AROUND THE CITY

LOCALS.

(From Monday's Bulletin.)

The Public hospital was released from quarantine this morning. A number of the men staying at a local boarding house where a case of smallpox broke out, have also been released from quarantine.

The death occurred at the Isolation hospital on Sunday afternoon of Wm. Prentice, aged 62. The deceased had been sent up from Lamont to the Sanitarium, but when it was seen that he was in the last stages of tuberculosis he was removed to the Isolation hospital and cared for there. The funeral arrangements are not yet decided.

It has been reported that there is considerable duck shooting being carried on around Big Lake near St. Albert. As this is the close season for ducks every sportsman should be interested in seeing that the game laws are strictly enforced. It is also rumored that some half breeds have been collecting duck eggs around Big Lake which is also a violation of the law.

C. C. McCaul, K.C., returned to the city yesterday from Lethbridge and Southern Alberta. He reports the country south of Calgary, especially between Sheep Creek and High River and from Nanton to near Macleod, looking fine, seeding far advanced, and the winter wheat already showing up on many of the farms in the neighborhood of Leavings. Mr. McCaul has been retained with Mr. Colin Macleod, to conduct the defence of the C.P.R. telegraph operator, Mullin, charged with manslaughter, whose trial is set for the Macleod sittings, beginning May 5th. Mullin was operator at Pincher Creek, and on the night of December 22nd last, A special freight, eastbound, passed the station, it is claimed, without any headlight, while Mullin was overpowered by sleep, with the result that a collision occurred with another special freight train, westbound, which left Brockett, the next station east, under orders to pass the eastbound special at Pincher. A brakesman named Ormsbee was killed in the wreck, and Mullen, the operator, was arrested on a charge of manslaughter, and committed for trial by Major Primrose, R.N.W.M.P. and J. P.

(From Tuesday's Bulletin.)

Conrad Weidenhammer of Spruce Grove who was in the city yesterday states that he has 60 acres of wheat sown and at least 50 per cent. of the crops was in at Spruce Grove.

After this week no more primary pupils will be admitted to the public schools until the fall term, as the rooms are now filled to the limit.

Superintendent Constantine, of the R. N. W. M. P., with Mrs. Constantine, leave to-day for Maple Creek, where the superintendent will take charge of the division of which that town is the centre.

Lieut.-Col. R. Belcher, C.M.G., commanding the 19th, the Alberta Mounted Rifles, has issued a regimental order to the effect that Major B. J. Saunders assumes command of "A" squadron from this date.

The city commissioners have received a letter from the manufacturers of the De Carie incinerator stating that the plant was shipped from Montreal on the 16th of the month. It will be installed immediately upon its arrival here.

Medicine Hat will be en fete on the occasion of the formal opening by Premier Rutherford of the new traffic bridge over the South Saskatchewan River on Thursday, May 14. Elaborate preparations are being made by the citizens of Medicine Hat to make the event a memorable one. After the formal opening, which will take place in the afternoon, a banquet will be held in the evening, at which the Premier will be the guest of honor.

No trace has been found of the mail bag with eight registered letters supposed to have been stolen from the C. N. R. mail car at the station last week. The police have been watching several suspects but nothing has yet developed to warrant an arrest being made. The post office inspector here, A. W. Cairns, has communicated with the Winnipeg office to find the names of the senders of the missing letters.

(From Wednesday's Bulletin.

M. Kimpe, D.L.S., has received notification of his appointment by the Belgian government as consul for Alberta.

The school taxes and local improvement taxes for this year on the new area recently included in the city limits will be collected by the rural school districts and local improvement districts as heretofore. This applies to all the new property added to the city this year except section 12, which was in no school district. The school taxes on this section will be collected this year by the city of Edmonton. Section 12 includes Westmount, Woodcraft, Norris Estate and the west-end city park.

The assessment roll for the city of Edmonton for this year closes on April 30th, and notices of the assessment will be issued early in May. Work will then be commenced by the city assessor's staff preparing the notices of special assessment for street paving, sewers, sidewalk, etc. All notices will be sent out in time, so that the court of revision will be held on June 1st. This is fully two months earlier than last year.

(From Thursday's Bulletin.)

