

SWEPT BY SNOWSTORM

RAILWAYS DELAY TRAFFIC

Locally Suspended Havo Wrought Regina

to the Times.) Reports from the points all tell of a blizzard which has swept over the province...

3. Railway traffic is suspended here this morning following the light snowfall...

Jan. 4.—Yesterday's snow was bad in the city and in the surrounding country...

The railroads of the province are being held up by the snow...

On account of the heavy snowfall, the trains are being held up...

North Dakota was hit by a blizzard which has swept over the province...

4.—Prof. Elliott of the Victoria Theological College has declined the presidency...

LOSE LIVES IN FIRE

Sustain Injuries in Mexico

4.—Seventeen persons were killed and eighty injured in a fire which broke out in San Luis Potosi...

Decorated with most distinguished medals, he was a member of the Victoria Rifle Club...

DARING HOLDUP IN UTAH

ONE PORTER-KILLED AND ANOTHER WOUNDED

Three Bandits Flee to Hills After Robbing Passengers on Overland Limited

(Times Leased Wire.) Ogden, Utah, Jan. 3.—Following a clearly marked trail along the shores of the great Salt Lake...

The three robbers stopped the overland near Reese by lighting a fuse and placing it on the track...

The robbers fired a fusillade of shots, evidently with the purpose of frightening the passengers...

The two men jumped from the rear end of the train and after threatening to shoot anyone who followed...

An account of the robbery was telegraphed to Ogden from Reese. The overland, after being delayed an hour...

The robbers, it is learned, clubbed the passengers into submission when they endeavored to resist...

Ogden, Utah, Jan. 3.—(Later.)—Two men alleged by the sheriff to be members of the bandit gang that held up the overland limited train at Reese were arrested this afternoon at Five Points...

NEW YEAR'S HONORS. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 3.—Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, minister of justice, has been knighted by His Majesty in recognition of his eminent services...

GIRL BURNED TO DEATH

(Special to the Times.) Bancroft, Ont., Jan. 3.—W. A. Reddick, of Carleton township, near Fort Stewart, started a fire which killed a seven-year-old girl...

FREIGHT TRAINS STALLED ON PRAIRIES

Cold Weather Continues—Thirty Below Zero at Winnipeg This Morning

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Jan. 3.—There is no indication of a break in the coldest spell for the turn of the year in recent memory...

GETTING READY FOR ELECTIONS

MUCH INTEREST IN APPROACHING CONTEST

Where Polling Booths Are Arranged—Six Important By-laws to Be Voted on

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Now that the holidays have passed public attention reverts to the municipal election contest and the considerable number of important by-laws which will be submitted to the voters...

The vote on the referendum by-law will be taken at the public market building, Cormorant street, such of the electors as are entitled to vote for mayor being able to exercise their franchise on this measure...

1. Shall improvements be exempt from taxation? 2. Shall the police and license commissioners be elected by the voters of the city? 3. Shall saloons and bottle licenses be abolished and licenses for the sale of liquor by retail be granted only to hotels complying with the statutory requirements?

The five loan by-laws will be voted on at the public market building. These measures are entitled: "The City of Victoria Waterworks Loan By-law, 1914 (Sookoof), the \$120,000 Water Loan By-law, 1914; the Theatre By-law, 1914; and the Underground Telephone By-law, 1914."

Nominations for the positions of mayor, aldermen and school trustees will be made at the court room at the city hall on Monday next between the hours of noon and 2 p.m.

WOMAN LIBERATED

Will Not Be Prosecuted for Wounding Man Who Tried to Kidnap Child. Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 3.—Mrs. Victoria C. Herold, who was held in captivity at her home today, she is held blameless for having shot Harry D. Williams on Saturday...

Williams, who was shot in the groin by Herold when she attempted to take her own child from her by force, is in a more critical condition than yesterday, it was reported that peritonitis was feared...

KING EDWARD'S FUNERAL. Montreal City Council Will Take Financial Interest in Proposed Monument. Montreal, Jan. 3.—On motion of two French-Canadian aldermen, the Montreal council unanimously voted in favor of the city taking a financial interest in the proposition to erect a monument to the late King Edward in one of the city squares...

ARCH HOXSEY'S FUNERAL. Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 3.—Last rites for Archibald Hoxsey, the dead aviator, were held at 2.30 this afternoon from a local undertaking establishment. The funeral services, it was expected, would be attended by all the aviators who participated in the Bonaventure meet, and a committee in charge of officials of the Aero Club of California.

RAILWAY EARNINGS. Toronto, Jan. 3.—Canadian Northern Railway earnings were eighteen millions last year, and the wages paid out total a million a month. There are forty-eight thousand employees in the railway and kindred industries, and the system extends over 7,135 miles.



DICK'S NEW YEAR'S GIFT. MISS VICTORIA—A most acceptable gift, Richard, but what about that railway, construction of which was to have commenced months and months ago!

CANDIDATURE PROVES POPULAR

STEWART PETITIONS ARE LARGELY SIGNED

Small Likelihood of Three-Cornered Contest—His Platform Ready. (From Tuesday's Daily.) The petitions now in circulation praying that Alex. Stewart permit his name to be placed in nomination for the office of mayor at the forthcoming municipal elections are being very numerous...

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE BOARD

Report of Canadian and United States Commissioners' Wide Powers Proposed

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—By authorization of the secretary of state department, the joint report of Judge Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the interstate commerce commission, and Hon. J. P. Mabee, chief of the railway commission of Canada, on the proposed creation of the international commerce commission, has been made public.

