NO LIGHT ON CAUSE OF NEW YORK EXPLOSION

Coroner's Inqury Fails to Produce And Direct Evidence Indicating Cause of Fatal Explosion—Death List Numbers Ten—Expects to be Engaged.

New York, Dec. 20—Enquiry by the coroner and the best attorney of the department, failed to throw any new light on the direct cause of the explosion yesterday in the power station of the Grand Central station which caused the deaxn of ten persons ,the injury of more than a hundred and a property damage of $2,000,000. Dozens of witnesses were examined and every inch of ground about the scene explored but no headway was made toward fixing the blame for the disaster.

District Attorney White said tonight: "As yet there is no evidence in my possession which justifies the making of any arrests or the preferring of any criminal charges. I expect to engage experts on explosives to determine, if possible, just how the explosion took place.

"If explosives were illegally kept upon the premises, the facts will be brought out before the grand jury."

The body removed from the ruins yesterday has been identified as F. J. Nagel, a plumber's helper. This completes the list of dead at ten. No additional bodies were found today.

L. I. D. T. 4, COUNCIL.

A meeting of the council of L.I.D. 30, T. 4, was held at the residence of Mr Armstrong. Councillors present, division 1, George McLachlin; division 2, H. Greenfield; division 3, J. Altore; division 4, C. M. Tait; division 5, C. F. Nelson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman M. Greenfield and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Communication from the department of public works and engineer of Canadian Northern railway concerning at Clyde, were read.

An interesting report of the L.I.D. association at Red Deer on Nov. 22 and 23, was made by delegate H. Greenfield.

Pay sheet worked by E. A. Godwin, division 5, mentioned in the minutes of the previous meeting, was taken up and after discussion a motion was made by Councillor McLachlin, seconded by Councillor Greenfield, that the pay sheet made out wrong and passed by this council Dec. 4, 1909, be revoked and that a new pay sheet be made out to admit of Mr. Godwin being paid the full amount of his contract, $35, was carried.

The following were appointed to hold elections for the year 1911:

Division 1, S. R. McKewan, at Violet Hill school; 2, W. M. Garrison, at Res. Dell Berry; 3, Ed. Wilson at Wabash school; 4, J. A. Gibson at Woodman hall; 5, C. F. Nelson at Dunganan school.

Afternoon session.

The following pay sheets passed for payment, division 1:

H. Knott, foreman	$229.00
M. Gibson, foreman	45.00
Allen Knott, foreman	16.00
Division 2:	
Thos. Pollard, foreman	47.00
Division 3.	
R. Lendrum, foreman	36.00
Wm. Wood, foreman	42.00
A. R. Brown, foreman	42.00
W. A. McLaren, foreman	108.00
Harry Smith, foreman	32.00
H Oneland, foreman	122.00
Wm. Corbett, foreman	30.00
A. B. Bell, foreman	22.00
B. W. Allen, foreman	30.00
C. Lendrum, foreman	68.00
Gordon Guest, foreman	18.00
George Mills, foreman	66.00

An argument arose about passing pay sheets of division 5, there being no funds in sight to pay said sheets.

Councillor McLachlin pointed out the injustice of passing this division pay sheets while bills and pay sheets of a division with a credit balance went unpaid, insisting that the debts of the division with a credit balance be paid first. On the strength of this and similar speeches, two resolutions were made and passed.

1st—Moved by Councilor C. M. Tait, seconded by Councilor McLachlin, that pay sheets be passed provisionally and that provision be that work be credited by receipts as usual as soon as passed; but that cash outlay provided by pay sheets be withheld until the township has cash to its credit on the district books. Carried.

2nd—Moved by Councillor McLachlin and seconded by Councillor Greenfield, that all pay sheets belonging to a division with a credit balance be paid in rotation as passed. Carried.

Councillor C. F. Nelson of division 5 was present in the afternoon and certain resolutions relating to division 5 were brought up and received his approval.

The following pay sheets were presented and passed but one amounting to $71, worked out by Joe La Bean, was tabled until next meeting.

Division 5.

Geo. Beaton, foreman	$99.00
H. A. Dorser, foreman	59.75
R. Bradner, foreman	20.00

A motion was made by Councilor Tait and seconded by Councillor McLachlin that J. Lacoum be placed on the assessment roll as owner of the S. W. 1-2, 2-60-28-4. Carried.

