DISTRICT NEWS

LAMERTON.

Bulletin News Service.

The new building for the Canadian Bank of Commerce is well under way and will make a splendid addition to the town. F. Dowswell is the carpenter.

D. Jewell is going to open a real estate business.

Lamerton now is a busy place, but it is hoped that by next summer it will still busier.

Bashaw, the new town on the G. T. P., is growing rapidly. It is one of the busiest towns on the new road. It now has three grocery stores and a hardware, and two restaurants. The hotel is not finished yet. It is said it will cost $22,000 when finished.

Lamerton, Jan. 24.

WETASKIWIN.

Bulletin News Service.

At a sitting of the District Court at Wetaskiwin, before His Honor Judge Lees today the case of Henry vs. MacDonald was tried. This case arose out of a real estate deal. Henry is a real estate agent at Ponoka and had an exclusive listing of MacDonald's farm property near Ponoka at $2,000 net to MacDonald. Henry offered the property to Phelps for $2,300. After Phelps had seen the land he expressed satisfaction with it, but suddenly broke off negotiations with Henry and bought the land for $2,000 through another agent. Henry then sued MacDonald for $300, the difference between the $2,000 and the $2,300. The verdict was in favor of Henry, the real estate agent, for $75 with costs on the small debt scale.

This decision is an important one for real estate agents.

J. E. Varley, of Calgary, for plaintiff, and O'Brien and Knox, for defendant.

Wetaskiwin, Jan. 25.

SCOTT.

Bulletin News Service.

The Town Hall at Scott is now nearing completion and will be one of the finest in the west, outside the large cities. It is two stories, with full size basement, and is built of brick. The basement contains the steam heating plant and storage rooms. On the ground floor are rooms for the Town and Mounted Police, three cells, fire hall, secretary's office, and council chamber. The upper floor is wholly given over to public hall purposes. The floor of the latter is polished maple, making one of the finest dance halls in the Province. The equipment consists of opera chairs and a full outfit of scenery. The hall cost over $10,000 to build and equip.

A debenture issue of $6,000 has been approved for the construction of a municipal hospital. A neat and commodious building is proposed for the benefit of the suffering in this district.

Mayor Street has just returned from Regina where he went as the representative of the town on business connected with the by-laws. His mission was eminently successful.

Constable Smith of the Mounted Police leaves about the first of February for Regina to take examination for corporal's stripes.

A fire brigade is now being organized to take charge of the new equipment which consists of two chemical engines and a ladder truck.

Scott, Jan. 23.

MILLET.

Bulletin News Service.

The road from Pigeon Lake to Millet is lined with teams hauling lumber for the two companies, the Pigeon Lake Saw Mill and the North West Lumber Co., who are moving some six or seven million feet during the winter months. This work costs $4.50 per thousand, or in all $30,000, which will be paid out in Millet this winter for hauling lumber alone.

A railway is needed through the Pigeon Lake country where hundreds of millions of feet of timber are standing close to the seat of consumption, but which cannot be profitably utilized owing to the lack of a railroad to haul the product to market.

The above named companies have been operating at Pigeon Lake for the past six years in a very expensive way owing to the very long distance to haul their lumber to the shipping point at Millet, but they hope each year to be relieved by the construction of the Strathcona-Calgary branch of the C.N.R.

There is no part or portion of the western country that is in more need of railway service that the country between Calgary and the North Saskatchewan river, between the C. and E. and the Rocky Mountains.

The strip of country mentioned is well settled for 60 miles west of the C. and E. railway, which settlers, it is needless to say, are simply existing, waiting and praying for railroad communications and transportation to market their product.

Millet, Jan. 24.

WETASKIWIN.

Bulletin News Service.

Today Judge Lees gave two more decisions regarding appeals from the 1910 assessment. In the appeal of A. T. Mode against assessment for income tax, his worship held that inasmuch as the appellant had not resided a full year in the municipality prior to 1910 the assessor was in order in assessing Mr. Mode on the basis of his salary as Clerk of the Supreme Court. Judgment accordingly without costs. The appeal of E. B. Chandler against over assessment of his house and lots was dismissed for want of evidence, although the judge was of opinion a wrong principle had been adopted.

