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CHORD WAS AT FAULT

Experts Think Quebeo Bridge Disaster Due to This Defect.

Anchor Arm Was Unsafe - Pillars Also Badly Damaged — Although Rivetting Was Good — No Danger Suspected-Telegram Sent Was Not Acted Upon—Unique Monument of Steel to Be Erected.

Quebec, Sept. 23. Saturday's evince before the Royal Commission restigating the Quebec bridge collapse is important as indicating that some bridge experts at all events attribute the disaster to the deflection in chord No. 9 of the anchor arm.

Mr. Hosre, the chief engineer of the Quebec Bridge Co., gave it as his opinion, when pressed by the commission, that the disaster was due to this defect, although he healtated at first to hazard the opinion, because his investigation on the site had not enable him to definitely ascertain the cause.

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The vertical pillars might either of them have given way, though it was his opinion that No. 9 chord was at fault. These pillars either collapsed first or received the worst treatment in the fall, for there was evidence of almost complete destruction of the main post and bottom chords.

Rivetting Was Good.

On the other hand there was nething in the tension braces or general connections to indicate the cause of the disaster, and the rivetting, with a few exceptions, was still good.

Mr. Hoare was instructed to prepare plans of the present condition of the chief members of the bridge for the commission.

Mr. Cooper, consulting engineer of the Bridge Co., apparently shares Mr. Hoare's opinion as to the primary cause of the disaster, though he will only be examined when the commissioners reach New York the week after next. Rivetting Was Good.

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Interviews Before the Cellapse.

Mr. McLure, who went to New York the day before the collapse to consult Mr. Cooper as to the defect in chord No. 9, told on Saturday of his interviews with him both before and after the accident. When he asked Mr. Cooper if he thought it safe to add any more material to the structure, the engineer showed him a telegram he was sending to Phoenixville, telling them to add ne more at present. While at Phoenixville that day he heard of the collapse.

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Returning via New York, he saw Mr. Cooper again. The latter was not in as communicative a mood, but said: "Well, it is that chord"—meaning No. 9. Witness said he had not considered there was any danger in moving the small traveler farther out. What he feared was not the collapse of the structure but the difficulty of making repairs if necessary, after the stress was increased. No one had any idea of danger to the bridge, and no drastic measure were resorted to. Mr. Morse himself was out on the bridge only a few hours before the collapse.

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It is proposed to erect a unique monument over the common grave of several of the victims of the disaster in St. Romuald cemetery. It is to be composed of a mass of the steel wreckage of the bridge, plans for the arrangement of which have been made by a member of the Hardy family, which furnished four of the victims.

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THE MARKETS.

Liverpool Wheat Futures Close Higher, Chicago Lower-Live Stock-Latest Quotations.

Latest Quotations.

Saturday Evening, Sept. 21.

Liverpool wheat futures closed today 5-8d higher than yesterday, and
corn futures 1-8d lower.

At Chicago, Sept. wheat closed 1-8c
lower than yesterday; Sept. corn 3-8c
lower, and Sept. oats 11-8c lower.

Winnipeg Options.

Pollowing are the closing quotations on
Winnipeg grain futures to-day:
Wheat—Sept. 31.65% bld, Oct. 31.65% bld,
Dec. 31.66.

Wheat—Sept. \$1.00% Dat. Dec. \$1.06. Oats—Sept. 50c bid, Oct. 50c, Dec. 47c bid. Toronto Grain Markets

wheat, spring, bush wheat, fall, bush wheat, fall, bush wheat, goose, bush wheat, red, bush Peas, bushel Barley, bushel Oats, new, bushel 0 97 Toronto Dairy Market. Butter, dairy, lb, rolls 0 2s
Butter, tubs 0 2s
Butter, creamery, lb. rolls 0 2s
Eugs, new-laid, dozen 0 20
Cheese, large, lb 0 1s
Cheese, whn, lb 0 154
Honey, extracted, lb 0 12

New York Dairy Market.

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NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—Butter—Firm;
unchanged; receipts, 4691.

Cheese—Quiet and steady; unchanged; receipts, 1251.

Eggs—Strong; firsts to extra firsts, 22c to 24c; western firsts, 22c to 23c; receipts, 5672.

Unchanged American Markets Are About Steady,

LONDON, Sept. 21.—London cables are firmer at 111-2e to 123-4c per lb., dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 10e per lb.

East Buffalo Cattle Market.

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BAST BUFFALO, Sept. 31.—Cattle—Receipts, 200 head; steady; prices unchanged.

