Deputation Waits on Ministers With Request that Provision Requiring Direct Immigration be Modified

OTTAWA, Jan. 18 .- A deputation comprising Bernard Rose and William Ziff, of Montreal, and A., M. Wolff, of Ottawa, was introduced to Hon, Robert Rogers and Hon. C. J. Doherty tonight by H. B. Ames, M. .., and Edmund Bristol, M. P.

The deputation requested important modifications of the immigration regulations with regard to the provisions requiring direct entry into Canada fron the country of birth. They complained that this provision works unnecessary hardships on Hebrews and others, who while physically fit and supplied with money, and desirable settlers, could not enter Canada from the United States other countries. The proposal was that persons concerned or their friends in Canada be allowed to deposit a sum of money sufficient to pay their transportation to their country of origin in case depórtation should be necessary. This would meet the objection that in such cases the government cannot compel the steamship companies to return the immigrants at their expense. The ministers promised to consider the proposal. They will have another interview tomorrow.

President Falconer, of Toronto University, had an interview with Hon. K Rigers today, as representing the Toronto association, which is champion ing the claims of the Hindus in British Columbia. He figured that on the ground of common humanity, the East Indians should be allowed to bring their wives into the country. He also said stress on the argument that Imperia interests were concerned, and their exclusion might create trouble in India President Falconer also met H. H. Stevens, M. P. for Vancouver, who is strong-ly opposing the relaxation of the restrictions on Oriental immigration. Mr Stevens probably will deliver an address on the subject in Toronto

### ASKING FOR A NEW BRIDGE

(Continued from page one.) of course, do not intend to impose our selves unduly upon the government authorities, but as we have been led to understand by competent authorities that a bridge capable of all the requirements of the situation, now and for many years to come, can be constructed there for the sum of \$75,000, we think that the proposition has decended from the realms of the impracticable to the field of the prac-

"The matter has been before the government before, and they have been sufficiently intersted to send an engineer to examine the conditions of the river at that point, and we understand that, basing his calculations on the idea that the depth of the river was 90 feet, he reported back to the effect that a suspension bridge was the only thing possible under the circumstances.

Business Bodies Combined

"After we learned, however, that the depth was 60 feet and not 90 feet, the leading business bodies of the city gathered together or individually and passed resolutions in favor of approaching the government with the new in formation on the subject. The general feeling at last culminated in the calling of a mass meeting, at which a resolution was unanimously passed to get construction and forward it, with a representative delegation to back its text. to the provincial government. I believe that the petition is signed by something

like three thousand people." Mayor Annable also stated that the general conditions in and around Nelson looked very promising for the new year. "There are going to be great developments," he said, "in the mining industry. Platinum is coming rapidly to the front, and the lead and zinc mines of the Slocan are being opened up and will be worked as they have never been worked before during the last ten years at least. Copper is rapidly advancing in price, and at Rossland and the boundary, owners are preparing for a larger production than ever. The rise in the price of copper will mean everything to the copper mines of the province this year. When the price of copper fails, many of the mines have generally to be closed down as it will not pay to operate them, but now that an advance has taken place it is expected that mines in the province that have never been operated before, or that have been closed down owing to the fluctuating circumstance of price referred to, will run wide open and produce extensively. That copper is to be had in large quantities cannot be denied. All that is required to put the industry on a proper basis in British Columbia is the rise in price that has recently been announced, and which has proved such welcome news to the miners of the province,

"Everything in the district has been flourishing during the past year with the exception of the lumber trade, and that has suffered on account of the laxity of the custom officials in en forcing the law under the last Liberal administration.

The Americans were allowed to pass in lumber as rough, that which had been dressed on two sides by the simple but ingenious device of running a small saw behind the planer on one side. Rough lumber is dressed on one side only. By the practice of that trick. the Americans have been able to flood the Canadian market with their surplus stock many of the elevators built during the year in the prairie centres have been supplied with this lumber from across the line. Since the Con servative government has assumed office the matter has been drawn to their attention and now of course the practice is no longer followed, and as

a consequence we expect the lumber interests of the province to advance more rapidly during the current year with the great Canadian market open to them than it has ever done before. More than that the lumber men of the province are asking the government to put a duty of \$2 on all rough American have reason to believe it will be done will practically shut out the Americans altogether and give the B. C. lumber he chance it should have had before This action is being advocated by the Associated Boards of Trade."

