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SENTENCE COMMUNED.

Albany, Dec. 20.—Governor Higgins today commuted to imprisonment for life the sentence of death under which Albert T. Patrick, a lawyer, has remained nearly five years, since his conviction of the murder of William Marsh Rice, an aged and eccentric millionaire of New York City. The case of Albert Patrick is in many respects unparalleled. It is doubtful if ever a convicted man, himself an able lawyer, has played so large a part in the conduct of his own case even turning his new quarters in the death cell of the state prison practically into a law office equipped for the direction of his battle for life. Rice died Sept. 23, 1900. Patrick and Jones were arrested Oct. 4. Jones at first declared that Patrick himself had chloroformed Rice, but in other confessions which varied materially he said he killed his master at Patrick's instigation. This statement was the principal evidence to sustain the murder charge against Patrick. Jones was never tried as either principal or accomplice. He was released and is said to be living in Texas, which state Rice, Jones and Patrick originally came.

BENEFACCTIONS.

Peterboro, Dec. 21.—Richard Hall and Chas. McGill, trustees of the Nichol estate have donated out of the residue of the estate \$30,000 for park purposes. This is in addition to \$50,000 left by Mrs. Nichol, for the purchase of parks at the time of her death. The trustees have also donated during the past week a valuable lot and \$500 to the Y.M.C.A.; \$200 to the Y.W.C.A.; \$500 to the Children's Aid society and \$5,000 to Knox church.

ROYAL PATIENTS.

Teheran, Persia, Dec. 21.—The Shah maintained his strength fairly well during the last 24 hours and was able to sign some of the imperial state papers.

HERRESHOFF INJURED.

Providence, R.I., Dec. 17.—It was learned at Bristol tonight that Nathaniel G. Herreshoff, the famous designer of fast yachts, notably the defenders of the America cup, was severely burned on Sunday by the explosion of a boiler in the machinery department of the Herreshoff shops. Two of his sons, Sidney, aged 16, and Francis aged 13, were slightly burned.

A MINNEAPOLIS CRIME.

Minneapolis, Dec. 18.—Murder in the second degree is the verdict of the jury which tried Henry Sussman for shooting and killing his wife in a room in the Glenwood hotel.

CREDIT CURRENCY.

London, Dec. 21.—Herbert Gladstone replying to a question put by Mr. Watt in the Commons, said the Premier could not promise legislation providing for the free importation of Canadian cattle. The House has decided against it and there the matter must rest until the House sees fit to change its mind.

COWBOY IN TOILS.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 27.—Rawhide Jack, whose name it develops is properly John Weatherly, is in the toils. Rawhide is one of the best known punchers on the northern Montana ranches, and was second in the Denver and Cheyenne tournaments for broncho busting, that made Thad Sowers champion of the world. Following the Cheyenne tournament of two years ago, he returned to Valley County, Montana, making his headquarters at Malta, near the Canadian line, where he finally was arrested by Stock Inspector George W. Hall of Havre, upon complaints preferred by the authorities of Canada. It is not stated what offense Weatherly is charged with.

INVESTIGATE GOLSPIE WRECK.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Captain Thomas Donnelly, of Kingston, a member of the Dominion Board of Wreck Commissioners, this morning received a telegram from Hon. Mr. Brodeur, Minister of Marine, asking him to proceed to the Soo to conduct a full investigation into the wreck of the steamer Golspie at Brule harbor recently.

KOCH TREATS DISEASE.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—Professor Koch, reporting from Sees Islands, Victoria, Spangau, on his investigation of the so-called sleeping sickness, the mor-

ality from which has been so great that in many cases all the men in the native villages have died, says he has found that arsenic, a preparation of arsenic, is efficacious in treatment of the ailment. Prof. Koch has nine hundred patients in an abandoned mission house loaned by the British government. An idea of the ravages of the disease is given by the fact that the population of Sees Island has decreased from thirty thousand in 1902 to twelve thousand.

UNITED STATES GRAIN PRODUCTION.

Washington, Dec. 21.—A bulletin issued by the agricultural department today shows the total production in bushels in 1906 of corn to be 3,227,416,091, winter wheat 492,885,004, spring wheat 242,272,566.

HEAVIEST MAILS.

New York, Dec. 20.—The largest quantity of mail matter ever brought from a foreign country arrived today on the steamer Majeestic from Liverpool and Queenstown. It consisted of 4,570 sacks of mail and 85 packages.

THE CHINESE REBELLION.

Nanking, Dec. 18.—About 2,000 Chinese soldiers from Nanking arrived today on the steamer Majeestic from Liverpool and Queenstown. It consisted of 4,570 sacks of mail and 85 packages.

