

SECRET AGENTS HIRED ENGINEERS

THIS IS REPORT THAT COMES IN CONNECTION WITH THE THREATENED STRIKE.

Minneapolis, Dec. 28.—Now that the difference between the sixty-one western railways and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers has been adjusted, it develops that the general managers expected a strike and that secret agents in those employ had control the country to obtain engineers to take the strikers' places.

The engineers employed on the Soo Line, where the pro-strike vote was nearly unanimous are reported to have been willing to desert the brotherhood and continue work. Some of them got into communication with the secret agent of the company who was trying to hire engineers and learned they say, all about the plans that were on foot to beat the Brotherhood in case of a strike.

Ready to Walk Out. The engineers say that all nations the general managers' committee may have had that the pro-strike vote and threats were bluffs are far from true. They declare they were ready and anxious to walk out to enforce their demands and that their grand chief, Warren S. Stone, alone prevented a strike.

Insurrectio Stop Train. El Paso, Dec. 28.—Coming north from Casa Grande to help make repairs on the southern end of El Paso and North Western Railway on which bridges were burned last week, a wreck train in charge of Assistant Chiefly was met by insurrectos, 185 miles south of Juarez, and ordered to turn back to the south end and make no attempt to repair.

PEAT INDUSTRY ONE OF CANADA'S BIGGEST

Says Dr. Haanel, Director of Mines Department, Next Year Tests Will Be Made in Manitoba, Where the Price of Coal is High.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—That peat will be one of Canada's greatest industries was the statement of Dr. Eugene Haanel, director of the Mines Department today. The doctor's annual report next week the department intends making tests in Manitoba to find the peat in the large deposits of peat which have been reported there. He added it would mean a great thing for Manitoba should the deposits prove to have strong economic power as the price of coal in the West is high. He stated that the Government had no intention of carrying on the peat industry but would continue to operate the test plant at Alfred, Ontario. Dr. Haanel has received word of a man in this city who experimented with peat as a domestic fuel and found it a success, saving \$37.75 on his winter's coal bill.

C.N.R. OFFICIALS GO EAST. Vice President Hanna Says That Co. is Contemplating Moving Some Employees.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Two are contemplating some changes in the location of a number of our officials, but I do not think they will be of any great interest. In any case, it is too early to say anything about them yet. It will probably be next spring before we have finally decided about them," said E. R. Hanna, vice president of the Canadian Northern Railway, in regard to a rumor that a number of the company's officials now located in the West would be moved East very shortly.

Folklore Societies' gathering. St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27.—The joint annual meeting of the Missouri Folklore Society and the Illinois Folklore Society opened here today at the rooms of the Missouri Historical Society for a two-day session. The attendance is large and the program unusually interesting.

PREPARES FOR STRIKE

Italian Government Ready To Meet Action of Strike Leaders.

Rome, Dec. 28.—The government does not believe in the possibility of a general strike in Italy. The threatening attitude of the railway employees. The government, however, is proceeding with its plans to meet whatever action the strike leaders may take. Besides preparation for militarization of railway men, the government contemplates measures looking to a reduced railway service, to be carried on by soldiers, sufficient to insure the maintenance of postal communications along the lines, and the transportation of food.

COULD RECLAIM 3,000,000 ACRES

In Vicinity of the Pas Mission, Says the Hon. Wm. Ogilvie—It Could Be Done at a Comparatively Small Cost.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Hon. Wm. Ogilvie, former governor of the Yukon Territory, who has just returned to Ottawa from a survey trip on the Saskatchewan river states that it would be possible to reclaim for purposes of cultivation at a comparatively small cost a large area of land in the vicinity of the Pas Mission. It is probable that a scheme for draining this area will be laid before the minister of interior at an early date for consideration.

Hon. Mr. Ogilvie has been with an expedition party in unknown parts of the northwest and the Nelson and Saskatchewan rivers for the purpose of securing adequate information regarding the location of unknown waterfalls contiguous to these rivers and to determine the velocity of the rapids.

A lengthy report is also in course of preparation for the department of public works on the feasibility of making the Saskatchewan river navigable for boats drawing from 8 to 10 feet from Lake Winnipeg to Edmonton.

This proposition will have Mr. Ogilvie's endorsement, especially the section from Lake Winnipeg to Prince Albert. He believes a waterway, going away with a long rail haul, would develop the coal industry of the Pas mountains.

The reclamation scheme of lands at the Pas Mission, which Mr. Ogilvie believes can be done at a reasonable cost by a system of drainage the water finding its way naturally to the river, he stated, would be more fertile than any under cultivation in the Dominion.

ORGANIZING AMBULANCE DEPT.

Capt. R. J. Biedwisch, General Secretary of the Association in Edmonton, January 10th.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Harold Boulton, M.V.O., honorary special commissioner for Canada for St. John Ambulance Association, who recently visited Australia on invitation of Countess Duddley to organize a scheme of cottage hospitals for the commonwealth, similar to Lady Minto cottage hospitals in Canada, has presented his report to the King on his visit both in Canada and Australia. The Canadian report refers particularly to the organization of the Canadian branch of St. John's Ambulance. His Majesty, who is sovereign head and patron of the order, and patron and head of the ambulance department, writes by his secretary to say that he learns with satisfaction that the organization is making rapid progress in the Dominion.

UNIONIST MEMBER IS DEAD.

Prof. Butcher, Representing Cambridge University, Passes Away. London, Dec. 28.—Samuel Henry Butcher, Unionist member of parliament for Cambridge University since 1906, died today. He was born in Dublin in 1856, and was a son of the Bishop of Meath. Prof. Butcher was president of the British Academy of Letters in 1909. He taught successively at Oxford and the University of Edinburgh, and in 1904 was a lecturer at Harvard. He had written extensively on Greek subjects.

DEATH OF SUFRAGETTE.

Harsh Treatment in Prison Blamed for Her Death After Her Release. London, Dec. 28.—As the results of the hardships endured while suffering imprisonment for participating in the recent Suffragist raid on parliament, Mrs. Clarke, sister of Mrs. Emily Fankhurst, died today at her home in Brighton immediately following her release from prison.