Mayor Annable smiled quietly in re sponse to the congratulations upon his victory in the fight for the mayoralty In order to be returned he had to de feat one of the strongest men in the city, namely ex-Mayor Selous, but he did it by the comfortable margin of 76 votes. Needless to say Mayor Annable enjoys the confidence of the citizens of Nelson as well as the personal friendship of practically all the leading men of the province and the Dominion

TELLS MORE OF SISTER'S DEATH

(Continued from Page One.) brain was affected. After Claire died, Mrs. Hazzard came to me and said it was my sister's wish that I remain a Olalia for life. Mrs. Hazzard said I was an imbecile and must stay at Olalla always. I said that I did not want to stay there and that I knew my sister would not want me to stay against my will. I wanted to go back to Australia."

The witness said that her sister Claire said she was induced to give to Mrs. Hazzard's husband, Samuel G. Hazzard, formerly adjutant of Westpoint military academy, a power of attorney authorizing him to look after some affairs in Vancouver, B. C. She had \$5500 depos-ited in a bank there and told Mr. Hazzard to send it to an uncle in Toronto Two checks for \$590, drawn by Lieut. Hazzard against the Vancouver bank account, were introduced in evidence. The state will attempt to show that this money was not disposed of according to the instructions given by Miss Williamson, who was still on the stand when the court adjourned.

## WIRELESS OPERATOR TALKS OF WORK

Tells of Assistance Given to Navigators -Master of Liner With Lost Bearings Given Position

How the coast wireless telegraph stations aid navigators is little known to many, says W. M. Thompson, operator at Tatoosh. He said: "There is seldem a day passes that this station is not called upon for information as to weather conditions by coastwise and transpacific steamers, relaying messages regarding the taking on and discharging of cargoes, coaling, correcting bills of lading, etc.

"Recently the captain of a transpacif ic vessel arriving from the Orient called us up and asked us to locate him. He said he saw a light, but wid not know whether it was Tatoosh light or not and he could not afford to guess about it. One of the operators here took a compass and going outside swept the horizon for a light. One was faintly seen in the distance, the exact bearing from his light taken, and going back to the key he told the commanding officer that his light was seen and gave him his bearing. A message came back thank ing us for the information. The ves-sel proceeded up the straits wishing us a happy New Year.

"A few nights ago a steam sche coming up from the south, called up and asked us to locate it. The captain said he was very near the island, but could not see the light on account of the mist.

"The operator on watch here sked him if he could not hear the fog whistle by land to deceive the robbers. Meanwhich was singing its n of warning every minute. The reply was no. We told him to come nearer. and he could hear it, as the whistle can be plainly heard, day or night, calm or windy, a sufficient distance away from the rocks.

"He said he was sure he was too need as it was, but would venture a fittle nearer. Finally he said: "O'K. I hear whistle but cannot see the light. Thanks."

## WILL LOAD WHALE OIL

Harrison Liner Magician Reported to Be Coming to Outer Wharf For Cargo

The steamer Magician of the Harrison line is expected at the outer wharf shortly to load a large shipment whale oil for Glasgow. The Crown of Calicia of the Direct line in conjunction with the Harrison service, which took on 7,500 barrels of whale oil at this port, proceeded to sea yesteray en route to the United Kingdom via San Francisco and San Pedro. The Comedan the next steamer due of this line is expected at San Pedro from Antwerp, Glasgow and Liverpool via Santos,

"Honor" Convicts

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 19.-Three nor convicts of Governor West's "Honor Camp," at Westville, enjoyed short liberty as a result of a break from custody last night. All three were captured today while they were ing along the railroad track near Eagle Point. They will be taken back to Salem tomorrow.

Caught by Spanish Swindler

NEW YORK, Jan. 19 .- A detective headquarters today arrested Charles Olsen, of Portland, Ore. The detective found Olsen aboard a steamer about to sail, and persuaded him to come to police headquarters. It was proved that he was about to become the victim of the old-time "Spanish Swindle."

