DISTRICT NEWS

LAC LA NOUNE.

Bulletin News Service.

The post office at Lac La Noune is a reality at last. Regular mail service commences March 31. H. T. Langmaid is the postmaster and the postoffice is at his store.

A sturdy little settler came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ballens Friday, March 27.

Mrs. Haynes is convalescing.

Mr. Gaunea, an old-time settler, who was reported very seriously ill is slightly improved.

The Catholic Mission Church it is understood, will be built this spring. Material is being hooled to the ground. The church will be frame and will be a handsome structure.

Canon Webb, of the Anglican Mission held Sunday services March 22 at F. W. Kerrison's House.

Lac La Noune, April 2.

KILLAM.

Bulletin News Service.

Mrs. Isabella Baycroft, of Weyburn, Sask., arrived on Saturday, March 28th, to spend the summer with her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Cottam.

J. A. Barnes, local station agent, has resigned his position with the C. P. R. and will devote his time hereafter exclusively to his farm near town. Mr. Barnes is being succeeded by Mr. G. Whitlock, of Banff, Alta. Two car loads of telephone poles have arrived at this place for use in the construction of the telephone line from Dayseland to Sedgewick. It is the intention of the farmers between Killam and the Prairie Park district to have the line extended to that district and a petition is being forwarded to the public works department for the purpose.

Corporal MacGillicuddy, of Sedgewick, had Axel Lyden, a homesteader living south of town, up before Jas. T. Rattray, J.P., on Thursday, April 2nd, charged with being of unsound mind. Mr. Rattray committed him to Calgary for medical examination and he was taken there on Friday, the 3rd inst.

A quiet and pretty wedding took place on Tuesday, March 31st ult., at the residence of Wm. Childs, about eight miles north of here, when his eldest daughter, Clarice, was married to John W. Higgins by the Rev. A. P. Carter, of Killam. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins left on Wednesday for Seattle, Wash., where they will make their future home.

B. H. D'Arcy, one of our energetic farmers, has purchased the livery barn owned and operated by Swap & Ansell. Mr. D'Arcy takes possession on the 15th April.

At a meeting of the football enthusiasts of Killam on March 25th, held in A. R. Forsyth's store, it was decided to organize for the coming year. It was also decided to ask for affiliation with the Alberta Football association and an application was forwarded to the secretary of the same for consideration. A league is being formed of Daysland, Stronie, Wavy Lake, Spring Lake and Killam. The following were the officers elected: Hon. president, Dr. W. McIntyre, M.P.; hon. vice-president, F. E. Nichol; president, A. R. Forsyth; vice-president, J. T. Rattray; manager, C. E. McGowan; captain, Wm. Grant; secretary-treasurer, J. W. Rattray; committee, C. J. Robertson, W. L. Chidgey, E. H. Whybrow. The club would like to arrange for a game out of town for the 24th of May. Address all communications to the secretary.

From present outlook things will boom in and around Killam this season. No less than five steam breaking outfits have been purchased and will commence breaking the sod as soon as the spring opens up. The following are the men who have outfits and who have purchased this year: Anderson & Sorenson, Hauser Bros., Held and Kreischman, J. E. Vanderburgh, Clever Bros. and Holbrook and son. Messrs. Sorenson and Anderson have 1,200 acres under contract for breaking already and expect to break at least 3,000 acres this year.

Jno. Smyley, of Neg Perce, Idaho, arrived in Killam on Monday, March 30th, with 30 head of horses and two cars of settlers' effect to place on his fiarm west of town. Mr. Smyley has three quarter sections near town and will make a splendid addition to our progressive community.

Killiam, April 4.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Bulletin News Service.

