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FIFTIETH YEAR

WORKMEN KILLED BY MOLTEN METAL

Explosion Wrecks Converter
at Edgar Thomson Steel
Works

TWO KILLED, FIFTEEN HURT

Many Tons of Metal Dropped
Into the Pit Among the
Workers

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 1.—Two men were killed and thirteen injured by an explosion in converter No. 3 of the Edgar Thomson plant of the U. S. Steel Corporation at North Braddock, seven miles east of here, today. Six of the men injured were Americans, and the other a Slav. All were removed to an hospital in this city, where it was said their injuries were not serious.

No official statement of the cause of the explosion has been issued, but it is believed that a ton of molten metal, which had been poured into a ladle, fell into the converter, and that the force of the explosion blew the sheet iron roof of the converter down, and caused the walls to collapse, besides breaking all the windows in the vicinity.

It partially destroyed the warehouses near the converting shed.

Sudden Death at Nicola

Nicola, Jan. 1.—George Hillard, hotelkeeper and former owner of Nicola, died very suddenly of heart failure, about five months ago he came into the hotel business and leased it in business about a month when the building with all its contents was consumed by fire, many of the boarders narrowly escaping with their lives. Later the license he held was cancelled.

Farmer's Mysterious Death.

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 1.—John A. Burton, a farmer living four miles north of Churchville, was found dead today. Shortly before noon a hired man employed by Mr. Burton, and who has always gone under the name of "Shorty," appeared at the house of a neighbor and said that he killed a man. With his head resting on the floor, lay the body of the dead farmer. Burton was forty years of age, and lived on the farm with only the hired man.

PLATINUM IN CARIBOO

Samples of Black Sand Analysed Show
Three Ounces of Metal to
the Ton

Ashcroft, Jan. 1.—Some time ago samples of black sand from the property of James Deason at Quesnel were sent to W. E. Baldwin of Glens Falls, N. Y., by C. H. Unverzagt. Mr. Baldwin reported the results of his analysis in the following letter to Mr. Unverzagt:

"Dear Sir—When I was in your city last I called on you and you will remember you gave me a sample of sand which you thought contained platinum. I find that this sand contains about three ounces of platinum to the ton. If your people can concentrate this material and can get large quantities it would probably pay to work. Suppose you investigate and then give me another sample to investigate."

ELOPEMENT CASE

Jer. Knobe Cooke May Not Be Taken East Unless His Wife Consents

New York, Jan. 1.—"I will immediately ask for the extradition of Jer. Knobe Cooke, who eloped with Floretta Whaley, of Hempstead, Long Island, just as soon as I receive word from Mrs. Cooke that he is to be made defendant in abandonment proceedings," said District Attorney Franklin A. Cobbs, of Nassau county, to-night.

Under present circumstances I do not see any other way open to me," he added. "I shall be glad to have him brought back and tried for whatever crime he is charged with. I am very indignant, but I do not feel like sending three thousand miles for him unless his wife takes the initiative. I am waiting to hear from Mrs. Cooke. Mrs. Cooke has not expressed a desire to have Mr. Cooke brought back."

Bell Company in Manitoba

Winnipeg, Jan. 1.—A special meeting of the shareholders of the Bell Telephone Company is called for January 10, in Montreal, to consider and decide upon the proposed acquisition of the company in Manitoba, as a going concern, or any part of such property, such terms and conditions as may be considered as they may deem the company's best interest.

Indian named John Summers, of
was run down and out to
by a Michigan Central train
Thomas.

UNUSUAL WEDDING

Dumb Bride and Groom Principals in
Ceremony Performed at Win-
nipeg Institute

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—The sequel to a happy little love affair and a quiet wedding, which had spread itself over four long years, was a wedding which occurred yesterday morning at the deaf and dumb institute, when Edward A. Leslie, of Cupard, Sask., and Rose A. Moore, of Toronto, were united in marriage.