When given as soon as the croupy cough appears Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will ward off an attack of croup and prevent all danger and cause of anxiety. Thousands of mothers use it successfully. Sold by dealers everywhere.

The fifth annual convention of the Association of School Trustees of the Province of Alberta is now in progress here. The morning and afternoon sessions were devoted to serious business papers on manual training in rural schools, teaching of agriculture and kindred subjects being discussed. In the evening a concert was given by the pupils and teachers of the Alexandra, King Edward and High Schools. The programme was excellent, each piece being well rendered, but special mention is deserved by the Kindergarten. This department which takes charge of the little ones at the tender age of four years is in charge of Mrs. Terry, assisted by Miss Wyld. It speaks well for the patience and ability of these ladies that six of the smallest members of this class should march on to a public platform, and without a mistake or breakdown render an action song. Another item of more than usual interest was the military drill of the cadets. The chairman, Mayor Fowler, in introducing this part of the programme, stated that the Trustees when sanctioning the formation of this company did not do so with the idea of instilling a warlike spirit in the members but for the training and general good of the boys. The drill was excellent and finished by the boys forming a pyramid five boys high, at a word of command and falling flat on the stage.

Last evening an alarm of fire was given about 11-30. Although it was a particularly bitter night the boys turned out promptly, and hastened to the supposed fire, to find on the arrival that it was merely a small fire built for the purpose of thawing out a pump.

J. A. Grant, of Walsh, is in the city, and says that so soon as the weather permits, he intends to resume drilling operations for natural gas.

Wetaskiwin, Jan. 25.

EX-PRES. ROOSEVELT NO LONGER IS A POWER

Elimination of Former President In New York State Is Assured, Following Meeting of Republican Committee. Personalities Indulged In.

New York, Jan. 26.—The elimination of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt is an appreciable factor in the politics of his native state.

This was the construction placed upon the action of the Republican state committee in selecting William Barnes, jr., the Albany boss, to be chairman. The committee which was reorganized on Saturday afternoon, after accepting the resignation of Ezra P. Prentice, who was made chairman by Roosevelt after he had defeated the "old guard" in Saratoga last September, will absolutely control the spring state convention in 1912, which will elect the delegates from New York state to the Republican national convention.

The vote taken showed that the Roosevelt strength in the committee amounts to just five of the 38 members.

In accepting the chairmanship Barnes bitterly assailed Roosevelt by inference. He pleaded for recognition of the fact that the "extent of the United States is sufficient for its people," and declared "that unrest cannot be mistaken for progress."

Members of the "old guard" while declining to be quoted, hinted that they considered that President Taft would have to fight for nomination next year against Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin. The latter, it is predicted, will be the candidate for the radicals, while Taft will have the support of the east and south. With New York assuredly behind him, it was suggested by the Barnes men that President Taft may now proceed with the conciliation of Senator Cummins of Iowa. Taft, they say, would like to have the Iowa "progressive" as his running mate on the next national ticket.

The Roosevelt supporters at Saturday's meeting voted for State Senator Seth Heacock, of Herkimer county for chairman. Heacock got five votes. Before the vote was taken there were a number of bitter speeches made. Personalities were freely indulged in, but before the doors were opened it was agreed that there was to be "no airing of dirty linen in public," and none of the members would discuss for publication what happened.

HE IS UNPOPULAR IN UNITED SOUTH AFRICA

Governor Gladstone Commuted Death Sentence Passed on Native Who Criminally Assaulted White Woman and Europeans Are Enraged —Agitation Being Made for Recall.

London, Jan. 26—Great excitement and resentment have been aroused in South Africa, according to despatches, on account of the new governor, Viscount Gladstone, commuting the death sentence passed on a native for criminal assault on a white woman. Influential meetings of protest have been held, at which Governor Gladstone's interference has been hotly denounced. Prominent men connected with Rhodesia, but living in England, declare that as there are barely 20,000 Europeans in Rhodesia to 600,000 natives, it is absolutely indispensable that capital punishment in such cases should be executed, to avoid lynching. Governor Gladstone's appointment as governor of United South Africa was not popular and it is probable that a strong agitation will be raised against him.

