AROUND THE CITY

LOCALS.

(From Monday's Bulletin.)

Dr. J. A. Tierney, of St. Albert, has been appointed coroner.

Mrs. Whitelaw and her son Alec returned on Saturday from a lengthy stay in Toronto.

Miss Bower and Miss Evelyn Bower were the hostesses at a bright little tea on Saturday at their tent—The Rideau.

Mrs. A. W. Wheeler and son left this morning for Winnipeg on a three months' visit to Mrs. Wheeler's parents.

Rev. Mr. Miroff, of Winnipeg, has come to the city to take charge of the Independent Greek church on Kinistino avenue.

O. M. Biggar, of the law firm of Short, Cross & Biggar, returned to the city yesterday from a trip to Toronto and other eastern cities.

The northern mail leaves the city in charge of Hudson's Bay officials on Friday, February 7th, for Fort Resolution and intervening points.

Angus McLellan and Herbert Bowen formed a partnership in the real estate business, and will conduct an office at Mr. Bowen's old stand on Jasper ave. west.

Mr. W. B. Poucher has just received the sad news of the death of his brother's wife, Mrs. Daniel Poucher, of Poucher's Mills, Ont., which occurred suddenly.

The various committees of the city council will meet this evening at eight o'clock to arrange the work which has come to their consideration during the past week.

Potter & McDougall have installed a ten hourse-power electric motor at their warehouse on Fraser avenue. The motor will run machinery for grinding up bone and feed for stock.

The assessment committee of the city council had a conference on Saturday afternoon with the city assessor and will meet him again this afternoon to discuss the assessment for the coming year.

The horse attached to Wiliamson Bros.' delivery rig became frightened by a passing automobile this morning and made an attempt to run away. It overturned the rig, breaking the shaft but was caught before getting away.

The engagement is announced of Miss Lottie Thompson, B.A., younger daughter of teh late David Thompson, Picton, Ont., to Mr. Walter L. Smythe, B.Sc., of Vancouver, B.C. The wedding will take place shortly.

C. C. Van Arsdol, divisional engineer of the Grand Trunk Pacific, returned on Saturday from a business trip to the Pacific coast. Mr. Van Arsdol has been in Prince Rupert since he left Edmonton.

Barrister H. A. MacKie left to-day for Dayeland to conduct the preliminary inquiry for the defence in the case of the King vs. Telford, the charge being seduction of a girl under fourteen years.

Mrs. A. E. Jackson, 26 Jasper avenue west, will receive on Wednesday, January 15, and afterwards on the third Wednesday of each month. Her guest, Mrs. Mahoney, of Winnipeg, will receive with her this week.

The case against Erick Lordlund, charged with the theft of an overcoat at the Edmonton hotel, was dismissed at the police court Saturday as it appeared the accused was under the influence at the time he removed the coat.

Harry A. Woodyard, the well-known elevator contractor on the C.N.R. and C.P.R. lines, returned yesterday afternoon from a visit to St. Paul and other cities of the United States. Mr. Woodyard says that during the past ten days there has been a wonderful change in business conditions in the States. Men laid off in industrial plants are being taken on again, and money is moving much more freely in every direction. Mr. Woodyard predicts that financial conditions will reach their normal state in a few months.

Louis Kneip, of Viking, who was brought to the Misericordia Hospital a few days ago in the last stages of a lingering disease, died yesterday. The deceased, who was 34 years of age, leaves two children bereaved. His wife died not long ago. The body was removed to the offices of the Moffatt Undertaking Company, awaiting the arrival of his father-in-law in the city.

A veteran fur trader from the north in the person of Guilliame Desjarlais with his son arrived in the city on Saturday from Lesser Slave Lake. He says a large number of settlers came in last summer and all the homesteads near the Lake will be taken up by next summer. The fur trade is very poor he says and he never had a smaller catch or lower prices. McDougall and Secord obtained his furs.

A local lodge of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainment was organized in the city yesterday with about twenty members. Its jurisdiction is from Edmonton to Vermilion for freight and yard men and to Battleford for passenger men. The officers elected are as follows: Past Master, W. O. Fowler; Master, W. C. Sterling; Vice Master, H. J. Smith; Secretary, L. C. Killer; Financier, W. J. Lee; Agent of Official Organ, O. S. Irwin; Local committee, F. Pringle, W. C. Sterling, H. J. Smith; Legislative Representative, R. M. Brown.

