NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

LAC STE. ANNE.

Bulletin News Service.

The annual meeting of the school board for the election of trustees, was held on Saturday the 8th inst. Peter Gunn, M.P.P., was re-elected for another term. He has been a trustee since the commencement of the school here, and has done good work in connection therewith. Mr. Woodward being away necessitated the election of another trustee and Mr. H. Williams was elected to fill the remainder of Mr. Woodward's term.

On Monday the 3rd inst. nominations were taken for the election of councillors for Lac Ste. Anne. J. McConnell, J. P., and W. Stephenson were reelected for the ensuing year.

Freighters are passing daily en route for Wolf Creek, usually loaded with their own hay and oats. Most of them will do a few trips for the G.T.P. until their feed is used up, and then return.

Lac Ste. Anne, Jan. 10th.

PICKARDVILLE.

Bulletin News Service.

A dance and Christmas tree was held at W. Pickard's store on the 6th of January, which proved a great success. It was gotten up by subscribers, who appointed a committee as follows: Mr. Hawkins, H. Philips and also Mr. Pickard, who deserved great credit for the way things were carried out. The doors were opened about six o'clock and folks kept coming until nine o'clock. By that time there were over two hundred people comfortably seated before a miniature stage. The concert lasted about three hours, as there was quite a long programme. The numbers on the program were from Miss Holly, Miss Cannon, Mr. Pickard, T. Holly, C. Townsend, Mrs. Hawkins; Mr King, of Swallowhurst; Mrs. May, of Advance; M. Taylor and Mrs. Rowat (duet); Miss Holly (recitation); Mr. Holly (selection on an English caricature), Mr. Whiteoak, Mrs. Madden, Miss Whiley (recitation).

There was also a sketch entitled "The Elopement," in which the characters were: Old Flyaway, Mr. Townsend; Charles, Mr. Pickard; Frank, Mr. Milligan; Kimbo, Mr. Hawkins; Miss Flyaway, Miss D. English. Refreshments were served at 12 p.m. Dancing started and lasted till daylight. The chairman was Mr. Medcalft.

Pickardville, January 10th.

RYLEY.

Bulletin News Service.

Frank Eastman was a visitor at the Capital this week.

Rev. S. Pike has taken up his residence in Ryley, instead of Holden.

The Oddfellows are talking strongly of instituting a lodge here.

Stock shipments are made weekly by local buyers. A fine car of hogs went in Monday.

house for himself at once on Globe Lumber Company's property.

The Ryley waterworks department are collecting water rates for this half year.

James Johnson has been appointed constable for 1910.

Frank Eastman has purchased a lot and will build a dwelling house.

The Globe Lumber Company has bought a lot on Second avenue west and will continue the yard to that street.

L. Thirek made a business and P. P. K. Josness, of Martins, is building a small house to batch in until spring.

W. J. McCullough will build a pleasure trip to Bawlf. He returned on Tuesday.

Miss Sybil I. Peterson has spent the holidays at home and will return to school at Vegreville next week.

Professor Moore returned from Medicine Hat, where he spent the holidays with his parents.

The Ryley Coal Company is now prepared to ship coal. Eight teams from Vegreville loaded at the mine Monday besides regular customers.

W. H. Hawthorne, of Viking, was in town last week arranging for coal shipments to that point.

The McKaulass colored troupe played to a good audience Saturday evening at Society Hall.

Mr. Archibald, grain buyer for the Alberta Grain Company, reports business very good. Prices are keeping about the same.

School opened Monday with almost a full attendance. It has grown since May last from 13 scholars to 43 now and probably will double in the next three months.

The Strachan & Spence, Scotch entertainers, will show in Society Hall on January 19th. This company are entertainers of the highest order and should be well patronized.

Ernest Anderson has recovered his three valuable wolf hounds, which were stolen in October last. He found them near Minburn last week.

R. E. McCormick was in town the past week. He returned to St. Paul des Metis with his pool tables Tuesday.

The Skating Rink has been flooded and is now in shape for skating. McCullough & Noland have taken it in hand. The fence is complete and a shack is being put up. Better late than never.