Smallpox in Manitoba.

Winnipeg, Jan. 26—The provincial board of health is much alarmed over the prevalence of scarlet fever in the province, the cases now numbering many hundreds and steps to check the disease have so far proved ineffective. A drastic warning has now been sent out to the medical officers.

VICE-PRESIDENT WHYTE ON C.P.R. EXTENSIONS

Railway Company Contemplate 380 Miles of New Line, 100 Miles of Double Track and 40 of Sidings—New Direct Line From Edmonton to Swift Current.

Winnipeg, Jan. 26—Wm. Whyte, vice-president of the C. P. R., has just returned to the city from Montreal, where he has been in conference with President Shaughnessy. His story of what work the company will do in 1911 through the west is of much interest. As to the mileage which the company will add to its system this year, Mr. Whyte said that the plans contemplated the construction of 380 miles of new lines, 100 miles of double tracking and additions to the existing sidings of 40 miles.

The New Lines.

Of the new lines to be constructed the most important is that to be built north and south from Swift Current. "Ten or twelve years ago," said Mr. Whyte, "if some one had told me that the time would come when large shipments of wheat would be made from Swift Current, I would have said that he was a fit subject for the asylum. Yet this year we carried from that point over half a million bushels."

In all there will be built this year 80 miles of track through the Swift Current country, forty-five miles to the southeast and thirty-five miles to the northwest. No statement was made by the vice-president with reference to the ultimate destination of these new lines. It is said, however, that this new road will be, not a mere local line, but one of much importance. The road which will be built to the northwest will make a direct connection with the line running from Macklin to Moose Jaw. There would thus be created a new direct line from Edmonton to Swift Current. The line running to the southeast from Swift Current will connect with the new road from Weyburn to Lethbridge. In future years, however, it is stated that this line running southeast from Swift Current, will be continued to the international boundary, and that it will there be met by a new line of the Soo road. A beginning of the Soo connection has already been made, the line being a branch from the existing line of the Soo in North Dakota.

From Moose Jaw there will be built a line running southwest. Thirty-five miles of the road will be built this year and it will eventually connect with the line from Weyburn to Lethbridge. The connection will not, however, be made this year.

On the line running west from Weyburn work will be done this year and twenty miles additional will be built. Fifty-one miles of this road have been built in the past two years.

On the new line running northwest from Estevan to Forward, 35 miles will be built. It is generally supposed that this branch will strike the line from Weyburn to Lethbridge at Forward, but Mr. Whyte stated that it was uncertain whether Forward would be made the point of junction or whether the road would be carried further west.

Lines to Edmonton.

In the northern portion of Saskatchewan two interesting lines will be built, branches running north from the main line from Winnipeg to Edmonton. These branches will leave the main line at Wilkie. They will run south, one on the west side and one on the east side of Tramping lake. They will both connect with the line running from Lacombe to Moose Jaw. Hundreds of settlers have gone into Tramping lake country during the past few years, and the construction of the new roads will be greatly appreciated.

In addition to the two 25 mile lines to be built south from Wilkie, there will also be built a line 32 miles to the northwest from Wilkie through the Cut Knife country.

On the line from Lacombe to Moose Jaw 60 miles will be built. The present terminus of this road east of Lacombe is at Castor, and construction will begin at that point and will be carried forward, as stated, 60 miles. There will still be left at the close of the season a gap to be filled before there is direct through connection between Lacombe and Moose Jaw. Work on the line from Macklin to Moose Jaw will be carried forward under the appropriation of 1910.

Work in Alberta.

In Alberta the company will be at work on the line from Kipp to Alderside. This is a new road from Lethbridge running northwest in the direction of Calgary and connecting with the line from Macleod to Calgary.

