

THE INCREASE IN TRADE IS MARKED

From 25 to 100 per cent. More Business Done Than Last Year is General Verdict.

To a large number of the business men of Edmonton the question was put by The Bulletin: "How does your trade compare with this time a year ago?"

"There was a general reply that business is better than it was in last December in Edmonton. Some stated that it was better to get the trade, but by judicious advertising the returns were all that could be expected."

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WINNIPEG HAS DOUBLE MURDER

Two Chinamen Robbed, Murdered and Their House Set on Fire--Another Chinaman Suspected

Winnipeg, Dec. 14--Murder and robbery is the startling revelation made by an investigation into the early morning fire yesterday in which the bodies of two Chinamen were discovered. Lee Wing was on his back with his head towards the window. He had two large wounds on his forehead, one being four inches in length and the other not quite so long. His forehead was also severely contused and over his right eye was a wound. Lee Chow was found lying on his stomach on the east side of the room. He had two large wounds on his forehead, one being four inches in length and the other not quite so long. His forehead was also severely contused and over his right eye was a wound. Lee Chow was found lying on his stomach on the east side of the room. He had two large wounds on his forehead, one being four inches in length and the other not quite so long. His forehead was also severely contused and over his right eye was a wound.

SUIT TO NULLIFY MARRIAGE

Countess of Yarmouth Is About to Begin Proceedings.

London, Dec. 14--Rumor is prevalent in society that the Countess of Yarmouth, now in Italy, is about to begin proceedings to nullify her marriage to the Earl of Yarmouth, alleging that there has been no marriage. There is no doubt the Earl's parents are using every influence to prevent matters reaching this point. The general sympathy is wholly with the countess in her reported intention which is based on the fact that she was not present at the ceremony. The police made an investigation, but could not find any evidence that she had been present. The matter is now before the courts.

THROWS 4,000 OUT OF WORK

Montreal, Dec. 13--Owing to a formation of ice in the Lachine canal last night, all mills and factories along the canal were closed down. Nearly 4,000 men were idle today.

SLEEPING CAR CHARGES

To be Investigated--Should Upper and Lower Berths be Same Prices.

Minneapolis, Dec. 13--It is now the Pullman Sleeping Car company which the federal government has decided to place on the same footing as the other interstate commerce commission an investigation to be made by Commissioner Frank R. Lane to determine the right of the company to charge as much for upper berths as for lower, and whether charges it imposes are just and reasonable.

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Gugenheim Man Drowned.

Hull, Dec. 13--Hector McDonald, of Prince Edward Island, master builder for the Gugenheims at Bonanza Creek, Yukon, was drowned recently at Skagway on the eve of his departure for San Francisco, when attempting to make his way across the deck to the steamer Princess Royal, which was about to sail, he tripped over a guard rail, fell backwards into the sea and was drowned. A boat was lowered and the steamer's searchlight turned on, but no trace of McDonald could be found.

Winnipeg Sells Treasury Notes.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13--Mayor Ashdown announced today that the city of Winnipeg has through its Edmonton agents disposed of enough treasury notes to retire the debentures falling due on December 31. The treasury notes are in five and one thousand pound denominations, but the city has not yet heard the price received. The total of the debentures falling due is \$1,177,246.

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The Bulletin Co. is desirous of placing on their lists as many new subscribers to the Semi-Weekly Bulletin as possible before the New Year. With this end in view, every one sending in one dollar for a year's subscription will be sent a copy of the Great Historical Edition. This edition is being handsomely printed on coated art paper, profusely illustrated, and containing a large number of pictures never before published. This Historical Number, together with the Semi-Weekly Bulletin, will make the greatest newspaper offer of the year. Extra copies of Historical Number 25 Cents each. Send in your name now and receive this handsome edition.

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ROBLIN ECHOES FIELDING

Says Stringency is Due To Surplus of Property.

Portage la Prairie, Dec. 13--The first annual meeting of the Industrial Exhibition was a very successful affair. This evening a banquet was held. The principal speakers were Premier Roblin and Edward Brown, leader of the Opposition, defeated at the last election. Premier Roblin said the country was suffering, not from hard times, but a surplus of property. The balance of trade was so heavily against us that restriction must result, and Canada, great and small, had been spending more than its financial basis warranted. Coming to local cases, he pointed out that Manitoba was doing in the market imported vegetables from the south, also butter and other things, and in view of these conditions and the large surplus of property, it was a judgment with a view to forming a judgment as to the probable amount of business available for a long time. He was quite content of Mr. White's statement for the time.

