

EDMONTON NEWS

NEW TRADERS' BANK BRANCHES. A Branch of the Traders' Bank has been opened in Medicine Hat, Alberta, and we are advised that one will be opened in Malton, Ont., about the 21st instant. This will make the branches of the Traders' Bank in Canada.

C.P.R. OFFICIALS MEET HERE. Mayor Lee is in receipt of a communication from A. Price, general superintendent of the western divisions of the C.P.R., to the effect that the officials of the western divisions will meet here on the 3rd and 4th of March. Mayor Lee stated that the council chamber will be placed at their disposal.

HONORED BY VICTORIA COLLEGE. At the request of the chancellor, board of governors and students of Victoria College, Toronto, of which the late Rev. E. Marshall was a distinguished graduate, following the private funeral service at the home of Lincoln Hunter on Tuesday afternoon, a public service was held in Victoria College Chapel at which the exercises were conducted by Chancellor Burwash. The remains were laid to rest in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

TRACTION ENGINE FOR NORTH. A T. Brock ex-M.P.E. of Peace River, who is now in the city, will take north with him in a few days a thirty-horse power steam traction engine and steam plow to break more of the fertile soil of the Peace River Crossing. At present flour at the Crossing sells at \$8 per cwt. retail, and most of the supply is shipped in from Edmonton. A flour mill there has a capacity of thirty barrels a day, but the demand is constantly increasing and even at present it cannot supply all the demand.

SEVEN CASES IN ALL. Another case of smallpox has developed in the tents at the corner of Tenth street and Athabasca avenue. The patient has been removed to the small pox hospital. The Health Department feels that it has the situation well in hand, and as every person who was exposed has been vaccinated and no other cases have developed other than the one reported above, which was under surveillance for five days, the authorities feel that there is no further cause for alarm. The tents have been disinfected and Dr. Whitlaw is conducting a daily inspection of the infected district.

BEAVER BECOMING PLENTIFUL. M. L. Fossencure, of Fort McMurray said his furs Thursday to Messrs. Carruthers & Company, of this city, for \$475.10. The skins were not as good as previous catches, with the exception of the beavers, which were particularly fine. They were large and good. Mr. Fossencure stated that the beaver are becoming quite plentiful near Fort McMurray. The trip to Lac la Biche was made by dog train and as conditions were favorable, was made in good time. The dog train is at Lac la Biche, as the furs were brought to the city by team from there.

SUPREME COURT OF ALBERTA. Following is a list of the civil cases to come on for trial at the Supreme Court of the province, commencing at Edmonton on Tuesday, March 1st. Before Chief Justice Sifton. Old cases—Union vs. Ferris; Free Press vs. American-Canadian Oil company; Wilson vs. Gallagher; Hult; Sculliam vs. Johnson et al.; McPhee vs. Kirkpatrick. New cases—Martel vs. Pepin; MacLund vs. Smith; Evans vs. City of Edmonton; Insuring company vs. B. and A. Oehner; Hechdoerfer vs. Hostyn; Duncan, et al. vs. Gilliland; Stewart & Beck vs. Mathias; Hutson vs. Wade; Paradise vs. Charbonneau; Duxlos vs. McGibbon, et al.

MINERS FELL EIGHTY FEET. (Saturday Daily). Two miners had a narrow escape from death in the Ritchie colliery, yesterday morning. Albert Blanchard and John Munson entered the cage to go down the shaft to the lower drift, called "the her go," and on the instant the dogs that control the cable gave way and the car fell clear to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of 80 feet. It was feared at first that the fall would prove fatal. Fortunately there was at the bottom of the shaft a pool of water several feet deep into this the cage fell, the force of the sheer drop of eighty feet being so broken that the men miraculously escaped serious injury. Blanchard had his knee twisted and Munson was badly shaken up. The men were attended by Dr. J. Lane and were taken to their homes. They are reported to be recovering rapidly from the effects of their fearful fall, and are expected to be around again in a week or ten days. Blanchard lives southwest of the mine on the river bank, and Munson lives at the corner of Government and Mill streets.