Mrs. Clarke, it is alleged, was harshly treated in prison at such a rate that her health broke down. The Suffragettes are planning to demand a parliamentary enquiry into her treatment in prison.

BIG HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT.

Reminded that MacKenzie & Mann Are Trying to Secure Site on Winnipeg River.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—According to a local paper, private corporations are working out a plan to acquire all the hydro-electric sites on the Winnipeg river below Lac du Bonnet, using small companies and dummy directors for applications for charters which will later when secured, be in all probability merged or incorporated into one large company. The paper declares from the manner in which the work is being carried on and the conditions existing at the Winnipeg Electric Railway's plant Lac du Bonnet, that MacKenzie and Mann are behind the project.

EXPERTS WILL DECIDE ON BIG BRIDGE TENDERS

The Dispute Between Members of the Quebec Bridge Commission Has Been Referred to Board of Experts.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—For the second time since the Quebec bridge commission has had the plans of a new bridge under consideration experts will probably be called into settle a difference which has arisen between members of the board on engineering points. The appointment of experts is provided for in the terms of the order in council and experts were named on a previous occasion when Henry Holgate and a prominent American engineer were asked to report on important differences of opinion.

The present trouble is that Messrs. Madjeski and McDonald of the board favor giving the contract to the St. Lawrence Bridge Company, a combination of the Dominion Bridge Company and the Canadian Bridge Company of Walkerville, while Mr. Vaucler favors the acceptance of the tender of the Empire Bridge Company of England which is based on the board's own plans. The Canadian company's tender is based upon its own plans.

Apparently, the only way out of the difficulty is for the board to avail itself of the provisions of the order in council appointing them and call in experts.

HONDURAS UPRISING IS TIMED FOR SUNDAY

According to Rumors Current in New Orleans, Exiles from the Republic Are Awaiting Bonilla on the Nicaraguan Frontier—Is Now on His Way.

New Orleans, Dec. 28.—Sunday is the day set for the uprising against the Daville government in Honduras, by followers of General Bonilla, according to rumors current here. It is believed that both Bonilla and general Hornet will not attempt to do the greatest Hornet sailed, are on their way to central American waters. It is thought they will not attempt to land movement. It is declared that full two thousand refugees from Honduras are now in Nicaragua, and that together with a large number of exiles in other countries are ready to turn to the Bonilla standard.

Municipal Fight in Brandon.

Brandon, Dec. 28.—There will be a fight in every ward this year for alderman and also for mayoralty and water commissioner.

FIVE HUNDRED BIRDS ENTERED FOR SHOW

Poultry Breeders in All Parts of Province Making Entries For Show Which Opens Next Week. Up to date some five hundred birds have been entered for the poultry show to be held in the Old Post Office building, Jan. 6th, 7th and 8th. One hundred and fifty entries were received by this morning's mail. One hundred birds are entered from Calgary, and it is expected that there will be a number come from as far south as Lethbridge.

SEWEDGEWORK.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Considerable dissatisfaction exists among some of the local post office employees over the rush of Christmas business, the men complaining that they are compelled to work overtime with no extra pay. One employee claims he worked fourteen hours overtime and was then docked for being a quarter of an hour late the next morning. A delegation of the men are airing their troubles before the Liberal executive this morning.

Australian Boys Enlist.

Melbourne, Dec. 29.—The registration of youths between fourteen and seventeen years is in active progress here today. The response to the call of duty the service will be popular.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONERS

WILL CONTROL RAILWAYS OPERATING BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

Washington, Dec. 29.—An international railway commission with supervisory authority over the railways operating between the United States and Canada is in active progress. After many months of negotiations between the governments of the United States and Canada a conclusion was reached today which means that in the course of probably a few months regulatory authority will be exercised over the railways operating between the two countries.

Commissioners Agree. For several days, Chairman Martin Knapp, of inter-state commerce commission and Hon. J. P. Mabce, chief commissioner of the railway commission of Canada, have been in conference with the representatives of the governments on the subject of the creation of an international railway commission. The commissioners reached an agreement last Wednesday. Since that time they have been working out the details of the report.

Today, Mr. Knapp and Judge Mabce called at the department of state and presented their joint report. As it is a diplomatic matter the commissioners were directed by the State Department not to make public, at present, the result of their negotiations. The text of the report, therefore, is not available.

The general points. It is known, however, that the commissioners have agreed as to the advisability as to the creation of an international railway commission which shall have supervisory authority over the railway lines doing an international business between the two countries. This authority is to extend to the regulation of international rates, both freight and passenger, and by the exercise of the powers conferred upon it, the intention is to prescribe through routes and joint rates and through bills of lading between points in one country to points in another. The commission has authority over all international transportation and may be appealed to by shippers and carriers in each country for relief from excessive rates or oppressive methods of regulations or excessive or unreasonable rates.

Treaty to Be Made. The principal subject under discussion is the desirability of a treaty by which the commission should be created. It finally was decided to recommend that the arrangement be made by treaty rather than by joint legislation. In the nature of things, it was necessary to have whatever treaty may be negotiated submitted to the United States Senate, so serious difficulty in their regard anticipated. The report of the commissioners having been submitted to the two governments arrangements immediately being made for the ratification of the treaty by the United States and Canada, so far as Government supervision of rates and regulations is concerned, and will ensure to all shippers and carriers going an international business, impartial treatment.

SAYS RECIPROcity MEANS SEPARATION

London Standard Says Reciprocity Treaty Between Canada and U.S. Will Be Beginning of Process of Detachment from Great Britain.

London, Dec. 29.—The Morning Post says that the Western farmers' proposals that the national sacrifice be made in the Mother Country, and that those in Canada, who believe that a reciprocity treaty would be the beginning of the process of detachment from Britain, have good reason for fear.