Met Foster with a Smile.

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Commissioners to Administer Oaths.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 14--The Gazette contains notice of the appointment of the following commissioners to take and administer oaths under the act respecting naturalization and aliens: George A. Bell, Alton; George E. Chouinard, Balfour; D. C. McNabb, Brandon; B. E. McGree, Gilbert Plains; D. Buchanan, Minnedota; James McFarland, Edmonton; F. C. Cunningham, Vegreville; Charles Williamson, Lethbridge; James Moffat, Marsden; J. E. Stoffer, Didsbury; Kennedy, Whitecourt; Alex. Some, Regina; William McManis, Treherne; G. McCallum, Yorkton; William F. Nichol, Estevan; Henry Bowtell, Vermilion; Jas. S. Gibson, Brandon; T. W. Bryant, Calgary; John Seale, Dauphin; F. A. Davis, Gladstone; J. D. McLeod, Regina; R. P. Penland, Humber; William Gladstone, Prince Albert; James A. Barron, Red Deer; W. D. McGee, Lacombe; R. P. Penland; Humber; William Gladstone, Winnipeg; Fred Axford, Lacombe; Duncan McLeod, Yorkton; A. A. Brooks, Moose Jaw; J. F. Dodd, Swift Current; L. Dungan, Humboldt; Ed. Oliver, Craik; Christopher Sutton, Moose Jaw, and W. Drain, Rosthern.

C.P.R. LINE TO SASKATOON.

From Winnipeg Will Be Ready For Operation on Monday.

Saskatoon, Sask., Dec. 14--By Monday or Tuesday at the latest the C.P.R. line from Winnipeg to Saskatoon will be in running order. There are only three miles to go, and this will be finished by Monday. It means a big thing for Saskatoon and for the surrounding district. The company will run a big lot of empty cars to this district to stock the grain. The new copper telegraph commercial wire will be finished shortly. The station here will be ready by January 1st. The district between Langham and Assiniboia is in urgent need of cars. The line will be used for freight only this winter and passenger traffic will likely be ready by spring.

Must Remove Their Hats.

Winnipeg, Dec. 12--This House attending Central Congregational church in this city will be requested to remove their hats during the services. The minister, Rev. J. L. Gordon, the pastor, Sunday by Rev. J. L. Gordon, the pastor.

INDIAN LANDS IN COAST PROVINCE

The Reversionary Rights of the Province to These Lands Under Discussion in House.

Ottawa, Dec. 13--Government business had the right of way in the House today. After a few preliminary matters had been disposed of, the House went into committee on a supply on the estimates and made good headway. Three-quarters of a million dollars were added by six o'clock and additional items were passed at the evening session.

Mr. Foster had something to say about the Hon. Clifford Sifton and his visit to Britain in connection with the All-Red line. He stated that the Dominion geographer while in England was discussing attention on Mr. Sifton of which that honorable gentleman was taking advantage to give one the impression that he was acting on behalf of the government. Mr. Foster wanted to know what Mr. White was doing in Europe. The Premier replied that Mr. White was in Europe making enquiries as to the steamship lines plying on the Atlantic with a view to forming a judgment as to the probable amount of business available for a long time. He was quite content of Mr. White's statement for the time.

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A BIG DELUGE OF THE UNEMPLOYED

Many of the Men Working on the Grand Trunk Pacific are Coming to Edmonton.

The city of Edmonton is threatened with a deluge of men which has already arrived, and the next few days will see a big influx of unemployed for which there is at present no work in sight.

The men are those who have been employed on the Grand Trunk Pacific upon the abandonment a week ago of the operations for the winter were left without money or other resources. To Edmonton, of which they had heard so much, their eyes were naturally turned, and already they are pouring into the city. This morning thirty men, English speaking, came in over the present time. When proceeded to the city hall to secure employment. They claimed they had been told at Saskatoon and other eastern points that there was plenty of work at Edmonton--and here they are without money and with no visible means of support in view at the present time.

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THE C.P.R. AGREEMENT.