There was a well attended and enthusiastic meeting of the Liberal association held here on Saturday night last. F. A. Walker, M.P.P. gave a short address on the work he and W. H. White, the Liberal candidate for the Federal House, had done during the past week among Mr. White's constituents. Both of these gentlemen feel confident of Mr. White's election in the eastern part, and judging from Saturday night's showing the western part of the riding will not be behind when the campaign is over. Mr. White was unable to be present, owing to a severe cold he had contracted whilst on the trip, but hoped to meet with the members of the association very soon. G. W. Davis, of Agricola, spoke for a few minutes urging upon all Liberals the necessity of not only a perfect organization, but a willingness to work for the success of their party. After the speeches, business was proceeded with. Owing to the enforced absence of several members of the executive committee, some changes were made, and the officers and committee stand as follows for the ensuing year: Hon. pres., Hon. F. Oliver; hon. vice-pres., F. A. Walker; president, W. A. D. Lees; vice-president, J. J. Libby; secretary-treasurer, W. M. Corbett; executive committee, John Paul; D. J. Simons, Elsworth Simmons, Alfred Chard, John McCartney, A. W. M. Campbell (in place of Mr. G. T. Montgomery, resigned), James Graham, W. A. Dubuc, D. Cranston from Fort Saskatchewan, A. Shackleton, G. W. Davis, W. Hambly from Agricola, J. Saxaner, W. Burnett, Charles Israel, from Good Hope. W. M. Corbett, the secretary of the

Rev. Alexander Forbes, M.A., went to Edmonton on Friday to take charge of the preparatory services in Queen's avenue Presbyterian church.

Mrs. W. D. Ferris, of Edmonton, is a visitor in the Fort, a guest of Mrs. W. L. Wilkin, of Griesbach street.

Mrs. McDonald, recently of Edmonton, has come to live in the Fort, and has taken up her residence on Dennis avenue.

W. H. White, the Liberal candidate for the Federal House, and F. A. smith business in the Fort to Lothin & Wilson, of Edmonton, the transfer taking place last week. Mr. Wilson and family have gone to Edmonton for the present, but intend going on to the Coast in the near future.

A farmer named Frank Renouf, living about two miles south of here, had the misfortune to lose his house and barn through fire, on Thursday. There is no insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown. Mr. Renouf is going ahead immediately with new buildings.

Rev. W. H. Wilkinson has received a letter from the Bishop of Calgary informing him that the executive committee has added Battenburg and Eugene school to the mission of Fort Saskatchewan.

The stork called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Phillips on Thursday, and left a little daughter.

Mrs. Strickland, widow of the late Major Strickland, and children, leave early in the week for St. Albert.

VEGREVILLE.

Bulletin News Service.

Dr. C. W. Field, Dr. Monkman and W. Walker, were initiated into the order of K. P. The following brethren from Edmonton were down at the ceremony: R. O. Jackson, R. J. Gillis, W. J. Ellis, A. B. Williams, D. Mackay, C. W. McInnes, W. B. Allison, J. R. Hume, H. McLarty, G. M. Williamson and Geo. W. Swainwright.

The annual meeting of the Vegreville baseball club was held in the fire hall on Friday evening. There was a large tournout, showing the interest that is taken in baseball in this town. There will be some changes made on the team from last year which will make it stronger. The following officers were elected: Hon. president, J. B. Holden, M.P.P.; hon. vice-presidents, A. I. Walker, J. McNeill, W. Clements, M. A. Worth, R. J. Barnard, F. A. Morrison, M. P. Perkins, H. McAllister; president, A. L. Norton, first vice-president, Geo. Walker; second vice-president, W. McKenzie; secretary-treasurer, Charles Spence; manager, J. B. McCulla; executive committee, D. Corbett, M. A. Dutcher, M. McInnis, H. Clute, J. E. Louks; umpires, D. Corbett, M. A. Worth, J. E. Louks; lady patronesses, Mesdames, F. A. Morrison, A. I. Walker, M. A. Worth, J. B. Holden, J. McNeill, A. W. Fraser, I. D. Worth, D. Corbett, W. McKenzie, Geo. Walker and C. W. Field.

Mr. A. Theodore Waters lectured in the McIntyre hall to a fairly good audience on South Africa. Those that did attend were delighted. Mr. Waters is an accomplished lecturer and can entertain any sized audience.

Vegreville, April 4.

WETASKIWIN.

Bulletin News Service.

Mr. Trelas of Edmonton and Messrs. Robinson and Traumerizer, of Calgary, were in the city on Friday for the purpose of persuading Wetaskiwin to join the baseball league of Western Canada, comprising Strathcona, Edmonton and Calgary.

Mr. McArtur and son Leslie from Iowa, who have been in the city for the past three weeks looking after their extensive land interests here, left on the evening train on Fridya for their home.

Mr. and Mrs. McKitrick gave a progressive uchre party in their new home on Stanley street on Friday evening.