The wedding was quiet in more ways than one, as applied to the general run of quiet weddings. There was not much fuss or excitement, no carriages waited outside the scene of the event, no seated guests were ushered in with the swish of silk garments, no flowers adorned the sanctuary, and no spoken farewells bade the united couple joy in their united lives. In this respect it was quiet. But in other ways it was a quiet affair. Beyond the voice of the minister who read slowly and deliberately the beautiful service, not a whisper was heard from beginning to end. Both contracting parties were mutes, the interpreter was mute in the presentation of the ceremony, and the witnesses were mute.

The intelligent bride and groom nodded their heads in happy approval of the sentences mutely and yet beautifully expressed by Principal McDiarmid, who took his cue from Rev. Dr. Rose, while reading the ceremony aloud. No one could fail to understand the beautiful, smooth words and actions and gestures by Dr. McDiarmid. The solemnity of his gestures added force to the ceremony. The event took place in the lecture room of the deaf and dumb institute.

BOMBS NUMEROUS IN SPANISH CITY

Extra Measures Taken to Suppress
Anarchism in Bar-
celona

Barcelona, Jan. 1.—In consequence of the renewal of the campaign of bomb outrages by local anarchists, King Alfonso has signed a decree provisionally suspending a portion of the constitutional guarantees in this city. In the last few days five infernal machines deposited in various parts of the city exploded without causing damage. Last night, however, a policeman found a large one of the weapons in a narrow alleyway, and threw it away the machine exploded, badly injuring the officer, injuring several bystanders and partially wrecking surrounding buildings. The policeman died tonight.

Kildonan Presbyterians.

Winnipeg, Jan. 1.—The Kildonan Presbyterian congregation will hold special services on Sunday, which is the 54th anniversary of the opening of their church. This is the oldest Presbyterian congregation in western Canada.

Victim of Coal Gas.

Caron, Sask., Jan. 1.—Harry Baker, living near Lake Valley, was found in a dying condition in his home by neighbors. Before retiring, he filled his stove with briquettes of coal, leaving the lids partly off. The escaping gas is supposed to be responsible for his condition. Two doctors worked over him until the afternoon, when Baker died.

Bomb Factory Found

Sebastopol, Russia, Jan. 1.—One of the most complete bomb factories ever discovered in Russia has been unearthed at a farmhouse twenty miles from here. It consists of a complete apparatus for manufacturing high explosives. Twenty-seven loaded bombs of the most destructive type, and one hundred and twenty small implements in an unfinished condition, were seized and three men were arrested at the house.

Ladysmith Man's Death

Namaimo, Jan. 1.—The death occurred at Nanaimo hospital of Edward Mulholland of Ladysmith. Mr. Mulholland was proprietor of the Ladysmith hotel, and was very well known throughout the district. He formerly resided in Ladysmith. He was injured in the extension of the Ladysmith operations, the last of which was on Monday.

Youthful Murderer

Gretna, Man., Jan. 1.—James O'Brien, the sixteen-year-old self-confessed slayer of Arthur Leclair at Neche a week ago last Sunday, was brought from the Pembina county jail at Pembina to Neche today to attend the inquest, and he retold his confession, made to Detective Crawford at Pembina, and to the coroner at Neche, almost word for word that related to the detective. On the conclusion of his story of the murder, the coroner's jury returned a verdict that the crime was committed by James O'Brien with a hatchet.

Want Conciliation Board

Halifax, Jan. 1.—After an all-day session, at which the differences between the Dominion coal company and employees were discussed in a conciliatory manner, the P.W.A. grand council decided to ask for the appointment of a board of conciliation under the Lemieux act to deal with all questions, and appointed Dr. A. S. Kendall, M. P., as their representative. Formal applications will be made in a few days and the board constituted as quickly as possible, and within a few weeks should be sitting at Glace Bay. The chief questions in dispute are that skilled laborers and certain classes of mechanics be given fifteen per cent raise, without which, the men claim, owing to the increase cost of living, they cannot exist; supply of powder; extra pay for nightwork; house fuel and some technical changes.

