Sask., branch of the Bank, where he is acting manager.

L. H. Reilly, who has been on the staff of the Merchants Bank here for the past four years, has been moved to the Okotoks branch of the bank.

The following are the new Masonic officers elected at the last regular meeting:

W.M.—W. E. Payne.
S.W.—F. H. Tallman.
J.W.—R. W. Faulks
Treas.—J. A. Carswell.
Sec.—J. A. Lewis.
Tyler—R. Brynesaarde.

The directors of the Red Deer Exhibition Association have again elected Henry Jamieson president and R. B. Welliver, secretary for the ensuing year. They also took up the question of holding the summer fair on July 1st and 2nd, but nothing definite decided.

The following are the results of the curling games to date in the Red Deer cup competition.

Skip—Clark 13, Brumpton 5.
" —Welliver 14, Brumpton 10.
" —Hanna 11, Gaetz 10.
" —Payne 13, Hanna 6.
" —Stephenson 12, Drake 8.
" —Clarke 17, Welliver 6.
" —Carswell 19, Payne 9.

W. A. Shillington, a former well-known merchant of Red Deer, passed away at his home in Blackfalds on Thursday last. Deceased has been failing for a considerable time and a couple of years ago left for the Coast for his health but the change was not beneficial so he returned to Alberta and settled on his farm near Blackfalds. The funeral was held yesterday to the Red Deer cemetery, and a large number of citizens took occasion to attend his funeral.

The first hockey match of the season was played on Christmas day between Olds and the local team, it being the first scheduled match in the A.A.H.A. The Red Deer team were very weak, principally through lack of practice but they also lacked speed on the forward line and the visitors had no trouble in running up a score. The game was not a very good exhibition and the boys will have to get down to good hard work if they want to make a name for themselves. The score was 9 to 4. The following are the players

Olds—Mann, Cutten, Rollins, Davey, Walkeley, Scott, Shields.

Red Deer—Mann, C. Smith, W. Beckitt, M. Beckitt, McCutcheon, C. Hewson, F. Cornett.

Referee—Dan Smith; goal umpires, P. Hanistock, Olds, and O. Snyder, Red Deer.

SPLAN.

Bulletin News Service.

On Wednesday evening last the pupils and parents of the Splan school district No. 475 assembled at the school house to celebrate the Christmas festivities. During the last year the attendance at school has doubled, and the building was filled with enthusiastic performers and interested parents. James Gibbons, Sr., acted as chairman. He contributed a comic song to the enjoyable program, which consisted of songs, choruses, recitations and dialogues by the pupils. The songs, dancing and recitations by Master Pat White-Gibbons, a five-year-old commedian, and the old Irish song, "Come Back to Erin," by Miss May Pinckston, especially delighted the listeners. At the close of this part of the program the scholars presented to their teacher, Charles King, a handsome gold-lined silver shaving mug and brush with an appropriate address, read by Master Albert Gibbons. After the teacher had replied in an appropriate address a lunch, which had been provided by the ladies of the district, was served, and this was followed by the distribution of well-filled stockings, and a few special prizes for the children, James Gibbons, Jr., making an excellent Santa Claus. An enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of "God Save the King."

Splain, January 26th.

LLOYDMINSTER.

Christmas was quietly observed here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Laurie left for Edmonton, where they will spend the holidays with friends.

Wm. Todd will spend the Yuletide with friends in Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. James Farley are visiting Edmonton friends.

E. J. Ashton left Saturday morning for Winnipeg, where he will be married on Tuesday to Miss Webster, who formerly was a teacher in the public school here.

The hockey match on Friday between the Alberta side and the Saskatchewan side resulted in a victory for the Alberta boys by 12 to 6. The Alberta boys outclassed the east end septette.

Douglas Sybell is home from Edmonton college to spend the holidays with his parents at Onion Lake.

John Able announces himself a candidate to oppose Chairman Mackenzie in 49-1-4, L. I. D. 25-A-4 as councillor for 1909.

Christmas services were held in St. John's church, the Rev. Mr. Carruthers officiating.

A good deal of complaint is heard at the manner in which the Blackfoot post office is conducted.