A CHAPTER OF MISFORTUNES. Oliver Pace, the Manville homesteader, who was taken to the General Hospital early in December, suffering terribly from burned hands, face and neck, is now able to walk about again, though it will be several weeks before he can leave the hospital. Pace is a young man of about thirty years of age. He has proved up on a homestead at Manville, Alberta. The story of that proving up is one of tragic interest. In the spring of 1907, Pace broke about an attack of the grip is often followed by a great annoyance, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been extensively used and with good success for the relief and cure of this cough. Many cases have been cured after all other remedies had failed. Sold by all druggists.

After an acre and sowed wheat. The rain fell, the sun shone, and the grain grew not to ripeness. The young homesteader was watching the budding grain and sharpening his scythe, when one day there came a hail storm across the country. Its swath was a narrow one but the damage was complete. Pace's crop was ruined.

Next spring he sowed his acre again with wheat. There came no hail this year and he thought to reap a harvest, but the blight of frost fell on the land and once more his crop was ruined. He did not try wheat again, but last spring planted potatoes and nothing else. He dug them up in the fall, many bushels, and filled the collar of his check with them. To protect the fruit of his labors from the frost, he covered all with hay and placed a stone in the center of the cellar. During the severe cold weather of early December, he slept in the hay himself, near the stove. One night the hay took fire, where Pace woke up and the flames were curling over him, and how he got out does not seem to be known. He found him in an agony of pain from fearful burns about the hands and wrists, and face and neck. That he was not burned to death was due to the fact that he was taken to the General Hospital, Edmonton, where he has been a patient since December 1st. He is still cheerful, and confident that his misfortunes are at an end.

ADDITION TO WESTMINSTER. The congregation of Westminster church has decided to go ahead with the addition proposed by the board of managers. The extension will be made on the Queen's Avenue side of the church, and will double the seating capacity, which will then be 900. The present structure is being completely renovated, a gallery put in, and new pews installed as well as an up-to-date organ and electric equipment. The improvements will cost \$5,000. Work will begin in the early spring.

BIG ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL. The stock-judging and dairying school being conducted under the auspices of the Provincial Government has seen a considerable increase in the number of students. Hon. Mr. Marshall informed the Bulletin this morning that despite the late weather, which has kept many farmers at home attending to their stock, the attendance on the second day was over one hundred and is increasing daily. At Lethbridge there were between 75 and 100 farmers in attendance, but here the number at the first school. The tuition will be continued for two weeks, and early in March the school of the series of three will open at Vegreville.

NEW CONGREGATION FORMED. At the Norwegian Lutheran meeting held last Sunday a congregation was organized by Rev. Hjortas. There was ten heads of families living in the district, and the church is to be a full set of officers was elected, all being representative men in the Twin Cities. A Ladies' Aid was also formed. A short time back no one had any idea that there were enough Scandinavians in the district to form a congregation of this kind. Today there is a congregation consisting of men who are making steady progress. The Ladies' Aid are planning to have meetings each week on the evenings of the month. A full set of officers was elected, all being representative men in the Twin Cities. A Ladies' Aid was also formed.

PAPERS ARE CLOSELY GUARDED. Exceptional precautions are being taken at the Legislature to guard the letters, telegrams, etc., in connection with the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway Company that have been published during the past few days. In addition to the stern-visited sergeant-at-arms, who extracts the letters with eagle eye fixed on the documents, two detectives from the Attorney General's office are in constant attendance both day and night, except when the documents are put under lock and key in the safe of the House. J. C. O'Connell, the strict-surveillance that is being maintained is partly on account of suspicion that the man or woman who would copy and partly to watch that the members might not surreptitiously remove some of the documents.

