EDMONTON NEWS

LOCALS

At the meeting of the Caledonian Society on Thursday, Jan. 14th, Matthew McCauley will lecture on "Edmonton Old Timers."

The death occurred Tuesday at the General Hospital of Claurice Bernier, the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bernier of Lamoureaux. The remains were removed to the mortuary of the Moffat Undertaking Co. and were sent east to Lamoureaux for tinterment.

An order in Council has recently been passed extending the legal Christmas vacation to include January 6th. On November 4th an order was passed making the months of July and August the period of long vacation and the Christmas vacation December 22nd to January 5th inclusive. The amendment enlarged the period until January 6th, on the grounds of expediency.

The Canadian Pacific freight department have received word that in the spring of 1909 a line of steamships will be operated by the Hamburg American, North German Lloyd and Holland American Steamship lines, jointly, between Hamburg and Montreal, which will provide a weekly service during the months of April May and June and fortnightly thereafter. This will be a great saving in handling of packages for Alberta dealers who purchase German goods.

Workmen of the Edmonton Ice Company and J. W. Huff, engaged near Walter's mills, on the river, report that yesterday and this morning a large mallard duck hovered around the place where they were cutting and was so tame that it could easily have been killed. A duck in this country with the thermometer between 30 and 50 below is an unusual occurrence.

A Burns supper will be held in the King Edward Hotel on Jan. 25th under the auspices of the Caledonian Society. Rev. Dr. McQueen will respond to the toast, "The Immortal Memory," Hon. C. W. Cross, and possibly A. J. Robertson, leader of the opposition, will reply to the toast to the "Government and Legislature." John T. Moore, M.P.P. for Red Deer, will respond to the toast to "Canada," and Duncan Marshall's name will be coupled with the toast, "Scotchmen in Canada."

F. A. MacLean, of this city, chief of the Local Lodge of Stationary Engineers, has just returned from Lethbridge, where he was in attendance at the annual convention of the Grand Lodge of the North-West Association. He reports a successful convention there and as a result of the attendance of a delegate from the capital city he was successful in voting the next annual meeting to be held in Alberta's capital during the year. The cold snap of the past week is being felt in the southern part of the province, but the southerners are minus the snowfall which the farther north districts has experienced.

C. R. Goulding, who resides at the St. James Hotel, is secretary of the Edmonton branch of the Imperial South African Veterans' Association, which will ask the Dominion government at the next session to extend the scope of the Volunteer Bounty Act, passed last session. Men who served in the South African war, but who, under the terms of the act, are not entitled to share in the land grants, have formed the Imperial South African Veterans' Association, the avowed object of the association being to "seek to have the above act extended, so that all men of the Anglo-Saxon race who took part in the South African war, and who are not entitled to participate in the land grant, and who were residing in Canada at the time the said act came into force, shall be included in its provisions." Mr. Goulding is desirous of getting into touch with men who can qualify as members of this association.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

When Louis John Pearson, who goes to Fort Saskatchewan this evening to await trial, comes up in the district court at the end of the month, he will have a big array of charges to face. There are in all five charges for obtaining money under false pretences and one for breaking jail. The five places in which he is alleged to have obtained money under false pretences by passing worthless cheques are the Hudson's Bay stores, W. J. Horner's livery, two cases at the Dominion cigar store, kept by J. A. Theriault, R. Hockley & Co.'s tailor store, and Ash Bros.' jewelry store. Thursday he appeared before Magistrate Foster on the jail breaking charge and before Magistrate Wilson on the Horner charge. On both he was committed for trial. At the former J. C. F. Bown prosecuted and in the latter D. H. McKinnon. They acted owing to the illness of the crown prosecutor, E. B. Cogswell.

TO CAMPAIGN IN WEST.

Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown, secretary of the Methodist Department of Temperance and Moral Reform, Toronto, who is to preach in the Methodist churches of Strathcona and Edmonton on the morning and evening of February 14th next, is now on a two months tour of Western Canada. He left Toronto several days ago and after visiting Chicago and other American cities, expects to arrrive in Vancouver on the 19th of January. He will proceed north to Port Simpson and Prince Rupert. One of the objects of his visit is the advancement of local option sentiment in British Columbia and Alberta, where there is a strong movement at the present time. On his return journey Dr. Chown will visit all the provincial capitals as well as many other important towns. He will also deliver a series of lectures on Sociology in the Wesley college, Winnipeg.