The Modern Woodmen are organizing this week and will install Thursday with twenty-three charter members. They meet in Society Hall, which is arranged with anti rooms and regalia closets.

The hotel cellar is being excavated beside and under the Alberta Construction Company. Work will be begun in a short time. This will be built into a modern house, heated with furnace and lighted with gas, and be an up-to-date hostelry.

Ryley, January 15th.

WABAMUM.

Bulletin News Service.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wood returned from Washington last Saturday. It is to be hoped that they will take up their permanent residence on their farm here again.

White and Short will commence sawing lumber just south of Goose Quill bay next Monday. Moldenkauer's outfit will do the work.

Mrs. Martha Crawford, of Vancouver, arrived here last Thursday evening, and will spend the winter with her mother, Mrs. Robinson.

The most successful concert of the year was given by the teacher and scholars of Sylvan school district on Tuesday evening. Each number of the program was well received by the large audience, and many encores were called for. All the participants did exceptionally well which spoke well for the careful training by Miss Mizback. The residents of the district will be pleased to learn that Miss Mizback will have charge of the school for another term. The following program was rendered:

PART ONE.

Chorus—Ring the Merry Bells, the school.

Recitation—Story of Christmas, Wanda Dunn.

Song—Duet, Beautiful Songs, Mabel Lennard and Doris Cliff.

Drill—the school.

Song—Beside the Camp Fire, Reginald Pegrum.

Recitation—Billy's Experience as Santa Claus, Dudley Pegrum.

Song—If I only had a Home Sweet Home, Doris Cliff.

Drill—the school.

Song—You Tell me your Dream; I'll tell you Mine, May MacOwan.

PART TWO.

Operetta—Caught Napping.

Cast of Characters.

Santa Claus ..... Basil Dunn
King ..... Harold Dunn
Queen ..... Mabel Lennard
Dr. Buddha Bo ..... Chas. Lennard
Plump ..... Reginald Pegrum
Maid ..... Mercedes Dunn
Princes' and Princess' Kenneth Dunn, Dudley Pegrum, May MacOwan, Doris Cliff, Wanda Dunn, Marjory Dunn.

God Save the King.

On Saturday evening while a number of local people were awaiting for their Christmas mail it was suggested that it would be a good time to have a dance. The idea rapidly spread and by the time dancing commenced four sette filled the floor. On Monday evening a dancing party took place at Alex McCorrister's at which a goodly number engaged in the pleasant pastime of "tripping the light fantastic eic."

The spirit of the holidays was evidently in full force in the Wabamum district, and nearly every body danced with somebody else and somebody else has spent the day and dined with everybody, until it has been one continual round of visiting and entertainment of various kinds. It is thought that Wabamum people are particularly fortunate in being able to do away with the usual monotony of a new settlement in a new country, and they certainly have many pleasant times.

Wabamum, Jan. 12th.

WO CITIES AGREE ON BRIDGE QUESTION

The Agreement Which Provides for a Grant of $50,000 in Return for Single Fares Will be Submitted to the Strathcona Burgesses About the Middle of February.

The last of the differences between the Edmonton and Strathcona city councils over the contribution of the southern city to the high level bridge, were arranged at conference Thursday night in Strathcona, and the agreement is now ready for submission to the burgesses of Strathcona after its third reading at next Tuesday's council meeting.

At the conference last night, which was for the purpose of changing the wording of the clause providing for single fares on completion of the high level bridge, there were present Mayor Lee, Solicitor Bown and Aldermen Hyndman and Lundy, of Edmonton, and Mayor Duggan, Solicitor Jamieson, City Engineer McLean, and all the aldermen at present in the city.

The agreement, as it has been adopted, provides for a grant of $50,000 in return for single fares at the completion of the bridge. A right of way will be given on Fifth street west Strathcona, to the present line and Strathcona will undertake to provide for its proportion of the bridge maintenance in accordance to population.

The Edmonton representatives did not press for a modification of the service on the hill when the new route is in operation, as it was understood that Strathcona would not insist upon the operation of the line at a loss to the street railway.

