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Jan. 30—Victor Gray-
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MORALITY CAMPAIGN

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w Breakers.

an. 30—Sudbury's jail
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trict. The inspectors
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TO ATTEND OPENING.

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e held here March 31 to
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National Missionary Pol-
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India; Dr. Zwemer, Ar-
oners to the Orient and
men from Great Britain
nd Canada.

in. Prince Rupert.

C., Jan. 29.—Hon. Wm.
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WITH THE FARMERS

SPECIAL POULTRY PRIZES.

The manner in which the poultry show has been supported by the local business men is shown by the long list of special prizes which have been in the competition. These prizes as well as the cash contribution have been much appreciated by the Poultry Association. The thanks of all the members go out to Premier Rutherford for his Grand Challenge cup and for the personal interest he has taken in the work of the association.

The following is the special prize list:

The Premier Rutherford Challenge Cup (value $100) and gold medal value $10), the cup to be held one year, and medal to become the property of the winner, to be won by the best pen of Plymouth Rocks (any variety) consisting of one male and three females. Ex-Ald. Robt. Sentor, Calgary.

Association Challenge Cup and silver medal. The cup to be held one year, and the medal to become the property of the winner, to be won by the highest scoring bird, bred and raised in Alberta by the exhibitor, who must be a member of the association, the following birds are excluded: Bantams, Silkies, Sultans, Polands, all games (except Cornish, Indian and Old English) and any other fancy variety. Bray Brothers, Calgary.

Medal, value $15, donated by W. H. Shepherd, Esq., to be won two years in succession, by the ten highest scoring birds—any three varieties (open to all). Gray Brothers, Calgary.

Cup, donated by Jas. Stovel, Esq., for the best Plymouth Rock fowl, to be won two years before becoming the property of the winner. R. Wallace, Calgary.

Cup, value $10, donated by Robert Smith, Esq., for best orpington fowl, to be won two years before becoming the property of the winner. Dr. Frith, Calgary.

Cup, value $15, donated by the Alberta Milling Co., for the best shaped utility bird to be won two years before becoming the property of the winner R. Wallace, Calgary.

One Lee Manufacturing Co. Brooder, value $12, for best pen of birds raised in 1908, donated by the Lee Manufacturing Co., Pembroke, Ont Lew Hutchinson, Duhamel.

One Foley Brooder, value $10, donated by Messrs. Lundy & McLeod, for best display of birds in the show. Jos. Thompson, Strathcona.

One roll 6-foot Poultry netting, value $5.50, donated by the Northern Hardware Co., for the best exhibit in American class. Gray Bros., Calgary.

Goods, value $5, donated by Ross Bros. Hardware Co., for best exhibit in the English class. Thos. Garbutt Edmonton.

Goods, value $5, donated by Somerville Hardware Co., for best exhibit in Mediterranean class. M. S. Williamson, Edmonton.

Goods, value $5, donated by Senate Cigar Store, for best exhibit in Asiatic class. Mrs. E. G. Palmer.

Goods, value $5, donated by the Palm Cigar Stors, for best exhibit in any class not previously mentioned. H. V. Shaw for game.

Goods, vale $5, donated by Strathcona Brewing Co., for best exhibit in pigeons. R. Worsley.

Set of carvers, value $3, donated by Chown Hardware Co., for best exhibit of ducks. Knowles Bros.

Goods, value $3, donated by the Western Exchange Mart, for best exhibit in geese. J. J. Larigne, Strathcona.

Toilet Case, $3.25, donated by H. Duncan (Strathcona) for best exhibit in turkeys. A. Allan.

Buscuit Jar, value $3, donated by F. Cowles (Strathcona) for second best exhibit in pigeons. J. I. Laringe.

Vase, value $1, donated by W. Wensell (Strathcona) for best dozen brown eggs. Mrs. Taylor.

Underwear, $1, donated by J. W. Walter (Strathcona) for consolation prize. W. Hillman.

Sewing Rocker, value $1.50, donated by McCollum and Westbrook (Strathcona) for bantams. Miss Amy Taylor.

