

a result the men in six shops have gone out on strike. The firms affected are: Messrs. Johnson, Kerfoot & Co., Evans, Morrison, Gray, Campbell and Murphy. The strike is becoming a provincial matter.

The contract for the construction of the Hudson Bay Co.'s new warehouse on Water street, Vancouver, B.C., has been let. The warehouse will be three stories high with basement, and will be built of brick and stone. It will be a very substantial building, and will be fitted with elevators, and there will also be a railway siding to it.

The question as to whether unearned salary can be attached came up in court recently, when R. L. Ball of the London & Lancashire Insurance Co. asked for an order directing Robert Darling & Co. to pay to him the salary of J. P. Dunning, a commercial traveler for the firm, on a judgment held by Ball on mortgage. Judgment was reserved.

Mr. David Baird, of the firm of James Baird, who with his bride is expected to arrive here this evening from Halifax, will be the recipient of many handsome and valuable presents. The employees of the dry goods and provision departments of the business have decided to present him with a silver ice pitcher and goblets suitably inscribed. The grocery department will present him with a valuable clock. St. John's Nfld., paper.

For the last week, Toronto customers appraisers have been busy seizing Moquette carpet for alleged under valuation. So far it is said they have gathered up several thousand dollars worth belonging to two or three local firms of carpet importers. This carpet is made in the States and the listed wholesale price is \$1.25 a yard. It is claimed it was being sold here wholesale after being imported at \$1.05 and retailed at \$1.25. The matter has been reported to Ottawa where it will be adjudicated upon.

The St. Lawrence Cotton Co. is a new company which Canadian and United States capitalists propose to organize at Sorel, Quebec, with a capital of \$250,000. Those interested are W. Hobbs of Montreal, Wm. H. Hobbs of Brooklyn, Henry Stanfold, director of the Magog Mfg Co., Montreal, Alexander Hobbs of Lowell and Francis Hobbs of Alberta, N. W. T. Permission is sought to start print cotton works and amalgamate with other cotton companies.

On September 24th Quebec city was startled by a mystery. A merchant of St. Roch des Aulnais, L'Islet county, named Fafard, brother-in law to Mr. Dechene, M.P.P. for the county, left his home to purchase fall goods and arrived safely in Quebec, having in his possession at the time between \$700 and \$800 in money and a couple of gold watches. On Friday, the 15th Sept., he suddenly and mysteriously disappeared, leaving no trace behind him. He was found unconscious in a neighboring bush on the 23d Sept., bound and gagged. The mystery is not yet cleared up.

The regular meeting of the City Commercial Travelers' Association was held in their rooms, St. George's hall, Friday evening. The reports of the treasurer and secretary show the association to be in a good financial position, having a large balance on hand and a steady increase in membership. The annual election of officers resulted as follows: President, J. Owen, by acclamation; first vice, A. M. Piper; second vice, W. Soper; treasurer, R. Maxwell, by acclamation; secretary, S. H. Moore; chaplain, G. B. Curran, by acclamation; marshal, J. Dickson, by acclamation; guard, M. A. Muldrew; board of directors, J. A. McGuane, W. F. Daniel, J. Mortimer, W. B. Dack, R. M. Corrie, E. N. Tyrrell, T. Holman, R. C. Morrison, C. S. Fair-

bairn, B. McCann, S. G. Martin and J. F. Smythe. The president-elect delivered an address in which he urged the members to still greater efforts for the upbuilding of the association than even in the past.

Fred C. Sommerville, the Kingston dry goods clerk arrested on suspicion of having murdered the late Angus McLeod, Napanee, has been honorably acquitted. It appears that James Thompson, another dry goods clerk who visited Napanee a few days previous to the murder, and who does not look unlike Sommerville, was taken for the latter by Messrs. Rankin, Lewis and other witnesses, but when Thompson and Sommerville were seen side by side in the court room, the witnesses at once acknowledged that it was a case of mistaken identity, and that it was Thompson, not Sommerville, they saw. Sommerville was loudly cheered when liberated, as it was thought from the very first that he was innocent.

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