



NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

PORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Bulletin News Service. At the manse on February 14th, the marriage took place of Robert Chlassen of Edmonton to Leona, daughter of the Chaplain, Miss Karolina Thompson was bridesmaid and E. N. Chlassen, brother of the groom, was best man. The bride was given away by her father, Rev. A. Forbes, M.A., performed the ceremony in the presence of several friends of the contracting parties. Mr. and Mrs. Chlassen will reside in Edmonton.

The hospital began here Wednesday morning with a large number of outside nurses in attendance, there being two from Lloydminster; one from Vegreville, four from Edmonton. Up to the present the Fort has lost to Vegreville and Edmonton. Playing will continue until Thursday evening, before the various prizes will be awarded. A number of ladies are watching the games with interest.

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A serious fire broke out on Mr. Logan's house last Sunday morning, and all efforts to save the building were in vain. The fire started in the kitchen and spread rapidly, but nothing there was saved. However, everything downstairs was safely removed from the house by the crew of men who had hastened to assist in extinguishing the fire. There was no insurance on the building.

The Vermilion Presbytery meets here next week. Arrangements are being made for its accommodation at the ministers' hotel.

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The Literary Society met the Great Bend Boys' Club in a debate last Saturday, the topic being Legal vs. Medical Profession. Messrs. Andy Brodie and Harry Amerton defended the legal side and Messrs. Roy Johnson and Charles Norton the medical.

Great Bend secured a decision in their favor. Messrs. De Passmore, Gilbert and Walker were the judges.

Mr. McFadden went to Alix on business today.

Mr. Streich, who sustained a painful injury to his eye last week, has gone to Calgary and may have to undergo an operation.

J. P. Moore visited his homestead last Sunday.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, of Alix, were at the debate in the Great Bend School.

PERPETUAL BOND ISSUE.

G. T. R. May Sell Stock up to \$800,000 Annually. Ottawa, Feb. 16.—The railway committee of the House of Commons today discussed and passed a bill respecting the Grand Trunk railway's bond issue.

The company is authorized to issue perpetual consolidated debenture stock bringing interest at 4 per cent, but the annual amount of such interest is not to exceed \$800,000.

It is also authorized to issue 4 per cent guaranteed stock, but this, along with that previously authorized, is not to exceed \$22,500,000 sterling.

There was considerable discussion as to the purposes to which the money was to be applied, and Wm. Wainwright explained that it was intended to be used for general improvements, such as roads, double-tracking, and other works of public utility.

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COXEY'S ARMY RECALLED.

Lieutenant in Famous Brigade Marshall's Boston Outfit. Boston, Mass., Feb. 18.—Marshall by Morrison I. Swift, once a lieutenant in General Coxey's army, 300 unemployed marched today to the State House and crowded into the largest committee room to urge legislation for the appointment of a commission to investigate the question of state provision for the unemployed. The parade started in front of the Free Employment Bureau on Canadian street and passed up Washington street to the State House.

The men in line ranged in age from 17 to 70. About a dozen men told pitiful stories of illness, poverty and destitution as a result of failure to find work.

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THE LINES WHICH C.N.R. WILL BUILD

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J. W. Woolf, member for Cardston, laughed at the boasts of the previous speakers when Cardston takes all the first prizes for wheat. He dealt with the lines in the charter affecting his constituency and emphasized the fact that all run through districts hitherto not touched by railways.

The member for Lacombe thought that all parts of the province are good and that all will give equally good accounts of themselves when they acquire railways. Railways, he said, will increase the products of the country fifty-fold.

Member for Sturgeon. "It is not often," said Mr. Boyle, member for Sturgeon, "that the second reading of a bill for a railway charter causes so much interest. The C.N.R. need have no fear of running a line through the Sturgeon country as the land to the north of the Saskatchewan is equally as good and as productive as that to the south."

Chairman Mayhew strongly condemned this practice of the railway companies and expressed the opinion that they should be compelled to fence their right of way as the construction of the line proceeded. He stated that complaints of this nature were being received from farmers all over the country.

Mr. Tate promised to bring the matter to the attention of his company, and expressed the opinion that they would be quite willing to comply with the wishes of the railway commission in this respect.

A complaint was entered by the Fullerton Lumber and Shingle Co., of Vancouver, B.C., alleging discrimination against forest products entering Edmonton.

Geo. H. Shaw appeared in reply to this complaint on behalf of the C.N.R. He stated that there was a charge of \$10 per car for switching from Strathcona to Edmonton. There was a 1/2 mile of track, a 1 per cent grade, sharp curves and a road bed, which was difficult to keep in repair, all of which justified the charge.