The following bills were passed for payment:

Bill in favor of Fred Meyer, work in 1908, $4; in favor of Fred Meyer, use of house for hall, $4 and $6; Violet Hill school, use of house, $4; Geo. McLachlin, counsel, $37; H. Greenfield, $40; H. Greenfield, attending convention, $20; J. Alton, $14 and $6.20; C. M. Tait, $3.20; secretary treasurer, $125; for postage, etc. $8; J. Tacskowski, lumber, $12.80; J. S. Armstrong, use of house, $2.00.

Meeting adjourned.

Edison, Dec. 13.

RUSSIA TO WARN CHINA.

To Stop Abuses Along the Frontier of Manchuria.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20—The refractory behavior of the Chinese provincial authorities in Manchuria is the subject of an editorial which will appear in the Novoe Vremya tomorrow. The newspaper recounts a series of incidents during the present year. The prohibition of the export of grain, designed to cripple the Harbin mills, the dispossession of the Russian gold claims without indemnity, the refusal to admit Russian caravans to certain frontier cities, whereby extensive losses were inflicted upon merchants, and the arrest of the Chinese employees of the Russo-Chinese bank in Harbin by the Chinese Tao Tai. The series culminates with a recital of the mal-treatment of Colonel Raddazi, commander of the Amur Cossacks regiment, who was arrested on December 16th, while visiting the Chinese side near Blagoviestchenck. Colonel Raddazi was bound, his epaulets were torn off and he was spat upon. Finally he was released by two companies of cossacks The Novoe Vremya suggests that it is the task of Russian diplomacy at Pekin to call the government to its senses to prevent chaos at the frontier.

GIVES $35,000,000 FOR CHICAGO UNIVERSITY

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20—John D. Rockefeller has completed the task he set for himself in the founding of the University of Chicago. Today public announcement was made of a single and final gift of $10,000,000, which includes all the contributions that Mr. Rockefeller had planned to make the university. The sum is to be paid in ten annual instalments beginning January 1st. This will make a total, approximately, of thirty-five million dollars that Mr. Rockefeller has donated to the university.

MR. BENNETT CHARGED THE USUAL LEGAL FEES

Member for Calgary Resents Attacks Made Upon Him During His Absence on the Last Day of the Session—Denies That He Received $6,000 For His Waterways' Work.

Calgary, Dec. 17.—R. B. Bennett, K.C., M.P.P., was shown the despatch from Edmonton giving the attack made on him at the closing session of the Legislature by W. F. Puffer, of Lacombe, in connection with the A. & G. W. investigation before the Royal Commission.

Mr. Bennett was greatly surprised at Mr. Puffer's action and gave out the following interview for publication. He may have something further to say on the subject after his return from a holiday visit to New Brunswick, for which he left on the midnight train:

"I am very much surprised," said Mr. Bennett, "to hear of any attacks having been made on me either by Mr. Puffer or any other member after I had left the Legislature, especially as I had announced several days previously that I had to spend some days in Calgary before leaving for the East for Christmas.

"In regard to the question spoken of by Mr. Puffer, I may say that I was engaged by some sixteen members of the Legislature to appear for them before the Royal Commission in the A. & G. W. investigation. I did so at great financial loss to myself and to the legal firm of which I am a member.

"I was not paid $6,000. I was paid no more than the usual fee that would be charged in other cases.

"I may add that if Mr. Puffer or any other member of the Legislature desires to know what the amount of that fee was I will, with the consent of my firm, be glad to inform him. I do not, however, consider that the public would be any more interested in the matter than they would be in the amount of the fee paid Mr. Nolan or Mr. Biggar, who represented Premier Rutherford and Attorney-General Cross before the commission.

"This is all I have to say at present on the incident, which appears to have been treated somewhat as a joke by some of the members, but I am surprised that Mr. Puffer should have made such statements on the floor of the House during my absence."

UNIVERSITY IS TURNED DOWN.

Manitoba Government Refuses to Accede to Requests of University.

Winnipeg Dec. 20—A sub-committee of the University council waited on the Manitoba cabinet with the request to be allowed to use the present agricultural college buildings when the agricultural college is transplanted to St. Vital, the property recently acquired by the government. They also asked the government to purchase the present university site.