RATS REACH A HIGH PRICE. The big demand for muskrat skins is having its effect on the market, and the man or woman who would buy a rat coat will pay one thousand per cent for the raw skins more today than they would have had to pay eight years ago. This increase in price is owing to the great many imitations that can be made out of rat skins. Muskrat coats today are worth \$200. A good rat imitation can be had for \$150, and will give very good satisfaction. A number of old furs initiated, such as mink, martin, etc., and the demand is so good for this line of fur that there is always a very strong market for rats. The season opened this year at 35 cents and Thursday's quotation was 80 cents for prime skins.

DELEGATION MUCH PLEASED. Mayor Mine of Medicine Hat, called on the Bulletin office Friday and made a strong protest against what he termed "the misleading and vicious report published by a contemporary of the reception given by the government to the Medicine Hat delegation, who visited Thursday for the guarantee of the by-ads of the Southern Railway Company. He pointed out that Mr. Cossens was not mayor of the southern city, neither did he head a delegation on this or any other occasion to meet the government in connection with this matter.

"The entire report," he said, "was evidently an attempt by that paper to create a prejudice against the guarantee of the bonds as asked for by the delegation." All the delegates are very hopeful as the result of their conference with the government. The railway plans will be carefully examined by the government engineers and it is very probable that the assistance asked for will be given.

COMMISSIONER PERRY HERE. Commissioner Perry of the R.N.W.M.P. Regina, came to the city on Wednesday and will remain some time in connection with the routine work of the department. This morning he was a visitor at the Government buildings and spent several hours in consultation with the attorney-general and the deputy attorney-general in connection with the work of the force in the province. Speaking to the Bulletin the commissioner stated that it was the intention to place a number of new men in the different parts of the province as soon as the recruits were broken in at the headquarters. It is likely also that the services of new men will be required along the line of the Alberta and Great Waterways railway and the G.T.P. west of Edmonton. One of the features of the work of this year will be a patrol that will be established between Edmonton and the White Horse Pass over the mountains. This service will be put in operation in the early spring.

\$300 DAMAGES AWARDED. After a trial lasting nearly three days, a conclusion to the Peck-Margardt slander case was reached on Thursday. The jury was strongly charged against the defendant by Mr. Justice Harvey, the presiding judge, and after an absence of half an hour returned with a verdict of \$300 damages. The present attorney for the plaintiff was a charge of stealing a gun from a Leduc farmer by the name of Wilson, Frederick Field, of Leduc, brought action against Paul Marquardt, of the same town, the chief witness against the defendant, alleging that Marquardt went about the country slandering him as a thief. The chief witnesses for the defence were Lydia Bourquardt and Herman Bourquardt, young Germans, who were employed by Wilson. Marquardt swore that he saw Field enter Wilson's house one afternoon and come out with a gun, which he carried away. Lydia, who worked for Field, swore that she saw the gun, which belonged to Wilson, in Field's house.

ALLEGED FORGER ARRESTED. At seven o'clock Friday, Detective Seymour, of the city force, arrested a man who was stealing a box from a box in the post office. When taken to the police station he stated that he was an Irishman in the district, and his name was Desire Dennis. The police believe that in this arrest they have located the man who has forged at least two cheques within the last month. A letter containing a cheque disappeared from the office of the Attorney General, and it was discovered that the re-appearance bearing a forged signature has caused the police force to keep an eye on the post office. This morning, at seven o'clock, Detective Seymour saw a man moving the glass front of a box and extracting a letter. He arrested the man, and the case will come up at two o'clock this afternoon. This is the second letter that has disappeared recently with an indolent cheque. The first cheque was one made by Messrs. Bishop, Grant & Landry, and payable to Messrs. Garriep & Landry. The signature of Wilfrid Garriep was forged on this cheque. With a means of access to this box in the post office it is believed by the police that the letters who extracted the letters is also the forger.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT. The case of Dana vs. McLeod Township was opened in the District court Thursday. The case was taken by Mr. Round, agent for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, who conducted the case for the plaintiff, and the defendant, who conducted the case for the plaintiff, was represented by Mr. Round. The case was taken by Mr. Round, agent for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, who conducted the case for the plaintiff, and the defendant, who conducted the case for the plaintiff, was represented by Mr. Round. The case was taken by Mr. Round, agent for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, who conducted the case for the plaintiff, and the defendant, who conducted the case for the plaintiff, was represented by Mr. Round.

