NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

MOSSIDE.

Bulletin News Service.

Cyrus Bollenbaugh is on a trip to the metropolis.

Mr. Caswell of Belvedere, has been here on a visit to his friend F. Winfield.

G. Monroe is away to the Twin Lakes buying fur.

Mr. Longmaid has returned from Edmonton. he did not as was expected, go on to his estate in Florida, U. S. A.

Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin have been on a visit to Mr. Barton's of 30-58-4 west of the 5th.

Mr. Moore of Twin Lake, has paid Mr. Telesphore Mennier of this place a visit.

James Beddome is on a business trip to Calgary.

The school meeting of ratepayers is to be held January 15th. It is hoped the attendance will be large and that those coming will have paid their taxes in order to vote.

Mosside, Dec. 30.

WABAMUN.

Bulletin News Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods have returned to their home, and after having a sale will return to Portland.

Miss Hopkins entertained a number of friends on New Year's Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Shields spent Christmas with relatives in Strathcona.

A concert will be given for the Indians in the Indian School on January 6th. A good program is being arranged and presents will be given to the children. The children of the Red Deer Industrial School receive Christmas presents every year. This year the Industrial school children sent the money, which would have gone for their presents home to the reserve to get presents for their less fortunate brothers and sisters.

On Wednesday last the Wabamun branch of the Moral Reform League held an afternoon session. Startling reports of liquor selling and houses of ill-fame at Entwistle and the west country were presented. Delegates were appointed to attend the convention, February 2nd and 3rd, in Edmonton.

On December 17th. Mrs. William Best gave birth to a baby girl. Both mother and child are doing well.

D. H. Lent left this week to take charge of the school at Lavoy.

Wabamun, December 30, 1909.

REXBORO.

Bulletin News Service.

David McClelland, who has been spending the past season at Saskatoon, returned home last week.

Will Weirick is suffering with rheumatism.

A sleigh load of young people from here attended the entertainment at the Silvesten school house.

Percy Preston returned from the Lobstick where he has been pressing hay.

Fallis has now both passenger and freight service three times a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Francy of Wabamun spent Sunday at the home of R. McClelland.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurst were recent visitors at the home of William Merriweather.

Nominations for councillors for this district will take place Monday, Jan 3.

Mr. Kloss who moved to Edmonton some two months ago made a business trip to the neighborhood this week.

Fish are being sold wholesale in Edmonton at ten cents a piece, so those who are holding for high prices had better take warning.

E. C. Cressy expects to haul freight to Athabasca Landing.

Geo. Merriweather was nominated for councillors at the nomination on Monday.

Rexboro, Dec. 30.

MELLOWDALE.

Bulletin News Service.

Jacob Metzger is putting up a new house 18x43.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bowler and Sidney Bowler their brother, have gone out to Edmonton for the balance of the winter.

Quite a number of the people of this district took in the social and dance at the Paddle River hall on December 21st.

John Foster returned Tuesday from Edmonton with a load of provisions, etc., and in time to eat the plum pudding with his family.

Wm. Milligan has gone to Edmonton for a load of furniture for his father-in-law, O. C. Blake.

Charles Bender is getting out logs for an addition to his house.

Anton and Michael Shawrecker are also completing a new house each 18x36, they have their wells dug and they have all the way from 7 to 10 feet of water. Pretty good for a dry fall.

Robert Barnhart is busy hauling hay this lovely weather.

Mr. Smith has just finished to build his house on his homestead, also bringing news of several others who filed last fall and who expect to come in shortly.

Mellowdale, Dec. 29th.

MINISTIK LAKE.

Bulletin News Service.

Under the auspices of the Presbyterian church a grand tea, concert and Christmas tree was held in the Ministik school on Wednesday last. The proceedings commenced at 6.30 p.m. with tea, the batchelors acting in the capacity of waiters. After tea Mr. Chilmand, Methodist minister, took the chair when a splendid program of songs, recitations, duets, and sketches was gone through. After the program was finished, the audience joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

S. J. Cooper then proposed the usual vote of thanks to all who had in any way assisted to make the gathering so successful, and also to those who had contributed towards the presents on the tree.