Premier Roblin, Hon. Robt. Rogers and Hon. Colin Campbell received the deputation and explained they had arranged to turn the agricultural college over to the deaf and dumb institute and that as regards the Broadway site, the government had already all the property they needed.

The question of unattached colleges being given power to give degrees was also discussed and after the delegation left, Hon. Mr. Rogers explained that he personally favored unattached colleges having this power. This, in view of the possible withdrawal of St. Boniface college, is significant. Hon. Mr Rogers also pointed out that provision is being made in the new agricultural college to teach engineering and practical science, two departments at present taken up by the university.

ON CHINESE IMMIGRATION.

Evidence of Collector of Customs Before Royal Commission.

Vancouver, B.C. Dec 20—Collector of Customs, J. M. Bowell, gave evidence today before the Royal Commission that is investigating the Chinese immigration and opium smuggling at this port. He admitted that he and his officers were at the mercy of an interpreter in dealing with the new arrivals. No attempt had been made to trace the passports carried by the large number of arriving Chinese who wished to enter as merchants. This practice had grown up since 1907. Mr. Bowell admitted that he had heard that 23 Chinese stowaways had landed here from the Bank liner Kumeric and 20 more from the Ocean. He admitted that the watchman set to prevent such access had left his post to go to lunch. He pleaded an insufficient staff. He said he was helpless to prevent prostitutes landing, if they came as the wives of Chinese merchants. Two Chinese actresses who came a year ago and paid the head tax proved to be prostitutes.

Yap Yong, formerly an interpreter for the department and suspended in September when the passport scandal came out, will appear before the commission to give evidence.

PITCHED BATTLE ON A MONTREAL STREET

Irishman Attacks and Disposes of Three Italians, One Armed With a Razor, Who Made an Insulting Remark—Two of the Men Have to be Removed to the Hospital and All Need Medical Treatment.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—Following a pitched battle at the corner of St. David's Lane and St. James street, between an Irishman and three Italians, all four needed medical attention. Two had to be sent to the General Hospital for repairs.

Lieut. Marwick, Chaboillez street station, receiving a message that a fight was in progress at the corner of St. James stree tand St. David's lane, sent out Constables Judd and Fillatrault. On their way to the scene the constables met Patrick Shields, 26 years of age, with a gash in the back of his head and his right ear split.

Shields, who had no home in the city, told the constables he was looking for the police station because three Italians were lying dead in the lane and should be removed to the morgue.

Judd and Fillatrault hurried over to the corner of St. David's lane and lying there, a few yards from St. James street, found a man with his face battered almost to a pulp. The other two, according to a couple of men who witnessed the row, were almost as badly used up. One man, the police found, had been taken away by friends.

From what the police learn, Shields was passing along St. David's lane when one of the Italians spoke to him. The Irishman resented the remark and the three Italians turned on him. One, armed with a razor, slashed the Irishman across the right ear and on the back of the head. There followed a row in which the Italians were beaten and battered into unconsciousness by Shields.

THINK LEGISLATURE DEFEATED ITS OBJECT

City Authorities Think That According to Charter They are Compelled to Collect $3 Poll Tax From All Non-Property Holders Before They Get on the Voters' List.

If the attitude now taken by the city officials with reference to the franchise amendments to the city charter are correct, it would appear as if the Legislature defeated its object in the changes providing for votes for tenants.

According to the city's contention, the clause relating to householders securing a vote on payment of $3 should have been struck out. As it stands now the City Assessor says he has no alternative by the law but to collect the money and inferentially must collect a $4 poll tax from every tenant as well.

"I am not taking the law in my own hands," says the Assessor to the Bulletin, Tuesday, "but I am going to carry out the law as I find it embodied in the charter. I do not wish to discriminate between one class of tenants and another class.

Mr. McMillan thus emphatically sets out the position that he takes with reference to the franchise: "The 'householder tenant,' who has been actually in the city since the first day of February in the then current year and occupies a dwelling-house with a separate door for ingress and egress, and who pays the sum of $3 shall be entered on the voters' list and the council has no say in the matter. The 'householder tenant,' according to the charter, can't get on the voters' list unless he is thus qualified. Inferentially any other tenants must pay the poll tax of $3 to place them on the same footing as the householder tenant."

