DISTRICT NEWS

WETASKIWIN.

Bulletin News Service.

At a meeting yesterday afternoon of the new board of school trustees, J. F. Fowler was again unanimously chosen chairman for the ensuing year. Sheriff A. R. Dickson, a new member, made the nomination. This is the sixth year Mr. Fowler has had charge of the educational machinery of this city, and during that time much has been accomplished. On the suggestion of the principal, considerable physical and chemical apparatus has just been added to the school equipment, physics being a compulsory subject now in two standards. This, too, will enable the school to come within the proposed high school requirements.

J. Gardner & Sons, butchers, will soon remove to the much more commodious premises next the East Side Drug Store, lately occupied by Mr. Kaiser.

Miss Ethel Drennan, B.A., of the Olds school, high school department, left this morning to resume her duties after a week's pleasant visit to friends here. The installation of furnaces in the old school was responsible for her extra holidays.

Mr. Nixon, late assistant with E. T. Williamson, jeweller, goes out on the Camrose branch to start a repair and sales shop, just east of Bawlf. His family remain here for a few months yet.

A considerable number of summonses and subpoenas are being sent out just now by L. R. Rix, deputy clerk of the court pro. tem., in preparation for the sitting of the district court with Judge Noel on the bench. The permanent incumbent of this deputy position is not yet named.

Some recent curling cup scores: Forbes 6, Henwood 15; Wallace 4, Todd 18; Dickson 7, Stephenson 10; Herie 11, Livingston 8; Carruthers 8, Rix 13.

Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Till (nee Gould) have just returned from their bridal tour and are at once taking up residence in Edmonton.

One of the consolations of not being a large metropolis is just now apparent. There is no serious unemployed problem here. The labor force is just adequate, no surplus to embarass in slack times.

J. H. Johannson, who has just completed a fine house south of the court house, has recently opened out a new paint shop near his residence.

The court house building material continues to arrive; the inside bricks are being hauled to the site. Mr. Wade is the government building inspector over this contract.

T. Breen returned on Tuesday afternoon's train from a brief visit with friends there.

Mr. Cutler, as court stenographer, will, for the present, occupy a desk in the clerk of the court's office.

On Tuesday afternoon an enthusiastic meeting of the pupils of the higher standards of Alexandra School elected officers of the literary society for the ensuing term: Hon. president, Mr. J. F. Fowler; president, Ursula Williams; vice-president, Warner Bauer; secretary, Norman MacEachern; treasuer, Alice Bruce; representatives standad 3, Ruth Gourlie and Emma Horner. The club takes as its motto mutual improvement in literary and oratorical lines.

The influx of homesteaders is light this year, probably on account of the mild weather and also because it is the prevalent belief that conditions in the town are somewhat hard, which is far from being the case. Among the recent arrivals from homesteads is Mr. Main and family.

The French laundry, owned and managed by Mrs. Henton, has just changed hands. Mr. Howarth, a relative of H. Heighington, the steam laundry proprietor, taking over the property. He will continue the business.

Mrs. J. A. Bradley is still detained in Calgary by the continued illness of her father.

Wetaskiwin, January 9.

RED DEER.

Inspector McCarthy of the Northern Bank, is at present in town going over the business of the Red Deer branch. He is accompanied by A. Campbell, formerly accountant in the Canadian Bank of Commerce here, and later of Edmonton.

The hockey match scheduled between the Waskasoon and Fire Brigade on Monday night did not come off owing to the fact that there were not sufficient lights. The attendance at the match was good. It might be mentioned that if the hockey clubs wish to get good gates it would be wiser to start their games on scheduled time and if the game is off announce the fact at once instead of keeping the crowd waiting over an hour as was done on Monday night.

N. B. Hardcastle, of Stettler, is in town.

R. Morton Bell of Trenville, was in town yesterday prior to leaving for Minneapolis, Minn., on a business trip.

Wate Beckett has returned from Hardisty and will greatly strengthen the Fire Brigade hockey team.

