LUMBERMEN OF ALTA. ORGANIZE

WILL FORM PROTCETIVE ASSOCIATION SIMILAR TO THOSE IN OTHER PROVINCES.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23—The Alberta Retail Lumbermen are to be organized into a protective association similar to that existing in the other provinces.

It will be based upon broad lines and will not combine with any other similar organization. The objects are mutual protection and insurance and friendly intercourse at semi-annual conventions.

This information was given tonight by J. Hooper, editor of the Retail Lumberman of Winnipeg, who is one of the originators. Mr. Hooper expects to leave for Alberta early in March and will spend two months in that province completing the organization.

The semi-annual convention of the Retail Lumbermen of Saskatchewan and Manitoba will be held in this city during the week of February 13th.

DENMAN CASE IS AT LAST FINISHED

One of the Longest and Most Tedious that has Been Before the Supreme Court—What Ever Way Decision Goes Case Will Likely Be Appealed

"I'm just wondering what kind of a receptacle I'll get for these exhibits" said Justice Stuart as he prepared to close the Denman-Clover Bar case in the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon. "I think I'll have to get a court carpenter and have a special strong box made to take them down to Calgary with me."

The Denman-Clover Bar case is finished after nearly six weeks work and Justice Stuart will spend his Christmas vacation with one hundred and seventy exhibits and notes which, if typewritten, would total fourteen hundred pages. The expression on his face as he mentioned it, did not seem to indicate that he anticipated it with any great degree of pleasure.

Evidence Finished at Noon.

The warning of the Judge that the case must be concluded before evening, did not seem to have any effect on the course of the trial, for it was noon before the evidence was concluded. After lunch Justice Stuart announced that there would be four hours for the pleading; that he would try to devide the time equally between the two counsel; that if they had not finished by six o'clock, anything further must be given in in writing, the original to the judge and a copy to the opposing counsel.

Mr. Leech began his summing up, with a preamble on the principles on which British law dealt with the business relations between man and man, and showing that while in ordinary relations the law was strictly neutral, when one man occupied a position of trust with regard to another the law was wont to scrutinize closely his action. He then went on to show that Denman had used his confidential relations with the company to get from them a contract most unjust to the company.

O. M. Biggar's speech for the plaintiff was simple and much in point. Mr. Biggar spoke briefly on his fiduciary relations with the company and showed that the onus lay on the company to prove that the contract was unfair, which they had failed to do. As it was, the contract had been made in good faith and though superseded by a later one had never been cancelled by official notification. On this his claim was based, and he did not see how the court could get over it.

Case Will Be Appealed.

It is understood among the legal fraternity that however the decision goes, it will be unsatisfactory to the parties and will in all probability be appealed. It is a most unusual case and has been attracting a good deal of attention from the members of the profession here.

CIVILIANS EXECUTED.

Correspondent for Whose Safety Fears Were Entertained Has Been Found.

Chihuahua, Mx., Dec. 23—News was brought here by a man who has been with the revolutionary forces today that the rebels recently executed ten civilians and a judge who were hostile to the revolt. Gerald Brandon, a correspondent of the Mexican Herald, who has been with the federal forces and for whose safety fears were entertained arrived here last night.

An order from the war office forbids correspondents accompanying the troops any longer. More than a thousand troops are here now. A small band of rebels rode into the town today but were driven out by a patrol of government forces.

It has been learned that the train of the Mexican Northern railway, stolen by the rebels, is at Guzman and that fully 1000 armed men are encamped there.

New Chilian President

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 23—Ramon Barros Luco, today was inaugurated president of Chili with the usual ceremonies and before a great concourse.

SAVVO FEDORENKO TO APPEAR ON STAGE.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23—Savvo Fedorenko, the Russian refugee, whose extradition warrant was recently annulled in the King's Bench, is in hiding, as his friends expect an attempt will be made to re-arrest him before long. He intends, however, to apppear in public on the stage of the Queen's theatre on Sunday afternoon in order to thank through an interpreter, the mass meeting for the help and sympathy of the public during his captivity.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.

The last issue of the Alberta Gazette contains a large number of provincial appointments, including the full list of official auditors for the years 1911. Following are the appointments:

Notaries Public.

Charles England, of Carlstadt.
Ronald Knowles, of Okotoks.
James Campbell MacGregor, of Olds.
William Charles Warner, of Calgary.
William White Macdonald, of Milk River.
Charles Henry Grant, of Strathcona.
Thomas William Bannerman, of Acme.
Harry John Quinn, of Milk River.
Percy Lapum Leach, of Taber.

