Thomas Collins, of Biddulph Township, Has Lived in the Reigns of Six British Sovereigns, and Has Remarkable Agility.

THOMAS COLLINS.

Is Systematic.

reads The Advertiser every day.

by Senator Cloran-Not

has transferred his allegiance from

the Liberal to the Government ranks?

His name is Sir Lyman Melvin Jones,

president of the Massey-Harris Com-

pany. Is it because the rebates of his

company, of \$100,000 last year, are not

enough, and he is trying to get more?"

Buffalo, April 3 .- Thefts of parcel

post packages valued at \$5,000 were

disclosed after the arrest of three men

here tonight, and a large mail order

manswered:

[Special to The Advertiser.] Clandeboye, April 3.—Ninety-nine and a half years old and starting to

take music lessons! Thomas Collins, of the first concession, Biddulph Township, who has lived in the reigns of six British sovwho has ereigns, is the remarkable individual. From fifteen minutes to half an hour each evening he "practices" on the organ, and his own testimony is that making good progress. He bought a new organ six months ago, having grown tired of a melodion, and only six weeks ago he decided to learn to play "by music" by the "New Method",—a system that had been recommended for those ambitious to self-taught-and the venerable gentleman with the soul of a Christian set about to still improve his talents and keep a cheerful heart so long as he is blessed with life and his facul-

He pumps the organ pedals with energy and follows the numbers from the music book to the numbers along the keyboard, and makes melody. He sings a great deal and attempts his own accompaniment, but his course has thus far been too short to effect a satisfactory result in this regard. Hundred Years in November.

On Nov. 12, if he is spared, Mr. Collins will be 100 years old. He is wonderfully smart. His mind is clear and his memory almost a marvel. Nor is he bereft of agility and vigor.

Last fall his eldest son, David, who lives on the homestead and who is 70 years old, was startled one day to see his very aged parent half way up the steel windmill tower and still mount-The son shouted. "Come down he decided he must have a home of his lins, senior, only looked back and which he now lives and himself built the which wheat should be carried from smiled and kept on climbing. brick homestead and barns. He did the The old gentleman had come out to stone work, brick work and carpentry Halifax.

get a pail of fresh water. The pump work inside and out. The material he cut near the house was out of order and from his farm and turned the staircase he proceeded to the windmill pump. rail himself on a hand lathe, from selected But when he threw the windmill into cherrywood cut on the farm. gear there was no wind. He placed the pail under the spout of the pump. He always kept a careful accounting climbed aloft—40 feet to the top—and of what he earned and spent, and can tell round and round by the blades until day.

The while is know what everything has cost me. with his hands turned the windmill almost to a cent what his assets are tohe was looking down, watching the of the trouble I've had and of how much

trimming trees and the hedge last fall until the snow began to fly. During me, too," he laughed; "yes, every one of the winter he painted and grained the house within, and tinted the walls with a paint brush.

The winter being unusually severe, he has felt a few aches and had depressed and have been a life-long Reformer," he spells which he never before experienced, nd so he has taken up music.

"The music has been a great lift to WHY HAS SIR WELVIN me," he told The Advertiser yesterday. "I was glad as soon as I found there was a means whereby I could learn, and this more than makes up the value of the Organ to me."
On account of his not being out all win-

ter to exercise his legs, the organ tires Question Asked in Upper House him, he stated, and watching the figures. on the music rack and at his fingers al-"Lately I have been feeling badly at times." he added. "I don't know that I am quite the same man that I was, but the Lord has not despised me. He seems

to keep me up. He will not throw me over. I hope to live to be a hundred. I think I had better," he laughed, "because there are so many people waiting for it."
Here the son explained: "He never had a headache or was sick in his life, and if he feels a little bad it affects him. He

fancies it is worse than it is." "Would you like to hear me sing?" volunteered the patriarch, and upon being so assured, he announced a favorite "funny love song" and sang through seven of eight lengthy stanzas of "Betsey Baker." 'I have strange thoughts sometimes about singing these songs, whether the Lord likes that kind. I have always tried

to be good and to do some good to some-

one every day I could." Came to Canada When 27. Mr. Collins then told of his migration to Canada from Kent County, Parish of THIEVES LOOT PARCEL POST Penhurst, England, when he was 27 years of age, and of the courting days which föllowed. He showed an immense Bible which he had brought with him, a complete volume but in loose leaflets then. This he bound firmly and neatly and made a hinged cover of carved walnut to incase it. All through the Book he has made notes during his numerous perusals He has entered statistics about himself

and his family. There were twelve chil-dren, ten of whom are still living. "He has read that Bible through several times, and once on his knees," said Mrs. David Collins, who regards the old gentle-

man with reverence. Mr. Collins was a carpenter by trade, ice, striking his head on a stick and followed this calling for a number of cut a gash over his right eye.



