NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

SION.

Bulletin News Service.

On Friday evening, November 20, a subscription social and dinner, held at the hall, was well attended by about thirty couples, who thoroughly enjoyed this, the first dance of the season.

On Sunday, November 22, the first baptism in this settlement took place at the hall during the Church of England service. Mr. W. Leversidge, the missionary, conducted the usual afternoon service, and the Rev. W. E. Hodgkinson administered the sacrament of baptism to John, son of Herbert and May Park.

Sion, November 23.

STETTLER.

Bulletin News Service.

Stettler has shipped a lot of cattle during the past few weeks. The C.P.R. is doing its best to meet the demand for cars. This week, about 400 head of stock were shipped to England.

Building and re-building are still proceeding. The new buildings are of a much better description in many respects than those they replace. Mr. W. F. Puffer's new store on the site of the one destroyed in the big fire opened on Tuesday.

Mr. Ball, the jeweller, has got into his new store and Mr. Wisler, the tailor, is prepared to take orders in the Alberta Drug Store building. A new warehouse for grain is going up near Mr. Fyper's lumber yard. The orders for coal for the winter are so numerous that the coal mines are working overtime. Many new people are coming into Stettler, mostly from the States.

The golden grain is still rolling into Stettler. Last week about 40 wagon loads were in line at the elevators.

The Stettler Curling Club at its annual meeting, elected its officers as follows: Hon. Pres., Hon. A. C. Rutherford; president, J. W. McBrine; vice-president, F. Clark; second vice-president, R. J. Ferguson; secretary-treasurer, W. Dunlop; chaplain, Rev. W. Robertson; executive, S. H. Riggs, Dr. Staples, L. R. Forbes, E. H. Matthias. The membership fee was placed at $10.00. The club will pay $250 to the rink association for the use of the ice.

The Stettler camp of the Modern Woodmen of America is expecting to get the Provincial banner, which is given to the camp having the most members on Dec. 1st. The Provincial head consul of Alberta is here at present.

Stettler, Nov. 27.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Bulletin News Service.

The members of the Fort Saskatchewan branch of the Alberta Temperance and Moral Reform League are asked this week to circulate a petition for signatures in favor of reform in the license laws, to be presented to the provincial government.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Sergeant McBrayne, brother of the bride, on Tuesday, November 24th, when Mr. John Hall McPherson, of Edmonton, was married to Miss Robina McBrayne, of Fort Saskatchewan. Rev. A. Forbes, M.A., performed the ceremony. They will reside at the Fort for some time.

Friends of Mrs. Alex. Adamson will be pleased to learn that she is recovering from a very serious illness. Mrs. Adamson was one of the first ladies who came up to this country from Ontario 25 years ago.

Miss Isabella McLean, of St. Eugene, died last Tuesday morning, November 24th, after a long and lingering illness. The McLean family came from the Isle of Islay, in the west of Scotland, many years ago and settled in Dakota, where the mother died. Ten years ago they came up to this country and were for several years on the Craig farm at Namao, where the father and uncle died. Latterly the other members of the family bought land across the Sturgeon, west of the Victoria trail and north of the old Hardisty place, now known as St. Eugene district. Rev. A. Forbes conducted the funeral services at the house, at the church at Namao, and at the graveyard, a mile and a half west of the church, where the remains of Miss McLean were laid beside those of her father. The deceased suffered long and uncomplainingly. She was a fine type of the West Highland woman.

General regret is expressed here over the death of Mr. McNiven, who was for some time in the employ of Mr. T. G. Montgomery here. Deceased came to this country in somewhat poor health, and for a time seemed to gain strength. Latterly, however, his old trouble came back with redoubled force. Mr. Montgomery relieved him of work and arranged for his removal to his home in the east, where he died two weeks after. Mr. McNiven was a young man, of quiet and regular habits and was much beloved by those who knew him.

On Friday evening, at her home in Josephsburg, there occurred the death of Mrs. Frank Becker, after a most painful illness. Deceased was a sister of A. Unterschultz, of Fort Saskatchewan, and leaves a husband and five young children to mourn her loss. Deepest sympathy is felt throughout this community for the bereaved husband and family.