BEAVERS BECOME NUISANCE.

To C.P.R. in Northern Ontario Owing to the Dams They Build.

Port Arthur, Dec. 20—The C.P.R. is experiencing difficulty at different places between White River and Cartier on account of the beaver dams being wrecked and flooding their lands. At one place a dam was erected in the centre of a culvert and a part of the filling had to be removed in order to do away with it. When this was done these energetic little fellows built another a little further down stream and this also had to be removed on account of the back water. It seems to be a general consensus of opinion that the Government should declare an open season for a year and give the Indians and settlers a chance to dispose of some of the surplus beaver and otter.

Two Life Savers Drowned.

New York, Dec. 2—Two members of the volunteer life saving crew at Rockaway Beach are missing and are believed to have perished today when the new boat they were trying out upset in the surf. Three others of a crew of five made their way ashore. The men were 200 yards off the beach when a heavy squall struck them and the boat turned turtle. It is supposed the missing men went down at once.

REGIMENT OF 700 TO GO TO CORONATION

Ottawa, Dec. 20—The details of the composition of the Coronation contingent are under consideration by the militia council. It is probable that a regiment of 700 will be the composite, representing the Edward unit of the militia and that in a short time the different corps will be asked to select a certain number of men, the pick of the regiments to join the contingent.

GREAT FALLS UNDECIDED.

Do Not Know Where To Throw Their Lot For Next Year.

Great Falls, Dec. 21—The baseball situation in Great Falls is still "up in the air." Thirty fans talked it over Saturday night at a meeting with George M. Reid, owner of the Great Falls franchise in the new Union league, and "Honest John" McCloskey, owner of the Butte franchise in the same organization, but when the session was over nobody could say that a baseball club in this city is yet assured.

The local men did not seem to think that Reed or McClockey, either, had shown that a baseball club in this city would be able to keep its head above the finanical sea. They wanted to know what it would cost. Reed could not tell them. Neither could McCloskey. The latter, however, said that he figured that his expenses in Butte for the season would be $14,000 and the expenses of the Great Falls club would be something less than that.

"You tell us how much stock you will subscribe and then we'll tell you whether it will cover the expenses," said the baseball men.

"You tell us first what the cost is going to be, and then we will tell you whether we can subscribe the stock," answered the bunch of fans.

The outcome of the meeting was the appointment of a committee consisting of Fred Arkell and W. A. Trontopu.

NO DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WINNIPEG STRIKE

Street Railway Company Running Nearly Full Service—City Council Delegation Intervenes—Motorman Who Fell From Pole, is Dying in Hospital.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20—There were no developments in the Street Railway strike during the morning and afternoon today. Apparently the company is operating nearly a full service, although the cars are not running to schedule. At noon, when the company's promise of preference to any returning old hands expired, there were no applications for re-employment. It is asserted that some of the men who are willing to go back arranged a meeting, but that the strike leaders hearing of this ,packed and carried the meeting. There seems to be some hope that the city council delegation, who are trying to reconcile the company and men will succeed in bringing about a peaceful solution, but they have nothing to announce.

Union Motorman Dying.

Joseph Gibson, a union motorman, has been lying at the point of death in the St. Boniface hospital since Friday night. It appears that on that night he went to St. Boniface and climbed a pole carrying power cables for an unstated purpose but falling, received injuries from which there is no hope of his surviving, and he has not recovered consciousness. While his friends deny it, it is asserted he climbed the pole with the intention of cutting the power cable but getting a shock fell. No other reason is alleged for his climbing the pole.

Extend the Time Limit.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20—Matters in the street Railway strike are at a deadlock. The strike committee of the City Council which is acting between the two parties held another conference this evening, as a result of which the time limit for the men to return to work was extended until Thursday. The company absolutely refused to reinstate the four men whose discharge precipitated the strike, while the men hold that they must do so before the strike will be called off.

Meanwhile the company appears to have any number of men and new ones are being trained every day in the operation of cars. The service was discontinued early this evening but during the day most of the cars were in operation. There were several instances of trouble but these were not of a serious nature. No cars are being run in the district where last night's riot took place. The company say that they will give the strikers the preference up to Thursday.

Does Not Lose Citizenship.