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PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Davis left yesterday on the C. P. R. for Bellingham, Wash.

S. E. Walsh left on the C. P. R. yesterday for Cape Town, South Africa. He wil sail from St. John on the steamship Hesperian on January 5th.

The following have left the city this week for Vancouver, B.C., on the C.P.R.: C. Dietman J. Chote, T. W. Teape, Jas. Wallace, Jno. Murphy, H. E. James, C. R. Jackson and J. A. Milligan.

James Bower, of Red Deer, and R. A. Wallace, High River, members of the provincial pork commission, came up from the south Monday and are registered at the Hotel Cecil.

Sergeant A. J. Hall and Sergeant H. George, of the R. M. C. R., Winnipeg, arrived in the city Monday, and are staying at the St. James Hotel. They are here to act as instructors in the provincial school of instruction for officers and non-coms. of the 101st Canadian Fusiliers of Edmonton.

LAST WEEK'S CAR OPERATION.

Despite the storms of last week and the tie-up on the street railway on several occasions, the receipts of the week were good and well up to the record of the previous week. The total passengers caried during the five days the cars were in operation were as follows: Monday 3,752, Tuesday stormy, Wednesday 2,498, Thursday 4,052, Friday 5,367, Saturday 4,199. New Year's Day was the record for the week, but did not reach as high as on Christmas Day. The total receipts were in the vicinity of a thousand dollars.

C. P. R. PASSENGERS.

The following are some Edmontonians who have recently purchased tickets for various points on the C.P.R., the greater number going west to the Pacific coast:

A Kux, Nelson, B. C.; Mr. Bronson, Hanover, Ont.; R. W. Ginn, R. St. Peter, C. Perkins, P. Blatchford, M. E. Herrick, Mr. McCausland and wife, F. G. Harper, J. B. Powell and wife and child, Vancouver; T. A. Davies, R. Green, Ottawa; Chas. David, Ipana, Ill.; H. Standen, Seattle; F. Deggendoerfer, Portland, Ore.; Mr. Arthur Mowat and wife, Vernon, B. C.; H. Holcroft, Toronto.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT.

The report of the chief of police for the month of December last was handed in to the city commissioners this morning. It shows that during the month there were 64 persons apprehended or summoned. The offenses with which they were charged were as follows:

Offence.	Con.	Dis.	Tot.
(Cases under the city by-laws.)			
Breach of license bylaw	0	1	1
Drunk	29	1	30
Leaving horse untied	3	0	3
	32	2	34
(Cases under the criminal code.)			
Assault	6	3	9
False pretences	2	1	3
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Forgery	0	1	1
Fraud	0	1	1
Non-payment of wages	4	2	6
Obstructing officer	1	0	1
Theft	3	5	8
Vagrancy	1	0	1
	49	15	64

The following amounts were paid to the secretary-treasurer:

Fines	$128.75
Dogs	6.80
Court orderly fees	11.00
	$146.55

Lost and stolen property to the value of $369 was recovered and returned to owners.

Approximate value of property waiting to be claimed, $50.

There have been a number of worthless cheques passed in the city during the past six weeks. Two important arrests have been made, and the offenders committed for trial.

Special Constable Cameron has been taken on to the permanent strength of the force.

THE MUSICAL FESTIVAL.

Complete arrangements have been made for the holding of the Second Annual Musical Competition Festival, which takes place in Edmonton on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 4th and 5th next. The success of last year's festival held in May, 1908, was most gratifying, both to the committee in charge and also to the contestants and visitors from all parts of the province. The arrangements were complete and the decisions of the adjudicators (two of Winnipeg's ablest musicians) were decidedly impartial. The results were pleasing to the out-of-town contestants, they having won the majority of the competitions for which they entered, the winners hailing from Daysland, Crossfield, Wetaskiwin and other places. The first Alberta Musical Competition Festival was organized in 1907, having as its primary object the raising of the standard of and increasing the interest in the choir music of the various churches in the province. The original scheme, which provided for choir competition only, was eventually enlarged to include competitions for male choruses, amateur vocalists and pianists, while this year additional competitions have been added for female choruses and trios, violinists and bands.