A. Williamson Taylor and Mrs. Taylor returned to the city on Saturday from a trip to the Pacific coast. Mr. Taylor is very optimistic over the future of Edmonton and expressed the opinion that this city had no great cause for financial depression. He believed the action of the Bank of Montreal in Spokane and the Bank of Commerce in Seattle had attracted the attention of a large number of Americans, who would come to Alberta and British Columbia at an early date. These people have shown their appreciation of Canadian banks by depositing their money in them, and they argue that if Canadian banks are good enough for them to put their money in, Canada must be good enough to live in. Edmonton, Mr. Taylor thinks, stands high in the estimation of these people, and he believed that the year 1908 would see the termination of dull days to the business man and the dawn of a brighter era.

On Saturday afternoon Mr. Justice Scott heard the application of Short, Cross & Biggar asking on behalf of the Morinville Gas Co. for a recount of the ballots cast for and against the gas franchise bylaw. The recount was granted and the date fixed for Wednesday, Jan. 29th, at the Edmonton court house at eleven o'clock. The recount will take place before Judge Scott.

(From Tuesday's Bulletin.)

Summonses were issued this morning for a number of owners of dogs, who have failed to take out licenses. A number of others have paid in their license fees.

Provincial License Inspector Deyl has ordered the suspension of the Cecil and the St. James hotel licenses at Hardisty because of uncleanliness; unsatisfactory conditions and lack of adequate heating arrangements.

It was announced this morning that the fare for second cabin passengers to Liverpool has been reduced from $42.50 to $33.75, and for third class passengers from $28.75 to $17.50. This fare applies to the Empresses. On other steamers the fare to Liverpool has been reduced from $40 to $30 for second class and from $27.50 to $16.50 for third class passengers.

At the Astoria hotel, St. Albert, tomorrow evening, a complimentary banquet will be given by the St. Albert Liberal association to Senator Roy. The function will start at nine o'clock sharp. The chair will be occupied by L. Boudreau, president of the local association, and prominent Liberals from all over the district, as wel las from Edmonton, are expected to be in attendance. Any wishing to go from this city are asked to communicate with P. E. Lessard or Jas. McGeorge.

John Stocks, deputy minister of public works, with Engineers Chalmers, of the department, City Engineer Keely, of Edmonton, and City Engineer McLean, of Strathcona, are to-day considering the question of the placing of traffic section of the bridge. There are two proposals which the C.P.R. have submitted to the local authorities, viz., to place it on the same level with the rails, or to place it underneath. The finding of the engineers will be embodied in a report which they will submit to the government and the two cities.

Judge Taylor sat in chambers this morning, and a large number of cases of minor importance were brought to his attention by various lawyers. Questions of costs and the settlement of dates of trial were fixed by him. The district court will meet on Jan. 21st.

At the R. N. W. M. P. barracks this morning Albert Pierpont, of Morinville, was brought up for trial before Inspector Worsley on two charges of theft. The prosecutions were brought by Robert Alexander, of Edmonton, attorney for the Western Canada Land company. The defendant was charged with taking timber off the land owned by the company near Morinville. Inspector Worsley found the accussed guilty and fined him $5 and costs.

The past ten days have been among the busiest in the history of the Edmonton police court. Almost every morning, aiternoon and evening, one of the three magistrates, Cowan, Wilson and Belcher, have been sitting on cases. Among the most important that have come up for hearing were those against Cucmoie for stabbing, Templeman for stealing lumber, and Lordlund for stealing an overcoat. There were also a very large number of wages cases which were mostly disposed of by Magistrate Wilson.

The men at the Immigration Hall who were reported to be destitute are obviously not very anxious for certain kinds of employment. This morning John Ball, of Strathcona, went to the hall, and offered the men $15 per month and board, for experienced men, and $5 and board for inexperienced men, for work on the farm. The men refused to take employment at the wages offered. G. H. Cresswell, who lives 5 miles north of the city, also offered employment on farms yesterday to twelve of the men at the hall at from $10 to $15 per month, and board, but this offer was also refused.

EXHIBITION MEETING.

