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FIFTIETH YEAR

WORKMEN KILLED BY MOLTEN METAL

Explosion Wrecks Converter
at Edgar Thomson Steel
Works

TWO KILLED, FIFTEEN HURT

Many Tons of Metal Dropped
Into the Pit Among the
Workers

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 1.—Two men were killed and thirteen injured by an explosion at the Edgar Thomson plant of the U. S. Steel Corporation at North Braddock, seven miles east of here, today. The two men killed were foreigners. Six of the men injured were Americans, and the other a Slav. All were removed to an hospital in this city, where it was said their injuries were not serious.

No official statement of the cause of the explosion has been issued, but it was said that the cause could hardly be other than that some of the molten metal sifted through the soapstone lining of the converter and came in contact with the steel. The explosion occurred the bottom of the converter dropped out, throwing 1,500 tons of molten metal into the pit where fifteen men were working at the ladles. There was no explosion when the hot mass of steel struck the bottom of the pit, but instead flames of burning gas were sent up which burned the men in the pit. The two men who were killed had been working under the converter, and their bodies were terribly mangled. The force of the explosion blew the sheet iron roof off of the converter mill and caused two of the walls to collapse, besides breaking all the windows in the vicinity.

It partially destroyed the warehouses near the converting shed.

Sudden Death at Nicola

Nicola, Jan. 1.—George Hilliard, hotelkeeper and formerly blacksmith by Nicola, died yesterday of heart failure. About three months ago he went into the hotel business and leased the building. He had not been in business about a month when the building, which at its corners was consumed by fire, many of the boarders narrowly escaping with their lives. Later the license he held was cancelled.

Farmer's Mysterious Death

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 1.—John A. Burton, a farmer living four miles north of Chesham, was found dead today. Shortly before noon a hired man employed by Mr. Burton, and who has always gone under the name of "Shorty," reported the results of a neighbor and said that he believed his employer was dead. The neighbors immediately started for the Burton home, and when they reached it they found the house in a state of confusion. With his head resting on the floor, lay the body of the dead farmer. Burton was forty years of age, and lived on the farm with only the hired man.

PLATINUM IN CARIBOO

Samples of Black Sand Analyzed Show
Three Ounces of Metal to
the Ton

Ashcroft, Jan. 1.—Some time ago samples of black sand from the property of James Deacon at Quenest were sent to W. E. Baldwin of Glens Falls, N. Y., by C. H. Unverzagt. Mr. Baldwin reported the results of his analysis in the following letter to Mr. Unverzagt: "Dear Sir:—When I was in your city last I called on you and you will remember you gave me a sample of ore which you thought contained platinum. I find that this sand contains about 3 ounces of platinum to the ton. If your people can concentrate this material and get large quantities it would probably pay to work. Suppose you investigate and then give me another sample to investigate."

ELOPEMENT CASE

Jere Knode Cooke May Not Be Taken
East Unless His Wife
Commences Proceedings

New York, Jan. 1.—"I will immediately ask for the extradition of Jere Knode Cooke, who escaped with Florence Whaley, of Hempstead, Long Island, just as soon as I receive word from Mrs. Cooke that he is to be made defendant in abandonment proceedings," said District Attorney Francis A. Coles, of Nassau county, tonight.

"Under present circumstances I do not see any other way open to me," he added. "I shall be glad to have him brought back and tried for whatever crime a Nassau county grand jury indicates him, but I do not feel like sending three thousand miles for him unless his wife takes the initiative. I am waiting to hear from her."

Mrs. Cooke has not expressed a desire to have Mr. Cooke brought back.

Bell Company in Manitoba

Winnipeg, Jan. 1.—A special meeting of the shareholders of the Bell Telephone company is called for January 10, in Montreal, to consider, if deemed advisable to authorize the directors to sell the property and assets, together with the business of the company in Manitoba, as a going concern, or any part of such property, such terms and conditions and for consideration as they may deem a company best interest.

Indian named John Summers, of a was run down and cut to by a Michigan Central train Thomas.

UNUSUAL WEDDING

Dumb Bride and Groom Principals in
Ceremony Performed at Win-
nipeg Institute

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—The sequel to a happy little love affair and a quiet wedding, which had spread itself over four long years, was a wedding which occurred yesterday morning at the deaf and dumb institute, when Edward Leach of Cupard, Sask., and Rose A. Moore, of Toronto, were united in marriage.