Neither did the Edmonton aldermen press for the changing in the charter of the clause providing for four per cent of the gross receipts being payable to Strathcona after the year 1904, so that it should not refer to the earnings on interurban cars. The Strathcona people refused to consider this request and so the matter was dropped.

It is likely that the by-laws providing for the bridge grant of $50,000 and for a ratification of the terms of the agreement will be submitted to the Strathcona burgesses about the middle of February.

NIGHT RIDERS AGAIN ACTIVE.

Post Notices on Docks at Reelfoot Lake Demanding Their Removal.

Union City, Tenn., Jan. 13.—A telephone message was sent to this city this morning that Night Riders had again become active and restless on Reelfoot Lake, in this county; that they had placed notices on one of the fish docks notifying the owners that they must remove their dock in six days and notifying Fisher Hallter, who has been hauling fish to town, that he would be given 15 days to get out of the country.

SEVENTY-EIGHT DIVISIONS CAST

(Continued from Page One).

Liverpool; Sir Harry Verdot, of a well known Liberal family.

In the American market of the stock exchange this morning a bet was taken of 500 to 400 pounds sterling on the return of the Radicals. Elsewhere on the exchange betting is five to four and even for smaller amounts.

A fortnight ago Lloyds gave 2 to 1. On the other hand securities are being put up in anticipation of tariff reform. The official market lists of the Central Unionist office shows that 20 Unionists will win Saturday and 25 on Monday.

Joe Martin's seat is not included in the Unionist wins.—Windermere, Canadian Associated Press.

Balfour Has No Policy.

London, Jan. 13.—Premier Asquith speaking at Salisbury last night said that the budget has been discussed eight months but although the country would start polling in a day it was left in the darkness concerning Hon. A. J. Balfour's scheme of tariff reform. On the constitutional question Premier Asquith urged that it was no mere academical question; it went down to the very roots of Britain's social and economic future. The experience of the last four years, particularly of the last twelve months, showed that nothing upon which the best fortunes of democracy depended, had a chance of passing so long as the House of Lords remained clothed with its present powers determined to exercise them and all the great causes for which the liberal party had been fighting and struggling and for which they would continue to fight and struggle until they won a triumphant victory, were involved in this great but simple issue. That was what the electors now had to decide. He earnestly begged every man to remember the grave and solemn responsibility which was cast upon him.

Chamberlain an Imperialist.

Austen Chamberlain speaking at Walsall claimed that the needs of the country were ever growing but shops were fuller and fuller of foreign made goods and said that by running after cheap importations the wealth of the country was sacrificed and home production curtailed. Here was a case where charity should begin at home.

"I am an Imperialist" he exclaimed, "It is my hope and faith and glory in it."

Seceders from free trade continue to announce themselves, the latest is Watson, the soapmaker, who has promised to increase the wages of his employees five per cent if the cost of living is increased under the proposed scheme of tariff reform. The Unionists claim they have made immense progress in Lancashire. Writing to E. Parkes, the Unionist candidate in Birmingham, Mrs. Chamberlain, on her husband's behalf, says that Chamberlain is much interested to hear of the progress of the tariff reform cause in that constituency, which confirms his own impression that the Unionists ought to win a number of seats in the Midlands.

World Watching Wales.

Keir Hardie today addressing a meeting of colliers in his constituency of Merthyr Lydfil said that not only this country but all over the Empire and world the working classes and the exploiting class would be watching the Merthyr Lydfil electors and would take their vote next Wednesday as an indication of what labor was doing. If his total vote reached anything like fifteen thousand the world would know that the working classes of Wales were alive to the position. At the last election in this constituency, which returns two members, Thomas, Liberal, polled nearly fourteen thousand, while Hardie polled nearly eight thousand. This election the sitting Liberal has retired and W. Pritchard Morgan, Liberal and Fox-Davies, Unionist, are running with Keir Hardie. Keir Hardie expects the Liberal vote to put him at the head of the poll.

To Keep People Off Land.