Washington, Dec. 20—Even if a naturalized citizens has returned to his own country and remained for more than two years without indicating his purpose to retain his American citizenship he cannot be prevented from re-entering this country or from bringing in with him a wife whom he has married while abroad. This is the gist of a decision rendered by the attorney-general regarding the right of entry with his wife, of Jebran Gossin, a Syrian, who was detained at Ellis Island. The attorney-general holds that the expatriation act was not designed to prevent the re-entry of naturalized American citizens into this tive delegation of retail merchants, manufacturers and commercial travellers to wait on the Government at Ottawa and to put the eastern side of the case before the premier and his colleagues. A date has not yet been fixed for the deputation but the secretary of the Retail Merchants Association, Mr. E. M. Trowern, has the matter in hand.

The deputation to Ottawa will be five thousand strong and will protest against the proposed co-operative societies bill. The merchants claim it would be injurious to the country. The merchants also maintain that no one class should endeavor to force on the government its particular behests when the government is endeavoring to act in the interest of all the people. Mr. Trowern denounces the demand for state owned utilities as socialism.

NORWEGIAN BARQUE WRECKED.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 20—The Norwegian marque Tine Peters bound to Halifax with a load of salt from the Mediterranean became a total wreck last night one mile from Pennant.

The ship went ashore during a very severe storm that raged on the coast. Several of the crew of sixteen men were washed ashore. The remainder, having been lashed to the masts, were rescued this morning in boats. On the shore word was received in Halifax at noon today that the bottom of the Peters had ben pounded out on the rocks and that there was not the least chance of saving the ship.

RUSSIA DETERMINED TO SECURE FEDERENKO

Large Issues Are at Stake—Success in Present Case Will Have Great Weight—Pursuit of Refugee, Who is Now in Jail at Winnipeg, May be Part of General Policy.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15—Savva Federenko, the Russian fugutive who is now lying in the Provincial jail here awaiting the judgment of the courts upon the question of his enforced return to the land of the Czar, is a type of the newer citizens whom Canada has welcomed by hundreds during the past few years. He was oppressed and ground down in his native country, and was in imminent danger of being "exported" to Siberia when the deed with which he was charged was committed. When he made his escape from Russia his plans were naturally indefinite; his desire to leave behind him the power of the police was his strongest incentive. His route to Canada was circuitous enough. He spent about two years in South America before he came to Winnipeg, and it is supposed that he counted on hiding his identity here from the Russian minions who would endeavor to enmesh him once more in their net. There is every indication that his conduct after leaving his native country was peaceable enough. He managed to keep within the law, both in South America and in Canada. In Winnipeg his conduct was exemplary, and there is no doubt that he would have passed unnoticed in the great stream of Russian humanity here if his personality had not been so widely advertised through the arrest.

Not Concerned With Individual.

The Federenko case has come to be regarded as one of the most interesting in the annals of Canadian courts. With all due respect to the prisoner, it cannot be said that his importance as an individual is a prominent issue in the affair. He figures conspicuously because he happens to be the particular person around whom so much argument and discussion have taken place. As Federenko he is a matter of little concern to the Government of Russia or to the police of that country. But as an escaped prisoner, or a fugitive from the administration of the law he is an object of the deepest consideration. The case itself is still before the courts here, and it is likely to be an item in the judicial program for a long time to come. Chief Justice Mathers has granted the order for extradition, as requested by the Government of Russia, and the prisoner is appealing against that decision by means of a writ of habeas corpus. Argument on these habeas corpus proceedings has been practically heard, and the case will be continued in a few days. If the decision of the Chief Justice be confirmed, and habeas corpus refused, the matter will go direct to the Minister of Justice at Ottawa, practically in the form of an appeal. It will be the duty of that official to consider the grounds on which the Russian authorities base their demand, and to decide whether extradition is to take place. If the appeal here should be successful it is more than possible that Federenko will be arrested again at the instance of Russia and arraigned on other charges, similar to that mentioned in the present requisition.

Unexpected Interest in Case.