Warm weather still prevails and there is no sleighing.

Capt. Thorn returned Monday noon from a trip to Calgary.

C. B. McCutcheon, of the Merchant's Bank, Olds, is in town. He is releaving in the absence of E. R. S. Porter who left for home on Monday's noon train.

Canon Webb of Calgary will conduct the services in the English church next Sunday.

Mrs. Hives, of Penhold, is spending a few days in town the guest of her mother, Mrs. Carswell.

A. T. Stephenson has obtained a position in Wetaskiwin and leaves for that town in the near future.

L. Martin, of Content, was in town yesterday.

Red Deer, January 8th.

LAC STE. ANNE.

Bulletin News Service.

S. Letendre's house was en fete on Monday evening, the hospitable host entertaining his friends to a dance. Supper was served during the evening. Dancing was kept up till the small hours, in the "won't-go-home-till morning" spirit, when festivities broke up after a jolly evening.

Messrs. McCrimmon and McLean of Burrough's & Co., left here on Wednesday, for Edmonton.

Constable Tyler left here an Tuesday for Edmonton and proceeds to take over duty at Stony Plains.

Capt. Woodward has recovered from his recent illness.

Miss Bessie Gunn, eldest daughter of P. Gunn, J.P., left here on Saturday with C. J. J. London and her brother, to take up a course at Alberta college.

Donald McDonald's teams have pulled out for the Big Eddy with freight for Ben Bertous. The latter going up at the same time.

Sleighing is good from St. Peter's to town, but from the former place to the Lake is hard on horses with heavy loads.

The skating committe have got a good rink cleared and swept and in this delightful weather skating is all the rage.

Lac Ste. Anne, Jan. 9.

VEGREVILLE.

Bulletin News Service.

The case against G. Colby for the alleged stealing of money from Millar & Co.'s safe came up for hearing before Magistrate Flemming. The case was dismissed. There was no evidence to connect Colby with the theft.

The nominations to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor W. McKenzie, passed off quietly. Only two men were nominated: J. S. Reid and Bencit Tetreau. The contest promises to be a hot one.

The first meeting of the 1908 Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday night. All the members were present, with the exception of G. Walker. Not much business was done with the exception of swearing in of the new Council. His Worship, Mayor J. McNeill promises to make a capable chief magistrate.

Thomas Shipley, proprietor of the Queens Hotel, passed away at 3.15 today. He was taken down with pleurisy six days ago and on account of his age he took a turn for the worse. Pneumonia set in causing his death. He belonged to many orders and the K.P.'s will have charge of the funeral here. Mr. Shipley had half interest in the Queens Hotel, Fort Saskatchewan, and also owned the Queens Hotel, Tofield, which was only opened a short time ago. He was a good hotel ekeper and very highly respected by the travellers and people in general and his death is deeply regretted. He leaves a wife to mourn his death.

Vegreville, January 8th.

STRATHCONA NEWS

MAYOR SUGGESTS THAT AGREEMENT BE CANCELLED.

Strathcona May Proceed to Negotiate With the Local Government to Install a Government Telephone System.

In the commodious new city council chamber at the Oddfellows' Hall, the Strathcona City Council of 1908 held its first meeting last night.

The chair was occupied by Mayor Mills, and at the opposite end of the table sat the secretary-treasurer, H. G. Clark. To the right of the Mayor were Aldermen V. T. Richards, O. Bush, W. H. Sheppard and George Elliott, in the order named, while on the left were Aldermen J. G. Tipton, W. F. Cameron, S. Somersoll and A. G. Baalim.

The business was mostly routine. After the appointment of committees the Mayor read his address, outling some of the work for the ensuing year. Its principal feature was the suggestion that Strathcona cancel the agreement with Edmonton with reference to the proposed Lorimer automatic telephone and proceed to negotiate with the local government to have them install a system in the city.