PACIFIC COAST TO HUDSON BAY

NEW LINE TO RUN FROM PACIFIC EAST THROUGH PEACE RIVER COUNTRY.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Notice is hereby given that application will be made to parliament for an act to incorporate the Pacific and Hudson Bay Railway from Kimsquit, at the head of Dean channel, thence north easterly following the Dean river, Egretta lake, Kwanichola lake, the Enticoe river and the Upper Nechace river to Fort Fraser, thence north easterly to Fort McLeod, thence crossing the Parsnip river through the Pine River Pass and following the Pink River to Coombs and thence north easterly to Dunvegan, continuing along Peace river to Peace River Landing, thence easterly, passing the headwaters of the Bear River to the Athabasca River and Port McMurray, thence crossing the Athabasca river and following the Clearwater river and Churchill River to a point on Hudson Bay railway, south of Washawasho lake and thence to Churchill or Nelson on the Hudson Bay.

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MORE TROUBLE IN PORTUGAL.

Dispatch to Paris Newspaper from Madrid Says Situation Threatening.

Paris, Dec. 29.—A dispatch to the Temps from Madrid states that advances from Lisbon describe the political situation in the new republic of Portugal as threatening. The Government is reported as not sure of the loyalty of the army and the navy. There is much insubordination in the army, while, as a measure of precaution, three cruisers have been ordered to leave Lisbon. The population is becoming alarmed.

THE POPULATION OF TORONTO IS 341,991

Assessment Commissioner Issues Report for 1911—Assessable Property is Figured at \$209,147,053. An Increase of Nearly Forty Millions in the Year.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—The total taxable amount of assessable property in Toronto for the year 1911, according to Assessment Commissioner Forman's annual report, is \$209,147,053, as compared with the assessment for 1910, as finally revised which was \$270,086,332. The population of the city, as returned by the assessors, is 341,991, an increase this year of 16,690.

There are 73,116 dwellings in the city by actual count, this being an increase of 7,534 over the number a year ago.

The amount of the local improvements to be collected for this year's work is \$388,619.42, an increase of \$25,991.76 over the amount collected in 1910.

The real estate transactions for the year, including the leasing of city property, totalled 1,116. There were 123 parcels of vacant land disposed of by the assessment department up to December 15th last, realising \$243,253.97, the net profit over and above the taxes being \$157,444. This was an increase of \$13,444 over the total for 1910.

MAY BE SOME SERIOUS TROUBLE IN FAR EAST

Disquieting Conditions are Reported From China and Japan by Steamship Which Has Just Arrived at Victoria—Chinese are Aroused.

Victoria, Dec. 28.—Disquieting conditions which may give rise to serious trouble between Japan and China also, if not between Russia and China also, are reported by the Tokio Kokuima, according to advices received here today by the steamship Tacoma Maru.

The Kokuima says the intimacy between the Russians and Japanese in Manchuria is having a serious effect upon the Chinese and that the anti-Japanese and anti-Russian sentiment is increasing.

When the manoeuvres of the Japanese troops in Manchuria were being arranged in November, Chinese troops were sent to the scene, and only through the act on the part of the Japanese was this force withdrawn.

Since the battle between a Chinese and Chinese and Koreans lasted for three days.

1910 BUILDING IN LETHEBRIDGE.

Over a Million Dollars Worth of Building Undertaken. Lethbridge, Dec. 30.—The building permits for Lethbridge during the past year amounted to \$1,160,938. This is a slight decrease of hundred thousand from the record of 1909, when the court house, jail and power house were started. Considering conditions resulting from a short crop in the district, the record is considered remarkable.

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BANFF A WINTER RESORT.

Winter Getaways at the Springs More Numerous Than Ever.

Banff, Dec. 27.—Banff, which for many years has been known as one of the most popular winter resorts in all Canada, or in fact all America, is now making a reputation of being a playground and resting place for travellers and tourists during the winter months as well.

CALGARY MAN SAYS MOISTURE IS NEEDED

Unless There is More Rain and More Snow in Alberta, Affairs Aid. Hornby by the Farmers Will Suffer Next Summer.

Calgary, Dec. 28.—"Although the country looks fairly good just now, we are going to have a bad year unless the present fine weather breaks up and we get a little more snow and moisture," said Ald. Jas. Hornby, who has just returned to the city from an extensive trip up north.

Mr. Hornby did not refer to the north country particularly, stating that the south country would be the most affected. He was in the south some two weeks or so ago, and even then the ground was dry to the wheat roots, and the farmers generally were not feeling too optimistic although they realized that there is yet time for the necessary moisture to come.

"My experience here is that a fine winter means a dry spring and autumn, and consequently a bad year for the farmers, and we all know what a bad year for the farmers means," said Mr. Hornby.

Other old-time residents who have had long experience in this country, are of the same opinion as Mr. Hornby, but as yet they are not worrying, as the farmers generally have their ground well prepared, and all the moisture that they get will soak right in and be retained by the soil instead of running off along the surface as has been done in other years when the ground was not so well prepared.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION CASE.

Evidence Presented to Commission Deal With Politics. Vancouver, Dec. 29.—The political side of the Chinese immigration department was again in evidence before the Chinese commission today.

A. M. Found, a member of the executive of the Liberal Association, Vancouver, formerly secretary of that body, told how and why a mysterious telegram had been sent to Ottawa by member or members of the Liberal executive asking for the reinstatement of Yip On, interpreter for the Customs Department, and protesting against "the drastic action of O'Hara in suspending Collector Bowen."

Another telegram was also produced by Found, and a new issue in the investigation raised thereby. This wire was in the form of a resolution passed by the Liberal executive, asking that body have the right to name a Chinese interpreter to succeed Yip On, and protesting against the employment in any capacity of David G. Lew.

At the late session of the Chinese immigration commission, acting-Land-Inspector Walter Fagan, admitted under examination by Counsel McCrossan, that until a year and a half ago, the collector of customs was a chronic drunk.

The commission was adjourned until Wednesday next, when Yip On, the suspected interpreter for the department of customs at this port, will be called to testify.

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FARMERS WANT A SQUARE DEAL

GRAIN GROWERS' ORGANIZER REFUTES IMPUTATION AS TO FARMERS' LOYALTY.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—J. W. Scallion, of Virden, Manitoba, one of the best known organizers and organizers of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, speaking to the Globe this morning said he wished to emphatically contradict the impression conveyed by Mr. T. A. Russell, M.A., in his address to the Canadian Club yesterday, which Mr. Scallion thought, was to the effect that the delegation to the Dominion Government was composed of other than loyal British Canadian subjects. Mr. Scallion says that on the executive of the three provincial associations the necessary forms of authorization is D. W. Warner from Clover Bar, Alberta, who has come from the United States, but who is enthusiastic over his new home.

