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Central Supply Association of Canada, Limited; guilty of conspiracy; fined $5000.

Master Plumbers' Association; guilty of conspiracy; fined $5000.

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Robert W. Harrison, 389 Spadina-avenue.

Robert Ross, 1349 West Queen-street.

P. J. Hays, 15 East Queen-street.

G. H. Cooper, 151 Berkeley-street.

James McKittrick, all members of the Master Plumbers' Association; and

William Bush, 93 Palmerston-avenue.

John Priestley, 102 Scollard-street.

James Richards, 92 Hazleton-avenue.

Peter McCann and Al. McBain, all members of the Journeymen Plumbers' and Steamfitters' Co-operative Association.

A SURPRISE.

The faces of the "lead pipe cinch" men wore a worried expression yesterday about 6 o'clock when Justice Clute closed his court after inflicting two heavy fines and stating that he wanted to consider over night what fines he would impose on the individuals.

The fine came rather as a surprise to the supply men and the master plumbers, who, with their counsel, were calculating on having some weeks' respite before the fine would be imposed. On Thursday they listened to the address of Crown Prosecutor DuVernet with smiling faces.

Yesterday the plumbers and their confederates, the supply men, listened with painful attention to every word of his lordship's arraignment, which in itself was a scorching criticism of the manner in which the law had been evaded and the public robbed of thousands of dollars.

It was nearly half past four when Crown Attorney Curry finished his argument, and the court settled down. It was thought that his lordship would reserve judgment, but his first words completely disillusioned them. "I think an offence and a conspiracy has been proved under section 520 of the criminal code," he said. "I find the defendants guilty of the offence charged."

The Judge's Reasons.

"As the matter may go to appeal," he continued, "and there is a special provision for an appeal in these cases, it may be desirable that I should mention some of the grounds which have led me to the conclusion that the defendants are guilty. A preliminary objection taken by Mr. Watson was that there could not be a conspiracy between two corporate companies and that that particular case was not in contemplation nor governed by section 520. I entirely disagree with that. I think that such a view would destroy the intention of the act, and be contrary to its clear interpretation. Under the interpretation act a person is defined to include, among others, bodies corporate. I think that is the clear intention of the legislature. I think it is clear there may be a conspiracy between two corporate bodies.

"It has been argued that the Central Supply Association, Limited, of Canada, not having been incorporated until September, 1905, that nothing appears since its incorporation which would amount to a trade combination within the act. I think, however, that there has been a criminal combination within the act at least since the year 1902, and that the defendants have seen fit to preserve that agreement undertaken by the association to which they were successors. They having adopted it are responsible for it and by engaging in it have undertaken to carry out an illegal act. They took over the funds of the former association to carry out the obligations of it.

Plumbers' Association.

"Taking the Plumbers' Association first. That was instituted in 1895 without any trouble. In 1902 we find that a committee was formed to make an agreement with the supply association. In November, 1902, it was agreed that prices nearly 100 per cent. more than the prices previously paid should be maintained. It is impossible to read the minutes of the two associations from that time down to the present apart. They continuously had bearing on each other with relation to the agreement which undoubtedly existed between those two associations.

"Reference is made to the agreement in January, 1903, to be formed, if possible, with the supply men before the next meeting, whereby all non-association master plumbers were to be shut out. Communications subsequently deal with this matter and show that the agreement was brought about. All is intelligible from the minutes, which subsequently had reference to an agreement, the exact nature of which is not disclosed. However, negotiations were going on perfecting the agreement until the final one now before us was reached on May 6, 1903. For some time previous to that an agreement was evidently understood, altho not perhaps explicitly stated. In April, 1903, discussion took place about not all the members charging the 20 per cent. increase, and

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CRUSHING DISCLOSURE.

"The disclosure that reputable firms, at least hitherto called reputable, were in the habit of meeting around the table and dividing money received from the public in a most dishonest manner, is crushing. I think that if a man was to knock another down on the street and rob him by force, it would be less offensive than the one disclosed. Here there was a system of misrepresentation and fraud in an attempt to prove to the public that the tender was honest. From the first to the last it is freely admitted that not one honest tender came thru the association."—Mr. Justice Clute, in giving his judgment in the plumbers' conspiracy trial.