The First Business.

City Clerk Clarke first read a certificate declaring that all the members-elect had taken the oath of office, and was then called upon by the Mayor to read the minutes of last meeting. The Mayor pointed out that Alderman Elliott and himself were the only members of the old council left to move the adoption of the minutes. He consequently asked Alderman Sheppard to take the chair while he seconded the motion of Alderman Elliott that the minutes be adopted.

The following committee was then named to nominate the various committees: Mayor Mills and Aldermen Bush, Elliott, Cameron and Baalim. While they were preparing their report the council adjourned.

The Committees.

Upon the return of the committee the chairman, Alderman Bush, reported the following standing committees:

Finance—Aldermen Sheppard, Richards and Baalim.

Fire and Light—Aldermen Richards, Tipton and Bush.

Sewer and Water—Aldermen Bush, Tipton and Richards.

Board of Works—Aldermen Elliott, Cameron and Somersoll.

Parks, Legislation and License—Aldermen Tipton, Cameron and Elliott.

City Hall and Police—Aldermen Somersoll, Elliott and Bush.

Hospital and Relief — Aldermen Cameron, Sheppard and Baalim.

Reception and Industrial—Baalim, Sheppard and Somersoll.

The committee also recommended that Aldermen Cameron and Sheppard be appointed as members of the hospital board.

The Mayor's Address.

The Mayor then read the following address:

Gentlemen of the Council,—It seems desirable that the general programme for the council of 1908 should be briefly outlined. Matters which are not mentioned here and which will be incidental to your duties will undoubtedly arise for your consideration during the year, and no doubt will receive your earnest attention at the proper time. The prospects of this city at the beginning of a year have never appeared so bright as now. In addition to an immense amount of private building, for which preparations are being made, government buildings and railway construction work within the city will call for all available labor. It is our duty, therefore, to be alive to the needs of the city at all points, and wherever a need can be anticipated and attended to, the value of such service to the city is greatly enhanced. Personally, I believe that before the year is out every citizen will have a greater pride than he even now possesses in his being a citizen of the University City.

"Twin Cities Club."

I note with the utmost satisfaction the movement towards establishing a "Twin Cities" Club. This is a step in the right direction, and in addition to other results which will flow from such an organization, it will have the effect of increasing the cordial relationship now existing between the cities of Strathcona and Edmonton.

By virtue of the ward system the citizens of all parts now have local representation in this council. This will no doubt result beneficially. Heretofore what now constitutes wards 1 and 2 did not, to my mind, receive that degree of consideration from the council which their requirements of late have demanded. Particularly true is this of ward 1. But while the requirements of the various wards are many, yet we must be exceedingly careful to see that all moneys are expended wisely. Retrenchment by way of most careful consideration of money-pending projects before they are entered into, must be the watchword of this council. I believe this policy must be adhered to for the present. Yet wise expenditures, commensurate with the growth and needs of the city are the highest kind of economy.

Amendments to City Charter.

One of the first subjects to which we will require to address yourselves are certain necessary amendments to the city charter, notice for which have been given in the Gazette. The most important of these relate to the secretary-treasurer and the assessor.

The city assessor for the ensuing year should be appointed as soon as possible, in order that he may have the time necessary for his work. It might be some information to you for me to say that the City of Strathcona has about 11,000 lot assessments on the roll, while the city of Edmonton has about 13,000 lot assessments on the roll. The office in the city of Edmonton is a continuing one, and the assessor in Edmonton is at work from January 1st to December 31st.

I believe that you will find it most important that immediate steps be taken to secure sufficient gravel for streets and other necessary purposes for the year now, when the gravel can be secured and while a large number of teams are idle it can be got cheap. I would strongly urge this.

The question of another traffic bridge between the two cities has been canvassed for some time. In the event of the building of a traffic bridge in conjunction with the projected C.P.R. bridge being found impracticable, I believe the provincial government would be induced to consider the matter of constructing a bridge at a more central point between the two cities as a provincial undertaking.