Mrs. (Dr.) McQueen, of Edmonton, spent a couple of days in the Fort this week, the guest of Mrs. Adamson.

Mrs. Ormond Higman, of Edmonton, spent the week-end here visiting Mrs. H. E. Daniel.

Mr. James Harvey, a former resident, spent a few days in town this week.

Arrangements are being made to have a series of lectures delivered at the Fort weekly during the winter by the professors of Alberta University.

Mrs. J. C. Forbes, of Strathcona, came up to the Fort on Friday night and will spend a few days visiting her mother, Mrs. Ross.

Fort Saskatchewan, November 28.

CHIPMAN.

Bulletin News Service.

The Chipman Young Men's Association was formed here on Wednesday, November 18th. This association will meet three times a week and have three departments, namely, social, literary and debating. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. T. Whitmore; 1st vice-president, James A. Pattullo; second vice-president, O. S. Gordon; 3rd vice-president, Wm. Mair; 4th vice-president, T. R. Yorkston; general secretary, John Hains; journal secretary, E. Sipe; treasurer, Frank Romeril. Chess, checkers and other games have been inaugurated and thirty members have already joined. Frequent public debates will be given in the schoolhouse.

The formal opening of the association took place on Monday evening, November 23rd, and was a success. The orchestra of the association, under the leadership of Rev. T. Whitmore, was the main feature of the evening. The program was as follows: Organ solo, Rev. T. Whitmore; chairman's address, Mr. O. S. Gordon; selection, Y.M.C. Orchestra; speech, Mr. J. A. Pattullo; gramophone selection, Mr. J. Wuetherick; solo, Rev. T. Whitmore; selection, Y.M.C. Orchestra; selection, Y.M.C. Orchestra; mouth organ duet, Messrs. Sipe; gramophone selection, Mr. J. Wuetherick; solo, Rev. T. Whitmore; address, Rev. T. Whitmore; selection, Y.M.C. Orchestra. A debate will be given in Chipman schoolhouse on Wednesday evening, December 2nd, to which the public is cordially invited. The subject of debate is: "Resolved that bachelors should be taxed."

Rev. T. Whitmore is now installed in the parsonage here. His services have been well attended and he is doing a good work among the young men as the founder of their association.

H. Calvert is drilling a well near H. Betlin's shop, in readiness for the brick building of P. Burns, to be erected next summer.

Mrs. MacLennan has moved the post office to the new building, east of the restaurant.

A. Harris is doing a rushing business at his blacksmith shop, receiving work from Mundare and other points.

Considerable grain is being brought to the elevator here, some from as far as Tofield.

Charlie Ludwig was married a week ago last Saturday to Miss Wasylania Sokorotutsky.

Chipman, November 27.

MOSSIDE.

Bulleetin News Service.

Mr. Langmaid, merchant and postmaster, of Lac la None, is about to move up here and to open a store. He has already filed on section 7, 59, 4.

Munroe Brothers have moved their fine bunch of cattle to their winter quarters in township 58-4.

Dave Armitage, of township 58-6, has been down here cutting some logs to be made into lumber at the mill here.

Mr. Cliemes has started operations at the saw mill. Tom Richmond is the engineer again this winter at the saw mill.

A new school-house is about to be built on section 31-58-4, and by February it is expected a teacher will be installed. There are some 25 or 30 children of school age in the district.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore, of Twin Lake, have been to Belvedere on business.

It is reported Professor Wallace is opening up a new store at his place on section 28-59-5 west of 5th.

Mosside, November 25.

VEGREVILLE.

Bulletin News Service.

The new balls and pins have arrived for Peacock and Denham's bowling alley. There is a tournament on and the boys are hard at it.

The Philharmonic Concert Co., of Chicago, gave a concert in the fire hall under the auspices of the baseball club. Some were pleased while others are sorry they went. The two bear cubs belonging to McAllister and J. W. Smith, respectively, are being wintered together under the care of Howard Smith.

Johnnie Borwick, trader, returned from the north with a fine outfit of furs, rats being in the majority.

The skating rink is near completion. It is one of the best locations in the city, being just west of the Alberta Hotel on Railway avenue. The curling department is under cover and will allow the lovers of the "roarin' game" to use their brooms without being covered with snow. The rink has a natural basin which will give it a good foundation.