Sheriff's Bailiff.

William E. Burnett, of High River.

Process Issuer.

Fred G. Rose, of Viking.

Justices of the Peace.

Ivor Edward Cecil Rice-Jones, of Ensleigh.
Leslie John Travers Zohrab, of Edson.
Francis Walter Rowe Knott, of Canmore.
Sidney Burdge, of Berry Creek.
Orin D. Sullivan, of Hardisty.
Frederick Gilbert Bertrand, of Blackie.
William Pentland Lindsay, of Macleod.
William Robert Hall, of Bruce.
John Fleming, of Vegreville.
George Morgan Sinex, of Fisher Home.

Commissioners for Taking Affidavits.

Stanley Harrow, of Arrowwood.
Joseph L. Sloane, of Cayley.
William Charles Warner, of Calgary.
Alexander Hogg, of Elnora.
George Kerslake, of Loveland.
R. J. A. Thompson, of Holden.
H. B. Chadwick, of Edmonton.
S. S. Richardson, of Whitla.
William Bird, of Myrnam.
John Harry Alexander, of Calgary.
William A. Wells, of Edmonton.
Alexander Silverthorn, of Calgary.
Joseph J. Card, of Cardston.
O. S. Welch, of Castor.
G. T. Oxley, of Stettler.
Henri Massieu de Clerval, of Calgary.
Adam Henry Goodall, of Calgary.
R. C. Farrell, of Athabasca Landing.
Percy William Simons, of Calgary.
Otto Zwarig, of Dusseldorf.
L. H. Cochlin, of Granum.
Thomas J. Simons, of Lethbridge.
John W. Cabeen, of Coaldale.
Charles Yardley Weaver, of Edmonton.
D. C. Cameron, of Calgary.
Edouard Prosper Olivier, of Calgary.
George Sanley Dingle, of Calgary.
W. S. Jacobs, of Calgary.
William C. Cross, of Bruce.
C. L. Dunham, of Medicine Hat.
Thomas J. Rogness, of Kingman.
W. A. Pinkerton, of Richdale.
William Jack Winning, of Winnington.
E. Blake Long, of Chauvin.
Peter Milne, of Egerton.
D. C. Whitcroft, of High River.
Ralph Bueglass, of Rawdonville.

Commissioners for Taking Affidavits (Without the Province).

Thomas Jamieson, of Fort St. John B. C.
Alfred Niven Gillies Aitken, of Edinburgh, Scotland.
George Arthur Mantel, of Winnipeg.

Coroners.

Dr. Arthur Oswald Brown, of Cayley.
Dr. Edwin Charles Harris, of Bassano.

Issuers of Marriage Licenses.

R. Edmond of Holden.
Rev. Paul F. Kochneke, of Hand Hills.
Henry Charles King, of Wainwright

Official Auditor.