Lantern, value $1, donated by W. W. Ross (Strathcona) for best pen of producing table poultry. R. J. Manson, alderman.

Sweater, value $1, donated by P. J. Macdonald (Strathcona) for consolation. E. Livesey.

Hat, value $3, donated by Essery & Co. (Strathcona), for best pen of Orpingtons. A. K. Karron, Fort Saskatchewan.

Lamp, value $3, donated by T. P. Malone (Strathcona) for best pen of Wyandottes. Jos. Thompson, Strathcona.

One Bag, 100 lbs., R. H. H. Flour, value $3.50, donated by Hamilton & Son, for the best pen Barred Rocks, confined to the city of Edmonton. J. B. Nixon.

Goods, valued at $3, donated by Blain & Co., Strathcona, for the best pen of Leghorns, any variety. Jos. Thompson.

Picture, value $2.50, donated by Blowey, Henry Co., for the best Barred Rock cockerel. Robt. Sentor, Calgary.

Pair Vases, value $2.50, donated by A. H. Richards & Co. (Strathcona), for best exhibit of Minorcas. M. Ross Wallace, Calgary.

Sitting Barred Rock Eggs, value $3, donated by J. C. Noble, Esq. (Strathcona) for the best exhibit of Barred Rocks by farmer—J. G. Tipton, Strathcona.

Sitting White Wyandotte Eggs, value $3, donated by Joseph Thompson, Esq. (Strathcona), for best Wyandotte bird shown by farmer—J. G. Tipton, Strathcona.

Razor, value $2.50, donated by McComb Hardware Co. (Strathcona) for best exhibit in Rhode Island Reds—Mrs. M. Newholt, Calgary.

Medal, value $5, donated by Jackson Bros., for best exhibit of pit games—H. Shaw.

Picture, value $2.50, donated by the Campbell Furniture Co., to be won by highest scoirng bird of an exhibitor showing birds raised by him who has never won a prize before—Thas. Garbutt.

Picture, value $2.50, donated by the West End Furniture Co., for best exhibit of Bantams—Gray Bros., Calgary.

Set of Knives and Forks, value $7.50, donated by Mitchell & Reid for highest scoring cock in the show—Gray Bros., Calgary.

Goods, value $5, donated by Edmonton Brewing and Malting Co. for best cockerel in the show—Gray Bros., Calgary.

Four 25lb. Bags Five Roses Flour, value $3.50fi donated by Potter & McDougall, for best hen in show—Jos. Thompson, Strathcona.

Knives and Forks, donated by W. E. Ross (Strathcona) for best pullet in show—E. J. Dewey, Calgary.

Fifteen Buff Orpington Eggs, donated by V. T. Richards (Strathcona) for best Buff Orpington exhibit by a farmer—Lew Hutchinson, Duhamel.

Stock Food, value $2, donated by Douglas Bros., (Strathcona) for best exhibit by a farmer—J. G. Tipton, Strathcona.

Five pounds Tea, value $2, donated by Gariepy & Lessard, for best pair Canaries—J. B. Mason.

Setting White Wyandotte Eggs, donated by F. Taylor for the best exhibit of White Wyandottes, belonging to an exhibitor who does not win a prize—W. Hillman.

One Pair of Homer Pigeons, donated by R. Worsley for the best exhibit by a boy (under sixteen years old)—J. N. F. Keenwood.

Consolation Prizes.

Goods, value $5, donated by Gorman, Clancey & Grindley, Ltd.—J. R. McPherson.

Goods, value $2, donated by G. S. Armstrong—J. G. Tipton.

Goods, selected, donated by Graham & Reid.—I. J. Impey, Calgary.

Fifty lbs. Oyster Shell, value $2, donated by Tuttle & Dolphin (Strathcona)—H. Chard, Fort Saskatchewan.

Cuff Buttons, value $2, donated by John Weir (Strathcona)—W. J. Brown.

Grit, value $2, donated by Hegler & Hegler—A. W. Graham, Fort Saskatchewan.

Record Book, value $1.50, donated by J. D. Hutton (Strathcona)—Gray Bros., Calgary.

