Around the City

(Monday's Daily)

SCHOOL HOURS CHANGE.

With the lengthening days the school hour again changes, and beginning with this week the school children will have to be in the school rooms at nine o'clock each morning, instead of half past nine as previously.

POULTRY ASSOCIATION MEETING.

The members of the Alberta Poultry Association and Pet Stock show will hold a meeting this evening in Stovel's hardware store. This is the last meeting before the annual exhibition to be held on the 6th, 7th and 8th of March. The members who are exhibitors in the bench section are particularly requested to attend.

WITH THE CHURCHES.

Special services will be held in Queen's Avenue Presbyterian church next Sabbath. Rev. Mr. Rochester, of the Lord's Day Alliance, will preach on the work he in interested in at the morning service. In the evening a special song service will be rendered by the choir.

Haydn's "Creation" will be rendered tomorrow evening in McDougall church. The choir consists of sixty voices. This is expected to be the musical event of the season. Mr. Jackson Hanby is conductor; Mrs. Bennett, soprano soloist; Howard Stutchbury, baritone; Dr. Nicholls, tenor.

The Young Men's club, of McDougall church will devote the next meeting on Thursday evening to a study of Longfellow.

The Women's Missionary Society of McDougall church will meet on Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m., in the church.

Rev. W. M. Rochester, western secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, will preach in McDougall Methodist church next Sunday evening and in the Baptist church on Sunday afternoon.

The Young Men's Club of Queen's Avenue Presbyterian church will hold their regular meeting this evening when the meeting will take the form of a city council. The young ladies of the church will also hold a social this evening.

Dr. Emery, of Hamilton, will address the temperance workers of the city in Unity hall, next Tuesday evening at 8 p.m.

Mr. Barford's sixty-fifth pupils' recital will be given in All Saints' school room this evening, commencing at 8.45 o'clock. Mr. F. C. Birks will be the assisting vocalist, singing "The Little Dutch Tile" and Stephen Adams' "Thora." These recitals are open to all interested in music.

HOSPITAL NOTES.

The number of typhoid patients has decreased lately. At one hospital to which a number of patients used to be brought from Clover Bar, it is believed that the lessening in number is due to greater sanitary precautions—to the boiling of drinking water, and other devices.

At the General hospital today two operations were performed successfull, and the patients are doing nicely.

OBITUARY.

The wife of Mr. N. Gurton, of Fifth street, died yesterday at the Misericordia hospital, where she has been for seven weeks seriously ill with a complication of diseases. She leaves one child and her husband to mourn their loss.

The remains of the deceased were taken to the mortuary of the Alberta Undertaking company, and the funeral will take place from there tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The funeral service will be conducted by Rev. H. Allan Gray, at the mortuary chapel, and interment will take place in Edmonton cemetery.

STOCK SCHOOL TONIGHT.

There will be an evening session of the stock judging school this evening in the city, commencing at 8 o'clock. A lecture will be given by Mr. Thos. Mason on the breeding, feeding and management of sheep, and Mr. C. M. McCrae will lecture on the breeding, feeding and care of beef cattle, after which lantern views showing the Chicago winners, will be shown on the screen.

HOCKEYISTS ARE ENTERTAINED.

The Edmonton hockey team and a few friends were tendered an impromptu banquet at Morton's after the game on Saturday. Vice-President Jim McKinnon presided, and after the supper the usual round of toasts were proposed and honored, appropriate short speeches being made by Manager Griffith, Acting Captain Deeton, J. Gorman, Reg. Blomfield, Dr. Ferguson and the judge of play, T. G. Breen, of Wetaskiwin. The affair was a reward for the team's splendid victory over Regina, and it is hardly necessary to say, was a great success in every way.

The Regina hockey team and their supporters will be the guests of the Edmonton hockey team at a complimentary banquet at the Prince Arthur tonight.

The members of the Regina team and their friends were guests of Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Bulyea at dinner at Government house on Saturday. His Honor was a former resident at the Saskatchewan capital and always took an active interest in athletics there.

DRIVING CLUB'S WEEKLY MEET.

Only two classes filled in the Driving Club's races on the river on Saturday afternoon, not enough of the class of entries putting in an appearance to have that event called. Extra heats were necessary in each class and close finishes were the order of the day.

