AROUND THE CITY

LOCALS.

Angus Brabant, former inspector for the Hudson's Bay Company in the Athabasca district has been appointed to take charge of the McKenzie river district. Mr. Brabant has been in the employ of the company in the district offices at Edmonton for the past three years.

The Presbyterian church of Nanaio will hold their annual picnic on their grounds half a mile north of the Nanaio school house on Thursday, June 11th. Dinner and supper will be served on the grounds. A programme of sports is being arranged.

Ex-Ald. Daly reports that he examined a field of fall wheat on the farm of Phillip Ottewell, Clover Bar, several days ago and the average growth ranged from 16 to 18 inches. Visitors to southern Alberta say that this growth is not surpassed in any part of the province.

Dr. A. D. Collbeck, of Hardisty, writes to the Bulletin to state that not a single case of smallpox has developed in Hardisty. The cases which have been brought to Edmonton, came from the Grand Trunk Pacific camps, he says, and not from the village of Hardisty. The G. T. P. contractors' camps are twenty miles distant from Hardisty.

Mrs. Sarah E. Marsh, who left last month for a visit to her old home in the United States, has applied to the Circuit Court at Kansas City, Mo., for a legal separation from her husband, Clarence M. Marsh, on the grounds of desertion or abandonment. As soon as the decree of divorce is granted, Mrs. Marsh expects to return to Edmonton to live.

The Toronto Conservatory of Music has made Edmonton an examination. Dr. Fisher, musical director of the Conservatory, has appointed G. L. Ellis, inspector of public schools, honorary representative in Edmonton, for the purpose of conducting the examinations. The time and place of the examinations has not yet been announced.

INSTITUTE SESSIONS.

The public and high schools will be closed on Monday and Tuesday to enable teachers to attend the institute sessions conducted under the auspices of the education department in Strathcona on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Principal Bryan and Messrs. Thompson and Miller, of the Normal school staff, will speak and they will be assisted by the local inspectors and superintendent. The teachers are receiving instructions from the board to attend

It is expected that Mr. May, who has been off duty on account of illness for the past two weeks, will resume work within another week.

INCREASES FIFTY PER CENT.

Some interesting calculations can be made from the report of A. G. Harrison which appeared in Friday's Bulletin. As secretary of the Edmonton Board of Trade, Mr. Harrison secured seeding statistics from nine districts in Alberta, viz., Ponoka, Lacombe, Strathcona, Conjuring Creek, Sedgwick, Dayslind, Wetaskiwin, Raifurly and Edmonton. The figures show the per centage of increase in the acreage in the respective districts and the relative percentage of wheat, oats and barley in the grain sown. On striking an average for the nine districts, which cover a large portion of Central Alberta, it is found that there is an increase of 50 per cent. in the area under cultivation this year over the previous year. A similar average taken of the acreage sown to wheat, oats and barley over this great district shows that 27 per cent. is wheat, 59 per cent. oats and 14 per cent. barley, no account being taken of the rye and flax. With ideal climate conditions Alberta will be expected to make an unprecedented record this year.

NEW PROVINCIAL ARCHIVIST.

Miss Katharine Hughes, who for a year and a half has creditably filled the difficult position of society editoress on the Bulletin, has been appointed provincial archivist and assumed her new duties this week. Miss Hughes is eminently fitted for the discharge of the duties of the responsible position to which she has been appointed. The duties of archivist will embrace every branch of research into the past of the province, and mainly consist in a compilation in convenient historical form of the march of events in the province, its development along industrial, commercial, social and legislative lines, together with biographies of the people who have made history here. Her fitness for the position was fully demonstrated in her work on the Christmas numbers published by the Bulletin in 1906 and 1907, she having secured the facts and written all the articles which appeared in these two special numbers.

The new provincial archivist was born in Prince Edward Island and is an honor graduate of Prince of Wales College. Upon leaving college she at once entered upon literary work, writing in 1899 for the Encyclopedia of Canada (Vol. V) the section upon Canadian forests and timber interests. In 1903, having previously written special articles for the paper during a trip to England, Miss Hughes joined the staff of the Montreal Star as exchange editor. This position she occupied until coming West in 1906. Miss Hughes has an easy literary style; her writing is distinguished for its strength and its broad grasp of things. She has at an early age attained an enviable place in the Canadian world of letters. She has already published the life of Archbishop O'Brien.