Tar Paper, value $1.15, donated by P. Menning (Strathcona)—J. G. Tipton, Strathcona.

One Pair Gloves, value $2, donated by Edmonton Clothing Co.—R. Williamson.

THE GRAIN CONFERENCE.

The grain conference which has been called in Calgary for Wednesday and Thursday of this week, will undoubtedly prove to be the most important of its kind that has ever been held in the province of Alberta. Premier Rutherford has called the conference in the hope that the outcome of it may be a better understanding between all parties concerned in the grain trade.. It is not proposed to make this a big convention, but a gathering together of from 50 to 75 representative men to discuss the whole grain situation. This number will include farmers, track buyers, elevator owners, railway officials, grain inspectors, bankers and others interested in the growing, purchase, sale, storage and shipment of grain.

The predominating idea that will run through the convention will be the western grain route, but there will be the internal situation to be discussed. The first item on the program deals with the mutual interests of the grain men of the province. The next covers the necessary changes in the Inspection Act with regard to western shipments. These will have to be laid before Parliament at Ottawa for incorporation nn the Grain Act. Other subjects deal with the advantages to be gained by the western route, such as the opening up of the market and shipping facilities for twelve months of the year. It also means that the rush to get grain to the lake head before navigation closes and the consequent shortage of cars will gradually be done away with as far as this province is concerned.

A great deal of trouble arises in the social and business world on account of misunderstandings and misconceptions that arise between those whose mutual interests are identical to a surprising degree. So it is with the grain situation in Alberta. There has been a certain mistrust and a failure to see the common viewpoint on the part of the great body of men engaged in the intricacies of the grain trade. When more harmony exists there will be a greater facility of business and better business returns. The opening of the western grain route has prompted the Premier in calling the convention, but the possibilities for welding the various factors in the grain business into one united whole will not likely be overlooked.

HORSE MARKET.

Auctioneer Robert Smith says that the horse market has taken a decided rise in the Edmonton district, owing to the strong demand for heavy horses to go north. He thinks that the market for horses will be strong all through February. The auction sale in both Edmonton and Strathcona show that cattle are holding their own in the matter of prices, with a good demand for milch cows.

CROWDS AT STOCK SCHOOL.

H. A. Craig, superintendent of fairs and institutes, returned to the city Saturday from Vermiuion, where the stock-judging school has been in progress. Mr. Craig reports that the school is working up the interests of the farmer sin live stock to a greater degree than ever before. The whole outfit is in splendid running order, and the facilities for demonstrating the stock are most complete.

Mr. Craig says that about 120 farmers attended the school in Lloydminster and about the same number in Vermilion.

The short course school, which will be conducted in Lacombe during the first two weeks in March, is attracting considerable attention throughout the province. The Lethbridge people are agitating for a similar school, to be conducted at the Dominion Experimental Farm at that place.

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There has been more hay and coal moving on the market square last week than anything else. The market scale did a big business on Saturday, as fine weather is always conducive to better business, although it causes some easing off in the price.

The potato situation has remained unchanged during the week. Considerable poultry is being offered both alive and dressed. During the previous week Mr. O. Parminter, of Clover Bar, had some live hens for sale, and while waiting for a purchaser three hens each laid an egg in the sleigh box. As the mercury at the time was considerably below zero there is proof for the poultry superintendent's contention that hens can be made to lay regardless of the temperature and of unfavorable circumstances.

Quotations are as follows, showing but little change:

Dressed meats—Beef, 5 to 7c per lb. for best, and 4c for inferior quality. Dressed hogs sold in carcase for 6 1-2c to 8c per lb.

Fish—Whitefish are selling at 6c per lb. Lake trout at 8c per lb.

Feed—Oats are quoted at 27c to 30c per bushel. Feed barley is worth 25c per bushel, and malting barley 35c to 40c. Feed wheat is worth 50c to 60c per bushel.

Hay—Hay prices have shown no variation in the week. Timothy is quoted $11 to $14; upland, $8 to $10; slough, $7 to $8. Green feed is selling at $8 to $9, and straw at $3 per load.