The smoke of the municipal conflict has partly cleared away, and already another question of supreme public importance emerges to engage the attention of the ratepayers. On the 30th of the present month, voting takes place on the agreement concluded between the city council and the C.P.R.

Something more than a year ago the C. P. R. Co. opened negotiations with the city council with a view to securing certain concessions in return for extending the line of the C. & E. railway into Edmonton. The plan of the company was to cross the river on a high level bridge, and continue their line northward to the property lying between Tenth and Eleventh streets, and north of Jasper avenue, where their yards are located. The concessions they demanded were that Peace and Athabasca avenues between Tenth and Eleventh streets should be closed, and that they should be permitted to lay two tracks across MacKenzie avenue.

It soon appeared that the city had counter concessions to demand. It was suggested that the city wanted a traffic deck on the bridge. It was stipulated that the tracks must not cross Jasper and the avenues south of it on the level. After considerable correspondence and several conferences a tentative agreement was concluded which granted both these concessions—after a fashion. Peace and Athabasca avenues were to be closed. The company were to be allowed to lay their track across MacKenzie avenue. In return the Company, as the agents of the city but at their own expense, were to construct a sixty-foot subway on Jasper and forty-foot overhead bridges on the three avenues south of it.

The tentative agreement then became the basis of negotiations. These have been continued throughout the year. Correspondence has been exchanged, conferences have been held, and the result is the agreement which the ratepayers will be asked to ratify on the 30th of this month. The negotiations do not appear to have travelled far in the twelve-month. Substantially the present agreement is the tentative agreement cast into legal form. The Company still gets its concessions. The city still has to foot the bill. Peace and Athabasca avenues are to be closed. The Company is to construct the sixty-foot subway on Jasper, forty-foot bridges at Victoria and Hardisty avenues, and a fifty-foot bridge at McKay. But for the damages claimed by property owners and the injury done to business, the city must become responsible. And if a traffic deck is built on the bridge, the city must provide the money for it.

From the city's standpoint the negotiations both early and late, have been conducted on an altogether mistaken basis. If it were either necessary or wise to negotiate at all, the only basis for negotiation should have been that of value for value, concession for concession. At the outset each party wanted something from the other. The Company wanted to close certain of the city's avenues. The city wanted a traffic deck on the Company's bridge. The natural and proper basis for agreement, if an agreement were desirable or needful, was an exchange of favors. It would have been every way reasonable to demand as a price for closing the avenues that the Company should provide a traffic deck to the bridge at their own expense. The Company desire to close the avenues for their own agreement the Company secure substantially every concession they demanded, the city secures only the privilege of paying for both the concession it grants the Company and the concession the Company should have granted the city.

THE RURAL MAIL DELUSION.

Dr. McIntyre, M.P. for Strathcona, sounded an eminently sensible note in the debate on rural mail delivery the other day. He said in effect that so far as the West is concerned, the matter is not one of pressing importance

because it is one from which the West derives no advantage. If the cost of the traffic deck would be too high a price for that advantage, they would have had the privilege of rejecting the city's offer, trying to close the avenues by other means and paying the damages. And if the damages would have been too high a price for the Company to pay for the advantage of closing the avenues it certainly is too high a price for the city to pay to secure them that advantage.

No such basis was adopted. The Company was permitted to become the aggressor and the claimant. The city became the meek and lowly defendant. The Company advanced their demands boldly. The city contented itself with disputing those demands. The result was as might have been expected. A "concession" came to mean something that the Company might be able to secure at the expense of the city. All thought of the city securing something in return at the expense of the Company was lost sight of. In the result as embodied in the bill could not receive any large measure of benefit for many years, but from which we might receive a present and very material disadvantage. The delivery of mail from house to house is an expensive process even in a thickly settled country; much more so in a country where houses are few and far between. If this system were adopted in Canada it would be adopted first where the population is densest—in the thickly settled countries of the eastern provinces. Even there it is a matter of doubt if the increased revenue would reach anywhere near the mark of the increased cost. If not, the deficit would be made up from the general funds of the Post Office Department. But every shrinkage in those funds would mean a smaller sum for the extension and maintenance of any kind of postal facilities in the West. However desirable rural delivery may be, in Canada it could only mean an advantage secured to certain thickly settled districts at the expense of the enormous partially settled areas. And as thickly settled districts lie chiefly in Eastern Canada and partially settled areas chiefly in Western Canada, the net result would simply be the depletion of the postal facilities of the West for the betterment of the postal facilities of the East. Western Canada has no objection to rural delivery in Ontario and Nova Scotia, provided Ontario and Nova Scotia pay for it. But Western Canada would have most strenuous objections to the proposal to equate Ontario and Nova Scotia to the paralysis of the postal system of the four western provinces. And under present conditions this is simply what rural delivery would mean.