R. L. Stidston, manager of the Tofield branch of the Merchants' Bank, has gone to Souris, Man., where his marriage takes place to Miss Dickson, sister of the manager of the Union Bank there. W. C. Legg, accountant of the Wetaskiwin branch, is relieving during Mr. Stidston's absence.

A real estate deal was put through yesterday by Watson & Co. that indicates a growing buoyancy in the Edmonton real estate market. The property disposed of is lot 130, on the north side of Jasper between Fifth and Sixth streets, and the price paid is in the vicinity of $16,000. The former owners were Tegler & Morris, and the purchaser is a New Zealand gentleman, for whom Watson & Co. are acting.

BUFFALO IN EXCELLENT SHAPE.

(From Monday's Bulletin.)

Many citizens during the past few days have taken advantage of the good roads to see the buffalo at Lamont before they leave their corals for the winter. Those who have visited the corals state that the buffalo are looking in excellent shape. There are 400 in the coral at present including half a dozen calves, only one was lost during the winter. The coral which is half a mile square is in charge of E. Simmons. The grass will be in shape shortly and the bison will then be let out in the park to feed.

RATES TO STOCK SHOW.

(From Wednesday's Bulletin.

In connection with the special rates to the Edmonton exhibition in June, the C.P.R. and C.N.R. have announced that they will give the same special freight and passenger rates as in former years. The passenger rates are fare and one third for the round trip, and the freight rates, one way tariff, and return on the same line free of charge. These rates apply only to points in Alberta and Saskatchewan, and the request of the Exhibition Association that this area be extended to equal that of the Dominion Fair at Calgary, was refused. The C.P.R. have made a grant of $100 to assist the Edmonton Exhibition.

VIOLATION OF GAME LAW.

(From Monday's Bulletin.)

Before Magistrate Cowan on Saturday, R. Deggendorfer, a taxidermist of First street, appeared on a charge of having a moose head which had been killed within the prescribed time by the game law. It appeared that the moose had been shot north of the landing on the fifteenth of February. The head was sold afterwards to John Secord, at Athabasca Landing, who later sold it to R. Secord. The latter sent it to the taxidermist to be mounted and while there the game warden got on its trace and a seizure was made. The magistrate after hearing the evidence ordered the head forfeited to the crown.

BACK FROM THE ORIENT.

Dr. H. C. Wilson and his wife returned on Friday night from a delightful trip to Honolulu, Hong Kong, Canton and Japan. During their voyage of about two months and a half they enjoyed clear warm sunlit weather every day. They sailed from San Francisco, making only a short call at Honolulu, which the doctor had visited last year.

The Hawaiian Islands and Honolul in particular, Dr. Wilson considers an ideal corner of the earth. "They used to say 'See Naples and die,' but in this age and country we might as well say, 'See Honolulu and die,'" said the doctor to a Bulletin representative this morning. "The climate is about perfect. The temperature varies very few degrees the year round, and the only rain they have is like summer showers. It falls from a clear sky, and passes away in a few minutes. In addition to its natural beauties and advantages, its reasonableness in prices is satisfactory to tourists.

Japs Are Active.

"Hawaii, as you know, belong to the United States, but in reality one might say it belongs to the Japanese. They overrun the place, and it is believed they have a method in their actions. In the case of war with the United States, which will probably come after some years, Japan will endeavor to get hold of the various Pacific islands—groups to prevent the Americans from making them naval bases or coaling stations."

"Are there any 'rumors of war' among the Japanese you met?"

"No, people who know believe they will not go to war for some time; not until they are better prepared. But the spirit of fighting is being fostered in the people. They are full of race pride and enthusiasm. We saw their latest big gunboat launched at Yokohama, and the whole city was en fete, the populace making it a holiday to remember. That is what they do with anything in connection with their army or navy."

Astonishing Progress.

"What particularly impressed you in China and Japan this year?"

"The progress they are making in the adoption of American customs and clothing. I could notice a great difference even during the past year. I believe that eventually the Chinese will dominate the Japs. Another thing that struck me was the almost universal employment of Chinese in Japan to fill positions where money was handled. Bank cashiers and tellers, cashiers in restaurants, hotels and railways in Japan are mostly Chinese. It is the strongest sort of reflection upon the Japanese lack of honesty in business affairs. They are evidently aware of it themselves. While anyone who has had dealings with the Chinese merchant class know what an honorable race of men they are."