Butter and Eggs—Few eggs are offering, but the price will range from 35c to 50c per dozen. Good butter is selling at 30c per lb.

Poultry—Receipts are very light. Chickens are selling at 11c to 12c per lb.

Coal—Demand not so strong. Prices are down to $3.50 to $4 per ton.

Potatoes—Supplies light, prices 60c to 75c per bushel.

LIVE STOCK QUOTATIONS.

With grain fed cattle on the market now, the quality of the receipts is better and the quotations are somewhat firmer. With the rise of another 1-4 of a cent the price for live steers will be 4 cents per lb. Hogs are coming in strong and buyers report that farmers are turning their attention to hog feeding so as to improve the quality of their consignments to the packing plants. The J. Y. Griffin packing house handled 1,000 hogs and about 250 head of cattle during the past week. The export market for dressed meats is steadily growing consequently hogs cannot come into the plant any too fast.

The J. Y. Griffin Co. quote prices as follows:

Choice steers, per lb.	3 1-2 to 3 3-4c
Medium steers, per lb.	2 1-2 to 3 1-4c
Choice heifers, per lb	3 3-4 to 3 1-4c
Medium Heifers, per lb.	2 1-4 to 3c
Choice cows, per lb	3c
Common cows, per lb	2 1-4 to 2 3-4c
Veal calves, per lb	3c to 4 1-2c
Choice hogs, per lb.	5 1-2c
Roughs and heavies, per lb.	4 1-2 to 5c
Sheep, per lb.	5 1-2c
Lambs, per lb.	6c

P. Burns Co., quote prices as follows:

Choice steers, per lb.	2 1-2 to 3 1-2c
Cows, per lb.	2 to 2 1-2c
Butcher cattle, per lb	2 1-2 to 3c
Calves, per lb.	3 1-2 to 5c
Hogs per lb.	5 1-2c
Sheep	5c
Lambs	5 1-2c

RED DEER MARKETS.

Red Deer, Feb. 1—The following are the prices prevailing on the market here:

Wheat—No. 1 northern 81c; No. 3 northern 74c; No. 1 Alberta Red, 73c; No. 3 Alberta Red, 69c; No. 1 white winter wheat, 74c; oats, 26c; barley, 35 to 45c; rye, 50c.

Dressed Meats—Dressed pork, 7 3-4c; dressed beef, 5c.

Live Stock—Hogs, alive 5c; chickens, alive, 7c.

Produce—Potatoes, bush. 50c; butter, 20 to 25c; eggs, fresh 30c.

SATURDAY'S GRAIN MARKETS.

Winnipeg, January 30.—There was a continuance of the wire trouble caused by the storm, and though some messages came through, the service was intermitted and unsatisfactory. July closed unchanged and September ½ higher. Minneapolis May sold ¼ during the morning but closed ¼ lower to unchanged; July was ¼ lower. Winnipeg market was quiet but held its strength. January closed unchanged, May and July ⅛ higher. January flax was up 1c and May 1⅛c. The cold wave now covering the South-western States is regarded as a bullish factor. There was little gossip andont much deals in what came. Receipts at Winnipeg were 68 cars, against 97 last year.

Winnipeg options: Wheat—January 1.00¼, 1.00½; May 1.03¼, 1.03; July 1.03⅞, 1.03¾.

Oats—January 38½, 38¼; May 41⅞, 41½.

Winnipeg cash wheat—No. 1 Northern, 1.00½; No. 2 Northern, 97¾; No. 3 Northern, 94¾; No. 4, 90¾; No. 5, 85¼; No. 6, 79¾; No. 1 feed, 70; rejected 1-1 Northern, 96¼; rejected 1-2 Northern, 93¼; rejected 1-3 Northern, 90; rejected 2-1 Northern, 93¾; rejected 2-2 Northern, 90¾; rejected 2-3 Northern, 87¾; rejected 1 Northern for seeds, 92½; rejected 2 Northern for seeds, 90.

Winter wheat—No. 1 Alberta Red, 99.

