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MONTREAL, Dec. 20.

(At a) formal meeting of the members of the City Council it was decided to give a dinner to His Worship the Mayor in January next.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of La Banque Jacques Cartier, Mr. Romual Trudeau was elected President, and Mr. Chas. S. Rodier, jun., Vice-President.

During Saturday night a severe snow storm prevailed over the city and the neighbourhood. A great depth of snow fell and a high wind drifted it in some places so as to make it difficult for congregations to reach their churches. During all Sunday the wind continued to increase the drifts, though little or no additional snow fell.

Saturday Phillip Brunette, conductor, and Henri Messier, brakesman, were arrested on the charge of breaking into an express company and stealing therefrom. The robbery, it is stated, is a very extensive one, and the articles taken were principally jewellery.

In the case of G. L. Rolland vs. North British Mercantile Ins. Co., a motion has been made by the Department for a new trial, considering that there was misdirection of the Jury in matters material, and considering the verdict to be contrary to the evidence upon points of loss and value, and considering, further, some of the findings defective and unclear—for instance, the 9th and 14th finding—the Court has granted the defendant's motion.

There is said to be much dissension among the English Cathedral congregation in consequence of the recent action forcing Canon Loosemore to resign. A considerable number of the oldest members of the Church, and a portion of the choir have left, and taken seats in the Church of St. James the Apostle, and elsewhere. It is reported, indeed, that the latter Church may retain Canon Loosemore to assist the Rev. Mr. Elligood, who has lately been very successful in establishing extra choral services. It having been announced that Canon Loosemore would preach at this service yesterday afternoon, and this, perhaps, being his last sermon in the city, his friends turned out in great strength, and the whole Church was packed by a highly respectable congregation. The Rev. Canon alluded in touching terms to an affecting coincidence which he had recalled since entering the building, namely: That on that day, 14 years ago he had been ordained in New Brunswick, and accompanied to a back settlement by Rev. Mr. Elligood, pastor of this Church to assist him in administering his first Communion.

The circumstances of the robbery of watches from a Grand Trunk car are as follows: Mr. Robt. Wilkes, wholesale jeweller, Toronto and Montreal, imported in July last, from Switzerland, *via* Liverpool and Allan line of steamships, to Montreal, a case containing a number of gold and silver watches, which were tranchipped in bond, and forwarded to Toronto early in August. Mr. Wilkes received the package, and found it had been opened, the tin lining cut, and twenty-one gold and three silver watches stolen while on transit. Mr. Wilkes made a claim for the value of the missing watches against the Grand Trunk. The latter repudiated the liability, and at a meeting in Montreal with Mr. Allan and Mr. Brydges, Mr. Wilkes again pressed his claims; but Mr. Brydges persisted in denying the liability, on the ground that the robbery might have been committed before the package was received by the railway. While arrangements had been made to sue the latter the perpetrators of the theft were discovered through Detective Cullen, coming on some of the watches in the hands of pawn-brokers and others, and suspicion pointed to one of the brakesmen and the conductor, accompanied by Mr. Lutteral, station agent, Detectives Cullen and Lafon, visited Brunettes, the conductor's house in his absence, and told his wife that her husband was arrested and that she was to give up whatever watches were in the house. She finally tore a plank from the flooring, and handed out a tin can and six gold watches. The officers, on going to the house of Messier, the brakesman, adopted a similar ruse with him, and displaying the six watches, told that Brunette had split on him. Afterwards Messier confessed to the robbery, but said he only got two of the watches, and that the conductor was leader in the robbery. Both were that afternoon lodged in the Police Station, and to-day they were remanded for further examination. Detectives have recovered in all nine gold and two silver watches. They have also learned where several others are to be found. The value of the watches stolen amounts to about $800.

The Caldwell extradition case is still going on. The evidence taken is that of Alexander Mercer, Wm. Dart and J. Karn. Lawyers from the States were permitted to cross-examine on behalf of the prisoner.

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