

DISTRICT NEWS

CLARKVILLE.

Bulletin News Service.

Roads dry and dusty. Farmers are very busy fencing. Many farmers put in their crops before the fencing was done.

Born to the wife of Harry Kemp-hill, May 28, a son.

Born to the wife of Fred Poirer, May 16th, a daughter.

George Holmes, who recently moved in, lost all his personal effects by a prairie fire.

Win. Lively had the misfortune to lose all his fence posts, rails, breaking plough, barn and hay by prairie fire. He saved nothing but his house.

Every week brings in more new settlers, and among this week's arrivals are Mr. and Mrs. Stoe. Mr. Simpson, who lived on Mrs. Stoe's claim all winter, has now vacated and gone to live on his own. The tenth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Stoe's wedding was celebrated on May 15th. The house was well filled, and the evening was passed in songs, recitations and toasts, Mr. Jones acting as toastmaster.

CHIPMAN.

Bulletin News Service.

August Sapanbush is an assistant at Messrs. Gordon and Gordon's.

Henry Bortin is occupying the old butcher's shop.

Wm. Pollard has improved his lot by planting trees and erecting a barbed wire fence.

Mr. Foss, with his whole family, has gone on a six weeks' trip to the States. Mr. McGill is acting station master.

Grain and weeds are both looking well. It's a fine, dry time to kill weeds.

Sam Yerex has sold 1-4 section 14, 19, 55, and is cropping land at Beaver Hills.

Henry Yerex has acquired the land immediately north of his residence.

Two substantial bridges have been erected between Dan Wilson and Sam Anderson's farms.

WETASKIWIN.

Bulletin News Service.

On Monday evening the most exciting game on record for Wetaskiwin was played at the oval. It was the return game between Camrose and the home team. The match was delayed for almost an hour on account of a heated discussion over the umpire, Camrose declaring that unless Snapper Gurnea of Edmonton, were allowed to act the game was off.

Finally the home team yielded the point and the game proceeded. It was very closely contested and the excitement among the onlookers knew no bounds. There were over 2000 spectators on hand.

The visiting team made two runs before the home team scored at all, and at the end of the game the score stood 2-1 in favor of Camrose, this being the first Camrose has ever taken from Wetaskiwin.

Charles Olm and family, who have been visiting in Sweden for some months, returned to their home here last week.

The long-delayed opening of the new C.P.R. station finally took place before the rush of holiday visitors.

The new building presents a very fine appearance and is most conveniently arranged.

Mr. and Mrs. Alph Barnard, of Dayland, were the guests of Mrs. C. C. Bailey during the holiday.

Alph Ellis' two children are suffering from scarlet fever and the house is in quarantine.

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FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

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Rev. A. Forbes, M.A., went to Edmonton this morning and from there will go to Belmont to make arrangements for the tent work there this summer in connection with the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. D. J. Simons entertained some thirty young people on Wednesday evening. Miss Eva Good, of Edmonton, being the guest of honor, returning to her home this morning. A pretty wedding took place on Wednesday evening at seven o'clock in the home of Mrs. Buchanan, senior.

When her son Allan was married to Miss Agnes Hamilton, daughter of Minnedosa, Manitoba. The bride was prettily dressed in white muslin and lace trimmings. Miss Mary Shaw, niece of the groom, was bridesmaid and looked pretty in her simple white muslin frock, whilst Stanley Hamilton, brother of the bride, supported the groom. Rev. Alexander Forbes performed the ceremony, after which a large number of relatives and friends sat down to a dairy supper. Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan have taken up their residence on the new site of the Presbyterian church.

Rev. A. Forbes leaves on Monday next for Winnipeg, where he will attend the annual meeting of the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. One week later he will be joined by Mrs. Forbes and Miss Flossie Squarbriggs, and they will continue their journey to Toronto en route for Scotland, where Mr. and Mrs. Forbes are going to spend a well-earned holiday, this being their first vacation to speak of since their first coming to Fort Saskatchewan, some fourteen years ago.

They will probably be gone six months and will carry with them the best wishes of their people for a good holiday and a safe return. Misses B. Asher and Flossie Squarbriggs will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Forbes on their trip.

Mrs. Dr. Snice and Miss Fitzmaurice, of Edmonton, visited Miss Fetherstonhaugh this week.

Victoria Day is now a thing of the past, and those of us who felt a little disappointed in making it a day of thankfulness that we are only called upon to celebrate once a year.

It was very close and hot, and it was as ideal as it always is at this time of the year. The gate receipts amounted to \$786.

The members of the Roman Catholic Church here have rented the building formerly used for the Victoria restaurant on Ross street, where they will hold their church services temporarily.

John Symington, of Mannville, in the Fort to be fair to the Japanese, to see were slain in a battle due to Japanese determined efforts to crush opposition in Korea.

Mrs. A. B. Fraser, of Vegreville, a former resident in the Fort, spent a few days here last week and over the holidays, renewing old acquaintances.