The Bulletin relinquishes Miss Hughes from its editorial staff with no small measure of regret.

Y.M.C.A. OFFICERS FOR 1908.

At the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association, held last night, the election of officers for the year resulted as follows: President, J. A. McDougall (re-elected); 1st vice-president, H. Aldridge; 2nd vice-president, Dr. H. R. Smith; recording secretary, H. W. Riley; treasurer, H. H. Hull (re-elected). The following were appointed chairmen of the various committees: Finance, H. Aldridge; membership, P. E. Butchart; religious work, W. W. Chown; educational, C. E. Race; social and reception, Dr. H. R. Smith; boys' work, H. Gilbert; physical department, T. M. Turnbull.

For the month of June W. I. Crafts and W. H. Clark were appointed rooms committee.

It was decided that the officers should compose the executive committee.

In case the Y.M.C.A. Canadian West Committee establish a Y.M.C.A. tent in the military camps, one of the staff of the Edmonton association will accompany the Edmonton contingent to Calgary.

LOST HIS SUPPLIES.

C. H. Dunn, of Wabamun, lost a valuable supply of goods on the lake last Thursday. Several of his men were going from the east to the west end of the lake, where Mr. Dunn has a second store at Seba. When about half way down, two flat scows attached to the gasoline launch, upset owing to a squall that had sprung up and the contents all went to the bottom. Part was recovered but there was a large loss from water.

MINERAL EXHIBITS.

Secretary A. G. Harrison, of the Board of Trade, has received several samples of minerals from E. McAdam, of Pakan, for exhibiton at the Dominion Fair at Calgary this summer as illustrating the extent of the natural resources of the district. Among the exhibits is some iron ore that assayed 47.76 per cent. and several varieties of iron that assayed from 51 per cent. to 80 per cent. There is also a good exhibit of carbonate of lime that assayed 86.01 per cent.

TO GO DOWN MacKENZIE RIVER.

Miss Agnes Cameron, the well known magazine writer, accompanied by her niece, Miss Brown, is a guest at the Hotel Cecil for a few days. Next Tuesday Miss Cameron and party leave for the far north on an exploration tour down the MacKenzie river to the Arctic ocean. They will not return before October. While in Edmonton, Miss Cameron will be entertained at luncheon by the members of the Women's Press club.

RAILWAY COMPANY APPEAL.

An appeal has been entered at the Supreme Court against the decision of Mr. Justice Harvey in the case of the Winterburn Farm Company vs. the Edmonton, Yukon & Pacific Railway Company. The appeal will be heard in Calgary by the Supreme Court en banc in July. O. M. Biggar is appearing for the appellants and defendants and G. B. O'Connor for the respondents and plaintiffs.

The case was an action for damages brought by the plaintiffs, the Winterburn Farm Company, against the E. Y. & P. Railway Company for damages caused to the crop of the former by the construction of the line and their failure to build fences along the right of way after the line was constructed. The case was tried at the last session of the Supreme Court before a jury. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff, fixing the damages at $1,202.50 and leaving to the judge the question of deciding whether the E. Y. & P. Company were liable. Mr. Justice Harvey decided that the defendant company were liable and confirmed the decision of the jury as to the amount of the damage. The defendants have appealed the case.

OPERATIONS ON PARLIAMENT HILL.

The industrial operations on Parliament hill are going forward rapidly this week under the stress of excellent weather. The foundations for the huge pillars to support the central portions of the buildings are completed and the filling in process is well under way.

There has been considerable speculation as to how the enormous amount of construction material which will be used in the buildings is to be conveyed from the E. Y. & P. railway to the top of the hill. An interesting contrivance is now under construction which will solve this difficulty. In the first place a siding will be built alongside the railway on which the cars loaded with material may stand until unloaded. On the face of the hill which at this point is between 50 and 60 feet high, a huge derrick is being placed on a solidly built platform. Above the platform there are piles driven to support the terminus of a miniature track which will run not only to the scene of operations on the hill but all around the buildings. The derrick will raise the heavy material from the car, whirl it up and through the air to the smaller cars above, which will carry several tons weight. These cars will then be drawn along the track by horses in the same manner as freight boats are drawn along a canal by horses on the tow path. At present it is thought that a pulley arrangement will not be practicable. The miniature track is suggestive of the chief source of amusement for children at summer resorts, but before this track has served its purpose it will have carried thousands of tons of building material. It is expected to be in operation by the end of next week.