Crew in Danger

From Thibet NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 19 .- The rev-Rev. J. M. Muir and wife, of the nue cutter Itasca reached the schooner China inland mission were four months in reaching Shanghai from Batang on Harry Prescott, stranded near Cape Hatteras at 10 o'clock tonight, and will the Thibetan border, and were held for attempt to take off the four members some time in Changtu, owing to the siege of the Szechuan capital. They had of the crew who are clinging to the rigan eventful journey, replete with alarm, rioting and dangers. They left Changtu three days before it went over to the ging. Because of high seas and the strong tide, it is feared the men can-

revolutionists, and Tuan Fang was killed and Viceroy Chao Er Fang committed suicide by swallowing gold leaf. All the cities between Chunking and ngtu on the Great Road have gone FROM ORIENT over to the revolutionists without fightng, and although many yamens an public places have been destroyed there

C. P. R. Steamer Will Come to

Usual Ports of Call

the Outer Wharf This Morn-

ing from Hongkong and

The steamer Monteagle, of the C. P.

R. which is taking the place of the Em-

press of China in the transpacific ser-

vice, reports by wireless that she will

reach port at 9 a. m. today. The mont-

eagle, which was expected to arrive yes-

terday, was delayed by heavy weather

encountered when nearing port. The

steamer is oringing a good complement of passengers, and it is reported that

many missionaries, refugees from west-

ern China, are among those on board.

Some of the missionaries who have reached Shanghai, where many have been gathering, have had some trying

Missionaries in Peril

Mr. and Mrs. T. Windsor, and the

Misses Pearson and Thorson, a party of missionaries, from Tsunyifu in Kwel-

chou province, had a thrilling story to tell of their adventures on the way out.

They were attacked by robbers, and

fight ensued in which their escort killed

seven highwaymen in a fierce battle on the river. The missionaries owe their safety to negotiation with the bandit

chiefs, and the military escort. When the

party reached Chunking on December

4th, finding 23 other missionaries there

from Kwelchou they found a body of

500 Imperial troops marching through the city hearing the head of their Gen-

eral Tuna Fang, a prominent Manchu oficial, on a pole. They explained that a price had been offered for the head of Tuan Fang, and they were on their way

to Wuchang bearing the head to claim

Brigands Are Busy

Rev. Mr. Windsor said: "The entire province of Kweicheu is in a state of

anarchy. The revolutionists seem to be

control, but there is much factional

strife, and the robber bands are taking

advantage of this. One prefect city and three haion cities had been sacked and

looted before we left, many being kill-

equipped with modern rifles and guns and well supplied with ammunition.

They have an extensive system of es-

pionage, and their spies are quick to get information of quarrels between

revolutionary leaders, and they prompt-

take advantage of the strained rela-

tions to attack and loot a city while the defenders are divided against them-

Our station at Tsunyifu is ten days journey south of Chunking, and when we left the robber bands were massing

t attack that place. The revolutionists

vere in control when we left, and they

furnished us with an escort of twenty

men, the leader being prominent in the

Kalschul secret society, which gave him

great influence. After we had been four days on the way we learned that

we had escaped only because of negoti-

ation with the robber chiefs through

whose territory we passed, and when

we reached Sungkan we were informed

that both routes from there, by land

and water, were held by robbers. The

and were gone one day. They returned

to report that they had successfully

negotiated with the robbers for a safe

journey. We were not sure, though,

while three junks were secured for a

journey down river. We occupied one junk, and the soldiers the junks in front

and behind. About a mile down the river a band of robbers opened fire from

the bank, and the fire was returned. A

brisk battle ensued in which seven rob-

bers were killed, and the remainder

fied, leaving a large amount of booty

they had stolen from other craft. We

had all we could do to prevent our escort from landing to pursue the rob-

pers and take possession of their spoils.

Kai that night, and decided to rest

there. Two messengers from the British consul at Chunking arrived, having

been robbed of everything except their

despatches, and they and spies be sent

out informed us that robbers who had

been waiting to attack us had we pro-ceeded overland from Subgkan had

learned of the deception we practised

n them, and were en route to Shen

"We notified the revolutionary auth-

orities, and after a conference they

agreed to protect us, even if the city

militia called out, guards posted, and

streets leading to the city gates, and a

guard posted in front of the house where

we stayed. The robbers were informed

f those preparations, and, although w

passed a sleepless night, there was no

attack. At a late hour hearing an

alarming noise I went out with a lan-

tern, a Chinese boy having slipped a sword into my hand. While I was

scouting he stood near with a rifle at

his shoulder ready to shoot any enemy

who appeared. We left next morning and reached Chi Kiang in the afternoon.