Mrs. Armstrong entertained at cards Thursday evening.

Mr. Judy and family left on Thursday for their homestead 8 miles from this city.

Mr. Gleison of "The Star" store is moving this month into Wm. Gould's house on Lorne street.

Wallace and Gourlie the two hardware stores have started business strictly on a cash basis.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson was buried on Friday afternoon.

The whereabouts of "Murphy," who some days ago is alleged to have forged a signature to a check, is still shrouded in mystery. It is supposed that he has confederates in the city who are aiding him in his fight from justice.

T. Adams sold his barn to Mr. Gullickson from North Dakota, and is settling up all his business affairs here preparatory for departure.

Mr. Albers, who bought land near Meeting Creek, from Bradley and Nicherson arrived with his wife and family on Friday from Montesano, Washington. They expect to go at once to their homestead. He brings with him two sturdy sons to till Canadian soil.

Mrs. Bauer entertained the Presbyterian male quartette and a few other friends on Saturday evening. Music formed the chief feature of the evening's enjoyment and all the guests report a very pleasant time.

Bert Stevens and family moved to their ranch near Bear Lake on Saturday.

The equipment of the Macaroni factory, sold a week ago, was purchased by J. D. Cowan, who expects to have the factory running on a good sound basis before many moons.

Wm. Tafe returned from Nelson, B.C., last week. His friends greatly regret that his health has been very poor for some time.

Mr. Loggie paid a visit to the Capital on Wednesday.

Mrs. James Bradley and Mrs. Ed. Williamson went to Bawlf on Thursday to visit the former's brother. Mr. Bradley followed them on Saturday and all expect to return on Tuesday.

On Thursday Mr. Thibaudeau, Inspector of schools for Lacombe district and ex-principal of the Alexandra school here, was in the city, renewing acquaintances and taking the opportunity of visiting the school once more.

Mrs. Charles Rubbra entertained a few friends at bridge on Thursday evening.

The warm sun and exceptionally high winds are playing havoc with the roads although the frost is fast disappearing. In fact during the severe wind storm on Friday evening there were clouds of dust.

S. P. Campbell came on the morning train Saturday from Vegreville expecting to spend a few days here.

Wetaskiwin, April 4.

SPRUCE GROVE.

Bulletin News Service.

A very pleasant social evening was spent at the Fairview Hotel, Spruce Grove, on April 2nd, the occasion being the return, on the part of the Benedicts, of the complimentary banquet tendered some time ago to the aforesaid benedicts by the Bachelors' club. Some forty covers were laid, and family have gone to Edmonton for the present, but intend going on to the Coast in the near future.

The chair was very ably filled by Mr. Frank Smith, who, after a few introductory remarks, made a most happily conceived response to the first toast of the evening, "The King." After suitably referring eulogistically to King Edward as ruler, statesman and diplomat, Mr. Smith dwelt more at length upon His Majesty's genial personal qualities, representing him to the audience as the most affable and considerate of monarchs, and a Prince of Good Fellows.

The toast to the British Empire was responded to by Mr. Pinchbeck, who, after good-naturedly reminding Young Canada that, great as it was, the Dominion was after all only part of the British Empire, spoke very feelingly of the unfortunate position occupied by Ireland as a sort of stepdaughter in the Imperial States family. He expressed the firmest faith in Home Rule, and after referring to its happy results in Canada and Australasia, contrasted even South Africa with the anomalous position of the Emerald Isle. Remarking that the financial proposals of Hon. Jos. Chamberlain savored to him of "putting the cart before the horse," he nevertheless strongly upheld Imperial Federation as the most suitable political ideal for Canada and the Empire at large.

"Alberta" was responded to by Mr. George Sutherland, who spoke fittingly of the great extent and enormous though yet little known natural resources and wealth of the province, concluding with a word of commendation for the progressive and up-to-date policy of the Canadian government with regard to immigration.