Mr. Pulkrahek, who bought the C. N. Weed ranch near Brosseau is having an extensive sale.

John and Clarence Tillapaugh, John Schofield, Ed. Peterson, Jeo. River and Levi Turner returned from the north, bringing back with thme a moose each. They did not cross the river but found any amount of game east of Brosseau and south of the river.

Mr. J. Roberts came in from the ranch at Ranfurly and stopped off on his way to Edmonton.

Stewart Fife left for Edmonton today. He has been up at Pozerville rusticating for the past two months.

Today in Clements & Son's store a fire extinguisher was by some means or other accidentally touched and the machine went off making a scattering of the many customers who were in the store. The fire chief came to the rescue and despatched the bomb, to the relief of the Russian who touched the button.

Vegreville, Nov. 28.

COOKING LAKE.

Bulletin News Service.

The dance given at Cooking Lake last Monday night by Mr. Coleman Whelpley was undoubtedly the most successful that has ever been held in that district. The host has just completed his new house on the north side of the lake and had it been built for a dance hall it could not have been more conveniently arranged.

A company of between 40 and 50 took part in the dancing which began at 9.30 in the evening and concluded well into the morning. Between the dances there was plenty of good singing and violin solos, but the "star" performance of the evening was the clog dancing by Harold Van Buskirk well known in Edmonton and Calgary. At twelve o'clock refreshments were served after which Mr. Campbell, sr., delighted the gathering with a sword dance. At the breaking up of the party Mr. Whelpley announced his intention of giving a similar dance on December 18th and invited all to come again.

Cooking Lake, Dec. 1.

ONOWAY.

Bulletin News Service.

A meeting of the school trustees was held last Tuesday, all the members being present. Amongst the items of business was the report of the school inspector, this being of a most satisfactory character. The teacher, James M. Roxburgh, was engaged for the whole of 1909 this making the fourth year. It was decided to have the school painted inside and outside in the early spring. The fencing around the school house is finished with the exception of placing two wires in position. This is ordered and will be fixed when it comes to hand.

The road from Grey's bridge across range two is now cut through. This will make an excellent road. There are no steep grades to contend with and the difficulties are few. A bridge will probably be built at the Sturgeon at an early date, but until this is done H. Fitzsimmons has opened up his fence allowing access to a first-class ford. As a winter road it shortens the distance from Edmonton to Lake St. Ann from three to four miles and the hilly country between Onoway and the latter place is avoided. It gies a direct road to the school house and already more children are attending.

Onoway, Nov. 30.

ALIX.

Bulletin News Service.

The elevator here is full, and Manager Kern has had to ask the farmers in the district to refrain from bringing in any more grain at present. Mrs. Westhead's barns are full of grain, so are others.

C.P.R. Agent Hall returned on Wednesday from his trip to British Columbia and other points, and Relieving Agent Bickle handed over the office this morning.

Magee & Parrucker have installed gasolene lights in their store.

The coal mines are running to capacity. The only drawback is the difficulty in obtaining cars.

The new restaurant is doing very well and business is increasing.

Alix, Nov. 29.

MANLY.

Bulletin News Service.

For the past two weeks the government road has been much quieter, the freighters having found the G. T. P. grade much better for their horses. But Manly itself has been quite festive with the echoes of wedding bells ringing in the air. Mr. Jacob Getzinger returned last week from Edmonton, bringing with him his newly wedded wife. Michael Tuvluk is following in his steps and taking unto himself a wife this week. There are also rumors that this is not the last.

The trustees of the Manly school district have decided to close the school for the winter.

Mr. Thos. and Mr. Ernest Daykin returned home last Saturday.

Mr. Chas. Walker has returned home and is building stables and generally clearing his homestead.

The northwest quarter of 16, 53, 2, west of the 5th, the homestead that has so long been in dispute, is at last settled and the lucky man is Jacob Fuhr, son of John Fuhr, living east of Manly.

J. T. Turnbull has returned to his homestead and intends staying for the winter.

The usual fortnightly service was held in the school house on Sunday, presided over by the Rev. Mr. McNult. The service was bright and cheerful. Mr. McNult stayed over night and visited the settlers on Monday, giving all a general invitation to the opening of the new Presbyterian church at Pine Ridge, which is to take place on Sunday, Dec. 6th.