A POLITICAL OBITUARY. The Edmonton Journal seeks to attach blame to the Liberal candidate in Victoria constituency for the death of a man named Ivan Palak, who was thrown from his wagon near Wostok, and demands to know why an inquest was not held by the coroner. It is to be regretted that the Journal did not see fit to do a little investigating on its own account before starting in to make political capital out of an obituary notice. Had it done so, the political feature would have been destroyed, but the truth would have been conserved. Perhaps, however, the Journal preferred to invest the incident with a political complexion of its own manufacture rather than present the uncolored facts of the case.

Two facts were known to the critic, first, that a man had been thrown from a wagon and killed, second that a Liberal meeting had been held in the district the same day. The Journal simply connected up the incidents and began to froth at the mouth. First it got the man drunk. Then it made him drunk at the Liberal meeting. Then it made the Liberal candidate give him the liquor or supply it to him. Then it invented a purpose for doing so—to influence his vote in favor of Mr. White's candidature. Then it declared that the man had been thrown into eternity for political ends. Finally in worked itself into the conclusion that he had sacrificed his life on behalf of the Government, and began to wonder if the Government would support his family.

Had the Journal seen fit to do so, it could have secured the other facts in the case. True, it could not then have been sensible. Those facts are that no liquor was used or supplied by Mr. White or any one on his behalf either before, at, or after the meeting. When the meeting was concluded, the deceased, in company with another man or men, drove to a hotel, secured some beer and drove on to a farmhouse, where they had supper, drinking the beer at the meal. They afterward started for home, the team ran away and Palak was thrown from the wagon and killed. These

facts are generally known throughout the community. As there was no reason to believe foul play or because of culpable or negligent conduct of any one else, no inquest was held. With the death of the unfortunate man, whether drunk or sober, Mr. White had no more to do than the editor of the Journal.

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Toronto Globe—Before Mr. Borden reached Winnipeg on his recent peregrinations a number of the most ardent Conservatives of that city were inclined to be resentful that anyone should presume to promulgate a platform for the Conservative party without having it first endorsed by a regularly called convention of the party. At a gathering of the younger and more active spirits a resolution to this effect was carried and a delegation appointed to present it to Mr. Borden on his arrival in the city. The spokesman who had been chosen to present the document, however, was seen by some of the dyed-in-the-wools the

night before and failed to turn up with the copy of the resolution at the appointed time. A fearful peril was thus safely overpassed. A fearful peril it was, for a convention of the Conservative party just now would be one of the most interesting meetings of which it is possible to conceive. A meeting of which Mr. Borden and Mr. W. F. Maclean, Mr. Borden and Mr. Richard White of the Montreal Gazette, Mr. Cockshut and Mr. J. J. Young of the Calgary Herald, were conspicuous parts would be one well worth the price of admission. A resolution in favor of public ownership of all utilities moved by Mr. Maclean and seconded by Mr. Osler, with Mr. Borden supporting it in a careful speech, properly qualified with such phrases as "so far as may be, without offending or alarming capital," and Mr. Richard White denouncing it unconditionally, would be a conference that would scarcely take second place to that famous meeting of which John Milton was the chief speaker. Mr. Maclean and other famous personages were the speakers.

And after a composite resolution on the subject of the country deploring no one to anything had been adopted there would be the tariff controversy to be cleared up. Mr. Young in order to meet the fertile ingenuity of the crooked election worker, but protested against Mr. Borden's assumption that all the wrong-doing was on one side, and that the Conservative party was immaculate and blameless.