"Old Timers" was responded to by Mr. McPherson, M.P.P., and D. S. McKay, who as pioneers naturally spoke in a reminiscent vein. In the course of his remarks, Mr. McPherson slyly observed that he had not found the railroad an entirely unmixed blessing. He also said that when he, as well as Mr. McKay, left Winnipeg in '81, they were in a hurry to get here ahead of the railroad. Though the journey over the plains was no trifle in those days, they succeeded even beyond their hopes—in fact, they got here some fourteen years ahead of it! He objected to applying the term of pathfinders to Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann, as one of the Edmonton papers had done recently. Without wishing to rob them of any credit justly theirs, he thought that path-followers was much nearer the mark. Concluding, he reminded the younger generation that it would be their task to worthily continue the work of development which he and his colleagues of olden time had so courageously begun.

"The Farmer" brought Mr. Wm. E. Bristow to his feet, who, in a neat speech, after referring to the risks inseparable from over much dependence upon grain, pointed out that the development of the future must needs be in the direction of mixed farming, with more intensive and less exhaustive cultivation of the soil.

"The Ladies," found a staunch champion in the person of Mr. S. Eccles, who, as an old timer, paid a glowing tribute to the valuable and noble assistance rendered in the work of pioneering by the wives and daughters, the mothers and sisters of the pioneers. He said that had he been consulted in framing the toast list he would have placed the ladies in the front—yea, even, in advance of his Britannic Majesty himself!

The proceedings were enlivened by songs and instrumental selections, two of the former in German deserving special mention.

After the usual and well-merited votes of thanks had been proposed and passed, the singing of the national anthem and of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a most enjoyable gathering to an end.

The following is the programme:

Chairman's Address.

Toast—"The King" ..... F. Smith
Instrumental selection—"Jack Tar March" ..... Mr. Gitzel
Toast—"The British Empire" ..... Mr. Rinchbeck
Selection—Whistle ..... G. McKay
Toast—"Alberta" ... Geo. Sutherland
Recitation—"Paradise".. D. Minchin
Song—"Green Grow the Rashes, O" ..... J. McKinley
Toast—"Old Timers .. J. McPherson
D. S. McKay
Violin solo ..... Geo. Bevington
Toast—"The Farmers" W. E. Bristow
Instrumental selection ... Mr. Gitzel
Song—"Irish Molly".. Robt. Wallace
Toast—"The Ladies" ..... S. Eccles
Song ..... Mr. Schuram
Violin solo ..... R. Wallace
Song ..... W. E. Bristow
"God Save the King."
"Auld Lang Syne."

EAST BEAVER LAKE.

Bulletin News Service.

The Beaver Lake Literary and Debating Society brought their series of meetings to a close last Friday night, with a supper and miscellaneous programe. On all hands one could hear expressions of regret that these enjoyable Friday evening debates were of necessity to be postponed for the spring and summer months. There is no doubt that they will be continued next winter with the same enthusiasm which has been so manifest this winter. Great credit is due to the committee for their untiring efforts to make the session a success.

Last Thursday J. S. MacCallam held a sale of horses, etc., at Mundare. Fairly good business was done. He expects to hold one again on the 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stone, late of Edmonton, with their family have just arrived at "The Lake" to take up their residence here. A very hearty welcome is extended to them.

Mrs. Young, of Bathgate, is recovering from her severe attack of la grippe. There have been many cases of this malady during the winter.

The Conservatives of this district held their first meeting on Saturday evening for organization purposes.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have returned from their visit to Ontario. They report severe weather there, and they are glad to be back again in Sunny Alberta.

East Beaver Lake, April 6.

PONOKA.

Bulletin News Service.

The first gun shoot of the season took place on Thursday under most favorable weather conditions, and the attendance was good. The gun club appears to be one of the best sporting societies in this district and this year the membership has been largely augmented. The leading scores of Thursday's shoot were as follows: C. Segerstrom, 19; F. M. Lee, 17; Sage, 12; W. Kennedy, 17; R. K. Allan, 19; Ed. Meade, 20; G. Gordon, 18; F. Wrightson, 22.

On the return of G. L. Loveless, late of the Concord district, who left last year in quest of pastures new, has become convinced that Alberta, not to say Ponoka, is the right place. Mr. Loveless and his family were given a hearty reception from their many friends.

The King's Daughters, Presbyterian church, gave a social in the C.O.F. hall the other evening. The attendance was large, the fun excellent, and the proceeds amounted to close on $20, which goes to the mission funds of the church.

Ed. H. Meade, of Buckhorn, returned home the end of the week. Since his departure Mr. Meade has joined the ranks of the benedicts.