The proprietors of the King Edward Hotel, Messrs. McMillan Bros., gave a complimentary dinner to their friends on Christmas, after which a splendid musical entertainment was provided. The house was beautifully decorated and the menu was of a very high order. The guests in a hearty vote of thanks to the hosts expressed themselves on having a delightful time. Donald S. Irwin added much to the enjoyment of the affair by dancing the Sailor's Hornpipe and his famous Dundee clog dance.

It was rumored that several eastern hockey teams are after the Alberta cover-point Shepherd.

Jas. Malloy and wife of Marwayne spent Christmas with Mrs. Malloy's mother here, Mrs. Mitchael.

The town band will likely play at the S. L. H. smoker on New Year's night.

E. Wallatt, a homesteader from 47-3-4, was brought in Thursday night with his shoulder broken, caused by a fall from a sleigh some eight or ten days ago. He has been unconscious since, but could not be brought in sooner, for lack of means of conveyance.

Andy Hutson will take up his residence on his big ranch about the middle of January.

Dr. Hall, of Lashburn, spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. W. J. Bingham.

Christmas business was never better, and the merchants are all wearing that glad smile.

Lloydminster, Dec. 26th.

WETASKIWIN.

Bulletin News Service.

The Masonic ball, which will, no doubt, be the event of the season, will be held Tuesday evening.

Born—On the 25th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Filland, a son.

Mrs. Till, of Edmonton, spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. N. W. Gould.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Balsillie have returned from their visit to eastern cities and are about to take up housekeeping in Sedgewick.

Miss Lilian C. Matthews passed through the city on Wednesday of last week, to spend the holidays with relatives at Daysland.

A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of Lewisville, on Monday, when their daughter Mae was united in marriage to J. A. Kerr, of Wetsakiwin. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. V. MacMillan. The happy couple left on the afternoon train to visit eastern cities, and upon their return will reside in the house lately occupied by V. C. French.

Mr. Newton Wylie, of Orangeville, Ontario, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. E. Hogg.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Farley, of Lloydminister, are in the city, guests at the home of Geo. D. Wallace.

Rev. Baker preached his farewell to the congregation of the Baptist Church on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Baker leave the first of the year to reside in Calgary.

Special Christmas music was rendered in all the city churches on Sunday.

Mr and Mrs. E. C. Matthews accompanied by their nephew, Master Kenneth Currie, passed through to Calgary on their return from Daysland, Tuesday.

Miss Morson of Lacombe, spent the holidays with her sister, Miss Ethel Morson, of this city.

Harry Borwn spent Christmas in Lacombe.

Miss Brown and Miss Kent were among those who spent Christmas in Calgary.

Miss Olive Baxter is a guest at the home of Mr and Mrs. F. P. Spencer.

George McManus spent Christmas in Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stephenson spent a few days in Red Deer the past week.

W. H. Sheppard, of Strathcona, was a city visitor Saturday.

Mr. Gleichen, who has had charge of the dry goods department of the Star Store for several years, has resigned his position.

Reg. Beairsto, of the Merchants' Bank staff, has gone to Daysland to fill a vacancy for a short time.

George Rix left last week to spend a few weeks with friends in Ontario.

F. Wagner left a few days ago for his old home in Ontario, being summoned there by a telegram saying his mother was seriously ill.

H. A. Finch was in the city the latter part of last week.

Monday, the 28th, was the last day discount could be taken on city taxes. Over $15,000 was paid into the treasury the last three business days.

T. L. Wibray, of New Norway, is in the city on business.

The Wetaskiwin Brass Band are giving another of their dances on December 31st.

Wetaskiwin, Dec. 29th.

VERMILION.

Bulletin News Service.

George Rutherford, accompanied by his mother, left for his old home at Stratford, Ontario, on Friday.

G. C. Dunsmore is visiting friends at Neepawa, Man.

James Davidson, left for a visit at his old home at Belfast, Ireland, on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gooderich are visitors at Edmonton this week.

Miss Beth Witherby and Bessie Pilkie, of Alberta College, Edmonton, are spending the holidays in town.

Miss A. Swanston is spending the holidays with friends at Regina.

Charles Dimmell returned to his home at Arnprior, Ontario, on Wednesday.