In Class A, Silver Tip got home in front in the first heat, but Dan Patch landed the next two rather handily. The same order of things prevailed in Class B, J. Miller, of Strathcona, captured the first round with Town Lots, but J. H. McKinley's Barney was the winner of the next two.

PUBLIC MEETING.

A public meeting is being held, commencing at three o'clock this afternoon in the city council chamber to appoint directors for the Industrial Exhibition Association.

There will also be a discussion of items of interest in the improvement of the fair of 1907, and suggestions will be received from those in attendance with regard to the prize list and other features of the show.

ROYAL TEMPLARS OF TEMPERANCE.

The Royal Templars of Temperance wish to announce to its members and friends that Dr. C. V. Emery, Dominion secretary of Hamilton, Ont., will give an address at the Unity hall, Jasper avenue, on Tuesday at 8 p.m., assisted by the Rev. McDonald, also that on account of the above the social gathering announced for that evening is postponed until Thursday. The public are invited to both meetings.

A SAD CASE.

T. G. Johnston, a prospector and packer who has been in the Parsnip and Omenica country for a Victoria syndicate since early last spring, arrived in town a few days ago and learned on his arrival here that his only brother, Fred, had been killed at Glasgow, Montana, on September 17th last.

His brother was road master on the Great Northern and met his death while helping to clean up a wreck. Johnston has been out of touch with civilization altogether since he left Ashcroft in June and never heard of his brother's death until today.

MR. DUNCAN ARRIVES.

Mr. G. W. Duncan, who has for the past fourteen years been employed in the treasury department of the Ontario government, has arrived in the city and will assume the duties of business manager in the firm of Duncan Bros. & Butters, successors to McDougall & Secord. Mr. Duncan expresses himself as amazed at the extent of development in the west. It must be seen to be realized, he says.

FINAL GAME TONIGHT.

The final game in the Regina series ished Saturday's contest in better shape will be played tonight at the Thistle rink, commencing at 8.30. Regina finthain Edmonton, and the Saskatchewans look to have the best chance of the tournament to win this evening.

BASEBALL MINSTRELS.

The baseball minstrels are on the last week of the rehearsals for their three-night show next week. The numerous specialties and songs are all well advanced, and the entertainment is going to be one that should pack the house each of the three nights it runs.

VINNING-HOENNIG.

A quiet wedding was solemnized on Saturday evening at the residence of Mr. F. T. Knight, Eighth street, when Mr. Ernest M. Vinning was married to Miss E. Viola Hoennig, formerly of San Francisco. The Rev. Dr. McQueen performed the ceremony in the presence of the immedate friends of the bride and groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinning left on Sunday morning for Spokane, Wash., where they intend to take up their residence in future.

Mr. Vinning, who was well known in Edmonton, will be greatly missed in his circle of friends. He was employed in the Dominion Lands Titles office. He was an expert baseball player and a favorite on the diamond, having been

PEASANTS PREDOMINATE.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25—The election statistics for the past week show the election of 419 members of parliament distributed as follows: Seventy-five Monarchists, 33 Moderates, 24 Progressives, 70 Constitutional Democrats, 136 members of the Left party, 40 Nationalists and 11 Indefinites. The group designated as the Left party is no vague aggregation. It contains an unprecedented number of Socialists, including 47 Social Democrats and 45 Social Revolutionists. The make-up of this parliment is closely patterned upon that of the first body. Fully half the members are peasants.

COMMUNICATION

Mr. Editor— Will you kindly give space in your paper to an explanation that I sof some import to the church and temperance cause. Last night in McDougall church the Rev. Mr. Huestis did not read or explain—as the women of the various societies wished to have explained—their motives in presenting those papers in the churches of Edmonton and Strathcona.

The papers asked all the ladies over twenty-one belongin gto the various churches to sign a petition to secure us our right, when th eopportunity presented itself, to say whether liquor is to be permitted to keep its hold on our homes and lives and loved ones. As the ladies had no desire to do or say anything unbecoming to true womanhood we hope that our weak efforts will notb e misunderstood.