The meeting of the Edmonton Exhibition Association, which was to have been held in the council chambers on Saturday afternoon, has been postponed until Friday, January 17th at 8 p.m. Only two of the directors of the association were present—D. H. Smith and W. D. Carscadden—the others being out of the city or prevented by business engagement from being present. About twenty citizens were present at the adjourned meeting on Saturday.

The meeting will be held for the purpose of discussing the affairs of the association and to elect officers for 1908. Such matters as making the exhibition this year a greater success than ever before will be freely discussed. It is probable that the proposal to enlarge the Exhibition grounds and to erect more commodious buildings will be abandoned for this year owing to lack of funds.

MEN REFUSE TO WORK.

C. W. Baker, of Fort Saskatchewan, in company with W. J. Rolfe, of the real estate firm of Rolfe & Kenwood, called at the immigration hall this morning in an endeavor to procure ten men to work in the woods at clearing brush. He offered them three first class meals and a warm house for themselves, well heated and comfortable. Not one man of the twenty-five who are alleged to be starving would accept the offer made them and Messrs. Baker and Rolfe left without securing any help.

Another man named E. Clarke states that he endeavored to get men to do teaming at $15 a month and board, but none would accept the offer. Finally two men tendered their services just as he was leaving the hall.

K. OF C. INITIATION.

(From Monday's Bulletin.)

The initiation of new members in the Edmonton Council of the Knights of Columbus, being completed, most of the visiting delegates return to their homes today to Winnipeg, Duluth, Calgary and Regina. Twenty-eight of the new candidates were from Edmonton, the others from outlying cities in this province and Saskatchewan, thirty-five in all being received.

On Saturday evening the work of initiation and conferring degrees was brought to a close by a capital supper catered for by Mrs. Gauvreau. As at every supper or banquet of the order all liquor was excluded from this repast, a rule which extends to every club house of the order in America.

Yesterday morning they attended in a body 9 o'clock mass at St. Joachim's church, Rev. Father Vachon, of Saskatoon celebrating mass. In the afternoon a number of the visitors drove out to St. Albert, the episcopal seat of the diocese. T. D. Deegan, territorial deputy of the order, and others of the grand officers of the order, were present in Edmonton for the initiation. State Deputy Martin, of Wisconsin, who was here in January last, was unable to come on this occasion.

Some of the visiting delegates were: A. E. Gorman, J. McCartley, D. Murphy, T. Jobin, T. Sleckman, F. McFeeley, Regina; L. Ball, Duluth; M. W. Waters, J. McCaffary, J. A. McPhee, P. J. Bergeron, C. F. Becha, E. G. Cullen, W. K. Thompson, M. J. Sheedy, J. M. Gilmore, E. McCormick, J. E. Rice, M. Delehanty, Jas. Hickey, Adam H. Esch, Dr. E. J. Madden, D. J. Cassidy, E. J. Coyle, Jos. Vantighem, Dr. A. V. Cashman, Mr. Fitzgerald, Wm. Gorman, E. J. Duggan, F. J. Gardner, W. C. Dunlovy and E. C. Corbeau, of Calgary; E. G. Cullen, E. J. Duggan, F. G. Gardner, A. D. McInnis, Jos. Van Taylien, R. J. Bergeron, W. R. Thompson, J. E. Rice and son, A. V. Arhwan, J. M. Elmon, J. McCaffany, M. J. Sheedt, E. W. Cormick, from Calgary; Jas. E. Wheeler, C. C. McCusker and T. A. McCusker, from Regina; Leo. Bath, Duluth; Arthur Stewart, Winnipeg; S. A. Chaney, Calgary; F. E. Cathwell, D. O. McDonald, E. C. Carrin, F. F. Gallagher, C. McCallam, J. J. Egan, Winnipeg; F. Murray, J. J. Smith, M. D. Alley.

NEW NORWOOD CHURCH.

(From Monday's Bulletin.)

A large congregation was present yesterday morning at the formal opening of the Norwood Presbyterian Church. Rev. Dr. D. G. McQueen, pastor of First Presbyterian Church conducted the service, assisted by Rev. C. D. Campbell, who has charge of the church.

Rev. Mr. Campbell opened the morning service by scriptural reading, followed by a dedicatory prayer. The infant child of Rev. and Mrs. Campbell, was then baptized, being named Constance Wardrope Campbell.