Oats—No. 2 white, 38; No. 3 white, 37¾; feed, 37½; No. 2 feed, 36¾.

Barley—No. 3, 48; No. 4, 45½; feed, 40½.

Flax—No. 1 Northwestern, 1.25; No. 1 Manitoba, 1.23.

American options— May 1.07¼, 1.07¼; July 97⅞, 97⅝.

HUGHES FORCES FIGHTING.

Governor of Empire State Assumes a Pugnacious Attitude.

Albany, N.Y., February 1.—Governor Hughes proposes to force the fight for his Direct Nominations and Mass Ballot legislation at once. Should he be defeated at the regular session, he will call the legislature back, even should it become necessary to hold it here all summer. This information was brought to Albany to day by friends of the executive, who listened to his pugnacious speech at the Botus Club, New York, last night, and consulted with him as to the campaign he is waging to drive through his most desired projects. The Direct Nominations measures will be probably submitted this week and the Mass Ballot bill will soon follow.

New Light Horse Corps.

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—A militia order, issued today, authorizes the formation of the sixteenth Light Horse Cadet Corps with headquarters at Grenfell.

CROPS ARE REDUCED BY POOR FARMING

Final Crop Report of Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture Shows Over a Million Bushels of Grain For 1908.—This is Less Than Previous High Average.

Regina, Sask., February 1.—The Department of Agriculture today published the final report dealing with the crop of last year. This shows the province produced 105,589,543 bushels of wheat, barley, oats and flax.

"Compared with 1907," says the report, "the returns of last year are almost twice as large both in acreage and in yield. The average yield of each crop, however, was smaller and somewhat less than in 1907, with the exception of barley. It is plain, however, that the yields of the past two years are much below the possibilities of the province and unless it can be demonstrated that former seasons were more favorable for plant growth than was the past summer, it may be assumed that the modes of cultivation, particularly those in vogue in some of the newer districts, should be held responsible to a certain extent for the failure to reach the old-time high average yield."

The report briefly summarises an analysis of threshers' returns, on which wheat statistics are based, showing how variable are the results obtained by different farmers even in the same locality, and deducting therefrom that the low average of 13.68 bushels of wheat to the acre last season was due to bad farming.

"The logical inference," says the report, "is that for each farmer whose crops exceeded the average yield for the province, some other farmer or farmers must have had crops of which the average yield was correspondingly less than the average for Saskatchewan." In a word, careful farming would restore the average yield to its old-time supremacy. While the report suggests no remedy, it makes out the strongest kind of case that the enormously rich and fertile province of Saskatchewan is being retarded and damaged by bad and slovenly farming. With 3,703,563 acres seeded to wheat last year, the total yield might have been nearly double the 50,654,629 bushels actually produced, an average of 13.68 bushels, as against 13.52 bushels for 1907, when the acreage of 2,047,724 produced 27,691,601 bushels.. The oats average was 27.29 bushels last year, against 29.09 the previous year. The total is 48,379,838 bushels.

CORRESPONDENCE

SCHOOL DISTRICTS WOULD BENEFIT.

Editor Bulletin:

Sir: The recent convention of School Trustees suggests a matter that might well engage the attention of the provincial government. The thousand odd school districts in Alberta equip themselves with school sites, buildings, etc., by issuing debentures ranging in amount from a few hundred to many thousand dollars. Because these debentures are in small amounts, for relatively short terms, and rendeemable by installments, they do not appeal to the cheaper money markets of the world, which are, furthermore, unacquainted with our smaller localities. The result is that the money must be secured in a dearer market, nearer home, and at correspondingly higher rates of interest. The newly organized rural districts, which can least afford it, are naturally the greatest to suffer in this respect.

The suggestion I would make is that the Province furnish the money to the respective school districts, at a uniform rate of say five per cent, taking the equivalent of the present school debentures for its security. It would then issue its own consolidated school debentures for an amount equal to the aggregate of the year's requirements, and on these the money could be secured at 4 per cent. The extra one per cent should amply cover expenses of management, and it might even be found possible to work on a smaller margin.

