

Strathcona

(Thursday's Daily)
HOCKEY POSTPONED.
 The Strathcona hockey team who were to play last night in Strathcona were unable to make connections, the Strathcona branch having been snowed out. The game had therefore to be called off.

STRATHCONA WINS AGAIN.
 A despatch from Calgary conveyed the news that the Senior Strathcona team had won a second victory last night in Calgary by a score of 7 to 1. On Tuesday night the score was 4-1 in their favor.

STRATHCONA IS DARK.
 Since the foundation for the new engine down at the large power house has been condemned, Strathcona has been enjoying Egyptian darkness at night, save for the few incandescent lamps that make the darkness more sombre. It is impossible for the smaller engine to carry the load of the house lighting and the street lights will be late at night when householders have to a large extent retired. It will be several weeks before the new foundation will be placed in position.

ANGLICAN SOCIAL.
 A very enjoyable social under the auspices of the Anglican Young People's Association was held in the Orange Hall last night. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. H. Martin, the president, and the greater part of the evening was taken up with parlor games. The following short program was given in the early part of the evening:
 Exhibition club singing—Mr. Des Rosiers.
 Recitation—Miss Helen Port.
 Solo—Mrs. Froese.

CURLING.
 The Sandeman Cup competition is now in progress at the Strathcona Curling Rink. Since the bonspiel at Calgary the interest in the home game has diminished somewhat but still but usually there are several rinks on the ice each evening. The games in the Sandeman Cup up to the present time have resulted as follows—R. B. Douglas vs. Supt. 12-19; Supt. 12-19 vs. Downes 8-12; Miller vs. McConnell, McLean 6-11; Weir vs. Rutherford 12-9; Kelly vs. Thompson 9-12; R. B. Douglas vs. Supt. 12-19; Supt. 12-19 vs. Miller 12-8; Thompson vs. A. McLean 12-4.

The games are not sudden death contests as the previous ones and the result is thus greatly prolonged.

LOCALS.
 The town council will hold their regular weekly session on this evening.
 The funeral of the late Mrs. Howard Crawford took place this afternoon from the family residence, 3445 Avenue, to the Methodist church and from thence to the Strathcona cemetery.
 The members of the congregation in the Baptist church will hold an At Home this evening prior to the departure of the Rev. Mr. Corey, who expects to leave tomorrow morning for Winnipeg.

(Friday's Daily)
 Several weeks ago the Strathcona water tower was threatened with seizure by the Dominion Customs for duty due owing to undervaluation.
 Since then the secretary treasurer has been in communication with Ottawa and with the manufacturer.
 The result is that the following letter has been received from the Ontario Wind, Engine and Pump Co. from whom the purchase was made—
 "We are in receipt of your favor of the 28th inst. and note enclosed letter re setting of your water tower by the customs authorities and may say that the whole thing has been cleared up and a misunderstanding on the part of the Chicago Bridge & Iron Works as to the tariff regulations covering their goods coming into this country and the same is being adjusted by them with the authorities at Ottawa at the present time. We have no doubt the matter will be arranged satisfactorily and you may fear no trouble so far as you are concerned as the Department of Customs is amply protected for all claims they may have against either us or them by money coming to us from a number of water towers that are in the course of erection at the present time."

SOCIAL EVENING AT PARSONAGE
(Friday's Daily)
 The young people of the Baptist church spent a very enjoyable evening at the parsonage last night prior to the departure of the late pastor, Rev. Mr. Corey for the east. There was a large number present and the evening was quickly passed with an impromptu program and conversation. Refreshments were also served by the ladies.

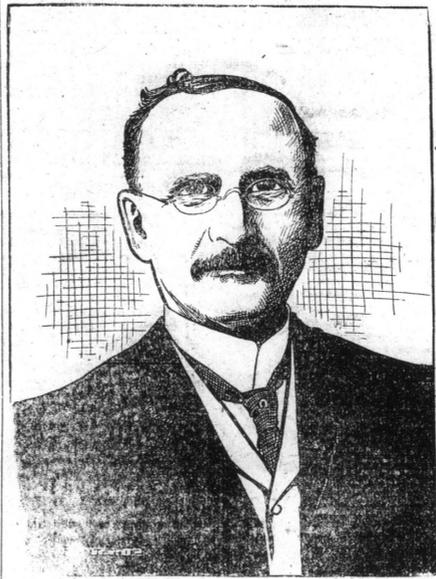
CANNOT AFFORD INCREASE.
(Friday's Daily)
 Some time ago the town engineer of Strathcona wrote the council asking for an increase of his salary to \$1,500, pointing out that he would also act as building inspector and that he had been doing the duties last year, in addition to his regular work, of plumbing inspector.
 The matter has been under consideration by the finance committee for some time and last night they reported that he be continued at his present salary till passage of the city charter and also advertisements be issued in the local papers at \$1,000. Mr. McLean of course being given the opportunity of being an applicant.

The Strathcona municipality is struggling with a balance sheet for a month. At a recent meeting of the council the auditor reported that he could not proceed with the audit as the books were not in a complete condition as to make such possible.
 The council had instructed Accountant Smart to submit a balance sheet at last night's meeting but it was not forthcoming, the accountant explaining that it was impossible with the amount of work, the long business hours, and the fact that the bank account had not been balanced monthly, to get it out for last night's meeting.