ELEVATOR COLLAPSE AND DEATH JOHN E. FOREMAN IS THE VICTIM

General Manager Potter of City Dairy Co. in Critical Condition —Terrible Affair at New Building on College-St—Cable Snapped When Hoist Was Near the Roof.

DEAD.—JOHN E. FOREMAN OF 103 McCAUL - STREET, OF THE CARTER-CRUME CO., AND W. A. ROGERS, LIMITED.

SERIOUSLY INJURED—CHAS. E. POTTER, 16 MAYNARD-AVENUE, GENERAL MANAGER CITY DAIRY CO.

INJURED — HENRY DOWNEY, WORKMAN, 69 SULLIVAN-STREET.

One well-known citizen is dead and another almost at the point of death in Grace Hospital as the result of an elevator accident which occurred early yesterday afternoon at the new City Dairy stables, a concrete building now in course of erection on College-street, just west of Spadina. The old stables were burned some months ago.

John E. Foreman, who has been prominent in business circles for many years, and has lately been connected with the W. A. Rogers Company and the Carter-Crume Company, who have offices in the City Dairy building, died in Grace Hospital shortly before midnight, ten hours after the accident. He had been terribly hurt, his injuries consisting of compound fractures of both ankles and a fracture of the lower bones of the right leg, and the awful shock which he could not survive. Dr. Charles A. Hendricks, College-street, who was called to the scene of the accident by Undertaker Ellis, stayed with the patient until the end came.

Charles E. Potter, second vice-president and general manager of the City Dairy Company, is at Grace Hospital, suffering from a fracture of his left ankle, a fracture of the left thigh, and an injury to his back. He is being attended by Dr. Silverthorn and Dr. Hendricks, and the latter thinks he will recover. Early this morning the nurse on duty said he was not getting along as well as they would like.

Henry Downey, an old man, who lives at 69 Sullivan-street, fell from a distance half way up the building as the elevator crashed down, but he went home with Policeman Cathers and is only suffering from shock.

Knew It Was Dangerous.

The story of the tragedy is simply the snapping of a cable in a freight elevator that was marked "Dangerous" at the request of the superintendent of the work, and employes were forbidden to use it. The hoist was for carrying up cement and concrete for use in the erection of the building. It is a concrete building, the contractors being Woodruff, Robins & Co. The power for the hoist came from an engine in a shack close to the building. Engineer Wiley, who lives at 466 Brock-avenue, and whose father is night watchman on the building, said he knew it was dangerous. The danger signal was displayed in red letters. Mr. Potter and Mr. Foreman came along early in the afternoon and took the hoist going up with a load of cement. The elevator was run by a three-quarter inch cable, which snapped as it reached the top of the building, a height of about 40 feet, and crashed down with the men to the bottom. Undertaker Ellis' ambulance was brought into commission and the two men were taken to Grace Hospital.

Downey, the other man who was injured, fell from his position on a wall as he saw the elevator falling. His escape from serious injuries was very fortunate.

Mr. Foreman lingered till nearly midnight. His wife and two sons were with him when the end came. He had retained consciousness since the accident.

SHAREHOLDERS OUTVOTE LE ROI MINING DIRECTORS

Stormy Scene at Annual Meeting in London — Ex-Manager Makes Sensational Statement.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 8.—After a stormy meeting of 500 shareholders, during which many speakers could not gain a hearing, the amalgamation plan of the Le Roi Mining Company was defeated by a large show of hands, only some four favoring the directors' policy. By large majorities Mr. McMillan, the dismissed manager, was voted to the board in place of G. S. Waterlow, who sought re-election. Messrs. Drayton, Dunderdale, and Wilson were also voted to the board. Sir Henry W. Yeler, chairman, and Rolfe Tyler demanded a poll by proxies, which are set for to-day fortnight at mid-day.

There is ground for believing the proxies will not alter the vote of the shareholders.

Mr. McMillan caused some sensation by stating he had been offered £15,000 to give his services towards the consummation of the amalgamation.

