# CHILD LABOR WAS DISCUSSED

Bill to Amend Shops and Factories Acts Before House.

T. H. Preston Criticizes Government For Marking Time.

#### Ontario Lags Behind in Dealing With Important Problems.

Toronto, Feb. 29 .- The amendments to the shops and factories acts were discussed somewhat briefly by the Legislature yesterday afternoon. Mr. T. H. Preston, the member for Brant, was the chief critic of the Government, and as member of the Child Labor Committee expressed regret that the Government had not seen fit to adopt more of the mittee's recommendations. He point ed out that Ontario in this most the States of the Union, but also many European countries. Particularly he regretted that action had not been taken with regard to the engaging of children in dangerous employment. The Minister of Agriculture remarked that the matter was one which could be dealt with by order-in-Council, but Pre-mier Whitney agreed that the subject was one which should be handled by

was one which should be handled by the House. Three bills were advanced a stage as a result of the afternoon's work. The following bills were introduced: Respecting the township of Crowland, Mr. Fisher (North Brant); an act to amend the public libraries act, Mr. Reed (South Wentworth.)

Before the orders of the day the Provincial Treasurer said that he expected the public accounts to be brought down on Monday, but the printers had informed him that the estimates would not be ready before Thursday at the earliest.

earliest.

Hon. Nelson Monteith, in moving the second reading of the bill to amend the shop act, explained that the chief change was to increase the minimum age of children engaged in shops to twelve years.

Mr. T. H. Preston said that the Government hed last session here good

ernment had last session been good enough to deal with this question and that involved in the amendment of the factories act in a broad manner. He hoped that the Government would deal factories act in a broad manner. He hoped that the Government would deal with the proposed amendment of the law in the same broad manner. Two stages were involved in the question: the first to prove that child labor existed, and, second, that it was an evilwhich caused regret. He thought that the House would admit that the existence of child labor had been proved by the reports of the Department of Education, showing that the attendance at the public schools of the Province was only 52 per cent. of the numbers on the roll, while the reports of the inspectors of factories from year to year had commented on the existence of a very great deal of illiteracy and child labor in the shons and factories of the Province. With the large increase of the foreign population which was taking place in the Province it was desirable that the law as to child labor should be made firm and tight.

Mr. Preston urged that it was desirable that the law as to child labor should be made firm and tight. e made firm and tight. Mr. Preston urged that it was desir-

able that the powers of inspection of private houses where members of the family were employed in manufacture should be given. Often these private manufactories were the worst kind of sweat shops. There was no evidence that such conditions exist in Ontario, but at the same time they had not the power to examine into the conditions. The speaker quoted from the Berlin conference, showing what action had been taken in Europe in regard to this matter, and said the Ontario act was not so far advanced as any of the States to the south of the line. The Minister of Agriculture had proposed a limit of a ten-hour day and sixty hours a week, but even that proposal was a long was behind what was being done clsewhere. He had to give credit to the Minister for the manner in which had presided over the committee, and could only regret that he had not seen fit to go farther along the lines of the committee's recommendations. committee's recommendations. The committee had urged the raising of the age limit to fourteen years, and that the truancy law should be made more effective. If the Government had any inten-tion of amending the truancy law no intimation had yet been given by the

Minister of Education.
Continuing. Mr. Preston suggested that there should be some uniformity in the laws of the different Provinces. in the laws of the different Provinces. He maintained that in the shops act the age limit should be fourteen years. Twelve years was too tender an age to pass any child into an industrial field. There was another lack of uniformity. The shops act as proposed placed the age limit at twelve years, yet the truancy law said that children should be kept at school until fourteen years of age.

uniform, that is all. It would seem absurd to say that the child should be at school up to fourteen years of age and

pleasure at the Premier's stand. He thought that with the improved sanitary conditions in the factories the children were perhaps better in factories than in shops. He hoped that the Gov-ernment would take some advanced teps before the legislation was finally

passed.

Mr. Studholme did not think that the

bill contained a crumb of advancement.

Mr. Monteith, in answer to a question by Mr. Studholme, said that he would amend the bill making 10 p. m. the lattest hour up to which children might be employed.

The bill was read a second time.

Mr. Monteith moved the second reading of the bill to amend the factories act, and said that it was intended to make the conditions under which children between the ages of fourteen and sixteen were employed the same as the seapplicable to women. The minimum age of children working in canning factories was raised from twelve to fourteen for indoor work and to twelve for outdoor work. tipse applicable to women. The minimum age of children working in canning factories was raised from twelve to fourteen for indoor work and to twelve for outdoor work.

Mr. Preston again made a plea for uniformity.