RETURNED THE MONEY.

Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—Following reports of the numerous thefts in the dormitory of the Washington seminary at Washington, Pa., the principal yesterday announced that young women in that section of the building would not be permitted to leave for the Christmas vacation until they and their rooms had been searched. Scarcely had the teachers begun the unpleasant duty when the stolen money and articles were surreptitiously returned to their owners, and the search was discontinued. The students of the school left for their homes, many being somewhat hysterical over their experience.

FREIGHT BLOCKADE.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 20.—A freight blockade order was issued today against the Great Northern by all railroads in the West. The blockade is to be in effect until the railroad companies agree to accept for points west of Grand Forks, N.D. It is feared this order will complicate the situation.

YOUNG MAN LOST IN SNOW-STORM.

Medicine Hat, Dec. 21.—A report was made at the local headquarters of the Mounted Police by Mr. C. C. Galup, of Storrford, about Nov. 26, to the effect that it was feared a young man named Albert Laroche had been lost in a blizzard in the Spouting Lake country. It seems that Laroche was the father of the boy who resided with his parents on Nov. 15 to assist in unting up some cattle belonging to a man named Woods. He was accompanied by the latter and they had a team of mares and two saddle horses. They were caught in a blizzard about twenty five miles from the lake and became separated. Woods spent our days hunting for his companion but could get no trace of him. Inspector Parker, on being notified by Mr. Galup concerning the affair sent word to the Sounding Lake detachment of the police. Word has now come in from Colonel Harper, stating that the horses, saddles, etc., have been found but that no trace can be discovered of young Laroche. The country is not settled and as there is no foot of snow on the level slopes his reaching safety have been abandoned. He had no bedding with him of any account and was but thinly clad.

NOT YET.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—The report that J. E. McPherson, now general passenger agent at Winnipeg, has been appointed passenger manager, is denied at the C. P. R. headquarters. Changes are pending in the passenger department, but the president has not reached a decision.

MAY ATTEND THE SCHOOLS.

Washington, Dec. 18.—In a special message to Congress today the president transmitted the report of Secretary McCallum on the Japanese situation in San Francisco. The report deals with three matters of controversy: First, the exclusion of the Japanese children from the San Francisco schools; second, the boycotting of Japanese restaurants, and third, the action of the Japanese government in sending to the United States a large number of Japanese children. The president's message is in opposition to the action of the Japanese government in sending to the United States a large number of Japanese children. The president's message is in opposition to the action of the Japanese government in sending to the United States a large number of Japanese children.

THE THAW CASE.

New York, Dec. 18.—Chief Justice Taft, today gave his opinion in the Thaw case. He held that the defendant, Harry H. Thaw, is not guilty of the murder of Dr. George A. Brown. The court's decision is based on the fact that the defendant was not sane at the time of the crime. The court also held that the defendant is entitled to a new trial. The court's decision is based on the fact that the defendant was not sane at the time of the crime. The court also held that the defendant is entitled to a new trial.

C. P. R. CENSURED.

Brandon, Dec. 21.—Considerable indignation is being felt here among local dealers over the action of the C.P.R. in purchasing or selling wool. The C.P.R. is censured for this action.

now been in prison for 172 days and that not only is his health being injured but also the health of his wife and mother over the "undue and unnecessary" delay.

WOMEN HONORED.

Port Arthur, Dec. 12.—At the Algona hotel this evening, an interesting and popular event occurred, namely the election of an address and a purse of \$100 to Captain Robertson, of the wrecked steamer monarch, in recognition of the heroism of both towns, were present to show their sympathy to the popular commander, and to aid in making the most memorable. The address was as follows: To Captain Edward Robertson—Dear Sir—The citizens of Port Arthur and Fort William, through our respective boards of trade, desire to express to you their feelings of sympathy in the recent loss of your good ship monarch. We have long known you as a successful lake captain, commanding as you have done several steamers running in these ports, and the people of these towns and the public generally have always held you in the greatest esteem and confidence as a mariner of distinguished ability, as indicated by your long career of thirty-five years as a mariner, beginning as a mate on the old side-wheelers, and as captain of the steamer monarch, Ontario, United States and Canada, all of which were in their time the finest passenger steamers on the Great Lakes. The fact that you have continued to serve us in this line for all these years is ample proof of your ability, both to your company and to the public. We therefore desire to express our goodwill towards you by asking you to accept the accompanying purse of gold as a token of our friendship and all we desire to see you return to these ports safe and even a bigger and better steamer. Signed on behalf of the citizens of Port Arthur and Fort William: George Clavel, George Moore, president of the board of trade, Port Arthur; E. B. Rutledge, mayor; J. R. Lumble, president of the board of trade, Port William.

MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Westley Speers, colonization agent for the department of the interior was in the city yesterday for a few hours after making a visit to the Austrian and other colonies established in the west. He visited two of the most interesting colonies in the west, he said. "The colonies referred to are in close proximity to the Saskatchewan river and are made up of a colony wholly of Austrians and in the other wholly of Doukhobors. The large Austrian colony was established in the year 1888. In that year we put one thousand people on the lands situated on the south side of the South Saskatchewan, about fifty miles to the south of Prince Albert. The people were very poor in the beginning and were glad to obtain work on the railway line and among the farmers in the surrounding districts. Many of these people have since moved to the Saskatchewan river and in five years I have seen four or five hundred men turning out in the winter to work on the railway lines of the west. The number of the settlers was added to this year following the year 1888, hundreds of new settlers going in every year until this year. In these years the settlement has added to the settlement about 2,500 people, and there have been a few additional from immigration each year since that time. In the beginning the settlers lived in "A" shaped mud and sod houses and many of them were very poor. They brought with them from Europe. They were not able to do much for the first year or two. Now they have added to their farming implements and they have a full equipment of everything needed and they have become wealthy. They no longer are dependent on the government for employment. They remain at home and cultivate their land. They are raising immense quantities of grain, and are large consumers. They are building better houses and farm buildings and are gaining around the world in quantities of stock. The Austrian girls who in the beginning went out to the colonies, are now being married to the local boys. The girls are now receiving from eighteen to twenty-five dollars per month. The girls of the district are the best help available. They have, like their fathers and mothers, become Canadianized, dress as the Canadians do and speak the English language. Many of the men have bought their own farms. In the past two years and are preparing to carry on operations on a large scale in the years to come. "West of the Austrian settlement on the west side of the North Saskatchewan in the western part of the province are half communistic and half individualistic."

THE CONGO.

Baltimore, Dec. 18.—Cardinal Gibbons replying to a cardinal message by Rev. K. Gratian Gutierrez, of London, England, yesterday, said the cardinal is in the power that has prepared to act on the Congo, and the cardinal is looking to the Congo as a source of trouble. "I have observed in the papers that an emissary of the Congo reform association has made a speech in the action of the Congo reform association against King Leopold's Congo administration against unjustifiable attacks. I have naturally the means of keeping in touch with the situation through our missionaries and in these stories of misadministration. The king is a wise as well as a humane ruler. We hear through missionary sources that wherever cases of cruelty occur under every human government, the king has been prompt to repress such abuses and to punish the offenders. I fear this agitation against King Leopold's administration is aimed primarily by religious and partly by commercial rivalry. It is to be hoped that the individuals who are carrying it out will not be successful in their efforts to induce the great powers of the earth to interfere in the affairs of the small nation. Belgium is but small but the Belgians are brave and as indicated yesterday stand solidly by their king in supporting his African regime. In defending the Belgian government, in the Congo, I am actuated solely by a sense of justice and of fair play."

RAILWAY ACTIVITY.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The board of railway commissioners has approved of the location of the Quill Lake branch of the C. P. R. for thirty-one miles. The Canadian Pacific is authorized to build a branch line from Elkhorn to the Quill Lake, Long Lake and Saskatchewan, the Canadian Pacific is authorized to build a branch line from Elkhorn to the Quill Lake, Long Lake and Saskatchewan, the Canadian Pacific is authorized to build a branch line from Elkhorn to the Quill Lake, Long Lake and Saskatchewan.

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Of Interest to Farmers

PROF. HAYS AT THE GUELPH WINTER FAIR.

Prof. W. M. Hays of Washington, in a half-hour address, discussed some of the aspects of woman's work in regard to the business and domestic and social life of the farm. Motherhood, he said, was the chief link in the chain of advancing civilization, inasmuch as all future citizens received their training first in the home. New emphasis was now being placed on the demands of the home life in respect to the progress of science, and of a broader social life for dwellers in the country. He believed that the farm, as a place of business, as a place to live, as a place to raise a healthy, vigorous, whole-hearted people, averaged considerably better than the city. If the system of consolidated rural schools could be generally established, the country would be far ahead of the city in tending to develop good citizens of strong physique, sound morals and liberal culture. He suggested prospective means by which the work of the rural home in respect to some of the more mechanical and routine processes might be improved. Co-operative dairies, co-operative bakeries, or co-operative meat distribution centres might be established in conjunction with the consolidated schools. Rural daily systems, rural stables, rural electric lines, rural homes and buildings in respect to architecture, rural libraries, rural phones, etc., were briefly referred to as items in the coming golden age for the people of the farm.