Ernest John Buchanan, of Bowden
Frederick R. Robinson, of Carstairs
John Keith, Athabasca Landing.
George H. Darlow, Alix.
Elmer C. Hallman, Airdrie.
Leslie Farr, Airdrie.
James McNichol, Blackfalds.
Edward Wigmore, Blackfalds
W. B. McPherson, Bentley.
James H. Morrison, Bentley.
A. F. S. Tatum, Bowden.
Harry Shenfield, Bowden.
W. A. Beeby, Blairmore.
F. R. Rudd, Battenberg.
P. B. Anderson, Bardo.
A. Finseth, Bardo.
K. O. Egren, Bawlf.
Morgan T. Ornock, Bennie Glen
Wm. Mason, Bon Accord.
Chas. Kelly, Brant.
A. C. McIntyre, Brant.
Fred Bertrand, Brant.
J. H. Robeleigh, Barons.
J. W. Brainard, Barons.
B. T. Coon, Bankhead.
E. Roper, Bittern Lake.
Wm. A. Wilson, Belmont.
Thos. E. Smith, Coleman.
H. M. Fisk, Coleman.
C. J. Bloomquist, Calmar.
Bryce Miller, Cowley.
Martin Woolf, Cardston.
Francois Adam, Camrose.
Frank P. Layton, Camrose.
Francis R. Exham, Calgary.
A. H. Middleton, Calgary.
J. W. Costello, Calgary.
J. Macdonald, Calgary.
W. D. Spence, Calgary.
J. B. Watson, Calgary.
A. Spurr, Canmore.
Ernest Whiteside, Canmore.
Frederick A. Cull, Canyon.
J. C. Pope, Cochrane.
P. McAnnally Crossfield.
Thos. Q. Moore, Content.
L. Tyner, Carstairs.
Sydney C. Jones, Clarkeville.
E. A. Godwin, Clyde.
G. S. Gordon, Chipman.
C. H. Peterson, Didsbury.
G. Bremner, DeWinton.
E. Vernon Thomson, Dog Pound.
Ed. H. Dawson, Daysland.
Roy Toepfer, Erskine.
Andrew H. Allan, Edmonton.
Frank S. Green, Edmonton.
Edgar Richardson, Edmonton.
Geo. J. Kinnaird, Edmonton.
John Fielders, Edmonton.
Gabriel Morris, Excelsior.
Howard E. Sibbald, Exshaw.
A. W. Arnup, Entwistle.
William Garrison, Edison.
Frank Fane, East Beaver Lake.
A. W. Walker, Evarts.
E. S. Hussey, Evarts.
Richard Bleay, Evarts.
Frederick Wall, Evarts.
R. A. Peterson, Equity.
A. Edgeworth, Foreman.
J. J. Libby, Fort Saskatchewan.
Thos. J. Stacey, Fort Saskatchewan
F. R. Bains, Ferry Point.
Carl O. Bjorkblod, Ferry Point.
J. H. Bricker, Frank.
Jno. T. Vosburg, Granum.
James Blair, Granum.
Jno. Kilcup, Gleichen.
Oliver H. Baldwin, Graminia.
R. W. Fletcher, Gravy Lake.
F. G. Stauffer, Greenshields.

