

ion facilities, the need for a secretary-treasurer and constable — and the matter of unpaid taxes. An ensuing meeting saw the appointments of Mr. Howard as village clerk, J. Kilbank as constable, and Dr. F. G. Schwalm as health officer.

The same interval that brought a crippling blizzard and increased human unrest witnessed the opening of a fourth room at Rivers public school (the teaching staff of which now consisted of Principal McNeil, Misses Janet A. Swinton, Roxie I. Laird and Lottie McRae); it saw the former bank premises fitted out as a grocery store by block-owner George Korman, dissolution of the Crowe & Burgess clothing store partnership, the H. B. Fitzmaurice proprietorship of the Victoria House — and a general exodus as fans (among them merchants and councillors) followed the local hockey team first to Carberry and then to Brandon.

Village fathers returned to their chores at the beginning of February to prepare the first bylaw — one regulating council meetings. A second dealt with the appointment of Mr. Howard as secretary-treasurer at a salary of \$400 a year. Bill No. 4 authorized the further appointment of Mr. Kilbank as constable at the rate of \$5 a month; the fourth authorization concerned the borrowing of \$5,000, while succeeding ordinances dealt with licencing of dogs, health, scavenging, and early-closing.

Such the season when Hotellier Somerville made another (and successful) application for a liquor licence; when Leslie Marshall disposed of his book-store interests to manage the telephone exchange, and the hockey club sponsored the visit of a melodic group known as the Musical Eckhardts; when the jewelry firm of Platt & Farrow was purchased by newcomer T. M. Ferguson and Lyric theatre headquarters were moved from their Main street locale to the Korman block. Such the interim that saw launching of the latest institution, Rivers Cork Club; the first annual ball sponsored by Sobriety Lodge of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen; a hike in wages for local railroad carpenters who made known their wishes general foreman M. B. Dube — and revival to a dozing board of trade.

That latter body, a Daly council delegation informed village fathers, had promised to reimburse the municipality for monies paid out in acquiring land for a cemetery: now, the envoys stated, the rural body would deed such purchased acres to Rivers on condition the municipality be released from further responsibility. Rivers council accepted the offer