James Reid intends taking a trip into Edmonton this week.

Manly, Nov. 26.

VERMILION.

Bulletin News Service.

Dave Berry returned from a business trip to Wainwright on Wednesday.

Mrs M. Sullivan visited in Vegreville this week.

Wm. Kennedy and J. H. Trimble, of Islay, were in town on Monday.

Work in the new power house is rapidly nearing completion. The two engines, each weighing nine tons, and the fly wheel, weighing twelve tons, have been placed, and it will only be a short time until the gas generators will be ready for operation. D. M. Findlay, who had charge of the placing of the machinery, returned to Moose Jaw on Thursday. Water has been reached in sufficient quantities at a depth of 230 feet in the well which is being sunk inside the building. The council have decided to place two arc lights on First street south, one on Main street opposite the fire hall, one at the top of the hill on Bulyea avenue, and one at the C.N.R. crossing opposite Hayward's livery stable.

R. J. McCue was a visitor at the capital this week.

M. A. Harpell and Theo. Smith of Wainwright visited in town on Wednesday.

The plucky capture of a runaway team by Dr. Burris opposite the post office on Wednesday afternoon, prevented what might have resulted in a very serious accident. The horses, owned by McClinton Bros., were attached to a load of grain on the unloading platform at the C.N.R. siding, and becoming frightened at an approaching freight train, started down Bulyea avenue throwing out two of the occupants. The remaining two, Messrs. Greensides and Squires, tried to stop them, but the lines broke and they were powerless to do anything further. But fortunately Dr. Burris managed to stop them by catching the bridle of one as they were passing. Mr. Greensides, the only one injured, received a nasty scalp wound.

E. W. Ebbett, of Mannville, spent Friday in town.

C. L. Freeman paid a business visit at Edmonton this week.

Mrs. C. E. Wood, of Mannville, spent Wednesday in town.

H. V. Fieldhouse, who returned from Edmonton on Friday, left for Wainwright on Saturday.

Dave Brown is a visitor at the capital this week.

K. D. McHay of the C.N.R. is in Edmonton.

Wm. Montgomery returned from Edmonton on Thursday.

Mrs. Lowe and son Arnold of Brandon are visiting her sister, Mrs. Simons, at the manse.

Vermilion, Dec. 1.

WETASKIWIN.

Bulletin News Service.

F. G. Linds, who is engaged in the produce business in Medicine Hat, was in the city the latter part of last week. Mr. Linds was formerly express messenger on the Wetaskiwin Hardisty branch.

N. W. Gould has returned from a business trip to Edmonton.

Mrs. W. W. Sharpe left Friday for Pasadena, Cal., where she will spend the winter.

N. A. Genz, who has been in the employ of the Thibadeau Trading Co for some time, left on Monday for Strethcona, where he will take a course in a business college.

Mrs. W. T. Vanderburg went east on Monday to the Bawlf hospital, where she will undergo an operation.

E. Pindy, who has been on the Merchants bank staff here for some time past, has been transferred to Medicine Hat. He is succeeded by Mr. Strong, of the latter place. The many friends of Dr. and Mrs. Dixon will regret to learn of the death of their oldest son, William MacClellan, which took place Sunday morning, after only thirty-six hours' illness. The funeral took place on Monday and notwithstanding the extreme cold was largely attended.

The candidates' meeting held on Friday evening in Alberta hall was very largely attended and great interest was taken in the speeches of the mayoralty candidates. J. F. Fowler occupied the chair and the meeting was addressed by Ald. Chandler and W. J. MacNamara, candidates for mayor, also by Henry Nelson, who had been in the field as a candidate, but announced his withdrawal at the meeting. Mayor McKay, ex-Mayor MacEachren, Ald. O'Brien, Ald. Montgomery and others. The annual ratepayers' meeting will be held in the city hall on December 4th, when the candidates will again address the meeting.

The banquet held in the Baptist church Monday evening in connection with the laymen's missionary movement, was a decided success. A large crowd was present. Addresses were given by the visiting laymen and the movement fully explained.

J. G. Turgeon, editor of the Hardisty Enterprise, passed through the city Monday on his way to Edmonton.

Miss Alice Sinclair has accepted a position in W. J. Stephenson's book store.