RUSSIAN LEADERS SENT TO PRISON

Signers of the Viborg Manifesto
to Sentenced to Three
Months

POLITICAL RIGHTS LOST

Most Prominent Leaders of
Constitutional Movement
Involved

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—The trial of the 160 members of the first duma who signed the Viborg manifesto was concluded today.

The hundred and sixty-seven of them were convicted and sentenced to three months' imprisonment, while two were acquitted on the ground that they had signed under misapprehension. The sentence carries with it the loss of all political rights. W. Ramisch Wille, who already has served more than three months' preliminary imprisonment, will be immediately set free. Unless an appeal from the decision of the court is taken, the sentence will take effect beginning January 20, until which time the former deputies will remain at large without bail.

The trial began on December 25, and was noted for the powerful speeches made by the most prominent of the defendants, which seemed to reawaken public sentiment and to infuse the old-time spirit into the ranks of the opposition. The friends of the accused, it is believed, induced the government to exercise leniency.

The sentence withdraws from Russian politics the foremost liberal leaders in the constitutional movement for several decades, among them being Ivan Petrunkevitch, who framed the first demand on the Emperor for a constitution; Prince Dolgoroukoff, Prince Dimitri Nabokoff, leader of the Constitutional Democrats, Max Vinaver, Lenitzky and the peasants Zhiltzov and Krasnov, together with a score of other noted men.

**HYDRAULIC MINING
IN EAST KOOTENAY**

Sale of Perry Creek Property
Likely to Lead to Revival
of Interest

Cranbrook, Jan. 1.—The recent purchase of a large area of placer ground on Perry creek by the Illinois Steel company is certain to revive the interest now being taken in placer mining in the Cranbrook district.

Perry creek in years past has been the scene of considerable activity in mining. The Wisconsin outfit, having secured the Perry Creek Hydraulic rights, have done a large amount of work during the past six years. And if reports can be relied upon, have taken out yellow metal enough to pay all expenses.

A report was received at Cranbrook on Friday afternoon to the effect that Wisconsin owners had sold the controlling interest in the property to the Illinois Steel company. It has been known for some months that a deal was pending, and that it would be closed at an early date.

The following is a report received from Black River Falls, Wis.: The Perry Creek Hydraulic mine, located on Perry creek, B. C., has been sold to the Illinois Steel company of Chicago, the sellers being H. A. Bright, of Black River Falls, Wis., E. A. and C. H. Merrill, of Chicago, and A. S. Trow, of Merrill, Wis., who realized \$900,000, retaining one-tenth interest in the mine.

The company was incorporated for \$1,000,000 and sold \$900,000 of stock to the Illinois Steel company, which will increase the facilities for mining and work the pit to the full capacity.

The development of the property was a big undertaking, but the judgment of the owners in investing thousands of dollars in up-to-date machinery was confirmed, when a short time after the mine began operating, it started to turn out gold in paying quantities.

The water of Perry creek was conducted in a flume, four feet square, along the mountain side a distance of four miles, and then dropped through pipes 600 feet, giving a pressure of approximately 300 pounds at the bottom, to use in washing the dirt into the sluiceways. Where the flume crosses a ravine, an inverted siphon was used. The construction work of the plant and later was joined by Mr. Bright, and together they superintended the work. The successful starting of the plant, when the plant is in operation, which is most of the time, 2,000 yards of dirt is washed out. The dirt is rich in unlimited quantities and is rich, and the mine has been profitable during the three years they have operated it.

Mr. Trow has superintended the operation of the plant for the company, but his advanced age and poor health have made it necessary for him to give up the work, and as the other members of the company all have other interests that require all their time they decided to sell the mine.

Port Arthur, Ont., Jan. 1.—At the conclusion of the city council meeting last night, retiring Mayor Clavet was presented with an illuminated address, a composite group picture of the first city council and a gold watch and chain by the citizens, the members of the council, and following him up were city commissioners. The mayor feelingly replied to the address and reviewed the work accomplished during the year.