I am sorry that we did not take more time to introduce our work. Our petition was however only a repetition of that signed a short time ago by the men of the city. As there were so many announcements to make no doubt Mr. Huestis failed to make this as he may not feel as we do about our humble work, trying to suppress the greatest evil that the church and people have to combat with today. And as I did not wait to get any signatures and could not explain why, I hope this will explain all, for I am a true temperance woman.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOUNDED

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor presided at the meeting held last night in the legislative chamber for the organization of a provincial historical society, which aims to preserve the history of the early missionaries, explorers, fur traders and settlers, and to secure for its museum interesting relics of the past.

Over sixty persons were in attendance and an enthusiastic interest in the scope of the proposed work was evidenced by each speaker. The Governor in a few introductory remarks expressed his hearty approval of the society's aim to rescue from oblivion, while there is yet time, the early history of portions of the West and North. Premier Rutherford in equally hearty terms expressed his interest in the work of the society.

The scope of the work was briefly explained by Col. Edwards, Mr. Round reading the draft of a constitution prepared by a committee appointed at the last meeting. This constitution was considered at length and with a few amendments adopted. A committee consisting of John A. McDougall, Col. Edwards, A. S. Rosenroll, M.P.P., and William Short, was appointed to secure the incorporation of the society.

Many of the members of the provincial parliament were present, and all were agreed that the society should have the widest scope possible and be the parent historical society of the province. High River and Athabasca met in the persons of their representatives. Fletcher Bredin, M.P.P. and A. J. Robertson, M.P.P., who expressed their earnest sympathy with the work.

Many of those present signed for membership, the fees to be paid at the next meeting. The members of the legislature have joined in a body and practically evidenced their approval by paying over their fees to Fletcher Bredin, M. P.P., whose persuasive canvas had brought them early into the society.

Among those present were Premier Rutherford, Hon. C. W. Fisher, Colonel Edwards, John A. McDougall, Fletcher Bredin, M.P.P., W. Puffer, M.P.P., A. S. Rosenroll, M.P.P., Deputy Speaker Boyle; other members of the legislature were Messrs. Robertson, Telford, Riley, Marcellus, Simpson, Hiebert, McKenzie and Moore.

Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Young, Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. George Harcourt, Mrs. B. J. Saunders, Mrs. F. A. Walker (Fort Saskatchewan), Miss Hughes, Dr. Ella Synge, Mrs. Blowey, Mrs. Manson, Mr. Round, Mr. Alexander, Mr. A. B. Watt, Mr. Sydney Woods, Mr. Wm. Short.

DIRECTORS OF INDUSTRIAL FAIR

A public meeting was held yesterday afternoon in the city council hall to appoint directors to conduct the industrial fair of 1907 and to receive suggestions for its improvement. Mr. J. H. Morris presided and the attendance was not large. It was decided to reappoint the old board with the understanding that the secretary, H. R. Mountifield, be manager, at an increased salary. The board of directors were also given power to add to their number. Messrs. Stewart and Cooper were appointed a race committee and it was agreed that the same appropriation as last year, viz: $6,000, be allowed for races. A motion was passed authorizing the prize list committee to let by tender the printing of the prize list, the work to be completed by May 1st or earlier if possible.

The Lieutenant Governor, Premier Rutherford, Attorney General Cross, M. P.P. for Edmonton, and the minister of agriculture, Mr. Finlay, were made honorary members of the association.

Messrs. Picard and Daly were appointed to ask the city council to guarantee the payment of money for hay which had been purchased. The selling of catering privileges and the advisability of holding a fall fair of seeds and grains was discussed informally before the meeting adjourned.

ALBERTA RAILWAY ACT BEFORE THE HOUSE

The Alberta Railway Act passed its second reading yesterday in the legislature and a number of clauses were considered in the committee of the whole house. The act is a ponderous document of two hundred and forty-three sections, and includes the most drastic clauses in all the railway acts that have been hitherto enacted in Canada, with additions that apply more particularly to the situation in this province. The minister of public works introduced the measure in a thoughtful and practical speech which evoked the hearty applause of both sides of the house.

During the discussion in committee of the whole a spirited debate occurred with a good natured tilt between the member for Red Deer and the leader of the opposition.