Mr. Cooper in the course of his remarks said he was sure Mr. Chilman would join with him in inviting all the friends present to attend the services which were held weekly in that schoolroom.

Mr. Cameron, Jr. P., took the part of Santa Claus, and made an ideal Father Christmas. S. J. Cooper, the minister in charge of this district, at the head of a small committee composed of Messrs. Barnes, Bose, Ferguson and George, carried out the arrangements. The room was crowded to overflowing.

Ministik Lake, Dec. 30.

TOFIELD.

Bulletin News Service.

Inspector Worsley of the R.N.W.M.P., was in town last week.

The new public school opened on Monday with the following teaching staff: Principal, Jas. Younie, B. A.; assistants, Miss Burke and Miss Ruth.

The Methodist Sunday school is preparing for its annual Christmas entertainment which will be given on January 5th.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday school had a Christmas entertainment in the church on the evening of December 23rd. Instead of the usual tree, Santa Claus and the presents arrived by boat, the latter in command of Captain Wilmer Gold. The chairman for the evening was Rev. Mr. Whillans. The following program was rendered by the Sunday school children:

Opening chorus—"Over the Mountains."

Recitation—Minnie Wood.

Recitation—Isabel Whillans.

Chorus—"What Makes Jesus Love Little Children."

Recitation—Margery Mahaffey.

Solo with chorus—"Sleepy Belle." Jean Whillans.

Recitation—Madeline Mahaffey.

Solo—"The Frost," Minnie Wood.

Recitation—Roy Herndon.

Chorus—"Laugh, Cry, Sneeze."

Recitation—Mildred Sherlock.

Good Night Drill.

Recitation—Margaret Gold.

Solo—"Mabel's Letter," Mabel Wood.

Recitation—"Choice of trades," seven boys.

Marching song—"Ten little Men-o War."

Solo—Santa Claus.

Mr. N. Legge and bride are expected to return from the east early in January.

Tofield, January 3rd.

SION.

Bulletin News Service.

On Christmas Eve, December 24, a Christmas tree entertainment was given at Sion which was a decisive success. The night was a fine, bright one and people came from far and near to join in the Christmas rejoicings. The Christmas tree was adorned with many presents and decorations of lighted tapers and Chinese lanterns. What was most appreciated was the arch ingenuously wrought with evergreen boughs, flags and bunting, over which were placed the words "Merry Christmas" in tinseled letters.

The well rendered program was evidently appreciated by all, as manifested by the applause of each item. Rev. J. N. Hughson was appointed chairman of the evening and the entertainment was opened by the entire audience singing the anthem, "Joy to the world, the Lord is come," after which prayer was offered by the pastor in charge. Then come the regular program as follows: Christmas carol, rendered by the children, entitled "Merry Christmas"; recitation by Iola Richard, "Merry Christmas"; duet, "In the fields with the flocks abiding," by Mrs. F. Cosens and Jas. Aitkens; recitation, "When Mamma was a little girl," by Maggie Walker; recitation, "When Halda spects her beau," by Louis Richard; dialogue, by Rena Kichard and Eddie Walker; recital, "The Tramp's Christmas," by Mrs. G. Parker, of Seymour; recitation, "Six Little Snowbirds," by Maggie Walker, Alice Walker, Fanny Kiel, Eddie Walker, Rena Richard and Abram Walker; recitation, "The price he paid," by Bertie Richard; carol, "Glad Christmas Day," by the children's choir; recitation, "Grandpa's spectacles," by Iola Richard; recitation, "First Psalm," by J. J. Sutton; recitation, "Christmas has come," by Maggie Walker; solo, "I'm hiding, but please, sir, don't tell," by Rev. J. N. Hughson; recital, "The minister's curse," by Mrs. George Parker; recitation, "How Prayer was answered," by Caroline Kiel; solo, "The King of Love the Shepherd is," by King of Love the Shepherd is," by James Athens, with Mrs. F. Cosens accompanist on the organ; recital, "The Twenty-third Psalm," by Maggie Walker; recitation by Walter Kiel; recitation, "Mince Pies," by Rev. J. N. Hughson; quartet, "Jesus bids us shine," by Misses Tillie Walker, Caroline Kiel, Iola Richard and Maggie Walker; reading, "The Last Hymn," by Rev. J. N. Hughson.