PURE MILK

At the Guelph winter fair Dr. Helen MacMurchy emphasized the dangers to public health through bacteria infection in the milk supply. Due to neglect of cleanliness and proper sanitary precautions. The impurity of the milk supply was, she said, one of the greatest dangers of the medical profession. Babies were poisoned by wholesome through infected milk. While the average adult life had been very greatly lengthened by medical and sanitary science during the past few decades, infant mortality had not been lessened. The reason for this lay simply in the fact that adequate precautions were not taken to compel milk dealers to observe proper care in regard to the cleanliness of the production and distribution of milk. She had personally inspected many dairies in different parts of Toronto, and in not one of them did she find adequate precautions to insure cleanliness and to prevent unnecessary bacteria.

PRaise for Mr. Fisher.

Toronto Telegram: "Sydney Fisher—may he always be wrong—but criticize him, right or wrong, seems to be the reigning toast with the Opposition at Ottawa. Canada has indeed a fine specimen of a man for a wise, strong and statesmanlike attempt to grapple with the evil of adulteration in this country's food products which are packed for export. The evil is a real and growing danger to Canada's export trade in these lines. When Hon. Sydney Fisher attempts to serve the country by the legislative creation of safeguards against adulteration, a wise Opposition would strengthen his hands. What does the Ottawa Opposition do? Sit quiet and approving while F. D. Mack, M.P., talks the smallest of irrelevances about the fact that the trading and commercial classes will object to the inspection. The opposition would be better employed in proposing the extension of this inspection to packed fruits, as well as canned goods than in sneering at Mr. Fisher and quibbling over the adoption of safeguards that must be enforced if Canada's export trade is to escape destruction."

Winnipeg Free Press: "Frank W. Morse, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, arrived in the city Sunday from the east. He is accompanied by D'Arcy Tate, of Montreal, the assistant solicitor of the company and E. E. Scullion, the chief engineer, and G. A. McNeill, private secretary."

Mr. Morse was asked yesterday by the representatives of the Free press, how he felt satisfied with the work done during the present year in the way of construction of the new transcontinental system. "We are all well satisfied with the work done during the past summer," replied the railway manager. "During the year we completed eighty per cent of the work which we set out to complete. The plans for this year contemplated a large accomplishment in the way of construction, and still larger and more important work in the engineering department. Of the actual work of construction on eighty per cent has been done and preparations have been completed for the start of larger undertakings of 1907. There are naturally countless matters of minute detail which have received attention, and in the city at the present time in connection with certain of these matters."

"What are the prospects for the year 1907 in the matter of railway construction?" Mr. Morse was asked. "We anticipate that, next year, we will cover all the work that has been set apart for the year and that in addition we will complete all the work left over from this year."

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"We are taking every precaution to provide against any scarcity of labor during the summer of next year. We have agents in all the chief centres of population and are using all available means to secure the necessary number of men."

During his stay in Port Arthur the important matter of the entrance of the railway into that port was fully discussed by Mr. Morse with a committee of the council at Port Arthur. As a result of this consultation a decision was reached between Mr. Morse and the committee of the council. The matter would go from the committee to the council and would be finally approved by the citizens of Port Arthur before it was finally agreed upon.

What progress is being made in the matter of the settlement of the location of the line into Winnipeg? "The matter has been completed so far as we are concerned," was the answer. "The main line will be made within a very brief time. I anticipate that during the early part of the month of January, the full announcement will be made, setting all the points in which the citizens of Winnipeg are chiefly interested."

Mr. Morse favored the representative of the press with a copy of the last tender issued by the Grand Trunk Pacific, calling attention to the facts given regarding the railway. The tender contains the most recent map of the route of the railway, showing the line as it will be built from Halifax, Moncton and St. John, on the east, to Prince Rupert and Dawson on the west."

SIX GREAT FORCES

On this long line contractors have been at work during the summer in all great forces. In the east, 100 miles have been under construction in the district to the east of the city of Quebec where work is done under the direction of the commission. On the branch line from Port Arthur to the main line, Foley Bros. have been at work on a 200 mile stretch, and on the main line between the point of junction with the main line and the city, J. H. McArthur has been engaged on the contract, covering 245 miles. West of the city the three big construction companies are at work, the MacDonald, MacMillan company, with 275 miles from Portage to the Touchwood Hills, the Canadian White Company, with 140 miles between the Touchwood Hills and the Yellowhead Pass route, and the Yellowhead Pass route, recently approved of by the government, the engineers of the company, completing the work in hand. This is a portion of the proposed route of the railway which Mr. Morse has never seen, although he is familiar with its engineering difficulties from the full reports received from the engineers."