That city had gone over to the revolu-

tionists two days before, and condition

vere unsettled. The rebels supplied us

with an escort of twenty-five men, and

although there were several alarms

when spies came in and told us that

brigands were waiting in ambush at

various places, nothing happened during

the following three days until we reach-

ed Chunking, from where we took pas-

sage in the steamer Tch Hsing for

Shanghai.

annon mounted at the head of the

looted. Warnings were given,

Chih Kai to attack us.

"We reached a place called ChartChih

military leaders went out to reconnoitre

scives.

ed. The robbers are well organized and

experiences.

the reward.

## HERRING NOW RUNNING WELL AT NANAIMO

Three Freighters Engaged to Carry Catches to Be Londed on the Strathlyon For the Orient

The herring are now shoaling at Nanimo and big catches are reported. The information is gratifying news to the owners of the small steamers, who, in this slack season for freight, usually reply on the herring industry entirely to keep their wheels turning. Last year was the first time the herring output failed, and the deferred appearance of the fish in large numbers this year has almost convinced the steamboat men that this season was going to be a barren one for them, too. They have heen slow to give up, however, and have maintained the crews aboard the vessels in the hope that the tonnage would show up at last, the result being that there are about half a dozen of the small craft now at Nanaimo loading up. The steamer Strathlyon is now loadng a cargo of salt fish brought from Ketchiken by the steamer British Col-

umbia, and is expected to get large shipments of herring. The steamers Celtic, Ophir and Selkirk are engaged to carry herring from Nanaimo.

Winnipeg Fire WINNIPEG, Jan. 19.—At eleven o'clock tonight flames were noticed in the plant of the Winnipeg Steel Granary and Culvert Co., which is situated scross the river on the outskirts of St. Boniface. The fire department was sent, but the building was virtually destroyed before the firemen arrived after a long run of four miles. The fire is a mystery, as no one was in the plant at the time. The loss is about \$45,000. The fire was most speciacular, as it was on a high ledge of ground and the flames shooting skyward could be seen for several miles, and despite the severity of the weather large crowds went across the river to see it

Sawdust and Treacle LONDON, Jan. 19.—Owing to the high rices of feeding stuffs a breeder of os near Peferborough has resorted to the idea of fattening his pedigree animals on sawdust and treacle. In a letter to a Peterborough farmer who had asked him for advice as to the best way to feed pigs at this time of the vear he stated: "I am going to feed all my pigs and rows on sawdust and treacle. Don't laugh. See how it turns out!" On inquiry it was found that the practice is being resorted to by many i reeders owing to the increased cost of keep in general. Molasses is fattening, and the sawdust, it is said, gives the neces-sary consistency to the mixture.

## EARLY START OF IMMGRATION

British Columbia Likely to Receive Good Class of Settlers From Old Country During Coming Season

WINNIPEG, Jan. 19.-Immigration will start early this year. About the Saanich lying contiguous to the city latter part of February the first steamer will be started, according to a representative from the Old Country booking offices. Many whole families from Scotland are coming in the spring, as early as it is possible to start work in the agricultural- districts. Farmers who have been successful in grain and fruit districts in England are planning to move with their families to Western Canada. British Columbia is getting a very fine class of Britishers, according to a local immigration authority, and many immigrants who came out last spring are settled on farms and are doing

## FIREMAN BURNED

Loses Life in Pire That Destroyed Kenora Fire Hall—Department's Horses Also Perish

KENORA, Ont., Jan. 19 .- Charles Nelson, a C. P. R. fireman, was burned to death this morning in a conflagration which completely destroyed the fire hall and other buildings.