The leader of the opposition thought too much power was concentrated in the hands of the minister. The leader of the opposition stumbled badly on the fact that a commissioner had been appointed in Saskatchewan to administer the railway act. The premier explained that the commissioner in Saskatchewan was the same official as the minister in Alberta, whereupon the leader of the opposition tried to pick himself up by declaring in favor of a railway commission of three. It was a pretty move to get out of a corner, but the premier cleverly checkmated his retreat by pointing out that a railway commission was premature and expensive. The Ontario railway commission was expensive. Alberta will not require such a commission until the railway systems of the province reach a greater development than at present. He pointed out that the administration of the act was not exclusively in the hands of the minister of public works, but in the whole executive council.

The leader of the opposition further stated that while he had every confidence in the ability and integrity of the present minister of public works, and was sure he would not abuse his office, he had an uncanny presentiment of what might occur if a dishonest minister ever attained the office. He was afraid, too, the work was too much for the minister.

Mr. Cushing Explaines His Bill.

Mr. Cushing, in reply, stated that when the work became too great for him he would let the legislature know. He did not think the work would shorten his days. He hoped to live to see a railway to Peace River, and the population of Alberta equal to that of the Dominion at the present time.

The minister of public works, in his address drew attention to the importance of the new act especially in this new province. Everyone knew that the development of the province depends upon our railway facilities. It was important that increased activity in this line be promoted to open up the vast agricultural areas that are awaiting the settler. He was more and more impressed with the resources and area of the country to the north. Some were disposed to scout the stories of the richness of the north as western tales, but after hearing the member for Peace River he was sure the half had not been told.

He referred to the legislation respecting railways last session and to the remarks of the leader of the opposition, who, during his speech on the address in reply to the speech from the throne stated that the government manifested a spirit to crush out railway enterprise in the province. The minister said the government was careful in this respect to enact no legislation last year that might require to be repealed this year. There was no railway legislation in force in the province when the government assumed office and it was necessary to be careful. It could not be said that the government ever placed one straw in the way of any legitimate railway enterprise in this province, and he hoped it never could be said by any critic that anything had ever been done to retard the development of the resources of our great province.

Follows Dominion Act.

The bill follows the railroad legislation of Canada with important additions. The minister of public works made special reference to the clause that deals with the acquisition of railways. The government may take over a railway subject to the legislation of the province whenc it is deemed to be in the best interests of the province to do so. In the event of disagreement over the terms of acquisition, the government shall take over the railway after giving one year's notice at a commensation fixed by arbitration. If difficulty arises over the appointment of the third arbitrator he shall be appointed by the chief justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Other Clauses.

The time for construction of any railway is limited to two years for the first 30 miles and one year for each succeeding thirty miles until the end of five years, when the road shall be completed or the company shall forfeit its charter with respect to the uncompleted portion of the road.

Drainage.

The company shall make and maintain suitable ditches along and across the railway to connect with ditches and water courses upon the lands through which the railway runs, so that the natural drainage shall not be obstructed.

Fences and Cattle Guards.

Section 144 provides for strong fences and gates, not less than sixteen feet, with safety fastenings to prevent farmers' live stock from getting on the tracks, and for efficient cattle guards. Neglect in this respect imposes the liability upon the company.

Use of Railway by the Government.

Under regulations that may be made by the Governor General in council or Lieutenant Governor in council the railway may be required for the carriage of mail, military forces and stores as exigencies demand. The exclusive use of the telegraph is reserved for the government when required.

Tolls and Bylaws.

Bylaws relating to the issue of tolls shall be aproved by the government before coming into effect, and such tolls shall be charged equally to all persons, and there shall be no unjust discrimination against localities. Pooling of freights and tolls with other companies is prohibited. When the company overcharges extortionate toll it shall be lawful to recover an amount equal to three times the amount unjustly exacted.

Wages of Laborers.

In any case where the legislature grants aid by way of subsidy or guarantee all laborers and mechanics shall be paid the current wages of competent workmen in the district and in case of dispute the rate shall be fixed by the minister, and it is further stipulated that no agreement with employees shall relieve the company from liability from injury.

Yearly Returns.

Every railway company operating under a provincial charter shall make annual returns to the government of its capital, traffic and working expenses attested by the oath of the secretary and president of the company. The returns shall also be laid before the legislature within twenty-one days after the opening in each year. A return of all accidents and casualties is also required each year. Making false returns is punishable by a fine of $1,000 severally for each officer, servant or agent implicated and imprisonment to a term not exceeding twelve months.

Second Readings.

The following bills passed the second reading and were referred to the several committees:—

Hon. Mr. Cushing—A Bill Respecting Railways.