"What do the white men who live in the Orient think about our Asiatic immigration difficulty?"

"They believe that eventually the Japanese and Chinese will get the best of us and control the situation."

Picturesque Chinese Cities.

"Did you see much of China?"

"We did not go into the interior, but made visits of some length at the ports. Hong Kong is a beautiful city, and there as at Canton we wondered how so many human beings could be crowded into single streets. At Canton, where the streets are really only picturesque lanes, and we were frequently carried about in sedan chairs, there was something analogous to the crowded Strand back in London, with buses picking their way slowly. Traffic in Canton streets is quite as congested, and the sedan carriers have quite a problem to get through at times. Horses and carriages are used to some extent in the British and other concessions. Outside of these sections it is scarcely safe to venture in the labyrinth of Canton streets without a guide."

NEW G.T.P. TOWNSITES.

(From Monday's Bulletin.)

H. B. Round & Co. on Saturday received the plans for Beggar, the second divisional point on the G.T.P. east of Edmonton. The townsite is called after the chief solicitor of the G.T.P. Applications are now being received for lots in this townsite as well as of Wainwright where two-thirds of the lots have already been applied for.

Wainwright is the first divisional point east of Edmonton and is called after the third vice-president of the new railway.

RUSHING GRADING OPERATIONS.

(From Wednesday's Bulletin.

N. D. Edgecomb, superintendent of construction for the G. T. P. company on the new line being constructed west of Edmonton, is in the city today a guest at the Castle hotel. Mr. Edgecomb, whose headquarters are at Stoney Plain, has the supervision of the entire construction work on the G. T. P. grade from Clover Bar to the Macleod river. He reports the work of grading this part of the line as progressing favorably. A large force of men are employed and huge graders are rapidly tearing up the soil and preparing the grade.

HOME MISSION CONVENTION.

(From Monday's Bulletin.)

The Second Home Mission Convention of Alberta will meet in the schoolroom of First Presbyterian church, Thursday and Friday next, April 30, May 1st. Over 30 delegates from points all over Alberta have announced their intention to be present. With members from Strathcona, Queen's Avenue and First Presbyterian churches, a very successful convention should be held. All the ladies of the city interested in Home Missions are welcome at all the Sessions.

Morning sessions from 10 to 12 a.m.

Afternoon sessions from 2 to 4 p.m.

A most interesting and instructive programme has been prepared by the executive.

The annual meeting of the W. M. S. of McDougall church will be held at the home of Mrs. Chown, 625 7th street, Tuesday, April 28th, at 3 o'clock.

WILL BE READY ON TIME.

(From Monday's Bulletin.)

For the first time in many years the strict provisions of the Edmonton charter will be this year complied with, and in the matter of assessment, and the assessment rolls will be completed next Thursday on the day specified—the 30th of April.

The total assessment will be in the neighborhood of last year though it may be slightly lower; some outside property has seen slightly decreased valuation but on the other hand central inside property has in many cases shown an increase. The extension of the city's boundaries will not greatly affect this year's assessment, as the land will not be taxed with the exception of section 12, including Westmount. Woodcroft, Norris' estate and the West End city park. City Assessor McMillan and his staff are now busy finishing up the books, and will be well within the specified time for completion.

REFUSE CHEAP RATES.

(From Tuesday's Bulletin.)

The Canadian Pacific railway has no favors to bestow upon Edmonton in the matter of cheap rates. An example of this is the treatment being accorded this city by the C.P.R. in connection with the stock show to be held here in June. H. R. Mountifield, secretary of the Edmonton Exhibition association, wrote the C.P.R. authorities asking that the same passenger rates be given passengers to the Edmonton Exhibition in June as is to be given those attending the Dominion Fair at Calgary in July. Mr. Mountifield received a reply yesterday to the effect that the passenger rates to the Edmonton Exhibition would be the same this year as in former years, and that they could not give the same rates as are being given those attending the Dominion Fair at Calgary.