E. S. Richardson, of Winnipeg, has been engaged as book-keeper at the Western Canada Trading Company.

Miss L. P. Farrell is visiting her parents at Edmonton during the holidays.

K. D. McLay returned from a business trip at Humbolt on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Craig and their son Donald are visiting friends at Olds this week.

Dave Brown returned from a business trip at Edmonton on Saturday.

Carleton West is visiting his friend, Walter Scott, at Edmonton this week.

Jack Bristo, of Wainwright, was a visitor in town on Saturday.

E. Brooks returned from Princher Creek on Saturday, where he has been working during the past summer.

George Miller visited at Edmonton this week.

Nurse Lamb returned from Fort Saskatchewan on Thursday.

Joe Harvey returned from completing the season's work with C. Baker's surveying party, a hundred miles north-east of Edmonton.

Fred Buckle was seriously injured while building a roof over the engine at the brick plant. While working he accidentally slipped, falling on the machinery below. He received a severe cut on the head and did not regain consciousness for several hours after the accident.

The schedule of the Eastern Alberta Hockey League is as follows:

Jan. 1—Kitscoty, at Lloydminster.
Jan. 5—Vermilion at Kitscoty.
Jan. 8—Lloydminster at Vermilion.
Jan. 13—Kitscoty at Vermilion.
Jan. 18—Lloydminster at Kitscoty.
Jan. 22—Vermilion at Lloydminster.
Jan. 27—Kitscoty at Lloydminster.
Feb. 1—Lloydminster at Vermilion.
Feb. 4—Vermilion at Kitscoty.
Feb. 8—Kitscoty at Vermilion.
Feb. 12—Lloydminster at Kitscoty.
Feb. 17—Vermilion at Lloydminster.

On Saturday it was discovered that John Hunt was ill with a mild attack of smallpox. The patient was removed to the Isolation Hospital and is rapidly recovering under the care of Dr. G. H. W. Ryan.

Born—On Saturday, to Mr. and Mrs. B. Clarke, a son.

Vermilion, December 28.

LEDUC.

Bulletin News Service.

Mrs. Jessie Phillips, accompanied by her daughter, Marion, and her son, Ernest, left on this afternoon's train for Lake City, Minnesota. Mrs. Phillips' old home, where they intend to spend a month or two visiting relatives and renewing old acquaintances.

Miss Claire Ferguson spent the Christmas holidays with her sister, Miss Margaret Ferguson, at Strathcona.

Rev. Alexander McDonald spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. McCollum, Wetaskiwin.

Miss Mabel Phillips, who recently completed a term of school at Laughdon, Alberta, has returned to the Leduc district and has engaged as teacher of the Willow Creek school for the coming year.

On Wednesday, December 23rd, Waldo Blodgett, a farmer residing in the O'Mara district, was tried before W. F. Blades, J.P., on the charge of shooting a valuable dog belonging to C. F. Tarney, one of his neighbors. The accused pleaded guilty and was fined $30 and costs.

Monday evening, December 28th, the Sabbath school of the Leduc Baptist church held an entertainment in the church building. A bountiful supper was partaken of after which a program, consisting of songs, recitations and readings, was rendered and proved to be intensely interesting. When the program was completed the children were presented with a treat consisting of candies, apples and oranges.

A. L. Marks spent Thursday and Friday, Dec. 24th and 25th, visiting with friends in Strathcona, his old home town.

The farmers in the Leduc district have been wishing for some time past that it would snow, so that travel would be easier. It has snowed. They are now doubtless wishing for the same reason that it would stop snowing, for the wind that accompanied the snow has caused almost impassible drifts in some places and in others the ground is bare.

Leduc, Dec. 29.

STROME.

Bulletin News Service.

Fred Kyle, who is attending school in Wetaskiwin, is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Regan were Daysland visitors on Christmas.

S. Odell, C. P. R. section foreman, spent last Sunday in Ponoka.

Mr. Farley and Mr. Crandell, of Camrose, were Strome visitors this week.

Bert Kyle and Miss Edna Kyle are spending the holidays in Wetaskiwin.

Merchants report a good Christmas trade this year.