In British Columbia work will be done on the line from Golden to Fort Steele. Last year construction work was carried oh at the southern end, and a few miles of dump have been constructed south from Golden. This year there will be built 42 miles, which will bring the line to Spillumacheen, near Lake Windermere. A few years ago Mr. Whyte made an automobile trip through this district. Sir Daniel McMillan, accompanying him, and he speaks in very high terms of the attractions of the country both for the settler and the sightseer. The new line when completed will be 170 miles long, and will open up for settlement the valleys of the Kootenay and the Columbia.

Additions to Sidings.

In explanation of the large additions to the sidings through the west, the vice-president stated that it had been found that it was economical to use the large type of locomotive. These engines handle with ease trains of 45 cars. The smaller locomotives were capable of hauling trains of about 30 cars. The sidings through the west were built to accommodate the shorter trains and it is now necessary to lengthen them everywhere. In the prairie provinces this is a simple matter, but in the mountains there will be much rock cutting to be done, and the expense will be considerable. Provision will, however, be made so that two 45-car trains can pass each other at any point on the line.

Out on the Pacific division there has always been difficulty in keeping up the roadbed, owing to the heavy rainfall. The falling water carries away the material of the embankment, the rails sink slightly on one side or the other, and it becomes impossible to operate trains at high speed.

In order to guard against this trouble in the future, it is proposed to establish two huge stone crushers and to rock ballast hundreds of miles of the track in the mountains and on the coast. The crushers will be set up in the quarries, and hundreds of train loads of the ballasting will be sent out to the superintendents. A perfect permanent roadbed impervious to rains will thus be created.

The Double Track.

The 100 miles of double tracking will be in several sections. The most easterly portion will be that between Fort William and Port Arthur. In Manitoba the work will be continued to Brandon. In Saskatchewan double track will be built both east and west from Moose Jaw. East of Moose Jaw congestion is caused owing to the fact that the trains from the Soo line run onto the main line at Pasqua, seven miles from Moose Jaw. This difficulty will be overcome by the construction of the double track between the two points. The same congestion would occur in future years west of Moose Jaw through the construction of the new branch line to the southwest. To avoid this and to provide better facilities at the present time, the company will this year double track the line for a distance of 16 miles west of Moose Jaw.

The old Manitoba and Northwestern road running through Yorkton will in future years be the main line from Winnipeg to Edmonton. At the present time the steel on the line is light. This summer this will be changed. Heavy eighty-five pound steel will be laid for 158 miles and much balasting, etc., will be done, making the road bed capable of carrying the heaviest trains at the highest speed.

In Fort William the gravity system of the distribution of cars will be substituted for the poling yard. The gravity system has been in use in the Winnipeg yards for several years and is the superior method for the purpose. In Regina, Moose Jaw and Medicine Hat, new railway yards will be established.

WOULD NOT DEVELOP GRAND RAPIDS POWER

Commissioner Boutillon Favors Investigations Looking To Location of Site Nearer City. Market Privileges Are Awarded.

That it would be a mistake to go so far away as Grand Rapids for the development of electric power for use of the municipality was the opinion expressed by Commissioner Boutillon at Wednesday's meeting of commissioners. The commissioner expressed himself as strongly in favor of continuing investigations in the spring, with a view to locating a suitable site nearer Edmonton, in accordance with the suggestions embodied in the Fielding report, thus saving more than 100 miles of transmission line.

Speaking of the Grand Rapids site he remarked: "In my opinion that site will furnish current for the railways of the north before it will be developed to furnish current for cities of the south."

The market privileges for seven months from February 1st next were awarded to Joseph Kelley and Alex. Ehnes, whose tender for $2,030 was the highest of those received. The remaining tenders received were as follows: P. J. Monaghan, $775; H. Whitehead $1010; D. C. Robertson $1120; Thomas Edgar $153; R. S. Webb $1025; H. Grimble $600; J. G. Connell $800.

Advice was received from the Edmonton Heat and Power Company stating that they were withdrawing the draft agreement submitted some time ago and would submit a new draft in the course of a day or two.