Rev. Dr. McQueen preached an interesting and impressive sermon, taking as his text the passage in Isaiah 32-2, "And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind and as the shadow of a great rock in the weary land." He prefaced his sermon by a few remarks expressive of the pleasure he felt at being present at the formal opening of the new building in Norwood that was now being dedicated to the service of God. Dr. McQueen referred to the time, twenty years before, when he had stood behind the same pulpit in the old church on the corner of Fourth street and McKay avenue. This pulpit had been loaned to the Norwood church by the board of managers of the First Presbyterian Church. Dr. McQueen complimented the supporters of the Norwood Church on their progress and enterpise as exemplified by the new church. The erection of this church also gave tangible evidence of the growth of the City of Edmonton. Twenty years ago Norwood was a wilderness, while now it was rapidly becoming a populous sub-division of the city.

In his sermon, Dr. McQueen pointed out that the great men in the history of the world were men who had faith in God, men behind whom the world took a fresh start. He instanced Noah, Abraham and passing Christ, there were Paul, Martin Luther and John Knox as instances of men who stood like rocks in a weary land. In making a practical application of these truths to the new congregation, Dr. McQueen said that they were a people shaping a definite course for the common good. With faith in God, courage to be up and doing the work of the Master, there was before this people a great field for usefulness.

Rev. C. A. Myers, pastor of Queen's Avenue Presbyterian Church, occupied the pulpit of the Norwood Church in the evening and preached an eloquent sermon, impressing on the large congregation present the importance of the work upon which they were embarked.

The new Norwood Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Carey street and Willow avenue, is a frame structure 35 x 52 feet. It is substantially built and has a seating capacity of about 400. The building is finished with the exception of the seating, which will be provided shortly. The cost so far has been in the neighborhood of $3,000.

This evening a social entertainment will be held in the new church in honor of the formal opening. Addresses will be delivered and an excellent program of vocal and instrumental music provided. Among the speakers of the evening will be Rev. Dr. McQueen, Rev. C. A. Myers, Rev. A. S. Tuttle, Rev. Mr. Magwood, Rev. D. Flemming, Rev. James Douglas, Rev. J. Jaffray, Rev. W. D. McPhail.

NEW CLUB ORGANIZED.

On Saturday evening a number of the young men residing in Edmonton who come from the Channel Islands organized a society, which will be affiliated with a similar club in Montreal with over 200 members. The following officers were elected for the Edmonton organization: President, E. D. Le Riche; vice-president, C. Viton; secretary-treasurer, W. J. Cardy.

The object is to provide social amusement for those who are natives of the Channel Islands. A room has been procured and will be open each evening for members of the club, which now numbers about twenty.

BUSINESS GOOD, SAYS BURNS.

Pat Burns, the cattle king of western Canada, is in the city today, a guest at the Alberta. Mr. Burns will stay in Edmonton for a few days. He is here looking into the branches of his business in Edmonton and Strathcona.

When seen this morning by a representative of the Bulletin, Mr. Burns expressed himself as pleased to find business in a rather good condition throughout Alberta, notwithstanding the fact that the year was one of some depression.

"Business is, of course, quieter than last year," said Mr. Burns. "But that is to be expected. And as credit is good and the outlook bright we have not much to complain about as a province."

"What do you think of the beef commission's recommendation that the government build three cattle-feeding experiment stations in the province?"

"It is excellent. It will only tend to improved the cattle offered for beef."

"And what do you think of their finding, that there was no combine existing for restraint of trade in meat shops?"

"Why, that was what we told them before they began. They might have found that out with less trouble than they took."

Mr. Burns would express no opinion upon the present system of brand inspection which had been condemned by the commissiono. When asked if he agreed with the report that stock yards were not systematically maintained, he replied that that all depended upon where the unsystematic stock yards were supposed to be. Some of them were properly managed; some of them were not.

At the finding that "cattle should be bought and sold without shrink." Mr. Burns laughed with amusement. "Let the people who came to that conclusion set up in the business themselves and run it on that principle. Every man has a right to exercise his own judgment in his business system. It might be amusing to see how that policy would work out."

FUR QUOTATIONS.

(From Tuesday's Bulletin.)

The latest circular issued by the McMillan Fur & Wool Co., of Minneapolis, Minn., has just come to hand. It states that just at the present time there is no prospect of any advances in the prices of goods, and the times seem to favor further decline in the high priced classes of furs that have not yet gone into a lower basis.