Automatic Telephone System.

Early last year this city entered into an agreement with the city of Edmonton regarding the extension of the new automatic system of telephones in this city. At that time it was believed by both parties to the agreement that the joint system would be in operation in both cities months ago. Unforeseen delays have occurred with the result that it will still be some time before Edmonton has her own citizens supplied. In the meantime the number of prospective patrons have greatly increased in both cities, with the result, I understand, that Edmonton will at once require greatly increased plant to meet the requirements of her own citizens. I do not think that our sister city will regard it as any breach of faith on our part if we ask to be released from this agreement. The provincial government has intimated its willingness to at once install a telephone system here, if Strathcona so desires. The government rates to users, I have reasons to believe, will be considerably lower than a municipality can afford to give. I would respectfully suggest that a special committee of this council be at once appointed to look into this matter and report at next meeting.

Electric Light and Power Administration.

Another question which demands attention is the proper adjusting and systematizing of the electric lighting and power administration. Many complaints from citizns about being overcharged have come in. In addition, I firmly believe that light can be produced much more cheaply than it now it. I believe that a desirable change can be effected in the matter of city accounts and auditing the same. As the system now obtains, accounts are first read to council and referred by council to various committees to pay if found correct. The various committees, I find, do not meet to consider any account, but the chaiman of a committee certifies to the accounts by himself. Often the chairman knows very little, if anything, about the subject matter of the account and has not the time at his disposal to look into it, with the result that the scrutiny of accounts is often very perfunctorily done. I would suggest that the whole council and not a single individual have the chance to scrutinize and say that accounts shall be paid. This will, of course, involve the auditing of accounts before they are paid and before they reach the council, but it provides an up-to-date audit and is a wholesome safeguard to the city.

During the past year the city took up the extension of Saskatchewan avenue, and some portion has been surveyed. Owing, however, to a misapprehension arising between the city and the various property owners interested, it was thought best to discontinue until this matter was adjusted. In a few days I trust to see all obstacles in the way of a survey removed.

With the acquisition of what is now known as "Riverside Park," this city will be well supplied with parks, and for this reason attention will need to be given towards clearing out the brush and otherwise improving them.

Transportation Facilities.

Probably the most important matter with which you will have to deal is that of increased transportation facilities and railway entrance into the city. This is a matter which will call for the closest and most careful consideration on the part of this council.

Necessary extensions of sewers and water mains will early have to be considered. Among other necessary ones, an extension of both water and sewer will be required to the University grounds to keep faith with the government in this regard. Incidental to this is the necessity of making provision for sceptic tanks, as the city will not be permitted to go on without them.

Last year a market site was secured by the city. It will be for you to consider the matter of improving the same as the present site has this winter proved totally inadequate for the purpose. A medical officer for the ensuing year will require to be appointed at once.

I believe no mistake will be made in looking closely after the efficiency of our police system. Street railway construction, railway construction and other works of a public nature will greatly increase our floating population, which, as a natural result, will tax the force to their utmost in preserving order and giving protection to citizens.

Commissioner System of Government.

Last year the council adopted the commissioner system of government, but decided that two commissioners were sufficient. I could not come to the same conclusion, and the decision of the council was never carried out. This system removes from the shoulders of aldermen a great amount of drudgery, work and loss of time spent in committee. I believe it is the best possible system for governing a city. It will be for this council to consider the matter when the proper time arrives.

It will be well as early as possible to have the estimates for the current expenditures of the year laid on the table, in order that arrangements may be made for current credit before the season for construction work is on.

Owing to the various changes, both from amendments to the Strathcona Ordinance as a town and to the creation of the town of Strathcona into a city it will be well, and is highly desirable, that the by-laws of the city be thoroughly revised, and where amendment be necessary, that a by-law asking all the necessary amendment introduced.