The executive committee of the board of directors met in the Y. W. C. A. parlors on Friday morning, May 29th, and after a successful business session, the members of the committee with a party of their friends remained to take dinner and spend a social and enjoyable hour in the pleasant dining room of the home.

FIRST PHYSICIAN TO GO TO THE INDIANS

Dr. James F. Rymer, an English Surgeon, Leaves Edmonton on Tuesday on 1,800 Mile Journey to Fort Good Hope, Where He Will Minister to Indians and Esquimaux.

The first medical man to go into the far north with the intention of making his permanent residence among the natives and of practising his profession leaves for the north on Tuesday on the stage for Athabasca Landing. This is Dr. James F. Rymer, an English surgeon, who has been living in Edmonton for the past six months. He leaves on Tuesday for Fort Good Hope on the Mackenzie River, 1,800 miles north of Edmonton, which he will make his headquarters and will minister to the physical sufferings of the Indians and Esquimaux. He will not return to civilization for at least three years and even then only for a brief visit.

Dr. Rymer will be the first resident physician in the far north. The only one at present living in the north is Dr. Donald at Lesser Slave Lake, who cares for the treaty Indians in the Lesser Slave Lake and Peace River districts. Dr. Rymer proposes to go much farther north, far beyond the area where treaty money is paid. He will practise medicine and surgery among the Indians and Esquimaux in the vicinity of Fort Good Hope and Fort McPherson, on the Mackenzie River near the Arctic Ocean. Several forms of disease and fevers often break out among these natives, and as they have had no skilled medical attention in the past the loss of life has been enormous. Dr. Rymer will endeavor to persuade these people to better obey the laws of health and will care for them when sick.

He will make his headquarters at Fort Good Hope, where only four or five white people live. At this fort there is a small Roman Catholic mission, a Hudson's Bay trading post and a branch post of the Hislop & Nagle trading company. Mr. and Mrs. Gillette are stationed at the Hudson Bay post and Mr. Drew is in charge of Nagle's post. Dr. Rymer can speak French, which is the only language other than their own that the Indians understand. He expects to begin learning the language of the Indians and Esquimaux as soon as he arrives at his destination.

He will go north on Tuesday by stage to Athabasca Landing. From there he will go down the Athabasca and McKenzie Rivers on his 1,800 mile trip by means of the Hudson's Bay mission and Nagle's steamers. He will take with him sufficient medicine in a concentrated form to last a year and will have more shipped in next year.

Dr. Rymer was born at Croydon, England, in 1863 and is unmarried. He studied at Guy's Hospital, London, England, for some time and graduated from the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1887. In 1890 he also received a doctor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia. For eight years before coming to Canada he was medical officer to the Carthusian Monastery in Parkminster, Sussex, which is the largest monastry in the world. He comes from an old medical family. His great grandfather was a surgeon in the British navy and was the first to discover a remedy for scurvy, over one hundred years ago. His father and grandfather were also medical men.

Dr. Rymer is very much interested in photography and will take numbers of pictures in the north. He will do some writing for several London papers and will probably also do some prospecting as a hobby among the unexplored hills and mountains in the far north.

THE WEATHER.

A few light showers have occurred in Alberta, elsewhere in the prairie provinces the weather has been fine and it has been warm in all districts.

Forecast—Manitoba and Saskatchewan, fine and warm.

Alberta—A few scattered showers but mostly fair and warm.

The record of temperatures in the various centres yesterday was:

	Max.	Min.
Edmonton, cloudy	74	46
MacLeod, cloudy	60	40
Humbolt, clear	73	43
Regina, fair	74	42
Portage la Prairie, clear	69	40
Dauphin, clear	72	38
Pierson, clear	69	41
W. Selkirk, clear	63	45
Cartwright, clear	68	38
Winnipeg, clear	64	58
Cypress River, clear	68	41
Emerson, clear	68	50
Lethbridge, cloudy	74	41
Saskatoon, fair	75	45
Swift Current, clear	76	48
Moosomin, clear	68	38
Calgary, fair	70	42
Prince Albert, clear	76	44
Yorkton, clear	67	37
Broadview, clear	76	39
Pipestone, clear	73	37
Battle, clear	72	39
Carman, clear	56	36
Brandon, clear	70	37
Port Arthur, cloudy	58	48
Estevan, cloudy	68	39
Morden, cloudy	71	40
Red Deer, cloudy	74	49
Medicine Hat, cloudy	74	52
Swan River, clear	73	34
Indian Head, fair	71	38
Hamiota, clear	70	40
Virdin, clear	69	36

Flying Machine Experiments.