Moreover, the charge was considerably below that allowed by the railway commission.

The matter will be further argued before the board of railway commissioners at Vancouver.

New Spark Arrested Explained. A. G. Harrison, secretary of the Edmonton board of trade, made application to the commission to have their expert examine a new device for preventing the throwing out of sparks from locomotives where lignite coal was used. He stated that this device was now in use on the Alberta Railway and Irrigation Company's engines in the southern part of the province and was proving very successful.

In one case where it was used, no fire occurred from the throwing out of sparks.

Mr. Hall, inventor of the appliance, was present and explained the nature of the invention. The matter was referred to the expert of the board, and it found satisfactory.

The complaint of the Central Alberta Stock Growers' association alleging unreasonable delay on the part of the C.N.R. in regard to the transportation of live stock, and discrimination in the matter of personal transportation was referred until the next sitting of the commission in Edmonton, as the matter of reciprocal demurrage is already under consideration at Winnipeg.

The application of J. Gainer & Co. of Strathcona, for a lower minimum rate for live hogs in double decked cars; also for an order authorizing the C. P. R. to rebate to the applicant the cost of two extra cars for live hogs shipped from Wetaskiwin and Strathcona to Victoria, was not received and was accordingly dismissed.

Complaints of alleged delay in the delivery of express parcels preferred by H. A. Gaspell and Dr. C. M. Cobbett were abandoned.

Fire at Winnipeg Barracks. Winnipeg, February 19.—At three o'clock this morning the trumpet of Fort Osborne sounded the fire alarm, and the troops and firemen from the three halls succeeded in containing the fire to the stores building, where it originated. The damage to the building is only about \$500, but uniforms and other stores were damaged to the value of about \$2,500.

Gets Divorce and Alimony. St. Louis, Feb. 18.—Mrs. Wm. J. Kemp, jr., wife of the millionaire brewer, today was granted a divorce and \$5,000 a year alimony.

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AT THE OLD STAND.

One thing the Red Deer convention accomplished—it cleared up any misunderstanding or uncertainty as to where the Opposition "are at" on the matter of bond guarantee for the extension of railway extension—clears it up by the authoritative announcement that they will be found doing business at the same old stand for the maintenance of C. P. R. supremacy and the exclusion of railway competition.

The first clause of the adopted platform admits that bond guarantee is expedient as a means for encouraging the needed extensions—but it adds that the guarantee should be given only on condition that the companies agree to the Province taking over the roads any time it may see fit to do so.

On the surface this looks like a provision for giving the Province effective control over the operation of the lines and the charges for traffic handling. But let us see what are the circumstances under which the guarantee policy is to be launched and what effect the condition attached would have in furthering or preventing the avowed purpose of guaranteeing the bonds.

It is admitted by both parties that aside from colonization roads the guarantee will be chiefly useful in securing the construction of branch lines and feeders for through trunk lines of railway. There are now three Canadian lines in position to take advantage of the offer of the guarantee; the C. P. R., the G. T. P., and the C. N. R.

The C. P. R. has been quite as free to apply for the guarantee of bonds for projected roads as either of the other companies. But while both the C. N. R. and G. T. P. have applied for it, the C. P. R. has not done so. Nor do they likely to do so. They do not need anybody's backing. Their stock sells above par every day in the year and when they want money all they have to do is to ask for it. They can get money on quite as good terms as if any other government endorsed their paper. Bond guarantee is no inducement to them. They prefer to build on their own account where they think best and when they get ready.

So far as extensions are concerned therefore the guarantee policy is limited to the C. N. R. and G. T. P. To the C. P. R. it is not an object of either necessity or desire. All we may expect to get from the C. P. R. through or by means of the extension necessary to prevent their rivals getting the business by building lines with the aid of the bond guarantee.

But what transcontinental company would construct a feeder or branch with bond guarantee if the guarantee carried the condition that the road could be taken over by the Province whenever the Province considered it wise to do so? In practical terms such an arrangement would mean simply that the branch could remain in the hands of the company until they had developed business for it and made it a handsomely paying enterprise; then the Province could step in and demand that the road be handed over. Whether this would be a real outcome or not, this is what any sane company would figure out as the probable outcome, and on the strength of that belief would decline to put their money into the concern, preferring to wait until their finances warranted them building lines without public aid which would be their permanent property.