Gal TWO—Prov appointments

B. C. Gilpin, Gilpin.
Wm. H. Rammell, Higgins.
J. C. Shannon, Holmstead.
C. A. Brisben, Holden.
Wm. Campbell, Holden.
L. A. S. Dack, Hardisty.
W. J. Earl, Hurry.
A. W. Fleming, Heather Brae.
Frederick H. Marshall, High River.
Thos. Dart, High River.
W. B. Dart, High River.
Jas. Stansfield, High River.
H. Elliott, Islay.
C. C. Dalmage, Innisfree.
Percy Chatham, Ingleton.
Wm. Dakin, Irvine.
G. W. Davirson, Inga.
P. S. Washburn, Inga.
Charles Marlow, Island Lake.
George Timney, Independence.
C. E. McGowan, Killam.
T. H. Currie, Kitscoty.
Thos. Hanna White, Lougheed.
E. D. McGregor, Langdon.
Arthur Still, Lloydminster.
George Walz, Lavoy.
Geo. B. R. Bond, Lavoy.
W. W. Alton, Leduc.
Benjamin Bouchard, Legal.
Dr. J. E. Amyot, Legal.
A. Lamoureux, Lamoureux.
S. L. Hooper, Lawrence.
James Walsh, Sampsonton.
Harvey Swerdfager, Laggan.
H. W. Swerdfager, Laggan.
John McKenty, Lacombe.
J. H. McKinnon, Lawton.
Edward Gaiter, Lamerton.
Jno. Edward McConnel, Lac Ste. Anne.
John A. Piche, Lethbridge.
H. J. Aldemar, Lethbridge.
Robert Sage, Lethbridge.
W. D. Wing, Lethbridge.
Donald Cameron, Lakeview.
Duncan J. Campbell, Macleod.
Trenholme Dickson, Macleod.
Joseph Thomas Faunt, Macleod.
Walter Roy Shanks, Macleod.
Chas. A. Krauss, Medicine Hat.
C. A. Bertrand, Maryville.
T. K. Rogne, Millet.
W. R. L. Sheppard, Millet.
W. C. Honston, Morningside.
E. W. Abbott, Mannville.
Bruce Henning, Mannville.
Thomas Ryan, Mundare.
Wm. Grabame, Morley.
A. A. Caldwell, Mountain View.
William Best, Mewassin.
Jas. Young, Mewassin.
S. G. Stephenson, Markerville.
A. S. Welsh, Martin.
Tom Richmond, Mossside.
Alfred Miller, Nestor P.O.
H. C. McKay, Nanton.
D. H. Galbraith, Nanton.
D. M. Duggan, Nanton.
O. S. Moore, Olds.
G. S. C. Paterson, Okotoks
Harry Watson, Okotoks.
Jas. Roxburgh, Onoway.
Donald Wilby, Onoway.
Frederick Short, Pozerville.
Geders Gordon, Penola.
Dr. C. H. Lawford, Rakan.
J. A. Mitchell, Rakan.
H. M. Pyke, Pekisko.
H. Newlands, Penhold.
Norman Stewart, Penhold.
James Sharp, Pleasant Valley.
William A. Ross, Pincher Creek.
John Paterson, Priddis.
J. J. McCabe, Queenstown.
Paul Constantine, Riviere Qui Barre.
James Hilberry, Red Willow.
A. Hillbury, Red Willow.
A. W. G. Allen, Red Deer.
George N. Budd, Raymond.
Elmer Holberg, Ross Creek.
E. Bosman, Round Hill.
J. A. McDougall, Ranfurly.
Thomas R. Faddis, Stirling.
Hjaldernar Ostland, Stirling.
E. A. Holmes, Star.
Adolf Perrault, St. Albert.
A. Guilbeault, St. Albert.
Michael Hogan, St. Albert.
W. B. Gray, Stettler.
W. McBride, Stettler.
H. Coles, Strome.
Austin Mark Fuller, Strathcona
C. H. Grant, Strathcona.
T. B. Blackadar, Strathcona.
E. S. Clements, Sedgewick.
G. E. Coombes, Sedgewick.
G. Sutherland, Spruce Grove.
Herbert E. Rudd, Sturgeonville.
George Smith, Spring Bank.
F. R. Beasley, Spring Lake.
Alexander Brand, Stavely.
T. E. Lindley, Stony Plain.
John H. Forster, Stony Plain.
John McAlpine, Sunny Slope.
W. W. Douglas, Taber.
Robert Williams, Tofield.
John A. Shaw, Tofield.
A. J. H. McCauley, Tofield.
J. F. Brown, Tomahawk.
John McIntyre, Tongue Creek.
Tristram W. Fry, Tees.
A. H. Goodwin, Vegreville.
John Fleming, Vegreville.
N. McIntyre, Vegreville.
R. Jackson, Vermilion.
Albert A. Stewart, Vermilion Valley
James Barker, Viking.
John Kringen, Viking.
J. H. Walker, Wetaskiwin.
James W. Hey, Wetaskiwin.
Thomas Hall, Whitford.
F. J. Francey, Wabamun.
S. W. Eakins, Wabamun.
Benson R. Empey, Winterburn.
M. S. Schroeder, Walsh.
P. E. Ross, Wainwright.
George A. Wells, Whitebrush.
David McFarlane, Warwick.
John Brady, Wessington.
A. C. Bunney, Westrose.
D. D. Yule, Whitford.
W. Bannerman, Acme.
E. J. Buchanan, Bowden.
A. C. Carlson, Bruce.
C. E. Summers, Carmangay.
D. B. Lettey, Cheadle.
Cecil E. Race, Edmonton.
Hugh McEachern, Edmonton.
L. C. Harry, Innisfail.
E. Bennick, Keephills.
E. Tattersall, Keephills.
S. T. Tobin, Leduc.
T. H. White, Lougheed.
E. D. McGregor, Langdon.
R. E. Mercer, Macleod.
W. F. Tolley, Mountain View.
D. Phillips, Pine Creek.
K. H. Wates, Rimbey.
L. L. Pound, Rimstone.
J. D. Gilchrist, Round Hill.
H. P. Munro, Taber.
C. Davies, Wetaskiwin.
M. Ainslie, Wetaskiwin.
M. G. Brimacombe, Vermilion.
Lorne Proudfoot, Jackville.

Game Guardians.

Geo. Yeelands, of Pakan.
Walter Sahstrom, of Thorsby.

Fire Guardian.

E. Dubord, of Duplinville.

Stock Inspectors.

Livingston Bolton, of Ryley.
W. F. Wendt, of Edberg.
Wm. B. Way, of Aldersyde.

Poundkeepers.

P. Larson, of Nanton, the pound to be kept on the west half of Section 21 Township 16 Range 28 west of the 4th Meridian.
M. W. Skelton, of Wheat Centre; the pound to be kept on the southwest quarter of Section 35 Township 15 Range 18 west of the 4th Meridian.