FISH IN BOND

Report That Privilege of New Eng-
land Fish Company Has Been
Renewed at Ottawa

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—It is reported today that the privilege of landing fish in bond at the port of Vancouver for shipment to Boston and other ports in the Eastern United States, which the New England Fish company has enjoyed for many years has again been extended for at least a period of six months. It is stated that the necessary order-in-council was passed at Ottawa several days ago.

Some months ago an agitation was commenced in Vancouver to have this privilege withdrawn, and a number of communications with that end in view were dispatched to Ottawa where they were promptly answered.

Lumbermen's Convention.

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—To discuss the present situation of the lumber industry in British Columbia, both on the coast and in the interior, and its relations to the markets of the Northwest, all the prominent sawmill operators of the province will gather in Nelson on January 10. It is expected that every mill in the province will be represented at this convention, as it is a meeting that some matters of great importance to the trade will be dealt with. Just what the programme is the millmen will not say. Pending this meeting it is unlikely that those mills which are not now operating will commence work again.

Pioneer Lady Dead.

New Westminster, Dec. 31.—Mrs. John Campbell of Pearndeville, passed away at the family residence yesterday evening, after a lengthy illness.

The deceased lady was sixty-five years of age, and had resided at Pearndeville since 1891, being one of the pioneers of that place. She is survived by her husband, four sons, William Henry, Samuel, John H. and Hugh, and one daughter, Mrs. J. B. McLean of Stevenson.

SCANDAL IN VIENNA.

London, January 1.—A dispatch from Vienna says diplomatic circles there are greatly excited over a scandal, probably without precedent, involving a gross attack on the character of the wife of a diplomat there, and a well-known ambassador stationed at Vienna, has been sent letters of recall, having already hastily left the city.

The lady question is known to be blamed in life, and devoted to her husband and family.

A few days ago all the ambassadors and members of the diplomatic body were asked to sign a declaration of aspersions and accusations, which immediately became the subject of much discussion, which are all connected at the character of the libels. The husband left no stone unturned to discover the writer, and all letters were subjected to severe scrutiny. Owing to certain peculiarities of handwriting the authorship was traced to a member of the diplomatic body. It appears that the husband intended to strike at the husband through the wife and force him to leave his post. The writer's government was immediately communicated with and his recall followed.

Bodies From Darr Mine

Jacob Creek, B. C., Jan. 1.—Three more bodies were recovered from the Darr Mine today, bringing the total number up to 223.

Stanford Coach Has Appendicitis.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 1.—Geo. E. Presley the Stanford University rugby coach was taken to the hospital today suffering from appendicitis. The doctors have not yet decided whether to operate.

Prairie Grain Traffic.

Winnipeg, Jan. 1.—The amount of grain marketed at C. P. R. points on December 29th was 15,000 bushels of wheat and 28,000 bushels of barley, as compared with 30,000 bushels of wheat and 13,000 bushels of barley on December 28th. The total amount marketed since September 1st, 24,129,000 bushels of wheat and 4,765,000 bushels of other grain.

STANFORD BEATEN IN FINAL BY VANCOUVER

Record Crowd Sees Great Ex-
position of Rugby in Ter-
minal City

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 1.—On a turf field and under conditions that were supposed to favor the Stanford university rugby team, the Californians went down to defeat this afternoon in the final game with Vancouver for the Keith international challenge cup. Vancouver played as never before and the Californians were completely out of their minds. The largest in the history of football in British Columbia. The rain poured in torrents, but the game was scientifically played in many respects. The actual score was three tries or nine points for Vancouver to one goal, or five points for Stanford.

Stanford crossed the Vancouver line but once, while the home team managed to do business in Stanford territory on three occasions. But Stanford's score was probably the most exciting of the day. Vandervoort made a splendid run, and when pressed by Spencer of Vancouver, passed to Reid, who took Cooke in the collar. Reid's great style, and Kenny Fenton converted it into a goal.