London, Jan. 14.—Lloyd-George speaking at Carmack alleged that the desire of the Conservatives was to keep the rouge off the land, and so the bugaboos of foreign competition, socialism, Irish moonlighting and a German invasion were all stuck up in the front of their opponent's campaign to keep the people off the land by driving them away from supporting the Liberal government. But they were not going to do it—to be intimidated from voting for land reform by these devices. He did not say things were perfect in this country but they were worse in Germany. People must not believe the other side when they said this country was a purgatory and Germany a heaven. This might be a purgatory but there opponents quite missed the proper designation of the other place (Laughter and cheers). Britain had free trade and free education. Let the land go on from freedom to freedom.

Scores Chancellor's Campaign.

Hon. A. Lytton, speaking in London, described Lloyd-George's campaign as the rake's progress. He accused him of appealing to the lowest passions to win the greatest number of votes.

Winston Churchill speaking at Dundee again dealt with the constitutional issue. He said that the Conservatives were a retrograde party and that the curtailment of the power of the Lords was a matter of life and death to the Democratic government of the country. In answer to a correspondent Lord Milner states he is very hopeful for the Imperial cause of tariff reform and preference.

Sir Herbert Samuel speaking at Concord protested against the government's cheap navy and a fiscal policy made in Germany.

"Blind Pigs" at Cobalt.

Cobalt, Jan. 14.—From Cobalt and North Cobalt in early hours of the morning, fourteen "blind pig" keepers were arrested. Under the forge of a blacksmith shop at North Cobalt, the privincial officers found ten cases of whiskey and gin. In Cobalt all four provincial officers worked until three o'clock this morning.

CITIES GROWING RAPIDLY ON FERTILE WESTERN PLAINS

Vast Expenditures in Erecting Business Houses and Dwellings in Western Cities—In Three Years in Twelve of Them, $46,903,007 Has Been Invested in Building—1909 Was a Record Year.

Building supply agents, contractors, and the mechanics in the building trades all concur in the opinion that the year just closed has been the most active from a building standpoint that the country has yet had. In some of the cities the building has not touched the high records of 1906 and 1907, but in many smaller towns and villages the building has been more extensive during the past year than it has been hitherto. As to the building in Edmonton, it has been of a much higher class than that of any previous year, and the plans in readiness for this year call for a still greater improvement not only in the quality of the buildings but also in the number. In Alberta and Saskatchewan many public buildings will have to be erected during the present year, and those commenced last year will be completed. These new provinces, however, still need many new public buildings to meet the needs of the growing population. What has been done in twelve of the leading cities of the west is shown in the following table:—

	1907.	1908.	1909.
Brandon	$ 764,290	$ 328,375	$ 450,000
Calgary	2,094,264	1,004,520	2,439,072
Edmonton	2,280,210	2,549,847	2,155,016
Fernie	*750,000	250,000	1,374,700
Lethbridge	205,000	350,000	1,277,280
Medicine Hat	*150,000	153,172	249,000
Moose Jaw	546,424	430,925	1,107,509
Portage la Prairie	257,875	250,000	375,000
Prince Albert	*300,000	200,000	300,000
Regina	1,177,840	516,656	*800,000
Saskatoon	277,211	115,625	942,905
Winnipeg	6,309,950	5,513,700	9,223,650
Totals	$14,553,064	$11,682,820	$20,687,123

*These figures are estimates made by municipal, police and other public officials.

GLENN CURTISS MUST LOOK TO HIS LAURELS

Louis Paulhan, French Aviator, Almost Won Speed Contest From American at Midwinter Aviation Meet at Los Angeles—Curtiss' Manager Makes Complaint to Judges.

Los Angeles, California, January 13.—Over-confidence in the speed of his bi-plane almost caused Glenn Curtis, the American aviator, to meet with a Waterloo in a contest with Louis Paulhan, the bird man, of France, at Aviation Camp this afternoon. Curtiss won by five brief seconds. His triumph was a doubtful one. Paulhan, who had entered the contests at the International Midwinter Aviation Tournament, convinced that his aeroplane lacked the speed of his great rival, was stirred to a realization that there was a possibility of his carrying off honors even for speed with his Farman bi-plane and some hair-raising races between the American and the Frenchman are expected before the end of the meet.