Mrs. Henderson, of Winnipeg, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Harnden for a few weeks, left for her home on this afternoon's local. Friends of Dr. Harnden regret that she is still going to the west.

Miss M. A. Waldron, teacher of the primary department in the school here, spent the week-end and over the holiday visiting relatives in Strathcona.

The annual meeting of the license commissioners for this district was held in the Oldfield Hall on Friday evening last.

Mrs. Browning and family, of Strathcona, spent a few days in the Fort last week and over the holidays, and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Adamson.

Rev. C. A. McLaughlin, provincial superintendent of Baptist missions, is in town and is expected to preach in the Oldfield hall on Sunday evening next.

Mrs. J. McKellar, a former resident, but now of Whitford, is renewing acquaintances in the Fort and is the guest of Mrs. Hiram Staples.

Corporal Miller, Constables Aylesworth and Johnson, of the Regina Mounted Police, arrived here from Regina on Wednesday and will leave for the north on Friday.

Fort Saskatchewan, May 28.

OLDS.

Bulletin News Service.

One of the most important meetings of the farmers of Olds, Bowden and Olds districts, occurred in the Olds opera house recently. Notwithstanding inclement weather the representation from the different localities was very good, showing the widespread interest in the subjects which came up for consideration.

Mr. Palmer, an extensive rancher in the Edmonton district, opened the discussion on the chilled meat question. Mr. Grant, president of the Bowden branch, and Mr. Webb, president of the Didsbury branch of the Alberta association, both gave interesting talks on the necessity of the farmer seeing that it was to his advantage to work unitarily for a common cause, a co-operation of the best type being necessary to bring about conditions for the farmers of this and all lands.

The crop reports from every quarter in this district seem to be of the same nature. "Prospects" never brighter. The fall wheat is a mass of velvet and a most even stand. A large increase in acreage is reported from every direction.

The homesteaders are still arriving and the lands to the east are being the subject of earnest consideration. Land buyers are also quite in evidence.

A number of considerable fire are seen along the railway within the town limits. The C. P. R. are doing a park job in June and July, some enthusiasm of a "Y" near Grand View park addition. In the amount of train load shipping from this point, this turning facility was greatly needed and will be appreciated by the stock men.

George Herdman, who is now a

regular cattle shipper to the Vancouver market, returned from that city and reports things looking fairly good on the coast.

At last the settlers beyond the Big Red Deer river have their dream of a bridge across that stream realized, and although it is far from being completed yet, its completion came none too soon as the recent rains have raised the water between three and four feet.

Olds was putting on its last week with its first session of District court. The attendance was large and several of the cases had to be carried over to the next session or want of time in which to try them here.

Judge Mitchell was in attendance. Notwithstanding the busy season the question of local option in Olds is having somewhat of a three-out hand in the game also, in some of the localities tributary to Olds particularly.

Olds, May 26.

RED DEER.

Bulletin News Service.

Dr. George, coroner, left this week for Quill Lake, where he will investigate a fatal accident to a young lad named Thorne. It seems he and his older brother were playing with a shot gun when the elder lad fell and the gun went off, shooting the younger boy, who died the next day.

W. Cowell, who has been in Saskatchewan for some time, is now in connection with the distribution of sack grain, has returned home.

Messrs. Gheta and Chapman have disposed of their livery business to John J. McCaig, who will take charge at once.

Contracts for the new Roman Catholic Presbytery have been let, and Messrs. Forbes and Mrs. Forbes are going to the erection of a convent 46 feet by 44 feet.

Red Deer, May 28.

LAMONT.

Bulletin News Service.

The farmers are smiling; you can almost hear the grass growing.

P. C. Leoney, real estate and financial agent, has arrived from England, accompanied by his private secretary, T. C. May, from London.

The excavations for the basement of the new \$6,000 school are completed and the brick work will be started on June 1st.

Alberta people from Lamont took in the sports at the Fort on Monday, returning last night after having an enjoyable day.

Born on Tuesday, May 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. Hennig, a son.

Lamont, May 26.

JAPAN CRUSHING KOREA.

Seoul, May 28.—Five hundred and forty-nine Korean insurgents were slain in a battle due to Japanese determined efforts to crush opposition in Korea.

The insurgents had been in the provinces of Hwanghae and Kwanggwang. The Japanese military headquarters declare that the entire disturbing element will be subdued in sixty days.

WILL GO UP ATHABASCA.

Steamer Midnight Sun to Make Trip to Macleod River.

Athabasca Landing, May 28.—The steamer Midnight Sun will make a trip to Macleod river, with a full cargo and a very large list of passengers for the north. The steamer connects at Lesser Slave river with the steamer Northern Light, which runs from there to the north of Lesser Slave lake, a distance of about 125 miles.

It is rumored here that the steamer Midnight Sun will make a trip to the Athabasca river as far as the Macleod river, the latter part of June. This is something new in steamboating, as no steamer has ever ventured up the river so far before.