Mr. Simmons (Lethbridge)—A Bill to Incorporate Lethbridge Radial Tramway Company.

Hon. Mr. Cross—A Bill to Incorporate the Life Underwriters' Association of Alberta.

Hon. Mr. Woolf (Cardston)—A Bill Respecting Town of Cardston.

Hon. Mr. Cross—A Bill Respecting Edmonton Charter.

Hon. Mr. Cross—A Bill Respecting Sisters of Mercy.

Hon. Mr. Cushing—A Bill to Validate and Confirm Certain Bylaws of City of Calgary.

Other Routine.

The bill respecting the Y. M. C. A. of Edmonton passed the third reading.

The bill respecting villages was considered in the committee of the whole and progress reported.

BUILDING PERMITS.

Kingston Powell has taken out a permit for a $5,000 frame store and offices to be erected at the corner of Namayo and Clara. It is to be two stories high, 36x60 feet, and the cost is estimated at $5,000.

D. Dicker has taken out a permit for a warehouse to cost $3,800 on Fourth street, between Hardisty and Saskatchewan avenues.

D. W. McDonald has taken out a permit for a two storey building to be used for stores and offices. It will be situated on Queen's avenue, opposite the Imperial hotel and the cost will be $6,000.

SEMERAD CASE.

At the police court this forenoon the preliminary hearing of Charles Semarad, charged with rape, came on before Magistrate C. H. Stuart Wade.

The prosecution is being conducted by Mr. Newell, of Beck, Emery, Newell & Bolton, and the defendant is represented by Mr. Robertson, of the firm of Robertson & Dixon.

BUILDING INSPECTOR ISSUES A NOTICE.

The building inspector, J. W. Blayney, respectfully urges upon all persons using iron chimneys in the city the necessity of having the same replaced with brick at an early date; also, awnings overhanging the street, must in all cases be 7 feet 6 inches clear of the pavement.

HOCKEY CLUB BANQUET.

Jolly Time at the Prince Arthur Cafe Last Night.

The hockey club's banquet at the Prince Arthur Cafe last night was one of the most successful events of the kind ever held in the city. There was only one disappointment in connection with the affair, and that was the failure of the Regina team and supporters to attend.

President Bob Roberts was master of ceremonies and after the excellent menu had been done full justice, speeches, songs and stories were the order of the evening. Short speeches were given by Dr. Strong, H. Campbell, R. Blomfield, H. Decton, C. Campbell, Manager Griffith and the president, songs were rendered by Messrs Burk, Silas and Heathcoate, while the literary numbers by J. Gorman—A hobitan skit—and Hy. Helliwell's old favorite "Away Out West," were roundly applauded.

Mr. Edwards of North Battleford, a former resident of the city, was also present and on behalf of the Battleford team challenged Edmonton to a series of games for the Secord Shield. In reply the president stated the matter would be promptly dealt with by the executive and if it was at all possible, the matches would be pulled off this year.

All the speakers greatly regretted the absence of the Saskatchewan boys from the spread. Through carlessness on the part of some of the Edmonton club's officers, the invitation to the Regina team and supporters to be present at the supper was not conveyed to the visitors until the game was almost starting. This was too late as several of the team had made other arrangements for the evening and those who were unengaged did not think it well to attend.

DEPARTMENTAL SCHEME.

Commissioners Ready to Submit Plan to Classify Civic Activities.

The commissioners will submit to the council tonight their scheme for the systematizing of the work of the various departments at the city hall. In the past there has been difficulty in deciding to which branch various employees belonged but by the new departmental scheme this will be remedied.

It is the object of the commissioners also by the proposed changes to greatly improve the different branches by giving those in charge the initiative and allowing them much greater freedom in making improvements than they have had in the past.

OBITUARY.

A section man named Litrofesek, who was killed by a locomotive engine at some point south of Calgary, was buried in Strathcona cemetery yesterday. His body was brought to Strathcona on Friday and interment took place from the railway depot.

THE FARMERS' PAPER.

The Canadian Society of Equity has given to the public the first copy of its new organ, "The Great West." M. A. Strang is editor of this paper, which aims "to teach profitable farming. . . . Every phase of scientific and intensive farming that actually promotes an increase of the farmer's profit shall be taught and encouraged."