A similar turn down was given this city in connection with the freight rates to the stock show to be held here in June. The association asked the C.P.R. to give the same freight rates to Edmonton as to Calgary for stock to be exhibited here, but the railway company refused. Many stock breeders in Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan were planning to bring their stock to the Edmonton stock show in June. Then go south to the Dominion Fair at Calgary in July, and thence to Brandon, and Winnipeg fairs, provided they can get satisfactory freight rates. The action of the C.P.R. places Edmonton at a disadvantage and may result in many possible exhibitors being kept from shwing their stock here. Moreover, in giving rates to the show, the C. P. R. stipulate that the exhibits shall come and return on the same line, otherwise no cheap rates will be given. This works a hardship on exhibitors along the C.N.R. who might wish to show on the circuit, of Edmonton, Calgary, Brandon and Winnipeg.

Mr. Mountifield is writing all stockmen to take advantage of the cheap freight rates to Calgary and then reship their stock to Edmonton for the exhibition here.

The prize list for the Edmonton stock show is now being printed, and will be issued in a few days, after which entries will be received. The directors of the Edmonton Exhibition association appointed by the stock and poultry associations are J. C. C Bremner, Ralph Weil and Francis Taylor. The two directors to be appointed by the government have not yet been announced.

FINE NEW RESIDENCES.

(From Monday's Bulletin.)

Three permits were issued this morning for fine residences, two in the West end and one in the East end of the city. The permits taken out were as follows:—

G. R. Race, Fourth street, lots 98 and 99, block four H. B. R., residence to cost $3,000.

A. C. Dempsey, Eighth street, lot 35 block 7, residence to cost $2,000.

John Johnson, Stewart street, lot N. 1-2 8, R. L. 16, to cost $2,600.

MONTH'S BUILDING PERMITS.

(From Thursday's Bulletin.)

The building permits for the month of April will total $190,000, a big increase over last month when the total was $57,020. During the month of April the number of permits issued was 82 while the total of the permits up to the present date for 1908 has reached the sum of $1,345,350, the largest record in the history of the city.

The permits issued to-day are as follows:

City of Edmonton, Fourth street, lot 72, 73 block 4 H.B.R. fire hall to cost $26,250. Pheasy & Batson are the contractors and R. W. Lines the architect.

A. York, First street, lots 271, 272, block 1 repairs to C.N.R. Loan Co. cost $2,500.

PURCHASING RIGHT OF WAY.

(From Tuesday's Bulletin.)

Geo. H. Pope, right of way purchasing agent of the G.T.P., in the west, arrived in the city yesterday, and is a guest at the Alberta hotel. Mr. Pope's work is nearing completion near the city of Edmonton. He has practically completed the purchase of the right of way as far west as the land is surveyed. The balance of the right of way being through unsurveyed government property will be obtained direct from the government by the G.T.P.

Mr. Pope stated that he had experienced very little active opposition in the purchase of the right of way. Some of the property owners objected at first to the price offered. Mr. Pope, however took action through the courts, and obtained immediate possession of the property in question, so as not to delay grading operations. Some of the owners were determined to have the question of the price of their property submitted to arbitration, but the majority of them finally thought better of it, and accepted the price offered. As an example of this, Mr. Pope cited the case of several property owners west of the city who at first demanded $4,000 for their property. When they found that the railway company was determined to submit the question of the price to arbitration, in which case, if they lost, they would be liable for the costs of the proceedings they came down in the price and finally accepted $1,800. Mr. Pope said the chief cause of delay in closing out the whole matter was the absence of many of the property owners. They were scattered about in various parts of the world, and considerable time was consumed in negotiating with them.

FOR THE GRAND FESTIVAL.

(From Thursday's Bulletin.)

The final arrangements for the Alberta Musical Festival have been completed The interest manifested throughout the province is far beyond the expectations and that the Festival will be held annually there is not the slightest doubt.

From a musical standpoint the citizens of Edmonton and those from outside points, will be given the treat of their lives. At the evening concert on Tuesday, May 5th, the winners of the competitions will take part. This means that the best pianists, the best choir, the best male chorus, the best double mixed quartette, the best male quartette, the best soprano, contralto, tenor, baritone and bass in the province will be heard in the Thistle Rink. Besides there will be a massed chorus of two hundred voices a massed male chorus of one hundred voices, and an orchestra of forty pieces, the largest that has ever appeared before an Edmonton audience. This will make the finest combination that it could be possible to devise.

The plan of seats is open at M. D. Silas' Oriental store in the Opera House Block.

Following is the program of the competitions and the rules governing the competitors:

Monday, May 4th.