An objection may be raised that such state assistance might lead to extravagant expenditure. However, the legitimate requirements of the new school districts can so easily be ascertained that proper supervision should present no difficulty. The statutes already limit the borrowing powers and call for the approval of the Department of Education. The chief alteration required would be to have the matter dealt with for the whole province at the same time of year, so that one annual issue of the consolidated debentures could be made.

Taking the number of school districts at the even thousand, their average outstanding indebtedness at $2,000, and the average present rate of interest at 7 per cent, the plan proposed would show a saving to the school ratepayers of the Province of two per cent on two million dollars, or $40,000 a year. Whatever the result of an exhaustive compilation of the exact figures, the principle remains the same.

Much of the money that now goes into the present school debentures is of a class that, if denied that outlet, would turn to mortgage investment and tend to reduce the rates on farm loans. It seems of the utmost importance, while our development demands such large borrowings, that we should make every effort to appeal to the cheapest possible money. Provinces of Alberta Consolidated School Debentures would effect that purpose so far as our elementary educational requirements are concerned.

Yours respectfully,

H. M. E. EVANS.

Edmonton, January 30th.

Turkey Wants to Know.

Constantinople, January 31.—The Grand Vizier today sent to Sofia an energetic note demanding to know positively if Bulgaria intends to resume negotiations.

WHOLE FAMILY BURNED.

Four Occupants of a House Near Lynden, Ontario, Overcome by Smoke and Lose Their Lives.

Hamilton, Feb. 1—That four occupants of a brick house could be suffocated and burned to death in broad daylight, within a stone's throw of relatives and neighbors, is the almost unbelievable tragedy enacted on the old Indian trail two miles south of Leyden, when Phillip Vansidle, a farmer, 78 years of age, his son Martin, 24 years of age, his son-in-law Harry Vansidle, 35 years of age, and his daughter, Matilda, 45 years of age, met death in a fire which destroyed the farm house completely. The cause of the fire is a mystery. There is no suspicion of foul play.

The four people lived in a two storey brick house. They retired at midnight on Friday and while they slept the house caught fire. Clouds of smoke went through the house rendering the occupants unconscious. Phillip Vansidle and his son-in-law, Harry, endeavored to escape, but were overcome by the smoke. The fire swept through the house and the floors and roof fell in, taking three of the bodies to the bottom. The body of Phillip Vansidle was brought out before the floors fell in. The fire was not noticed until 10 a.m. Coroner Farmer, of Ancaster, will hold an inquest.

CONDEMNED SECRET SOCIETIES.

Archbishop McEvoy Speaks Before C. M. B. A. in Toronto.

Toronto, Feb. 1—Condemnation of all secret societies opposed to the teachings of the Roman Catholic church was expressed by Archbishop McEvoy, addressing 1,000 members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit association in St. Michael's cathedral yesterday afternoon. The archbishop said the church was the foundation of society and the farther society wandered from the church the worse it became. Freedom from the pope, spoken of so much, the speaker did not recognize. We heard much boasting, said the archbishop, of getting away from the tyranny of the pope of Rome. Truly, his holiness had not the power to compel a man to live with his wife, nor to stop the social curse, divorce, against which every member of the Catholic church should raise his voice, and neither could the pope give Catholic children a Catholic education. He advised the C. M. B. A. to beware of "nonsensical, silly retreats, frills and secrets."

City Assessor Resigns.

Regina, Jan. 31—Peter Cooper, city assessor and ex-alderman, has handed in his resignation. Mr. Cooper has figured prominently in the evidence given by Messrs. Dobson and Fry in the Laird-Scott libel case, having been named by them as being the alderman with whom it was necessary to have an arrangement to the extent of shares of $1,000 before the firm could get their sewerage contract raised $3,500.

Moved to Burn Constitution.

Cuthrie, Okla, Jan. 31.—Senator Blair in the senate yesterday, in all seriousness, moved that the body burn the constitution adopted by the State of Oklahoma. His words created a decided sensation and were followed immediately by adjournment.