I would strongly urge also that after such revision and amendment that the by-laws of the city be printed, so that the people may know when they are committing a breach thereof. This will be a matter for the legislation committee to deal with, by different views being set forth that proper conclusions can be reached, but I trust that all questions will be discussed in moderate and parliamentary language.

Communications.

Communications were read as follows:

E. A. Tremonger, Strathcona, applying for information with reference to debentures offered for sale; W. H. Supple, manager of the Imperial Bank, stating that seven per cent. would be charged in future upon money loaned upon debentures; Wm. Whyte, second vice-president of the C.P.R., enclosing letter to G. J. Kinnaird, Edmonton, with reference to the high-level bridge and the proposal that Edmonton and Strathcona contribute part towards the cost of the traffic section on the proposed high-level bridge.

The communications were filed, with the exception of that from William Whyte, which was left on the table for future reference.

Unfinished Business.

The report of the milk and meat inspector, Dr. J. G. Wainwright, left over from last meeting, was read, but was not taken up for consideration, but left on the table till a later date. The main recommendation was for an inspection of dairies.

The estimate of Mr. Kelly, city electrician, with reference to the cost of running an electric wire to Mrs. Ewing, city engineer's house, was referred to the fire and light committee to report at next meeting.

The Library By-Law.

This by-law had been previously given two readings, but on motion of Alderman Sheppard it was read over for the information of the council and then left on the table for later consideration.

Notice was given of the introduction of a by-law at next meeting to provide for the appointment of two members of the council on the hospital board.

It was decided that applications be called for the position of medical health officer, to be all in by next Monday evening.

It was decided that the regular meetings of the council be held on Tuesday nights, hteh first meeting to be held the second Tuesday in the month.

The question of an auditor was discussed, and it was suggested that C. G. Cox be reappointed as city auditor for 1908, and that the finance committee bring in a report at next meeting defining his duties and salary. An amendment, however, was carried that the matter be left over till next meeting.

The council then adjourned.

K. O. P.'s INSTALLATION.

The installation of North Star lodge K. of P., took place last night, when the following members took office:

C.C.—V. McElroy.
D.C.—L. L. Fuller.
Prelate—Rev. W. R. George.
K. R. S.—A. M. Fuller.
M. of F.—S. Wark.
M. of E.—R. H. Palmer.
M. A.—G. W. Marriott.
I. G.—W. J. Fraser.
O. G.—Geo. Gilliland.
M. of W.—J. C. Wainwright.

The work of installation was performed by Grand Chancellor R. Hockley, assisted by J. G. Tipton, district deputy grand chancellor, P.C., C. W. McInnis, grand chamberlain, and others from Edmonton lodges. The third degree was put on in amplified form, and the meeting ended at midnight with lunch.

HOCKEY TO-MORROW.

The Strathcona team held their final practice last night for the match in Edmonton to-morrow night. The boys were showing good form, but the changes on the team make it as yet an unknown quantity. The following will be the line up for to-morrow night:

Goal—Parr.
Point—Raitt.
Coverpoint—Milner.
Wings—Kent and Graban.
Centre—Patton.
Rover—McArthur.

CURLING LAST NIGHT.

At the Strathcona Curling rink two interesting contests took place in the Sandeman cup series. In the semi-finals W. G. Congdon's rink was defeated by that of G. F. Downes, which was skipped in Mr. Downes' absence by Mr. Kinnear. The score was 13 to 12, an extra end having to be played owing to the score being 12 all at the end of the twelfth.

In an unconcluded game of the second round, E. T. Baines defeated R. B. Douglas' rink, the score being 12 to 11. Mr. Baines' rink now plays J. B. Millar in the semi-finals, and the winner meets Mr. Downes in the concluding game, which will likely be played on Friday night.

LOCALS.