The Vancouver forwards played the game of their lives, which, to a great extent, shut out the Stanford backs from brilliant work. The Vancouver forwards never slackened up nor let up, and they hustled the great Stanford eight around in a manner that kept them guessing right along. The footwork, tackling and following up were all attended to, and the fact that Vancouver's tries were all obtained by the forwards shows it was a forwards' battle.

ARMED JAPANESE ATTACK FIREMEN

Three Members of Vancouver
Department Are Badly
Wounded

SLASHED WITH KNIVES

One May Be Mortally Injured—
Affair Result of an
Accident

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 1.—Three city firemen, Frost, Anderson and McDonald, were set upon by a small mob of knife-armed Japanese early this morning at the corner of Powell street and Gore avenue, two blocks from the police station.

The men were clothed in distinctive uniforms, with brass buttons, and the attack of the Japanese is all the more serious for that reason.

By accident Frost fell against the window of a Japanese store and smashed the plate glass. In an instant the Japanese proprietor rushed out. Many of his countrymen immediately came to join in the fight for it was in the center of the Japanese district that the incident occurred.

The firemen are athletic young men but they were overpowered after a fight, when the flesh of their faces had been torn into ribbons by the razor-like knives the Orientals carried.

Frost is probably mortally hurt, for his neck was cut and slashed and laid open for four inches, and two inches deep, alongside the jugular vein. The men were righteously mangled by McDonald and Anderson were still fighting over the body of Frost when a squad of police arrived.

Four Japanese were arrested and the three firemen were taken to the hospital.

The Japanese fought like demons, and some of the knives they carried were a foot long.

TRAGEDY FOLLOWS BAR ROOM BRAWL

Joseph Ethier Dies in Vancou-
ver From Wound—Assail-
ant in Custody

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 1.—Joseph Ethier, the rancher of Vernon, who was shot on Monday night by Geo. McCalla following a saloon brawl, died today.

Ethier and McCalla, who were both old residents of the province, had been drinking heavily and met in the Victoria hotel bar. Ethier was abusive and insulting. McCalla pulled his gun and fired one shot into the ceiling. Ethier ran for the door and McCalla shot him in the back. McCalla is under arrest.

Balloons in War

Lieutenant Laha Predicts Important
Part for Dirigible Ships of
the Air

Washington, Jan. 1.—Lieutenant F. P. Laha, U. S. A., who in September, 1906, won for the United States the international balloon contest in France, and who has returned to this country after four years spent in Europe, will report to General Allen, chief of the signal corps, for duty at Washington.

Lieut. Laha in an interview today said that in his opinion the dirigible balloon as an instrument of war is destined to play an important part in future operations on land and sea.

"The chief war advantage of the dirigible or wind-opposing balloon over the old spherical or wind-driven balloon," he said, "is that the former after spying out an enemy's defenses and movements can face about and return to its own army with the information gained, while the old spherical vehicle has to depend on carrier pigeons or make a more or less perilous and uncertain descent and resort to ordinary means to send back."

CAUGHT BY FAILURE

Calgary People May Lose Through the
Collapse of B. C. General Con-
tract Company

Calgary, Jan. 1.—In all classes of business with which they were connected it is now well understood that the B. C. General Contracting company has failed, and there are a great many of the men who were subcontractors under them who have not received their money.

The lumber men and brick men who furnished the material for the Normal school which the company has been erecting, have not received pay for the material which they have supplied, although the B. C. Contract company has been paid in full by the government.

This contract company was supposed to be one of the strongest operating in the province. They had a great deal of the irrigation work contracted for with the C. P. I. C. company, and an action, have extensive works under process of construction in British Columbia.

The men who are in danger of losing their money through the collapse of the B. C. General Contract company are in a peculiar position. In an ordinary case of this kind, if the building were the property of a private individual or school board, the city itself, all that would be necessary to do would be to file a lien and proceed to sue for the money. No deposit is necessary, and the matter can be proceeded with immediately.