Experts who watched the Curtiss-Paulhan race ten times around the course declared that the Frenchman displayed superior skill in handling his aeroplane. From the first lap to the last he steadily increased his speed. Curtiss' time was more uneven. He made one lap of 1.61 miles in 2 minutes and 21 3-5 seconds, but dropped to 2 minutes and 40 4-5 seconds in another lap. Paulhan was not able to drive his machine at the 2.21 3-5 rate, his fastest lap being made in 2.28 2-5, but he did not drop under 2.32 2-5, his slowest time for a lap, and the time made in the start.

Curtiss' average time per lap was 2.29 2-5; Paulhan's average time 2.30. Curtiss' total time for the ten laps was 24.54 2-5; Paulhan's 24.59 2-5.

Jerome S. Fanculla, Curtiss' manager, complained to the judges of the aviation contest that while the American aviator was in the air, Paulhan rose in his bi-plane with a passenger and passed close to the Curtiss' machine, stating air currents which reduced Curtiss' racing time. He asked that all machines be excluded from the course during the progress of a race. No allegation was made that Paulhan knew that the air currents his aeroplane stirred would interfere with the Curtiss' biplane.

IGNORE STRATHCONA MOTIONS

Local Improvement Convention in Calgary Takes No Cognigance of Former Convention.

Calgary, Jan. 13.—The Local Improvement convention here is busy today drawing up the drafts of the resolutions. The committee selected yesterday decided to ignore entirely the resolutions of the Strathcona convention, as the conditions are so much different in the Prairie country than in bush and timber.

The Grain exchange has purchased a site on Centre street and will build when the lease of the present Grain Exchange building on Ninth Avenue expires.

A committee of forty-four representative citizens to take charge of the proposed revision of assessment and make an investigation of the city's financial affairs, as decided upon at a meeting of the Calgary Taxpayers association in the Lyceum Theatre on Tuesday afternoon, was selected yesterday. Appointments were made by a committee consisting of Messrs. W. Georgeson, T. Allen, J. C. McNeil, Dr. Lafferty and C. D. Taprell.

Ald. Speece Confirmed in Seat.

Toronto, Jan. 14.—Ald. David Spence was confirmed in his sixth ward seat with a majority of 19. The recount before Judge Denton increasing his majority over Fred C. McBrief by ten votes. The investigation disclosed some apparent evidences or carelessness on the part of the returning officers. There were a number of polling places where the tally of ballots failed to correspond exactly with the returning officers' figures.

Railways May Unite.

Vancouver, January 14.—The Canadian Northern, Great Northern and the Grand Trunk Pacific may unite in an entrance into Vancouver at False Creek.

OIL POURED ON FIRE MAY BE CAUSE OF TRAGEDY

Saskatoon in Deep Gloom Over the Event of Yesterday Morning—Cause of the Accident Not Definitely Known—An Inquest is Being Held on the Remains Today.

Saskatoon, January 14.—The only question of discussion here is the tragic event of yesterday, in which five people, a mother and four children, lost their lives by fire. A gloom has been cast over the entire community by the sad event. The only explanation offered of the cause of the fire is the use of oil in the stove, which is thought to have been the cause of the explosion and subsequent fatalities.

From stories told by Henderson, at whose house the accident took place, and others who were on the spot soon after the fire started, it would seem that there must have been a terrific explosion inside the little shack to have wrought such deadly havoc in so short a time, as it was not ten minutes after Henderson had left the place after lighting the fire until his wife and family were found suffocated within. It is only five feet from the stove to the door of the shack and the place must have been entirely enveloped in flames to prevent escape.

A Gruesome Sight.

The bodies of the victims, as they lay in the undertaker's parlors, after being removed from the shack, presented a gruesome and pathetic sight. All were terribly burned. The little children's faces, their tiny hands and little bare legs and feet were charred beyond recognition. While the mother who, it is believed, died in an attempt to save her children, was, if possible, even more terribly charred. Many persons thronged to the morgue to view the remains, but the sight was such that few could view it longer than a glance, and nearly all fled from the scene in horror. Tears streamed down the hardened faces of strong men as they turned to leave the place.