The one topic among the farmers, who crowded to town Saturday, was when to commence seeding. With the present exceptional weather operations ought to be in full swing in the course of a couple of weeks or so.

The Howe family has taken up residence in the Purdy building. House accommodation is becoming very acute, and the coming season is sure to see a large augmentation to the town's residences.

Deputy Grand Master Jamieson, of Edmonton visited the local Masonic Lodge Thursday evening, when there was a large turnout of members.

The Board of Trade held a special meeting in the town hall Friday evening under the presidency of M. Lee. The attendance was large, and the matters discussed were of the utmost importance, viz.: The Dominion Fair at Calgary, acquiring suitable site for the Adventist Sanatarium, should they see their way to locate here, and the postal routes west of town.

The ice in the Battle River is fast breaking up. The last few days have worked wonders.

Ponoka, April 6.

CHIPMAN.

Bulletin News Service.

The public meeting called to form a Cemetery Company on Saturday did not materialize.

Messrs. Wilkins and Jones, of Fort Saskatchewan, are now occupying the post office store.

The post office is now removed to Gordon-Gordon's store.

Mr. Wiley, late assistant post master, has engaged with Wilkins and Jones.

E. Ranch and Wm. McLennan have gone into partnership and have the butcher's stand.

No government seed grain was ordered for this place; seed was procured from other sources.

Chipman, April 6.

NORTH BATTLEFORD.

Bulletin News Service.

Rev. Dr. Sparling, principal of Wesley College, Winnipeg, occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church, on Sunday morning and delivered a most inspiring address to a large audience. He spoke at Battleford on Sunday evening.

H. Hurlburt, teller at the local branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, has just returned from his holidays.

Geo. Brigham, a relative of R. W. Brigham, of the Battleford Trading Company, Limited, has just arrived from Western Ontario. He will very probably locate at North Battleford.

Miss Hathaway returned to town on Saturday. She has been engaged as teacher for the Melford School during the past few months.

W. C. Wells and A. M. Black, of Poynton, are in town today.

S. H. Simmons, who for the past month has been residing at Maidstone, is in town.

North Battleford, April 6.

BATTLEFORD.

Bulletin News Service.

Must Battleford hospital close? This is the question that is up to the board of directors. On account of so many non-paying patients that have been brought to the institution from unorganized rural districts the board are up against a debt of over $5,000. This debt has been incurred through the great rush of immigration to the district for the past two years. The people of the town have nobly supported the institution, giving and assisting freely, but it is hard on them to keep a hospital open for the benefit of the district of 100 miles radius. The town has made a grant of $500, and in conjunction with the hospital board are presenting their claim for assistance to the Saskatchewan government.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company will run a line from Biggar, a division on the G.T.P. main line, into Battleford. This is a very important announcement for this town, as it will give Battleford direct communication with the three trunk lines, namely, G.T.P., C.N.R. and C.P.R.

Rev. Dr. Sparling, of Wesley College, Winnipeg, preached in the Methodist Church on Sunday evening on the subject of church union. The church was filled to listen to the doctor, and in his very genial manner he introduced the needs of financial support for Wesley College.

Every available team is engaged in hauling material to Wilkie, a divisional point on the C.P.R. One firm alone sold one hundred thousand feet of lumber in one day, to be forwarded to that point.

Battleford, April 7.

MUNDARE.

Bulletin News Service.

The farmers are on the land.

Mr. Davidson, of Oklahoma, has unloaded his carload of horses and settler's effects and moved to Beaver Lake district.

Mr. J. T. McCallum held his monthly auction sale of oxen, cattle and horses Thursday last. It was largely attended. Ferry Brothers, of Battleford, bought a car of splendid oxen. Thompson, of Battleford, also got a car of good stuff. Hall & Bellin, of Strathcona, and P. Burns got a car of hogs each.

The implement men are all doing missionary work.

A petition has been forwarded the department asking that the Beaver Lake telephone service be extended to Equity, on the G.T.P.

Two cars oxen, three cars cattle, three cars of pigs, three cars of hay were shipped from Mundare last week.

Mundare, April 7.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Bulletin News Service.

Rev. J. Asher addressed the Y. M. C. A. Bible class on Sunday afternoon. There was a good attendance.