An extension of time to March 1st for submitting tenders on machinery required for the power plant was granted to Siemens Bros., of London, England, and the Canadian Boving Co., Ltd., Toronto.

Advice was received of an International Municipal Congress and Exposition to be held in Chicago, September 18th to 30th, 1911, together with an invitation to use space for models, drawings, charts, etc., illustrating some department of Edmonton's municipal work. The communication was laid on the table for communication at a later date.

CALGARY TO INSTALL CIVIC PAVING PLANT

Commissioners of Southern City Believe Large Sums of Money Can Thus Be Saved—G.T.P. Tofield Line Expected to Reach Calgary by Next September.

Calgary, January 25—That the Grand Trunk Pacific will reach here from Tofield before the middle of September and that trains will be running into Calgary over this branch by that time was the opinion expressed by Francois Adam, Camrose, millionaire and right-of-way agent for the Grand Trunk Pacific.

The commissioners believe that a municipal paving plant will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars. City Engineer Child has prepared a report as to the cost of a paving plant that could do 800 to 1000 yards a day, and the cost will be in the neighborhood of $25,000. A bylaw for this will be submitted at an early date. The estimated cost of paving by the municipal plant is $1.65 to $1.70 a yard and the price the citizens pay the paving companies is something like 60 cents above this.

Postponed Aerial Flight.

Key West, Fla., Jan. 25.—Because of high winds Aviator J. A. McCurdy postponed the aeroplane flight from Key West to Havana this morning.

HOTELMEN WILL STOP LICENSE VIOLATIONS

At Annual Meeting Licensed Victuallers' Association Place Themselves on Record as Opposed to Violations of Law.

At the annual meeting of the Licensed Victuallers' association of the Province of Alberta, held in Edmonton this week, it was definitely decided to open an Edmonton office and appoint a permanent secretary to carry on the work of the association. For this purpose, rooms have been rented in the Moser-Ryder block on First street, which are now being equipped for this purpose.

The appointment of a secretary has not yet been announced.

The Officers Elected.

The following is the list of officers elected:—

Hon. president—A. C. Cross, Calgary.

Hon. vice-president—R. Secord, Edmonton.

Hon. secretary—L. E. Goodridge, Edmonton.

President—C. H. Belanger, Edmonton.

Vice-presidents—T. Rookes (Edmonton), H. L. Stephens (Calgary), J. E. Hewson (Medicine Hat), Wm. Dobbie (Pincher Creek), C. H. Eckstrom (Lethbridge).

Treasurer—J. McCulla, Edmonton.

Auditors—H. L. Stephens (Calgary), N. Bell (Edmonton).

District officers—Strathcona, Messrs. Belanger and Shepard; Calgary, Messrs. Stokes and Rabbi; Edmonton, Messrs. Beauchamps and Shaw; Innisfail, Mr. B. Still; Lethbridge, Messrs Sich and Downer; Macleod, Mr. Swinerton; Blairmore, Mr. D. C. Drain; Red Deer, Mr. Rattan; Banff, Mr. C. E. Stenton; Lacombe, Mr. Smith; Stavely, Mr. Coultry; Strathmore, Mr. Lloyd; Viking, Mr. Peacock; Wetaskiwin, Mr. Clark; Provost, Mr. Hutson; Strome, Mr. Ross; Wainwright, Mr. Forreston; St. Albert, Mr. Beaudreau; Vermilion, Mr. Telford; Stettler, Mr. Carder; Castor, Mr. Stettler; Vegreville, Mr. McAllister.

Objects of Association.

In explaining the objects of the association the president, Mr. Belanger, referred the reporter to two resolutions passed by the association, one a year ago, the other at the last regular meeting. The first reads:—

"That this association in convention assembled, hereby places itself on record as unalterably opposed to any violation of the Liquor License ordinance by any holder of a license in this province, either on the part of himself or his employees; and further: This association pledges itself to do all in its power to rid the trade of all violators of the license law by any and every means at its command, and further resolved that a committee be appointed to wait on the government and ask that any man known to wilfully break the law shall not be granted a license in this province. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the attorney general and that his co-operation be asked in the carrying out of the said resolution."