The Coroner's Inquest.

At the coroner's inquest before Dr. Isbister, Fire Chief Heath told of the finding of the bodies, all being dead but Alex. Reid. Henderson told a disconnected story. He kindled the fire and returning shortly found the place in flames. He tried to rescue the family but was partially overcome with smoke and had to get out through a window. He might have got the children but did not try.

BUTLER TO REMAIN A MONTH.

RLailways Deputy Minister Will Giv Minister Opportunity to Secure Successor.

Ottawa Ont., January 13.—It is understood that W. J. Butler will continue to act as deputy minister of railways for a month yet before finally severing his connection with the department to assume his new position with the Consolidated Iron, Steel and Coal Company. That will give Hon. Mr. Graham a chance to look around for a new man to fill the gap and will lerrable Mr. Butler to have everything in shape for his successor to take hold of the various large problems now confronting the department.

It is reported that one move in connection with filling the vacant positions of deputy minister, chife engineer of the department, and chairman of the Intercolonial Railway board of management will probably be the transfer to Ottawa of Chief Engineer Weller, of the Welland Canal, who is now one of the most efficient and most capable engineers and executive officers of Mr. Graham's staff.

Laymen's Banquet in Toronto.

Toronto, January 13.—Nearly five hundred guests were present at the second annual Anglican Laymen's Missionary banquet tonight. The chairman was W. D. Gwynne, and he explained the appeal which was to be made in all parishes the same three Sundays in January and would embrace all the various funds according to the basis of distribution. Fifteen richer parishes would contribute $65,000, or $7 a head; 26 poorer parishes, $16,000, or $2.50 a head. Out-of-town clerical guests included Rev. Patterson Smyth, Montreal; R. P. McKim, St. John, N.B.; C. Walter, Crawford, British East Africa; R. H. A. Aslam, India.

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FORMAL OPENING OF THE Y.W.C.A.

Mrs. Bulyea Delivers Eloquent Dedicatory Address—Building Beautifully Decorated.

The new home of the Young Women's Christian Association of Edmonton on Third street, was formally opened Thursday evening with dedicatory services.

A large number of citizens interested in the work of the association was present, His Honor Lieut. Governor Bulyea being among the number. Prior to the dedication exercises the rooms were all thrown open for inspection. The building was beautifully decorated with plants and flowers given by Walter Ramsay. Turner's orchestra rendered a program throughout the proceedings which added to the pleasantness of the evening.

After the inspection of the building by the visitors the dedicatory exercises were proceeded with. The president, Mrs. Bellamy, took the chair, and after explaining the purpose of the gathering, called upon Archdeacon Gray, who read the one hundred and thirty-second Psalm, and offered a dedicatory prayer.

The honorary president, Mrs. Bulyea, delivered an eloquent address at the conclusion of which the president in a short concise statement reviewed the work of the association from its beginning, two and a half years ago, to the present time.

Dedicatory Address.