J. J. Nurengarten was a Bawlf visitor this week.

Grain shipments continue to move quite freely, over twenty cars having been forwarded so far this month.

H. Coles spent several days in the country this week inspecting homesteads for loan purposes.

A number of people are taking advantage of the cheap rates and spending the holidays away from home, several going to Strathcona and Edmonton.

Among those who left here this week to spend the holidays in Minnesota were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Feddema, Jos. Sholtie, John Sholtie and John Spohn.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Harris are spending the holidays at their old home in Iowa.

The C. P. R. have completed the stock yards at this point, they being the largest on the Wetaskiwin branch. The C. P. R. is finding out where the business comes from.

Strome, Dec. 28.

ONOWAY.

Bulletin News Service.

A very successful and enjoyable Christmas tree and entertainment was held at Pine Ridge on Wednesday evening, Dec. 23rd, in connection with the Methodist church Sunday school. The church building was tastefully decorated by Miss Neiley, the school teacher, Rev. R. Clegg, pastor, Messrs. Gauntley, Loeffler, W. Steffler and D. Steffler, and presented a very attractive appearance. Levi Musselman was chairman. The children, who had been trained in a number of exercises by Miss Neiley, assisted by Mrs. Hayden, gave a performance which was highly appreciated by the audience. Recitations were given by Emma Steffler, Bob Winter, Tom Winter, Effie, Ferguson, Charlie Ferguson, Milo Ferguson and Beatrice Martin. Songs were rendered by Emma Steffler, Rev. N. F. Priestley, Mrs. James Priestley and Mrs. Wm. Parkinson. The last three named, together with Rev. R. Clegg, sang a quartette, "Hail, Smiling Morn." Mr. Clegg was organ accompanist. He acted also as auctioneer in a school dialogue entitled "The Auction." Eight persons took part in this selection.

Norman F. Priestley is home from Alberta college. Miss Priestley arrived home from Calgary on Christmas eve.

The people of Onoway are arranging to have a social entertainment in the school house on Jan. 8th. A committee has been appointed to arrange for this event.

Dec. 24 saw a busy time among the people at Glenford. Just a few days previous the men of the settlement had finished the erection of a spacious log building, upon the farm of Mr. Rutherford, to be used as a public hall. All morning wagons arrived from different parts, about 60 persons assembling. Songs, readings, recitations and feasting were the order of the day, until the crowd dispersed after a happy time, about 5 p.m. The stillness of the woods on Christmas morning was broken by the voices of two Methodist preachers singing Christmas carols and glees at the homes of the people. They had arrived too late for the festivities of the day previous, but being wise in their day and generation, found themselves about noon with their feet under a heavily laden Christmas table at a family gathering of the Rutherfords in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reiz.

MINBURN.

Bulletin News Service.

The C.O.F. concert was good, but very poorly attended.

Wm. Gallon spent a few days of last week in Edmonton. He intended buying some horses, but returned without making any purchases.

Minburn Christmas tree entertainment proved a success.

Christmas passed off pretty quietly here.

Ed. Huffman was in town on Christmas Day.

Miss Hall is home again for the Christmas holidays.

Minburn, December 28.

EDISON.

Bulletin News Service.

Christmas tree entertainments were held at Edison on Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, and at Swallowhurst on Saturday, evening, December 26. The schoolhouse at Edison was crowded on Wednesday evening and the audience was richly entertained with songs, recitations and dialogues. There was a four-hour programme and there was not a moment when it lagged. The concert was got up under the auspices if the Edison Mutual Improvement Society. Most of the children's pieces and the Christmas scene were under the direction of Mrs. Sheppey, the indefatigable school teacher. Mr. Jackson, the organist, trained the choir for the choruses. After the opening carol, "Joy to the world," Mrs. Dieffenbaugh told the Christmas story. The piece, "Two Girls Gone Wrong," was well acted, Miss Tracy making a capital German housekeeper with her broken English. The children's recitations were well delivered, their voices being distinctly audible. Mr. Shutt's recitation, "Moving with the Times," was very laughable. The tableaux and hymn, "Nearer my God to Thee," was very effective, but owing to the want of room a good deal of time was lost between the verses arranging dresses and scenes. "Courtship under Difficulties" was well acted, as was also the piece "Going Somewhere." The recitation of "Mr. Bush as Santa Claus" was very amusing and well spoken by Mr. F. Baldwin. After the singing of Longfellow's song, "The Village Blacksmith," by the Rev. J. H. Blatt, the audience were entertained by a laughable farce, "A Spoiled Christmas Dinner." Then came "Santa Claus scenes." While these were being arranged, Mr. Hawkins gave quite a number of selections, songs, recitations and medleys to a delighted audience. After the distribution of Christmas gifts from the tree, and the sweets to the children, the usual thanks to the performers were given and the National Anthem brought a most delightful evening to a close. This is the best entertainment yet given in Edison.