Rome, May 28—Leon Delagrange, who has been making a series of ascensions in this city, today made final experiments with his flying machine and went into the air for fifteen separate flights. The maximum distance covered was about 3,800 feet at a height of 6 or 7 feet from the ground. This distance was covered in 64 seconds.

STRATHCONA NEWS

Y. M. C. A. WINS FROM THE STRATHCONA CITY TEAM.

Keenly Contested Game Last Night on the Strathcona Agricultural Fair Grounds Results in Home Team's Defeat by Score of 2 to 1.

There was a fair sized crowd of spectators at the agricultural fair grounds last night to see the football match between the Strathcona city team and the Y. M. C. A. of Edmonton. The contest was a keen one from start to finish and though Strathcona was on the aggressive for the greater part of the game, the forwards showed lack of combination playing and Y. M. C. A. backs relieved when Strathcona should have scored. The result was their first defeat of the season by a score of 2 to 1. In the first half Y. M. C. A. made the first goal after eight minutes play, Brown doing the needful. Shortly before half time Jennings evened the score.

In the second half soon after play started Edmonds again eluded the Strathcona goal keper and placed a second to the credit of the Y. M. C. A., making the score 2 to 1. For the remainder of the contest it was close with varying fortunes though on the whole the Y. M. C. A. forwards showed better condition and more effective combination.

The game was refereed by John Morris, of Edmonton, and the line up was as follows:—

Y. M. C. A.		Strathcona City.
R. Brown	Goal	Watson
Short	Backs	Carmichael
Neilson		D. Bissett
Britain	Halves	Cox
Whitehead		Bellamy
Stockdale		Abbott
LaFrance	Forwards	Dunand
Grandmer		Jennings
K. Brown		Christie
Edmonds		Newman
Tyler		A. Bissett

The game in Edmonton between St. Pauls and Strathcona Trinity resulted in a victory for the former by a score of 4 to 1.

SUIT AGAINST STRATHCONA.

At Calgary yesterday the case of the Alberta Nurseries against the city of Strathcona and H. H. Crawford came on for hearing and decision will likely be given today. The sum sued for by the Nurseries company is $160 from the city for trees in Allandale park and $80 on Mr. Crawford's own private account. Among the witnesses in attendance from Strathcona were H. H. Crawford, J. J. McKenzie, Ald. Elliott and R. Turnbull. The case was being looked after on behalf of Mr. Crawford by J. R. Lavell. Mr. Crawford, who last year was chairman of the parks committee in the council defended both actions but the city agreed to reimburse him against any losses in the city account.

MONEY BY-LAWS CARRIED.

The election on the three money by-laws submitted to the burgesses of Strathcona yesterday did not create much interest and a small vote was polled. All the by-laws carried by good majorities, the results being as follows:

By-law 252, Borrowing $5,434 for paying permanent improvements in 1908; 211 for, 8 against.

By-law 253, Borrowing $24,018.95 for deficit on sale of debentures: 234 for, 5 against.

By-law 254, Borrowing $61,737.25 permanent improvements for extensions of water, sewer and electric systems: 264 for, 13 against.

CASES WERE ADJOURNED.

The cases of the Alberta Nurseries Co. vs. the City of Strathcona, and ex-Ald. H. H. Crawford, which were heard in the District Court at Calgary before Judge Mitchell, have been adjourned to secure the evidence of several witnesses on behalf of the prosecution. This evidence will be taken by commission in Strathcona within the next few days. J. R. Lavell is acting for H. H. Crawford and the city.

little folk of the city. During the afternoon the handsome grounds presented a pretty picture, and all the little ones thoroughly enjoyed their outing.

Mrs. W. E. Rankin has gone to Medicine Hat, where she is attending the annual convention of the W. M. S. of the Methodist church. Mrs. Rankin is expected home the last of the week.

Rev. Mr. Ross, a brother of Inspector Ross, and a leading divine of Ontario, has just been called to the pastorship of Fort Massey church of Halifax, one of the leading churches of the Maritime Provinces.

Mr. and Mrs. John Duff, of Olds, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Tipton.

The work of demolishing the rear part of the Dominion Hotel, partly destroyed by fire recently, has been begun.