10-11 a.m.—Junior piano competition (local competitors.

11-12.—Senior piano competition (local competitors.

1.30-2.30 p.m.—Vocal competition (basses.

2.30-3.30 p.m.—Vocal competition (baritones, (local competitors).

3.30-4.30 p.m.—Vocal competition tenors (local competitors.

4.30-5.00 p.m.—Vocal competition, male quartettes (local competitors).

5.00-5.30 p.m.—Vocal competition, male choruses (local competitors).

8.00-8.45 p.m.—Vocal competition, sopranos (all competitors).

8.45-9.15 p.m.—Vocal competition, contraltos (all competitors).

9.15-10 p.m.—Vocal competition, tenors (visiting competitors).

Tuesday, May 5th.

9.00-10.00 a.m. — Piano competitions (visiting competitors).

10.00-11.00 a.m. — Vocal competition, basses (visiting competitors).

11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.—Vocal competition, baritones (visiting competitors).

2.00-2.30 p.m.—Vocal competition, male quartettes (visiting competitors).

2.30-3.30 p.m.—Vocal competition, mixed double quartettes (all competitors).

3.30-4.30 p.m.—Vocal Competition mixed choirs (all competitors).

4.30 p.m.—Rehearsal of Chorus and Orchestra in the Rink.

8.45 p.m.—Grand Concert by Massed Chorus and Orchestra.

The Competitions will take place in the McDougall Methodist Church, corner of First Street and College Avenue.

The public will be admitted to the Competitions by a ticket good for the two days. These tickets can be obtained at the door.

Reduced Railway Rates.

Persons, whether competitors or visitors attending the Alberta Musical Festival, must purchase a first-class, full-rate one way ticket to Edmonton, and obtain a certificate that they have done so (on the Standard Certificate Form) from the Ticket Agent who sold the above Ticket, and who will issue this Certificate on application.

This Ticket must not be purchased earlier than Friday, May 1st.

On arrival in Edmonton the above-mentioned Certificate must be handed to the Secretary of the Festival Committee, who will sign it, and these Certificates will be re-issued after the Rehearsal in the Rink on Tuesday afternoon.

ANOTHER LUNCHEON.

Another Canadian Club luncheon will be held at Cronn's Club Cafe tomorrow to hear N. Stefansson, the famous scientist and explorer, who is now in the city.

APRIL TOTAL WILL BE LARGE.

(From Tuesday's Bulletin.)

The April total for building permits issued by the building inspector has now reached the sum of $160,000, and it is likely it will exceed two hundred thousand. The feature of the permits issued during the month is that they include a large number of what will prove to be handsome residences in both the east and west ends of the city.

Permits this morning were issued as follows:

Alex. Reid, Fourth, lot 249, block 4 H.B.R., house to cost $1,500.

Wm. Lamb, Norwood, house to cost $500.

William Sugarman, Jasper, store front to cost $700.

A. E. Frost, house, Nelson, to cost $600.

William Wallace, Athabasca, addition to dwelling to cost $350.

DEATH OF C. DE W. MACDONALD

(From Thursday's Bulletin.)

One of the most brilliant scholars and linguists of Canada passed away in the city last night in the person of Chas. De W. Macdonald, a member of the legal firm of Macdonald, McKinnon and Cogswell, and a well-known citizen of Edmonton for the past ten years. The late Mr. Macdonald, who was 54 years of age, had been in failing health for some time and during the past few weeks his end was a not unexpected at any time. He leaves to mourn a wife and four children, two sons and two daughters, the eldest of whom is sixteen years of age.

The late Mr. Macdonald was born in Pictou, N.S., on October 23rd, 1854. He was the eldest son of the late Hon. A. C. Macdonald, for many years speaker of the N. S. House of Assembly. At the age of twelve years his father died, leaving him the sole support of the family. He had early showed remarkable brilliancy in his studies, and at the age of fifteen he graduated from Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S., with the degree of B.A. and honors in classics and literature. A year or two later he received the degree of M.A. as the result of a scholarly thesis. He was admitted to the Nova Scotian bar on the 6th of November, 1875, a few days after he had reached his 21st birthday, but he had passed his law examinations several years previously. He practised the legal profession in his home town of Picton for some time, and was also in addition editor of the Picton News. Later he removed to Halifax and formed a partnership with H. L. Jones, son of ex-Governor Jones, of that province.

