

SHELTERS SOON FOR 1,000 FAMILIES

RECONSTRUCTION AT HALIFAX —DEATH ROLL 1,400.

Halifax, Dec. 31.—Temporary, but comfortable shelter for one thousand families rendered destitute by the disaster will be provided before long by the Reconstruction Committee, was the statement made to-day by Colonel Robert Low, Manager of Reconstruction.

Colonel Low said that the committee was confining itself at present to the provision of temporary housing and emergency repairs.

"To the people who want greater repairs," said he, "I would say: go ahead and make these repairs yourself, keeping an accurate account of the cost, and perhaps some day some authority may agree to pay you compensation for the injury done you."

According to the latest statement issued by Chairman Barnstead of the Mortuary Committee the number of dead as the result of the great disaster of December 6 will total

about fourteen hundred. Up to date 886 bodies have been identified and buried. There are still at the Chebucto Mortuary three hundred and ten bodies, making a total of which there is a record of eleven hundred and ninety-six. To this can be safely added at least two hundred bodies not yet exhumed from the ruins or lost in the harbor.

UKRAINIANS LOYAL.

Saskatoon, Sask., Dec. 31.—The convention representing 400,000 Ruthenians and Ukrainians in Canada closed here on Saturday with a resolution calling on the new independent Republic of Ukraine not to lay down its arms until the cause of the allied nations has been won. Another resolution called upon the

Government to give back citizen rights to Ukrainians in Canada.

D. S. O. FOR MAJOR AIKINS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—Maor G. Harold Aikins, son of Lieut.-Governor Sir James A. M. Aikins, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order for bravery on the field of battle. The special actions for which this honor was conferred was performed at Passchendaele, and were deeds of bravery in the face of the enemy.

LT. GIRARD DECORATED.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Lt. Rudolph Girard, a well-known newspaper man, formerly translator in the House of Commons, who went overseas with some forestry reinforcements six months ago, has received the French War Cross for bravery under fire on the French front.