There is no doubt that the plight of this unassuming peasant has aroused an interest throughout the Dominion that was not anticipated at all when he was placed under arrest here, five months ago. The circumstances of that arrest attracted a good deal of attention at the time. Federenko had been living in Winnipeg for about two years ,boarding with some countrymen of his and working industriously to support his mother and his children, whom he had left behind in Russia. He managed to send them the greater part of his earnings and it is supposed that he was traced to Winnipeg by means of these remittances. Plans for his capture were carefully laid and they were executed with despatch. A score of policemen, heavily armed, visited the house where he resided, and surrounded it. When the proper signal had been given ,the chief of the detachment entered the place and secured the prisoner. The escort which accompanied the man back to the police station would have done honor to Napoleon the Great had that famous personage been in the shoes of Federenko. The object of the relentless pursuit arranged by the Russian Government has since been maintained at the expense of the public in the Winnipeg jail, and, as far as is known, he has had nothing to say or do in connection with all the proceedings of which he has been the central figure. He has been hindered from doing any mischief in Canada, but as it is not likely that he ever intended to perpetrate anything of that sort, the gain to the community is not apparent. He has been well treated in jail, and has actualy increased in weight during his long period of suspense. He has not been able to continue the remittances to his family, but his friends have attended to that part of his duties, and it is not believed that any actual suffering has been undergone by his relatives in the old land. The friends have been responsible, indeed, for the difficulties experienced by the Russian Government in its efforts to obtain possession of the prisoner. They have gone a good deal farther, and have told the people of Canada the story of the refugee, and explained the reasons for his arrest.

May be Part of General Plan.

Considering the fact that the case is still under consideration by the courts it has been the subject of an unusually extensive discussion on the platform and in the press. There is no intention to continue that discussion in this letter, but it may not be out of place to inquire whether the action of the Russian Government is part of a definite policy to carry its war into Canada. There are, among the thousands of peasants and townd-wellers who have come here from Southern Europe during the past ten years, several who have had encounters, more or less active, with the Russian police, and it is possible that if their names and present addresses were known these men would also be haled before the bar of justice. It is not pretended that Federenko's part in the revolutionary or reform campaign in his native country was so awful or so effective that the energies of a powerful Government should be directed in the most determined manner towards his apprehension. There is every reason to believe that the success of the proceedings in his case would be used as a precedent, or an educative force, or both. The Russian Government may be expected, in the event of securing possession of Federenko, to "go after" some more of Canada's new citizens. It may also be expected to use him as a "horrible example" in its effort to suppress agitation throughout the country. The defeat of that Government's efforts in the present instance, on the other hand, would mean a severe check on its aggressiveness, both in Canada and in Russia.

RIFLED THE BALLOT BOXES.

Electoral Frauds in Martinique are Charged.

Fort De France, Martinique, Dec. 19.—Charges of gross fraud in yesterday's elections are made. After the polls were closed, the ballot boxes were brought into this city by Government officials and placed, as was thought, in safe keeping. During the night, the office in which they were locked was entered and the boxes rifled. There is great indignation. Deputy Lagroisse and his friends have issued a call to arms and it is alleged that the tampering with the ballots will result in a victory for the minority.

DARING JEWEL THEFT FROM CALGARY STORE

Thief Escapes With $8,000 in Pearls, Opals and Diamonds from Calgary Store.—Man Arrested and Held on Suspicion.

Calgary, Dec 16—One of the most daring jewel robberies in the history of local crime took place on Thursday afternoon ,when a thief, or thieves, surreptitiously carried off over $8,000 worth of pearls, opals and diamonds from D. E. Black's Jewelry store on Eighth avenue.

It was between four and five o'clock yesterday afternoon that the precious stones were missed. The proprietor, Mr. Black, had been showing his jewels to a customer and had left them in a package on a table in the diamond room. Later, one of the packages was missed and a diligent search failed to discover the gems. It is believed that the thief effected access to the diamond rooom under the pretext that he was leaving a small package for Mr. Black. The package turned out to be an old calender warpped up.

A man named Mason, who is alleged to have been employed as a piano player in a resort in the red-light district was placed under arest on Friday in connection with the theft.

COMPLETE VICTORY IN STRIKE FOR COMPANY

Missouri Pacific Railway Machinists Will Return to Work on Terms Offered by Company Last May, and Which Were Rejected—3,000 Employees Affected.

St. Louis, Dec. 19—The striking machinists, blacksmiths and boiler makers of the Missouri Pacific Railway will return to work Wednesday morning, December 21. A settlement was agreed upon tonight. According to the statement of General Manager Sullivan to the Associated Press, the settlement is a complete victory for the company. The men go back to work on the terms offered May 1st, which they rejected.