Ten years ago Mr. Macdonald came to Edmonton, where he has since resided. For a lengthy period he acted as Dominion Crown Prosecutor for this district and has been connected with a large number of very important legal suits. In 1905 he entered into partnership with D. R. McKinnon, and some time later E. B. Cogswell joined the firm.

Mrs. Macdonald was formerly Miss Sophie Robinson, daughter of W. B. Robson, of St. John, N.B. The deceased also is survived by two sisters and one brother, a civil engineer at Antofagasta, Chili. Mrs. McDonald leaves with the remains on Saturday for the old home in Picton, Nova Scotia, where interment will take place.

BANK CLEARINGS.

(From Thursday's Bulletin.)

The Edmonton bank clearings for the week ending today totalled $650,079.38, as compared with $882,195.24 for the same week last year. For the month of April the total is $2,890,273.20, compared with $4,275,229.77 for April, 1905.

STRATHCONA NEWS

ALMOST MIDNIGHT SESSION OF STRATHCONA COUNCIL.

Assessment Committee Present Report on Assessment For Year—Charges of Officer Harris Presented to Council—Investigation To Be Held To-Morrow Morning.

(From Wednesday's Bulletin.

The Strathcona city council were in session last night till almost 12 o'clock. The most important matters before the meeting were the report of the assessment committee showing the total assessment of Strathcona for the year 1908 to be $6,753,114; the reading of the charges of Officer Harris against Chief Patterson, and the passing of a number of money by-laws.

Acting Mayor Richards was in the chair, and all the members of the council were in attendance. There was also a large number of spectators present.

DR. McINTYRE IN WOODSTOCK.

(From Tuesday's Bulletin.)

Dr. McIntyre, M.P., for Strathcona, speaking before the Young Liberal club in Woodstock, Ont., a week ago yesterday, was accorded a splendid reception. The occasion of his address was a big rally. Strathcona's member is reported in a despatch from Woodstock to the Toronto Globe as follows:—

The principal speaker was Dr. McIntyre, M.P., of Strathcona, Alberta, who pleased the crowd with his able exposition of present-day politics and his exposition of the principles of Liberalism. The Liberal party is today and always has been the party that stands for the people, he said. He referred to the general stagnation of Western Canada previous to the time the Liberals came into power in 1896, and told from his personal experience of the change in conditions that accompanied the change in governments. He emphasized transportation and immigration as the great factors in building the nation, and lauded the Laurier government for having done its duty to the country in these particulars. He contended that the policy of the government had had a great deal to do with the country's prosperity, and that Providence had not done it all. He dealt with the various planks of Mr. Borden's one-man platform, and contrasted his nicely rounded phrases about issues and questions with the practical results the Liberal party had to show. He characterized Mr. Borden as an opportunist, who would say one thing one place and another thing anither place to please popular taste. He defended the present immigration laws, as tending to select the best immigrant, and said that the people in the west who were mostly concerned were satisfied. Referring to the Grand Trunk Pacific road, he said that if it cost five times what the C. P. R. did it would yet be cheap for the people.

Dr. McIntyre was received with great applause and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

LOCALS.

(From Monday's Bulletin.)

An effort is being made to have Rev. Dr. McGill, principal of Pine Hill College, Halifax, preach in Strathcona on the occasion of his coming visit to Edmonton to attend the meeting of the synod of Alberta.

George Thompson has been appointed registrar of vital statistics in the place of H. F. Sandeman, who has occupied the position for some years.

Work is expected to start this week on the preparation of the C.P.R. gardens, near the stations. When this place is sodded and trees planted it will greatly improve the appearance of the present handsome station and vicinity.

It is rumored on the streets that a strong effort will be made to get J. J. Duggan in the field as a candidate against ex-Mayor Mills. It is probable that a requisition will be circulated.

The employees of the government are making preparations for the installation of the Strowger 'phone system. Already one of the men is making a tour of the city, canvassing for new subscribers.

