

COUNCIL DISCUSSES COMPANY'S TROUBLES

Advances Made to Manley Construction Co. From Hold-Back on Account of Wet Weather—Appointment of City Assessor is Discussed.

The troubles of the Manley Construction Co. with their workmen in the carrying out of their contract with the city was fully aired at Tuesday night's meeting of the Strathcona council, when the secretary reported that the and the mayor had made an advance to the company out of the hold-back money on their contract and submitted their petition to the council for its approval.

All Political Acting Mayor. At the opening of the meeting, Dr. Davies being absent, Ald. Peirce was appointed chairman and it being subsequently necessary to name an acting mayor, his name was suggested and a motion to that effect unanimously carried.

A letter from Edmonton apprised the council that the Edmonton representatives on the committee to look into the charter reform were Mayor Armstrong, Ald. Landy, Ald. McInnis and Ald. Hyndman.

A request from Jas. Watson to purchase the city's concrete mixer for \$158, was referred to the public works committee.

The weekly returns announced accounts to the amount of \$271,151, which was ordered paid.

Ald. Richards, reporting for the fire and light, the water and sewer committees recommended the purchase of a five-ton scale worth \$185.

The extension of Fourth street west several lots, was recommended by Ald. Rankin.

Street Car Extension. It was decided at last night's meeting that the new university extension of the street railway should run from Whyte to Seventh avenue to Seventh street, thence east forwardly to Fifth street, and so returning to the high level bridge. The action was taken on a recommendation of the public works committee.

A communication was read from Architect Stearns, of Winnipeg, in regard to the hospital plans, intimating that in drawing the plans he would prefer to work in collaboration with some local architect on a basis of 1-25 per cent. The matter was referred to the hospital committee.

Applications for the position of city assessor were referred to in a report of the finance committee, recommending A. Campbell. On a vote being taken there were four on a side and the motion was lost. The matter still stands.

No Infectious Disease. Mr. H. O. Dr. Archibald reported that there were now in Strathcona no cases of scarlet fever or other infectious diseases.

The sanitary ash-pits were again the subject of a violent attack by Ald. Richards in spite of a report forwarded from the health board approving them. The matter will be taken up later.

Ald. Richards reported that the coal difficulty had been settled by Mr. A. Joyce agreeing to supply the city with equal quantities of bit and lump coal instead of mine-run at 10 per cent.

A complaint of the east end in regard to the city's streets, was voiced by Ald. Vogel. Ald. Rankin explained that it was due to the heavy traffic and the narrow trees used on the road between Edmonton and Strathcona that the city was working continuously on these streets.

The quarterly report submitted by the secretary-treasurer showed a balance on hand of \$1,174.33. Following is the report in full: Arrears \$282.90 Current \$2,267.45

Amounts collected to June 30: Cash \$1,794.33 Discount \$32.44

Balance of arrears \$212.79 Balance of current \$2,267.45

Customers deposits \$3,182.53 On hand March 31, 1911 102.00 Received for quarter 96.06

Refunded \$198.00 Bal. on hand June 30, 1911 1,174.33

DISASTROUS FOREST FIRES IN NOVA SCOTIA

Village of Clyde River Already More Than Half Destroyed—Two Other Villages are Threatened—Valuable Timber Being Destroyed.

Halifax, N.S., Aug. 15.—More than half of the village of Clyde River has already been destroyed by forest fire, which has been swept on by a northwest gale. Thirty-three houses and two lumber mills are in ashes and the fire is still advancing. One man is missing, probably dead in the fire. Two other villages, Fort Clyde and Cape Negro, are in grave danger while Liverpool is practically surrounded by fire. Millions of feet of standing timber is being destroyed.

LEGISLATIVE WING TO BE READY FOR SESSION

Work on New Parliament Buildings Well on Toward Completion—Great Stone Work Yet to be Done—Interior Work Well Advanced.

(From Monday's Daily.) Stone work on the new Parliament buildings is now all but completed. The south and east wings are finished in exterior and the west wing is now receiving the individual attention of the masons. In a few days the structure will lack only the imposing central dome on which work will shortly be started. This dome will tower up nearly one hundred feet higher than any other portion of the building.

Work has been started on the interior of the legislative chamber in which the session of the house is to be held this autumn. The chamber is finished in rough. It is a spacious auditorium, with spectators' galleries on the east and west side; press gallery, the length of the chamber on the north side facing the speaker's gallery on the south. The interior is quite free from pillars or other obstructions and is lighted by great side windows and from the dome.

The legislative chamber is on the level of the second floor. Immediately below the library will be located the plasterers are now finishing their work on the library room which extends the whole area beneath the chamber. This room will be equipped by the library by the time the legislature meets.