The Hon A C. Mark.

be prepared for the change, a clause should be inserted that the minimum age would be increased from twelve to fourteen in two years' time.

Premier Whitney said that in the borders of Ontario there could not be found similar conditions to those which existed in the crowded cities of Europe and the United States. He thought that the average newspaper boy might be let alone and he would get along in the world. He commented in this connection on the fact that so many prominent citizens of Canada and the United States had risen from similarly humble conditions. He considered that the question of children being engaged in dangerous employments should be dealt with by legislation passed by the House, and not by Order-in-Council.

The bill was read a second time, as was the bill to amend the horticultural societies act.

societies act.

Mr. A. Hislop, M. P. P. for South
Huron, will move an amendment to the
election act to prohibit political canvassing and compel the holding of public meetings for the discussion of public questions.

lic questions.

Mr. W. K. McNaught, M. P. P., desires that joint stock companies should be given the same right to vote on money by laws as other property-own-

## **HEARTLESS HUSBAND**

WAS SENT FOR A DOCTOR BUT GOT DRUNK INSTEAD.

Twins Born Without Medical Assist ance and Man's Wife Died-Warrant for Arrest-A Sad Case.

Peterboro, Feb. 28.-Mrs. R. Lindsay died under peculiar circumstances at her home near Tweed this week. It appears that Lindsay was sent for a doctor on Saturday morning, as Mrs, Lindsay wa Saturday morning, as Mrs. Lindsay was in a very critical condition, but he decided that he would combine business with his trip, and drove a cow to Bridgewater to sell. He succeeded in selling the cow, but got drunk and went to Tweed and continued his spree without notifying a doctor of his wife's illness.

On Monday Mrs. Lindsay, who was left ran to the nearest neighbors, over a half mile away, and before help arrived the

Coroner Dr. Farrel was summoned on Tuesday and he thought the circumstances surrounding the case warranted an inquest. The jury was summoned for Wednesday and adjourned for a week in

### ODE TO HAMILTON.

#### Poem of Seventy Pages Dedicatep to This City in the Long Ago.

(Toronto Saturday Night.) Among other claims to distinction

Hamilton can boast of being the title poetry published in Upper Canada. The author was W. A. Stephens, who died that the powers of inspection of lector of customs. His first edition was te houses where members of the published in 1840, and covered one hun-

caustic criticism, and it is obvious that the poet would have no sympathy with the modern philosophic tenet: "The majority is always wrong." His first volume met with a better fate than most of the small tomes of verse which our poets have published since, for th first edition was exhausted in a ver

It is interesting to note the list of capers to which he was a contributor. It is interesting to note the list of papers to which he was a contributor, since all have passed out of existence. They include the Niagara Gleaner, the Palladium, the Examiner and the Leader, of Toronto; the Casket and the Garland, of Hamilton; the Review, of Streetsville; and the Lever, of Owen Sound.

The poem on Hamilton is seventy pages long, and, characteristically enough, begins with the creation of "the ountain," with allusions to the crea on of Adam and Paradise lost and re ained. The second book tells of the de age and of the ark. The third section jumps to the invention of the steamboa describing one as seen from the moun tain, and winds up, as the argumen puts it, when the author "descended describing one as seen from the mountain, and winds up, as the argument puts it, when the author "descended half-way down the mountain of Hamilton, and saw the town to more advantage." The fourth, and concluding section describes the jail and court house with a discourse on the jury system, the market, the churches, Dundurn, with a criticism on Sir Allan MacNab, and "other buildings too numerous to mention." Nearby townships also receive some attention toward the close of the poem. Stephens was obviously a good man, spoiled by reading Milton, who has stirred more bad poets to emulation than any man who ever wrote. But he was not a sprite or inglorious Milton, for there is evidence that the presence in their midst of a man who could rhyme was highly esteemed by the early Canadians.

# SOLOISTS AND CHOIR OF ST. JOHN CHURCH.

An Efficient Singing Organization Under the Leadership of Mr. Bert Webster.



BERT WEBSTER.

Among the singing organizations of alone with a young son, gave birth to St. John Prebyterian Church holds a twins and was without aid until the boy proud position. This choir has always eccupied a worthy place in the musical circles of the city, and to-day it stands as one of the most enthusiastic bodies to be found in this music-loving city. It is under the direction of Mr. Bert Webster, who is choirmaster and organefficiency under his careful guidance.