Mr. Baldwin has moved his store up to the village. The negotiations between him and Mr. Armstrong fell through, so that there are still the two stores here.

Mr. Jackson went to the city after the Christmas tree entertainment.

The Rev. Mr. Herbert, the episcopal minister, held a service in the Edison school on Sunday evening last and the Rev. Dr. Riddell is to preach on thee first Sunday in January at 2.30 p.m. The Rev. James H. Blatt is to hold a communion service on Sunday afternoon in his own house.

The weather continues mild and delightful for the season of the year. Sleighing is at a discount and wheeling is not so comfortable for the travellers.

WABAMUN.

Bulletin News Service.

The spile driver finished the work across the narrows last Saturday and moved up the lake on Monday to the lagoon, just back of east point, where there is a narrow place requiring sixty foot spiling. On the trip up the lake the driver broke through the ice and went to the bottom. No serious damage was done, and it was raised the next day and proceeded on its way.

Resident Engineer Frame has been engaged in surveying the G. T. P. townsite. This evidently settles the question of the location of the townsite. The people in the eastern portion of the district have recently circulated a petition asking that the townsite be located on the reserve.

White and Short have purchased a new saw and a new edger for their saw mill, which is now operating south of the lake in 52-5.

It is reported that a new saw mill is coming to the district. The first location will be in Mr. Woods neighborhood. Lumber will be planed and siding made.

Another of those pleasant dances will be held at J. McArthur's on New Year's eve.

The concert given by the school in Sylvan district proved the most enjoyable entertainment ever given in the neighborhood. The operetta by the school children and the male quartette proving especially good. Miss Micbach, the teacher, was given a vote of thanks by the audience for the large amount of work she did in producing so pleasant an entertainment. The following program was carried out: Chorus, The Sweet Story, the school; song, Merriday, Misses Eakins, Wilkinson, MacOwan, Dunn; recitation, Little Town of Bethlehem, Richard Johnson; song, Star of the East, Mrs. MacOwan; operetta, A Day's Sport, the school; song, The Sailor's Dream, Messrs. Eakins, Wilkinson, MacOwan, Dunn; recitation, Somebody's Mother, Harold Dunn; song, Anchored, Harry Stafford; song with violin obligata, Sing Me to Sleep, Miss Gladys Lennard and Mr. MacOwan.

Leon Peck and Jack McArthur made a trip to Edmonton this week.

Wm. Wilkinson spent Christmas with friends in Edmonton.

Percy Preston spent the holidays with friends down the C. & E.

C. H. Dunn has sold his store at Seba to Messrs. Cull, Hovey & Kroetch, who assumed the business last week.

The Liberal club will hold the annual meeting and election of officers in connection with its social meeting on Saturday evening, Jan. 2. A full attendance is desired.

Arthur Patterson is spending the holidays with his parents. He is attending the Grand Trunk Business college.

Miss Micbach, teacher in Sylvan S. D., is spending the holidays with her sister in Great Falls, Mont. She has engaged with the district for the coming year.

Wabamun, Dec. 28.

ALIX.

Bulletin News Service.

The Union Sunday School Christmas entertainment was held in the Methodist church on the evening of Dec. 23rd. An excellent program was rendered and there was a record attendance.

Miss Morden is spending her holidays in Lacombe.

E. S. Munroe, of Calgary, paid Alix a flying visit this week.

Mr. Kern, local manager for the Alberta Pacific Elevator Co., spent Christmas at his home in Calgary.