Veals—Receipts, 125 head; active; 10c lower; 35 to 35.

Hogs—Receipts, 3100 head; fairly active; pigs and mixed, 5c to 10c lower, others steady; heavy, \$6.25 to 26.50; york-ers, \$4.80 to \$4.50; pigs, \$5.45 to \$6.50; york-ers, \$4.80 to \$6.50; pigs, \$5.45 to \$6.50; york-ers, \$6.80 to \$6.75.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 1300 head; sheep, steady; lambs 10c lower; very sicw on common grade; lambs, \$5 to \$8.15; few at \$8.25; yoarlings, \$5.75 to \$8.96; heep, mixed, \$2.50 to \$5.25; Canada lambs, \$7.50 to \$7.75.

New York Live Stack.

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NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—Beeves—Receipts, 1324; no trading of importance; feeling steady; dressed beef in light demend at 8c to 10 1-2c for native sides; Texas beef, 61-2c to 8c; exports, 300 cattle and 5600 quarters of beef.

Calves—Receipts, 73; feeling weak; one car prime sold at \$5.25; two cars held over; veals and grassers, nominal; dressed calves quiet.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 4457; sheep slow; lambs slow to a fraction lower; several cars unsold; sheep, \$3.25 to \$5; culls, \$2 to \$3; lambs, \$7 to \$7.65; culls, \$5.

Hogs — Receipts, 2856; nominally

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Chicago Live Stock.

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Hogs—Receipts, about 7000; market mostly 10c higher; light, \$6.15 to \$6.57 1-2; mixed, \$5.70 to \$6.95; heavy, \$5.40 to \$6.32 1-2; rough, \$5.40 to \$6.55; pigs, \$5.75 to \$6.32; bulk of sales, \$5.50 to \$6.20; sales of \$6.20; market steady; market, \$3.25 to \$5.90; western, \$3.25 to \$6.90; yearlings, \$5.50 to \$6.30; lambs, \$4.75 to \$7.45; western, \$4.75 to \$7.50.

Fight With an Otter.

Mr. Tom Barker recently had an exciting struggle with an otter on the river Eden, at Kirkby Stephen, Westmoreland.

Otters had infested the river at Kirkby Stephen for some days past, unsuccessful attempts being made to unearth them by means of dogs. Mr. Barker set a rathrap on the brink of the river, and secured it to a tree by a chain.

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On going to the place in a boat next morning he found a fine dog otter fast by two claws in a trap. The otter snapped viciously at him, and caught hold of the gunwale of the boat in the attempt to reach him.

Mr. Barker then loosed the chain from the tree, and the otter, thus partly liberated, actually pulled the boat from one side of the stream to the other in its frantic attempt to escape. Hauling the otter to the surface of the water, Mr. Barker endeavored to despatch it with his stick, but the otter seized and almost hit the stick through, and gnawed the edge of the boat, trying to reach its epponent.

The man then drove the animal beneath the surface, and, tastening the chain to the boat, pulled up and down the river until the otter was drowned. It was found to measure to try-six inches from enout to tip of the tail, and weigh 18 pounds.

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An Irishman while taking a barge up the Shannon was gaked what goods he had on board and answered, "Timber "What kind of timber and what sort

"Well, an' if ye must know, the tim

well, an Ir ye must know, the timber is just birch brooms, and the fruit, well, it's pretaties."

An Irishman averred that the habit of Irish landlords of living outside of Ireland was the great grievance Ireland had to complain of "Oh, yes," answered an Englishman, "that's the old stalking horse! I don't

elieve in your absentees." "Not belave in 'en! Come to Dublin with me and I'll show ye 'em by the hundred. Why, the country just swarms with 'em."

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Ravenous Rats. estimated that the rat does \$50,000,000 worth of damage a year in England. In a slaughterhouse near Paris rats in a single night picked to Paris rats in a single night picked to the bone the carcasses of thirty-five horses. There is very little that they will not eat; eggs, young birds and animals are among the dainties which they snap up in the ordinary course of business. But when pressed by hunger they will eat anything through which they can drive their terrible teeth. Rat will eat rat. The idea that a trapped rat will bite off an imoristeeth. Rat will eat rat. The new materials a trapped rat will bite off an imprisoned leg and so escape is now said to be wrong; it is the other rats which do the biting. They eat the captive.

One's duty may have to be per-formed at one time with the hand and at another time with the foot, but the heart should always be in at.

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LAURIER MAKES REPLY STRATHGONA AT HOME

Cannot Lightly Terminate Treaty With Japanese.