The wedding was quiet in more ways than one, as applied to the general run of quiet weddings. There was not much fuss or excitement, no carriages waited outside the scene of the event, no scented guests were ushered in with the swish of silk garments, no flowers adorned the sanctuary, and no spoken farewells bade the united couple joy in their united lives. In this respect it was quiet. But in other ways it was a quiet affair. Beyond the voice of the minister who read slowly and deliberately the beautiful service, not a whisper was heard from beginning to end. Both contracting parties were mutes.

The intelligent bride and happy groom nodded their heads in assent or approval of the sentences mutely and yet beautifully expressed by Principal Diarmid, who took his cue from Rev. Dr. Rose, while reading the ceremony aloud. No one could fail to understand the beautiful, smooth word actions and gesticulations by Dr. McDiarmid. The solemnity of his gestures added force to the ceremony. The event took place in the lecture room of the deaf and dumb institute.

BOMBS NUMEROUS IN SPANISH CITY

Extra Measures Taken to Sup-
press Anarchism in Bar-
celona

Barcelona, Jan. 1.—In consequence of the renewal of the campaign of bomb outrages by local anarchists, King Alfonso has signed a decree provisionally suspending a portion of the constitutional guarantees in this city. In the last few days five infernal machines deposited in various parts of the city exploded without causing damage. Last night, however, a machine exploded in a large hall, and a woman, who was sitting in a way the machine exploded, badly mangled the officer, injuring several bystanders and partially destroying surrounding buildings. The police man died tonight.

Kildonan Presbyterians

Winnipeg, Jan. 1.—The Kildonan Presbyterian congregation will hold special services on Sunday, which is the 54th anniversary of the opening of their church. This is the oldest Presbyterian congregation in western Canada.

Victim of Coal Gas

Caron, Sask., Jan. 1.—Harry Baker, living near Lake Valley, was found in a dying condition in his home by neighbors. Before retiring he had placed a stove with briquettes of coal, leaving the lids partly off. The escaping gas is supposed to be responsible for his condition. Two doctors worked over him until the afternoon, when Baker died.

Bomb Factory Found

Sebastopol, Russia, Jan. 1.—One of the most complete bomb factories ever discovered in Russia has been unearthed at a farmhouse twenty miles from here. It consists of a complete apparatus for manufacturing high explosives. Twenty-seven loaded bombs of the most destructive type, and one hundred and twenty shell fragments in an unfinished condition, were seized and three men were arrested at the house.

Ladysmith Man's Death

Namaimo, Jan. 1.—The death occurred at Namaimo hospital of Edward Mulholland of Ladysmith, Mr. Mulholland was proprietor of the Ladysmith hotel, and was very well known throughout the district. He formerly resided in Ladysmith. He was injured in the Extension mine several years ago, the same day that the late John Haddow met his death. Since that accident he has never been the same physically, having undergone several operations, the last of which was on Monday.

Youthful Murderer

Gretna, Man., Jan. 1.—James O'Brien, the sixteen-year-old self-confessed slayer of Arthur Leclair at Neche a week ago last Sunday, was brought from the Pembina county jail at Pembina to Neche today to attend the inquest, and he retold his confession, made to Detective Crawford at Pembina. The confession was almost word for word the same as the detective. On the conclusion of his story of the murder, the coroner's jury returned a verdict that the crime was committed by James O'Brien with a hatchet.

Want Conciliation Board

Halifax, Jan. 1.—After an all-day session, at which the differences between the Dominion Coal company and employees were discussed in a conciliatory manner, the P.W.A. grand council decided to ask for the appointment of a board of conciliation under the Lemeux act to deal with the strike, and appointed Dr. A. S. Kendall, M. P. E., as their representative. Formal application will be made in a few days and the board consisting of as quickly as possible, and within a few weeks should be sitting at Glace Bay. The chief questions in dispute are that skilled laborers and certain classes of mechanics be given fifteen per cent raise, without which the men claim, owing to the increased cost of living, they cannot exist; supply of powder; extra pay for nightwork; house fuel and some technical changes.

RUSSIAN LEADERS SENT TO PRISON

Signers of the Viborg Manifesto
to Sentenced to Three
Months

POLITICAL RIGHTS LOST

Most Prominent Leaders of
Constitutional Movement
Involved

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—The trial of the 169 members of the first duma who signed the Viborg manifesto was concluded today.

One hundred and sixty-seven of them were convicted and sentenced to three months' imprisonment, while two were acquitted on the ground that they had signed under misapprehension. The sentence carries with it the loss of all political rights. W. Ramisch-Wille, who already has served imprisonment, will be immediately set free. Unless an appeal from the decision of the court is taken, the sentence will take effect beginning January 20, until which time the former deputies will remain at large without bail.