Brand Readers.

O. M. Gilbertson, of Gilby.
Frank V. Falconer, of Cardston.

Wolf Bounty Inspector.

Dr. J. H. Pickering, of Edmonton.

Resignations and Retirements.

Jean Marie Pierre McLeod, of Duplinville, Justice of the Peace.
O. H. Anderson, of Ryley, Stock Inspector.
Samuel Robert Hodson, of Okotoks, Justice of the Peace.
Dr. W. H. Pickering, of Edmonton, Wolf Bounty Inspector.

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 20—All of northern Indiana is in the grasp of a severe blizzard. Ten inches of snow has fallen in this city since last night and there is great delay on the interurban lines on account of the snow drifting.

MUCH BRIBERY IN THE U.S. RECENT ELECTIONS

Indictments in One County for the Week New Total 843 and Are About Equally Divided Among the Republicans and the Democrats.

West Union, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Two hundred and seventy-two additional indictments charging citizens of this county with selling votes at the November elections were reported by a special grand jury today, bringing the total indictments for this week up to 843.

The charges are about equally divided between Republicans and Democrats. More than 200 arrests have been made and in every instance the defendant has pleaded guilty. In most cases the court has imposed a fine of $25 and costs and a jail sentence of six months with the loss for five years of right to vote.

In several cases the prisoners have been released on bail, bending sentence, and in others the jail sentence has been suspended. It appears that the price for a vote ranged between $10 and $20.

A NEW JURY ON THE BELLEVUE DISASTER

Experienced Men Neither Dependent on the Operators or Partial to the Miners Will be Secured Say the Premier and the Attorney-General to Deputation.

A conference was held yesterday afternoon at the government offices between Premier Sifton and Attorney-General Mitchell and representatives of the miners and operators as to method of investigation into the recent mining disaster at Bellevue. There were present besides the members of the Government, Clement Stubbs and A. J. Carter of the Miners' Union; C. M. O'Brien, M.P.P., H. A. Mackie, barrister, and Crown Prosecutor Campbell. O. M. Biggar representing the operators was unable to be present.

It was decided that a new jury be empanelled and the Premier expressed the opinion that experienced men neither dependent on the operators or partial to the miners should be secured even if they were taken from the Crow's Nest or some other mining district. The Premier would not commit himself as to future action after the verdict of the jury was brought in but he indicated that if the coroner's jury were not satisfactory in establishing the cause of the two recent explosions, then future investigation would be made. He stated emphatically however, that he would not allow this mine to be open until it had been proved to be free from other than the ordinary danger.

In pointing out that it would not be proper to appoint a commission of investigation as asked for before an inquest, Premier Sifton explained that the coroner's jury was part of the criminal law and to supercede it by another method, of inquiry would be interfering with the functions it was given under the criminal code.

Attorney-General Mitchell took the same view and informed the deputation that he would at once instruct the Crown Attorney to discharge the old jury and select another of the nature outlined by the Premier.

The miners representatives afterwards expressed themselves as satisfied that the course outlined by the Premier was correct. They would have liked, however to have the Government state definitely what course of action would be taken at the end of the inquiry.

Says Object is Annexation.

Berlin, Dec. 23—The political situation in Cuba is discussed in this evening's Post, which says: "The object behind the biassed and highly colored despatches is quite clear. The Americans' land hunger is not satisfied with the present dependent position of Cuba, and they are striving for its complete annexation by the United States as soon as possible."

WANT TO OPERATE HUDSON BAY ROAD

Farmers En Route to Ottawa Discuss Taking Hold of the Project

On Board Farmers' Special to Ottawa.

Schreiber, Ont., Dec. 14—The farmers from the plains, who are on the way to Ottawa to present to the Dominion parliament a statement of their grievances, and to ask for various reforms, spent the first day on the train in a vigorous and continuous discussion of the various matters in which they are so deeply interested. That the visit to the capital is regarded as wholly a matter of business, and not as a matter of combined pleasure and business is clearly indicated by the absence of ladies from the party. There are 326 persons on the special train, and of these not more than a dozen are ladies.

Various committees were in session during the day, and the papers which have been prepared by individual representatives for presentation at Ottawa were read. There is a substantial agreement among the western men on the points at issue, but there is considerable divergence of opinion among them regarding the manner in which the case should be stated. This is especially true of the tariff. It is urged that since Sir Wilfrid is theoretically a free trader, it is quite useless to argue with him theoretically purely on the question of a reduction of the custom duties. That would be clearly a case of carrying coals to Newcastle. The papers prepared will, however, be read, but more with the hope of influencing the public opinion than with the expectation of informing the premier regarding the issue.