Noisy Meeting.

At the commencement of the meeting it was apparent that the shareholders were largely opposed to the directors' policy. The chairman was at first heard patiently, but later on he was often interrupted. He explained as to the profit for 1904-5, it was due to the gutting of the mine. The only course by which the mine could be properly developed was by amalgamation with the War Eagle, Centre Star, Eugene and other companies. The present prospect was not merely uncertain, but very poor, and the only course for substantial dividends was an amalgamation. He proposed the amalgamation policy put forward by the directors should be carried out.

G. S. Waterlow, in seconding, said his sole reason for desiring amalgamation was in the interest of British Columbia and the British empire. Mr. McMillan had gone out of his way to place the mine under American control, and the probabilities were the Dominion would place an export duty on ore. (Cries of "Rot! Rot!" greeted this remark.) He quoted various experts in favor of the proposal.

Mr. McMillan was received with tremendous cheers. He said Mr. Waterlow was chiefly sought after in Toronto and Montreal, thousands of miles from the base of operations. Mr. Waterlow had greatly altered his opinion after his interview with the C.P.R. people. He proceeded to criticize the value of the mines and the proposed proportions to be allotted. The Eugene, the valuable, depended to a great extent on the bounty which, in a year or two, would be withdrawn. He had with him a communication offering the Trail smelter for £120,000. A year later the price was $200,000. He understood the difference was to be devoted to a secret service fund out of which he was offered £15,000. He described the action resulting in his being put off the board without consultation with the shareholders as unwarrantable and imputident. Other shareholders representing both sides spoke, including Aldrich on behalf of the Canadian companies, who asked no favors but desired a settlement.

Prof. Brock MacKenzie, on rising, was greeted with cries of "Yankee!", which caused the chairman to ask that he be treated with British fairness. His voice was continually drowned in hoots and laughter. Quite a pandemonium occurred when the resolutions were put, many of those present singing and shouting at the top of their voices. A request for Mr. McMillan to explain in detail his alleged offer of £15,000 was drowned in noise.

CHAPAIS THE MAN TO LEAD CONSERVATIVES IN QUEBEC

Convention Next Week Expected to Be Harmonious and Profitable to Party.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—People are asking here how Hon. Thomas Chapais, M.L.A., would do as Conservative leader in the Quebec legislature, for it is well understood that Hon. E. J. Flynn, ex-premier, will attend the provincial convention here on Tuesday and Wednesday next and retire from the leadership of the party.

There are many things to be said in favor of Hon. Mr. Chapais as local leader, and if he wants the position it looks as if he can have it. His name is a good one, his father, Hon. J. C. Chapais, having been a respected leader of olden days, and the son is probably the best speaker of the French tongue on the North American continent. He is a more polished orator than was Chapleau, and has been compared to Emilio Castelar and Leon Gambetta, and as French-Canadians do like a man of silver speech there are those who consider Chapais the man of the hour.

Of course, he would not be a success as a federal chieftain, and if his ideas are at variance with some of the Conservative allies of the other provinces this would make little difference, as his work would all lie here in the Province of Quebec. When a leader was formerly selected people used to ask if he would satisfy the clergy, but this is a factor of apparently little importance these days in Quebec. It must be admitted, however, that all party managers would rather have the clergy with them than against them, and this being the case Thomas Chapais would stand in a very favorable light.

But will he accept the task of leading the Conservatives into the land of promise? That is a question which will only be answered the coming week. It is said that Hon. L. P. Pelletier and Hon. P. E. Leblanc would readily follow Mr. Chapais, and they would certainly make a fine trio before the constituencies.

As for the convention it promises to be a complete success. Those who have been in touch with the rural counties of the province have been pleased at the interest displayed both in the Montreal and Quebec districts. No less than 900 letters have been received from Pontiac to Gaspe, and nearly every parish has been heard from.

The organizers expect no less than 600 delegates from the country districts, while all the English and French clubs in Quebec, Three Rivers, Sherbrooke, Montreal and other towns are preparing to send representatives.