At the first festival held in May last, there were just over a hundred entries in the various competitions, and the judging occupied the adjudicators two days, the festival closing with a concert in the Thistle Rink in the evening of the second day, when the programme was supplied by the winners in the various competitions, and a massed chorus of 180 voices, assisted by an orchestra of forty players.

Throughout the country and in every town in Alberta is to be found excellent musical talent, both in vocal instrumental and band. To make the Alberta Musical Festival the success it deserves to be, every town should be well represented. Suitable railway arrangements will be made, so that any who wish may attend at small cost in transportation. A complete syllabus of competitions may be obtained from the secretary of the festival, Edmonton, from whom also copies of all the music required may be obtained.

ST. MARY'S CLUB OPENING.

St. Mary's Club, which is made up of the young men of Immaculate Conception Church, held its opening reception Monday under the happiest of auspices. Notwithstanding the frosty weather, fully 200 people attended the assembly, which was held in the hall of the new Separate School on Kinistino avenue.

The officers of the new club, who are attentively looking after the pleasure of the assemblage, have been but recently elected and are as follows: M. W. Connelly, president; A. Alain, vice-president; J. Driscoll, secretary-treasurer; committee, F. Schaplowski and J. A. McDougall. The new club is fortunate in having for its founder and patron the pastor, Rev. Father Lemarchand, who a few years ago established St. Mary's Club in Calgary, one of the largest and most successful clubs for young men in Western Canada, having a handsome $30,000 club-house with the most up-to-date equipment.

Apleasing musical programme, under the direction of Mr. S. Larne, was contributed at intervals during the evening by the Misses Cola, Miss Noonan, Mr. Duggan, Mr. Larue and Mr. Dunn. Cards and conversation were other pleasant features of the evening's entertainment, which was capped by a brief and very clever address by Alderman Wilfrid Gariepy, followed by a few eloquent words in French. The speaker sketched vividly the "contrast in the Edmonton of today with its many churches, schools and clubs and its $25,000,000 assessment roll with the Edmonton he first saw sixteen years ago.

He dwelt upon the progress already made and the great future possible to a country of such resources as this under the unrivalled constitutional rule of Canada and the beneficient Unioin Jack of Britain. Mr. Gariepy also commented in a most interesting way upon the undoubted benefits of clubs such as this for young men. Upon the conclusion of the address delicious refreshments were served. The club officers were ably assisted last night by a committee of ladies and gentlemen, consisting of Mrs. Kennedy, Miss Charlebois, Mrs. Thorpe, Mrs. McCleish, Mrs. Haley, Messrs. J. McDougall, J. Cashman, T. Ducey, Charlebois, Hughes and Driscoll. Mr. John A. McDougall, the active organizer of the C.M.B.A., was assisting the committee.

The new school, which will be opened to classes this week, is a well-planned, handsome structure of brick and cement. At present it consists of four large classrooms, large, well-lit corridors and play-rooms in the basement, but it has been so designed that an addition will be built to the north side. The clubrooms of St. Mary's Club are at present situated in the former school, where the reading-rooms and billiard tables are. Over fifty young men are enrolled as members.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.

The following provincial appointments erection of school districts, etc., appears in last issue of the Alberta Gazette:

Provincial Appointments.

Clarence Hardisty Laughed, of Calgary.

Sheriffs' Bailiffs.

George Walz, of Lavoy.
Herbert Alexander Donivan, of Cardston.
Robert Swan, of Lamont.

Justices of the Peace.

Thomas Alexander MacLean, of Hillcrest.
William Fetherston Blades, of Leduc.
Joseph Hillman Peak, of Pokehasset.
Joseph Todd, of Alix.

Commissioners for Taking Affidavits.

E. S. McQuaid, of Edmonton.
Alex. B. Fullerton, of Claresholm.
John E. Reardon, of Claresholm.
Frank Leo. Dog, of Edmonton.
Abraham Hagar, Jr. of Edmonton.
William Edward Cox, of Edmonton.
S. B. Mitchell, of Taber.
Henry George Hitchcock, of Bowville.
Matthew Russell, of Wittenberg.
James Rimbey, of Rimbey.

Fire Guardians.

James Ellwood, of Gopher Head.

Resignations and Retirements.

P. S. Gaudette, of Morinville; Stock Inspector.

New School Districts.

The following new school districts have been appointed:

The Thorncliffe school district, senior trustee, G. E. Dodds, Vermilion.