More, the bonds for the construction of a branch line are floated on the strength of the entire railway system with which it is to be connected. Its connection with the system is the fact which gives the bonds salability in the money markets. Without the assurance that the branch would remain a part of the larger system and be permanently favored by whatever business the system could generate from it or turn over to it the bonds would go begging, or have to be sold at slaughter prices, with or without Government guarantee.

This means simply that the C. N. R. and G. T. P. need not be expected to undertake to finance and construct branches at once where we want them. We must first see the right to appropriate the branches, when they seem to us to have become paying investments. Rather than that, they would decline the proffered assistance and build lines when and where they considered they could be made to pay, whether this happened to be where we wanted them built or when the development of the country needed them built or not.

This is where the string on the Red Deer proposition comes into play. It hinges onto the bond guarantee condition which no trunk railway company would accept; thereby preventing the only companies to whom the guarantee is an inducement from accepting the guarantee, and leaving the country without railways and the C. P. R. without competitors.

This convention we are assured was a deliberative body. They did nothing rash. They sat early and late and mated their proposals after full discussion and careful consideration. These embody not the rash suggestions of impulse, but the cut and dried product of thought and study concerning the things likely to make for success at the polls.

As such the railway resolution can be construed as nothing more, less or different than a shrewd scheme to swap legislative benefits for the political support of the C. P. R., without challenging the wrath of the electorate by an open avowal of the intention. To openly oppose bond guarantee to fly in the face of public opinion and to make assurance doubly sure of certain and decisive defeat.

Wherefore a smooth endorsement of the policy is passed, but coupled with a condition that absolutely invalidates it as a means of securing railway extension. In this way it was no doubt hoped that the public would not discover the ruse until too late, while the C. P. R. would see through it to the end from the beginning—and govern themselves accordingly. To the C. P. R. it is notice that if they will put the Opposition in power, the new government will offer only such inducements to the Canadian Pacific railway's competitors as they will not accept. The proffered deal is that if the Canadian Pacific exert their influence—and perhaps spend their money—in the right way and to the right degree, the beneficiaries will respond by paralyzing the introduction of railway competition and accommodation, leaving the Canadian Pacific the undisputed master of the situation.

That the rank and file of the delegates say the purpose of the committee is not to be supposed. They assumed no doubt that they were passing a resolution safeguarding the public interests. The true inwardness of the move was not revealed to them. For its hidden meaning we must credit the august presence and bland deceptiveness of Senator Lehigh, the esteemed leader of the Opposition in the Senate and the devoted solicitor for the Canadian Pacific railway at Calgary. This distinguished gentleman duly favored the gathering with his presence and his paymasters with his counsel. It remains to be seen whether the Conservative through the Province will submit tamely to be hobbled by the assurances of the party press that they are parties to the deal. That they will vote for it no one need imagine.

**SOMETHING TO HOPE FOR.** Parliament usually starts off with a number of well-intentioned speeches as to the necessity of talking little and doing much and thus getting through with business in reasonable time. The honors of introducing the subject this session fell to Mr. E. N. Lewis, of West Huron. He was well qualified for the task, having entertained the House for three hours continuously himself last session. However, he claims to have returned and urges the others to do the same.

By way of inspiring emulation of worthy examples he reminded the members that "Patrick Henry's famous oration lasted 22 minutes; Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech on the South African question lasted 32 minutes; Sir John A. Macdonald's speech on Confederation lasted 35 minutes; Burke's great speech on the impeachment of Warren Hastings was 60 minutes and Thomas D'Arcy McGee's famous address on the land we live in only lasted 8 minutes. The speech which gave Bryan the reputation of president of the United States, a speech which is described as the speech of the "cross of gold," lasted only 12 minutes."

Mr. Lewis seems to have forgotten that the average members of the House of Commons are not Henrys, Lauriers, Macdonalds, Burkes, McGees or Bryans. However, let us hope they will mistake themselves for such and curtail their addresses accordingly. If they attain no other point of resemblance than brevity something will have been accomplished.

**ON THE JOB.** When the honorable the leader of the Provincial Opposition announced a few weeks ago that his stand toward railway extension by bond guarantee would be that of Horatius at the bridge it was generally assumed that the honorable gentleman would have the privilege of representing that dramatic episode all alone.

distance of the supplementary forces of choppers. For it was scarcely comprehensible that even so badly advised a party as the Conservative party in Alberta would undertake to destroy the overwhelming approval which sustains the guarantee policy. The expectation was in one way correct but in another way mistaken. True, the party will not second Horatius by openly heckling at the pillars. But they are to be on the job all the same. Recognizing the hopelessness of destroying the structure they engage to blockade it. So at least said the delegates at Red Deer the other day, and they presumed to speak for the party.

