

# MANY GRIEVANCES AILED AT MEETING

## Brandon Council Holds Busy Session—Alien Camp Dispensed With for Economy's Sake

Brandon, Man., Aug. 4.—The provincial government have awarded a contract to Messrs. Campbell and McComb, of this city, for the erection of a fence around the block of land on which is situated the jail of the western judicial district. This is a much needed improvement, as the present fence is in a very dilapidated condition, half of it being down and the posts rotted out of the ground. The grounds around the jail this year are looking extremely well, and reflect great credit on Governor Hanney and his staff for the way in which they have been kept. A few days ago Premier Norris visited the institution and was particularly well pleased with the conditions as he found them, with the exception of the fence, which he characterized as disgraceful.

The city council, at a meeting held tonight, decided in favor of securing the services of a public health nurse, the same to be under the supervision of the city health department. This will be their stand when they meet the school board next Tuesday.

A letter was received from Sir James Aikins stating that he had received word from Hon. Robert Rogers, who gives as his reasons for the removal of the alien internment camp from Brandon one of pure economy. The cost of maintenance of this camp was over \$21,000 annually, and the expense of the soldiers who acted as guards being additional to this amount.

The council ordered to be issued a cheque for \$5,000 in payment of the grant to the provincial exhibition. The fair board will have to pay the city for the water used.

### Close Fire Hall.

City Health Officer Dr. Bolton reported that he had visited a large number of the city dairies, some of which he found in good condition and others needing much attention, especially in regard to the slaughter houses.

The city have closed fire hall No. 2, which will save the ratepayers an expense of \$2,500 per year. This has been done simply because the need of a hall which existed at the time it was opened has been done away with by the erection of a large modern hall down town, which is now thoroughly equipped with up-to-date fire fighting appliances.

Mayor Cater informed City Engineer Speakman that he was not at all satisfied with the work of his department, as the work was not being finished in anything like the time it should have been. The mayor referred particularly to the cemetery plans, for which the council have been waiting for a considerable time, and the citizens are clamoring for title for plots bought and paid for years ago.

The annual exhibition of the Brandon Horticultural society will be held in the city hall on August 23 and 24.

Another matter that received considerable discussion was in relation to the hospital authorities' holding the city liable for the charges on all public ward patients. Ald. Fletcher stated that he believed the hospital were very careless in collecting from the patients, knowing that they could collect from the city.