ORANGE CELEBRATION.

The annual celebration of the Loyal Orange Lodge of Alberta will be held this year at Strathcona Agricultural Fair grounds on the 12th of July next. The local lodge is already making preparations for the event, and cheap excursion rates will be arranged along the C. & E. and the C.N.R. It is expected that the gathering in Strathcona will be the largest and most enthusiastic in the history of the order in this Province.

BASEBALL TO-NIGHT.

The first baseball game of the season will be played to-night at the Agricultural Fair grounds between Leduc and Strathcona. In the last contest Strathcona won by a score of 6 to 4.

LOCALS.

Walter Bellamy, who has been employed for some time in Cowles' drug store, left last evening for his home in Virden, Man. He will be greatly missed upon the Strathcona City football team, where he was one of the strongest players.

STRATHCONA WINS A SECOND GAME FROM LEDUC.

An Interesting Baseball Match Played Last Night at the Strathcona Grounds—Home Team Wins by a Score of 5 to 4.

At the Strathcona baseball grounds Friday evening Strathcona's Twilight league team played a team representing Leduc a return match and again finished ahead. Manager Purdy, of the Strathconas, has been ill for some time and the team was weakened by his loss. The game was a good exhibition of ball in spots with the inevitable balloon ascensions in certain innings. The South Side city is weak in the receiving end of the battery and will have to get McCaul in better shape before good work can be done. Hall pitched a steady game, but at no time seemed to have the batters entirely at his mercy. With some arranging and plenty of hard practice this team ought to give a good account of itself in the league. Last night's game was marked rather by loose play than by bad errors. For Leduc Blades pitched a good steady game, but was touched for three etwo-baggers. He received excellent support from Meinke, who played an errorless game. Some good catches in centre field were made by R. Hardy. Aicher at short proved weak in one or two critical moments, but redeemed this by scoring off an error. During the first part of the game snappy ball marked the performance of both sides. With practice such a pace might be easily maintained throughout and the spectators treated to first class amateur ball.

Strathcona.

	A.B.	R.	B.H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Dobson, 3b	5	0	2	1	0	1
Carmichael, 1b	5	0	1	13	0	0
McCaul, c	5	1	0	6	4	1
Carmichael, l.f.	3	1	1	0	0	1
Graban, 2b	4	0	0	2	3	0
Ellis, s.s.	4	1	2	1	2	1
Ross Hall, p.	4	1	2	2	4	1
R. Hall, c.f.	4	1	0	1	0	0
Grant, r.f.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	38	5	8	26	13	5

Leduc.

	A.B.	R.	B.H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Meinke, c	5	1	2	5	3	0
F. Hardy, r.f.	5	1	2	0	0	0
Archer, s.s.	3	1	0	1	2	3
Blades, p.	3	0	0	1	5	0
Watt, 1b	3	0	0	15	0	0
Lyons, 3b	4	0	0	1	0	1
G. Hardy, l.f.	4	0	0	0	0	1
Callaghan, 2b	3	1	1	1	2	1
R. Hardy, c.f.	4	0	1	3	0	0
Totals	34	4	6	27	12	4

Score by inninge—

Strathcona	000001310—5
Leduc	003001000—4

Summary of the game: Two base hits, McCaul, Graban, Ross Hall; left on bases, Strathcona 7, Leduc 7; first base on error, Strathcona 2, Leduc 4; bases on balls by Hall, 1; struck out by Hall 6, Blades 5; hit by pitcher, E. Carmichael, Callaghan; sacrifice hit, Blades, Aicher; hit by batted ball, R. Hardy; time of game, 1.45.

Umpire—Joe Schell.

WILL PROTEST GAME.

It is probable that the Strathcona City team will protest the game played on Wednesday night between that team and the Y. M. C. A., of Edmonton. The grounds are the decisions of the referee, Mr. Morris, a number of which were strenuously protested during the game, and the late arrival of the Strathcona City team, which did not reach the grounds until almost eight o'clock, consequently the game was not finished until after dark.

LOCALS.

This is the opinion expressed in a recent political article of Captain Thomas, of the Camrose Mail, Conservative, inspeaking of the Strathcona daily sheet: "Take the constituency of Strathcona. It has only one Conservative paper, and it is edited and printed in such a manner that must make angels weep."