E. Banister rendered many excellent selections with his gramophone, which were appreciated by all; a recitation, "Finis," by J. J. Sutton ended the program and the presents then were distributed by Messrs. J. Smith, George Parker and T. Walker, assisted by the chairman. Rev. J. N. Hugson was organist. The entertainment was closed by singing "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow," after which the gathering dispersed.

Sion, December 30th.

IRMA.

Bulletin News Service.

Miss F. McGregor, of Vermillion, is visiting her brother, Dr. A. M. McGregor.

Mr. and Mrs. Chase and son, of Kingston, Mich., who have been visiting their sister, Mrs. Charles Swails, returned home today.

Mr. Chase has purchased the homestead of Mr. Angus Shopland and intends moving to Irma in the spring.

The sympathy of Irma people goes out to Mr. Wm. Marshall, who was bereaved of his wife, who died at Manville upon her arrival from Victoria, Ontario. Mr. Marshall had driven to Manville only to be made acquainted of the sad news on his arrival. Four small children, including a baby nine months old, are being cared for by friends till relatives are communicated with.

Messrs. C. Ahlf, John Reed and Guy Reed have taken a trip to Kansas City, Mo.

Irma is to have a seed fair on January 21st.

Charles Swails is in Edmonton on business.

Bruce Armstrong has gone to Edmonton and Winnipeg.

Messrs. J. P. and Vernon Hardy are spending their holidays at Bawlf.

Charles Young left this morning for Chicago, Ills., on a business trip.

A. C. Idle has returned from Edmonton.

Miss Mabel Elliott, who has been visiting her parents here, has returned to Strathcona.

Mr. A. Higginson has returned to his homestead.

Mr. Zemlicka, who has been working in Bawlf, has returned to his homestead.

Peter Jackson and Richard Ball, of Junkins, were in Irma today.

Dr. McIntyre, who has been working in Camrose, spent Christmas with friends here.

Mr. Jackson, of Strawberry Plains, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Colin McLean spent Christmas in Edmonton.

Mr. William Bain has recovered from a severe illness.

Arthur L. Pickard, of Pincher Creek, was in Irma today.

Dr. A. M. McGregor was in Hardisty this week.

Rev. H. M. Rutledge is in Tofield this week.

Mrs. M. L. Pender is on the sick list.

A social dance was given in the Milburn Hall, December 31st.

Irma, December 29th.

MANLY.

Bulletin News Service.

A very successful and highly satisfactory Christmas tree entertainment was held in the Manly school house on the evening of Dec. 24. The chair was ably filled by Rev. Wm. McNutt in his usual happy and pleasing style. During the program the members of the school board, Jas. Reid, chairman; W. E. Miller and Chas. Walker were each called upon to make a speech and expressed themselves as greatly pleased with the success of the entertainment and the large turnout as the house was packed to its utmost capacity. The decorations were appropriate and pleasing, consisting of evergreens and flags and bunting. Holding a prominent position were the portraits of King Edward VII. and Lord Roberts of Kandahar and South Africa. Hearty thanks and many congratulations were given to the teacher, Miss S. Reid, for the way in which she had trained her pupils and the happy result of the same. The following program was given:

Chorus by the school—"The Steam Leaf Forever."

Speech by chairman.

Recitation, "My Mistake"—by Edith Reid.

Recitation, "Mr. Nobody"—by Hazel Ingle.

Corus by the school—"The Steam Cars."

Dialogue, "How Women Say Goodble" by Miss Miller and Mrs. Young.

Recitation, "The Temperance Boy,"—by Balmer Brown.

Chorus by the school "Over the Snow."

Recitation—Farmer Brown's Best Cow, Lester Miller.

Recitation—by Brian Walker.

Recitation—"My Playmate," by Frank Walker.

Chorus by the school—"The Red, White and Blue."

Dialogue—"Women Rights," by Mrs. Chas. Walker and Messrs. Manson and Neville.