Men From the East. Mr. Scallion added that the vast majority of the delegation are men like himself, who left the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, P.E.I., New Brunswick and Nova Scotia to settle in the West. Most of the others are from Britain. There are no other Europeans or foreigners on the executive. They went to the West and all of them had long, lean years, but they remained and after hard struggles succeeded. They were not a group of always had done, asking for a square deal and meant to get it.

He believes that the Grain Growers are simply asking for what is fair and reasonable and that in the end the people of Canada will be a very large majority so desirous. The Grain Growers had no fear but that Canadian manufacturers could hold their own in any field, and it was not fair to the consumers that there should be a system of protection which made all the farmers have to pay unnecessarily high prices.

As to Hudson Bay Railway. Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The Citizen says: "The Government policy with reference to the Hudson Bay railway will be determined shortly. That the line will be built is settled. That it will be operated by the Government is also reasonably certain. The question to be determined is that of operation, and by what method. The farmers want the Government to operate the line, and it hesitates, being urged on the one side by the statement that the rolling stock and men could be employed but four or five months of the year and would be idle for the rest. The farmers deny this, though admitting that the big rush would be from harvest to the close of navigation. While an official statement is not forthcoming, it is believed that the Government will retain the ownership of the roadbed, but give to all companies running rights, while at the same time exercising control of the rates to be charged."

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COMMISSION FINDING ON EXPRESS RATES

The Summary of Report Which Concludes With The Finding That Rates Be Reduced—The Purpose of the Inquiry.

The following is the summary of the findings of the Railway Commission regarding the express companies giving details not included in the earlier despatches from Ottawa.

Tariff Toll

Dealing with the question of tariff toll, the board says that the matter has been dealt with solely with a view of trying to ascertain whether these tolls, upon the whole, are reasonable. "They might," says the judgment, "upon the whole produce reasonable returns to carriers, but some classes of traffic might be unduly burdened other classes be carried for less than reasonable charges."

Rates to Winnipeg to be Lowered

Dealing with the question of graduated charges the board says that the rates on fruit from Ontario shipping points to Winnipeg are 23 per cent. It is pointed out that if the company can give, as it has, a blanket rate from all main line shipping points to Winnipeg, it would be the same for Ontario growers.

Delivery Limits

In connection with this phase of the matter, the judgment says that express rates in Canada are practically the same as those in the United States, where the companies are independent of the railway. The judgment then quotes at length various rulings of the board in respect of different phases of the matter considered.

Board does not feel that it is necessary at the present time to give direction to the express companies as to the exact mileage which should constitute each mileage group westward from Lake Superior territory.

EMINENT SURGEON ON CANCER.

Sir Alfred Pearce Gould, K.C.V.O., Ophthalmic and Surgeon in Radium, London, Dec. 26.—Sir Alfred Pearce Gould, K.C.V.O., senior surgeon in the Middlesex hospital, has made cancer his main study, is very optimistic about the treatment of the disease in the near future, and being able in the near future to conquer it.

CROWD AT THE CORONATION.

London, Dec. 25.—An interesting feature of King George's coronation will be the provision of a third throne for Queen Alexandra. This will be placed on the left of the King's coronation chair, Queen Mary's being on the right.

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Not Informed of Facts.

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"Then there is a most execrable ignorance displayed regarding the legislation the commission is asking the government to pass."

Strike Situation is Little Changed

Winnipeg, Dec. 25.—The street car situation drags on wearily. The company claims to be operating a full service, and with the exception of one or two lines which they are not operating at all, the bus lines are proceeding with without delay and cars, but their schedule are totally deranged owing to the inexperienced crew being sent out to the time tables.

CALGARY FRAGS.

Husband Threw Bricks and His Wife Shot Windows Out in Southern City.

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From the evidence in the hands of the police it is learned that at about 10:30 on Sunday night the injured men, together with John Poffenroth and John Kowalski, were walking to the home of a friend, when they were met by four men armed with knives and revolvers.

The unknown assailants used their knives and revolvers freely, and the two men behind ran to assist them. The fight then became general, and as the men were cut and wounded, they were severely manhandled by the enraged Germans.

By this time the noise had attracted a number of people, and the trampled and blood-stained snow, together with the helpless appearance of the men, attracted the attention of the police.

Detective Sergeant Nutt has been detailed to make an investigation of the matter, but owing to the fact that the four Italians were unknown to the men whom they attacked, and that only a very meagre description of them is available, it is unlikely that any arrests will be made.

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Chihuahua, Dec. 28.—Official notes today, which seem to be confronted with developments, indicate that the first stage of the insurrection in western Chihuahua is over and the second has begun.

The government believes that the insurgents fought their last organized battle at Pedernales two weeks ago and that they have split into small bands, which it will take months to catch and subdue. These reports are confirmed by the fact that Mal Paso, the key to the insurrection, is now in the hands of the government.

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WESTERN FARMERS ASSAILED.

The Montreal Gazette, the oldest Conservative newspaper in Canada and Mr. Borden's chief newspaper supporter in the Province of Quebec, publishes the following editorial castigation of the western farmers who went to Ottawa to present their views to the government:

"Some time ago the suggestion was sent out from Toronto that when the Western farmers came east to interview the Government it would not be a bad idea to have the delegates make a round of the industrial centres and come into touch with the investment of the East in the different forms of industrial activity."

"The idea did not meet with a favorable reception in the West and it was dropped. One Saskatchewan farmer, writing to the Winnipeg Tribune and described in its columns as 'prominent,' denounced the proposed invitation as a trap to set to catch the delegates and suggested that each delegate guarantee by a bond equal to his expenses to accept no entertainment or favor from anyone on penalty of forfeiting his expenses, and his trip to Ottawa being declared a holiday for his personal pleasure and profit."