MUNICIPALITIES SEEK PROTECTION

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vince of Alberta, at their present session, with a view of having the vital statistics act amended, so that the clerks of all municipalities may be appointed as registrars of births, marriages and deaths through the province, in order to afford the said municipalities better facilities of procuring information regarding the same than at present exists."

Must Not Pledge Credit.

A resolution of especial interest to Edmonton, in view of certain applications at present before the city council, was passed by the convention. This opposed any city or town pledging their credit in aid of any individual, association or corporation, except in aid of the sick and poor. The resolution passed was as follows: "Resolved, that this Union reaffirm the resolution passed two years ago to the effect that in their opinion the credit of a city or town should not in any manner be given or loaned to or in aid of any individual, association or corporation, except that it may make suitable provision for the aid and support of its sick and poor, and that the attention of the government be again called to the necessity of formulating such legislation."

Payment for Indigent Patients.

Protection for the municipalities from the expense of caring for outside patients in the hospitals was aimed at in the following resolution passed by the convention:

"Resolved that the Legislature of the province be requested to pass the necessary legislation to enable a municipality to collect hospital and burial expenses from the municipality or local improvement district from which a pauper patient comes, along the lines of the recommendations contained on pages 18 and 19 of the January, 1909 number of the Canadian Municipal Journal."

Increasing the Fees.

In order to carry out the schemes of the Union on a large scale it was decided in connection to increase the fees of municipalities belonging to the Union and to ask for a government grant. This would permit of the employment of a paid secretary and of extending the work of the association. By the new system introduced the fees paid by municipalities will be in proportion to its size. Edmonton, with a population of 20,000 will be required to pay a $200 fee, or $10 for each 1,000 inhabitants. The resolution dealing with this matter was as follows:

"Resolved that section 4 of the constitution be repealed and that the following be substituted therefore:

The following shall be the scale of yearly fees to be paid by members, cities, towns and municipalities, a minimum fee of $10; and that in addition to this sum the further sum of $10 be charged for each thousand of population over one thousand and that paragraphs 7 and 8 be amended by striking out the word "honorary," Wherever it occurs therein."

The resolution asking for government aid was:

"Resolved that the provincial government be asked to contribute yearly to the funds of the union ,the sum of $1,000."

Want School Act Amended.

The matter of having a better check placed on the expenditures of school boards, as having a very important relation to the municipalities which have to raise the money required which was discussed earlier in the convention, was decided by the following resolution asking the government to make provision for the advertising and ratification of the issue of school debentures as of municipal debentures. The resolution was:

"Resolved that whereas it has been found that the relations between school boards and municipal councils in cities and towns, under the existing provisions of the School and Municipal laws are conducive of friction between such bodies, especially in relation to the raising of moneys by the issue of debentures and otherwise:

Therefore be it resolved that it is the opinion of this union that the legislature should be urged in considering amendments to the municipal and school legislation to bring the same into closer harmony, especially to make provision that the issue of debentures for school purposes should be surrounded with the same formalities as to advertising and ratification by the ratepayers as are municipal debentures."

Favor Business Organization.

In connection with the proposed municipal bill to be introduced at the present session of the Alberta legislature, the union made the following important resolution with respect to the question of municipal government;

"Resolved that this union fully endorses and commends to the provincial government the idea of the organization of Alberta municipalities on a basis approximating to that common to business corporations, making a clear distinction between the legislative and administrative bodies.

That the legislative body should be comparatively small elected for a term of two years, and the appointment of the administrative officers on a basis of merit, with a permanent tenure of office, subject to the rendering of satisfactory service."

Will Include Permanent Officials.

With respect to the admission of permanent civic officials into the convention the resolution committee made the following recommendation which was adopted:

"Your resolution committee submits herewith a petition from the officials of the various municipalties comprising the union and begs to make the following special report in connection therewith:

"That your committee on resolutions have had under consideration the petition from the permanent officials of various municipalties comprising this union asking that a section of the union be formed comprising the different officials of the various municipalities, and that councils be urged to arrange facilities for such officials to attend the meetings of the association, and would report that in their opinion the time has not yet arrived for the division of the union into sections but one fully in sympathy with the desirability of having the assistance at our conventions of the permanent officers of the various municipalities organizations comprising the union, but would draw attention to section 6 of our constitution which is so worded as to permit the appointment of such officers as delegates, and would submit the following resolution:

That it be a recommendation from this convention to the various municipalities comprising this union that a portion of each delegation should be chosen from the permanent staff."