C. C. Bailey, jeweler, has moved his stock into the Compton & Montgomery building, recently vacated by E. T. Williamson.

Mrs. Wilfrid Forbes was hostess at a charming bridge on Saturday afternoon in honor of her mother, Mrs. Riddell, of Portland, Maine. The prizes were won by Mrs. A. W. MacKay and Mrs. Stidson. Those present were Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. West, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Benson, Mrs. Millar, Miss Gowanlock, Mrs. Stidson, Miss Dickson, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. MacNamara, Mrs. A. R. Dickson, Mrs. Compton, Mrs. MacKay, Mrs. Miquelon, Mrs. Heric, Mrs. Rubbra, Mrs. H. J. Montgomery, Mrs. Bingham, Mrs. C. C. Bailey.

The Ladies' Bridge club met at the home of Mrs. J. H. D. Benson Tuesday afternoon. The hostess was assisted by her cousins, Miss Gowanlock and Miss Margaret Cuthbert. Mrs. West succeeded in carrying off the first prize, while Mrs. Compton won the second.

J. G. Ward has sent in his resignation as city scavenger. It has been accepted to take effect the first of the year.

It is proposed to put several more arc lamps in service and a committee has been appointed to recommend their location.

Wetaskiwin, Dec. 2.

RED DEER.

Tuesday morning it was 20 below zero.

F. H. Tallman expects to move into his new premises, Gaetz avenue south, in a few days. His new store, which is one door south of W. E. Lord's new store, has been fitted up in the latest style.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Smith and family leave for Victoria, B.C. today. This step was necessary owing to Mrs. Smith's poor health.

The annual election of officers for the Independent Order of Oddfellows will be held on Monday evening next. It is expected there will be ice for curling Friday or Saturday. The skating rink will open tonight if the lights can be arranged in time. Splendid ice reported.

Mrs. W. H. Plaxton and Mr. Plaxton's sister, Mrs. Addison, and two children, leave for the east in a few days, where they will spend the winter.

Miss McCallum spent Sunday in town with her sister, Mrs. C. E. Hall. She has been in the Calgary office of the International people and was on her way to Edmonton, where she has been promoted.

Sheriff Melor was the lucky winner of the large four storey Christmas cake, which was raffled at the sale of work of the Girls' Guild of St. Luke's Church, held last Friday and Saturday. The sale was in every way a success.

A fortnightly debating club was organized recently at a meeting in the Love Block with the following officers: Patrons, Rev. Brown, Goodfield, Huestis, Moore and Father Voisin; president, Harry Wallace; vice-president, W. B. Shaw; secretary-treasurer, Fred Turnbull.

A number of Red Deer people will take advantage of the excursion to the East, among the number are Mrs. E. Willson and children, and her sister, Miss Partridge; Miss Frankie Mason; Mrs. M. Munro and children; Mrs. Plaxton and Mrs. Addison and children; Mr. C. L. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Payne and son.

Mr. Thomas McIlroy, an old gentleman from Edwell, met with what might have been a very serious accident today. He was up in Messrs. Greene & Payne's law offices on business and on coming down the stairs, missed his footing and fell over half the distance, landing in a heap at the bottom. Dr. Dollison, who was passing at the time, had him taken up to the Alberta Hotel, where it was found he had dislocated his knee cap. The doctor dressed the wound and Mr. McIlroy will be laid up for a couple of weeks.

Red Deer, December 2.

ARDROSSAN.

Bulletin News Service.

Just two months from the surveying of the townsite. The first lady resident of Ardrossan arrived. The lady was Mrs. S. Beggs, the wife of W. S. Beggs, merchant, who arrived on Nov. 19th. She was accompanied by two sisters. Mrs. MacRae, of Leduc, and Mrs. Hale, of Sleepy Eye, Michigan. They returned to Leduc on Nov. 24th.

On Friday evening, Nov. 20th, a social was held in the Fairmount church as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Riley, who are moving away. A small fruit dish was presented Mrs. Riley by her Sabbath school class. Mr. Garoe and Mr. Van Camp moved them into Edmonton on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton, of Partridge Hills, visited at the home of Mr. Thos. Vance last week.