The horses of the fire department, four in number, were burned, and the occupants of the building, all of whom were asleep when the conflagration began, had a narrow escape. Charles Nelson, who was burned to death, was placed under arrest earlier in the evening for threatening to shoot up the

The total loss is forty thousand doi-

Pive More Dynamiters INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 19 .- That at least five men other than those who have been indicted or convicted in the dynamite conspiracy participated in a plot to blow up an iron works at Akron, Ohio, on July 4, 1910, was part of

through witnesses called from Chic. Jury Bribing Case

lin, the McNamara detective, awaiting. trial in the superior court on two charges of jury bribing, was given what was said to have been his last chance for immunity when he was called before the county judge today. Franklin was in the jury room ten minutes. Both before entering the grand jury room and after leaving it, the detective ap-

# TAKES BIG CARGO

Osaka Shosen Kaisha Liner Left the Outer Wharf Yesterday Morning for Ports of the Orient

The Japanese steamer Mexico Maru, of the Osaka Shosen kaisha line, left the outer wharf yesterday morning for the Orient with a cargo limited only by the capacity of the vessel. The freight was valued at \$625,296. The big cargo included 10,000 cases of condensed milk. This is a western commodity which finds more favor in the interior China than any other product of the Occident, and on the shelves of many mud-walled villages, seldom vi ited by mud-walled villages, seldom vi ited by foreigners, the tins of milk are seen for sale. Many a bullock cart travels over the deep-rutted roads of China, many a camel caravan goes even to Mongolia carrying loads of condensed milk. Another large shipment of raw cotton was taken out, 4500 bales, valued at \$270,000, and there was a shipment of flour worth \$90,000. There were also 500 tons of steel rails and an unusually large shipment of stad plates, as well as the usual shipments of machconsignment of sewing machines. Dur ng the past few months the shipments of cotton and flour have been in excess of all other freight, and eleven specia steamers have had to be chartered to

## APPROVE NEW ROUTE FOR OAK BAY SEWER

carry the overflow from the regular

City and Suburban Representatives Reach Amicable Solution of What Promised to Create Difficulties

If all the problems arising between the city and the municipality of Oak Bay are as amicably and promptly settled as appears to be the important one of sewerage, the dealings between the two municipalities should occupy little of the time of the respective councils and redound to the mutual benefit of both. Within half an hour yesterday the knotty point involved in the construction of the trunk sewer which the city contemplates running from a point in the vicinity of Smith's hill reservoir in a southeasterly direction to the waterfront in Oak Bay Oak Bay taking objection to the local tion of the outfall for the sewer, was amicably settled, the wishes of Oak Bay met, and the financial arrangements incident to the change in the route, accepted as satisfactory by all parties.

A deputation consisting of Reeve Oliver and Councillors Smart, Mc-Gregor and Noble and Clerk Floyd waited upon the sewers committee of the city council, the chairman of which is Alderman Humber. The city's scheme for the drainage of the northeastern section of the city as well as a large section of the municipality of limits was to run the trunk sewe from near Smith's hill reservoir southeasterly to empty into the straits, the outfall being carried out to Mary Todd island. The plans of the proposed sewer were, it is claimed by the city, approved by the provincial health authorities, but strong objection was taken by residents of Oak Bay residing along the Oak Bay waterfront. they putting forth the claim that th depositing of sewerage at that point would result in such pollution of adjacent waters and the shore line that they would certainly seek legal redress if the city's scheme were proceded with.

Prior to these objections being raised, Oak Bay agreed to contribute \$35. 000 towards the cost of the construction of the sewer the aggregate cost of which was estimated at \$100,000 Oak Bay recently passed a bylaw authorizing the expenditure of \$35,000. Alternative Scheme

Since the objections have been nade, however, an alternative scheme has been advanced. Instead of carrying the sewer to the foreshore and out to Mary Todd Island it is proposed to divert it from a point near the shore of Oak Bay and run it in a southerly direction about a distance of two miles to a point on Shoal bay where the outfall would be carried to near Bold Point where the strong current running between Trial Island and shore would carry all sewerage well out to sea. This change would involve an expenditure for the portion of the sewer within the limits of Oak Bay of about \$140,000, but as under the first scheme the city would be called upon to expend \$65,000 (the balance of the \$100,000, since \$35,000 is to be met by Oak Bay), it was unanimously decided that the new route should be chosen, Oak Bay to construct the sewer from the testimony which, it is believel, was the city limits to the outlet at Shoal presented to the federal grani j.ry Bay, the city to contribute the \$65,000 the city limits to the outlet at Shoal towards the cost, leaving, if the estimate of \$140,000 as the cost is correct, the balance to be met by Oak Bay LOS ANGELES, Jan. 19-Burt Frank- The latter municipality would also secure a much better service for a district which will soon require a larger system. The cost, in any event, will be the same to the city.