In the case of the Normal school, property of the King, it is different. The lien can be registered, but when one comes to enforce it he must first get the permission of the government against whom the suit is to be pressed. In the matter at hand, according to a lawyer who is employed in this case, a deposit about double the amount of the lien must be placed with the government, and if the suit fails then the deposit is forfeited to the crown.

MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND.

Poston, Jan. 1.—The Prudential committee of the American board of commissioner for foreign missions decided today after a discussion extending over two weeks to inaugurate at once a plan to secure for the twenty colleges and fifteen theological training schools in the far east work and uncertain quarters connected with the board a permanent endowment fund for \$2,000,000.

Talk of Second Coffin.

London, Jan. 1.—The attorneys of George Hollamby Druce, the claimant for the vast estate of the Duke of Portland, and for the Duke's title, have given out a statement expressing dissatisfaction over the conduct of the exhumation of the body of Thomas Charles Druce, because the floor of the vault was not opened. They say that the representative at the exhumation was instructed to demand that this be done, because they had received letters that a second coffin containing lead would be found there.

FLAG ON THE SCHOOLS

Mennonites in Manitoba Want to Be
Exempted From Government
Regulations

Winnipeg, Jan. 1.—Trouble is brewing in the Mennonite districts of the province on account of the government's compulsory policy of flying the Union Jack over all the public school houses of the province, on pain of losing their government grants. These people have not been flying the flag as regularly as the new regulation demands, and the government has decided to enforce the law and withhold the grant.

Yesterday a large number of representative Mennonite citizens, composed of bishops, ministers and representatives from all the different Mennonite districts, waited on the government and were closeted with the ministers for some time. The delegation urged that the government amend the school act at the ensuing session of the House, so that the Mennonite people might be exempt from the necessity of flying the flag on their schools.

The government heard the representatives and discussed the matter with them, but made them no definite promise that the proposed amendment would be introduced as they had asked for it. The government, however, promised to give the matter its attention.

Death From Excessive Drinking

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 1.—George Black died early this morning from over-intoxication in a sporting house in the new Harris street district. An inquest will be held at the coroner's office tomorrow morning. The deceased was a well-known sportsman, and was organized effort to suppress the houses may be made as a result.

MODERNISM CHARGE AGAINST DR. HANNA

Opponents of His Candidature
Say That is Not Or-
thodox

Rome, Jan. 1.—Accusations of modernism against the Rev. Edward J. Hanna, of Rochester, N. Y., over his candidature for the position of coadjutor archbishop of San Francisco, are increasing as the day draws near for the meeting of the Congregation of the Propaganda, which will elect the power of appointment. Cardinal Gotti, prefect of the Congregation of the Propaganda, has received from Dr. Hanna a long letter explaining his writings, which caused the accusations of modernism to be made against him, and also stating the orthodoxy of his opinions.

Archbishop Riordan, of San Francisco, also has sent to the cardinals composing the Congregation of the Propaganda, a copy of the New York Review, published by J. F. Brady, and containing articles by Dr. Hanna entitled "The Human Knowledge of Christ," "The Church of Christ," and "The Human Knowledge of Christ," emphasizing the fact that the Jesuit priest Tyrrell also contributed to the same review.

Defenders of Dr. Hanna say the alleged incriminating passages are only the exposition of thoughts of other writers. Dr. Hanna, however, that the time had not yet come for the construction of a perfect theological treatise on the human knowledge of Christ.

GRAIN MEN LARK

Members of Winnipeg Exchange In-
dulge in Characteristic Celebra-
tion at Close of Year

Winnipeg, Jan. 1.—The closing of the market of 1907 on the Winnipeg grain exchange was celebrated in right royal style. Half an hour before the close it was fashionable to wear your collar turned up. Showers of wheat came first, merely thrown in hand, then, three small sacks were thrown in the air and bang against the blackboard. Wheat went flying in all directions.

Passengers through halls and elevators found wheat falling in showers from the galleries. Next came sacks of flour. There would be a yell of "sack upon under and down" and a plump two or three pounds of flour on some one's head or hat.