Among the quotations are the following for different grades:

Black bear—No. 1, $15 to $11; No. 2, $12 to $6; No. 3, $3.25; No. 4, $1.25.

Brown bear—No. 1, $14 to $8.50; No. 2, $9.50 to $5.75; No. 3, $2.75; No. 4, $1.00.

Grizzly bear—No. 1, $15 to $8.75; No. 2, $10.25 to $6.25; No. 3, $3; No. 4, $1.00.

Wild cat—No. 1, $1.75 to 65c; No. 2, 80c to 25c.

Black fox—No. 1, $350 to $150; No. 2, $150 to $75; No. 3, $30; No. 4, $5.

Mink—No. 1, $5.50 to $2.50; No. 2, $2.75 to $2.00; No. 3, $4.00; No. 4, 45c.

Welf—No. 1, $5 to $2.25; No. 2, $2.75 to $1.75; No. 3, 75c; No. 4, 50c.

The firm reports that muskrat is still in best demand, and commands good prices; lynx and northwestern wild cat are very fashionable, and are next in demand to muskrat; marten and others in the absence of demand have been reduced in price to bring them into line with the lower prices for other furs.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW'S

(From Tuesday's Bulletin.)

The local branch of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's will hold meetings in the city on January 23 and 24, which will be addressed by J. A. Birmingham, western travelling secretary of the Brotherhood, with headquarters at Vancouver. The purpose of these meetings will be to create an interest of the Brotherhood and church members in the Western Canada conference to be held in Calgary on February 15, 16, 17 and 18. Mr. Birmingham is now in Didsbury. He has been travelling all through the west engaged in this work.

The local branch of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was organized in Edmonton several years ago, but did not become active until July, 1907. At that time it was re-organized and placed on a good working basis, Archdeacon Gray, rector of All Saints' church, is head of the Brotherhood here. Arthur Bull is director and Mr. Young, secretary.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew was founded in Chicago on St. Andrew's Day, November 30th, 1883. Since that time it has extended until branches are to be found all through the world in the United States, Canada, the British Isles, South Africa, South America and Japan.

The object of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is to spread Christ's kingdom among men, and especially young men. It is the idea of the Brotherhood to relieve the over-growing work of the parish. Although the membership of the Brotherhood is not large, it is composed of willing workers who perhaps do more work than a larger number of less enthusiastic members. For the conference of the Brotherhood in Calgary an extensive programme has been prepared. Among the speakers is Ven. Archdeacon Gray, M.A., of Edmonton, who will give an address on "Work Among Boys." The delegates from Edmonton to the Calgary conference will be appointed at the next regular meeting of the Brotherhood in All Saints' schoolroom on Wednesday evening.

CHARGED WITH FRAUD.

A man named Auguste Bordan has been arrested at the police station, charged with fraud on the complaint of Robert Tucker, who alleges that he was defrauded of $26. The case will come up on Wednesday afternoon.

AT R. N. W. M. P. BARRACKS.

(From Monday's Bulletin.)

At the R. N. W. M. P. barracks on Saturday a case came on before Inspector Worsley, in which the C. N. R. charged a conductor named Dolson with the theft of money in connection with the fares received. The prosecution did not have their case completed so an adjournment was granted until the 18th.

A man named T. J. Fenner, wanted at Red Deer on charges of perjury and fraud, was arrested here by Sergeant Munroe and has been sent down to Red Deer, where he will stand trial.

On Saturday the proprietoresses of two north-end resorts were arraigned before Inspector Worsley and fined $50 each for selling liquor without licenses. The prosecution was the result of a raid on the previous night.

Tomorrow morning two charges of theft will be heard against Albert Pierpont, of Morinville. The prosecutions are brought by Robert Alexander, Edmonton, attorney for the Western Canada Land Co., and the defendant is charged with taking timber off the land owned by the company. The alleged offences were committed near Morinville at which place the defendant resides.

OPTION ON COLLEGE SITE.

(From Tuesday's Bulletin.)

The Board of Management of the Presbyterian church have secured an option on ten acres of land on the west side of the property secured by the Provincial government as a site for the Alberta University in Strathcona. The property, if purchased, will be used for the erection of a Presbyterian College, which will be in affiliation with the University. The property is owned by John McFadden.