"Let's make this clear," he concluded, "one of insurgents to strike terror to the predatory interests and faithless politicians." It is to be feared that this was to some extent the spirit in which the delegates set out on their journey. Living in an atmosphere of continual self-advertisement, with the cry of the 'slogan' for ever ringing in their ears, it is not surprising that the West has lost its sense of perspective, that it has unthinkingly absorbed the ideas of the only part of Canada that knows anything less than the West in Winnipeg and Calgary. The West is all right, but the East and the rest of the world are not. The West is no longer as imposing as they were when contemplated in their solitary grandeur. For instance, the hay crop of Ontario last year, according to Government returns, was worth more than the entire wheat crop of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Yet it grew and was duly harvested with only a passing word of comment in the newspapers, while people in the western provinces almost sat up nights and worried over the drought which had been the cause of the loss of the crop.

"If proposed to extend the Pure Food Act to cover the marketing and sale of eggs. If the law can materially reduce the average of the hen's egg for sale it will accomplish what a good second only to that of reducing the price. Eggs at forty-five cents per dozen must be classed with champagne, caviar on the half shell and other delicacies available only to the well-to-do, and to them on occasion rather than as regular articles of diet. But laid eggs at forty-five cents per dozen take their place properly alongside Russian caviar."

A LESSON NEEDED.

Asked by the Toronto Globe why the Massey-Harris Company had purchased an implement concern in New York, Senator Jones replied: "That's a big question. Much would require to be said to answer it fully, for there were many reasons that finally influenced my company to make this purchase. This question has been before us for consideration for over five years, and we were previously very nearly completing the purchase when the time being deferred. You see our foreign trade has been increasing rapidly. Additional plant and men are pressing us to expand our present works in Brampton and Toronto, to increase them to the full extent possible, and when buying a cough medicine for children bear in mind that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is most effective for colds, croup and whooping cough and that it contains no harmful drugs. For sale by dealers everywhere."

on his straightforward evidence, had taken to Syracuse \$150,000 in pots of the bank, which were momentarily loaned to the directors of the People's Mutual Life Company in order that the latter might purchase \$100,000 of the capital stock of the bank at 120. At the same time the stock was being quoted in Toronto from 25 to 40, and at one time dropped as low as 11. According to Mr. Fitzgibbon, the money was kept in a room at Syracuse from Saturday night till Monday. The People's Mutual Company were changing directors, and he believed the money was to be paid to the retiring directors. It was handed over and then handed back as a deposit. Mr. Fitzgibbon was asked the conspiracy trial why it was necessary to take that money to Syracuse, to which the reply was: "That is not for me to say." In reply to a query as to whether it was a shock to his ideas of banking, Mr. Fitzgibbon said he did not like the suggestion that the New York corporation of insurance caused the arrest of the People's Mutual directors. We submit that the part played by the Farmers' Bank in this transaction neither reflected credit on the institution nor followed conservative banking principles.

When the Cobalt silver camp was at its zenith, the chartered tanks were inundated with applications for loans on mining property. It was not a banker's business to provide money for development work. Banks may do business with them by lending money upon ore on the basis of the value of the property. It is not a banker's business to provide money for development work. The practice of the most conservative banks is well defined. There is a point at which the banker's responsibility ceases and the miner's begins. The banker's responsibility ceases and the miner's begins. The banker's responsibility ceases and the miner's begins.

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WHY THE FARMERS.

"Silence is golden," says the Calgary Herald, "no doubt in defence of the refusal to make good the malicious assertion that some member of the Legislature held 'what he considered proof of dishonesty on the part of Mr. Cushing, but which he failed to put before the Legislature. His honor's statement was taken to be the man to whom the Herald alluded, may have come to think his present silence something other than precious before the absence of more explicit information is the one to whom the assertion of the Herald points."

BANK SUSPENDED.

Monetary Times.—The Farmers' Bank has closed its doors. They may be re-opened in a few days, says its general manager. For three months it will have an opportunity to liquidate its liabilities and recommend a plan for its future. The bank's existence in view of the lack of confidence therein on the part of the financial fraternity and the well-informed public? The evidence given at the Lindsay conspiracy trial was sufficient to damn the future prospects of any chartered bank. The knowledge of the single fact that more than half a million dollars had been invested in a Cobalt mine by an individual who had but \$257,000 in paid-up capital could do little else than start a run on the bank and cause its suspension. Many accidents have happened to prove that the Farmers' Bank employed questionable banking practice. It was shown at Lindsay that Mr. Travers and Mr. Fitzgibbon, the latter of whom the court complimented

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shoulder as he unfolded the paper. It read: "I'll bet you \$5 that when you send this back you don't find me." And they didn't. Chicago Tribune—Once there was an old goat that tried to pass himself off as a sheep. The watchful shepherd at once detected the imposture. He killed the goat. But he sold the fleas for mutton. Heuston Chronicle—"So you have a position as stenographer. I hope you will succeed in making yourself indispensable to your employer." "I think I have, sir, quite. We are to be married next month."

Boston Transcript—Wife (at breakfast): I want to do some shopping today, dear, if the weather is favorable. What does the paper say? Husband: Rain, hail, thunder and lightning. Detroit Free Press—"Pa, what is a philosopher?" "A philosopher, my boy, is one who tells other people that their troubles don't amount to much."

Puck—The matron Cornelia, returning to Rome after a season abroad, was being held up at the Custom House and subjected to such various indignities as were called for by the enlightened policy of the republic. And particularly they asked her about jewels. "These are my jewels!" she declared and pointed to her son's Gracchi. Whereupon the Collector of the port, recognizing in spite of the density which had won him his place, that the most thus-let fall was of a deathless character, acknowledged, with what grace he might, that the drinks were on him. Promotion Comes for a Number of Western Men. Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Militia orders today announce that Captain Albert Edward Swift, of the retired list, has been appointed inspector of small arms, vice Major J. B. Pym. Others of interest to western men include: 15th Light Horse, to be Lieut. Colonel and to command regiment, Major J. McDonald, vice Lieut. Col. J. Walker, who is retired, retaining rank. 22nd Saskatchewan Light Horse, Lieut. C. S. Ashton is permitted to retire. Placed on retired list, Mounted Rifle, Captain J. B. Allen, late C.M.R. Lieut. W. M. Inglis, late C.M.R. Lieut. G. A. S. Spurkes, late M.R. Lieut. M. H. White Fraser, late Strathcona Horse.