The first western portion of the route of the railway Mr. Morse has seen. This is the part of the system between Prince Rupert and Dawson, B.C. The country between these two points is traversed by the Skeena river, which is crossed by the Skeena bridge, a handsome new building in the best possible location to be obtained that will be a credit to municipal enterprise and a source of pride to her citizens."

EDMONTON MAN SUCCESSFUL

Dr. George R. Parkin, the organizing representative of the Rhodes Scholarship Trust has issued his statement for this year. He says that there are now in residence at Oxford under the Rhodes Request 161 scholars drawn from the different countries for which scholarships are provided. Seventy-one come from the British Colonies, seventy from the United States, and eleven from Germany. The scholars are distributed among twenty of the Oxford colleges. Seventeen are in residence at Balliol, thirteen each at Christ Church and Worcester, eleven at Oriel and St. John's College, ten at New College, nine each at Brasenose, Exeter, Queen's and Trinity, eight each at Hertford and Emmanuel, seven at Magdalen, six each at Lincoln, Merton and Wadham, five at University, two at Keble, and one each at Corpus and St. Edmund's Hall.

The Canadian Rhodes scholars have gained several distinctions. The Ireland Scholarship (£30 a year for four years), probably the highest distinction open to undergraduates at the university, was won by Mr. H. G. Ross, of Quebec, who also took a Craven Scholarship (£40 a year for two years) and First Class Honour in Mathematics. In addition he has made an Honorary Scholar at Balliol. Other prizes gained by Dominion scholars were:

Cluster B. Martin, (New Brunswick)—The Gladstone Memorial prize. J. G. Archibald (Quebec)—First Class in Final Honour School of Lit. Hum.

G. S. Stairs (Nova Scotia)—Second Class Final Honour School of Modern History. R. V. Bellamy (N.W. Territories Canada)—Diploma in Economics "with distinction." Of the Colonial scholars, Canada is represented by 34; Australia by 18; South Africa by 17; New Zealand, Bermuda, Jamaica and Newfoundland by three each. There has hitherto been some difficulty in finding men to take up all the scholarships provided for Rhodesia. It is hoped that by means of the splendid bequest made by Mr. Beit for educational and other purposes in Rhodesia, this difficulty will soon be remedied.

The scholarships, as our readers are aware, are of the yearly value of £300, and are tenable for three years."

News from Strathcona MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL Strathcona Institution Prospering Under Muncial Management

The Spirit of Initiative is a characteristic feature of the West, and in no respect is this progressiveness more evident than in the municipal institutions of the western cities and towns. Strathcona as well as Edmonton has its waterworks, sewerage, telephone and electric light under civic control but it has remained for the small town situated on the south banks of the Saskatchewan to introduce an innovation in the form of a Public Hospital under municipal control. This is one of the first of its kind in Canada and there are few in the Old Country where the control is centered in the city government. As an experiment in its line the success of Strathcona Hospital is being watched with interest and from indications up to the present time there is every reason to believe that its financial success will be as great as has marked the municipal administration of the other public utilities.

The movement for a public hospital in this town had its inception in the year 1900 when about \$1600 was collected to erect a building. The scheme, however, fell through at that time and the money was placed in the bank where it has since remained. As the years rolled on and the population increased the need of an hospital became yearly more apparent. Edmonton's institutions were to some extent of course available but the people of this city naturally gave the preference in applications to residents of their own municipality.

In the early spring of 1906 the Council saw the necessity of immediately securing a building and in April of last year the house on Carey street owned by Mr. L. Barry, was leased for two years, with the privilege of an extension, at the rate of \$50 per month. An equipment was purchased by the town and the first matron, Miss Tofted, took charge. She was shortly succeeded by Miss Dickson, who is doing most efficient work with her four assistants. During the summer the building has at times been crowded to its utmost capacity, as many as thirty-three patients being under treatment at one time. Accommodation is of course limited but considerable improvement will be made by the nurses' cottage now in course of erection.

Financially the hospital has justified the expectation of its most sanguine supporters and in this connection much credit is due Councillor George M. Elliott, chairman of the Health and Relief Committee, who has given a great deal of time and ability to its administration.

Since the hospital was opened on April 6th last till the end of November, with everything possible, including water and electric light charged against it, the institution is only short \$500 of being self-sustaining. During the period since opening there have been 141 patients under treatment and 9 deaths.