GAMEY'S FLIGHT IS RECALLED.

Candidate Wright in Toronto Says McPherson Betrayed Gamey.

Toronto, May 28.—A. W. Wright, independent Conservative and public status candidate in West Toronto, to-night charged that W. D. McPherson, a rival Conservative candidate, had, as counsel in the Gamey investigation, betrayed Gamey by denying that he had any idea of the latter's famous flight to Buffalo. Wright quoted Gamey as saying that McPherson had sent him there.

To Investigate Telegraph Companies.

Washington, May 28.—In the Senate today a resolution was offered by Mr. La Follette directing the secretary of commerce and labor to investigate the telegraph and telephone companies doing an interstate business. The resolution called for information concerning the methods used in handling public business, the wages paid operators and the conditions under which they were working, together with a statement of receipts and expenditures for a period of five years. This information to be reported to the next session of congress. No objection was made to the consideration of the resolution, and it was adopted without debate.

Gould System in Difficulties.

New York, May 28.—The Gould system, a whole will cease a receiver of the Gould troubles, the Missouri Pacific collapsed today to 45 cents. The statement by E. P. Bloyer, president of the Atchison, that the worst railroad earnings would be recorded in June and July, some enthusiasm about of the manipulative group.

Noted Artist Dead.

New York, May 28.—Walter Satterlee, a noted artist, died this morning aged 65.

A VICTORY FOR THE U. S. PAPER TRUST

The investigation by Special Committee of Congress Results in a Recommendation for Delay—Two Reports Were Presented.

Washington, May 28.—The special committee of members of the House appointed on complaint of the American Newspaper Publishers' association to investigate the wood pulp and paper situation in relation to the tariff and with regard to an alleged conspiracy in restraint of trade, today submitted a majority and a minority report.

The majority report was signed by Representatives Mann of Illinois, Miller of Kansas, Stafford of Wisconsin, and Bannan of Ohio. It is a preliminary report and recommends that no legislation affecting wood pulp and print paper be enacted until the committee has finished its investigation and reported.

The minority report, which is signed by Representatives Sims of Tennessee, and Ryan of New York, recommends the passage of the Stevens bill to place wood pulp and print paper on the free list.

The majority report is summed up in the following words: "The present prices of paper would be immediately affected by the repeal of the tariff and the passage of the Stevens bill in its present form might spell ruin to the paper industry and ruinously high prices for paper in the near future, your committee believes it the part of wisdom before making any recommendation for positive legislation to await until its investigation has been completed and thoroughly digested."

Witnesses appearing in behalf of the contentions of the American Newspaper Publishers' association have been given full attention, and all statements and evidence presented by John Morris, who appeared as a special representative of that organization, were duly weighed.

"Not all publishers who offered to appear did so, and there are many whom the committee would have examined. In the tabulation sheet of the average price of newsprint, the highest prices seemed to be the heaviest consumers."

"The average returns the average price at present, including in many cases freight charges to 219 newsprint is \$2.56 per 100. That of these 161 using paper in bulk heavy trade, an average price of \$2.45, and 558 have an average of \$3.07 for paper in sheets."

"The committee believes that publishers paying high prices must readily respond to the inquiries of the committee."

"While there appears to have been complaint on the part of paper manufacturers in the past, the tariff on paper for 1906 was too low to be fair to the manufacturer, yet we are inclined to believe that the summer of 1907 that there was a general increase in the price of paper."

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INCOMPETENCY; MISMANAGEMENT

Continued from page five.

Re the charge that the commissioners should have looked ahead and had brick for this building, I can only say that I did not know there was a building to be erected until some time after I took office and that the sketch of the building did not arrive from Chicago until after October 1st and it was fully ten days after this date before the local architect had them ready to receive tenders on the brick companies were spoken to by the commissioners about brick and they stated that there would be lots of brick. Mr. Anderson informed us that he expected to start his yard up after the first of the year and Pollards, of Strathcona, said they were making preparations to open all winter; we were therefore reasonably assured that there would be no shortage of brick. Some time afterwards when the contractors informed us that the yards were not going to be able to carry out their promises to supply brick, we in deference to the wishes of the public and at the express orders of the council, made a special effort to have the building ready for the telephone contractors in the spring of 1907. In furtherance of this end the council of changing the side and rear walls from brick to cement blocks was taken up and prices were quoted for the change and the whole matter referred to the council by a report, which they then said was incorrect as the cement blocks to be used in that building were not cement blocks but were made by the business on our part to have the change in correct as the Edmonton Concrete company were making blocks in a heated building all winter and piling them up in their yard when cured, and if this had not been done the completion of the building would have been delayed considerably longer; even as it was it was held up for pressed brick for

Re the excavation of the building: All the men and teams that could probably be worked on it were engaged in other work and the excavation was not delayed on this account.

Could Not Foretell Conditions.

Re the other charges, amounting to the cost of the building, we were all read and explained in open council and certified by the chairman of the council