The Bowell school district, senior trustee, C. Richardson, Bowell.

The Rusylvia school district, senior trustee, Herbert Mayhew, Vermilion.

The Beaver Flat school district, senior trustee, Wm. H. Cornell, Leslieville.

The Stellaville school district, senior trustee, W. Coe, Mannville.

The Hillcrest school district, senior trustee, Wm. Love, Hillcrest.

Boundaries Altered.

The boundaries of the following schools have been altered: The Frank Public school district; and the Neapolis school district. The name of the Iron Spring Valley school district has been changed to the Barrhill school district.

Empowered to Borrow Money.

The following have been empowered to borrow money.

The Svit school district, $400, to erect and furnish a school house; treasurer, Robt. Fletcher, Wostok.

The Pine View school district, $600 to purchase a site, erect and furnish a school house; treasurer, George A. Willsie, Garrington.

The Iron Spring Valley school district, $1,500 to purchase a site build and furnish a school house and erect outbuildings; treasurer, A. E. Beningfield, Lethbridge.

The Jubilee school district, $800, to build and furnish a school house and erect outbuildings; treasurer, Albert G. Nicholson, Hurry.

The New England school district, $600, to purchase a school site, build and equip a school house; treasurer, Thos. J. Dwyer, Egg Lake.

The Rosayth school district, $15,000 to purchase a school site, build and furnish a school house; treasurer, Wm. H. Feeley, Hardisty.

Certificates of Incorporation.

Certificates of incorporation have been granted as follows:

Fort Athletic Co., Ltd., Fort Saskatchewan.

Western Building Society, Ltd., Calgary.

High River Curling Club, High River.

Calgary Paint and Glass Co., Ltd., Calgary.

Hero of Famous Raid Dead.

Northfield, Minn, an. 6—Anselm R. Manning, the hero of the Younger-James brothers raid here, over thirty-one years ago, dropped dead today of heart disease. When the raiders began shooting, Manning took a gun from his hardware store and wounded Cole Younger and shot "Bill" Stiles through the heart.

C.P.R. TRAIN DERAILED.

The C.P.R. train from Wetaskiwin to Camrose was derailed near the latter place on Monday afternoon and traffic was tied up all day Tuesday on the branch line. There was no one injured and but little damage, but the cold weather made it impossible to speedily get the cars on the track again. The cause of the derailment was due to a defective rail, one of the freight cars first jumping the track and another car following. Wednesday traffic was resumed as usual.

FIFTY ON SCHOOL STAFF.

"There are now fifty members all told on the teaching staff in the Edmonton schools," said Superintendent McCaig to a Bulletin representative today. "The schools opened this morning after the holidays with a very good attendance considering the spell of cold weather. All the teachers are on duty as before the holidays and C. O. Hicks reported at the High School to direct the pupils in the realm of mathematics. He takes the position vacated by Mr. Fife."

Mr. McCaig says that the Norwood public school will be ready for occupation by February 1st. This is somewhat earlier a date than was expected in view of the delays which have been occasioned in the building operations.

OATWAY-GILLRIE NUPTIALS.

On December 30th, the home of Mrs. A. G. Gillrie, of Spruce Grove, was the scene of a quiet wedding, when her youngest daughter, Winnifred Grace, was married to Richard McRae Oatway, M.D., of Stony Plain, Alberta. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. E. S. James, M.A., B.D., Methodist minister of Wabamun. Following the ceremony the guests sat down to the wedding breakfast. Dr. and Mrs. Oatway left later for their future home in Stony Plain. For the past two years Miss Gillrie has been the organist of the Presbyterian Church, of Spruce Grove, and will be greatly missed. Dr. Oatway has for the past two years been practising in Stony Plain.

BAD COAL TIES UP CARS.

Lack of supply of power from the power-house yesterday afternoon necessitated the laying off of all the cars both in the city and on the interurban service at four o'clock. It was at first stated that the cars would again be put in operation at six o'clock, but when that hour arrived there was still no power available and all the cars were laid up for the night. The trouble at the power-house was not with the producer gas plant, which made an 18 hour run yesterday and carried all the street lighting, but with the steam engine, which was put out of business by a supply of interior coal. Further than this statement no information was forthcoming from the authorities. Today the cars are running as usual.

DEATH OF MISS GILLIS.