"The Squaw Man" that was presented last Saturday night with much acceptance in Edmonton will be given at the Strathcona Opera House on Friday, 17th inst., by the same company under the auspices of the North Star lodge, Knights of Pythias.

George C. Downes and bride (nee Miss Mary Alice Frost of Hamilton) are expected from the east to-day. The marriage took place in Hamilton on New Year's Day.

Norman A. McEachern will come on for another hearing before Magistrate Tipton next Saturday, when it will likely be decided whether the case shall be proceeded with or dropped.

John McLeod, son of Angus McLeod, Rabbit Hill, was brought to the hospital yesterday suffering from typhoid fever. The patient's brother died a few days ago from the same disease.

L. of L. 1654 will hold its regular meeting in the Orange hall to-night at eight o'clock.

"All the Comforts of Home" will be put on to-night and to-morrow night at the Opera House.

Angell's comedians have been secured for a week's engagement at the Strathcona Opera House, beginning on the 20th.

The Strathcona city council held a special meeting yesterday afternoon to make arrangements for the meeting of the government as a joint committee with the Edmonton council.

A large crowd will accompany the Strathcona hockey team to Edmonton to-night to witness the first of the league games between the two teams. The Strathcona team supporters are confident of a win.

At the Strathcona Opera House last night "All the Comforts of Home" was put on to a fair audience by the amateur troupe under the direction of Mr. Irving Beers. The play was cleverly produced, and elicited expressions of satisfaction from all who were present.

The City Transfer buses have all had their runners replaced by wheels owing to the disappearance of the snow on the Edmonton-Strathcona

FIRST CARNIVAL OF THE SEASON HELD

Good Attendance at the Strathcona Skating Rink Last Night at the Masquerade Given by the Hockey Club.

The carnival last night in the Strathcona Skating rink under the auspices of the hockey club was very well attended. There were some excellent costumes and a large number of mediocre ones.

The prize for the best ladies' costume went to Miss Annie F. Beaton, and for the best gentleman's to H. W. Stewart.

During the evening music was furnished by the Strathcona Fire Brigade band, which added much to the pleasure of the large number of spectators in attendance at the rink.

The following are the names of the prize-winners:

Ladies' best costume, prize golf jacket, Douglas Bros., Miss Annie F. Beaton.

Ladies' best comic costume, jewel case, Blain & Co.—Miss Mary Fitzgerald.

Gentlemen's best costume—sweater, (J. F. Weir, H. W. Stewart.

Gentlemen's best comic costume, box of cigars, (Campbell & Lucas)—Robert McMaster.

Best costume for girls over twelve years, pair of shoes (A. H. Richards & Co.)—Miss Lavell.

Best comic costume for girls over twelve years, box of chocolates (A. G. Baalim)—Evelyn Cook.

Best costume for girls under twelve years, picture (McCallum & Westbrook)—Irene Sheppard.

Best comic costume for girls under twelve years, bottle perfume (F. Cowles)—Annie Sheppard.

Best costume for boys over twelve years, skating cap (H. J. Lawrence)—A. Campbell.

Best comic costume for boys over twelve years, Comfort (H. Duncan)—Henry Shields.

Best costume for boys under twelve years, pair of spurs, (Great West Saddlery)—Fred Garbe.

Best comic costume for boys under twelve years, jack knife (McComb's hardware store)—Wattie Jackson.

Best couple on ice judging by costume and good skating, $5, donated by the Hockey club—Miss Emma Lendrum and Wardie Somers.

Best clown, paper ranck (E. Dixon)—Dick Allen.

Best fool, clock (F. A. Peel)—prize not claimed.

The judges of the costumes were Rev. W. R. George, G. W. Marriott, and Ald. T. Richards.

KNOX CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING HELD LAST NIGHT

Fair Attendance of Members of the Congregation—A Number of Important Matters of Business Dealt With by the Meeting.

Devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. Mr. Flemming and Rev. Dr. McDonald began the exercises at the annual congregational meeting of Knox church on Thursday evening. The chair was occupied by Mr. Scott.