It was this utterly insincere and hypocritical pose that drew Mr. Pugsley's fire. The Minister of Public Works has never said that there was no fraud on the Liberal side at the general election. All that he says is that this gentleman, who is walking from constituency to constituency with a halo about his head, was cognizant of the collection of an enormous fund by a few gentlemen in Montreal, and that in the general election of 1904 unprecedently large sums were poured into the New Brunswick constituencies in order to beat the Government candidates. Mr. Pugsley has offered to furnish the name of the gentleman of the Canadian Manufacturers' association guard of supporters from this side of the province. Mr. Cockshut, who defended the demand for higher protection from Borden in the West, might perhaps be induced to second a resolution framed by Mr. Young, although it is to be feared that physical force would have to be employed. But where would Mr. Borden be the friendly correspondent who accompanied Mr. Borden through his trip admitted that the leader steadily maintained a discreet and complete silence on the tariff. It is phrased as follows: "Defeated, Mr. Borden's reference must be made to Mr. Borden's attitude towards the tariff. It is a fair way of saying that he is not an exceptionally corrupt, but also that it is hostile to instituting additional safeguards against corruption. Mr. Pugsley's revelations show how hollow are the pretences of the Conservative leader, and all the misrepresentations of the party press will not obscure this point. If Mr. Borden were sincere in his desire for cleaner elections he would recognize that there are base elements in both parties, and that it is the part of the true men in both to get together for the purpose of at least making it more difficult and dangerous for the baser elements to practise their arts from this time forth."

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THE DOLL WOMAN. When, full of warm and eager love, I clasp you in my fond embrace, You gently push me back and say, "Take care, my dear, you'll spoil my face."

RECEPTION DAY. Miss Bellahy will hold her usual reception day at Government house on the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 19.

SOCIAL. Miss Belle Christie, of Brandon, was the guest of honor at a large and fashionable tea given at the home of Mrs. W. J. Spalding.

The marriage took place recently at Saskatoon, N.S., of Miss Edith Gray, daughter of Mr. W. J. Spalding, and Mr. W. J. Spalding, of this city.

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The plot deals with a situation difficult as rich in well-handled possibilities—the love and marriage of a man and woman ideally suited in all save the matter of age.

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SPORTING NEWS

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VAUGHAN CAPTAIN OF MCGILL.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—A dispatch received here this afternoon from Montreal says Vaughan Black of Amherst has been appointed captain of the McGill football team for 1928.

MONTREAL STILL IN EASTERN. Montreal, N.J., Dec. 11.—The proposed franchise of the Montreal Eastern League to Trenton, a member of the Tri-State League, has been blocked.

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POPULAR LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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FOR SALE—350 BU. FEED BARLEY. 50 per bushel; 250 bu. feed wheat, 50 per bushel; 12 ton good hay \$2.50 per ton.

STRAYED—TO THE PREMISES. The undersigned, Section 6, Tp. 33, Range 25, on or about Oct. 30, 1927, lost a pair of sheep.

LOST—SINCE JUNE FROM ST. EMILY. Legal, one buckskin mare, weight between 900 and 1000 lbs.

WANTED—TEACHER FOR HORSE. Hills School District holding first or second class certificate, duties beginning Jan. 6th, 1928.

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STRAYED OR STOLEN—FROM THE FARM OF R. W. Bailey, near Napanee, P. E. I., one bay gelding, about four years old, very large white face, one white hind foot, black mane and tail.

ESTRAY HORSE. Will be sold by auction by Seaton Smith on Saturday, 17th December, at 2 p.m.

GRANDVIEW HOTEL. First-Class Accommodation; Finest Cuisine; Large and Clean; H. S. GIGLER, Proprietor.

LEGAL. GRIESBACH, O'CONNOR & ALLISON. Advocates, Notaries, Etc. Solicitors for the Traders Bank of Canada.

TAYLOR, BOYLE & GARIPEY. Barristers and Advocates, Notaries, Etc. Offices, Garipey Block, Jasper Avenue, Edmonton.

PRIVATE FUNDS TO LOAN. Wm. Short, Hon. C. W. Cross, D. M. Biggar, SHORR & BIGGAR, Advocates, Notaries, Etc. Offices at present in Cameron Bldg., over new offices of Merchants Bank of Canada after May 1st, next.

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AROUND THE CITY

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Inspector Worsley returned last evening from a trip to the Mounted police posts down the Wetaskiwin line as far as Hardisty.

Assessor and Tax Collector McMillan states that tomorrow is the last day on which taxes may be paid and the discount of 10 per cent. secured.