It is probable that nothing will be done in this matter before the end of April. On the last Wednesday in April, the Synod of Alberta will meet in Edmonton, and among other questions that of the establishment of a Presbyterian College will be discussed, and finally decided.

Third Victim of Crossing Accident.

NORTH END STABBING CASE.

(From Tuesday's Bulletin.)

At the police court yesterday afternoon before Magistrate Wilson, the case of John Cucmoie came up for hearing on a charge of stabbing Andrew Nepinck, near Rat Creek on the evening of the 7th of January last.

The evidence was taken through the medium of an interpreter as both the parties to the action are foreigners and cannot speak English. The evidence went to show that the principals with others had been drinking and afterwards quarrelled. While one of the men caught the complainant the other pounded him with his fists or with some instrument. Afterward he found blood running down from his breast and also his back, and when he was examined he found that he had been cut in the back and on the breast.

After the evidence of the complainant and Dr. Ternan, who dressed the wounds, had been taken, the case was adjourned until tonight at eight o'clock.

E. B. Cogswell was prosecuting and Mr. Parlee, of Boyle & Parlee, was defending.

THE TAYLOR INQUEST.

An inquest into the death of Jas. Taylor, miner, who died as a result of injuries sustained in the explosion of gas in the Parkdale company's coal mines on Tuesday afternoon, was held in the police court room by Coroner Braithwaite yesterday evening at the instance of the attorney general's department.

The jury empannelled was: Ed. Looby (foreman), W. E. Wilson, F. Barker, A. E. MacDonald, D. McManus and B. H. Bentley.

The jurors first viewed the remains at the mortuary of the Alberta undertaking company.

The verdict was as follows: —

"We, the jury empannelled on the death of James Taylor, have viewed the remains and find that the aforesaid came to his death by an explosion of gas in the Parkdale mines and do not attach blame to anyone connected with the management of the mine.

"We further recommend that the regulations covering the use of covered lamps in this mine be more strictly adhered to."

Chas. Hamilton, fire boss at the Parkdale coal mine, was the first witness. He stated that on Tuesday an explosion of gas occurred in the north entry of the mine. The explosion was caused by being lighted by an open lamp held by Jas. Taylor, the deceased. At 1 o'clock in the morning witness examined the gas and found that it extended in 6 feet from the main entrance. This part of the mine had been barricaded off some days prior to the accident on account of the gas.

Andrew Scott, mine boss, at the Parkdale coal mines, testified to being in the mine on the afternoon of the explosion. Three minutes after the explosion, which occurred at 2.30 o'clock, the witness found the deceased, who was in a kneeling position. The injured man was immediately taken to the surface. Scott stated he had examined the north entry on the day of the explosion and had found it barricaded by reason of the presence of gas. He gave it as his opinion the explosion was caused by the open miner's lamp carried by Taylor. The deceased, he stated, could not have moved after the explosion occurred. He found him 100 feet from the barricade.

"How then could the explosion have ocurred when he was so well within the safety limit?" asked the coroner.

"In some way the air current, which carries off the gas, had become deranged," replied the witness.

"Was the barricade up at the time of the explosion?" asked a juryman.

"Yes," was the answer.

Livingstone, mine manager, of the Parkdale Coal company, gave evidence to the effect that he had been at the mines during the whole of the day of the accident. He was on the surface when the explosion occurred. Judging by the force of the blast which came up the shaft he was notified of the explosion. He put on the fan for the purpose of circulating a larger volume of air below ground. He also put on the air compressor. He was notified a few minutes later by one of the miners there had been an explosion and a man injured. The witness knew from the fire boss' report there was 6 feet of gas accumulated from the face of the main entry. He ordered this section to be fenced. Judging from the position in which Taylor was found he was of the opinion the gas had backed out beyond the barricade.

There must have been 150 feet of gas accumulated. He did not know of so great a quantity having accumulated in the Parkdale mine. He had been engaged in mining lignite coal for 12 years, and had never known this kind of coal to give off so much gas as in the Parkdale mine.

Dr. W. D. Ferris, who attended Taylor, gave evidence as to the injuries sustained by the deceased miner in the explosion. The face and head were cut in several places and the hands and arms and lower part of the body were burned. Both legs were broken at the ankle joints. Death ensued at the Public hospital on Wednesday afternoon, caused by the shock sustained.

Inspector's Evidence.