It is to be a provincial convention, altho it is probable that an expression of opinion will go out from the gathering touching one or two matters of federal importance.

It has been stated in hostile circles that the convention has been called to condemn this one and that one, this policy and that, but this is incorrect. The gathering is expected to be both harmonious and exceedingly profitable to the Conservative party.

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DESERVES TO LOSE HIS JOB

THE OLD MAN: By gum, I wish Whitney had a chance at that gent.

Rues Bargain, Slays Family of Three Melancthon Farmer Takes Own Life

With Ax James Coulter Crushes in Heads of Wife and Children —Gloomy Remark to Neighbor Only Clue to Motive For Crime.

Shelburne, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—A property sold, a higher priced property bought, a ruing of the latter bargain, an unsuccessful attempt to withdraw from the deal, a brooding over the matter to the point of insanity, showing itself in his gloomy, despairing remark to a neighbor the day before, "I'm an old man, Sam, I'm an old man, Sam."

This seems to be the only explanation for the motives that actuated the principal in the most horrible crime in the annals of Dufferin County. James Coulter, Melancthon Township, was yesterday morning the head of a family of four; to-day his wife, his fourteen year old daughter, and his eleven year-old son, are dead from blows from an ax wielded by the husband and father, and the crazed father himself is silent in death from revolver wounds inflicted by himself after committing the awful triple crime. Shortly after dinner yesterday George Kitching, a neighbor, saw smoke issuing from an upstairs window of the Coulter home. Kitching called Lemuel Ostrander, another neighbor, and together they hurried to the Coulter house, making their way into the kitchen to give the alarm of fire. To their horror they found Coulter face downwards on the floor quite dead and the mother and daughter stretched out on the floor of the same room, the mother dead and the daughter in her last gasp.

Boy in the Barn.

Kitching hastened upstairs to locate the fire. He found the feather tick on the bed in Coulter's bedroom on fire and threw it out of the window. Further search revealed the murdered boy in the barn, still breathing, but unconscious, and he died a few hours afterward without regaining consciousness. A telephone message was immediately sent to Dr. Moore of Horning's Mills, who at once hurried to the scene of the tragedy, first telephoning to Coroner R. W. Rooney of Shelburne, who also started for the scene immediately, but the victims were all beyond human aid.

Coulter had a load of oats ready to take to Melancthon station. He had told some neighbors that he was going to market with his oats, had hitched up his team and was seen to drive down the lane as far as the house, stop and then turn around and drive back to the barn and unhitch the team and put them in their stalls, leaving the harness on. It was in the barn that the boy was killed, and the poor little fellow had evidently seen his father's fell purpose and endeavored to ward off the blows from the fatal ax, as his hand was cut. The boy received four blows from the ax on the top of the head.

Wife and Daughter Next.

Having completed his dire work in the barn the frenzied man made his way to the house, his wife and daughter having just cleared away the dinner and were washing the dishes at the kitchen table, the mother washing and the daughter drying. The woman was struck one crushing blow with the ax two inches above and behind the ear, smashing in the skull and killing her instantly. The unfortunate girl, like her little brother, saw the cruel fate

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GASPE SCHOONER IN COLLISION GOES TO BOTTOM WITH ALL HANDS

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 8.—(Special).—Word has been received in this city that the schooner Maud, from Gaspe, Que., for Porto Rico, had been sunk in collision and all hands had been lost.

The news came in a cable from Jersey, England, but gave no particulars.

The schooner sailed from Gaspe on November 12. The vessel registered 99 tons, and was commanded by Capt. Noel.

HEARD VOICES CALLING GIRL ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Miss Margaret Bristol Restrained From Jumping Overboard From Atlantic Liner.

New York, Dec. 8.—Temporarily insane and believing that voices were calling her to throw herself into the sea, Miss Margaret Bristol, 18 years old, of Hamilton, Ont., attempted to jump overboard from the Liner Kroonland while in midocean last Tuesday. She is the daughter of a prominent steel manufacturer of Hamilton.

Both her father and mother, who were at the dock to meet her when the steamer arrived to-day, said they knew of no reason for her temporary insanity. She appeared perfectly rational upon meeting her parents to-day.