The guarantee policy, so declared the convention platform, is not to be assailed, but it must be loaded up with a condition which no trunk railway company would accept. The bridge may stand, but it must be made impassable to the railways. So while Horatius demonstrates in favor of the old stalwarts are not to be idle spectators. Their role is slightly varied but the end is the same—to repel the invaders—and in it they will no doubt display a zeal and skill worthy the ancient avenger.

Bonds may be guaranteed, says the platform, but only on condition that the lines may be taken over by the Province whenever they seem to be paying their way; that is whenever they become valuable to the companies. The mild assumption is that railways companies are charitable bodies whose business in life is to build branches where we want them and when we want them, to nurse them through the unprofitable years of infancy and then hand them over to somebody else.

But does any sane man think the Red Deer delegates expected the companies to do anything of the kind? The rank and file of them may have been persuaded so, but the dominant spirit knew better. The worthy gentleman who combines the honors of leading the Opposition in the Senate with the emoluments of representing the C. P. R. in the Senate and everywhere else, knew differently. So probably did some of the legal and other luminaries who gravitated about this central orb.

To them it was precisely clear that the condition killed the clause. No railway company imbued with the common desire to make money and endowed with the average spacing of judgment would build branch lines on any such condition. They would respectfully decline the proffered gift and wait until prepared to build lines without public assistance—lines which could not be taken from them the moment they began to pay their way.

All this, of course, was perfectly clear to Senator Lehigh and the other members of the French; he has the broad sympathies and cheery soul of the Irishman, and he has out about this farm. On these occasions he drives a fine horse, the one bit of luxury that Mr. Lessard holds in his quiet, homelike mode of life, for he has all a westerner's

**CURRENT COMMENT.** According to the Calgary Albertian, which secured a long and seemingly accurate report of the Red Deer convention, "a resolution was submitted to the convention for the subsidizing and controlling of a Conservative daily newspaper, there being no Conservative daily at present in the 'Province of Alberta.'" Well, well.

The Western Globe, Lacombe, has got out an excellent special number setting forth the resources, beauties and advantages of Lacombe and vicinity. The number contains a large amount of descriptive matter of an informing character and is plentifully illustrated with views of the town and district. Mechanically the issue is very creditable.

A NEW FIGURE IN POLITICAL ARENA

A Racy Character Sketch of one of the Candidates for a New Constituency in the Forthcoming Provincial Elections.

The word is passed about on the street today that Capt. P. E. Lessard will be a candidate in the coming provincial elections. The constituency he will contest is said to be that lying about St. Paul de Metis, at the eastern boundary of the province. The constituency is fortunate, it is the opinion of everyone in Edmonton who knows Mr. Lessard that any constituency in Alberta might be ground to send him to the Legislature as its representative.

While in his career as an individual Mr. Lessard has in every sense of the word "made good," in family history and character he is undoubtedly one of the best types of the Canadian. For he combines in himself the characteristics of the French, Scotch and Irish races transplanted to the new Dominion over seas. As the Hon. John Morley said at Montreal three years ago, it was destiny that placed the old-world nations—sometimes traditional enemies—in such close juxtaposition here that another and greater race should be produced, the Canadian.

Mr. Lessard, who is a splendid type of the Canadian, intellectually and physically, has the finer characteristics of the races that meet in him. He has the fine illuminating intelligence and intuition with the affable manners of the French; he has the broad sympathies and cheery soul of the Irishman, and he has out about this farm. On these occasions he drives a fine horse, the one bit of luxury that Mr. Lessard holds in his quiet, homelike mode of life, for he has all a westerner's

of four sturdy, handsome boys and girls who claim and receive a great deal of attention from their father notwithstanding his many public duties.

When politics in the west a few years ago began to take on the guise of a party distinction, Mr. Lessard promptly ranged himself with one that in men and policy had the strongest appeal to young and red blood. He became an active member of the Young Men's Liberal Club at Edmonton, but although Mr. Lessard is still a young man his weight on the community, his maturity of intelligence and political acumen of an unusual order soon ranked him with the older men. He is now by the vote of his associates not only president of the Edmonton Liberal Association, but holds the same position in the Federal Liberal Association of Edmonton district.

As a speaker Mr. Lessard is quiet and finely logical, not fluent always in expressing himself, but earnest and forcible and with a characteristic play of good humor enlivening it. In this direction, however, Mr. Lessard has had as yet little scope for development, and his future career in public life will undoubtedly enhance his present ability as a speaker.

Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Lessard's ability and popularity have placed him at the head of the organized Liberals of the capital, and while he is undoubtedly one of the leading Liberals of Alberta, it is more natural to think of and speak of Edmond Lessard simply as a man—a big-hearted, broad-minded and honorable man rather than as a follower of any party.

**ESCAPE IN NIGHT CLOTHES.** Early Morning Fire in San Francisco Drives Out Tenants. San Francisco, Feb. 16.—Fire broke out in the mission branch of the local post-office early to-day, and before the flames were controlled by the fire department, several stores and apartments were destroyed. A dozen families were driven into the rain-swept streets in their night clothing, and several narrow escapes

from serious injury were reported to the police. The fire started at two o'clock in the morning, and by the time the first apparatus arrived, had spread from the post-office to a music store adjoining. Second and third alarms were turned in, and this effective work of the firemen prevented the flames from spreading to the Morace Mann Grammar school, across the street. While the fire was raging, policemen entered the apartments and sent their occupants scurrying to the street, "as they met neighbors eager to do assistance. So fast did the flames spread that little time was afforded for the rescue of valuables. The loss was estimated roughly at \$60,000.

THE ICE JAM BROKEN.

Giant Niagara Cataract Again Flows Freely.

Niagara Falls, N.Y., Feb. 19.—The ice jam in the upper river broke yesterday, sending thousands of tons of ice and a great volume of water over Niagara Falls. The heavier companies on the Canadian side had loosened the ice pack by a liberal use of dynamite and the change in wind and milder weather, combined with the blasting, succeeded in breaking the heavy wall of ice that dammed up the water a mile above the falls. The power companies say the crisis is past and industrial establishments which have been crippled are operating normally. No one dared venture on the river bed today in anticipation of a break up so there were no accidents.

**Premier's Application Thrown Out.** Ottawa, Feb. 19.—The application of Hon. N. A. Belcourt, counsel for Sir Wilfrid Laurier to have A. Menard, who filed protests against the premier's election for Ottawa, examined before the local master on his affidavits was thrown out today. The local master held he had no authority until the case before the high court was judged. The protest against corrupt practices on the part of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's agents.

**Electric Power in Prince Albert.** Prince Albert, Sask., Feb. 19.—Day electric power will be furnished for the first time next Monday by the city's electric light plant.

REVIVAL IS NOT YET APPARENT IN RETU

Total Trade of Dominion For Months Shows Decrease of Fifty-Five Millions—Both Exports and Imports Show Fall Off Due to Worldwide Depre

Canadian Associated Press. Ottawa, Feb. 17.—During the imports of the Dominion practically the same as for July of last year, the total being \$225,000,000 as compared with \$237,472,000 for the same month of 1908. The exports which during the past two or three months have shown considerable decreases over the preceding year, again show a fall. The total of domestic exports for the month was \$135,827,322, a decrease of \$6,729,985. Of this decrease falling off in exports of agricultural products amounted to nearly \$8,000,000, and exports of minerals and products decreased by \$1,000,000. For the past ten months of the present fiscal year the exports of \$241,071,762, a decrease of \$8,968,196. The exports of domestic products for the month were \$14,410,152. The exports of agricultural products totalled \$17,333,574, a decrease of \$14,420,000.

During the ten months of the fiscal year the Dominion was exported to the value of \$1,413,965, as compared with \$1,822,000 for the corresponding period of 1907-08. The total trade of the Dominion for the ten months was \$77,847, a decrease of \$4,906,000.

**DEBATE ON KING'S SPEECH.** The House of Lords Speaks With Two New Treaties. Canadian Associated Press. London, Feb. 17.—Debating King's speech, Lord Liverpool, the Anglo-American, said that the most important over the Hague, and if ratified would be a serious step towards the down of the dispute. He pointed out the announcement that the government with them. "We have keenly Colonial governments regarding these questions. We know that with the best intentions the world we have not always successful in carrying out. We are on our occasions of this. Therefore, it is to my mind most satisfactory that in the course of the tways question, and I hope to say the same in regard to the other question, we have the good and the concurrence of the national governments concerned."

Baron Crowe desired to hear more to the skill and patience. In regard to the waterways of the British Empire, Lord Balfour said also by Elinor Hood, U.S. senator and certainly not less by the same minister, who had been in the discussion, and I hope to regard to the fisheries arbitrated paid tribute to the desire for a resolution which would benefit the colonies by the United States. He said if the matters come, as proposed, to the attention of the United States government, we have the good and the concurrence of the national governments concerned."