Mrs. Bulyea spoke as follows:—

"A few years ago, amid great enthusiasm and applause, and witnessed by large numbers of people, the corner stone of the Y.M.C.A. was laid, and recently, while driving past the finished building, I felt a certain degree of pride that mine had been the privilege of declaring that cornerstone "to be well and truly laid." One might ask what occasioned such an enthusiasm and the ready response of all classes irrespective of creed or nationality. Perhaps, or doubtless, this enthusiasm was aroused by the thought of what the finished building would represent. Young men are coming in throngs to our city—coming as strangers to a strange land. The Y.M.C.A. represents pleasant reading room, pleasant companionship, opportunities for development of the moral and Christian side of character, —gymnasium for physical exercise, swimming baths and pleasant sleeping rooms and many other desired advantages—a place wher it makes it easier to do right and harder to do wrong. Business men realize the advantages of such an institution if only from a business standpoint, and they willingly support it. The church sees its importance and readily gives substantial sympathy. Men and women everywhere are glad to aid an association which helps to build up to Christian manhood sons and brothers and prospective husbands, knowing that in a few years these will take their places as the heads of homes and the rulers of the land; and the better the man, the better the type of manhood, the better will be the moral and social atmosphere. And yet it is said that the small hand that rocks the cradle rules the world and that men will never attain to a higher standard of living than that which is set by womanhood. What the Y.M.C.A. is trying to accomplish for young men, the Y.W.C.A. is undertaking for young women. There does not seem to be the same enthusiasm abroad over our work, and I have wondered if it is because we, though supposedly the weaker part of humanity, are after all parodopically considered o good and strong and self reliant that we do not need the protective influences of a bright cosy home such as this, or that we do not need aids for the development of the physical life, and the moral and mental sides of our character. Or is that our work is not understood. This is not simply a boarding house; though if it were it would be worth sympathetic help. It is not a charitable institution. As I formally declare it open tonight—listen to the inscription on some of the stones which are being builded into the work. Rooms for transients who may come as strangers to the city with, or without money; rooms where women leaving the hospitals may rest for a day or so, with or without money; physical culture classes, domestic sciences classes (this should appeal to prospective home seekrs); rooms whre sewing, reading, etc., may be taught; reading and rest rooms, travellers aid agency and employment agency. Also some stones ready to be inscribed as soon as the way opens, such as a Bible class on Saturday evening. Strangers tea on Sunday, and rooms in the net house which belongs to this property where rates will be from $2.50 a week up, but no one is turned away if she has not this price. The corner store which was laid in the smaller house on Elizabeth street bears I think this marking if I read it aright: "A desire to help the young womanhood of this country to attain to that highest development of character which shall help to make it possible to accomplish what is epected of womanhood—the setting of a high and pure and Christian standard of [illegible] which our gentlemen [illegible] is impossible for them to attain. I also see in small and distinct letters: "In as much as ye did it to these ye did it to Me." I now declare this building to be formally opened and trust that ere long it may have an assured place in the hearts of all—not only in the hearts but also may I say in the pockets.

Address by the President.

Mrs. Bellamy, the president of the association, briefly reviewed the work of the past two years. The new building had come into the possession of board of directors on September 1st, 1909. It had been remodelled, renovated and beautifully finished and decorated at a cost in all of about $3,000. This work had been paid for entirely by the women of the city, the canvass among whom showed at the present time in cash and pledges an amount subscribed passing the thousand dollar mark. When the canvass was completed it was expected that at least $1,500 would have been raised. This money would go toward the building fund. The women of the city had surely done their part nobly. The board of directors would doubtless be criticized for opening the home before it had been paid for, but this had been done with a purpose; that the public might see and learn what had already been accomplished and what yet remained to be done: the paying of the purchase price of the property, the sum of $26,000. The board of directors had faith in the men of Edmonton and believed that they would make is possible by practical, financial support, for the women to carry out the purposes off the Y. W. C. A.

The opening of the home would mark an epoch in the city of Edmonton. It had been well said that the best estimate of a city was not the flood of money which went through its banks, but the attention given to the most delicate sentiments of human life. The Y. W. C. A. home was open to all young women. There was no distinction of denomination or creed. The aim ad object of the association was to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. The association recognized the Y. W. C. A. as a branch of the church and as a manifestation of the work of the Christian church. It might be termed applied Christianity. The pastors of the different churches of the city would find in it a strong ally and helper.

Quite a number of cash donations aand pledges were voluntarily given at the close of the meeting and one and all expressed sympathy with the work and great satisfaction with the large and well furnished building which is now the home of the association.

At the conclusion of her address Mrs. Bulyea was presented with a beautiful boquet of red roses by Miss Annie Bellamy.

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Victoria, January 13.—Negotiations have been concluded between the Canadian Northern Railway and the McBride government. Messrs. MacKenzie and Mann will leave the city tonight. Details will not be made known until the bringing of the bill in the legislature, but it is understood that the clause controlling freight rates is satisfactory to the [illegible] Work to be begun within ninety days of legislature passing contract.