The death occurred yesterday afternoon of Miss Grace Gillis, aged 25 years, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Gillis, 329 Ninth street. The deceased is survived by her mother, her sister, Christina, and three brothers; R. J. Gillis, chief clerk in the Public Works Department; John M. Gillis, bridge foreman; and Angus Gillis, clerk in the Public Works Department. Miss Gillis was a member of the First Presbyterian church.

The body was taken on board the C. P. R. train today at 4 o'clock, and will be taken to Whitewood, Sask., where the father of the deceased is buried. The funeral was held at the home this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

NEW LAVOY SCHOOL.

The Lavoy public school was opened on Monday by Premier Rutherford before a fair representation of the residents in the school district. Among others present were J. B. Holden, M.P.P., of Vegreville, and Inspector Loucks, both of whom gave addresses.

The new Lavoy school is a concrete building well equipped with modern school appliances. The classes begin with a second teacher who was found necessary to cope with the increasing attendance at the school.

Mr. Gadspel, head master, took the chair for the opening proceedings which included speeches by the visitors and a splendid local programme of music and dialogues. Refreshments followed the programme.

COAL MINERS WIN CASE.

A judgment that is of considerable importance to labouring men in the province was handed out at the District Court Wednesday by Judge H. C. Taylor. This was in the case of some 18 employees of the United Collieries Company against two directors of that company for wages due them amounting to some $700. Judgment was given for the miners. This was a test case and provides that laborers and wagecarners may collect the wages due them from any or all of the directors of a joint stock company in the event of that company failing.

The case was first brought into the courts about three months ago, when 18 employees of the United Collieries Company brought action against the corporation for the recovery of wages amounting in all to about $700. They got judgment against the company and an execution was issued. The sheriff reported that he could find nothing to seize, so writs were subsequently issued against Dallas and McKinley, two of the directors.

When the case came for trial, H. A. MacKie appeared for the plaintiffs, O. M. Biggar for McKinley and H. H. Robertson for Dallas. The counsel for the defendants pleaded, among other things, that the plaintiffs were not entitled to recover against them, because directors were responsible only for wages, and in these cases the plaintiffs were working at so much per car, and so much per yard, and consequently were not working for wages, but by contract.

In giving judgment for the plaintiffs, Judge Taylor states:

"There is no doubt but what the section in our Act was passed to protect those who earn their bread by the sweat of their brow; to protect those who, in a great majority of cases are employed at a very low rate of wave, and can ill afford to lose any of their hard-earned wages. Surely the plaintiffs came within this protected class. It would be unreasonable to hold otherwise."

TO RAISE HOSPITAL FUNDS.

Plans are now being prepared for a complete canvass of the city for funds to aid in building a new city hospital in the west end. G. H. Adams, secretary of the movement, is preparing lists to aid the canvassers. The aim is to raise $60,000, being the amount still required to make up the $150,000 required to build the new hospital. The city council has already made a grant of $50,000, and the site of the present hospital may be sold for $40,000, leaving still $60,000 to be raised.

MAKING CELLS MORE SECURE.

The city authorities are taking steps to make the cells in the police station more secure than they have been for the past year or two. Recently three prisoners have escaped, the last being Pearson, and now it is hoped that the present precaution will make the cells absolutely secure. Large iron gratings are being placed on all the windows of the basement of the building, and in future even if a prisoner secures access to the corridors his further egress will be stopped by the thick bars that enclose all the windows.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

The provisional school of instruction for the officers and non-coms of the 101st Canadian Fusiliers of Edmonton opened in the assembly room of McKay avenue school last evening and will continue for six weeks. Captain MacKie, D.S.O., of Winnipeg, is in charge of the school and is assisted by two non-commissioned officers of the R.C.M.R. at Winnipeg. There was a large attendance last evening, nearly all the officers gazetted and about 24 non-coms being present. Classes for officers will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 7.30 to 10 and for non-commissioned officers on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings. The classes will consist of two hours' drill and a half hour lecture each evening.

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY.

On Sunday the pulpits of the churches of Edmonton and Strathcona will be occupied either in the morning or evening service by visiting clergymen, who will give addresses in the interests of temperance and moral reform. Among those who will visit our city are the Rev. C. H. Huestis, of Red Deer; Rev. G. G. Webber, of Okotoks; Rev. C. C. McLaurin, Rev. A. D. McDonald, of Lamont, and the Rev. W. G. W. Fortune, of Red Deer.