Chief Declares He is a Detective Keeps Him From Meeting. Chicago, February 17.—Francis Wm. Gagle would be lynched, people of Gary ever got their hands on him. Chief of Police Martin a series of adventures. Gagle landed the confessed strong nine-year-old Lizze Schroeder the assistant of several other boys in the jail at Crown Point. Gagle was taken over the case of the Schroeder crime, though he had no one except the police who accompanied him, knew who he was. When the Chief took the man from South Chicago to Gary, he met at the station by a crowd of men who demanded to know names and companies. Gagle said, "That," said the Chief, "only a Chicago detective."

"He doesn't look like a fact," said the assistant, "but that the man is such a valuable detective."

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION.** In Manitoba Recommends College Science Course in Colleges. Winnipeg, Feb. 17.—The agricultural commission, which has been and east investigating similar institutions with the view of the efficiency of the agricultural college, has reported, and briefly commended, an establishment of a domestic-science school, in which subjects being household nursing, dressmaking and laund. A controversial question will be led by the recommendation. A short period should be set aside for religious exercises. And commutation was regular exercises in the gymnasium formation of a company. This is an important feature of American colleges.

**Wealthy Russian Settles in San Francisco, Cal.** Feb. 17.—A wealthy Russian, who arrived from Japan as a storeman, army transport Buford, under from Washington, is a member of the Federal prison at Alcatraz. He is possessed of good health and the other requirements for admission to the prison. He was not revealed why the Russian was detained.

**Eight Townships in South on Lettbridge, Feb. 17.—The Kerr company have taken a stand of 80,000 acres of sugar cover, about eight townships Ray and and McCreath districts, and put them on the market. The land seekers commenced in the spring. The land will vary fine quality, will be sold in small blocks.**

**Highly Attractive Auction Sale.** Messrs WALKER & FRASER will sell for Mr. Geo. W. Davies, AGRICOLA, one of the first settlers in the district at S. W. 1/4 16-51-22 W. 4th, 3 miles south of Fort Saskatchewan.

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The House of Lords Speaks Well of Two Treaties. Canadian Associated Press, London, Feb. 17.—Debating the King's speech, Lord Liverpool said the Anglo-American fisheries treaty was the most important ever sent to the House, and if ratified would settle the dispute forever.

SAVED PRISONER'S LIFE

Chief Declares He is Detective and Keeps Him From Mob. Chicago, February 17.—Fearing that Wm. Gagle would be lynched if the people of Gary got their hands on him, Chief of Police Martin, after a series of adroit deceptions, has landed the confessed strangled nine-year-old Lizzie Schroeder, and the assailant of several other girls, in the jail at Crown Point, Indiana.

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

In Manitoba Recommends Domestic Science Course in College. Winnipeg, Feb. 17.—The provincial commission, which has been south and east investigating similar situations with the view of increasing the efficiency of the agricultural college, has reported, and, briefly, the recommendations are: Establishment of domestic science schools in connection, subjects being housekeeping, nursing, dressmaking and laundrying.

WEALTHY RUSSIAN STOWAWAY

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 18.—Paul Ullrich, a wealthy Russian, who arrived from Japan a stowaway in the army transport Buford, under orders from Washington, is a prisoner in the Federal prison at Alcatraz Island. He is possessed of good health, money and the other requirements necessary for admission to this country. It is not known why the Russian is detained.

FACTORIES SUPERSEDE FARMS

Berlin, Feb. 17.—That Germany's agricultural interests are rapidly falling behind as compared with its manufactures and commerce is broached with startling distinctness by the statistics just compiled by the census authorities. The figures show that the number of persons engaged in agricultural pursuits who fifty years ago composed half the entire population, are now little more than one-fourth of the total.

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ASLEEP AT THE THROTTLE

Engineer of Passenger Train in Wreck in Montana Blamed. Billings, Mont., Feb. 17.—Alleging that Engineer Reisinger, of the passenger train which collided with a freight at Young's Point, on the Northern Pacific railway, on the morning of Sept. 25 last, sending 20 persons to death, was asleep, while the flagmen were trying to give him the signal of danger, James T. Pickey and Wilfred F. Smith, conductors of the freight train, made such a strong defense that they were acquitted of the manslaughter charge tonight, after the case was given to the jury. Engineer Reisinger was killed in the collision.