The secretary was instructed to bring all resolutions relating to legislative matters to the attention of the government at an early date. At the conclusion of the regular order of business a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the city of Edmonton for the hospitality and welcome extended to the delegates.

Banquet in the Evening.

In the evening the delegates to the convention were entertained by the city at a banquet in Hurry's Cafe. While a number of the delegates had already gone home, a large number remained in the city and attended the banquet. Mayor Lee presided and acted as toastmaster. Besides the delegates, there were present the aldermen of the city, a number of city officials, representatives of the press and others. The menu provided was excellent and the service was of the best. An orchestra was present and enlivened the proceedings with a number of excellent selections. The responses to the various toasts were very appropriate to the occasion and were well received. The following was the toast list:

The King, Houses of Parliament, C. Hiebert, M.P.P., Didsbury; O. Bush, Strathcona; Professor Muir Edwards.

Union of Alberta Municipalities, W. A. Griesbach.

Sister Cities and Towns, Mayor Jamieson, Calgary; Mayor Duggan, Strathcona; Mayor Milne, Medicine Hat; Mayor Frost, Clareshcim; ex-Mayor Gaetz, Red Deer; Mayor Brimacombe, Vermilion; Mayor Grier, Macleod; ex-Mayor Cousins, Medicine Hat;

Song, Mr. Mathews, Macleod.

Municipal Men, A. M. Arnold, Lethbridge; J. C. Jamieson, Strathcona; W. Laurie, Cardston; E. Michener, Red Deer.

The Press—Jas. Weir and representatives of the Journal and Bulletin.

The Ladies, John Halstead, Calgary.

The banquet was concluded by singing the National Anthem. Superintendent Taylor had a car in attendance for the convenience of those living in the west end of the city and in Strathcona.

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TEACHER WANTED—ROMAN Catholic teacher speaking French and English, holding 2nd or 3rd class certificate. Term to commence at once. Apply stating salary wanted and previous experience to N. Baumechen, secretary-treasurer, Legal, Alta.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SALE OF LUMBER DISTRAINT FOR taxes due the Beaupré school district No. 850 public notice is hereby given that about 3,000 feet of lumber belonging to Joseph Belrose, S.W. 32, T. 54, R. 2, W. of 5 M. at present lying near Onoway post office, and distraint for taxes due the Beaupre S.D. 850, will be sold by Auction at the post office, Onoway, on Monday the 9th day of February, 1909, at the hour of 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Dated this 26th day of January, 1909. Wm. C. Turnbull, Sec.-Treas., Beaupre S. District 850.

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STRAYED.

STRAYED — TO OUR PREMISES about two years ago dark red steer, now about three years old. Owner can have same by paying expenses. Jos. Dalton, Villeneuve, Alta.

STRAYED— TO MY PREMISES ON October, 1908, bay pony with halter, about 12 years old, weighs about 1,000 lbs. No visible brand. Owner can have property by proving ownership and paying expenses. Paul Steugaard, Clover Bar Bridge.

STRAYED— FROM MY PREMISES A red roan cow with black tits, ears marked, branded bar 52 on left side, when lost had a piece of rope on neck. Reward will be given for information leading to recovery. Walter Marler, Clover Bar, Alta.

LOST OR STRAYED—FROM JAMES O'Conner's winter quarters at Louis Wolf's farm, two mile north of Stony Plain, three horses, one dapple gray gelding, slightly swayback; weight about 1,400 lbs; no brands. Also one dark bay gelding white stripe on face, weight about 1,500 lbs; no visible brands; also one dark brown, white strip on face, weight about 1,300 lbs., no visible brand. A reward of $30 will be paid for any information leading to their recovery. Matt Whalen Stony Plain, Alberta.

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