City Representatives Approve

Alderman Gleason voiced the opinon of the city representatives when he stated that he believed the new proposal would prove the most satisfact-

ory not only for the present but also for all time to come. The other members of the committee, the mayor and Aldermen Humber, Dilworth, Beard, Okell, Baker and the city engineer also agreed with him.

The tentative arrangements will be acorporated in an agreement and as the municipality of South Saanich is interested in the construction of the sewer their recent offer of \$19,000 towards the cost will be further considered with them.

The proposed new route for th sewer will run from the outfall at Bold Point northerly along Transit road and across private property at Hampshire road to a point near Prospect place and thence northwesterly via Mount Tolmie road, Fifth street, Victor street, Haultain street, Cedar Hill road to the junction of King's road and Blackwood street, where connection with the present sewerage system for that section of the city will

## MOVING RAPIDLY

Many Transactions Being Carried Through Despite Customary Slackness of Season -Will be Memorable Year

With the advent of improved weather

nd prospects of an early spring there

renewed activity in the real estate

market, and on all sides there is the conviction that the year which has just opened will prove one of the most memorable in the history of the city in respect to its growth and development. Much of the prevalent optimism is of course based on the assumption that the railway policy which will shortly be brought down by the provincial government as also the plans of the government for the disposition of the onghees reserve, will have a material bearing on the future of Victoria. What with the certainty of an early start beng made on a comprehensive scheme for the improvement of the port of Victoria at the hands of the federal government and the promise of great activity on the part of the railway companies, the situation is one which is leading to considerable investment by speculators thus early in the game During the week just closed the cenre of interest has been the west side f the harbor, on the stretch of land unning from Macauley Point to the Esquimalt road and including therein West bay. There have been severa large transfers of property in this lo-

lots. Much property is also held under option. A local syndicate also during the week acquired a large block on the north side of the harbor, adjoining the McBeath property. There is no cessation of interest i he James Bay district, a feature of he situation being that there is hardany property there being offered at all-holders having taken the same from the market entirely, awaiting further developments in connection with the breakwater scheme and that for the building of a bridge connecting Laure Point with the Indian reserve. In this connection the report was current yes terday that much of the property on Luarel Point, whereon is situated the works of the British American Paint company, has been sold by the present owners, who have purchased a substi-

cality, at prices ranging from \$10,000

for waterfront lots to \$5000 for inside

it is understood, purchased a lot on Yates street, which would be suitable for general offices. One of the important transactions dur ng the week just closed was the sale by the Hudson's Bay company of the ot on Government street near the post office. This brought \$135,000, and the name of the purchaser is withheld. A capitalist named C. Pease has acquired the Burleith property on Vic oria Arm for a hig figure, the vendors being the local syndicate who acquired the property from the late Dr. Frank Hall. In this transaction also was a

tute site in another part of the city.

eith. Values in the central part of the city still hold strong. Thus sixty feet on Pandora street near the Presbyterian church was sold the other day \$42,000; a lot on the corner of Broughton and Blanchard streets 60x60 brought \$28,000, and 30 feet on Yates street brought \$60,000.

At an early date the Bank of Mont real will arrange for an enlargement of the premises at present occupied on Government street. The plans for the additions are being drawn by Mr. F. M. Rattenbury, the well known architect. The bank has purchased fifteen feet frontage north of the line of the present property and the projected addition will be built on this. When the B. C. Telephone company moves its of fices from Bastion street, their quar ters will also pass to the Bank of Montreal, so that the new premises will be very materially enlarged.

Hearst Papers Censured FRESNO, Cal., Jan. 19.-Censure of he newspapers published by W. R. Hearst was made in the report adopted oday by the California Building Trades Council, now in session in this city. This section of the report says: "The report calls attention to the infamous attitude of lying and slander of the Hearst newspapers. Upon investigation your committee finds that the Western Federation of Miners at the Atlanta convention of the American Federation of Labor lodged a complaint against the Hearst newspapers. We recommend that this convention strongly endors the protest of the Western Federation of Miners and join in their request."