Among the many manifestations of crofula are eruptions on the face and body. These are both annoying and disfiguring. How often the complexion would be perfect if they were not pres-

Other manifestations are bunches, inflamed evelids, sore ears, wasting of the muscles, and general debility. Ask your druggist for Hood's Sarsaparilla. This great medicine completely eradicates scrofula and builds up whole system. Get it today.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC

Borden Refers Requests From Quebec Board of Trade to Legal Authorities.

[Canadian Press.]

Quebec, April 3.-Three important questions affecting the operation of the Transcontinental Railway, the establishment of a shipbuilding plant at Levis and the abolition of the Quebec Corporation of Pilots were taken up today at the meeting of the Quebec Board of

Regarding the first matter letters were ead from Premier Borden and L. P. Pelletier in answer to suggestions recently made by the board. The suggestions were as follows: 1. That the Government should not hand over any portion of the Transcontinental to the Grand Trunk Pacific Com-

pany before the whole line is completed, the object of this recommendation being to insure that traffic should not be years, but when children began to arrive diverted out of Canadian channels. 2. That a clause should be inserted in from there, you'll fall!" But Mr. Col- own. He bought the 50-acre farm on the lease fixing a maximum rate at

western points to Quebec, St. John and

Want Security to Cover Contract. 3. That the Grand Trunk Pacific should give undoubted security that lausues 42 and 45 of the contract with the Government should be faithfully carried out. Clause 42 provides that the export traffic of this railway, when not specifically routed otherwise by the shipper, shall be carried to Canadian ocean ports, and that the through rate on pail, from his dizzy height.

He worked outside on "the place," have had good crops; the Lord was good. at no time be greater via Canadian ports "I know how much my children cost than via United States ports. Clause 45 obliges the company to provide at Canadian ocean ports vessels sufficient in He writes in a plain, steady hand, and tonnage and in number of sailings to take care of and transport "all its traf-"I have taken some interest in politics both inward and outward, so that no diversion of traffic from Canadian ports can be made on the plea that ocean tonnage is insufficient at Canadian

Looking Up Legal Right.

Mr. Borden in reply says that the suggestions have been referred to the department of railways and canals and also to the department of justice for a decision as to the legal right of the Government to insert stipulations in the

During the meeting reference was made to negotiations which are being Trade and Sir Percy Girouard, director of the firm of Armstrong & Whitworth, Ottawa, April 3 .- The Senate today relative to the establishment of a branch passed the interim supply bill from of that firm across the river in connecthe Commons and arranged for a joint hearing of evidence on the consolidat-

ed railway bill with the Commons. The commence work this spring.
Upper House then adjourned over A memorial was sent to A memorial was sent to the Government urging it to concentrate its ship-Before the orders of the day were building energies at Levis on the ground called Senator Cloran asked the fol- that a large staff of shipwrights and owing question, which, however, was steel workers should always be available for the repair of large vessels for "Has the Government any intimation which the dock is intended. that a stalwart Liberal of this House

ARRANGES FOR FUNERAL THEN SHOOTS HERSELF

Toronto Woman Was Despondent Since Death of Her Husband.

house, which was the principal loser, [Canadian Press.]

claims their loss during the last twelve months will reach \$15,000. Toronto, April 3 .- Mrs. Margaret Durrell. 52 St. George street. Toronto, shot LOCKJAW FOLLOWS A FALL herself through the heart in her home Kingston, April 3 .- Gerald Howes, the this evening. Her dead body was found -year-old son of G. B. Howes, Paron her bed by a sister-in-law, Mrs. ham, died in the General Hospital today Wainwright, 264 St. Patrick street. The of lockjaw. Ten days ago he fell on the deceased was 53 years of age. Her husice, striking his head on a stick, which band died last month and she had been

melancholy ever since.

A peculiar feature of the suicide was tentative arrangement made by Mrs. Durrell with the undertaker who had buried her husband, and also with the emetery officials, as she wished to be laid beside Mr. Durrell. In arranging for her burial, she did not intimate that she contemplated ending her life. It is understood that her wishes will

GODERICH REFUSES TO PAY EXPENSES

Asks Government to Provide Water and Light For Camps. [Special to The Advertiser.]

Goderich, April 3.—At a special meeting of the council tonight a letter was read from Col. Hodgins, D.O. C., Lendon, asking that the expenses of water and light for the military camp be borne by Goderich. The council passed a resolution flatly refusing to pay the costs on the ground that it was the Govern-

nent's duty to pay its own way. The expense, which amounts to \$1,-00, has been borne for two years by Goderich council, and this year it is claimed the town is not in a position

The Government will be requested to pay the amount, and if it will not Goderich will likely lose the camp.

GREEKS ATTACK ALBANIANS

Town Reported in Flames and Many Persons Killed.

Vienna, April 3 .- A report was received here today from Avlona, Albania, that Greek irregular forces were fiercely attacking Koritsa and other towns on the Argyro-Castro and Koritsa, line. Koritsa was reported to be in flames, and many persons were said to have been killed.

A later dispatch received here reports that the Albanians were reinforced and repulsed the attack of the Greeks on Koritsa.



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