Friends of Mrs. Constantine are pleased to have her back in the Fort, and residing at the barracks, where Major Constantine is in command.

J. Benson returned on Saturday night from Sunderland, England, where he has been visiting for several months, and is well pleased to be back in Sunny Alberta again.

A band of fifty-five mules, belonging to the Canadian White Company, and which had been wintering at the Bay Horse livery stables, were taken out this morning to work on the Clover Bar bridge.

Miss Winnifred Paul of the local post office staff, has been suffering from an attack of bronchitis for a week past, but is now convalescent.

Of the party who went north to the Peace River country a few weeks ago J. Harvey and W. Greer, the teamster, have returned. They had a fine trip and found a most delightful country. Mr. Harvey may return north in the near future.

The football boys practised on Monday night on the Agricultural grounds for the first time this season.

One of the principal events for Victoria Day, May 25th, will be the road race from Edmonton to the Fort for amateur runners, the distance being between eighteen and twenty miles. Fort Saskatchewan will not be behind in this race, as already two representatives are in training, and much interest is being shown in this feature of the sports for that day. A trophy and prizes will be offered for this event.

Captain E. F. MacKie, R.C.M.R., D.S.O., will be in town on Friday next to make a special inspection of arms, clothing, equipment, etc.

J. C. Karran has just received a pen of pure bred barred rocks from across the line.

Fred Daniel, son of Mayor Daniel, of the Fort, has taken a position with the Edmonton Telephone Company.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lawson, of Winnipeg, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Hill over Sunday.

T. Shipley, who bought a quarter section near C. W. Baker's farm about three weeks ago, has returned to the Fort from Mexico, where he was engaged in gold mining, and intends to build a house upon the place and work the farm.

Fort Saskatchewan, April 7th.

WETASKIWIN.

Bulletin News Service.

The sermon delivered by Mr. Hogg in the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening was very much appreciated. It was one of his series of monthly lectures on Candian citizenship, and his theme for last evening was the Asiatic question in its relation to Canada. By Asiatic he referred to the Japs, Chinese and Hindus. He first pointed out that these three nations comprised half the world's population, 750,000,000 people, Japan claiming 50,000,000, China 400,000,000 and India 300,000,000. He then spoke feelingly of the long sleep of these nations, their gradual awakening and their present thirst for knowledge, of the insufficiency of their own country to supply their increasing demands, and the consequent loud and repeated knocking upon our western doors. Then in a clear logical way he pointed out the danger should we accede to their demands. He claimed that they were a non-assimilable mass, that intermarriage with our people was out of the question, that they would never become Canadianized. At this strategic moment unless we dealt with this imminent danger wisely he claimed that our paltry 6,000,000 would eventually have to cope with the 750,000,000 of the East, for should we by unjustly harsh measures incur their hatred, they would turn on us in full force. He commended the wisdom of the government in proceeding cautiously yet firmly towards their exclusion.

Mrs. Bush, of Duhamel, came to the city on Friday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carruthers.

Frank A. Terry and family move to Edmonton on Wednesday. They have secured a comfortable home in that city.

Mr. Manley paid a short visit to the capital last week, returning on Friday evening. He has left the hotel, and is boarding with the bachelors.

An open meeting will be held in the Presbyterian church on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Hyslop, Dominion organizer for the W. C. T. U. will address the audience on Thursday afternoon at 3.30 a ladies' meeting will be held in the Baptist church for the purpose of organizing a local W. C. T. U. Mrs. Hyslop will conduct a parliamentary drill.

Thos. Hogg spent the week end in Camrose.

Miss Dudgeon has been visiting friends in Duhamel.

Mrs. Day and her daughter of Daysland were in the city to-day. They have just returned from the East.

Ed. Bailey is moving to-day into P. Weiler's house. He expects Mrs. Bailey home from the East very soon.

A. W. Keith spent the week end with a couple of his Moose Jaw friends in Camrose.

Miss Evelyn Mackie has had a return of her old nerve trouble. She is under medical care.

Sergeant Phillips left on Saturday evening for Okanagan Falls, to spend three weeks visiting friends there. He has a month's holidays.

Mr. Austin went to Leduc on Monday to be gone the rest of the week.

Wetaskiwin, April 7th.