Has Had Beneficial Influence on Trade - Vancouver Troubles Not Entirely Due to Japs-Labor Delegates at Congress Angry-Declare They Will Even Up at Elections-Resent Non-Committal Answer.

Ottawa, Sept. 23.—The following

Resent Non-Committal Answer.

Ottawa, Sept. 23.—The following telegram was sent to Winnipeg on Saturday by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to Alphonse Verrille, M. P., president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Council, in reply to a resolution forwarded to the Government asking that steps be taken at once to terminate the treaty with Japan.

"I have given due consideration to your request, that immediate step be taken to terminate the treaty with Japan. I would observe that this treaty when brought into existence, some fifteen years ago, did not apply to Canada, and that some few years ago, in response to the repeated expressions of public opinion and with a view of affording to Canadian producers an opportunity of taking their share of the growing Japanese trade, the Canadian Government became a party to this treaty, and that it was unanimously ratified by the Canadian Parliament. The treaty has proved of great advantage, as our trade with Japan under it has considerably increased. You hase your appeal for denunciation that a crisis has arisen in British Columbia by reason of the unprecedent influx of Japanese. Whilst it is true that most regretable incidents have lately occurred in Vancouver, there seems reason to doubt that the canse was the influx of Japanese, as I am in possession of a felegram from the Mayor of Vancouver, there seems reason to doubt that the canse was the influx of Japanese, as I am in possession of a felegram from the Mayor of Vancouver, there seems reason to doubt that the canse was the influx of Japanese, as I am in possession of a felegram from the such circumstances any precipitate action might be regrettable, and before committing themselves to such a course the Government think they should carefully inquire into the causes which within the recent past have caused a greater influx to our shores than previously of Oriental people. (Signed) Wilfrid Laurier."

Labor Men Speak Out.

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Winnipeg, Sept. 23.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier's reply to the Trades and Labor Congress precipitated in a red-hot debate at the closing session of the convention Saturday afternoon, in which the members rode roughshod over the Premier.

In no uncertain language they expressed their dissatisfaction at the non-committal reply and resolved, amid great enthusiasm, to give their answer to Sir Wilfrid at the polls next election.

A sensation was created at the convention when it was discovered in the course of a discussion of a resolution to have principles of trade unionism introduced into all Dominion and Provincial Parliaments, and to take steps to have open shops abolished, that P. M. Draper, paid secretary of the congress, is foreman in the Government printing offices at Ottawa, which is not an organized union shop. Secretary Draper's long explanation created an uneasy feeling in minds of sceptical ones.

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The resolution against unionists becoming members of the Canadian militia was overwhelmingly defeated, after considerable debate.

"Suppose that the treaty with Japan was abrogated and Japanese forces should attempt to enforce the entry of Japanese coolies into British Columbia, what would be the position of union men if that entry should have to be opposed by force?" asked P. M. Draper. It was too much for delegates, and hey immediately decided to vote the

WOULD ANNEX UNGAVA.

Premier Gouin Proposes to Demand This Territory fer Quebec. Montreal, Sept. 23.—Premier Gouin of this province announced at a poli-tical meeting at Longueuil yesterday

KNEBWORTH PARK ONE OF THE HIGH COMMR'S RESIDENCE.

Ancient Mediaeval Castle Built During the Tudor Period-Time Worn Banners Hang From Its Wall-Griffins Guard Its Parapets-Fountains and Statues Grace the Grounds-Haunt of Bulwer Lytton.

Britain is a country of homes and in his love of home Lord Strathcona is a typical Britisher. He has no fewer than four homes in England and Scotland, namely, his London residence in Grosvenor Square, his near London estate of Knebworth Park, Hertfordshire, his near London shooting estate at Debden, and his Scottish home at Glencoe.

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To pass from the Grosvenor Square residence to Knebworth is to pass from modernity to mediaevalism. You may be so fortunate as to make the transit in that most perfect of modern vehicles, the motor car, of the almost breathless pace with which the High Commissioner outspeeds the Great Northern train on its way North to his Hertfordshire residence. As you know, the police keep an eagle eye upon the motorist in England, and Mr. Balfour, ex-Prime Minister though he is, has been in their clutches. Lord Strathcona gets the pace without getting himself or his chanfeur into trouble; it is a little way he has. But as soon as the motor rushes you through the ancient village of Knebworth, past the venerable church, and lands you thoroughly aerated at the old doorway of the hall, you leave modernity behind you. You find old oak stairways o'erhung with the timeworn banners of stalwarts who fought it England from the days of the Norman Conquest downwards; and in the park and grounds as in the house itself you feel as though time were of no account and the old sun-dial in the gardens were the only needed reminder of the flight of days.