The marriage took place Thursday at St. Anthony's Church of William Yates and Miss Walmsley. After the ceremony the happy couple left for California, where they will spend a few weeks before taking up their residence in Strathcona.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred English, of Calgary, have been visiting in Strathcona this week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson. They returned south this morning.

The marriage takes place on Tuesday, at the bride's home on Main street, of Miss Eva Lapoint and George Toirance. Rev. T. J. Johnston will officiate.

At the police court yesterday, John Croft, charged with leaving a horse untied on the street, was fined $5. F. C. Jamieson was prosecuting and W. B. Allison defending.

On Monday and Tuesday next the Strathcona district school teachers will hold a teachers' institute in Grandin street School. Several of the teachers from the provincial Normal School will attend.

A fancy dress roller skating carnival was held last night in the Strathcona Opera House, which was fairly well attended. There were a number of pretty and amusing costumes.

A number of excellent photographs of Strathcona industries have been secured by E. T. Baines, secretary of the Strathcona Board of Trade for exhibition at the Dominion Fair at Calgary.

Miss Peel and her neice, Mary Peel, are expected home next week from an extended visit to Toronto and London.

A three-storey brick addition, 20 feet by 30 feet, will be erected at the rear of the Dominion Hotel, part of which was recently destroyed by fire.

The concrete work in connection with the new government telephone building in Strathcona is being done by Mr. Parney. Tenders for the superstructure will expire on June 5th next.

Alex McCullough, of Fort Saskatchewan, was greeting old friends, in Strathcona Thursday. Mr. McCullough was for many years connected with the R.N.W.M.P., and in that capacity was constable in charge of the detachment at Strathcona for years before the incorporation of this town. He had a good record in the force and may be an applicant for the vacant chiefship in Strathcona.

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INVEST $52,300 IN CHURCHES IN YEAR

Report at Annual Meeting Edmonton District Methodists Shows Gratifying Progress.

The Thursday afternoon session of Edmonton district meeting of the Methodist church, was devoted to the appointment of ministers and laymen to the various committees, and to a review of the progress which has been made during the year.

Rev. W. J. Conoly was elected to represent this district on the stationing committee, with Rev. A. S. Tuttle as reserve representative. The following laymen were elected as members of the annual conference of the Methodist church: P. Butchart, W. W. Chown, J. W. Howard, J. D. Blayney, R. J. Robinson, and W. T. Henry, of Edmonton; J. R. Lavelle and W. Weeks of Strathcona; J. B. McCauley of Wabamun. W. H. Clegg and J. H. Mallett were elected as reserves. R. J. Robinson, of Edmonton, was elected as representative to the annual conference of the Sunday school committee.

The report of the treasurer shows that during the year churches have been built and improved to the value of $52,300 in the district, and parsonages have been built and furnished to the extent of $1,500. Other church property has been acquired to the value of $4,700.

Rev. James Allen, general secretary of home missions for the Methodist church of Canada, was present in the evening, and addressed the meeting along general lines. Rev. Mr. Buchanan, superintendent of missions for Alberta conferences, was also present.

It was decided to hold the next annual district meeting in McDougall Methodist church, Edmonton.

Progress in the North Country.

The Edmonton district meeting of the Methodist church, which met in the McDougall street church this week brought to the city several ministers who speak interestingly of their respective fields of labor.

Rev. C. F. Hopkins hails from Athabasca Landing. He was one of the first passengers on the trip down who took advantage of the inauguration of the bi-weekly stage between Edmonton and the Landing. He says this will prove a great convenience to travellers and the Landingites are pleased with their new transportation facilities.

Mr. Hopkins states that in the main the stage trail is good, but in some places there are a few low stretches that need to be attended to badly. The steamers conveying passengers north from Athabasca Landing have been renovated and now look very attractive. The Midnight Sun plies regularly along the Athabasca route, and the Northern Light traverses the stretch between Little Slave river and Greater Slave Lake.

"Real estate is becoming quite active now," says Mr. Hopkins, and several buildings are being erected on valuable town lots. Settlers are flocking into the country east of the Landing, where the government is opening up a new road to Lac La Biche. This is reported to be a fine country for mixed farming.

At the initiative of the Methodist church Athabasca Landing has probably the finest reading rooms that can be seen in the West. The building is two and a half storeys high, with dimensions 24 by 40 feet. It is fitted up with a reading room, game room, and general sitting rooms for the accommodation of the travelling public.