Wm. Sugarman, Jasper avenue, clothes, has issued an exceptionally handsome burnt wood Christmas souvenir.

Rev. J. C. Herdman, of Calgary, was in the city today.

A. E. Jennings, of Vegreville, is a guest at the Windsor.

J. H. Edin, a furniture merchant, was in the city on business today.

B. McDonald, a farmer of Patie Gulf, Cal., is in the city staying at the Castle.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Brown leave tonight for Searsoth, Ontario, on a two months' trip.

Miss Louise Moir, of Humboldt, Sask., is visiting Mr. Ed. Burchard's corner 6th and Hardy.

J. D. Maloney, of Riviere Qui Barre, was in town today buying supplies for the winter.

H. A. Manning, a well known lumberman of Revelstoke, B.C., is registered at the Alberta.

A. M. Colborne, from Washington, is in the city today trying to sell some of the lumbering season.

W. C. Wright, of Bathgate, N.D., is in the city for the purpose of arranging to homestead next year.

J. C. Dobbin and R. G. Funguelly, of Vancouver, are in the city in connection with the real estate business.

W. F. Stevens, of Clover Bar, was in the city today with some hay and farm produce and was at the Queens.

Thos. Oliver, of Medicine Hat, was in the city today with some cattle and was registered at the Queens.

Major Belcher and family, of Lethbridge, have moved to this city. Their new home is at 1135 McKay avenue.

POULTRY ASSOCIATION MEETS. The regular fortnightly business meeting of the officers of the Alberta Poultry and Stock Association, was held on Wednesday evening at the office of the president, Jas. A. Stovel.

AT THE HOTELS. Queen's—Thos. Oliver, Medicine Hat; B. Rose, Telfordville; J. D. Maloney, Riviere Qui Barre; W. F. Stevens, Clover Bar; A. E. Jennings, Vegreville; A. Gervais, Morinville.

AT THE POLICE COURT. At the police court this afternoon before Magistrate Wilson and S. L. Johnson, J.P., the case of Ferdinand

Changed with pitifully intimidating will come up for hearing.

TO DESTROY STRAY DOGS. The chief of police has called the attention of the municipalities to the fact that the dogs are a menace to the streets.

FUNERAL OF MRS. MERCER. The funeral of the late Mrs. J. B. Mercer will be held at the residence of her son, Mr. Mercer, at 11th and 10th streets.

CANADIAN CLUB. Next Tuesday will be the anniversary of the forming of the Canadian Club in Edmonton and the occasion will be observed by a luncheon in the new club cafe.

THE DOG NUISANCE. A large number of complaints are being made to the police of the large number of dogs on the streets.

SMALLPOX NEAR LYDIA. Reports have been received in the city to the effect that a smallpox epidemic has broken out near Lydia.

TESTING APPARATUS. The electric power was turned on and the generator and motor set in connection with the part of the automatic telephone equipment now installed in the new telephone building.

PREMIER RESIGNS. The Premier resigned in connection with the Young Men's Club of McLaughlin Church met last evening.

ORANGES WORMY. A Klukka, flour and feed merchant, Jasper Ave., East, has returned from Vancouver, where he has been on business for ten days.

GRAFT CASE WITNESS AWAY. Jas. L. Gallagher, disappeared from San Francisco, Dec. 12.

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U.S. BATTLESHIPS NOW ASSEMBLING

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For Trip Around the Horn and Up the Pacific—Reach Frisco on April Tenth.

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When this new court room is ready Judge Taylor will hold court monthly in rotation of the offices west of the clerk's quarters.

He will also deal with a large number of the criminal cases that come up from time to time where the prisoners elect to be tried without a jury.

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Directors and Officers Elected at Meeting Held in Montreal—Progress of Construction—The Line From Saskatoon to Edmonton.

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The officers of the company were re-elected as follows: Chas. M. Hays, president; Frank W. Morse, vice-president and general manager; Wm. Wainwright, second vice-president; H. Phillips, secretary.

Report of the President. The report of the president, showing the progress of the work since the last annual meeting, was very interesting. The authorized mileage of the company, both main line and branches is 7,000 miles. The mileage under construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific, consists of 988 miles from Winnipeg to Edmonton, including also the Lake Superior branch.

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Special Committees of House

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