With the coming of the summer of 1907 it is expected that a new building will be under construction and even now the council are looking around for the site. The purchase of property on the banks of the Saskatchewan has been urged by the physicians of the town and all the indications are that Strathcona will soon have a handsome new building in the best possible location to be obtained that will be a credit to municipal enterprise and a source of pride to her citizens."

LOCALS

- Mr. Harry Lynn, Vegreville, is spending Christmas with his family here.
Died at Strathcona, on December 15th, Elizabeth Ann, beloved wife of John Morrison, aged 80 years.
Mr. G. F. McNally, of Grandin street, school staff leaves Monday on a week's holiday trip to Calgary.
"Bud" Kent, of the Strathcona Intermediates hockey team, has taken a position in Revillon Brothers, Edmonton.
On Monday evening a Christmas tree with program for the children of the Sunday school will be held in the Baptist church.
Premier and Mrs. Rutherford held a very enjoyable reception at their home yesterday afternoon. There was a large attendance of citizens.
Married—At the home of the bride, by Rev. David Flemming, on December 18th, Miss Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McKenzie, and Mr. Hector McLeod.
Messrs. Groat and Fitzpatrick, who have been conducting a feed and flour and grain crushing business, have dissolved. Mr. W. Groat will in future conduct the business alone.
Two very exciting curling contests in the Sandeman cup series were held at the rink last night. Mr. Thompson was defeated by Mr. J. F. Weir 8 to 10, and Mr. Millar was defeated by Mr. R. B. Douglas 6 to 8. Both games were even up to the last end. A large number of spectators were present.
Mr. A. W. Toll recently sold his farm near Strathcona, south-west quarter section 26-52-24, to Mr. J. C. Johnston, Criterion Restaurant, Edmonton, for \$7,200. Six years ago he bought it for \$1,800, and has since netted about \$1,500 in improvements.
The Epworth League of Methodist Church will hold a watch night service in church on New Year's Eve.

AT THE HOTELS

- Strathcona Hotel—J. G. Valpy, Edmonton; Thomas Nelson, Edmonton; J. H. Messenger, Edmonton; J. C. Norquay, W. Pullar, H. Graham, D. Stark, Bell Telephone Company; B. G. Leary, Lamont; J. P. Weir, C.P.R.; F. Weaver, C.P.R.; W. F. McKelvey, Calgary; H. L. Lovelock, Calgary; W. E. Young, Calgary; D. McInnis, Calgary; P. E. Townsend, Calgary; J. Eton, Calgary; Albert Holly, Edmonton; Bud Kent, Edmonton; J. Godson, C.P.R.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—In the Presbyterian Church the Christmas music to be given will be as follows: Sacred solo—"To you is born a Saviour" (Lambly), Mr. A. Davies. Anthem—"And there were shepherds" (Chappel). Anthem—"Shout the glad tidings" (Marston). In the morning the pastor, Rev. David Flemming, will speak on Mary, the mother of Jesus, and in the evening also appropriate Christmas sermon will be given.
METHODIST CHURCH.—In the Methodist Church the pastor, Rev. J. Johnston, will discuss both morning and evening the following theme: "The Incarnation of God—its Meaning and Results." The choir will render special Christmas music at both services.
BAPTIST CHURCH.—In the Baptist Church the pastor, Rev. C. W. Corey, will speak in the morning on "Passing Events and Refreshing Memories," and in the evening on "Peace on Earth." Special Christmas music will be given both morning and evening by the choir and a male quartet.
ST. ANTHONY'S.—At St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church there will be mass at 10.30 and evening prayer at 7.30 with special Christmas music.
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.—On Sunday morning his lordship Bishop Pinkham will hold confirmation service. On Christmas Day Holy Communion will be administered at 8 and 10.30 a.m. Matins will be at 10.30 a.m. The pastor, Rev. W. R. George, officiating. The following will be the programme: Hymn, Christmas

mas, Awake, Respons, Festal, Venite, Crotch in A; Te Deum, Woodward in E; Benedictus, Gibbons in E; Carol, Sing, Oh Sing (Roper); Kyrie, Plummer in E; Gloria Libi, Phillips in C; Hymn, Adesta Fideles; Carol, Ring Out, Ring Out; Hymn, Hark the Herald Angels.

THE HOCKEY TEAM.

At the hockey practice last night Ho for McCrae, for the third year, was chosen captain for the winter. The team had on their natty new uniforms, recently prepared by P. E. Alexander. The sweaters are red, with white trimmings and a winged S on the breast. The pants are padded and the stockings red and white. The team is practically decided upon, the defence men being placed definitely. On the right wing last night Laidlaw was tried and McLeod placed at centre, opposing the team forwards. Which of those shall be placed on the team will be decided at the last practice tonight.