The rooming house of James Sutherland, Whyte avenue west, was badly damaged by fire, which broke out shortly after four o'clock yesterday afternoon. The alarm was sent in from as the Oddfellows' parade was re-forming after the service in Knox Presbyterian Church, and the volunteer fire origade responded quickly. The alarm had been given by a boarder, the only occupant of the house at the time, who was upstairs, but when he detected the fire the kitchen and all the rear of the two storey wooden building was in flames. The firemen had a hard fight, but after half an hour the fire was under control. Practically nothing was got out of the building, and the furniture, wearing apparel and belongings of the roomers were nearly all destroyed. The cause of the fire is unknown, but evidently originated in the kitchen. The house was insured for several thousand dollars, but the furniture, etc., valued at a thousand or more, was without insurance. This will be an almost total loss.

(From Tuesday's Bulletin.)

The Young People's Society of the Baptist church gave a very enjoyable social and evening with James Whitcomb Riley in the school room last night. A reading was given by G. Fred McNally and recitations by Misses Evelyn Cook and Emma Campbell. Vocal music was furnished by Mr. Fisk and the Baptist quartette, composed of Messrs. Dan Angus and Duncan Currie and D. Brown. Refreshments were also served during the evening by the young ladies of the society.

The regular weekly meeting of the Strathcona city council will be held this evening. The charges preferred by Officer Harris against Chief Patterson will be submitted to the full council and a date probably set for the investigation.

All interested in intermediate baseball in Strathcona are asked to meet at the Young Liberal club this evening to discuss plans for league games to be played durinig the next two months.

The regular monthly meeting of the Strathcona board of trade will be held next Monday afternoon in the board of trade rooms instead of on Tuesday as usual. Owing to the election on the gas franchise bylaw being held on the latter date.

The Strathcona football club have sent a letter of sympathy to Sid Newman who is at the Strathcona hospital where he underwent an operation for appendicitis several days ago.

The remains of Mrs. Elizabeth Van Alstyne, who died in the Public hospital, Strathcona, last Saturday, were taken to Wetaskiwin yesterday for interment. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Dr. J. C. Wainwright.

At the Strathcona opera house last night the Wills-Collins Co. gave a return engagement, presenting The College Girls to a well filled house. The performance was much appreciated by those present.

At the Strathcona opera house this evening Mrs. Jarley's Waxworks and musical entertainment will be given by the ladies of Knox Presbyterian church.

Hooper & Boggs have removed their office to the Dominion bank building and Mr. Hooper, who has divided his time in the past between Strathcona and Wetaskiwin, will in future remain in the former place.

John Walter and the other lumbermen on the river are making preparations for the arrival of the first batch of logs from the upper Saskatchewan. It is expected they will be down in about two weeks' time.

The city poundkeeper, Henry Wapshott, has issued a warning that all cattle or other stock found at large in the city will be impounded from the present date.

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J. H. GOWAN, LOCAL MANAGER SCHOOL DEBENTURES PURCHASED

The contract for the Strowger 'phone system in Strathcona has been signed by the local government and the Chicago Automatic Telephone Co. Mr. Wiley says the equipment will be here for use in July.

(From Wednesday's Bulletin.

Grading was begun this morning for the new garden plots adjoining the C.P.R. station.

The meeting to organize an intermediate baseball league did not materialize last night.

It is expected the Rev. Mr. Rochester, western secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance will preach in Strathcona next Sunday.

The surveyors are at work laying off the university site.

The Strathcona Curling club have arranged to hold their annual ball on Wednesday evening, May 6th, in the Opera House. Extensive preparations are being made by the committee in charge for a big social event.

A double wedding took place at St. Anthony's church, Strathcona, yesterday when John Garneau and Miss Lexina Gauthier and Horace Gauthier and Miss Armond Goulait were united in matrimony. Rev. Father McQuad performed the ceremony.

A BRANCH IN CALGARY

Of Temperance and Moral Reform League is Organized.

Calgary, April 29—At a meeting held last night in the First Baptist church a local branch of the Temperance and Moral Reform League of Alberta was organized.

Rev. W. G. Fortune, of Red Deer, provincial secretary and organizer, presided, and briefly explained the objects of the league, and the progress which it is making throughout the province. Branches have been established at all the principal points, with large memberships.

The question of submitting local option to the voters of the people, under the provisions of the Provincial Liquor License act, is being discussed at Olds, Didsbury, Carstairs, Claresholm and several other places. The matter is entirely in the hands of the local leaguers.