U. S. Increases Its Army.

Washington, April 9—Secretary Taft has spoken of the necessity of an army of 250,000 men, an increase over the present force of 15,000. President Roosevelt has appointed a board of officers to report on the plan for organization of such an army.

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W. J. Carter, Edmonton Con
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the Estimated Cost.—Of
Last Year.—Estimates o
Reduced.—Other Busines

(From Wednesday's Bulletin

City Engineer Keely has annex
enviable position in the estimat
the aldermen. The offer of
Carter, presented at the regular
ing of the city council Tuesday
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strong, Fraser, Anderson and Le
present, Mayor McDougall pres
to take the contract for the trac
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Namayo avenue at the figure
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the figures submitted by Mr. Ke
calls a statement contained in
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which the manager of the Bitu
and Contracting Co. went out
way to observe that it was impo
for the city engineer to make a c
estimate of the cost of the work
the depths of an easy army ch
his office, and by gazing throug
haze of a frosted window.

Mayor McDougall introduced
subject. He reviewed the figure
mitted by Engineer Keely an
Bitulithic and Contracting Co.
city engineer estimated the co
First street at $11.65 per lineal
with 10 per cent. added for co
encies in construction, while the
lithic and Contracting Co., on
year guarantee received $16.27
lineal foot for the same work
year. The contracting company
now prepared on a one-year guar
basis to do the work for $15.2
net. On Namayo avenue, which
two feet narrower than First s
the city engineer estimated the
at $10.40 per lineal foot. By th
option of the engineer's estimate
city would save over the cost o
work last year $14,063. The con
ing company made a second pro
tion to the mayor Tuesday after
which was to do Namayo for $
per lineal foot, and First stre
$12.96. This was a total reducti
the entire contract of $9,000. Bu
city engineer's figures were still
under this second proposition.
the mayor stated he had receive
offer from W. J. Carter to do
work at the engineer's figures.

The announcement came as a
tinct surprise and the aldermen
not long in closing with Mr. C
who is a well known Edmonton
tractor, and who last year was
erintendent for the Canadian
Co.

The contract, which totals a
$50,000, was forthwith awarded to
Carter, who will be required to
up a 25 per cent. guarantee bond.

Estimates for Year.

Besides disposing of the trac
ing and pavement question the
men waded into the estimates o
public works to be undertaken
year, a report of which was su
ted by the commissioners six
ago.

These estimates are summariz
follows:—

For plank sidewalks in various portions of the city, the estimated expenditure is	$ 9,1
Grading streets and street cleaning	9,4
Concrete sidewalks	13,1
Sewer construction in various portions of the city	32,0
Water main construction in various portions of city	18,6
Water and sewer service conections	45,7
Sewerage treatment	11,7
Total	$200,0

The estimates for cement sidew
which provide for 12 foot walk
the east side of Fraser avenue,
on the east side of First street,
of the C. N. R. tracks, led Ald.
lamy to remark that this city
building walks which were en
too wide for the traffic.

"We have gone beyond all re
in the construction of wide ce
sidewalks. No other city has
wide walks."

It was suggested that the walk
of the C. N. R. be reduced to 10
This was approved. It was de
it was not feasible to reduce the w
of the walk on Fraser avenue.

Reduced Water Rates.

The report of Waterworks Sup
tendent Maclean, recommending
duction in the water rates on a
of $1.20 per month for a six-roo
house, and $1 per month for each
ditional room was approved. A
tion was passed to the effect
water permit rates be cancelled
once, meter rates go into effect
1st, and flat rates July 1st, and
the water inspection fee be canc
and the plumbing inspection fe
fixed at $1.00.

Will Not Give Statement.

The Taylor Construction Co.'s
plication for a statement of the
sewer work done by that firm wa
acceded to, the council instru
the secretary-treasurer to inform
company that in the matter of
contract with the settlement
made some time since, and it
the intention to have the questio
opened.

A petition was received from
ents of McKay avenue asking 'ha
street crossings on this street bet
Fourth and Seventh streets be r
The request was granted, and a
same time as this work is being
other crossings provided for in
estimates will be undertaken. An
crossing not provided for, and
was ordered laid, crosses F
street at McKay avenue, the app
to the McKay Avenue school.

Paving First Street Block.

A sufficiently signed petition
received from the property
for a bitulithic pavement on