Neil Sutherland, the goalkeeper, played on the Intermediates last year and is not yet 16 years old. He is a heavy youngster, however, and has done good work.

Hector McCrae, point; David McKitt, cover point; E. M. Arthur, left wing, and "Pinkie" Hampton, rover, all from La Chute, Ontario. McCrae and Raith are both excellent defence men. The former works on his homestead near Innisfail in summer and as a machinist in winter; the latter dons the Seona uniform for the first time this winter, but two years ago played with Portage La Prairie in the senior division of the Manitoba and North-Western League.

McArthur is one of the best shots in the west. Last winter he had his collar bone broken in the final game with Edmonton, but is playing better than ever this year.

Hampton, who is the rover, only weighs about 120 pounds, but has lots of speed and is always on the puck.

"Scotty" McLeod is a newcomer, but has won the admiration of many spectators. He hails from Prince Edward Island, where he had a reputation as a fast player. His work last night especially met the approval of the crowd.

Ritchie, at centre, is perhaps the best stick handler of the team. He has grown up with Strathcona and is a favorite among the boys.

Laidlaw, a candidate for right wing, is a heavy player and does some excellent work. He is from Winnipeg, where he played with the Strathconas, Intermediate champions, and with the Stobart team, champions of the Mercantile League.

STRATHCONA STRATHCONA FARMERS.

The annual meeting of the Strathcona branch of the Alberta Farmers' Association was held in the fire hall on Saturday, Dec. 15th. President Fletcher was in the chair and gave an excellent address.

Secretary Sheppard presented his annual report, which proved the branch had done a lot of valuable work during the past year. All the accounts were paid and a small balance is still in hand. Officers and directors were elected for 1907 as follows: President—J. Fletcher, Ellerslie; Vice-president—Geo. Ball, Salisbury; Secretary-treasurer—Rice Sheppard, Strathcona; Asst. secretary—J. Govenlock, Ellerslie; Directors—D. W. Warner, M. Smeitzer, E. A. Walker, D. S. Fulton, W. Lang, R. Weir.

A directors' meeting was held at the close of the annual meeting to discuss the management of seed grain fair.

AT THE HOTELS

- Dominion hotel—C. A. Chilstrom, White Mud; E. A. Davies, Agricola; C. L. Hamilton, Ledoux; E. P. Vander and wife, John Alorsten and wife, W. J. Chambers, Calgary; Jas. Young, Strathcona.
Strathcona hotel—E. C. Tron, Calgary; C. Booley, J. Gordon, Calgary; P. G. Leaney, Lamont; J. T. Johnson, Winnipeg; B. Golden, Edmonton; P. Shaggy, Wetaskiwin; T. N. Hill, Calgary; Louis Aronson, Edmonton; Chas. Lyons, D. L. Gormley, Geo. Gould; A. B. McMurdo, Wetaskiwin; G. H. West, Wetaskiwin; W. A. M. Fox, Calgary; S. B. Beare, Toronto.

LOCALS

- The Strathcona Hockey club have their regular practice this evening.
The Christian Endeavor service in Knox church last night was led by Rev. Dr. McDonald.
Mr. W. McNeil has opened a butcher shop in the building west of A. Elmalle & Co.'s implement shed.
A literary watch-night social and service is being arranged in the Presbyterian church for New Year's eve.
The Sunday school of the Baptist church will hold a Christmas tree entertainment with appropriate program on next Monday evening—Christmas eve.

LOCALS

- The finishing touches are being put upon the new machinery of the electric power house and it is expected that the current will be turned on by the end of the week.
The last of the regular meetings of the present town council will be held this evening. The newly elected council assumes office at the beginning of the New Year.
The Young Men's Sunday Afternoon Club of Knox Presbyterian church is purchasing anthem books for the choir and hymn books for the visitors to the church.
The owners of the Strathcona Alberta hotel, two Chinamen named Mah Lee and Mah Chung, have seized all the furniture of the house for rent and will sell it by auction in the course of a few days.
At the curling rink last night in the semi-finals for the Ouellet cup W. H. Sheppard's rink defeated J. M. Douglas' rink. The finals are still between J. F. Weir and W. H. Sheppard. It is expected that the game will be played on Wednesday night.

LOCALS

Last meeting of the Strathcona Curling club will be held at the rink Wednesday night.

farmers of the Edmonton district. If anyone proposes attending the stock judging school, the department would be pleased to have them forward their fee, as well as the fees of any others which can be collected.