Bulletin Staff Correspondent. The beavers which have been undisturbed since the match for the hunt have in about a dozen sized towns upon the Beaver Dam Creek. It runs East from beaver built homes but the men have blocks of the wood found in plenty and are being used for the strong teeth of the beaver. Early in April, it was announced that in the U. S. would build a Stettler to the West. The Stettler, the Beaver Dam Creek, they having ago. But being absent from the prairie and the post office. These old town built buildings were moved to Stettler. But later on and was known as the West.

The pioneer traders hope that four land after sliding were daily passenger service was begun just before Christmas, 1909. It poured into Stettler, the carload even by Stettler. But later on and was known as the West.

The merchants and business is represented in list show. Four stores, two boot and shoemakers, two fishery stores, two bakeries, shops, two drug stores, two hardware stores, two grocery stores, two veterinary shops, two barber shops, two laundry shops, two tailors, two cigar stores, two saloons, two restaurants, two hotels, two boarding houses, two public houses, two dance halls, two skating rinks, two bowling alleys, two billiard halls, two pool halls, two billiard parlors, two billiard rooms, two billiard courts, two billiard clubs, two billiard associations, two billiard societies, two billiard leagues, two billiard unions, two billiard guilds, two billiard fraternities, two billiard brotherhoods, two billiard associations, two billiard societies, two billiard leagues, two billiard unions, two billiard guilds, two billiard fraternities, two billiard brotherhoods.

There is a daily mail evening train. Many are being installed and at the present hour it will not be long till the mail will be carried evening when the mail the rural post office the stocked with mail bags. Harrison has a staff of four clerks. It is difficult to

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MINISTER OF MARINE SAYS THE TORONTO NATIONALISTS ALLIES

Hon. Mr. Bourassa Deals With the Combination of the Conservatives Under the Leadership of the Nationalists Under Mr. Bourassa—Quotes Some Passages From Speeches and Campaign Literature of the Drummond-Atkins Party.

(Standard) (Special) (Editorial) (Comments) (Debates)

Hon. L. F. Bourassa (Minister of Marine and Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether it will be possible for me to deal with all the points which my hon. friend from Jacques Cartier (Mr. Monk) has made in the long speech which he has just delivered. I will try to deal with as many of them as possible in the time at my disposal. I am to be permitted to read the report of the committee which he has just presented to the House.

Mr. Monk: I have more in stock at the present time than I had at the time of the report of the committee. I am prepared to go before the House and read the report of the committee. I am prepared to go before the House and read the report of the committee. I am prepared to go before the House and read the report of the committee.

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Mr. Monk: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 29th inst. and in reply to say that I am not in a position to let you have copies of the blue-book of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, 1913.

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Mr. Bourassa after trying to secure his hearers by telling them of the wholly unimpaired health of Mr. Laurier at the moment of his death on October 17th, 1910, has betrayed his own feelings when he said that England was ever at war when her supremacy was in danger, he would not hesitate to say that it would be the duty of the government to send the Canadian fleet to the help of the motherland.

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NEW TRICK OF THE CONFIDENCE MEN

Left Package of Supposed "Diamonds" in Possession of Unsuspecting Traveler—How Caught by Police and Companions Hurried Away Leaving Him With Shock.

(Standard) (Special) (Editorial) (Comments) (Debates)

London, Dec. 27.—A novel confidence trick, by which a Scotch passenger has been robbed of a considerable sum, was reported to the London and Northwestern Railway police this week.

The victim, who was on his way to Glasgow, took his seat in a first-class carriage of the 11.50 p.m. express from Euston Square, and a second compartment to himself.

A few minutes before the train started, however, a well-dressed man, carrying a sealed box which he guarded carefully, jumped into the compartment and began a conversation.

"We have to be very careful that we are not followed by thieves, for we are in the diamond trade," said one of the newcomers, pointing to the sealed box, which had been placed on the table.

Confidence being thus established, it was an easy step for the two strangers to talk to the fellow-traveler to travel to the diamond trade.

The couple then jumped out, leaving the sealed box in the care of their new-found friend, but a minute later one of them hurried back, and took possession of the box.

He was not able to make up the whole £250, but the man who had been left in possession of the box had had. With many thanks, he hurried away.

Mr. Foster: I want to ask my hon. friend if he will report parliamentary rules, and have that put into Hansard.

RESUME OF 1913 BUSINESS

BRAINSHEET'S STATEMENT ON THE 1913 TRADE, FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

(Standard) (Special) (Editorial) (Comments) (Debates)

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—Bradstreet's report says general business has been a quiet one and little change expected until after the turn of the year.

Bradstreet's review of the year together with forecasts follows: "Nineteen hundred and thirteen was a year of general business, but the whole, a disturbed and a disappointing period in American financial and industrial history."

Causes of Disturbed Conditions in many lines of manufacturing and commerce, while at the same time it saw a volume of business which was not far from normal.

Declining prices of securities and a general feeling of pessimism were the chief causes of the depression.

The market for raw materials was generally quiet, but there was a slight improvement in the price of iron and steel.

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PAYS FINE TRIBUTE TO HIGH SCHOOLS OF WEST

Chairman Simpson of Toronto Board of Education, Regina and Calgary are better organized than those of Toronto.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Toronto High School system is ten to fifteen years behind the times," said Chairman Jas. Simpson, of the board of education to the management committee today.

He had just returned from a trans-continental tour, taken by the Royal Commission on technical education, and he spoke as one who had seen and knew whereof he spoke. In western cities, such as Calgary, Regina and Edmonton, the High Schools were much better organized than in Toronto.

It made him wonder what Toronto had been doing to fall so far behind the times. Some questions which he asked were answered by the trustees and teachers had done their best.

DISSECTIONS AMONG MEN. This May Prevent Railway Strike in Rome.

Rome, Dec. 29.—The hope of the authorities that the threatened general strike of the employees of the railways may not materialize rests chiefly on the dissensions among the men. The latter are divided into two camps, one of which advocates violence, while the other, which wishes to secure the promised increase of 4,000,000 in yearly wages, is concerned only in the manner in which the increase shall be distributed.