On Monday evening a big temperance mass meeting will be held in McDougall Methodist Church. Addresses will be given by the Rev. C. H. Huestis, the Rev. C. C. McLaurin and others. Mr. J. R. Cowell, of Red Deer, will preside. Special music will be rendered.

POLICE COURT QUESTIONS.

Among the matters that will likely be taken up in the near future by the city commissioners is that of police magistrate for the city, and the costs of criminal prosecutions. At the present time conditions are such that while the city detective and police force are engaged a large part of their time in securing convictions under the criminal code, all the money in fines collected by the magistrates in such cases is handed over to the provincial government. In this way the city pays all the cost of preliminary prosecution while recovering no returns.

Another question to be discussed is that of the appointment of a police magistrate to handle both criminal cases and prosecutions under the civic bylaws. At the present time the duties of the city police magistrate at a salary of $1,200 consist solely of disposing of a drunk or two each morning, and an occasional breach of the city bylaws. The other magistrate acting as justices of the peace, try all the criminal cases and are entirely without fees except where a fine and costs are imposed. Their duties are also arduous and frequently one case alone results in prolonged sittings, lasting over several days, with a subsequent remand for trial. In such cases the magistrates receive no remuneration and their services are given entirely gratuitously.

I.O.F. OFFICERS INSTALLED.

The installation of officers for the next six months of Friendship Lodge No. 7 I.O.F. was held in Oddfellows Hall Tuesday. A large number of the lodge members being preschi. Al. Brown, district deputy grand master, installed the officers. The financial report of the lodge, which was presented, showed a balance of $1,960. Arrangements are being made by the lodge to hold a dance in the Separate School Hall on January 28th. The following are the officers installed: Noble grand, Dr. Forin; junior past grand, J. M. Atkins; vice grand, J. Wilson; recording secretary, R. L. Haskell; financial secretary, A. E. May; treasurer, Al. Brown; warden, H. Lyons; conductor, M. Simpson; chaplain, Chris. Creamer; R.S.N.G., W. West; L.S.N.G., John Rae; R.S.S., S. J. McCoppin; L.S.S., J. H. Cavanagh; R.S.V.G., Bro. Clark; L.S.V.G., Bro. Mildren; inside guard, J. McCormick; outside guard, Dr. Varden.

WESTWARD HO COLLEGE.

The following is a list of prize winners and first placings of the boys on the result of the Christmas examinations

Form IV.—General proficiency, R. P. Wilkins (prize); Scripture, R. P. Wilkins; languages, J. Palmer; mathematics (arithmetic, algebra, geometry, trigonometry), J. H. Emery; physics and chemistry, R. P. Wilkins; English geography and history, R. P. Wilkins; drawing, R. P. Wilkins.

Form II. B—General proficiency, W. H. Raikes (prize); languages (French and Latin), W. H. Raikes; mathematics (arithmetic, algebra, geometry), W. H. Raikes; English, geography and history, R. H. Boyce; drawing, O. Bishopric; book-keeping, W. H. Raikes.

Form II. B—General proficiency, O. Bishopric (prize); Scripture, S. Cuthbert; arithmetic, C. Curry; English, history and geography, O. Bishopric.

Form I. A—General proficiency, A. W. Channell (prize); arithmetic, A. Channell; English and geography, A. Channell; drawing, A. Channell.

Form I. B. (Preparatory)— General proficiency, J. Howe (prize); arithmetic, F. Hallier; spelling, H. Hallier; drawing, L. Auld; reading, F. Hallier; writing, F. Hallier.

First Prize Photography—R. H. Boyce.

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COAL PRICES SOARING.

"Coal is up to $4 per ton on the market today," said Market Clerk Grierson to a Bulletin representative. The reason given for this is that the cold weather has increased the demand for coal and has at the same time decreased the production at the mines. The Workmen's Compensation Act, which went into force on January 1st, requires that all mines have air shafts, and some that have not have had to close down."

Several weeks ago there appeared a warning in the columns of the Bulletin that the price of coal would rise early in the new year. Coal then was $3.25 to $3.50 per ton and plenty of it could be had. Now it is on the upward trend, but those who have their bunkers full need have no fear as far as they themselves are concerned. Their sympathy may extend to their procrastinating friends.