It remains now with those for whom the school is most needed, and who will benefit most to enter into the scheme with energy and enthusiasm. The complaints offered by the farmers were wondrous the civil authorities gained entrance to the church. At Finlayton the cavalry were compelled to charge several times, and many of the soldiers were wounded before the inventory was made.

At Venado, 50 gendarmes and a company of foot soldiers were obliged to spend four hours before they could complete their work. One gendarme threatened to kill a student who was studying for the priesthood.

"In conclusion the government of France mean to exterminate all religion from the kingdom, and will spare nothing to achieve their purpose, whatever the cost may be."

CLEAN YOUR GRAIN

The shipping of grain by the farmers on their account has begun in the Edmonton district this year. As yet it is too early to arrive at any results. There is a danger of discount on account of too great decay. The greatest care must be taken to have the grain thoroughly cleaned before shipping. There is no doubt a good many cars of wheat, most of which are of the best quality, are being shipped in a district like this where there must be mixed grain. It is no loss to clean the wheat or oats thoroughly and ship only the best. The profit is not so great as it is during advertisement. The extra screenings can be profitably sold on the farm. Sometimes what is degraded because of the presence of small wheat, which would be much better for chopped for feed or used as hen feed. The farmer who cleans his grain by cleaning by his farmer's own hand is a foolish business. The better method would be to have it done at the elevators with proper machinery and sieves. Shipping a smaller quantity of high grade grain brings a higher price per bushel and causes less in freight charges than a larger quantity of poorly cleaned and low grade stuff. The farmer who cleans his grain is to ship everything in the most concentrated condition possible.

STOCK JUDGING SCHOOL ASSURED

The possibility of having a series of stock judging schools in the Province of Alberta is an assured thing. The demand for such a project has been in the air ever since the Edmonton exhibition. The stock judging contests and prizes awarded stimulated a warm and intelligent interest among the young farmers of the district, and an agitation for a school took form at once. The department of agriculture was approached and urged to take up the matter. The department has considered this matter favorably and has also decided to operate similar schools in other parts of the Province. The department will supply the speakers and the animals for instruction work, but requires a guarantee of at least fifteen parties who will be in continuous attendance at the school. As a further guarantee of good faith in this matter the department asks that a nominal fee of \$1 be paid by each member taking the full course. Already, Lacombe, Innisfail, Medicine Hat and High River have complied with these conditions. All money collected from membership fees over and above the sum of \$15 at each place, is to be placed into a prize fund, the intention being to have a judging contest at the close of the school and distribute this money in prizes to those doing the best work in judging. It is further proposed to reserve the \$15 collected from each school and devote this to the purchase of a special Grand Challenge cup to be competed for by the champion of each stock judging school at a judging contest to be held at the time of the fat stock show at Calgary. In this way the department hopes that considerable interest will be aroused in this new venture.

GRAIN LETTER.

Wheat—There was some volume of speculative trading wheat futures today. After steady opening, at prices better than previous close gradually sank until Minneapolis reached 75 5/8 to 3/4, where support was met and a slight took place. The close was 75 1/2 for Minneapolis, May 75 1/2. Little in the news which tendency to improve in the way of the other. Brokers' genuine cable said west threatening the harvest in the try and while no damage had red as yet there was some anxiety felt for the safe grain crop. The Liverpool Corn News says: "Importing school Europe will need 2,000,000 of Argentine wheat between of January and last July, and is about the amount received period last year, any falling their shipments must be made the United States. For the thing nothing much is looked for." The market is looked upon as being on a quick dip belief wise to purchase for a turn.

DAILY STOCK LETTER

The stock market opened strong morning and continued strong greater part of the session, set vaning from 1 to 2 points per Money market was somewhat today, call loan rates getting 6 p.c. Towards the close of the day, some realizing sales appeared the bears immediately renewed attack upon the market, result some reaction from the highest of the day. This attack was more some very good buying orders a stocks closed fairly steady at late advances over last night's figures. On all sharp dip continue to advise the purchase of stocks at present prices.

WINNIPEG DELIVERY

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—May option 76 5/8; close 76 3/4; July option 76 1/2; close 76 1/2; cash wheat on track—1 H, 75 3/4-3/8; 2 N, 71 1/8. Oats, 34 1/4; flex 1 1/2.

MINNEAPOLIS DELIVERY

Minneapolis, Dec. 21.—May option 76 5/8; high 76 3/4; low 76 1/2; close 75 5/8. July—Open 80 1/8-3/4; low 80 1/4; close 80 1-2.

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Washington, Dec. 20.

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This is the final estimate preliminary estimates are based on reports of producers and agents, supplemented by information from other sources, including production and value United States.

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