H. W. Garman returned from Southern Alberta this week.

A. W. Lee has opened the Imperial hotel for business again.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Fellows are visiting in Stettler this week.

Rev. L. O. Mott held service here on Christmas day to a very good congregation.

Chas. Woolgar is away to Lacombe on a business trip.

Mrs. E. H. Curtis is back again after a year's sojourn in the old country.

Alix Liberal association hold their annual meeting for the election of officers on the evening of Jan. 2nd.

Alix, Dec. 29.

ATHABASCA LANDING.

Bulletin News Service.

Forty-nine pupils attended the Athabasca Landing school during December. Of these, 11 live at distances ranging from two and a half to three miles from the school and walk to school and home again daily. The following list shows the relative standing of the pupils in the various classes for December:

Standard IV.—1, Melvin McFerman; 2, Robert Vance; 3, Annie Vance; 4, Vivan Day; 5, Sterling McKinley.

Standard III.—1, Christina McLeod; 2, Alice McKerman; 3, Neil McDougall.

Standard II.—1, Margaret Johnston; 2, Florence Johnston; 3, Clara McDougall; 4, Harry Minns; 5, Henry McLeod; 6, Louisa Junean; 7, Archie McKinley; 8, Maggie Dument; 9, Albinie Shink.

Standard I.—1, Mabel Johnston; 2, Marion Minns; 3, Mary Chalifoux; 4, Alexandra Goulet; 5, Matilda McLeod; 6, Annie Arnault.

Primer, First Division—1, Simon McGillivray; 2, Christie Johnston; 3, Drayton Walker; 4, Hugh McDougall; 5, Ellen McKinley; 6, Peter Paquette.

Primer, Second Division—1, Georgina Villeneuve; 2, Alice Johnston; 3, Lena Graham; 4, Bella McLeod; 5, Julia Graham; 6, Henry Savard; 7, Marta Brazeau.

Primer, Third Division—1, Marion Lewis; 2, Joe McLeod; 3, Horace Wood; 4, Peter Grandbois; 5, Fred Paquette; 6, Joe Chalifoux.

Primer, Fourth Division—1, Lulu Walker; 2, Louis Goulet; 3, Bertha Graham; 4, Willie McLeod; 5, Elsie Bird; 6, Irene McKinley; 7, Peter Auger.

Tregerthen, the infant son of Mr. A. L. Sawle, manager of the Imperial Bank, died yesterday morning and was buried this afternoon, Rev. C. E. Hopkins officiating at the funeral.

Miss Nellie Young is at present under the doctor's care, and is confined to her bed. It is expected that she will be in her usual health within a few days.

The school board has secured the services of Mr. John Simpson as teacher for the term ending on June 30th next.

There was midnight mass at the Roman Catholic Church to usher in Christmas, the Rev. Father Beaudry being the celebrant. The church was crowded and the music was good.

There will be a social evening at the hall next Thursday, and it will end with a watch night service to usher in the New Year.

It is expected that the first issue of the new paper to be known as the Northern News will appear on Thursday, January 7th.

The Northern Light has been discontinued.

An excellent Christmas tree entertainment was given in the hall by the pupils of the school and others last Wednesday evening. The hall was crowded to the door, and the different numbers on the programme were very well rendered. The mandolin playing if Miss Hayes was very fine, and all the singers did themselves great credit. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Father Beaudry and the Rev. Messrs. Moxhny and Hopkins. Mr. James Wood ably filled the chair.

LAC LA NONNE.

Bulletin News Service.

The school house at Lac La Nonne was the scene of great activity and excitement December 23rd, when all the school children gathered there to pay their respect and homage to Santa Claus. Lac Laronne made an excellent Santa Claus. The school house was prettily decorated and the Christmas tree was of unusual size, laden down with all the good things that make the young hearts rejoice. Mrs. Ballens, the teacher, had most of the scholars prepared for this occasion. Recitations and dialogues were the order of the early part of the evening followed by a one act drama entitled, "Not So Bad After All." This was produced by the Lac La Nonne Young People's Dramatic club. It was well performed and the members of the club, who took part are deserving of much credit. A cornet solo was played by Master Roy Kerrison, which was well received. Supper was served later. Mr. Loversedge, Mrs. Ballens, the teacher, and the ladies have much to feel proud of. This entertainment was well patronized as the school house was taxed to its utmost capacity, people coming long distances. A very enjoyable dance followed which was kept up to a late hour in the morning.