Miss Bristol had been at school in Brussels, and had been sent home on account of illness.

Chamberlain cigar reduced to 5c. at Alive Bollard.

Campbell's English Chop House, 30 King-street West. Ladies' and Gents' Grill open 7 a. m. till 11 p. m. Sundays—8 a.m., 2 p.m., 5.30 p.m., 8 p.m. ed

A Substitute for Champagne.

Now that Christmas is at hand many of those who are naturally hospitable may feel that they cannot afford champagne, although they would like to have it for Christmas dinner. To those the advice is given to place some bottles of radnor water in a very cool place and to serve radnor with good Scotch or rye whiskey. The resulting beverage is quite equal to champaxne.

Look into our windows this morning to see our suitings at $21.50 and $14.95. Hobberlin's, 153 Yonge.

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City of Toronto Taxes.

After Monday, the 11th inst., five per cent. will be added to all unpaid items of taxes for 1905. Payment should be made at the city treasurer's office on or before the 11th inst., to save the penalty. 356

Cold Weather Overcoat, special at $17.50 to-day at Hobberlin's. See windows. 153 Yonge.

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Have you accident and sickness policy? See Walter H. Blight, Confederation Life Building. Phone M. 2770. 136

Dunlop's Rosery wishes you to call and see their display of novelties for Xmas. Price list of Xmas flowers on application. Dunlop's Rosery, 96 Yonge St. Tel. Main 4790.

KILLED BY HORSE'S KICK OLD MAN'S HEAD STOVE IN

While Feeding His Animals, John McKellar of Harwich Meets His Death.

Chatham, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—A horrible fatality occurred to-day up the creek road in Harwich, about five miles from the city. John McKellar, who, with his brother, were well-known farmers of that vicinity, was found at noon in a lifeless condition between the house and the horse stables. The dead man's head was almost battered in, and his body was badly gashed.

He had announced a short time previously that he was going to feed the horses, and it is thought that while engaged in the work he was kicked by one or both of them, as the blood could be traced from where the body was found to the stalls where the horses were kept.

KILLED BY A TRAIN.

Guelph, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Nicola Chadarillie, an Italian workman, employed by one of the contractors of the Guelph and Goderich Railway construction, was struck by a train near the cemetery cut on Thursday evening and received injuries from which he has since died.

KILLED IN RUNAWAY.

Cornwall, Dec. 8.—(Special.) — Dr. Kane of Aultsville passed away at the General Hospital last night, his death being the result of an accident which occurred near Farran's Point yesterday. The doctor was driving to see a patient when he met some boys on the road drawing a newly-filled biddick on a sleigh. His horse took fright and bolted, throwing him out of his rig and dragging him some distance.

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Empress Hotel, Yonge and Gould-streets, R. Dissette, Prop.: $1.50 and $2 per day. Steam heated. Phone in all rooms. 136

Cigars—10c. Conqueror for 5c.—fine cigar. Alive Bollard.

NO HOME RULE UNDER C-B FREE TRADE IS THE ISSUE

Cleverness of Balfour in Forcing Opponent Into Defensive Position on Maintenance of Union Becoming Apparent.

London, Dec. 9.—The ultimatum issued by the nationalist convention at Dublin, demanding home rule, has been promptly answered by an announcement which appears this morning in The Spectator. This publication, altho a Unionist organ, has thruout strongly opposed Chamberlainism and now announces its intention to support the incoming goverment as the only sure means of upholding free trade.

In an evidently inspired paragraph The Spectator declares:

No Home Rule.

"The new cabinet, if it commands a majority in the next parliament, has no intention to introduce a home rule bill. It will not even appeal to the country for a mandate to endow Ireland with a separate legislature. The essential issue to be placed before the electors will be the maintenance of free trade and the opposition will be given no chance to evade that question or to pretend that the home rule issue has taken its place."

The Spectator further expresses the belief that Sir Edward Grey will be appointed secretary for foreign affairs.