Mr. C. Hamilton is visiting at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. Dan McKinnon.

Messrs. J. M. Fawcett and V. S. Foster have taken up bachelors' quarters in the house lately occupied by Mr. Chas. Riley. They have not announced their at home day yet.

The quarantine on the home of Mrs. Dan Lawlor was lifted this week.

The official board of the Fairmount circuit of the Methodist church met at the home of Mr. Geo. Clapp on Monday, Nov. 23rd. Rev. F. J. Johnston occupied the chair. The reports of the different organizations show the work in a good condition.

The air is beginning to smell of evergreens. Christmas trees will be held in Fairmount, Dec. 18th, East Clover Bar Dec. 21st, Clover Bar, Dec. 23rd, and Lackey, Dec. 30th. We have not learned the date of the Brockville tree yet.

The friends of this community extend their sympathy to the family and relatives of the late Thos. Daly.

Railway construction has been completed along the line here. The grade is ready for the steel. The bridge gang finished last week. Jackson & Schrocks men have gone into winter quarters at S. Gibbs' place.

Mr. Grey and son, Harry, of Vancouver, B.C., are visiting at the home of Mr. Eason, and renewing old acquaintances in East Clover Bar. He sees quite a change in seven years' absence. He has a large laundry in Vancouver. Mr. Grey is the father of the late Mrs. Daly.

Mr. Merril Parker walked to Scona on Monday.

The East Clover Bar local branch of the A. F. A. held their regular meeting in the school house on Monday, Nov. 30th. There was a very good attendance.

Mr. Dick Ross has returned home from the season's engineering work.

The storm on Sunday closed up the churches for the day.

Ardrossan, Dec. 1st.

EDISON.

Bulletin News Service.

The dance at Clyde was not a financial success. The promoters had a deficit to face. It was, however, a pleasant gathering.

It is reported that Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Baldwin have made a deal, the later giving up storekeeping and the other giving up his farm.

There was a quiet wedding at the house of Mr. Taylor, when his son, Earl, was married to Miss Margaret Milligan. Rev. J. H. Beatt performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Garrison is ill.

Jas. Milligan and Earl Taylor, have secured the engine and chopper formerly owned by the Beatt Bros. and have been busy chopping for the farmers round. They intend getting a saw to cut firewood.

Monday was the firtt day of real winter weather. The thermometer registered 14 degrees below zero.

The coal mine on Protestant Hill has been opened.

C. M. Tait, who went to the city a fortnight ago, has not yet returned. He expected to be back last week.

Edison, Dec. 1.

DIED FROM EXPOSURE.

Howard McConnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McConnell, of Floating Stone, met death under most distressing circumstances some time previous to Sunday, October 25. On Tuesday, the 20th, Howard, who was twenty years of age, left home on foot to search for the cows. He took his rifle along, thinking he might bag some game. He did not return home that night, but this occasioned no alarm, as the family concluded that he had most likely stayed with his cousin, Mr. Walter Campbell. A snow storm raged on Tuesday night and all day Wednesday. On enquiries being made regarding the missing boy no information could be gathered as to what had become of him.

A search party was organized on Thursday morning and a number of neighbors varying from twenty to forty gathered from a radius of ten miles. At 3 a.m. on Sunday morning the boy's body was found three miles west of his home, which is situated on township 18 range 60 west of the 4th.

Constable Hayter, of Saddle Lake, on being notified informed the district coroner, who decided that an inquest would not be necessary, because it appeared quite evident that death was caused by exhaustion and exposure.

The funeral service was conducted at the home of the parents by Rev. R. B. Steinbauer, B. A., of Whitefish, assisted by F. Claydon, of Clarksville. The body was interred close to the parents' home.

Egan May Be President.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 30.—John M. Egan, former head of the Kansas City Terminal Company, may, according to a reliable report which obtained currency to-day, succeed A. B. Stickney, as president of the Chicago, Great Western. gEan has just reached New York from London, where he met several of the largest stockholders of the Great Western. It said he was recommended strongly to them and made a pronounced impression. Egan's influence with the British interests in the Great Western is attributed chiefly to Sir William C. Van Horne, vice-president of the C.P.R., with which system he was connected for years. Van Horne is to be in New York soon, probably this week, to confer with Egan.