It is stated that the survey of the base line westward from Zion to Wild Horse valley, will be commenced next spring. The settlers in Rich valley have no outlet and there is no doubt much grain will be grown in this district just as soon as good roads can be made so that threshers can enter.

Mr. Stamper, justice of the peace, is very low and his death is expected at any day.

Special election of school trustees for the Dunstable school, was held at the school house, December 23rd. The following is the new board: Frank W. Kerrison, secretary-treasurer; Charles Dunn, chairman; Mr. Haines.

The weather has been ideal for skaters on the lakes, but not for lumbermen. Snow is badly needed. This district is well settled and great improvements are being made.

Lac La Nonne, Dec. 28.

THE ST. ALBERT FAIR.

The annual meeting of the members of the St. Albert Agricultural Society was held at Steffes Hall, Morinville, Dec. 16. The meeting was well attended.

A communication from the department of agriculture, Edmonton, was read defining the position of the department as to the holding of seed grain fairs. After considerable discussion as to the advisability of holding a seed grain fair this year it was decided upon motion of Messrs. Guilbault and Kelly that no seed grain fair be held this year.

A communication which created a great deal of interesting discussion came from the secretary of the committee which was appointed at Calgary, July 14th, 1908, for the purpose of collecting data to place before the Dominion government with the object in view of urging upon the government the necessity of organizing "chilled meat" plants throughout Canada.

The communication was accompanied by a petition requesting the St. Albert agricultural society to endorse the movement, which was done, on motion of A. McDonllell, seconded by Jas. Kelly.

It was decided to hold the 1909 fair, the first week in August, if possible.

The most important business of the meeting was the election of officers for the ensuing year. Each settlement fought hard for representation on the new board of directors. And although sharp retorts crossed the floor from time to time, still the meeting closed very good naturedly, the members feeling they had selected a capable board of director for next year. The following were elected:

President—A. McDonnell, Ray.

Vice-President—A. Guilbault, St. Albert.

Sec. Vice-President—A. Gouin, Morinville.

Directors—F. Perron, St. Albert; J. McRae, Ray; P. Wollersheim, E. Hogan, H. Boisseaault, Chas. Lemire, A. A. Ruynette, A. Labbe, N. Silvester, Morinville; Geo. Quinney, Jim Como, River Que Barre; W. Mercier, Legal; D. Hebert, Villeneuve; Geo. Ryan, James Kelly, Ray.

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Recuperation in 1908 After [illegible]cial Crash in 1907, W[illegible]able—Latter Half of [illegible] Return of Commercial [illegible] Equal to Those of 1906

New York, Dec. 30—Bra[illegible]view of the business yea[illegible] with a forecast, was issued [illegible] is as follows:—

Nineteen hundred and [illegible] of most of the phenomena [illegible] panic year with its full qu[illegible] weakness, doubt and unce[illegible] guiding forces and ultim[illegible] were toward recuperation [illegible] This, at first very slow, la[illegible]ed to a point where [illegible] optimism ruled general bu[illegible] early months witnessed a [illegible] volume of insolvencies, th[illegible] of the financial storm of [illegible] business sharply reduced [illegible] an immense amount of tra[illegible] facilities of the country u[illegible]lic buying ability greatly [illegible] low levels touched for most [illegible] a vast number of idle op[illegible] all lines, a glut of mone[illegible] banks, and a feeling of [illegible] akin to that felt by the hun[illegible] after a wasting fever. [illegible]cularly in the last half of [illegible] marked recovery of stren[illegible]oped, confidence was large[illegible] money was easier to borr[illegible] trial wheels revolved faster [illegible] decreased in number, buyi[illegible] more confident, larger cro[illegible] good prices helped to swe[illegible]tions, employment was mor[illegible] wage reductions and mine[illegible] were largely avoided, labo[illegible] more efficient, and altogeth[illegible]trast between the early [illegible] months of the year was [illegible]ing. Indeed, those who to[illegible] of the fears which had bee[illegible]ed by the crash of 1907 w[illegible]ably surprised at the spee[illegible] apparent soundness of the [illegible]