Norman Fraser, provincial inspector of mines, when sworn, stated, "I examined the Parkdale mines about the middle of December, 1907, and again after the accident, accompanied by the manager and the pit boss. I examined the north entry of the mine after the accident. Judging from the way the timbers were knocked out, the cause of the accident must have been a gas explosion. I found several of the stoppings in the mine blown out. We could not get farther than the last cross-cut on account of gas. I tested the gas and found it to be carbon and hydrogen gas; the most common gas met with in coal mines, and which is very explosive. The fire boss' report books at the mine show that small quantities of gas have been found from time to time at the face of the north entry. Judging from the wreck caused in the mine the amount of gas which exploded must have been of considerable volume. The Parkdale mine is the only lignite mine in the province where such a volume of gas as was evidently there has ever been give nto my knowledge. All the lignite mines in the province are working with naked light.

"The cause of this accumulation of gas may be due to two reasons. One, that a stopping had become damaged by the pressure of the strata thus short circuiting the air; or some movement in the strata had liberated a considerable feeder of gas in the north entry. I think that this gas came from the face of the north entry as upon examination all the side entrances were clear of gas while the north entry remained full a considerable distance back from the face.

"The law states that in any place where there is any work approaching a place where there is an accumulation of gas no other lamp than a lock safety lamp may be used. I do not think the Parkdale mine would come under this rule as usually there is very little gas given out in lignite mines."

The jury returned its verdict after being out only 15 minutes.

C.N.R. OIL BORING.

From Wednesday's Bulletin.

W. R. Martin, oil expert of the Canadian Northern Railway, arrived in the city yesterday to look into the question of commencing oil boring operations for the C.N.R. near Morinville. He has gone out to Morinville today and will go south on the C.P.R. tomorrow morning.

The Canadian Northern have for some time been considering the question of commencing oil boring operations near Morinville, and they have even gone so far as to purchase a $40,000 plant and bring it to the city ready for work at Morinville. It is understood, however, that they have experienced some difficulty in getting sufficient land. They tried to buy some land from the American Canadian Oil Company that is conducting oil boring operations there, but failing in this they entered into negotiations with the C.P.R. for the purchase of some of their land in this district. This deal fell through also, and the plans of the company are tied up for the present.

The oil-boring operations of the American-Canadian Oil Company, near Morinville, are being carried forward throughout the winter. They have now reached a depth of 1,000 feet, and the promoters of the company state that they will go down 3,000 feet if necessary, for they are confident that they will strike oil.

RAPID INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION.

Elmira Felt Co., Limited, Now Has Largest Capacity of Any Concern of Its Kind in the World.

It is interesting to note the really remarkable success that has attended the introduction on the market of "Elmira" brand felt shoes and slippers. It is just seven years since this line of footwear was put on the market, and its quality is demonstrated in the fact that it now enjoys a national sale and popuarity.

The Elmira Felt Co., Limited, commenced the manufacture of "Elmira" felt footwear in the busy little town of Elmira, Ont., in a small factory 100x50 feet. The new firm perceived the market for a superior line of felt footwear in the North West with its constantly increasing population and wealth and its favorable climatic conditons. They took advantage of the opportunity and from the first "Elmira" footwear "took," the business expanded rapidly, several extensions were made to the factory until finally a larger labor field was required, and to meet this requirement an immense factory was built at Berlin, Ont. The old factory is still retained and now this firm possess two of the finest equipped factories on the Continent, with the largest capacity of any similar plant in the world, and larger than all other Canadian Felt factories combined. Both factories are equipped with the best and most modern machinery and skilled help employed, so that with the increased facilities the same high standard of "Elmira" brand of felt footwear may be expected to be retained, together with a more complete range of lines.

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS.

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the North-West Provinces, excepting 8 and 26, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person the sole head of a family, or male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section, of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for homestead entry must be made in person by the applicant at a Dominion Lands Agency or a surb-agency. Entry by proxy may however, be made at an agency on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader.

An application for entry or cancellation made personally at any Sub-agent's office may be wired to the Agent by the Sub-Agent, at the expense of the applicant, and if the land applied for is vacant on receipt of the telegram such application is to have priority and the land will be held until the necessary papers to complete the transaction are received by mail.

In case of "personation" or fraud the applicant will forfeit all priority of claim or if entry has been granted it will be summarily cancelled.