"The Great West" for the present consists of twelve pages on fine paper, with much of interest to the farming community in its reading matter and with numerous advertisements of articles required by farmers. W. W. Stickney is advertising manager.

BASEBALL MINSTRELS.

There is a great demand for tickets for the baseball minstrels on March 4th, 5th and 6th, which is a pretty good guarantee that the show will be all the company claim for it. There isn't a poor number in it. Every song, joke, story and specialty, is "right up to new."

NEW PLACE OF ENTERTAINMENT.

The old Empire theatre on McDougall street is being renovated by Messrs. Fowler & McKinon, who intend to fit it up for vaudeville shows to be given every afternoon and evening. The theatre will be named the Bijou and will be opened about March 1st. A continuous program of cinematograph views and illustrated songs will hold the boards. Mr. Jack O'Toole, of the Bijou, Winnipeg, is booked for the opening engagement.

DEATH OF MRS. MASON.

The death of Mrs. Mason, wife of R. A. Mason, 932 Kinistino avenue, occurred yesterday morning, and the body is now at the mortuary of Moffatt, McCoppen & Bull, awaiting the arrival of friends from Prince Edward Island, who left there on Sunday.

Mrs. Mason, who came to Edmonton from the Island with her husband, less than a year ago, had only been a few days ill. The funeral will probably take place early next week after the arrival of the relatives from Prince Edward Island.

IN THE SUPREME COURT.

The action of Gabel vs. Gabel, for alimony, was concluded yesterday afternoon at the Supreme Court before Mr. Justice Harvey. The parties are Germans and reside at Stoney Plain. The complainant alleged that she was abused and ill used by her husband. She was granted alimony, the amount being left in abeyance.

EVERETT NEIL PLEADS INNOCENT

Everett Neil, who recently escaped from Edmonton penitentiary, was arraigned

ASKING FOR GAS FRANCHISE

It is expected that application will be made at the regular meeting of the city council tonight by the International Gas Co. for a franchise to establish and operate an artificial gas plant in Edmonton. The company propose to furnish gas for heating and light and to generally supply the city. They have recently secured a franchise from Regina for that purpose.

The Northwestern Gas and Oil company own the natural gas well in the eastern part of the city and are also in the field looking for an extension of their exclusive franchise which the mayor pointed out had recently expired.

It is up to the council, in view of the competing companies, to come to a decision as to which, if either, shall receive the franchise for which both are looking.

PERMIT ISSUED FOR POST OFFICE

With a front one hundred and twenty feet above the level of the street, finished in brick, with Manitoba limestone, and marble trimmings, the new post office that is to grace McDougall avenue will shortly be started and ere long will stand among the handsome structures that are to add to the grandeur of the capital city of Alberta. The building will be up to date in every particular and will be a credit both to citizens and to the government, who are responsible for its construction.

At the office of the building inspector this morning a permit was taken out by the May-Sharp Construction Co. for the new structure.

The estimated cost of the building is $250,000. It is to be 79 feet 6 inches by 129 feet, and will be four stories high, with basement. The height of the structure will be 120 feet from the street grade line.

The foundation will be of concrete and stone and the foundation wall will be 4 3-4 feet thick. The external walls will be 2 1-2 feet thick up to the third floor, and two feet thick above.

The front will be of brick with Manitoba limestone and marble trimmings. There will be a mansard roof of copper. The joists and lath will all be steel and the floors will be of steel, concrete and marble. There will be spiral steel staircases, and an elevator. The ceilings will be 18 feet, 15 feet, 14 feet and 12 feet, and the basement 10 feet.

CALGARY HAS GROWN PAINS

Shall there be a greater Calgary or not? The issue of the question hangs in the balance today, but will be decided this evening when both parties will be heard before the standing committee of the legislature on municipal law.

The bill to validate and confirm the bylaws respecting the extension of the city limits of Calgary will com up in the House for its second reading today and will be referred to the committee on municipal law, who will hear the arguments for and against the extension.

An influential deputation of those opposed to the extension arrived in the city last night and another representing the claims of the city are on the way. The opposing deputation consists of Messrs. P. Burns, of P. Burns & Co., Toole, of the C. P. R.; Carson, of the Western Milling Co.; Gibbs, of the Brackman-Ker Co.; Cross, of the Calgary Brewing Co.; and W. L. Walsh, representing a number of clients.