WIRE NAILS MERGER ANNOUNCED. St. John, N.B., Feb. 23.—It is announced today that the merger or sale of the James Pender Company, Canadian syndicate, to the Kaminitzky Power Company, Fort William, Ontario, are interested. The headquarters of the latter company will be in a few weeks. Assurance has been given that the St. John's works will be continued.

Clock Makers Win Strike. Montreal, Feb. 24.—Five hundred of the nine hundred striking clock and skit makers returned to work on today, their employers signing a factory agreement. The Hebrew Trades and Labor council, representing 13,000 workers, last night agreed to turn over to the strikers half a day's pay per week as long as the trouble lasts. It is expected the remaining firms will come to terms very shortly.

Teachers Scarce In Ontario. Toronto, Ont., Feb. 22.—According to the annual report of the Minister of Education, educational affairs in that province are in a rather satisfactory state. One fly in the ointment is the scarcity in the supply of teachers, which is ascribed to the lure of the west.

ROGERS MAKES HASTE TO DENY THE CHARGE

Manitoba's Minister of Public Works Disclaims Any Connection With Foster-Montague Syndicate Dealing in Manitoba Lands. Winnipeg, Feb. 23.—Hon. Robert Rogers gave an emphatic denial in the legislature yesterday on a question put by a statement by the Union Trust company, produced at the Foster-Montague trial case in Toronto, that he had received payment for a portion of Manitoba lands. He said: "Several years ago Hon. Dr. Montague asked me to join a private land syndicate which he was organizing. I declined to do so, and I am declining similar invitations almost every day of my life." He said that several years later the offer was repeated and again refused.

LINK IN IMPERIAL TRADE. Federal Government Will Subsidize Canada-Australian-New Zealand Steamship Service. Ottawa, Feb. 23.—The government has made arrangements with the New Zealand Steamship company to establish a subsidized Atlantic service between Canada and Australia, and New Zealand ports. At present several million dollars' worth of Canadian exports to sister dominions go via New York, and some months ago an influential deputation waited on the government to ask that steps be taken to secure for Canadian ports and New Zealand shippers a direct service. Under the agreement just reached will be given from Montreal in the summer and from St. John and Halifax in the winter. This is another link in the linking up of imperial trade carried in British vessels on imperial trade routes. It is expected that the arrangement will be shortly reached for a renewal of the contract for a subsidized service between Vancouver and Australia and New Zealand.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE LIQUORS. Nova Scotia Temperance Alliance Find Province Paid for Wines at Function. Halifax, N.S., Feb. 23.—The Nova Scotia Temperance Alliance, which met in annual session at Truro today, considers that it has proof that the province of Nova Scotia is paying out for liquor used at Government House, Halifax. The Alliance at its meeting today appointed a committee to inquire into the matter. Grant's assertion and report is to the effect that in the district of Tantrah, the Bulgarian villagers joined in the fight which followed. The committee would like to see that several persons were killed.

LOCAL OPTION FOR REGINA. Temperance People Will Commence Campaign Immediately. Regina, Sask., Feb. 23.—At a largely attended and representative meeting of the local option league in Regina, the committee decided that it was decided to forthwith commence a campaign with a view to the submission of a local option by-law to the people of the city next December. It is generally recognized by the temperance people that the fact that the city is one of the stiffest of those to be waged during the present year, but nevertheless, they express considerable confidence as to the success of the campaign. At the proper time steps will be taken to present the necessary petition to the council asking for the submission of the by-law. While no actual figures are as yet available it is likely that altogether over a cool option vote will be won in the province this year.