PORK COMMISSION REPORT.

Wednesday the provincial pork commission completed their report and have forwarded the same to the Department of Agriculture of the Alberta government. The commission consisted of R. A. Wallace, High River, chairman; Jas. Bower, Red Deer, and A. G. Harrison, Edmonton. The commission met early in July and took evidence in various parts of the province on the conditions of the pork industry and the advisability of establishing a government packing plant. In September they went to Ontario and the United States and examined the packing plants there, securing information regarding their control and management. About a week ago they assembled at Edmonton and have since been preparing their report.

The members of the commission were very reticent regarding the contents of the report stating that it was up to the government to make public the report if hey wished. It is hinted, however, that the commission will advise against the establishment of a government packing plant in Alberta. The report will probably not be made public until it is presented to the legislature at the coming session.

Will Avoid Hard Work.

New York, Jan. 5.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the National City bank of this city on January 12 it is expected that James Stillman will retire from the office of president and will be elected chairman of the board of directors.

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STRAYED—TO THE PREMISES OF the undersigned on or about Nov 1st, brown steer, small white star on forehead and a few white spots on body, indistinct brand on right hip, coming two years old. Miles McMillan, Ray, P.O.

COMMERCIAL MARKET.

With the mercury taking a drop all week to the bottom of the glass there is very little prospect for anything like an active market. Not more than a dozen loads of hay sold on Wednesday, whereas when the market was brisk as high as 50 loads have been sold on a Wednesday market. The demand for coal is strong but the offerings are very light. The only farm produce that is sold from the sleigh is dressed beef and only two or three loads of this is being offered by hawkers.

The farmers are content to remain at home for a few weeks following the heavy Christmas trade and for the time being they are lettin the trade take care of itself.

Market quotations are unchanged

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RETURNING TIDE OF PROSPERITY

Canada's Revenues Reach Mark in Country's History December, 1908.

Ottawa, Jan. 11—The revenue Dominion for December according receipts entered on the books of ance department up to the last the month, was the largest in tory of the Dominion for the la of the year, totalling $7,183,355 crease of $79,825 over December For a year past the monthly statements have shown regular from the record receipts of 1907 is hoped, that from now on a improvement will be recorded.

For the nine months of the fiscal year the total revenue ha $62,298,581, a decrease of $11,45 compared with the corresponding of 1907. The total expenditure solidated fund account was $36 an increase of $4,755,535. The ca penditure totalled $26,316,313 $22,960,880 was on public works, and canals, the construction of tional Transcontinental railway responsible for most of this.

The net public debt on Dec. 1 at $291,573,767.

LONDON HEIRESS DISAPP

No Reason is Offered—Believe With Foul Play.

London, Jan. 9.—The mys disappearance and the rem career of Miss Violet Gordon C worth are furnishing the Englis lic with a sensation equal to the Steinheil case in Paris. Charlesworth, an attractive spin 25, who lived with her paren Bodera street, Asaph, Wales, ha reported as killed when motor the direction of Permaenmawr her sister and a chauffeur, on day. The sister and the cha aver that the motor came into sion with a retaining wall of along the edge of a cliff over the sea and that Miss Charle had been thrown over the wa the sea. The sister and the cha gave the foregoing account t local authorities, and since tha members of the family have de to see enquirers or to give furth tails. Those who have examin scene of the supposed tragedy consider it possible that the could have been washed away hat was found upon the rocks indication of a body having thrown over the cliff.

Miss Charlesworth's pictu career suggests that of Madame ber. She said that she was of a General Gordon, her god who left her $744,000, which be paid over to her on her 25th day, January 13th, with accum interest, making the whole $2,500,000. Miss Charlesworth gave her name as Gordon and ed London frequently alone. operated heavily upon the L Stock Exchange, and according evening papers owes one broke 000.

She took a large country pla Inverness last summer, which sumptuously furnished, the wal ing draped with the Gordon She had four motor cars. The of her death is generally disbel although her parents have $10,000 for the recovery of the The disappearance and the fa secrecy are causing endless sp tion.

Austria Offers Indemnity.

Vienna, Jan. 11.—It is semi-offici nounced that the Austrians have the Porte 2,500,000 pounds Turkish lent to $11,250,000 as an indemnit the annexation of Bosnia and Her ina.

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