The report recommends the creation of the proposed commission. The essential features of the report follow: "It is quite apparent that the existing laws of the United States and of Canada are inadequate for the effective control of international carriers by water, and rail or rail and water routes."

The provisions of such a treaty should apply to telegraph, telephone and express companies, and such companies should be subject to the authority of the international commerce commission.

The powers conferred upon and authority given in respect of international carriers would correspond to the extent indicated to those exercised by the interstate commerce commission within the United States.

INTERNATIONAL CROPS. Ottawa, Jan. 2.—A bulletin of the census office gives the total area of the field crops grown in Canada in 1913 as 32,711,002 acres and the value of the crops as \$797,185,500, compared with 30,065,592 acres and a value of \$532,992,100 in 1909.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE GAMES. Glasgow, Jan. 3.—Following are the results of Scottish league football games played yesterday: Celtic, 1; Kilmarnock, 2; Paisley St. Mirren, 2; Motherwell, 2; Ardrossians, 0; Partick Thistle, 1; Third Lanark, 0; Dundee, 1; Falkirk, 1; Aberdeen, 1; Clyde, 0; Morflem, 3; Hamilton Academicals, 1; Hibernian, 1; Hearts of Midlothian, 0.

WILL BE BURIED AT WINNIPEG. (Times Leased Wire.) Winnipeg, Jan. 3.—The remains of Ewen McDonald, who died at Victoria on September 4 last, aged 71 years, will be brought to Winnipeg for reinterment by side of his wife, Elizabeth, in St. John's cemetery. Miss Helel McDonald, who is a resident in England, made the arrangement. Ewen McDonald was chief factor in Hudson Bay Co., under the old regime, retiring after 45 years' service to live in Victoria, B. C.

ONTARIO LOCAL OPTION CONTESTS

STIFF FIGHTS IN MANY MUNICIPALITIES

Proportion of Districts Adopting By-law Not as Large as in Former Years. (Special to the Times.) Toronto, Jan. 3.—Of the municipalities that voted for local option, Brampton, Napawan, Smith's Falls, Bridgeburg, Erin, Newcastle, Sutton West, Albertmarie, Crowland, Elmsey, South, Gwillimbury North, Guelph township, Kitley, Puslinch, Scarborough and Zorra East voted affirmatively, but the majority was not sufficient to carry local option, against the three-fifths handicap.

The outlaws seemed possessed of an inexhaustible supply of ammunition. It was estimated that 1,000 shots were fired by them alone, while probably a hundred times that many were fired by the besiegers.

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ANARCHISTS PERISH AFTER LONG BATTLE

Nine Men Dead and Number Dying as Result of Desperate Fight in London—Police, Firemen and Soldiers Engaged.

(Times Leased Wire.) London, Jan. 3.—Barricaded in their lair in a house in the very heart of London's slums, seven anarchists defied the police, the fire department and three companies of Scots Guards to-day, all headed by the home secretary, Winston Churchill, until the house was set on fire by the shots of machine guns and the defenders were burned to death.

The fight began when the police, seeking two members of the notorious "Houndsditch" anarchist gang, discovered two of them in the house. These men began the battle by firing down on the unarmed officers. Other police were called and the Scots Guards were brought in, a section at a time. The defenders still resisted. Others, evidently belonging to the gang and living in the house, joined in the battle. The attacking party at last faced seven desperate men, heavily armed and firing with reckless abandon into the ranks of the attackers and the crowd of spectators gathered by the sight and sounds of the battle in the streets.

After the fire the anarchists retreated to the roof, where they continued to pour shot from rifles and revolvers into the attacking force until the flames ate away the supporting walls, and the roof on which they stood fell with a crash. All the men are believed to have been thrown into the fire and incinerated.

Two firemen of the attacking party, shot as they tried to enter the house. Seven anarchists, defenders, burned in the building. A half dozen persons were fatally wounded and a score of others received lesser injuries. Police Sergeant Lesser, Chessam and Chloke, Constable Dyer, John Giddan, a spectator, and an unidentified man, were shot and are now lying from their wounds. Seven firemen were hurt by flying bullets. Many of the others injured were spectators of the battle, who, during the police fight, forced their way through the lines into the rifle range of the defenders.

It was not until machine guns brought up by the Scots Guards were used that the defenders were driven from their position. The first shots sent crashing through the building were answered by the burglars. Soon the machine guns set fire to the house. Gasping for air, the defenders were seen at the windows for a brief interval, but they still kept up their fire. At last the shots came only from the upper windows, and then the barking of their arms from the roof and the slight riffs of fire in the smoke showed that the men had taken a last stand above the raging furnace that had been their refuge.

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The mounted troops and the Scots Guards were withdrawn during the afternoon. Eight hundred policemen were left to guard the building and to patrol the neighborhood. It was feared that owing to the intense interest of the sympathizers of the anarchists that rioting might follow. The police said that they might be attacked during the evening.

Home Secretary Churchill is authorized by the statement that the men killed themselves before the flames reached them.

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At last with a crash the roof gave way and fell inward, the flames shooting skyward. Nothing could be seen of the men, and it is believed that they must have fallen into the fire. There was no possible chance of escape over the roof of adjoining houses, the police say. Although the battle was over when the roof gave way, the police were extremely cautious. The bodies of the two firemen who were killed as they endeavored to rush the house lay at the entrance of the building and it was only a few minutes after the final crash that the police ventured forward to recover them.