An application for cancellation must be made in person. The applicant must be eligible for homestead entry, tion will be received from an individual until that application has been disposed of.

Where an entry is cancelled subsequent to institution for cancellation proceedings, the applicant for cancellation will be entitled to prior right of entry.

Application for cancellation must state in what particulars the homesteader is in default.

A homesteader whose entry is not the subject of cancellation proceedings, may, subject to the approval of Department, relinquish it in favour of father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister, if eligible, but to no one else, on filing declaration of abandonment.

Duties.—A settler is required to perform the conditions under one of the following plans:—

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

(2) A homesteader may, if he so desires, perform the required residence duties by living on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80 acres in extent, in the vicinity of his homestead. Joint ownership in his homestead. Joint ownership in

(3) If the father (or mother, if the land will not meet his requirement. father is deceased) of a homesteader has permanent residence on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of the homestead, or upon a homestead entered for by him in the vicinity, such homesteader may perform his own residence duties by living with the father (or mother).

(4) The term vicinity in the two preceding paragraphs is defined as meaning not more than nine miles in a direct line, exclusive of the width of road allowances crossed in the measurement.

(5) A homesteader intending to perform his residence duties in accordance with the above while living with parents or on farming land owned by himself must notify the Agent for the district of such intention.

Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, or his intention to do so.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS.

Coal.—Coal mining rights may be leased for a period of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 per acre. Not more than 2,560 acres shall be leased to one individual or company. A royalty at the rate of five cents per ton shall be collected on the merchantable coal mined.

Quartz.—A person eighteen years of age, or over, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500 x 1,500 feet.

The fee for recording a claim is $5. At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1 per acre.

The patent provides for the payment of a royalty of 2 12 per cent. on the sale.

Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee $5, renewable yearly.

An applicant may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles. Rental $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2 1-2 per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior

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SEMI-WEEK

VOLUME V.

BRILLIANT SCENE AT THE RECEPTI

Government House was Again Scene of a Large and Brilliant Assemblage.

The reception at Government Ho last night was a most successful i tion. Over two hundred persons present, all Alberta being represe in the brilliant gathering. Only member of the Legislature was sent—Mr. Brick, of the somewhat mote Peace River district. The l number of officers attending in form, and the presence of seve clergymen lent additional interest the occasion.

The guests were received in white and green reception room, jor Thibaudeau, A.D.C., and Mr. B bit, His Honor's private secretary, ing in attendance upon the Lieut ant-Governor. Mrs. Sifton, of C gary, a guest at Government Hou received with Mrs. Bulyea. The gue after their first reception by their h and hostess passed on through brilliantly lighted rooms, which w on each floor thrown open to guests.

In the hallway above the Philli orchestra played several delightful lections during the evening. In t billiard room upstairs the cosy noo into which each window bay has la ly been transformed were always f ed with people who looked on at t moving streams of people. The su per room was beautiful with deco tions of golden daffodils and asparag tern, the whole lit by yellow shade candelabra.

Has Ito Been Disgraced?

Victoria, B.C., January 17.—A cording to advices brought here b the Aiki Maru, Admiral Baron Y. It of the supreme naval council, wh commanded the Japanese navy in th war with China, has been dismiss from the service because of a scand which involved him with the wife a workman in the Yokosuka nav yards. Admiral Ito was appoint vice-admiral and commander-in-chi of the united squadron in 1893. H commanded the squadron with signa success against the enemy's fleet i the Japan-China war, which broke u in the following year. After th close of the war the Emperor reward ed him by creating him a peer wit the rank of viscount. Admiral I was made admiral of the fleet on De cember 31st, 1906.

May Not Be Rate War.

London, Jan. 16.—The fact that la last night that the Cunard Steamshi Company had not responded to th White Star's further cut in the rate leads to the idea in some quarter that the former may be considerin the advisability of agreeing to a com promise based on slight different rat with respect to the Lusitania and th Mauretania. It is noted that th White Star circular does not affec the Canadian rate. This is suppose to have as its object, the averting o a cut in rates by the direct Canadia lines who is said to have conten plated.

Awarded $10,000 Damages.

Buffalo, January 17.—Harry L White, a former Wabash engineer, o St. Thomas, who sued the New Yor Central for $15,000 for injuries receiv ed in a wreck in the yards here, wa awarded $10,000 and costs by a Buffalo jury.

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