Construction of the bridge across Saskatchewan avenue at Seventh street to the buildings is now being rushed. Excavation for the foundations has been completed and a good deal of the work on the cement piles has already been done. It is the intention to have this bridge finished in time for the opening of the legislature.

Work on the power plant at the foot of the hill is also going ahead rapidly. This plant is to supply electricity for the buildings, the power required for heating, ventilating and lighting. The legislative buildings will be in operation in about two months time.

NEW METHOD ADOPTED TO CHOOSE DELEGATES

Primaries Called for Last Night to Select Delegates for "Bogus" Convention Placed Out—Joseph Clarke Talks to City Assessor in Toronto.

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MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

Sessions Opened in Old High School Building—Dr. McPhedran, of Toronto, is in Charge—Attendance Not Large.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The annual convention of the Alberta Medical Association opened yesterday morning in the old high school building on College avenue with a smaller attendance than was expected, but with interest and an interesting program for the coming three days being aimed with interest to an afternoon. A number of physicians who promised to be present have been delayed from one cause or another.

Beyond the reading of the minutes of last year's meeting, the preliminary work as had been outlined in the program, the convention was opened with a session of the association. Dr. H. G. Mackie, of Calgary, president of the association, called the meeting to order.

Addresses and papers covering a variety of subjects were also heard in the afternoon including a typical scarlet fever case. Dr. J. P. Macdonald, "Disinfectant," Dr. D. G. Reade, "Provincial Government Disinfectant," Dr. G. W. Macdonald, "Alberta Sanitarium for Tuberculosis," and a paper by Dr. H. W. White.

Dr. Alex. McPhedran, professor of medicine in the Toronto University, arrived here yesterday. He will deliver an address on medicine at the separate school hall on Third street, at 8.30 this evening. The public is invited to attend this lecture, after which an opportunity will be afforded the local citizens to meet the speaker at the home of Mrs. McPhedran.

Dr. Jasper Halpern, a noted surgeon of Winnipeg, came in on the morning train to attend the meeting. Among other arrivals Monday were Dr. Johnston, A. H. Birch, and Maybrook of Calgary, and Dr. Eschsch of Banff.

Dr. Chipman, of Montreal, who expected to be next at the meeting, found it impossible to come owing to sickness in his family. He has, however, sent the paper which he intended to read to the convention, and the secretary of the association will act as his substitute.

The convention will continue three days, winding up its business on Wednesday. Officers of the association are: President, Dr. J. P. Macdonald; vice-presidents, Dr. J. Park, Edmonton; second vice-president, Dr. G. W. Macdonald; third vice-president, Dr. Mackie; fourth vice-president, Dr. A. W. Park, Calgary; secretary-treasurer, Dr. T. J. Williams, Edmonton.

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CLYDE CELEBRATES ARRIVAL OF CANADIAN NORTHERN STEEL

SIX HUNDRED FARMERS GATHER AT BIG PICNIC—EDISON DELEGATION ACCOMPANIED BY BIG FLOAT SYMBOLIC OF RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT TO AGREE FROM RECIPROCAL.

An important step in the progress of the construction of the branch line of the C.N.R. north from Edmonton to Athabasca Landing was celebrated by a picnic at Clyde, on Thursday last. Several weeks ago it was announced that the steel, which is being laid with the expedition which characterizes all construction work of this company, would reach this settlement on July 1st. There is no event of greater importance in the life of a western community than the entrance of the first steel road which links it with the larger centers of life and industry and brings it into the stream of progress with which its approach is anticipated and the joy with which its arrival is greeted.

It is almost nine years since the first settlers entered the district of which Clyde is the center. While additions to their number were not numerous until within the last year or two, these sturdy pioneers have been an with characteristic western spirit, battling against the disadvantages of a life of comparative isolation and a scanty measure of growth from their labors. During the last few years settlement has increased rapidly and it was not many hands of scattered settlers that received

with satisfaction the news that to the rural store and post office, which was the centre of the district, was to be added all the advantages of a municipal center, guaranteed by the arrival of a railroad.

It was destined, therefore, to mark the occasion by a mammoth picnic, and a committee was organized under the chairmanship of H. W. Nickerson, the enterprising and popular postmaster and proprietor of the general store at Clyde.

A large attendance. The weather during the few days preceding August 1st was unfavorable, the heavy rains, which during this period fell over the whole of the district, reducing the roads to a condition which might well have discouraged all but those who had undertaken to bring the celebration to a close at Clyde.

In concluding Dr. Mackie insisted on the importance of every doctor in the province, and when the celebration conventions as it kept him in touch with new ideas which he could reach in no other manner.

First Visit to West. Dr. Alexander McPhedran, of Toronto, when called on for a speech, referred to the fact that this was his first visit to the West. In some things he had been disappointed, having others, but he was glad to be in the West, and he was sure that the future held out great possibilities for the West.

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