

# News of The Territories

(Gathered By Our Correspondents and From Our Exchanges.)

**ASSINIBOIA.**

Hunley is to have a newspaper. A new school at Coal Centre near Medicine Hat, was opened last week with Miss Lee of Morden in charge.

The school board of Medicine Hat intend to offer medals for punctuality in attendance, time to count from Monday, 3rd inst., to June 30.

The Moosejaw Hockey Club has organised for the season and elected the following officers: Hon. President, Lieut. A. E. Christie; president, J. F. Spooner; vice-president, Dr. A. W. Tanner; secretary-treasurer, Chas. Sanders; manager, Mr. Graham; executive, W. H. Hewgill; S. R. Moore; referee, Dr. E. B. Neff; J. Stauffer; and W. H. Hewgill.

Over 674 head of cattle have been shipped from Whitewood recently. The bulk of this shipment came from the Moose Mountain district and were a fine looking lot of exporters. The cattle market for the past year has had a downward tendency and the highest price realised was 2½ per pound. All those shipped were inspected by Dr. Gummell.

**ALBERTA.**

Immigrants from Illinois have purchased 18,000 acres near Lethbridge. The Alberta College has opened at Edmonton with forty students in attendance.

The question of a pork packing establishment for Wetaskiwin is being discussed.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Trimble, of Red Deer, was precipitated to the ground, striking her head against the wagon top, receiving fatal injuries.

Plans have been prepared for the new hockey rink in Strathcona, but no definite arrangements for construction have as yet been agreed upon by the committees.

The lumbermen and millowners of Edmonton and Strathcona have just arranged a new list of prices of lumber, which are considerably below those which have been in existence for some time.

The North-West Gas & Oil Co. has commenced a search for oil or gas near Edmonton. A car load of drilling apparatus and special timber for derricks has been unloaded. The work will be in charge of two expert drillers and specialists.

At Lethbridge, Dr. Rutherford, chief veterinarian for the Dominion, inspected a herd of 238 horses, which are at present confined there and which are suspected of being infected with dourine, a disease recently introduced from the United States. Mr. A. J. Smith, a merchant of Lethbridge, shot himself last week while handling a new revolver which he had purchased the day before, saying that he was going to kill some cats that were infesting his house. He was formerly a member of the N.W.M.P. force and was for a time engaged in business in Maple Creek. He leaves a widow and a large family.

**SASKATCHEWAN.**

A special train of 25 cars of stock comprising 450 head, has left Saskatoon for Liverpool, have been purchased in the district and Battledford by Mr. D. Prince and Messrs. Gordon and Sparling.

A wilful attempt to burn the residence of Corporal Smith of the R.N.W.M.P. at Melfort occurred last Thursday night. Shavings were piled against a partition and set on fire. The damage was slight and is fully covered by insurance.

Work on the Canadian Northern bridge at Battledford will proceed all winter. Owing to the exceptionally low water in the Saskatchewan, a number of rafts or timbers were hung up for a short time on sand bars, but twelve rafts are now at Battledford the water having risen while the crews returned to Fort Pitt to bring down more timber. All the rafts are now below Victoria, well on towards Fort Pitt.

Last Sunday afternoon a serious accident befell Mr. Geo. P. McKay at the Wingard ferry, about thirty miles from Rostheron. Several men were assisting to let down the cable for a steamboat to pass and were unwinding the windlass with a long pole. Owing to some misunderstanding the pole was not taken out of the windlass and it swung around with terrific force, striking Mr. McKay on the side, breaking three ribs and injuring him internally. The flesh on one of his arms was scraped off to the bone. Latest reports show a slight improvement in his condition.

**MANITOBA.**

As the transcontinental from the east was coming into Brandon, Fred Scott, a C.P.R. brakeman, stepped off the main line in front of a yard engine, was knocked down and badly crushed. He was taken to the hospital, where they found it necessary to amputate his arm.

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**YUKON.**

The Virden Hockey Club has organised for the coming season. Carberry's rate of taxation for the coming year is 17 mills on the dollar.

On Thursday and Friday of next week the Western Manitoba Teachers' Association will hold their annual convention at Brandon.

The Young Men's Liberal Club of Winnipeg has now a membership of over 1000 members, 50 new ones having joined at the last meeting.