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A DIAMOND DICK STORY

Verify This Kansas Millionaire and Family Have Exciting Experience.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 16.—Called from breakfast to the door, Lawrence M. Jones, a millionaire, found himself covered by an automatic pistol, while a stranger demanded \$7,000, showing at the same time a grip containing dynamite and a mechanical arrangement of vials and machines, the dropping of which would destroy the entire house. Mrs. Jones appearing, she also was struck up, and by her suggestion they went to a room where, it was pointed out, they had no such money in the house. The stranger assenting to this, said they must go to the bank with him. A son, Chester, who had taken alarm, now appeared with a revolver, but he too was covered before he got the gun clear and was also disarmed by the stranger. The stranger, who coolly displayed the dynamite arrangement to support his allegation that he was desperate, after an hour or so spent, observed that they must have money by eleven o'clock and not seeing any way to take the whole family and not caring to leave any part to raise an alarm, finally Jones, pointing out that for the entire family to go to the bank would raise suspicion, suggested they take the trip and a number of the matches snothered without any the money at the bank, the father remaining with the bandits as a hostage. The desperado assented, "But how are we to get there?" "My automobile," answered the millionaire. The bandit had never rode in one so was like a buggy, only smoother and faster, assented. Going ahead, Chester warned the chauffeur he was going to tackle the stranger but he could do so; Jones, sr., tackled the desperado. The son immediately threw himself into the scuffle and getting a finger behind the trigger, prevented the pistol from being fired. The chauffeur, who added his weight and between the three they overcame the man and secured him with a rope found in his pocket. Mrs. Jones plucky sailed into the man's arms and later it was found that the pulling of a trigger string had fired the machine gun, but the lack of an explosion and the matches snothered without igniting the dynamite. A telephone call brought the police and the man gave the name of S. H. Garnett.

TO LEAVE EDMONTON ON 15,000 MILE JAUNT

H. V. Radford, American Journalist-Explorer, Contemplates Snowshoe Trip to Arctic—Will Not Start Trip or Spring Will Overtake Him—Obviously He Has Much to Learn About North Country.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 17.—Harry Vincent Radford, American journalist and explorer, has arrived in Montreal on his way to Northwestern Canada, where he intends to take a long trip of exploration through to the Arctic coast. Radford's idea is to start from Edmonton, whence he will drive 150 miles to Lac La Biche. From this point he commences a snowshoe trip to Fort Resolution, a distance of 600 miles, with the addition of a 200 mile loop westwards from Fort Smith to look for wood birch. From Fort Resolution Radford will proceed towards Bathurst Inlet in the hope of discovering a new route through to the Arctic ocean by striking the head of the lake.

FOR STEALING COAL FROM C.P.R.

Saskatoon Railroad Men Are Committed for Trial on This Charge. Saskatoon, Feb. 17.—The case brought by the C. P. R. against some of its employees for the theft of coal, is now in the preliminary stages of the trial. Today Edward Rau was committed for trial on a charge of stealing coal from the C. P. R. This afternoon William Howe was committed on a charge of receiving stolen goods. Rau's lawyer was that the coal was unloaded from a car on which the company's property. In this information is wrong and the client should be discharged and a new information laid. Magistrate Smith said that owing to the serious nature of the charge he had to commit for trial and the question of the information must be fought out before a higher court.

HIRED BELFAST ROWDIES

Win. O'Brien Makes Charge Against Redmond and Directors. Cork, February 17.—Addressing the electors tonight, Win. O'Brien, as leader of the minority at the United Irish League convention at Dublin on February 9th, was cried down in his advocacy of frankness toward the Liberals, complained of the manner in which he had been treated at this convention. He declared that hundreds of pounds of party funds had been spent in engineering Belfast rowdies, and that the party had been set down at the polls. He declared that had been organized by the Director. He charged that being action against him in order that the accuracy of this charge might be established.

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Less than two years should see a repetition of this rapid development in the country lying between Edmonton and the Rocky mountains. Already the sounds of advancing civilization are being heard in this west country. Within the next few months a line of road will be laid into the heart of the country and the farms, the forest, the mines and the rivers will be ready to respond to the needs of the intrepid pioneer who braves a little hardship and pioneer life for the sake of the beautiful west which nature gives him in this new country in return for his labor.

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**Country Already Well Settled.**—A trip to the Pembina does not, by any means, make one feel that he is leaving civilization. The country between Stoney Plain and the McLeod river is already well settled. There are a number of villages along the route and comparatively good accommodations for travellers may be secured at reasonable rates. A weekly mail service keeps the residents of Pembina in touch with the rest of the world. A petition has been forwarded to the post office department asking for a bi-weekly mail service, and it is expected that this will be installed early in March. Telephone connection has been provided.

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The concrete is made from two parts of gravel, two of sand and one of cement. The sand and gravel is heated before being mixed and the concrete is put in the place when warm. The pier is enclosed in a wooden framework and is kept warm and free from frost until the cement has properly set.