TAFT IS WONDERING.

In a Somewhat Morbid Mood After His Victory.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 2.—William H. Taft commented last night on the kindness of the fates which had ordained his life until now.

"While I consider all that has come to me," he said, "I wonder with trembling if there is not to be some great misfortune to offset it all. We have our health and our children, with never a loss of a child. My parents are dead, but they lived to an honored and a peaceful old age. I have not had any grievous sorrow.

"Then politically there were the Philippines; it was in the turn of a hand whether I should go there. If I had not gone I do not suppose that I should be the President-elect at this time. It might be said that opportunity comes to every man, and it is to the credit of the man that he seizes it. Yet, looking back, I cannot see that I exercised any shrewd discrimination. I have not persuaded myself that it was my own wisdom that led me into the work.

"After came the offer of a place on the Supreme court bench. This offer was repeated later. My inclination was to accept it. It was not due really to my own judgment that I did not accept.

"I have much for which to be thankful, and cannot help wondering if there is not to be some compensatory sorrow."

ENGINEER HELD BLAMELESS.

Case in Which Engine Driver Who Admits Responsibility For Accident is Excused.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—That there are times when an accident on the railroad, which is really the fault of one of the engine's crew, is excusable is the substance of a finding of the coroner's jury in the case of Arthur Altof, who was killed in a head-on collision between two freight trains on November 20. W. W. Watson, engineer on one of the trains, acknowledged to the jury that he was entirely to blame for the accident. He explained that he had just received a telegram advising him of his brothg's death and did not know what he was doing. The jurors not only excused him from all blame but extended their sympathy to him in his misfortune. The collision occurred between Watson's train on the Illinois Central and the freight on which Altof was fireman.

To Investigate Cause of Leprosy.

Copenhagen, Nov. 30.—Scientific expeditions of all sorts are rapidly becoming the feature of the season in Denmark. The latest, under the protection of the queen, will start in January for the West Indies with the object of making a thorough investigation into the widespread epidemic of leprosy which has recently broken out in most of the Antilles. Some systematic and radical methods of fighting the scourge will be sought by the expedition.

DROPPED DEAD AT BANQUET.

John Cameron, who Founded London Advertiser, Victim of Heart Trouble

London, Dec. 2.—John Cameron, postmaster, of London, dropped dead at 8.45 tonight in the banqueting room of the Y.M.C.A., where the members of the central committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement were meeting. He had taken part in the discussion during the evening. After his last comment and suggestion he sat down, threw his head back, drew in one or two deep breaths and was dead. Heart disease is assigned as the cause. He is survived by a wife, one son and three daughters. He was born at Markham, Ontario, in 1843. In 1863 he started the London Advertiser, and in 1875, in Toronto, The Liberal. This was the organ of the Blake wing of the Reform party. After the death of George Brown in 1882, he became editor and general manager of the Globe, a position he retained till 1890. He had been president of the Canadian Press Association and was an officer of the Lord's Day Alliance.

INTERCHANGE OF OFFICERS.

Big Scheme to Keep Empire's Military Forces in Touch With Each Other.

London, Dec. 3.—Considerable importance is attached to the visit of Sir Frederick Borden, especially as Major General Hoad, Inspector General of the forces of the Commonwealth of Australia, will be present at the war office at the conference at which Sir Frederick will attend. One suggestion under consideration is to carry the principle of interchange of officers between the mother country and the colonies much farther than has been t case in the past and a large scheme tending to keep the military forcs in all parts of the empire in more complete touch with each other will probably be discussed.

The Globe says: "Although the British government has already had an interim report on the all red route, they are obviously in no hurry to tackle the problem. The cable question has been hardly touched and still remains in the nebulous regions of political debate."

The D'Abruzzi-Elkins Affair.

Rome, Dec. 2.—The Union says that the Duke Abruzzi held a long interview Tuesday at the Cisterna palace at the conclusion of which Abruzzi cobled 200 words to Miss Elkins, who replied with eighty words. Thereupon one of Abruzzi's confidantes sailed for New York on Wednesday.

Child Burned to Death.