Knebworth itself runs far back into history The mansion in which Lord and Lady Strathcona now reside stands on ground where a fortress held by Eudo Dapifer stood in the days of the Norman Conqueror, and where when Henry VII. was King, Sir Robert Lytton, a Privy Councillor, began to build the spacious Tudor home which was completed by his descendants. That home was a quadranomicr structure, which good Queen



THE SOUTH FRONT, ENERWORTH

Bess came down to see; one of ite four wings was used in the construction of the present house and the other three were pulled down. You approach the house by way of a shrubbery such as gardeners used to know how to make a century ago, but hardly know how to make in these hurried days, and from this point you see at their best the ivy clad walls and mullioned windows of the Strathcona home, the central castellated tower of which and the cupolas, bluish to the eye, are suggestive rather of a Moorish temple than an English home. Upon the parapet stand griffins, holding halberds before them. A gardener, the embodiment of civility, may invite you to wander freely in the gardens, and you will find them beautiful and spacious.

In the Shadow of Great Men.

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Knebworth Park is still of course
the property of the Lyttons, whose
tenant Lord Strathcona now is, and
it was here that the world-famed novelist Bulwer-Lytton loved best to be.
For a picture of it all as the novelist
saw it, and as many a Canadian sees
it at a Dominion Day garden party
we cannot do better than borrow from
Bulwer-Lytton himself. He says:

"The place has something of the
character of Penshurst, and its venerable avenues, which alope from the

Montreal, Sept. 32.—Premier Gouin of this province announced at a political meeting at Longueuil yesterday afternoon that his new program included a demand for the annexation to Quebec Province of the whole immense territory—of Ungava, which would make this by far the largest province of the Dominion.

Premier Gouin pointed out that the territory of Ungava was entirely separated from all the other provinces by great inland seas, and offered no advantages to any of them except Quebec, so there could be no objection to its annexation. This province, he contended, was in a better position than the Ottawa Government to administer the district of Ungava.

The meeting was a very large one, fully six thousand people attending it, and the Ungava announcement was loudly cheered.

Kilied Hottsettst Chief,
Uptington, Cape Colony, Sept., 23—It is reported here that, Morenga, the Hottsettot chief, who caused so runch twoulse to the Germans in South Africa, was killed Sept. 15, in an engagement with a British force at Withan in the Kalahari District. It is added that his son, ungle and secretary were also slain in the same encounter.

A Substitute.

"You're rafter a young man to be left in charge of a drug store," said the fussy old gentleman, "Have you any diploma?" "Wuy-er—no, sir," replied the drug clerk, "but we have a preparation of our own that's just as good."

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THORNCLIFFE.

Mr. A. Shaw, of Chatham, was taken very ill at the home of his sister, Mrs. F. Houston, one day last

week.

Little Ines Kerby has an abcess on her leg. It has been lanced and is rapidly getting better.

Mr. George Marsh visited at the home of his uncle, Mr. H. Webster,

home of his uncle, Mr. H. Webster, on Sunday.

Russell Brown has moved in Melvin Thompson's house.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Deline were Thamesville visitors on Sunday.

Watermelon thieves did some good work in A. Brown's patch one night last week. Mr. T. Robertson had the good luck to catch the thieves in open daylight making way with some of his.

The Methodist church is undergoing repairs. Mr. J. Dines, of Dresgoing repairs.

going repairs. Mr. J. Dines, of Dres-den, is doing the work. They in-

tend having an anniversary service when it is finished.

Rev. Mr. Evans has charge of the Free Methodist appointment here for

Free Methodist appointment here for the coming year.

Mr. Knight preaches in the hall Tuesdav nights while the church is being repaired.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Walters were visitors at D. Shaw's on Sunday.

Miss Della Blackburn was the guest of Miss Ethel Hannon on Sunday.

Stanley Hannon attended the Chatham market on Saturday.

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Mrs. W. Mitchell, of Detroit, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. A. Rubel.

Mrs. H. Ellis, from the Soo, is visiting friends; in the Soo, is

MORE THAN SHE COULD DO.

visiting friends in this vicinity.

Well, said Mr. Jawback, I found a place where I bould get a great bargain in men's shoes to-day. That's more than I was ever able to do, retorted Mrs. Jawback.



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