Recitation—"Jack and the Clock," by Ray Ingle.

Recitation—Acted in consort by class of boys, "The Cobbler."

Chorus by the school, "Santa Claus."

Recitation—"Always in a Hurry," by Vera Byden.

Recitation—"Finger Exercise," by Bertie Byden.

A play drill and song by "A" class.

Recitation—"On Guard," by Floyd Ingle.

Recitation—"What the Choir Sang by the Bonnett," by Jennie Reid.

Dialogue—"The Letter," by Chester and Lester Miller.

Choruses—By the school.

Recitation—"The Difference," by Jim Reid.

Recitation—"Being Polite," by Harvey Miller.

Dialogue—"The Days of the Week," by class of seven girls.

Recitation—"The Confession," by Chester Miller.

Chorus—"Christmas Bells," by the school.

Recitation—"Cabel's Courtship," by Miss Miller.

Recitation—"If" by Edith Reid.

Recitation—"Little Jim," by Mrs. Young.

Dialogue—"Lazy and Busy Morning," by "A" class of little boys.

Tableau—"The Barber's Shop," by Misses Marson, Neville, Brown and Young.

Speeches by members of the school board.

Chorus—"Land of Somewhere," by the school.

Christmas Tree.

Chorus—"Good-Bye," by the school.

God Save the King, by everybody, ended a most enjoyable evening.

Chas. Walker is home again and intends to spend the winter on his farm.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Young are moving West. Mr. Young is going to saw for Mr. Bissett at his sawmill.

J. T. Turnbull is expected home any day.

Alexander Walker is expected out for the New Year.

Miss S. Reid is now enjoying a well-earned holiday.

Manly, Dec. 28th.

The peculair properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have been thoroughly tested during epidemics of influenza, and when it was taken in time we have not heard of a single case of pneumonia. Sold by all druggists.

Betting Favors Liberals 7 to 3.

London, Jan. 4—For the past week or so, betting at Lloyd's on the result of the general election has been at even money. A day or so the price advanced to odds of 5 to 4 on the Liberals. Today the odds were again advanced to 7 to 3 on the Liberals winning out.

BRITISH FIGHT IS GROWING FIERCER

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hundred a week? You can tax the poor man while he lives or the rich man when he dies. Please yourselves, it is your business."

Attractive to People.

For, as the great crowd consisted mostly of poor men, their choice seemed instant and unanimous against these popular arguments. The Unionists offer nothing of like attraction. When dissolution occurres on the 10th instant the Lords must quit the public platform which will tend to make them less the issue. After that protection against German goods and preference for colonial products will be pressed to the front by the Unionists, while resistance at Home Rule will be made a leading feature. There is little evidence of such loss of faith in free trade as some in Canada have been asked to believe. —J. T. Clarke.

Balfour at Henley.

London, Jan. 4.—In a speech at Henley yesterday, Ex-Premier Balfour accused the government of neglecting the navy. He added some remarkable utterances in connection with that subject respecting British relations with Germany. He said that when the Unionists retired from office four years ago, they left to the next government overwhelming strength in battleships and ample naval stores. The government had since been living on these and the position was now altogether different.

Limitation of Armaments.

During the earlier part of Liberal administration the government was occupied in amiable and philanthropic, but perfectly futile negotiations respecting the limitation of armaments. While it was talking, other nations, more alert, had added to their armaments at an unprecedented rate and increased their power and speed of turning out ships of the greatest fighting strength. Thus Great Britain's comparative strength had enormously diminished. He did not blame the government for Germany building more rapidly than Great Britain, but he blamed it for withholding from the House of Commons and from the country the knowledge it undoubted possessed that this vital alteration had taken place.

No Retaliative Move.

The government had taken no steps to counteract the German advantage and it was only accidentally that the country had gained knowledge. Great Britain was now in a position in this matter in which it had not been within living memory. Her naval supremacy in her own seas would be threatened in the near future, yet unless the navy were supreme the British Empire would exist only on sufferance. Mr. Balfour declared that he was a great admirer of Germany. The world, he said, owed her a great debt for her scientific research and marvellous organization. The British had much to learn from her in many directions. There was one direction in which he wished particularly they would learn, and that was to face facts.