Just as the song sounded the pit was crowded hands waving and songs were sung. Before the last note died away wheat and flour were flying in clouds and the members looked like millers. After playing for another ten minutes three cheers and a tiger were given with a will, and the market for 1907, for good or ill, was closed. The trading room looked like chaos, but the first bunch it would be hard to find.

Montreal Bank Clearings

Montreal, Jan. 1.—The bank clearings in Montreal for the year ending yesterday, totalled \$1,555,590,000 compared with \$1,532,557,000 last year; increase, \$22,115,000.

Russian Empress' Illness

St. Petersburg, Jan. 1.—It is learned that the present condition of the Empress Alexandra, who has been ill for some time from the grip and in a weakened condition as the result of a severe regimen to reduce her weight, is complicated by expectations of childbirth.

New Boats For Lakes

Detroit, Jan. 1.—The News today says: Twenty-one new boats are scheduled to go at the opening of navigation on the Great Lakes next spring. In general the new boats for 1908 will not have the capacity of boats ordered last year, and will be as numerous. Out of the entire list of twenty-one there will be six boats built at Buffalo for the Buffalo Crystal Beach route. It is expected that work on the new vessels will be resumed at all the lake shipyards by the middle of January.

An Editor Shot

St. Louis, Jan. 1.—Alfred H. Spink, editor of the Daily World, author of "The Derby Winner," and several other plays, and formerly a sporting writer of national reputation, was shot and perhaps fatally injured last night by Central and Hudson River Company with granting rebates to the American Sugar Refining Company, interposed for re-argument by counsel for the railroad yesterday. The corporation had already been heavily fined, following conviction on the indictment.

MANY NEW MILLS BUILT LAST YEAR

Flour-Producing Facilities In-
creased in Western
Canada

ADDITION, 13,600 BARRELS

Prospect for Foreign Trade Ap-
pears to Be Very Sat-
isfactory

Winnipeg, Jan. 1.—Western Canada has had a year of activity in flour mill building, probably the greatest in its history. No less than 13,600 barrels daily capacity has been added this year in Canada west of the great lakes, this representing 17 new mills and three enlargements, distributed as follows: Northwestern Ontario, 10,500 barrels; Manitoba, 100; Saskatchewan, 825; Alberta, 1,750; British Columbia, 225. Total, 13,600 barrels.

Capacity on December 31, 1906, 32,677; total capacity at present, 46,277. One oatmeal mill of 200 barrels capacity has also been built in Alberta, bringing the total in that class up to 1,115 barrels. If we add 3,240 barrels as representing the feed mills, we have in these three sets of figures, the total capacity of western Canada.

But it is the flour industry to which most of the public interest attaches, and in this department great advances are certainly being made. An increase of nearly forty per cent. in one year is a record which should satisfy the outside world, that Western Canada does not mean to disappoint in respect to the production of mill stuffs.

Four of these mills are of unusually large size, and are equipped with everything that is modern and convenient in the nature of machinery. Even the smallest of them are modern and capable of making the best flour. They have all been built with a view to doing more or less export trade.

The fact that western Canada has carried out such a large construction programme this year shows that there is some warrant for the opinion which has become firmly established in flour-importing countries that Canada is to figure more largely hereafter in the world's flour trade. In both trans-Pacific and trans-Atlantic countries there will be an increasing quantity of Canadian flour offering as a result of the construction of these new mills. When the difficulties which hamper the transportation in Canada have been removed as they are sure to be before long, there will be nothing to prevent a steady and profitable trade between the Pacific provinces of the west, and all parts of the world where American flour is in demand.

NEW YORK CENTRAL'S REBATES

New York, Jan. 1.—Judge Hough refused to sustain a demurrer against an indictment charging the New York Central and Hudson River Company with granting rebates to the American Sugar Refining Company, interposed for re-argument by counsel for the railroad yesterday. The corporation had already been heavily fined, following conviction on the indictment.