J. D. Paxton, government veterinary for the Grand Forks district, has been transferred to Kamloops, M. R. Aikins

# IN TORONTO FIRE

Large Warehouse Situated in Heart of Theatre District Nearly Destroyed — Fros Hinders Fire Department

TORONTO, Jan. 19 .- Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars damage wa done tonight when the four store warehouse building of the Allan Manu facturing company was gutted in stubborn fire which defied the efforts of the firemen for nearly three hours Three firemen were badly injured the course of their work by parting hose on the 300 pound high pressure system.

Five hundred persons are thrown out of employment, all operatives of the Swiss Laundry, which occupied the lower floors, and the Fairburn Co. whiteware manufacturers, h having quarters above.

The flames started from some unknown cause in the rear of the fourth story, quickly spreading through the entire upper part of the building and resulting in the total destruction of the contents, consisting of stock, machinery and fittings. The herculean efforts of the department saved the lower floors from being burned, but these, which contained expensive laundry matchinery, are also nearly a complete loss, the result of the flow of water which poured in all directions throughout the progress of the fire. Hundreds of spectators watched the destruction of the building, which is situated in the heart of the theatre district

The district was flooded for blocks in every direction, and the street car traffic was demoralized for hours The weather was cold and made the task of Chief Thompson and his men difficult owing to the ice which stiffened the hose whenever the water was turned off, and the fact that the building was surrounded by a network of electric wires which became heavily encrusted and threatened to part at any moment, adding greatly to the danger of the work.

### WESTERN STEEL

Metropolitan Trust Company to Finance New Company to Take Over Its Holdings

SEATTLE, Jan. 19.—The Metropolitan Trust Co., of New York, will finance a new company to take over the holdings of the bankrupt Western Steel Corporation This was virtually assured toda when the creditors of the steel corpora tion passed a resolution permitting the Trust company to use the amount of its lien on a \$2,000,000 bond issue in bidding in the assets of the bankrupt.

Although this resolution is not bind ing on the court, Referee John P. Hoy said he would act under its provisions if the Metropolitan Trust company lives up to the terms of its offer. The creditors will receive 70 per cent. of their claims in preferred stock and 30 per cent, in common,

## New Towns on Prairies

MONTREAL, Jan. 19 .- During the year 1911 the C. P. R. established 41 new towns in the three prairie provinces, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. This year with, the large number of branch lines and extensions completed it is possible that the railway will establish more new municipal alities. This will result in the creat ing of many new business and professional openings

## MINERS KILLED

Two Employees of Nickle Plate Mine at Hedley Strike Missed Hole, With Patal Consequences

HEDLEY, B. C., Jan. 19 .- This morning two miners, William Coward and Archie McAllister were accidentally killed in the Nickel Plate mine. The accident was due to a missed hole which the men knew about and were looking for. While clearing away the muck, preparatory to setting up the machine, one of them must have struck the powder with his pick. Both men were badly torn by the explosion

## Governor Wilson Keeps Silence

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 19.-Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey tonight still maintained silence regarding the Harvey-Wilson incident and the attack made upon him by Col. Henri Watterson. When pressed for a statement he replied that he could not say whether at any time he would make one.

Dr. Wilsy Vindicated

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 .- Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the chemistry bureau of the department of agriculture. the storm centre of the pure food law administration controversy last summer, is given a clean bill of health in the report of the house committee that investigated the charges and countercharges. The committee, in its report. which will be presented to the house next Monday, sustains Dr. Wiley all along the line except on unimportant technical details. "There is no politics in the report," said Chairman Moss, of the committee.

TRINIDAD, Colo., Jan. 19 .- The bandit who was shot and killed by a policeman yesterday after attempting to rob a store near here was tonight said to be J. B. Smith, son of a wealthy ranchman of Montana.

### Montreal Board of Trade MONTREAL, Jan. 19 .- The following

officers were elected for the Montreal Board of Trade tonight: President, R. W. Reford; first vice-president, H. R. Drummond; second vice-president, R. J.

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