Change in Views.

The most startling feature of the discussion of the day on the train has been the appearance of a most pronounced feeling against the ownership and operation of the Hudson Bay railway by the government. This does not imply that there are any farmers in the delegation to Ottawa who are favorably disposed to an arrangement whereby the operation of the new railway should be handed over to one of the existing railways or to any railway company constituted as present railway corporations are constituted. The proposition is that, in the event that the federal government should be reluctant to operate the line a charter for construction and operation should be granted to a company composed of western farmers.

"If Mackenzie and Mann, two unknown individuals without personal capital to any large extent could begin 25 years ago and build up the Canadian Northern railway," said one of the delegates today, "what is there to prevent 500 well-to-do farmers from building a line to the bay?"

The advocates of this policy state that they will ask for the charter only in the event of a refusal on the part of the government to operate the line. It is clear that a number of the delegates are suspicious of government operation, and would prefer that a charter be obtained from the government operation, and would prefer that a charter be obtained from the government for a line of their own. What the farmers have come to fear in connection with the operation of the line by the government, is that there would be sinister influences at work which might succeed in nullifying the undertaking. Even under government operation there might be a serious lack of equipment, the line would have to meet the personal hostility of the great transportation companies of Canada, the eastern provinces would not be interested in securing proper operation, and the movement might in some degree succumb to the influences brought to bear on it. Deductions might be made to the effect that it was impossible to operate the line for more than the briefest period in the year. There might be serious delays in the forwarding of consignments, all with the object of throwing the business to the older, larger and more powerful and influential corporations. Freight rates might be made higher than necessary and every obstacle thrown in the way of successful use of the line by western shippers. If the road should be handed over to an existing railway, it is regarded by the farmers as inevitable that this would all occur.

Organize Farmers' Company.

An alternative scheme has therefore been suggested. Delegates claim that it is quite within the range of practicability to organize a company of nearly every farmer, merchant and artizan of small or moderate means living west of the great lakes to build this road and operate it in the interests of the people of the plains.

This proposition has actually gone so far that on the special train today a subscription list was opened and delegates were asked to subscribe $10 each for the purpose of meeting the preliminary expenses of the formation of the company. These lists were prepared tonight, and the matter will be further discussed tomorrow and in Ottawa. The plan is that an initial sum of $5000 should be raised, to be subscribed by 500 farmers or by others directly interested. If a charter should be secured, then these 500 men will endeavor to interest thousands of western people in the building of the line, and will sell the stock. No stockholder would have more than a single vote in the management of the company, and no corporation could obtain control by a large purchase of the stock. The charter would contain a guarantee that if, at any time, all the railways of Canada should be nationalized, this railway would be turned over to the government at cost. This farmer company, if organized, would ask from the government no more than is freely granted to other corporations organized for private gain, and it is urged that the Dominion authorities would scarcely refuse to a large organization of citizens the opportunities and assistances which it would grant to a business corporation seeking its own ends.

Elevator Problem.

At Fort William today the train did not stop sufficiently long to permit of any examination of any of the great elevators which have been erected there, and which have been the subject of so much discussion in farmers' meetings throughout the prairie provinces. Many members of the delegation in the few minutes at their disposal entered the structures in the immediate vicinity of the depot, but a brief glance at the interior was all that the majority of the travellers obtained.

The question of the taking over of the elevators by the government has been so thoroughly threshed out by the farmers that it does not enter largely into the private conversations and arguments on the train.

The nature of the difficulty is perfectly understood, and whatever the premier may think of the matter it is impossible to discover more than one opinion among the farmers on the subject, namely, that the government must supervise the elevating of grain at the lake front. In no other way, it is stated, can fraudulent mixing of grades be obviated.

Grievance Against Banks.

The grievance of the farmers of which much has been heard concerns itself with the fact that while a wholesale man, for instance, can borrow money on his stock, a farmer is unable to borrow on his stock. One of the delegates stated that he had 13,000 bushels of No. 1 Northern wheat, sixty head of horses and various other properties all clear and that when he went to the bank he was told that it was impossible for the bank to lend money to him unless his note was endorsed. A distinction is apparently made between a farmer and a wholesale dealer in this regard, according to the statements of the delegates, who state that there is an agreement among the banks and the large loan companies in this connection. The great banking corporations are also assailed on other grounds and in the future the farmers will undoubtedly prepare a statement regarding proposed amendments to the Banking act.