The second is in a similar spirit:—

"That the association do not accept the membership of, nor will it harbor any licensee who is known to be a habitual violater of the law, and that the executive is hereby instructed to take action in all such cases, and report them to the attorney general, and any member violating the liquor license law will be expelled by the association."

To Stop Law Violation.

"It will be my purpose," said Mr. Belanger, "to work for a realization of the idea embodied in these resolutions.

"As an association, our effort for the coming year will continue to be along lines tending to eliminate unlawful and indefinable practice in connection with the hotel business.

"Our purpose will be to raise the standard of the hotel business to where it belongs, alongside of every other necessary enterprise that meets the wants and servs the need of the public.

"To this end our united effort will aid every authority and every reform organization to weed out the violaters of the law and eliminate any hotel keeper whose methods of management bring the hotel business in disrepute."

ONTARIO ORANGEMEN OPPOSE HOME RULE

A County Lodge Pass Resolution Reciting that it would Mean Dismemberment Of the Empire and Would Be An Injustice To Protestant Ulster.

Toronto, Jan. 26.—A strong resolution against home rule for Ireland was the feature of last night's meeting of the Orange County Lodge.

The resolution recited that an independent parliament for Ireland would mean the dismemberment of the Empire and injustice to Protestant Ulster which has done so much for civil and religious liberty.

Copies of the resolution are to be sent to Premier Asquith, to the Leader of the British Opposition, Hon. A. J. Balfour, and to the Grand Master of the Orange Order for England, Ireland and Scotland.

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AMBASSADOR BRYCE ON THE FISHERIES MATTER

In Despatch to Earl Grey He Says Canadian Representatives Showed Firmness in Essentials and Reasonable Spirit in Non-Essentials in Negotiations.

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—A return was presented to the House of Commons this afternoon by Hon. Mr. Brodeur, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, giving the correspondence and regulations agreed upon at Washington two weeks ago in connection with the final settlement of the North Atlantic fisheries disputes in Canada and the United States. The regulations were announced in substance by Sir Alan Aylesworth in his report to the Commons last week. The outcome of the negotiations and the cordial relations between the representatives of the two countries in dealing with this century-old dispute is noted in the following despatch sent by Ambassador Bryce to Earl Grey of January the 16th.

"I may add that the Canadian ministers seemed to me to show a happy union of firmness in all essentials with a reasonable spirit in non-essentials and their attitude was appreciated by the United States representatives, whose conduct of their side of the case evinced a no less friendly disposition and who recognized unequivocally the fairness with which the Canadian laws and regulations had been administered.

"Both sides parted with cordial sentiments and both the President and Secretary of State expressed to me their great satisfaction that the matters had been so adjusted as to leave pleasant recollections behind of the frame of mind in which the questions had been dealt, with what at one time seemed likely to give rise to discussion and controversy. It was deemed especially fortunate that any necessity for a further reference to arbitration with all the expense and delay that this might have involved had been avoided by direct negotiations between the parties.

MINERS RETURN TO WORK.

Insist That Board of Conciliation Should Adjust Trouble.

Halifax, Jan. 24.—The miners at the North Atlantic collieries in Cape Breton, who refused some time ago to work owing to a reduction in their wages, have decided to return, and today all but a few are back in the mines.

The application for a board of conciliation is still before the Department at Ottawa, aand it is understood the U. M. W. A. insist that the board be granted to adjust the trouble.

Ottawa, Jan. 25—Militia orders today announce that Lieutenant Colonel H. H. McLean, of St. John, N.B., who is to command the coronation contingent is granted the honorary rank of colonel and transferred to the reserve of officers, his term of command having expired.

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Lafollette Re-Elected Senator.

Madison, Jan. 25—The re-election of U. S. Senator Lafollette was today ratified in the joint assembly of the Wisconsin Legislature, after the announcement of the vote taken in the separate branches had been made.