If it is presumed The Spectator is well-informed, this would imply that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has succeeded in enlisting all sections of the Liberal party, including the partisans of Lord Rosebery, in the new government by giving assurance that no attempt will be made to tamper with the union, and no pre-election pledges will be given to John Redmond.

It appears to be certain that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman practically has completed his cabinet, and that King Edward will come to London in readiness to hold a council on Monday.

Redmond Acquiesces.

The indications, however, are that Mr. Redmond has acquiesced in some form of compromise so as to avert the danger of the general election resulting in another Unionist victory, which would throw Ireland's hopes again into the distant future.

Mr. Chamberlain's speech last night is to be the pattern for all the Unionist election speeches. The Unionists are entering the campaign with the greatest zest and are utilizing to the full extent Mr. Balfour's lead to attack the Liberals on the question of the maintenance of the union. Unless, therefore, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has secured some concession from Mr. Redmond, he will be confronted with one of the most difficult problems ever presented to a British premier.

The cleverness of Mr. Balfour's tactical move in forcing his opponent into a defensive position on the question of the maintenance of the union daily is becoming more and more apparent.

On Firing Line.

It is understood that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has finally decided to remain in the house of commons. The strongest reason from the point of view of the Liberal party against the elevation of Sir Henry to the peerage is that the party would thereby be deprived of his services during the campaign, as members of the peerage, by an unwritten law, are not permitted to speak in behalf of candidates for membership in the house of commons.

The Daily Chronicle this morning announces that David Lloyd-George and John Burns, representatives, respectively, of the radical and labor parties, will be included in the new government.

England is Not to Be Saved By New Hybrid Government

Chamberlain at Oxford University Gives Stinging Rebuke to "C.-B." for His Alliance With Enemies of the Empire.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 8.—Mr. Chamberlain tonight, addressing a crowded meeting at Oxford Town Hall of the University Tariff Reform League, said no man had been more unscrupulously belied and misrepresented than Mr. Balfour. Nothing in the slightest degree had affected their personal friendship or political relations. He (Mr. Chamberlain) had never had the slightest confidence that this country was going to be saved by such an hermaphrodite government as a Liberal-Imperialist League. The name of home rule was to be abandoned, but the policy would be the same, and there was to be home rule by instalments on the hire system. He had always expected this deal between Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and Mr. Redmond, the leader of the Little England party, who cheered in the house of commons when a disaster was reported to the troops of the Queen in the late war. The change they were asked to make was one that went down to the very fundamental positio nof the parties in this country.

Two Sides.

With regard to the fiscal question there were two branches of controversy which were closely intermixed, but which must be treated separately. One was the economic side, the other the imperial side. He had resolved to use whatever strength and energy remained in him in the imperial cause, because he was convinced of the importance of the empire in its bearings upon their national future, and because he believed that upon their decision on the question depended their own continued influence on the civilization of the world. The true imperial idea was that all their colonies should be included in the fulness of time in one self-sufficient and mutually supporting federation. A great question was now presented to the people of this country, and he asked would they seize it or let it pass. In the latter case he thought they would merit the condemnation of

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Makes Itself Liked.

There is no doubt about it, that English tweed fedora is the nattiest hat proposition of the season. Any man can wear it, and its comfortable all the time. Dineen's is headquarters for it, and prices range from $1.50 up.

This is hat day at Dineen's, and a call at the Yonge and Temperance-street store means mutual benefit. Silk hat specials and the newest ideas in fall felts with Dineen's name inside as a guarantee.

WILL RESERVE STRENGTH FOR JANUARY STRUGGLE

Collapse of Telegraphers' Strike Gives Czar Temporary Respite From Danger.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 7.—A much more optimistic feeling prevails in government circles at the prospect of a complete collapse of the postal telegraph strike and the definite passage of the danger that it might be complicated by an immediate general strike thruout the empire. The workmen's council and the railroad men's affiliated organizations this afternoon came to a final decision that it would not be wise to employ the supreme fighting tool except to achieve the highest political aims and to reserve all their strength for the great struggle projected for the middle of January.