The trial began on December 25, and was noted for the powerful speeches made by the most prominent of the defendants, which seemed to reawaken public sentiment and to infuse the old-time spirit into the ranks of the opposition. The friends of the accused, it is believed, induced the government to exercise leniency.

The sentence withdraws from Russian politics the foremost liberal leaders in the constitutional movement for several decades, among them being Ivan Petrunkevitch, who framed the first demand on the Emperor for a constitution, Prince Dolgoroukoff, Prince Dmitri Nabokoff, leader of the Constitutional Democrats, Max Gorki, Lenzky and the peasants Zhilinski and Nazarenko, together with a score of other noted men.

HYDRAULIC MINING IN EAST KOOTENAY

Sale of Perry Creek Property
Likely to Lead to Revival
of Interest

Cranbrook, Jan. 1.—The recent purchase of a large area of placer ground on Perry creek by the Illinois Steel company is certain to revive the interest now being taken in placer mining in the Cranbrook district.

Perry creek in years past has been the scene of considerable activity in mining. The Wisconsin outfit, having secured the Perry Creek Hydraulic property, have done a large amount of work during the past six years, and if reports can be relied upon, have taken out yellow metal enough to pay all expenses.

A report was received at Cranbrook on Friday afternoon to the effect that Wisconsin owners had sold the controlling interest in the property to the Illinois Steel company. It has been known for some months that a deal was pending, and that deal it would be closed at an early date.

The following is a report received from Black River Falls, Wis.: The Perry Creek Hydraulic mine, located near Cranbrook, B. C., has become the property of the Illinois Steel company of Chicago, the sellers being H. A. Bright, of Black River Falls, Wis., E. S. Boynton and Colonel Orlando Holman of Merrillan, Wis., who realized \$900,000, retaining one-tenth interest in the mine.

The company was incorporated for \$1,000,000 and sold \$900,000 of stock to the Illinois Steel company, which will increase the facilities for mining and work the plant to the full capacity. The development of the property was a big undertaking, but the judgment of the owners in investing thousands of dollars in up-to-date machinery was confirmed, when a short time after the mine began operating, it started to turn out gold in paying quantities.

The water of Perry creek was contained in a flume, four feet square, along the mountain side a distance of four miles, and then dropped through pipes 600 feet, giving a pressure of approximately 300 pounds at the bottom, to use in washing the dirt into the sluiceways. Where the flume crosses a ravine an inverted siphon was built. A S. T. Merrillan undertook the construction work of the plant, and later was joined by Mr. Bright, and together they superintended and witnessed the successful starting of the plant. When the plant is in operation, which is most of the time, 2,000 yards of dirt is washed out. The dirt is there in unlimited quantities and is rich, and the mine has been producing during the three years they have operated it.

Mr. Trow has superintended the operation of the plant for the company, but his advanced age and poor health have made it necessary for him to give up the work, and as the other members of the company all have other interests that require all their time they decided to sell the mine.

Port Arthur, Ont., Jan. 1.—At the conclusion of the play at the Grand night, retiring Mayor Clavet was presented with an illuminated address, a composite group picture of the first city council, a gold chain, and a chain by the citizens, the members of the council, the electric light and railway commissioners. The mayor feelingly replied to the address by saying that the work accomplished during the year.

FISH IN BOND

Report That Privilege of New Eng-
land Fish Company Has Been
Renewed at Ottawa

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—It is reported today that the privilege of landing fish in bond at the port of Vancouver for shipment to Boston and other points in the Eastern United States, which the New England Fish company has enjoyed for many years has again been extended. Robert John, a period of six months. It is stated that the necessary order-in-council was passed at Ottawa several days ago.

Some months ago an agitation was commenced in Vancouver to have this privilege withdrawn, and a number of communications with that end in view were dispatched to Ottawa where they were promised reply.

Lumbermen's Convention

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—To discuss the present situation of the lumber industry in British Columbia, and its relations to the markets of the North-west, all the prominent sawmill operators in the province will gather in Nelson on January 10. It is expected that every mill in the province will be represented at this convention, as it is thought that some national and great importance to the trade will be dealt with. Just what the programme is the millmen will not say. Pending this meeting it is unlikely that the mills which are not now operating will commence work again.