Frankfort, Ont., Dec. 2—The child of E. Gamble, employed on the Trent canal, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed his cabin at Glenross. Mrs. Gamble, in a desperate effort to rescue her child from the flames, was severely injured. Her recovery is doubtful.

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CANADA'S HEART WITH GREAT B

Hon. Rudolphe Lemieux, Postmaster-General, Dir adian Club in London— for All-Red Route, All- and Other Greater B cilities.

London, Dec. 2—The Can tonight dined Hon. Rud mieux at the Ritz hotel. presidency of Sir Chas. Rive a distinguished gathering wa including the Duke of Arg master General Sydney Buxt Strathcona, Henniker Heat Colonel Seeley, M.P., and m notable men. Sir Chas. R son proposed the toast to th ion of Canada, remarking t Mother Country continued to meet the advances of C respect to a preference, circu might compel the Dominion in another direction, a stat which there was some diss Strathcona in responding trusted and believed Cana never look elsewhere. (Load Sir Frederick Borden, Cana ister of militia, in a happ criticised humorously an arti appeared this morning in t by a gentleman who spent o in the Dominion. He decla was no rear Canada would s from her present path of trad hear.)

"We claim the right to di control our own trade policy. code to the statesmen of th Country the same right. We give the British preference for pose of making a bargain."

The United States' action ing high barriers against Ca an object he would not define had only forced Canada to se greatest competitor in the w the world. Canada had de neighbor and conquered. (L plause.) Canada's heart was Mother Country and Canada the United States lowered riers it would be only for convenience. (Hear, hear an ter.)

Referring to the question permit defence, Sir Frederick asked if Canada was not do duty by building up materia army, while the Mother Cou that which she was so much i ted to do, namely the mainta a navy equal to a two-power s plus 40 per cent. (Applause.)

To the Postmasters-Gene

The Duke of Argule genially of His Majesty's postmasters Hon. Sydney Buxton respon remarked that blood was thick water, but printer's ink was than either. The result of Le intellectual preference had bee lingly satisfactory. As regard rates, the subject was both and difficult, but he favored tical reduction scheme, which however, became a business Hon. Mr. Lemieux, said, many things which people o even suspect came under his o tion. "In the course of my abroad, I have made many disc that it is a misconceived and ously libelled country, first by es, secondly by Canadians selves. As a matter of fact, it is not only the land, where, friends or foes, a man may spe time he will, but it is also th of kindness and refreshment. comers one must come here t that discovery. To most peop land is still, as a witty French puts it, 'L'Isle inconnue.'"

Hon. Mr. Lemieux next rele the "intellectual preference," predicted that the volume of periodical read in Canada wo the near future reach far great portions, and he laid down, as eral proposition, that the tru of imperial unity could only veloped by knowing more of o other.

"Let us correspond fearlessly perial penny postage was esta for that very purpose. We m fields of science, speculation, eratures communne with each Intellectual preference was gr in that spirit. We must visi other's shines, so as to better stand and grasp the vastness a sibilities of the British empir

Appeal for All-Red

"Let us have an all-red rout must have cheap communicati annihilate space and time. have an all-red cable. We mus with each other. We in Canada given a preference. It was gift. That policy had benefit Canadian consumer. It encou trade with Canada's best custom money-lender, and it offered a spiring example to the rest o empire. (Loud applause.)

"In a way, I am a commercial cler. What line of goods do I Cheap communications, cheap rate between Canada and the er Country. I claim that the are the best possible quality and are essential to the consumers b Great and Greater Britain. (Ch Henniker Heaton has quite a stock on hand. He is anxious to vide the whole world with a pe word cablegram. (Laughter.) I tess to you, however, I am looking more limited. It only includes America and the British Isles, some day the other colonies suit my wares will be consum millions of British citizens in th minions beyond the seas. That ket is large enough for me." plause.)

Having referred to the developm in Canada and the desirability receiving British settlers, Hon. M nieux concluded: "If you con Canada by all means come to Qu or else you will not have seen Ca Jean Baptiste is happy and fre therefore loyal. Nothing could a his loyalty to his king. (Cheers values his British citizenship knows what an asset in his na line is the prestige of the Br crown."

He concluded in the words of Wilfrid Laurier: "Between the races old animities have ceased t ist, and now there is nothing than a spirit of mutual conciliati