

FEBRUARY 14th, 1929 - Engineer R. W. McKinnon, of the provincial department of Public Works Reclamation Branch, is leaving tomorrow with dog team to make the preliminary survey between here and Mafeking for the proposed highway. It is stated here that it was first the intention to fly over the territory, but this method was changed for the more prosy one, owing to the difficulty of viewing from the air the exact topographical nature of muskeg.

MARCH 7th - The vote taken on the \$15,000 by-law for the erection in Swan River of a new school building, to accommodate a collegiate department and relieve the use of the present basement rooms, carried a small majority at the recent vote taken. Only about seventy votes were cast.

MARCH 21st - Mr. Abe Ratson, of Bowsman, informs us that he has become a member of the Blue and White chain store system, and that he will be open for that business on Tuesday.

APRIL 18th - For forty years the farmers of Western Canada have been looking to the Hudson Bay as an outlet for their products. Half-a-dozen companies have been incorporated at various times to construct a railway there. Actual construction was first undertaken by the Conservative government in 1913. And now at last, under Liberal auspices, the steel has reached Fort Churchill.

JUNE 20th - About 9:30 Monday night a strong wind began to blow here, steadily increasing in speed and fury until plate glass windows and huge poplars, maples, elms and even oak trees went down to destruction before the demon.

South of town a stable is reported to have been lifted from over the horses. Old timers inform us that it was easily the worst the Valley has ever witnessed.

SEPTEMBER 12th - The Swan Valley G.W.V.A. Cottage Hospital, which has given a wonderful service considering its capacities and served a great need, has been sold to Archbishop A. A. Sinnott. A modern X-ray plant is to be installed immediately.

NOVEMBER 28th - What is noted as being one of the largest business deals closed in the town of Swan River for many years, was the sale recently of "*The Swan River Star and Valley Times*" newspaper and printing plant complete, together with the residence on Main St., formerly owned and occupied by G. E. Thompson. The new owner and publisher will be Mr. H. B. Munro, who for the past twenty years has been connected with The Pas Herald, and which he has owned outright since 1920.

DECEMBER 5th, 1929 - A general meeting of the Swan River Development Association was held November 30th. The president, Mr. R. G. Taylor, opened the meeting and dealt with the railway situation. The reports show that most of Manitoba is falling in line with the Mafeking Cut-off as Manitoba's road to the north country, and it is hoped at the meeting of Federated Boards of Trade being held in Winnipeg, December 6th, that a resolution approving of this route will be adopted.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 1930 - In the Kenville News, these items: On Friday night of last week, the electric lights failed to function. What is the matter Swan River? If it's some good belt dressing you need down there, we have it. Our Post Office has installed electric lights and is all lit up.

We see by a recent issue of "*The Star and Times*" that we are at last, after all these long years of waiting, going to have a well dug over at the stock-yards. Hurrah! But stay, would it not be better before anything is done, to get Dunkinville up to witch it for us. As you know nothing looks so futile or more silly than a dry hole.