E. S. Gunn, a member of the firm of John Gunn & Sons, has charge of the work of building the piers for this bridge. Mr. H. Clift is foreman of the work. Mr. McGregor is the resident engineer of the G.T.P. with supervision over the construction of the bridge, and Dr. Steel is the resident G.T.P. physician.

The structure of the bridge will be finished in April and it is probable that the contractors will then move their machinery west to the Wolf creek and McLeod river bridges, although the announcement that they have the contract for this work has not yet been made. The steel on the bridge and the concrete abutment piers will be laid further west than the Pembina river by August or September. Before the line further west can be built the steel will require to be placed on the Pembina river bridge. This will take about three months, so that it is not very probable that any steel will be laid further west than the Pembina river this year.

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### REPORT ON CHILLED MEAT

A very important and largely attended meeting of farmers was held on Monday in the school house at Bar. This was a special meeting of the Clover Bar, East Clover Bar, and Sturgeon and Strathcona of the United Farmers of Alberta. Archbishop Ryan, a prominent and immoral plays. The archbishop asks the pastors to denounce such performances and warns the faithful to keep away from them. As the season of Lent," he says, "is one of mortification and penance for past sins, we should above all things avoid occasions of future sins especially such public amusements as experience has taught us to be dangerous to morality. They who love the danger shall perish in it. There is no more sad evidence of degeneracy of our times than the increasing love of the people and, unfortunately, some Catholics among them, for these dangerous occasions, which the archbishop denounces these exhibitions."

### ABOLITION OF THE BARS.

**Monster Temperance Delegation Wins on Manitoba Governor.**—Winnipeg, Feb. 19.—A monster delegation estimated at from 1,500 to 2,000 persons, representing the various temperance interests of the province, waited on the government and the legislature at Manitoba at 11 o'clock this morning to urge the abolition of the bars. They were received in the assembly hall, which was packed with people. They were introduced by James Argue, member for Avondale, the principal speaker, being Rev. Dr. Patrick, W. Buchanan, official organizer of temperance bodies, and Mrs. Chisholm, president of the W. T. U. In addition to the delegates, a number of prominent citizens were present, including the Hon. A. C. Rutherford, and the Hon. J. G. Fisher, minister of culture at Ottawa, by the chilled committee. The report of the committee, which is a lengthy and exhaustive manuscript, was read and the Hon. J. G. Fisher, minister of culture at Ottawa, by the chilled committee. The report of the committee, which is a lengthy and exhaustive manuscript, was read and the Hon. J. G. Fisher, minister of culture at Ottawa, by the chilled committee.

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EDMONTON NEWS

LOCALS

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Edmonton bank clearings for the week ending Thursday totaled \$224,464.96. The total for the similar week in 1908 was \$229,274.84 and for the similar week in 1907, \$250,184.90.

In accordance with instructions given by the city commissioners to appoint a clerk in the police court, A. Boleau, who has been in the office for some time, has been chosen for that position.

The educational committee for Alberta, composed of Jas. Short (Calgary), J. F. Fowler (Wetaskiwin), Dr. E. H. Broun (Calgary), J. McGeach (Edmonton), and Judge Beck (Edmonton), met in the office of the educational department this morning for the first time in an advisory capacity.

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MORAL REFORM DELEGATION. Representatives of the Alberta conference of the Methodist church, headed by Dr. Chown, secretary of the Temperance and Moral Reform League of Canada, waited on Premier Brown at the legislative buildings Wednesday.

B. C. Millman Vain Protection. Nelson, Feb. 11.—At a largely attended meeting of the Nelson branch of the B. C. Millman Vain Protection League held this evening a strongly worded resolution was passed asking the government to place a duty of \$2 per hundred on fir, cedar, spruce, larch and pine lumber.

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CABLES BROKEN BY TRAWLERS. Telegraph Company Maintains That Trawling Should Be Prohibited.

New York, Feb. 17.—In its annual report on the fiscal ending February 1, it appears that international politics plays a part in the affairs of the Mackay companies, through its ownership of the Commercial Cable Company, which has sustained serious losses on account of the breaking of its submarine cables off the coast of Ireland by the operations of steam trawlers.

GERMAN SPIES IN ENGLAND. Kaiser's War Office Has a Large Army Picking Up Military Secrets.

London, Feb. 18.—Major Alfred J. Reed last night supplemented to a correspondent of a London newspaper at Ancherberg the statements regarding the situation in the district is now intensifying worse than when the Austrian administration began.

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