At the same time it is reported that even in defeat they have won a partial victory in the promise that their salaries, which were on a very low scale, will be increased by the addition og $2,500,000 for salaries to the budget. None of their political demands, however, have been granted.

But even after the strike is formally abandoned it is likely that several days will elapse before telegraph service will be completely resumed as the wires and poles in many localities have been destroyed.

Struggle in January.

A period of comparative calm may now supervene and both sides will use it in preparation for the January struggle. In a fortnight heavy snows are likely to put an end to the reign of pillage, arson and murder in the country and the lull will give the government the chance to accomplish something tangible and the sober-minded an opportunity to reflect. The latter, however, hardly will enter into the equation.

Relieving Distress.

With an eye to the future, the government is making a great effort to relieve the discontent in the army by removing the causes of complaint. The sum of $18,500,000 has been added to the military budget for the improvement of the soldiers' food and clothing.

The union formed of all the reactionary organizations, which participated in the landlords' congress at Moscow, is displaying great activity in founding branches to resist the revolution and arming its members to fight the strikers. It has drawn an address to the emperor in favor of the maintenance of the autocracy and imploring his majesty to grant only consultative functions to the national assembly and not to take the great step of abdicting the autocratic power.

Dunlop's Rosery, 96 Yonge St. Don't forget our telephone number is Main 4790. Dunlop's Rosery, 96 Yonge St.

MARRIAGES.

BLACK—NORRIS—At Calgary, Alberta, on Monday, Dec. 4th, 1905, by the Rev. Fr. A. Lemarchand, Robert Alexander Black, C.E., of Winnipeg, Man., to Margaret Annetta Norris of Toronto.

DEATHS.

COGGESHALL—At Coaticook, Que., on the 7th inst., Walter R. Coggeshall of Ottawa, Ont.

Funeral from Bates & Dodds' chapel, 931 Queen-street West, Saturday, at 2 p.m., to Prospect Cemetery.

FOREMAN—At Grace Hospital, on Friday, the 8th December, 1905, John E. Foreman, aged 57 years.

Funeral private, on Monday, the 11th instant, at 2.30 p.m.

JOHNSTON—On Dec. 6th, at his late residence, 133 Carlaw-avenue, Thomas Henry Johnston, aged 57. Member of Typographical Union 91; member of A.O.U.W., Danforth Lodge.

Funeral at 2.30 Saturday, to Necropolis.

SIXSMITH—On Thursday, Dec. 7th, Geo. Sixsmith, aged 73 years.

Funeral from No. 20 Bright-street, on Saturday, the 9th inst., at 2 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation. No flowers. Bristol papers please copy.

The F. W. Mathews Co., Phone M. 2571. Private ambulance service.

SHOWERS.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 8.—(8 p.m.)—Light snowfalls have occurred in Manitoba and scattered showers in British Columbia, whilst elsewhere in Canada the weather has been generally fair.

Temperatures have been lower in Manitoba and the Northwest Provinces, but little change has taken place in other districts.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Port Simpson, 28—42; Victoria, 36—44; Vancouver, 38—44; Kamloops, 30—34; Calgary, 8—26; Edmonton, 14—26; Qu'Appelle, 20—22; Winnipeg, 6—20; Port Arthur, 18—24; Parry Sound, 32—42; Toronto, 32—42; Ottawa, 32—40; Montreal, 34—48; Quebec, 30—36; St. John, 32—44; Halifax, 30—38.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh westerly winds; mostly cloudy with scattered showers.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Easterly winds; fair to cloudy and a little lower temperatures; showers by night.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Variable winds; fair and moderately cold.

Maritime—Northerly to easterly winds; fair and moderately cold.

Superior—Fresh easterly and northerly winds; a little colder with snowfalls.

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—Fair and a little colder.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Dec. 8.	At	From
Baltic	New York	Liverpool
Furnessia	New York	Glasgow
Georgia	New York	Trieste
Kroonland	New York	Antwerp
Carmania	Cape Race	Liverpool
Philadelphia	New York	Southampton
Devonian	Boston	Liverpool
Sardinian	Havre	Montreal
Lucania	Queenstown	New York
Marquette	Antwerp	Philadelphia

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