Not a Pessimist.

He disavowed pessimism regarding the navy's future if the country would recognize fully its obligations and necessities, but if it would not face the facts it could not recognize them. Continuing, he said: "Go and consult the statesmen and diplomatists of the lesser powers and you will find among them absolute unanimity of opinion that a struggle soonor or later between this country and Germany is inevitable. I do not agree with them, but that is their opinion. They have come to the conclusion, I believe utterly wrong, that we are not alive to our responsibilities, that nothing can stir us up to a recognition of our position, and therefore we are predestined to succumb in a great contest to the country that does face facts, which is alive to its responsibilities and which talks little but does much."

Germany's Threat on Tariff.

This depreciative view of Great Britain's virility, Mr. Balfour added, had gone so far that he knew Germans, not connected with the government, but men of position and character, who were engaged in great affairs, who had the audacity to say, "Do you suppose we should ever allow Great Britain to adopt a tariff?" Such things, Mr. Balfour declared, made his blood boil. He believed these prophets were mistaken. No continental country had ever been able to understand the temper of British people, but while he gave a note of warning to foreign critics, he warned his hearers, too, that unless they bestirred themselves Great Britain would be in a position of peril unknown to their fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers, and if this position of peril ended in a great catastrophe the country would not easily arise from it.

Be Prepared for War.

In conclusion, Mr. Balfour said "I do not believe there is going to be a war between this country and any great foreign country, but remember, absolutely the only way to secure peace is to be so prepared that you will be sure of victory if war does take place."

The Rev. Forman Horton, pastor of the Lyndhurst road Church, Hampstead, addressing a political gathering in that place, made an interesting contribution to the controversy. He asked what would not Germany or Russia give for a parliament controlled on such popular lines as the House of Commons. He believed that the real leaders in the present situation were not Lansdowne and Balfour, but Curzon, Milner and perhaps Cromer, all men trained in governing subject races, who had returned to England imbued with the idea of renouncing the representative principles of government which they had learned to disregard elsewhere. The speaker then reminded his hearers of the curious parallel in the overthrow of the Roman Empire by the pro-consuls, who returned from their admirably administered provinces filled with impatience at the popular government which had appointed them. He warned the British people that unless they bestirred themselves history would repeat itself.

Hardest Struggle in History.

London, Jan. 4—Hard fought political struggles have been known in the United Kingdom, but nothing equalling the present contest has been seen. About 1,000 speeches are delivered every 24 hours. The sale of Robert Blatchford's pamphlet, "The German Menace" has been more than 1,000,000 copies. It sells at a penny, two cents, a copy and the author gets 50 per cent of the proceeds.

Fresh posters are going up daily all over the country, and printers, lithographers and bill posters are working day and night. The boardings look like Swiss sunset stews.

Personal posters, representing every candidate, are displayed wherever room can be found for them. It is estimated that the colored bills emanating from London alone, fill 12,000,000 square feet of wall space. They range in size from two by three to ten by fifteen feet.

Free Trade Cartoon.

One of the most notable free trade cartoons is that painted by T. B. Pennington, which is produced by the Tory organization. It requires nine printing and is distributed in 2,000 centres of population. The cheapest copies can be produced at 27 shillings (46.75) a dozen Conservatives and Liberals together are distributing 100,000 leaflets, exclusive of handbooks and "Hints to Speakers," which in themselves constitute a formidable mass of literature.

The election four years ago cost in printing, advertising, stationery, postage and telgrams, 413,000 pounds ($2,050,000). The approaching election will cost more than twice as much, not only because the official returns do not cover the expenditures of organizations not directed by the candidates.

Profusion of Invectives.

In respect to personalities the campaign is the hottest ever experienced. Among the words making up the lexicon of the contest are "liar," "slanderer," "traitor," "robber," "vampire," "wrecker," and "conspirator." Sir Edward H. Carson caused a laugh in the country this morning by dubbing David Lloyd-George and Winston Churchill, "the heavenly twins." At various places in Ireland the struggle is marked by stormy meetings, demolished windows, and furniture, police charges and cracked heads.