Pioneer Lady Dead

New Westminster, Dec. 31.—Mrs. John Campbell of Pearldonville, passed away at the family residence yesterday evening, after a lengthy illness. The deceased lady was sixty-five years of age, and had resided at Pearldonville since 1891, being one of the pioneers of that place. She is survived by her husband, four sons, William Henry, Samuel, John, and Hugh, and one daughter, Mrs. J. B. McLean of Steveston.

SCANDAL IN VIENNA

London, January 1.—A dispatch from Vienna says diplomatic circles there are greatly excited over a scandal involving a gross attack on the character of the wife of a diplomat there, and as a result, the calumniation, a well-known ambassador stationed at Vienna has been sent letters of recall, having already hastily left the city. The lady in question is known to be blameless in life, and devoted to her husband and her duties.

A few days ago all the ambassadors and members of the diplomatic body received anonymous letters containing insinuations and accusations, which immediately became the subject of much discussion in diplomatic circles, which are increased at the thought of the libel. The husband left no stone unturned to discover the writer, and all letters were subjected to severe scrutiny. Owing to certain peculiarities of handwriting the authorship was traced to a member of the diplomatic body. It appears that the writer attempted to strike at the husband through the wife, and was successful in his post. The writer's government was immediately communicated with and his recall followed.

Bodies From Darr Mine

Jacobs Creek, Pa., Jan. 1.—Three more bodies were recovered from the Darr Mine today, bringing the total number up to 223.

Stanford Coach Has Appendicitis

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 1.—Geo. E. Presley, who is a University rugby coach was taken to the hospital today suffering from appendicitis. The doctors have not yet decided whether to operate.

Prairie Grain Traffic

Winnipeg, Jan. 1.—The amount of grain marketed at C. P. R. points on December 31, was 65,000 bushels of wheat and 28,000 bushels of barley, as compared with 90,000 bushels of wheat and 13,000 bushels of barley last year. The total amount marketed since September 1, 24,159,000 bushels of wheat and 4,765,000 bushels of other grain.

STANFORD BEATEN IN FINAL BY VANCOUVER

Record Crowd Sees Great Ex-
position of Rugby in Ter-
minal City

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 1.—On a turf field and under conditions that were supposed to favor the Stanford university rugby team, the Californians went down to defeat this afternoon in the final game with Vancouver for the Keith international challenge cup. Vancouver played as never before and the attendance of eight thousand was right around in a matter of football in British Columbia. The rain poured in torrents, but the game was scientifically perfect in many respects. The contest, where the Stanford backs played for Vancouver to one goal, or five points for Stanford.

Stanford crossed the Vancouver line once, while the home team managed to do business in Stanford territory on three occasions. But Stanford's score was probably the most exciting of the year. Vancouver made a splendid run, and when Spencer of Vancouver, passed to Reid, who took Cook's place in the college team's lineup. Reid scored the try in great style. Kennedy Fenton converted it into a goal.

The Vancouver forwards played the game of their lives, which, to a great extent, was due to the fact that the forwards never slackened up nor let up, and they hustled the great Stanford forwards because the floor of the vault was not opened. They say that their representative at the exhumation was instructed to demand that this be done, because they had received letters that a second coffin containing letters would be found there.

ARMED JAPANESE ATTACK FIREMEN

Three Members of Vancouver
Department Are Badly
Wounded

SLASHED WITH KNIVES

One May Be Mortally Injured—
Affair Result of an
Accident

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 1.—Three city firemen, Frost, Anderson and McDonald, were set upon by a small mob of knife-armed Japanese early this morning at the corner of Powell street and Gore avenue, two blocks from the police station.

The men were clothed in distinctive uniforms, with brass buttons, and the attack of the Japanese is all the more serious for that reason. The men were slashed with knives and the Japanese proprietor rushed out. Many of his countrymen immediately came to join in the fight for it was in the center of the Japanese district that the incident occurred.

The firemen are athletic young men but they were overpowered after a fight when the flesh of their faces had been torn into ribbons by the razor-like knives the Orientals carried. Frost is probably mortally hurt, for his neck was cut and slashed and laid open for four inches, and two inches deep, alongside the jugular vein. The men were frantically mangled but McDonald and Anderson were still fighting over the body of Frost when a squad of police arrived.

Four Japanese were arrested and the three firemen were taken to the hospital. The Japanese fought like demons, and some of the knives they carried were a foot long.

TRAGEDY FOLLOWS BAR ROOM BRAWL

Joseph Ethier Dies in Vancou-
ver From Wound—Assail-
ant in Custody

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 1.—Joseph Ethier, the rancher of Vernon, who was slain on Monday night by Geo. McCalla following a saloon brawl, died today.