A petition was presented at the meeting by the W. C. T. U. for signatures, asking the Dominion government to establish a special court for the trial of juvenile offenders. These petitions will be circulated throughout the city during the next few days.

The following officers for the local league were elected:—

Chairman—Ald. A. J. Samis.

Sec.-treasurer—G. J. Bryan, B.A.

Committee—W. H. Martin, Dr. Anderson, A. B. Cushing, H. Neilson.

Two more members of the committee will be elected by the executive.

THE G. T. P. TOWNSITES.

Will be Handled by an Incorporated Subsidiary Company.

Ottawa, April 29—According to returns brought down in the House of Commons yesterday a company has been incorporated known as the Grand Trunk Pacific Town and Development company, to handle the townsites of the G. T. R.

The reason given for this course was because the railway company found that if the management of the townsites was in the company itself, difficulty would arise, owing to the fact that certain bonds had been issued, which are secured by trust mortgage, covering all the railway and the personal property of the railway company and the company could not therefore give a clear title to lands comprised in the town sites.

This reason was recognized by the government as a valid one, and the company was permitted to purchase 13,043 acres of Dominion lands for townsite purposes.

By an order in council passed January 22 of this year, the rates being $3 an acre, although the company paid for them at the rate of $1 per acre. The town and development company was also permitted to purchase 12,297 acres from homesteaders, whose land had not been patented, but each homesteader had to pay the government the dollar for every acre that he had surrendered to the company.

Temperance Campaign in N.B.

St. John, N.B., April 30.—As a result of the decision of theh Supreme Court that too many licenses were issued in certain wards, the board of license commissioners tonight reduced the number from seventy-five to sixty-one retail licenses. One hotel license was also cut off. The question of granting the fifteen rejected saloon keepers tim eto dispose of their stock has been referred to the attorney-general for a decision. The Temperance Federation are much elated over their success and now propose to agitate for the removal of the screens from the bar-room windows.

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THE HUDSON B RAILROAD

Project of Momentous Im to Western Canada Rea ing a Climax.

Ottawa, May 2—The Gov according to present intenti shortly submit to parliamen providing for the constructi railroad to Fort Churchill Hudson Bay, thus providing outlet for the rapidly increas of western grain. Although fails are not yet available, derstood the measure will the lines already suggested House of Commons. The was to provide the funds for struction of the railway fr sale of 3,000,000 acres of D lands, on the even numbered in the west, hitherto set apart way reservation for the C.P C.N.R.

Will Realize $30,000,000

These even numbered sect railway grant lands in the W gregate some 30,000,000 acres, shortly be released for homes It is estimated that the proce say 3,000,000 of these lands, by the crown for sale, would years realize $30,000,000, suffi pay the cost of the construction road to the Hudson Bay by t ernment, the building of elev Fort Churchill, the improvem the harbor and navigation, and lighting of the channel ke ers in the bay and straits.

Feasibility Established

The feasibility of the Hudso route for ocean steamers, durin three and one half to four every year, has been now wel lished by reliable reports of gators during recent years. T of a new outlet for western g Liverpool is becoming incre recognized with each succeedin and, if a grain congestion in t far more serious than in any p son, is to be averted, action the line now contemplated by t ernment seems imperative. M the new line will open out for ment another hundred millio of good land in the west, and suit will be of great benefit n to the west, but to the whole ada.

TO SELL DEBENTURES

Vancouver Will Place Two Mil Market—Jap Servants Unio

Vancouver, B.C., May 1.—The Council this afternoon decided for tenders for the purchase of cally all of the debentures now the city unsold. These amount million dollars' worth. They are percent. bonds running from tw forty years.

The city apparently will touch bottom price for its coal this year. ears were called recently for two and tons which is practically t tire supply for the use of the co tion. An Australian underbid the couver Island Collieries offering lived coal in Vancouver at $5.50 pe

Sixty Japanese last night atten meeting at which a union of Ja servants employed in Vancouver was formed. They will demand in ed wages and shorter hours.

Arrested For Complicity

Lisbon, May 2.—Macedo Bra and Mendes Almeiara, who we tive organizing manifestations graves of the men who on Feb 1st assassinated King Carlos an son, have been arrested on a c of complicity in the plot againsi Majesty.

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