STREET RAILWAY SEES A CONTINUED GROWTH

The Figures for December Show the Biggest Total Since Service Was Started—Almost a Quarter of a Million Passengers Were Carried During the Last Month of the Year.

The Edmonton street railway reached a new high-water mark for passengers carried during the month of December. During that month there were transported in the eleven cars in use a total of almost a quarter of a million people, the exact figure being 249,543, and the receipts were in the vicinity of ten thousand dollars.

The second highest total was in October, when the total figure reached was 242,66. In November there was a slight falling off, owing to the period of excessively cold weather, the total being 230,298.

The figures for the fourteen months since the street railway was first put in operation at the 1st of November, 1908, are as follows:

November, 1908	37,362
December	95,000
January, 1909	76,670
February	99,989
March	142,409
April	152,233
May	162,911
June	234,543
June	152,866
August	193,704
September	229,628
October	242,666
November	230,298
December	249,543

These figures indicate a constant increase in the total per month with a few minor breaks, owing to exceptional conditions.

Constant Increase Expected.

The street railway superintendent, Charles E. Taylor, looks forward to a continued monthly increase in the future. With the advent of the six new cars in March next the receipts are expected to take a big jump, as at present there are many occasions when the eleven cars in service are totally inadequate to the rush of traffic.

As an instance of this conjection, on Christmas Day, after the hockey match, sufficient accommodation could not be provided on the interurban line to handle the traffic and many people were compelled to walk. With the arrival of the new cars it is hoped that these special rushes can be looked after without any trouble.

CONSERVATIVE PRELIMINARY.

R. L. Borden Selects Representatives from Provinces to Convene Jan. 24.

Ottawa, Jan. 4—The majority of the committee on parliametnary arrangements for the Conservative National convention, which is to take place next September, have been appointed, though some nominations remain to be made. The committee will be convened at Ottawa on January 26th at 10 a.m. The members of the committee so far are:

Alberta—R. B. Bennett, J. D. Hyndman, Senator Lougheed, G. A. Magrath, M.P.

British Columbia—R. F. Green, J. T. Robinson, Martin Burrell, M.P., J. D. Taylor, M.P.

Manitoba—A. P. Carroll, Geo. Lawrence, Hon. Hugh John MacDonald, Hon. Robert Rogers, Dr. Schaffner, W. D. Staples, M.P.

New Brunswick—G. W. Gagnon, W. S. Thorne, Senator Wood, O.S. Crockett, M.P.

Ontario—Hon. Frank Cochrane, H. Corby, Hon. W. J. Hanna, Dr. Keeson, A. E. Kemp, Hon. J. O. Reaume, P. D. Ross, T.W. Crothers, M.P., Col. Hughes, M.P., A. C. MacDonald, M.P., J. D. Reid, M.P.

Nova Scotia—J. S. McLennan, W. B. A. Ritchie, C. E. Tanner, C. Jamieson, M.P., John Stanfield, M.P.

Prince Edward Island—J. A. Mathieson, A. L. Fraser, M.P.

Quebec—Chas. Beaudein, J. U. Mard, Farquahar Robinson, P. E. Blondia, M.P., F. D. Monk, M.P., W. B. Nantel, M.P., Geo. H. Perley, M.P.

Saskatchewan—R. S. Lake, M.P. Three other to be appointed.

Roosevelt Party All Well.

Hoimi, Uganda Protectorate, Jan. 5.—The American hunting and scientific expedition left here Tuesday for Butiaba, which it is expected will be reached today. All are well.

Bleriot Sells Aeroplanes to Britain.

Paris, Jan. 4—It is stated that Bleriot, the celebrated aviator, the machine which bears his name, has sold several aeroplanes to the British government.

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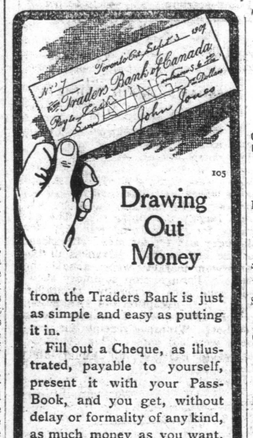

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