TREAT FOR CHILDREN. The United Aids treat to the children held this afternoon in the old post office building on McLeod street. All the children are requested to appear promptly at 7 o'clock in the old post office.

declines in breadstuffs and provisions. It will hardly be confidently claimed that home demand for food products is sufficient to take up the surplus production of the country in a year such as this just closing, and in view of foreign competition, bread of largely inferior quality, and the surplus crops in the rest of the world's surplus producing countries, American participation in this trade is hardly possible at present price levels. The situation of affairs would seem, indeed, to point to liquidation, being necessary in case of production, and past liquidation in the stock market may perhaps find a counterpart in natural products, which seem to have advanced more largely than the manufactured goods, having possibly been affected by the speculative spirit so much in evidence in securities markets in 1910, and which, in such cases, is manifestly in the excessive supply of cheap money in that year.

High prices of most products, and especially foods and raw materials, have been a sort of endless-chain and burden to labor, to manufacturers and to trade generally, which free buying of some generally esteemed non-essentials has not entirely concealed. Perhaps the quietness of the American markets were out of line with the rest of the world was the reduction of our export trade in food products, which one time constituted our strength in foreign trade. Coincidentally imports broke all records, this giving to the remark that the United States was a good market to sell in but not so favorable a country to buy in. In this contingency it has undoubtedly been fortunate that our export trade in manufactured products and in raw cotton has more than made up for

Financial measures of the year's turnover showed only a slight shrinkage. Thus, clearings fell only 1.2 per cent. below the record of 1909. This loss was, however, mainly at New York, while the rest of the country showed a gain of 6 per cent. Explanation of the loss at New York is partly attributable to the decrease of 23 per cent. in stock transactions and 62 per cent. in bond sales as compared with 1909. Still it might be noted that clearings at New York were nearly 2 per cent. larger than the 1908 total and nearly double those of a decade ago. Failure to realize high prices of food, meat, boycotts, demands for higher wages by railway and industrial employees, talk of consolidating manufacturers, and the consequent confidence and preventing the floating of new security issues for improvement, all made the latter months of the year a veritable "winter of discontent." Excessively large expenditures for food naturally lessened means for other necessities and increased the pressure upon public officials to undertake legislation to which the term trust-baiting became applied. Spring brought some relief in the matter of lowered prices, but weather and crop uncertainties and manufacturing curtailment, forced by high raw material costs, caused conservatism in business and continued government activity against certain corporations and threats of injunction suits against the railways, which were seeking to recoup themselves for increased costs of operation, due to granting of higher wages, by increasing the cost of their operations. With larger agricultural yields more certain of attainment in the late summer and early autumn, a more cheerful outlook prevailed, but the political overturn in the fall, with the prospects of a reopening of the tariff question, made for slightly less optimistic views. Repression and conservatism and small and frequent rather than large or confident buying kept trade and industry within rather narrow channels, considering the country's vastly enlarged producing capacity, and apparently good holiday trade did not disguise the fact that the advent of an early winter had reduced outdoor activities and lessened demand. While industrial idleness was greater than for some years past, the stock market in 1910 was characterized by contraction and disappointment. In this respect affairs presented a strong contrast to the perhaps too rapid advancement witnessed in 1909. Prices were lowered, prices signaled the operations of 1910. While rumors of insolvencies were plentiful enough early in the year, the twelve months closed with comparatively few failures or corporate receiverships, though the Columbus &ocking Coal & Iron pool which collapsed on January 15 carried down three Stock Exchange houses, and Fisk & Robinson went into bankruptcy on February 15. Throughout most of the year the market, so far as volume goes, was inactive, public interest was very light, and as a whole the professional operators found it difficult to procure funds to engineer prolonged bullish operations, as the banks saw fit to restrict their resources or to lend for short periods only. With rates for loans ruled relatively low, save at the very outset of the year, when advances advanced to 12 per cent. promptly receding,

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Chicago Grain Markets. Chicago, Dec. 30.—Wheat today made a mark 1-1/2 to 3-4 above yesterday's closing, but fell 1-4 to 1-2 below, however, expectations of heavy world's crop, and the fact that the market was advanced more largely than the manufactured goods, having possibly been affected by the speculative spirit so much in evidence in securities markets in 1910, and which, in such cases, is manifestly in the excessive supply of cheap money in that year.

London Stock Markets. London, Dec. 30.—Money was in steady today. The last statement of the Bank of England, published on the 29th, showed a decrease in the amount of gold in the country, and a corresponding increase in the amount of paper money in circulation. The market was generally quiet, with a slight advance in the price of gold.

Winnipeg Grain Markets. Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—Interest in the wheat market began to revive today, and the price advanced 1-4 to 1-2 above yesterday's closing. The market was generally quiet, with a slight advance in the price of gold.

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FARMERS WILL START BEET SUGAR INDUSTRY

Company Organized by Farmers to Go Into Business of Growing Beets and Making Sugar—German Capital to be Interested.

A new company, to be known as the Co-operative Farming and Beet Sugar Refining Co., Limited, is seeking incorporation under the laws of the province to enable it to go into the business of growing sugar beets and making sugar therefrom.

The new company is capitalized at \$100,000 and will have its head offices at Strathmore.

At a meeting held on Wednesday evening on Dr. Wiedmann's arrival at Strathmore, the citizens requested him to attend a meeting to be held at Brown's Hall.

Over 4,250 acres were given to the farmers for the growing of sugar beets, and they assured him that by the first of the year he would have over 6,000 acres.

Dr. Wiedmann, who is a graduate of the University of Munich, came to the Calgary district in February, 1910, at the request of Dr. Paul Faber, and since that time has made extensive examinations for the purpose of locating in the vicinity of an ideal spot for beet growing.

"I have had five years' training in this class of work," he said this morning, "and I do not know of a better place in the world for beet sugar growing than in the Calgary district. We have located our plant in the Strathmore district, and by so doing have solved the problem of closing down the beet season."