There was a fair attendance, and the transactions were stamped with importance and followed with interest.

Of the several reports presented, that of the session came first, being read by Dr. Hotson. It referred to the decided growth of the congregation and progress in the matters under the session's care, and gave the following statistics: Names on the roll, Jan. 1st, 1907, were 214; added by certificate, 58, and on profession 1, total 59, removed by death 2, by certificate 42, struck off 3, total 47; leaving the roll at the end of December with 226 names in full standing. For the schemes of the church by collections from April 1st to Dec. 31st, 1907, $196 15. This amount was duly expended in the several funds.

The report of the Women's Foreign Misison Society was read by Miss Lyle. On the roll are 23 auxiliary members, and one general member. The financial statement $64.83 is still on hand. The officers are: President, Mrs. H. B. McKenzie; 1st vice, Mrs. Kent; 2nd vice, Mrs. Flemming; 3rd vice, Mrs. Cooke; secretary, Mrs. R. Douglas; treasurer, Mrs. Cluff; tidings secretary, Mrs. Flemming. The Mission Band report was read by Miss Lila McDonald, and it showed receipts $17.35, which was distributed between home and foreign missions.

The W. H. M. S. report was presented by Miss Montgomery. Receipts $42.55. The officers are: Hon. pres., Mrs. Flemming; pres., Mrs. Lewis; 1st vice, Mrs. Kent; 2nd vice, Mrs. Martin; 3rd vice, Mrs. Wilcox; treasurer, Mrs. Heisel; pioneer secretary, Miss Lyle; secretary, Mrs. Jas. Douglas; organist, Mrs. Jackson.

The Ladies Aid report gave the following list of officers: Hon. pres., Mrs. Flemming; pres., Mrs. Hotson; vice pres., Mrs. Weir; 2nd vice pres., Mrs. Holden; secretary, Mrs. Jackson; treasurer, Mrs. McKenzie. The receipts were $239.85. This society has undertaken to pay for the electric light fixtures, which will cost $250, and also for several items of church furnishing.

R. P. Lewis, treasurer, read the report of the Board of Managers, from which the following statement concerning the new church may be taken:

Building Fund.

Receipts—Cash in bank	$ 2,149
Subscriptions	4,491
Opening services	258
Supper and Lecture	247
Imperial bank loan	13,000
Total	$20,145

Expenditure.

Thos. Richards, contractor	$18,500
H. A. Magoon, architect	800
Corner stone	35
Sundries	810
Total	$20,145

The receipts of the general fund were $2,217.

The Sunday school report by Dr. McQueen, superintendent, indicated considerable growth of numbers, and the doctor stated there was urgent need for more teachers. The finances were satisfactory, and it was hoped that in the new church many needed facilities for efficient work would be forthcoming.

Mr. Atkins reported for the Young Men's club. His report showed that an excellent staff of ushers had been supplied for the church services; a publication of a monthly bulletin had also been part of its handiwork, and quite a number of young men had become interested in the work of the club.

Mr. J. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Campbell, moved the adoption of all these reports. Rev. Dr. McDonald moved a vote of thanks to all who had done such good work in the several organizations.

The board of managers is now composed of the following gentlemen: For three years from date, Messrs. J. S. Fraser, J. J. McKenzie, J. T. Radford; for two years, Messrs. R. P. Lewis, A. R. Groff, J. Atkins; for one year, Messrs. J. Blain, H. Gray, A. J. Orr. Trustees, Messrs. G. Montgomery, W. E. Ross, A. Davies.

The action of the managers in resolving that the pastor shall have an annual holiday of one month was heartily concurred in by the meeting, and Mr. Flemming then and there returned thanks.

Votes of thanks to the choir, the leader and the organist also the chairman of the meeting, concluded the evening's proceedings.

