

SASKATOON PARK'S COMMISSION



J. F. CAIRNS

President of the Parks Commission

In the development of Saskatoon in Mr. Cairns we find one who is part of the City's own growth, and anyone being there for but short time will hear of some of his many business and public-spirited interests.

But a few years ago he was a baker in Saskatoon; it was then a small town, but as the city has developed rapidly, so has Mr. Cairns. Today he is one of the big men, owner of an enormous departmental store which also does a big mail order business.

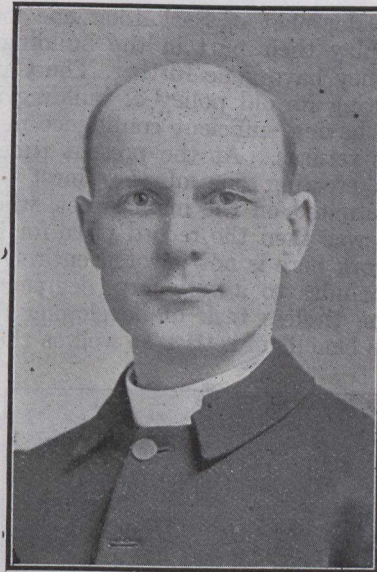
Mr. Cairns finds time from his many business calls for public service, one position that he is devoting a great deal of time to being the Parks' Commission, of which he is President. He is also a great supporter of the Local Baseball Club, which is a big factor in entertaining the crowds.

The University of Saskatoon

It is unusual good fortune which placed this great seat of learning in Saskatoon, the foundations of which are well laid for one of the foremost Universities in the Dominion. Already there are a number of buildings, completed, the College University Hall, Agricultural and Engineering Laboratory, Stock Pavilion, Power House, Barns, Implement sheds and a number of houses for the purposes of the staff. The Faculty has Professorships of Latin, Greek, Modern Languages, English History and Economics, Philosophy, with Political Science, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, etc.

During the term recently closed there were 150 students registered; 122 men and 28 women, 64 of which were from Great Britain and 68 from Canada, and 18 from elsewhere.

Overlooking the Banks of the South Saskatchewan River and Saskatoon the situation which the buildings command is superb and in the 1320 acres which they own expansion for all time to come on the very best lines is provided for.



REV. E. B. SMITH, R.D.

Secretary of the Parks Commission.

The system of managing the Parks and Boulevarding the streets is one that came into force three years ago. The Commission is constituted of three aldermen and three ratepayers and a secretary. It was thought that with such a system, it would be possible to maintain continuity in the same manner as by appointing a Park Commissioner.

The area of Parks is very large, being 400 acres, divided into sixteen parks, which are found in all parts of the City, half of which are already being or have been developed.

The policy has been to develop along the natural beauty lines and with this end in view a driveway is planned along the river for five miles on property owned by the City and controlled by the Parks Commission Board. Land on the East side of the river is being rapidly taken up, with the object of having a driveway along either side, meeting at one extreme on an island of one hundred acres, and the other driving through a beautiful subdivision.

The work of the Commission also includes Boulevarding the streets. Trees, shrubs and plants are all grown under the Commission's supervision. The plants are grown in greenhouses in close proximity to the municipal water pumping plant and exhaust steam is utilized in maintaining the temperature. At the present time there are 38,000 young trees and seedlings of different varieties on hand, altogether representing about \$10,000. This year in the propagating greenhouses 100,000 plants were raised.

The Parks Commission receive a grant from the City Council and have charge of the public parks, playgrounds, exhibition grounds, boulevarding and the general beautifying of the City.

During the time since the new government of this department was altered considerable good work has been accomplished, which is due in a large degree to a fixed policy being laid down and adhering to it.

When the landscape architects, Messrs. Morrell & Nicholls, were chosen, considerable time was taken up in formulating a scheme of development, which has been followed as closely as possible with very good results.