PROPOSED TAX ON RACES. A New Form by Which Portion of Big French Deficit is to be Raised. Paris, Feb. 24.—The budget commission is faced by a most difficult proposition, that of meeting an enormous deficit, which next year will amount to \$40,000,000. M. Cochery, addressing the committee proposed to cover the whole deficit by creating new taxes. The commission decided that less than half the amount could be thus raised. Among the proposed new taxes is a ten per cent duty on entrance fees at race courses, from which M. Cochery expects to raise \$300,000. The tax, if adopted by the chamber of deputies, is likely to meet strenuous hostility from race-goers. Several racing clubs have already denounced the tax, declaring that it will be a crippling loss to them.

Lecture on Tuberculosis. Information With Reference to Diseases at Saskatchewan Given at Lloydminster. Lloydminster, Feb. 22.—Dr. Seymour, of Regina, delivered an interesting and informative lecture at the Masonic Hall last night on a matter of grave importance to town and country. He dealt with the subject of "Tuberculosis," and gave his audience some startling facts and figures with regard to the terrible disease and its alarming increase in the province last year alone, and the doctor impressed his hearers by the statement that, as the result of systematic observation, medical men estimated that one case in ten, on the average, ten persons. Dr. Seymour said that although, in his opinion, the disease was easily diagnosed, nevertheless, the symptoms were

NOTHING ALARMING IN SIR WILFRID'S CONDITION

Bulletin Special. Ottawa, Feb. 23.—The alarming reports sent out in respect to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's health are without foundation. Sir Wilfrid has been suffering from a slight cold and from an attack of biliousness, during the past few days, and, as at the advice of his physicians, remained at home so as to avoid worry and stress of his constant duties in the House. At the present juncture there is nothing that demands his attention in the House, during the weary progress of the naval debate, but he will be in his place in a few days, as soon as his presence is required.

TO COVER ALL COMBINATIONS. Montreal Board of Trade Wants Legislation to Include Labor Unions. Montreal, Que., Feb. 23.—The Montreal board of trade today adopted a resolution commending on amendments to the proposed law for the investigation of monopolies, trusts and mergers which might enhance prices or restrict competition to the detriment of the consumer. The idea of the board of trade was that the law should be so framed as not merely to apply to a combination of employers and capitalists, but that it should be amended so as to cover any form of combination, labor union, agreement of the contractor, etc. A number of amendments to the proposed bill along these lines were presented to the council of the board of trade and were adopted.

ASSAULTED BY A NEGRO. McAlester, Okla., Feb. 23.—Carol Lithicum, a negro, is in jail here charged with making a criminal assault yesterday upon Mrs. Fred Benton. He has been identified as Mrs. Benton's assailant and feeling of the contractor would have to charge the negro throughout the night. The prisoner was taken late today. It is expected that arrangements will be made to transport him to the state penitentiary for protection against a mob.

Turks and Bulgarians Clash. Sofia, Feb. 23.—There has been a conflict between Turks and Bulgarians on the frontier, in which, according to despatches from several points, there were a number of casualties. The trouble arose over an attempt by a Turkish patrol to disarm a Bulgarian frontier soldier in the district of Tarnah. The Bulgarian villagers joined in the fight which followed. The contractor would like to see that several persons were killed.

Rents Will Then Go Up. Winnipeg, Feb. 21.—At the annual banquet of the Builders' Exchange, President T. R. Deason stated that if the unions continue to demand higher wages the contractors will have to charge higher prices and the public pay the difference. Under these circumstances the contractors would have to charge higher prices and the public pay the difference. Under these circumstances the contractors would have to charge higher prices and the public pay the difference.

Lloyd-George Not Coming. Utica, N.Y., Feb. 21.—Hon. Lloyd-George, chancellor of the British Exchequer, will not visit this country during the coming summer, as has been generally expected. The Hon. Mr. Hughes, of the staff of the Utica Press, received a letter from the Chancellor today, stating that he had no intention at present of visiting American this year.