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REPORT OF GRAI COMMISS

Is Laid on Table by Hon. Oliver. Important Find and Recommendations.

Ottawa, January 9.—The Hon. Oliver, minister of the interior, the table of the House today the of the grain marketing and ins commission, of which John Mil chairman and W. L. McNair an Gridie, members. After an inq both sides of the boundary and Atlantic, the commission con that the grading system was th suitable and think it unwise t established grades. In refere weighing at country elevators commissioners came to the conc that public or government were impractical, nor can they s any other protection than the p Weights and Measures Act an rights specified in the Grain Act. recommend that where a ware commissioner has investigated a plaint and found it to be tru should be given power to direc elevator owners to make proper r to the person injured, and to ord discharge of the offending oper

Increase in Weeds.

They recommended certain a ments to lessen the percenta grain rejected for dirt. The mission found great carelessne handling foul seeds and they attention to the great increa weeds in the western provinces a danger of spreading to Ontario. the lake heads they found that s lings were largely made up of do grain screenings, but containing quantities of foul seeds shipped tant points in Ontario. As th provincial matter the commissio sume they are not in a positio recommend any regulation, but legislation regarding screenings s discourage the growth of weeds. could not accept the suggestion elevators should return value grain shipper for noxious weed s ings, but recommend compensatio the shipper for domestic screenin

Oppose Government Elevator

In regard to special binning involved complaints of substitu they recommended an amendmen provide for keeping samples of special binned grain. The co sion cannot accept the sugge that the government should and operate large interior st elevators.

Regarding places where there a agents, the commission recomme that the railways be compelled a places, where fifty thousand bu are shipped, to keep agents bet September 15 and January 15.

They found the difference bet the track and street prices to be l ly dependent on the car supply recommended that the warehouse missioner be given power to direc railways to make a more equitabl tribution where found necessary. provide for the manipulation of orders, the commissioners recom that guarantees accompany bona fide order and that the se visions for the summary convicti persons placing ficticious names o order book.

As to Leaking.

With regard to the complaint leaking in transit to St. John, the commended that no car be perm to leave the Manitoba inspection sion without being inspected weighed and the warehouse con sioner be given power to order ca the elevators when there are dan of collapse or of leaking.

Equal to Red Fife.

Several technical amendments recommended to the Manitoba G Act to prevent dealing in bills of ing and storage receipts. Elev companies shall not dispose of any of lading without the consent of owner.

The uncertainty of the meanin Red regarding spring wheat shoul ended by making it read equal to Fife. It is declared advantageou the Grain Board to set a grade oats, and authority should be g inspectors to hold cars in Winn long enough for sampling. Ano clause recommends that the G Standards Board be not abolished favor of a salarled board. A su board at Winnipeg is said to be s factory. The commission does favor a sample market in Winni as it would create confusion.

Full Value for Grain.

It would be well to compel mission merchants to make full ports to consignees. As to the plaints of the operation of the Wi peg Grain and Produce Exchange, commission reports that grain bought and sold in the public trad room and the prices are made in o competition and are beyond all d the full value of the grain as based the world's markets. The commiss find it wrong to control the manne which the members of the excha may engage and control their age and recommend that the member allowed to pay agents at their plea provided they register them with secretary of the exchange.

With regard to the Northwest G Dealers' Association, the commiss cannot find anything in their by-l compelling their members to abide the prices decided on or of a pen for breaking the price. The p are not adhered to in all, pa though where the buyer persists breaking the prices he is brought line by the combined action of o buyers. Main protection agains duly depressed prices is the right ship to a central market, but this and be fixed until the car supply sufficient. The system of the No west Grain Dealers' Association undoubtedly a trade restriction whether it is an undue restriction matter now before the court. commission found that the pooling agreements does exist between ce elevator companies. The commiss thinks this places a restraint upon elevator companies, which constitu menace to those who sell to th elevators and tends to unduly l competition. Such pooling shoul prohibited.