Ottawa, Dec. 13—His Excellency Earl Grey has invited the members of the farmers' delegation now en route to Ottawa to Rideau hall, on Friday afternoon, where they will be entertained. Hon. Sydney Fisher has arranged to have them visit the central experimental farm, and various courtesies will be extended to them by other ministers and members.

SERIOUS SITUATION DEVELOPING IN CHINA

Imperial Senate Renews Its Fight To Abolish Grand Council and To Establish Constitutional Cabinet—Senate Passes Resolution To Impeach Grand Councillors.

Peking, Dec. 19—The fight of the Imperial Senate to abolish the Grand Council and to establish a constitutional cabinet was renewed today in the face of the throne's rejection of the recent memorial.

The Imperial Senate convened amid much excitement today. The seats of the throne appointees, who constitute one-half of the membership, were conspicuously vacant. A resolution was introduced that the Senators impeach the Grand Councillors with the object of forcing the throne to create a constitutional ministry, or dissolve the Senate. It was declared that the two bodies were irreconcilliable.

Not a voice was raised in defence of the Government for the reason, probably, that on previous occasions such spokesman had been shouted down. The resolution was adopted by a big majority, only 23 out of a membership of 200 voting against it.

The galleries were crowded with enthusiastic progressives and interested foreigners. Speculation as to the outcome is of a wide range. Some of the onlookers think that the action of the Senate presages a serious situation.

GIVES $10,000,000 TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE

Carnegie Transfers Ten Million Dollars to be Devoted to Establishment of Universal Peace—Says Great Britain Ready if United States Will Co-operate.

Washington, Dec. 14—Surrounded by twenty-seven trustees of his own choosing, Andrew Carnegie today transferred $10,000,000 to be voted primarily to the establishment of universal peace by the abolition of war and such friction as may impair "the progress and happiness of man." When wars between nations shall have ceased the fund is to be applied to such altruistic purposes as will "best help man in his glorious ascent onward and upward" by the banishment of the "most degrading of evil or evils" then harassing mankind.

As Mr. Carnegie read an informal deed of trust, announcing at length the general purpose of his gift, there was prolonged applause.

Says Great Britain Ready.

He then explained the incidents which inspired the gift, and declared with emphasis that if the English-speaking race in the United States and Great Britain once consolidated in the movement for peace, the success of the measure in the rest of the world would be assured. That Great Britain stood ready to co-operate with this country, Mr. Carnegie said he left certain, and all that was now needed was the concurrence of the president and the Senate in promulgating the movement on behalf of the United States.

Will Reinstate Men.

Toronto, Dec. 23—The G.T.R. employees here have received word from their representativs in Montreal that all the strikers will be reinstated by January 1st. There are about 275 of these.

Fire in New Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 23—In a fire which started early today in Baronne street, three large business houses were destroyed, with loss estimated at $250,000. The Shubert theatre was slightly damaged.

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Pleadings of Counsel Will Begin This Morning—Much Irrevelant Evidence Has Copped up Tending to Prolong the Hearing to Great Length.

"I don't care what you do, Mr. Leech," said Judge Stuart to counsel for the defense yesterday, "but this case has got to finish tomorrow night."

The Denman case will be wound up tomorrow morning and the pleadings of the counsel on both sides begin. There have been no new developments in the last twenty-four hours. The attitude of the judge seemed to be one of submission to the inevitable, as point after point was brought up and argued on in the most hair-splitting manner.

"You can argue till midnight if you like," said Judge Stuart when Mr. Leech was arguing to exclude some evidence in the examination for discovery," but I won't change my mind."

The necessity for the exclusion of irrelevant evidence in court is quite apparent in this case. In spite of the fact that the case has been up for nearly two months, has been fully gone into by counsel on both sides, new points are cropping up, new facts coming to light and it requires the most careful attention of the court to keep the case from ramifying in all directions. The court, however, has put it up to the lawyers and if they waste their time in technicalities they lose their chance of pleading.

Mr. Denman was in the stand all afternoon and will be called again tomorrow for re-examination by Mr. Leech on a new subject that arose during the day.

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