This deputation waited upon the premier this morning and were introduced by E. H. Riley, M.P.P. for Gleichen. The contention of the deputation, as stated by Mr. Burns, is that they object to the manner in which they are being forced into the city. Mr. Burns states that he has established his business without any banus from the tamf tem wy tem tvg bonus from the city and maintains a large pay roll that has done a great deal towards the growth of the city. He has established his own lighting, fire and sewage systems. The Western Milling Co., and the Brackman-Ker company advance similar arguments. They contend that the city owes as much to them as they do to the city and resent the high handed action of the city council.

The residents of the other suburbs of Calgary comprise a population of over 2,000 who are not ready nor willing for incorporation. They contend that the council has never approached them in any way but arrogantly has stretched forth its tentacles to wind them in. They claim, moreover, that a large percentage of the people of the city itself are opposed to the extension because the city cannot provide water and sewerage for the whole city. After 20 years, although the city covers only 1,700 acres, less than half of that area is still unprovided with water and sewerage, a condition that will be greatly aggravated if the area is enlarged to 7,000 acres, as stipulated in the proposed bylaws. This also is advanced as an argument against extension by the suburban residents. They claim the city is unable to furnish them with these conveniences, yet desires to tax them.

About two weeks ago the suburban residents made overtures to the city council and proposed to accede to incorporation if the city would agree to exempt the buildings for five years, and not assess the land above $500 an acre. The city council refused to consider the proposal.

The deputation in favor of the bylaws is on the way from Calgary and will arrive in the city this afternoon. It includes Mayor Cameron, City Solicitor Hall, Chas. McMullan, chairman of the finance committee of the city council, and City Clerk Gillies, who arrived last night.

yesterday afternoon before Mr. Justice Harvey and pleaded not guilty. His defence was that in making his escape he had not broken or injured anything. He will come up for trial next Monday.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Lizzie Ooley, wife of M. P. Ooley, Griesbach street, died this morning at the age eof 36 years. Mrs. Ooley accompanied her husban dfrom Illinois fourteen months ago. She leaves a family of small children. The funeral takes place tomorrow at 2 p.m. from the family residence to Edmonton cemetery.

HOSPITAL NOTES.

At the General Hospital this morning two operation were successfully performed. Mrs. Wilson was one of the patients and is doing very nicely.

The Public Hospital staff is anticipating with pleasure the construction of the new hospital which is so badly needed, and for which the plans have been accepted.

CARNIVAL AT ROLLER RINK.

The fancy dress carnival at the roller rink last night attracted a large attendance both of skaters in costume and spectators. The band furnished excellent music and the prize winners were:

Best dressed lady—Miss Edna Studebaker, "Laughing Water;" Indian maiden; best dressed gent, S. Metzler, Spanish gentleman; most comic lady, E. Smith, Irish washwoman; most comic gent, R. B. Roberts, Dutchman.

LANE-ROBERTSON.

The marriage took place at the First Presbyterian church at high noon to-day of Miss Grace Robertson, daughter of Mr. Sheriff Robertson, to Mr. Harry Napier Lane, Rev. Dr. McQueen officiating.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very charming in her dainty bridal gown. She was attended by Miss Matheson as bridesmaid.

Mr. Fred Robertson acted as groomsman, while the guests were ushered by Mr. Harry Helliwell and Mr. McFee. A bridal luncheon was partaken of at the residence of the bride's father after the ceremony. Many dainty and useful gifts were received by the young people.

THE NEW HOSPITAL.

A report of the sanitation and relief committee submitted to the town council last night recommended that the new hospital be made three stories instead of two stories high. The recommend was adopted, and the committee instructed to call for competitive plans for the building.

HALF MILLION HARDWAR CO.

Regina, Feb. 25—A wholesale hardware company with an authorized capital of half a million dollars and headquarters in Regina, will undoubtedly be one of the leading features of the commercial progress of Saskatchewan's capital during 1907 when the time comes for summing up the year's work.

Interviewed yesterday with regard to a rumor that he was identified with the proposition Mayor Smith admitted the correctness of the report. He himself and one or two well known local men, as well as one or two practical wholesale hardware men in the East intended or-

Groceries! Groceries!

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