The agreement provides that all the former employees who desire to retain their seniority must apply for re-instatement within 30 days. All of the strikers are eligible, but the foremen, numbering nearly 150, will not be taken back. The machinists strike began May 2nd and the other trades went out in sympathy on October 21. Mr. Sullivan said that the total loss in wages will be nearly 900,000. Nearly 3,000 employees went out.

MONOPOLY OF THE WIRES.

Effect of Western Union's Acquiring Control of Cables.

New York, Dec. 19—Clarence H. MacKay, on being shown the announcement from London that the Western Union Telegraph Co. has two submarine cables from the United States to Europe, has now acquired control of the four submarine cables owned by the Anglo-American Telegraph Co., said: "The only competition now left is the Commercial Cable Co. on the ocean and the Postal Telegraph Co. on the land. The Bell Telephone Co. has combined with our only competitor on the land and with our competitor on the Ocean. They have gotten together a vest combination and it is clear that if the public wants competition the public must rely on the Postal Telegraph and Commercial Cable.

"We shall not enter into any combination, neither shall we sell out. We shall continue to compete and give the fastest service. As I stated to the Legislative Committee in New York last winter , the Postal Telegraph Co. will be the last competitor in land telegraphic. I would now add that the Commercial Cable Co. will be the last competitor in ocean cabling. When that competition ceases there will only be a choice between monopoly and government ownership."

KEPT AN OPIUM JOINT.

Yee Dock Is Fined $100 For Trading In Opium.

Toronto, Dec. 14—Baskets full of opium and evil smelling pipes were exhibited in the police court this morning as evidence against Yee Dock, charged with keeping an opium joint, and Yee Chong, his brother, charged with selling opium. The drug and pipes were seized last night at 177 Queen street west, by the police, who raided the place. Yee Dock, the proprietor, was fined $100 and costs by Magistrate Denison ,and Yee Chong was fined $50 and costs for selling the drug. Both pleaded guilty.

Will Not Reinstate Conductors.

Toronto, Dec. 19—Supt. Brownlee, of the G. T. R. and several other officials of the road, are in conference here today over the question of the reinstatement of the conductors who went on strike. The chance of several men getting their jobs back is very remote. The company has found that the new conductors on these runs are turning in $75 per month more than the old men. The officials are satisfied that the old conductors were dishonest.

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FARMERS' MARKET REVIEW.

Friday, Dec. 16—The local markets continue to be well supplied with all products and the prices have in consequence, dropped in some lines, particularly in potatoes and vegetables. Christmas specialties, however, such as fowl, are rising, while butter and eggs are beginning to soar..

Following are the prices quoted:

Potatoes	40 to 60c per bush.
Cabbage	3c per lb.
Turnips	1c per lb.
Carrots	1½c per lb.
Beets	3c per lb.
Parsnips	3c per lb.
Celery	12½c per lb.
Onions	4 to 6c per lb.
Poultry—	
Turkeys	22 to 25c per lb.
Geese	16 to 18c per lb.
Chickens	12½ to 16c per lb.
Meats—	
Dressed hogs	11 to 13c per lb.
Beef	5½ to 6c fronts 8c hinds
Eggs	40 to 50c per doz
Fish—	
Whitefish	7c per lb.
Jackfish	5 1-2c per lb.
Hay—	
Slough	$12 per ton.
Upland	$14 to $16 per ton
Butter and Eggs—	
Butter	35 to 40c per lb.
Timothy	$18 to $23 per ton
Green feed	$10 to $14 per ton
Oats	28 to 30c per bush.
Barley	40 to 42c per bush.
Wheat—	
No. 1 Northern	75c per bush.
No. 2 Northern	73c per bush.
No. 3 Northern	70c per bush.

FAKE PRIEST AND PHYSICIAN

Gave Medicines and Blessings, Received $5 and Got 3 Months.

Kenora, Dec. 18—France Paree was given three months in jail for false representations. He called at a local home and represented himself as both priest and a physician, where he gave both medicines and blessings and accepted donations of five dollars. The police gathered him in before the day was over.

When you have a cold get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will soon fix you up right and will ward off any tendency toward pneumonia. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Sold by dealers everywhere.