Goldwin Smith Recovering. Toronto, Feb. 23.—Dr. Goldwin Smith's condition was satisfactory early this evening, but he is very weak. Lecture on Tuberculosis. Information With Reference to Diseases at Saskatchewan Given at Lloydminster. Lloydminster, Feb. 22.—Dr. Seymour, of Regina, delivered an interesting and informative lecture at the Masonic Hall last night on a matter of grave importance to town and country. He dealt with the subject of "Tuberculosis," and gave his audience some startling facts and figures with regard to the terrible disease and its alarming increase in the province last year alone, and the doctor impressed his hearers by the statement that, as the result of systematic observation, medical men estimated that one case in ten, on the average, ten persons. Dr. Seymour said that although, in his opinion, the disease was easily diagnosed, nevertheless, the symptoms were

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Eleven Speeches Contributed to a Tracted Discussion Which Was Adjourned at Midnight to be Resumed Today.

HON. W. H. CUSHING TO AGAIN SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT. Hon. Mr. Cross' Address of Upward of Two Hours Last Night Was the Feature of the Debate Yesterday.

Attorney General Took Up the Question of the Opponent of the Agreement and Dealt With It. One by One—Hon. Duncan Murray and F. B. Bennett Expected to Speak Today.

The debate on the Alberta and G.W. W. railway contract occupied the attention of the legislature all yesterday afternoon and until midnight at the evening session. There was some intense interest as on previous days and for an hour before the debate it was expected that the general public in gain admittance to the crowded building.

It is expected that the conclusion of the debate on Mr. Woolf's amendment will be reached tonight, and a vote taken before the House adjourns and a battle royal is anticipated which he intended speaking on the question and he will be followed in all probability by Hon. Duncan Murray and F. B. Bennett. It is anticipated that the House would speak has been chief drawing card of the afternoon and evening sessions.

The big feature of the discussion yesterday was the speech of Hon. G. Cross of more than two hours' duration when he replied to the criticisms and questions asked during the previous days. Mr. Cross took up the arguments which had been advanced against the A. & G. W. railway contract and expressed the public in law and in agreement. At least two of the members of the opposition, Mr. O'Brien (Rocky Mountain), E. Mitchell and Mr. P. Smith (Crosby), after the public in law and in agreement. At least two of the members of the opposition, Mr. O'Brien (Rocky Mountain), E. Mitchell and Mr. P. Smith (Crosby), after the public in law and in agreement.

The Socialist Member. C. M. O'Brien, Rocky Mountain, said he had been listening to the discussion, not with interest but with a good deal of forbearance as the speaker had been speaking for the benefit of the people with different opinions as far as he could see it up to the present the company, employees of the railway in question have been getting the worse of the deal. The discussion had been a good deal of time. Representing as he did a political party with objects in question on any other party, he felt it his duty to define his position. He was one of the organizers of the Socialist party of Canada and as such was entitled to outline its principles as they had been promulgated from time to time. Mr. O'Brien starting out with a statement that property was the basis of all civilization, stated that his party had incorporated into its platform the transformation of certain property to property in common for all the people. This being a policy, his party were enemies of the other members of the House so far as their economic principles were concerned. Point of Order Raised. J. W. Woolfe and Malcolm McKee at this stage both rose to a point of order, claiming that the speaker was diverging too far from the question before the House. Hon. C. W. Cross and J. R. Bennett suggested that he might be leading to the question under discussion. Continuing Mr. O'Brien said never was a stickler on rules of order and consequently was somewhat of what brand of religion they might say that he was a Methodist and they were considered about two-faced and hypocritical as any which he knew. (Laughter.) In order to do this he must have experienced a few past. He wished to justify the existence of the House as representative of a new social order arising out of the old social order. He had no personal ill feeling