Explanatory of this, the [illegible]nosis of the 1907 trouble [illegible] borne in mind. To all a[illegible] the cause of the collapse [illegible] financial, though perhap[illegible] political, in that hostile [illegible] and legal proceedings again[illegible]ations were additionally [illegible] factors. Industry at the be[illegible] the panic was not widely [illegible] but became unsettled throug[illegible] location of financial affairs. [illegible] commodities were not large[illegible]tunately the trouble affected [illegible]cultural interests of the co[illegible] in a remote degree. Most o[illegible]age was visited upon, first, [illegible]cial community, and seco[illegible] later, the manufacturing and [illegible]cial elements of the country [illegible] it all the great foodproduc[illegible]ests, aided by good dem[illegible] foreign demand and extre[illegible]munerative prices, felt th[illegible] only indirectly, and here, [illegible]stored confidence in financ[illegible] were furnished firm found[illegible] the later revival, the recupe[illegible] the renewed upbuilding so [illegible] the second half of the ye[illegible] American farmer, with flatt[illegible]fits in 1907, found large and [illegible] demand for his surpls pro[illegible] good prices in 1908. A[illegible] values as a whole were th[illegible] ever known, and the prosper[illegible] basic industry, uncommon [illegible] following a panic, proved, [illegible] before, that America's eggs [illegible] longer in one or two baskets [illegible]

It will be seen from the a[illegible] 1908 was not exactly like [illegible] which followed those of 18[illegible] 1873 or 1893, periods of [illegible] stress, and years, moreover [illegible] American interests were m[illegible]ly centered in a few things, [illegible] industry was not diversified [illegible] now. For instance, there [illegible] parallel this year to the [illegible] conditions of agricultura[illegible] which ruled in 1893 to 1896, [illegible] the closest analogy to the [illegible] past depression was the peri[illegible]ing the financial panic of 18[illegible] was severe while it lasted, [illegible] which recovery was relative[illegible] Our most recent upheaval [illegible] vere and acute enough, ho[illegible] that industrial outputs were [illegible] and suddenly reduced at [illegible] date, and this fact, together [illegible] promptness of the later [illegible] which was made possible by [illegible]sence of underlying weakness[illegible]pressing stocks of all kinds [illegible]modities, places 1908 in a cl[illegible] self. Yet there were man[illegible] backs to be surmounted. T[illegible] a very unsettled feeling in la[illegible] regarding possible wage re[illegible] the spring was cold and w[illegible] the summer and fall were [illegible] dry, and the approach of t[illegible]dential election in itself [illegible]ments of disturbance an[illegible] Throughout the year there w[illegible]fest one of the usual phen[illegible] after-panic conditions. M[illegible]leased from productive em[illegible] was a drag on the market, a[illegible] employment in trade and in[illegible] turned to the securities ma[illegible] employment. Unquestionab[illegible] strength manifested by [illegible] from the middle of Februar[illegible] was an important element [illegible]ing about the revival later [illegible] trade and industry, and the [illegible]sion the ticker tells the sto[illegible] frequent employment amo[illegible] large class of sanguine peo[illegible] believed, as it turned out jus[illegible] the growing strength in Ame[illegible]curities foreshadowed a con[illegible] amount of recuperation and [illegible] This same ease of money, to[illegible] it possible for the railroads t[illegible] funds at less exorbitant rat[illegible] facilitating improvements [illegible]pairs, and investors proved u[illegible]ing to take municipal and oth[illegible] issues that proved almost u[illegible] in 1907. Finally, higher co[illegible]s of and decisions agai[illegible]tile legislation and extortiona[illegible] court penalties were helpfu[illegible] storing confidence to the [illegible] world generally, and even pr[illegible]datives to national and state [illegible] who found it less popular than [illegible]fore to indulge in corporati[illegible]ing. Later on the apparent [illegible] gone result of the president[illegible]tion removed hesitancy, inc[illegible] placing of orders freely, an[illegible]haps, led to a greater growt[illegible]timism than was really justified