Ethier and McCalla, who were both old residents of the province, had been drinking heavily and met in the Victoria hotel bar. Ethier was abusive and insulting. McCalla pulled his gun and fired one shot into the ceiling. Ethier ran for the door and McCalla shot him in the back. McCalla is under arrest.

BALLOONS IN WAR

Lieutenant Laha Predicts Important
Part for Dirigible Ships of
the Air

Washington, Jan. 1.—Lieutenant F. P. Laha, U. S. A., who in September, 1906, won the United States international balloon contest, in France, and who has returned to this country after four years spent in Europe, will report to General Allen, chief of the signal corps, for duty at Washington.

Lieut. Laha in an interview today said that in his opinion the dirigible balloon as an instrument of war is destined to play an important part in future operations on land and sea. "The chief war advantage of the dirigible or wind-opposing balloon is that it is an instrument of war," he said, "is that the former after spying out an enemy's defenses and movements can face about and retreat to live over the enemy's head. The dirigible gained, while the old spherical vehicle has to depend on carrier pigeons or make a more or less perilous and uncertain descent and resort to ordinary means to send back."

Little Girl Poisoned

Hamlet, Man., Jan. 1.—A shocking occurrence took place here yesterday in the death of Genevieve, daughter of E. Hunter, jeweler, from strychnine poisoning. While playing around the house the child in some manner got possession of some poison, putting it in her mouth. Death ensued within one hour.

Mission Endowment Fund

Boston, Jan. 1.—The Prudential commission for foreign missions decided today after a discussion extending over two weeks to inaugurate at once a plan to secure for the twenty colleges and fifteen theological training schools in the far east and other foreign quarters connected with the board a permanent endowment fund for \$2,000,000.

Talk of Second Coffin

London, Jan. 1.—The attorneys of George Hollamby Druce, the claimant for the vast estate of the Duke of Portland, and for the Duke's title, have given out a statement expressing dissatisfaction over the conduct of the exhumation of the body of Thomas Charles Druce, because the floor of the vault was not opened. They say that their representative at the exhumation was instructed to demand that this be done, because they had received letters that a second coffin containing letters would be found there.

FLAG ON THE SCHOOLS

Mennonites in Manitoba Want to Be
Exempted From Government
Regulations

Winnipeg, Jan. 1.—Trouble is brewing in the Mennonite districts of the province on account of the government's compulsory policy of flying the Union Jack over all the public school houses of the province, on pain of losing their government grants. These people have not been flying the flag as regularly as the new regulation demands, and the government has decided to enforce the law and withhold the grant.

Yesterday a large number of representative Mennonite citizens, composed of bishops, ministers and representatives from all the different Mennonite districts, waited on the government and were closeted with the ministers for some time. The delegation urged that the government amend the school act at the ensuing session of the House, so that the Mennonite people might be exempt from the necessity of flying the flag on their schools.

The government heard the representatives and discussed the matter with them, but made them no definite promise that the proposed amendment would be introduced as they had asked for. The government, however, promised to give the matter its attention.

Death From Excessive Drinking

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 1.—George Black died early this morning from over-intoxication in a sporting house in the new Harris street district. An inquest will be held tomorrow. An organized effort to suppress the houses may be made as a result.

MODERNISM CHARGE AGAINST DR. HANNA

Opponents of His Candidature
Say That is Not Or-
thodox

Rome, Jan. 1.—Accusations of modernism against the Rev. Edward J. Hanna, of Rochester, N. Y., over his candidature for the position of coadjutor archbishop of San Francisco, are increasing as the day draws near for the meeting of the Congregation of the Propaganda, in whose hands lies the power of appointment. Cardinal Gotti, prefect of the Congregation of the Propaganda, has received from Dr. Hanna a long letter explaining his writings, which caused the accusations of modernism to be directed against him, and also stating the orthodoxy of his opinions.

Archbishop Riordan, of San Francisco, also has received the cardinals' explanation of the Congregation of the Propaganda copies of the New York Review, published by I. F. Brady, and treatise published by Dr. Hanna entitled "The Human Knowledge of Christ." There were brought forward as being tainted with modernism, and emphasizing the fact that the Jesuit priest Tyrrell also contributed to the same review.

Defenders of Dr. Hanna say the alleged incriminating passages are only the expression of thoughts of other writers. Dr. Hanna believing that the time had not yet come for the construction of a perfect theological treatise on the human knowledge of Christ.