"The manufacturers building is no less sorely needed. The horticultural society and the Edmonton Horticultural society have been working for some time to secure a site for such a building."

"The stock pavilion will, of course, be the feature of the exhibition; it will accommodate 1,500 cattle, and will hold 4,000 or 5,000 people sitting, or 10,000 standing. The beauty of it is that it can be made a concert hall, such as they have in the city of the Middle West, for horse plays, auto exhibits and other attractions."

"The sewage system, too, is hopelessly inadequate and the association hope to install modern lavatories to be used for the purpose of the exhibition."

"The recreation park, the Driving Club have already requested us to lay out a half mile stretch for them. The polo clubs also want grounds 200 x 300 yards, which can easily be provided by a little ground."

"Mr. Harrison is of the opinion that the street railway revenue from the Edmonton grounds will be an important offset to the expenditure proposed."

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—The coldest night of the season so far was recorded here last night, when the mercury dipped to 42 degrees below zero.

Medicines that aid nature are always most effective. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It always the cough, relieves the lungs, opens the secretory canals, and restores the system to a healthy condition.

NEW YEAR'S EVE REVELRY.

Bellingham, Washington, Expects Trouble TONIGHT.

Bellingham, Dec. 29.—Chief of Police John L. Likens may call on local ministers to help police the city on New Year's Eve, in view of prospective trouble by revelers.

The police chief says he thinks it is as much the duty of the ministers as of the department to aid in this matter. Last Christmas Eve was one of the worst in the history of the city for drunkenness. It is believed next Saturday night will be still worse, for on that night the saloons close and it is feared some violence may arise out of the feeling created by the wet and dry fight.

So far no definite answer to the proposition of the chief has been made by the pastors. Some of them smiled and appeared nervous when the question was put up to them, but were reticent when it came to expressing opinions.

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NEXT CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN CALGARY

Convention of Northwest Association of Stationary Engineers to be held in Calgary, Nov. 14, 1911.

The convention of the Northwest Association of Stationary Engineers, which has been in session during the last three days in this city, was brought to a close last evening by a meeting in Mitchell & Reed's hall, at which officers for the year 1911 were elected.

Bro. Niven, of Lethbridge, was re-elected Grand Chief, by acclamation. Bro. C. A. Deneux, of the Edmonton Lodge, was appointed to the office of Grand Vice-Chief by a unanimous vote of the gathering.

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GOWANDA MINE BURNED.

Explosive Plant in Barlett Mines Destroyed by Fire.

Cobalt, Dec. 28.—The engine room, boiler house and machine shop at the Barlett mines, Gowanda, have been burned down and work on the mine will be resumed. The fire will put out the explosive plant which was taken in at enormous expense and cost the shareholders of the company altogether \$20,000 to purchase, haul in and install. It included two 80 horse-power boilers and a ten-ton drill compressor. The property was being worked at the time of the fire by employees Carter and McPherson, and they were mining lead ore.

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WILL DISTRIBUTE THE SCHOOL MONIES

The Department of Education to Pay \$200,000—More Than Eighty Per Cent of This Amount Goes to the Elementary Schools.

Hon. C. R. Mitchell, minister of education, has decided to distribute a portion of the funds derived from the Educational Tax which is each year levied on assessable land situated outside established school districts.

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THE G.T.P. TO INCREASE CAPACITY OF YARDS

Arbitration Board Settling Trouble in Connection With the Acquisition of Needed Property to the North of the City Limits.

Geo. H. Pope, right of way agent for the Grand Trunk Pacific, arrived in town Wednesday and will be engaged with Short, Woods, Biegar and Collier in settling certain claims with owners along the Grand Trunk yards. The land in question is 15 or 20 acres, part of the old Hagman estate, immediately adjoining Twenty-first street and is in two parcels, part belonging to D. L. Whitney and part to Mr. Marston and others.

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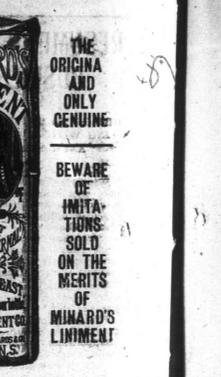
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THE OLDEST MAN IN ONTARIO HAS DIED. Cesare Cuyatt, Passed Away at the Age of One Hundred and Eleven Years and Nine Months—He Lived Under Reigns of Six Sovereigns.

Cobourg, Dec. 28.—The funeral of Cesare Cuyatt, perhaps the oldest man in Ontario, who died at Bewly's at the age of 111 years and nine months, took place here yesterday.

TORONTO FAIR MAKES MONEY. City Gets \$12,000 From \$22,000 Profits Last Exposition.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—A feature of the special meeting of the city council this afternoon was the handing of \$12,000 over to the city by the officials of the Industrial Exhibition Association as the city's share of \$22,000 profits made at the last annual exhibition.

RENOUANCE BATH TUB TRUST. Four Plumbing Firms Say They Are No Longer Connected With It.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 28.—In bright but bitterly cold weather the striking carmen made a demonstration in force this morning, parading the streets six hundred strong, headed by a brass band. No incident marked the march, and demonstrations of public sympathy were conspicuously lacking.

FIRE LOSS. The loss in the fire yesterday in the warehouse of A. Carruthers & Co., Ltd., will amount to approximately \$5,000. The stock, which is kept constantly moving, is not equally large, and when the fire occurred was about \$2,500, on which there is some \$2,000 insurance. Damages to the office and furniture will be between \$200 and \$400. The building itself is valued at \$2,500, but as it was not destroyed, nothing like the total value was lost.

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AVIATOR HOXBY KILLED SATURDAY

HOLDER OF ALTITUDE RECORDS FAILS TO HIS DEATH IN LOS ANGELES.

Los Angeles, Jan. 1.—A plane whose wreckage lies in the desert often defied and conquered noted aviator yesterday.

At his daring, they seized the fragile flying machine, "down out of the sky and into his life. He fell dead on from which he had risen time before with a laugh to thousands of cheering spectators.

In Front of Grand St. The spectators in the crowd witnessed the tragedy directly from the scene. The plane was seen to crash into the ground, and then burst into flames. Hoxby was seen to fall from the plane, and was killed.

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