President Slattery of the C.P.C. announced in Montreal last week that the double tracking of the C.P.R. between Fort William and Winnipeg would be commenced this fall.

Mr. John Ferguson, a pioneer resident of Gladstone district, died last week. He was a former reeve of the municipality and came to the country from Scotland 25 years ago.

Rev. Francis Hall of the Presbyterian Church of Neepawa, has received a call from the Ninth Presbyterian Church of St. Paul, Minn., which has been without a pastor for a year.

A new senior hockey league has been formed to be known as the Manitoba Amateur Hockey League. Those forming the association are Victoria, Rowing Club, Brandon, Portage la Prairie and Rat Portage.

While drawing a loaded shot gun from a wagon today, Geo. Davidson, a young Englishman, employed on the farm of James Matthews, at Arden, the gun went off, the young man receiving the full charge in the stomach with probably fatal results.

The doctors hold out little hope for his recovery.

The Neepawa Liberal Club has elected Sir Wilfrid Laurier as patron and John Crawford as honorary president. The working officials are Dr. McRae, president; Geo. Little, Vice-President; A. McCorkie, secretary; W. M. Kennedy, treasurer, and Messrs. Fred L. Davis, E. J. Harris and Harold Leach as managing committee.

The Dauphin Press records the record land sale of the season. It says: The largest real estate deal ever made in this section has just been closed by R. C. Brown, real estate agent of Dauphin. This is the sale of the quarter sections owned by R. D. Gibson, just east of the town, to Wm. C. Lockwood of Plainfield, Ill. The price is \$25,500. Mr. Lockwood will remove his family and all his effects about the new year. He took back samples of grain and vegetables to show what our district can produce. Mr. Lockwood's locating here will doubtless mean the removal of several wealthy American farmers to our district.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA.**

Chas. Thompson, a negro, was fined \$100 or given six months' imprisonment for attacking another man with a razor at Fernie.

Innumerable damage has recently been caused by the forest fires on the timber limits of the Ferme Lumber Co. It first originated from the burning of the right of way on the Great Northern construction work. The Company will be sued for heavy damages.

The trial of John Houston, editor of the Nelson Tribune, and M. P. P. by the Nelson riding, charged by John Elliott, barrister, with criminal libel, and which consisted of a statement that Mr. Elliott had taken funds without permission of the city and kept them, has been dismissed after a three day's trial.

**ONTARIO.**

Work has commenced on Ogilvie's new 2,000 barrel mill at Fort William.

Kingston's population is 18,444, an increase of 200 over 1903. The assessed value is \$7,995,220.

Rev. Dr. Torrance has made a gift of \$1,000 to Knox College to establish a scholarship in Old Testament literature.

Mr. Timothy Eaton was robbed of \$10,000 worth of jewellery on Sunday night. One necklace alone was worth \$4,000.

The sixteenth annual convention of the Ontario Christian Endeavor union was opened in Toronto by the president Rev. Alex. Ester, M. A. last week. Five hundred delegates were present.

As a result of the breaking of a train while passing through the St. Clair tunnel from Port Huron to Sarnia six Grand Trunk men were smothered to death by inhaling gas fumes.

Mrs. Martha Hewitt, of Toronto, mother of Katie and Annie Hewitt, who were killed in the railroad wreck at Sintaluta, N.W.T., a few weeks ago, has received from Lady Minto a gift of money and a letter of condolence from Sir William Mulock, including a reduction in the cost and an increase in the efficiency of the service.

The financial results accomplished are exceedingly satisfactory. In 1896 there was a deficit of nearly \$800,000. There had always been deficits; it was supposed they were inevitable. After Sir William had been in office two years, the balance on the wrong side was cut down to less than \$50,000, whereupon he felt justified in trying the experiment of lowering the postage rates. In 1898 mainly through his efforts, the rate on letters between Canada and the United Kingdom was reduced from five to two cents per half ounce. The year after the domestic rates on letters in Canada were reduced from three to two cents, as was also the ratio between Canada and the United States.