Labor Interest Form Subject of Investigation

(Wednesday's Daily)
 The resolution moved by the Hon. W. H. Cushing, minister of public works, seconded by the Hon. C. W. Cross, attorney general, and adopted by the House yesterday afternoon is an action that will meet with general public approval not only in the Province of Alberta, but throughout the entire west. With the horror of the coal famine still haunting the people of our sister provinces, and in portions of our own province, the speech of the Alberta Government in seeking to do its utmost to prevent a recurrence of distress and suffering will be hailed with feelings of unfeigned joy and gratitude. The true paternal spirit that animated the speech of the minister of public works yesterday, and his courage to be a pioneer in legislation affecting the respective rights and responsibilities of labor and capital in so far as what as it affects the coal industry, lifts him at once into the very forefront of the public.

hardly a strong enough word to use in describing such conditions.
Serious State of Affairs.
 We have a state of affairs in this province and not alone in this province, but all over this continent and in other countries as well, in connection with this particular industry that ought not to exist, and I may say the same applies to many other industries in this and other countries. Capital and labor are arrayed in hostile camps each seeking as best they may to get some advantage of the other, and frequently there is war going on in its train.
The Public the Greatest Sufferer.
 It might not be of so much importance, Mr. Speaker, if the two participants in the battle were the only sufferers as the result of their action, but, sir, there is a third party who is the greatest sufferer in my opinion through conflicts of this nature, and that is the public.
 Calculations have been made of the



HON. W. H. CUSHING, Minister of Public Works.

front of Canada's provincial statements.
The Motion.
 The motion adopted by the House reads as follows:
 Moved by the minister of public works, seconded by the attorney general:
 "That in the opinion of this House it is deemed advisable that the Government of the Province of Alberta appoint a commission to make inquiries into the condition of the labor interests of the province, with a view to obtaining all possible information in regard to any differences existing between capital and labor, in order that the Government may be able to frame legislation looking towards the peaceable settlement of disputes of this nature."
 Speaking in support of the resolution the minister of public works spoke as follows:
 "Mr. Speaker, in moving this motion I do not wish it to be understood that there is any desire on the part of the Government to prejudice in any way the bill that the honorable member for Pincher Creek has given notice of, namely, a bill to fix the working day for coal miners, laboring underground, at eight hours. The Government is in full sympathy with the principle of that measure and will give the honorable member every assistance in order to have it passed through the House.
Beneficial to Coal Miners.
 I believe that a bill of this nature may be placed in the statutes of this province that would be of benefit to the people engaged in the occupation of coal miners, at the same time not be prejudicial to other interests that may be closely allied interests.
 But, Mr. Speaker, while the Government is willing that an act of this nature should be passed by this House at this session, it feels that it is not in possession of sufficient information relating to this particular matter to enable it to frame legislation that the exigencies of the case require so as to eliminate the possibility of the disastrous strikes and lockouts that have occurred in the past. When I say disastrous, I do not think that is

may submit their difficulties to a board of arbitration that is purely voluntary on their part. In some cases both parties are hot and want to fight, in others, one party is stubborn and will not agree to anything, but fight, and there is no law that can hinder that state of things.
Compulsory Arbitration.
 In the great coal strike in Pennsylvania a few years ago, in which 150,000 men were involved, one party, the miners, wanted to arbitrate, but the coal barons refused, and it was not until President Roosevelt forced them that they allowed the dispute to be settled in that way.
 There seems to be only one country that has arrived at a solution of this problem, and that is New Zealand, which for the past 8 or 10 years has been free from labor strikes and lockouts, and it statistics mean anything, New Zealand has prospered under the system that they have adopted, namely, compulsory arbitration. Voluntary arbitration is good as far as it goes, but when it is most needed it fails and fails utterly.
Impartial Tribunal.
 What is needed is a tribunal that is entirely impartial, to whom both parties may submit their disputes, and whose decision will be final and binding.
 When one contemplates the enormous costs of labor disputes that have occurred during the last quarter of a century, it is appalling. Great Britain, the leader in voluntary arbitration, has an average of from 800 to 1,000 strikes annually at a cost to the country of some forty millions of dollars. France has an average of upwards of 500. Germany annually settles about four per cent of its labor difficulties by arbitration, and there has been about 25,000 strikes in the United States in the last 25 years, at a cost of some five hundred millions of dollars; while during the last ten or twelve years the country I have referred to, New Zealand, has had no strikes, and so far as I have known the people are well satisfied.
 Considering what I have said in regard to this question, and I have hardly touched the fringe of what might be said relative to it, I think, Mr. Speaker, that the members of this House will agree with me that the Government should be in possession of the fullest possible information bearing on this matter so that if it is possible, it may find a solution of this very important question, and at the commencement of our history as a province, place such legislation on the statute books that will assist the workers to live in peace and comfort, and also to give encouragement to capital to invest here, feeling assured that there will be nothing in the nature of strikes or lockouts occur that would depreciate the value of the investment, and that the third party in the transaction will be protected from the inconvenience and loss that inevitably results from industrial war.

ANOTHER WONDERFUL CASE
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