Rev. N. F. Priestly has charge of the pioneer work at White Whale Lake, about fifty miles west of Edmonton. He says the G.T.P. railway is rapidly cutting out the right of way to the Pembina. The trail presents a busy scene, with a procession of grade outfits drawn by double teams of horses and a long string of horses carrying homesteaders effects and provisions.

The government has over 200 men employed in constructing a turnpike along the two mile road north of the base line connecting points west of White Whale Lake with Edmonton.

The White Whale Methodist mission, which was begun by work among the Indians more than twenty years ago, is now being split up into three missions, thus necessitating that another man be put in the field to work points along the G. T. P. A new Methodist church at Pine Ridge has been completed at a cost of $1,000. This church is the farthest one in the north, with the exception of the one at the Landing.

Railway Engineers in Session.

Columbus, Ohio, May 28—Balloting for officers of the International Brotherhood of Railway Engineers began today. Grand Chief W. S. Stone, of Cleveland, was re-elected, there being no opposition to him. The contest over the two assistant grand chiefs created at this session of the brotherhood is close. A special commission, which is hearing the claims of the cities in the contest for permanent headquarters, held a session today. Chicago, Cleveland and Indianapolis are leading places in the contest with Cleveland in the lead.

THE GREAT CANADIAN

WESTERN FAIR

OF EDMONTON

Will be held on June 23, 24, 25 and 26, 1908. $20,000.00 in Premiums and Attractions. Railroad Rates from all Parts. Arrange to see this Great Midsummer Event at the same time as the Dominion Exhibition. For full information write the Secretary, Edmonton.

THE PORT ARTHUR FLOOD.

Loss of Property Cannot Yet Be Accurately Estimated.

Port Arthur, Ont., May 28.—Even late tonight it is impossible to accurately estimate the loss by the torrent of last night, though indications point to at least a quarter of a million dollars damage. It will take at least two days to rebuild the mile of track and rebuild the bridge over the hundred yards of rushing river. The force of the torrent of the river ignored the bend of the river and cut a new direct channel which it now follows. Large gangs are employed in clearing up the wreckage and rebuilding the track. The force of the water is indicated by eighty pound rails twisted like wire and uprooted trees. Indeed, the entire bay is covered with trees and other debris swept from the three new mouths of the river. Had the residential section been in the path of the flood the catastrophe would have been equalled only by the Johnstown flood.

The three drowned railway men were released this evening, and it was necessary to sever the brakesman's arm.

With temporary power from Fort William an occasional street car service is being run and the town lighted, though dimly.

Water will be delivered by teams until the system is repaired.

Renewing the system of dams on the Current river would take the entire season and as the city will probably develope Dog Lake Falls, which is already favorably reported on, the former system possibly will not be renewed.

Anxiety Relieved.

Port Arthur, May 29.—The bodies of Engineer John Sanford and Fireman McBride taken from the wreckage yesterday were shipped to their homes in Schreiber for burial. That of Albert Wilmann go to Winchester, Ont. City Engineer Atkinson returned this morning from a trip to Paquette and Onion Lake dams. The former, holding two million cubic feet of water had been undermined causing it to give way. The latter held and is undamaged, being situated above the Paquette dam. This news relieves the anxiety for thirty men are working at the Onion dam, who it was feared had been swept away. The C.P.R. has hundreds of men at work on track, but it must be some time before regular operation is resumed as a bridge of at least two hundred feet must be built over the new course of the river The passengers and mails are being transferred by boat. It is expected the water mains will be repaired by tomorrow.

SHINGLE COMBINE BROKEN.

B. C. Dealers Making Frantic Efforts to Secure Orders.

New Westminster, B.C., May 29.—The Shingle Combine has been broken and the dealers are tumbling over each other to secure orders before the prices fall any lower. Association prices, which have been ruling for the past year, have been smashed right and left. The trouble culminated several days ago when large shipments were sold in the east at $2.10, when the quotations were supposed to be $2.40. Since then large sales have been made at $1.80.

PATTEN'S CORNER BROKEN.

"Bears" Swamp Him Under Ten Million Bushels of Oats.

Chicago, May 29.—James Patten's corner in oats was shattered in one of the most sensational outbreaks ever witnessed at the board of trade today. Patten was in the pit himself in an effort to uphold prices, but the traders poured ten million bushels on him. May oats dropped from 56 3-8 to 51 1-2. Corn dropped from 82 to 80.

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