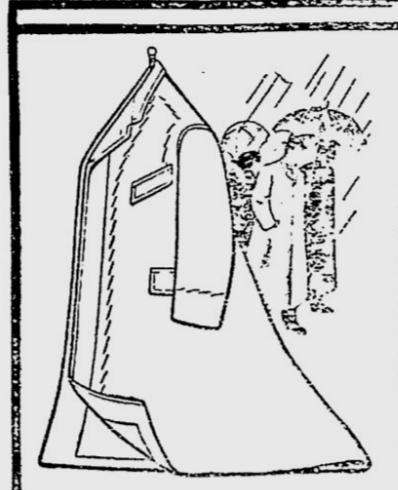
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\$149,272,000, or an increase of about \$8,000,000 over 1903, notwithstanding the destruction of property in the big fire of April last, which amounted to about \$9,000,000. The population is given at 226,365, an increase of 7,363, or 3.36 per cent.

**YUKON.**

The Dominion Post Office Department has made arrangements with the Royal North-West Mounted Police to carry the mail consisting of letters and post cards only once a month from Dawson City to Stewart River points; Mayo, McQueston, Clear Creek and Duncan Creek. The maximum weight of each mail is not to exceed 100 lbs. It is not known on what dates the mails will leave Dawson.

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**UNITED STATES.**

The largest railway shop in the world, with possibly one exception, will be built at Louisville, Ky., for the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co. It will cost \$2,500,000.

E. Tennyson Smith, the English temperance advocate, arrived in Boston last week with his wife, as guests of the Twentieth Century Pledge Signing Crusade. Mr. Smith will lecture on temperance in Massachusetts cities during the winter.

The Salvation Army in the United States, it is stated, will be divided into two sections, with western headquarters in Chicago and the eastern headquarters in New York. The eastern, or New York district will be much the larger and probably Eva Booth, who is at present visiting Winnipeg, will be in charge. The western or Chicago district, will be placed under the direction of Commissioner Coombes, now in England, but a former commissioner in Canada.

A New York despatch says: Dr. Geo. Parker, representing the trustees of the Cecil Rhodes estate, has given notice that the next qualifying examination for the Rhodes scholarship in the various states will be held about the middle of January, 1905. This early date is fixed because it has been found impossible to distribute the selected scholars throughout the Oxford Colleges with reference to their wishes if the examinations are held as late as March was the case in 1904.

Mrs. Emma Ewing Palmer, the last of the two ossified sisters, died last week at Rome, N.Y., aged 50. Owing to a disease of a rheumatic nature, which has baffled the skill of many prominent physicians throughout the country, Mrs. Palmer has lain motionless on her back totally blind and with every muscle rigid for the past 27 years. The disease manifested itself within a few days after her marriage to William Palmer of Oneida, at the age of 23. Her sister, Miss Stella Ewing, who died two years ago, was afflicted in the same way.

THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

It is significant that the Tories say very little about the P.O. Department. Their insight tells them that it is a department which now enjoys public confidence in a remarkable degree, in consequence of the splendid reforms brought about by Sir William Mulock, including a reduction in the cost and an increase in the efficiency of the service.

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increased the surplus for the year ended June 30th last would have been \$540,000. The Post Office for the first time in its history, is now a self-sustaining department and something better.

It is contended by the Tories, who do not like to admit what is now notorious, that by comparison they made a poor fist of Post Office affairs, that a reduction in the rates of postage is not a gain to the farmer and mechanic but only to corporations and merchants who purchase large quantities of stamps in the course of their business.

As a matter of fact, the cost of the Post Office Department is now paid for by those who make use of it, and by such people only. But when there were deficits ranging from \$650,000 to \$800,000, as happened under the Tories, these had to be made good by extra taxes on the whole people. Under the present order of things we have, first, lower postage rates, and secondly a surplus that goes to reduce the burdens of the taxpayers at large.

It is obvious then, that everybody is profiting except Sir William's management and that of his highly competent domes-

tic staff. The village of Davidson is making rapid strides. The town is now laying about one mile of sidewalk, 8 feet wide. The North Star Grain Company have erected an elevator with a capacity of 25,000 bushels. We have two lumber and coal yards, two hardware stores, two general stores, library barn 180 x 22 ft, butcher shop, drug store, blacksmith shop, three machine agencies, restaurant, two first class hotels, private bank.

The wheat threshed here will yield a good quality. There has been a lot of breaking done for next year's crop and the village is prosperous. A goodly number of settlers have come in, and considering everything there is a prosperous community with bright prospects for the future.

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