CAUGHT BY FAILURE

Calgary People May Lose Through the
Collapse of B. C. General Con-
tract Company

Calgary, Jan. 1.—In all classes of business with which they were connected it is now well understood that the B. C. General Contracting company, which this company has been treating as failed, and there are a great many of the men who own and operate tractors under them who have not received their money.

"The lumber men and brick men who were crowded, because the last note died away wheat and flour were flying in clouds and the members looked like millers. After playing for another ten minutes three cheers and a tiger were given with a will, and the market for 1907, for good or ill, was closed. The trading room looked like chaos, but a bumper bunch it would be hard to find."

Montreal Bank Clearings

Montreal, Jan. 1.—The bank clearings in Montreal for the year ended yesterday, totalled \$1,555,590,000 compared with \$1,532,557,000 last year; increase, \$22,115,000.

Russian Empress' Illness

St. Petersburg, Jan. 1.—It is learned that the present condition of the Empress Alexandra, who has been ill for some time from the grip and in a weakened condition as the result of a severe regimen to reduce her weight, is complicated by expectations of childbirth.

New Boats For Lakes

Detroit, Jan. 1.—The News today says: Twenty-one new boats are scheduled to go at the opening of navigation on the Great Lakes next spring. In general the new boats 1908 will not have the capacity of boats ordered last year, and will not be as numerous. Out of the entire list of twenty-one there will be six boats built at Buffalo for the Buffalo Crystal Beach route. It is expected that work on the new vessels will be resumed at all the lake shipyards by the middle of January.

An Editor Shot

St. Louis, Jan. 1.—Alfred H. Spink, editor of the Daily World, author of "The Derby Winner," and several other plays, and formerly a sporting writer, was shot and fatally injured last night by Victor Groves, an employee, following an altercation with Wm. Spink, the editor's son. Mr. Spink was rushing to the scene of the quarrel when Groves drew a revolver and fired two shots, one of them entering the editor's left shoulder and penetrating his lung.

MANY NEW MILLS BUILT LAST YEAR

Flour-Producing Facilities In-
creased in Western
Canada

ADDITION, 13,600 BARRELS

Prospect for Foreign Trade Ap-
pears to Be Very Sat-
isfactory

Winnipeg, Jan. 1.—Western Canada has had a year of activity in flour mill building, probably the greatest in its history. The less than 13,600 barrels daily capacity has been added this year in Canada west of the great lakes, this representing 17 new mills and three enlargements, distributed as follows: Northwestern Ontario, 10,500 barrels; Manitoba, 100; Saskatchewan, 225; Alberta, 1,750; British Columbia, 225. Total, 13,600.

Capacity on December 31, 1906, 32,677; total capacity at present, 46,277. One oatmeal mill of 200 barrels capacity has also been built in Alberta, bringing the total in that class up to 115 barrels. If we add 3,290 barrels as representing the feed mills, we have in these three sets of figures, the total capacity of western Canada.

But it is the flour industry to which most of the public interest attaches, and in this department great advances are certainly being made. An increase of nearly forty per cent. in one year is a record which should satisfy the outside world that Western Canada does not lack in any important trade respect to the production of mill stuff.

Four of these mills are of unusually large size, and are equipped with everything that is modern and convenient in the nature of machinery. Even the smallest of them are modern and capable of making the best flour. They have all been built with a view to doing more or less export trade.

The fact that western Canada has carried out such a large construction programme this year shows that there is some warrant for the opinion which has become firmly established as flour-importing countries that Canada is to figure more largely hereafter in the world's flour trade. In both transatlantic and transatlantic trade there will be an increasing quantity of Canadian flour offered as a result of the construction of these new mills. When the difficulties which hamper the transportation in Canada have been removed, as they are sure to be before long, there will be nothing to prevent a steady and profitable trade between the Pacific provinces of the west and all parts of the world where American flour is in demand.

GRAIN MEN LARK

Members of Winnipeg Exchange In-
dulge in Characteristic Celebra-
tion at Close of Year

Winnipeg, Jan. 1.—The closing of the market of 1907 on the Winnipeg grain exchange was celebrated in right royal style. Half an hour before the close it was fashionable to wear your cellar turned up. Showers of wheat came from under the floor, and the small sacks went sailing through the air and bang against the blackboard. Wheat went flying in all directions.

Passengers through halls and elevators found wheat falling in showers from the galleries. Next came sacks of flour. There would be a yell of "stars from under the floor" and down would plump two or three pounds of flour on some one's head or hat.

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