Matthew's Church before the present reet. Shortly after entering the new nurch, Mr. Webster began taking les-



sons on the organ from L. I. Smith, who was then curate of the parish. On leaving that church Mr. Webster continued his studies with Miss Ambrose, of Christ's Church Cathedral. At the age of 13 he was appointed organist at St. Matthew's, and held that position for-seven years. He left there to go to the Church of the Ascension, as assistant organist to Mr. C. J. Dixon. Later he was appointed organist and choirmaster of St. John the Evangelist in November, 1899. He resigned in 1902, and accepted the position of organist at All Saints', where he remained until 1905. In the same year he was appointed organist and choirmaster of St. John Presbyterian Church, where he is at the present. Mr. Webster was a member of the 13th Regiment Band, playing the French horn. He was also connected with the Harris Orchestral Club, and the Hamilton Symphony Orchestra, for ten years. Mr. Webster is an enther. with the Harris Orgenestral Club, and the Hamilton Symphony Orchestra, for ten years. Mr. Webster is an enthus-iastic worker, and always has the in-terests of the choir at heart. He has worked hard to bring St. John choir up to its present state, and is to be con-gratulated on the success that has at-tended him. nded him. Miss Bessie Vallance, the soprano so

Miss Bessie Vallance, the soprano soloist, is one of the sweetest singers in the city to-day. Her voice is of excellent range, and combined with that is a beautiful quality and a wealth of expression that charms her hearers. She has a charming presence, and her articulation is splendid. Miss Vallance has been connected with the choirs of Gore Street Methodist, MacNab Street Presbyterian, First Methodist and St. John Presbyterian. He is also an earnest worker in the bass section of Elgar Choir. The personnel of the choir is as follows: Sopranos—Miss B. Vallance, Miss J. Spadling, Miss E. Gray, Miss B. Henderson, Miss Vallance has studied with Mrs. Bruce Wiekstrom, W. Francis Firth, R. Thomas Steele and Miss Ethel Shepherd, of Toronto. Miss Vallance was connected with the choir of St. Paul's Church for seven years, but not as soloist.

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ing contralto has plenty of work to do, which she does with success. She is a favorite with the congregation, y

Mr. Alfred C. Weight, the tenor solo-t, received his musical education in ist, received his musical education in England, studying with R. R. Pritchard, late organist of Gloucester Cathedral, for the piano, and also under A. J. Piper for singing. Mr. Weight made his first appearance as a professional at the famous Steinway Hall concerts in London. His forte is ballad singing. These words were said of him by William Barron, an English composer of note: "I myself was surprised at such a volume of tone, and powers combined with delicacy, and I further consider Mr. Weight has a future before him as an artist. Mr. Weight has the happy faculty of giving his saudiences suitable selections." His voice is of a high bartione quality.

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Mr. George H. Richmond is one of the mainstays of the choir, besides being one of its best liked members. He is the bass soloist, and as such has a strong hold on the congregation of St. John. He has a splendid range, and his actionly first the selection of the congregation of the congregation of St. strong hold on the congregation of St. John. He has a splendid range, and his articulation is a delight to his hearers. He sings with a great deal of expression. He is a pupil of Mr. Frederick, of Toronto, and has also studied under Mr. George Clark and the late Mrs. Papps. Mr. Richmond has been connected with George Clark and the kete Mrs. Papps. Mr. Richmond has been connected with the choirs of Victoria Avenue Baptist, James Street Baptist, All Saints' and





# **MOCK MARRIAGES** WERE LEGAL.

THIRTY GIRLS UNWITTINGLY WED-DED AT AFFINITY BALL

Notary Performed Ceremony and Lawyers Say It Will Stand-Some of the Girls Married Several Times One Woman Secured Fourteen Husbands

New York, Feb. 28.-About thirty joke" marriages conducted by Notary Philip Perry at the "Affinity" ball held at Stauch's Pavilion, Coney Island Wednesday night, have been taken out of the "joke" class. Two lawvers Wednesday night, have been taken out of the "joke" class. Two lawyers have given their opinions that the marriages are legal, although the notary is liable to a heavy penalty for marrying couples without licenses.

Consequently about thirty girls who participated as brides in the weddings are worried half to death. Many encount of the spirit of the thing were

times of more transported they don't know whom they legally belong to.

One of the most disturbed is Mrs. Josephine McSweeney, who is the wife of a tenement house inspector, and the mother of two children. She was the champion "marrier" at the ball, being wedded and divorced fourteen times.

"I am fearfully worried," she said yesetrday. "I have destroyed all the certificates I had both marriage and divorce. I have heard a lot of people say that the marriages were legal. My lausband keeps telling me that I have committed bigamy, and I don't know what to do."

ever, and he left without his "bride." JUDICIAL OUTRAGE. Emperor's Closest Friends Voted

David Ehrman, a butcher in First street, was also married to Miss Burke. He also considers the marriage legal.
Judge Voorhees, of the Coney Island. Court, when asked for his opinion yesterday, said:
"I am afraid the marriages are legal in a way. Of course, there is a penalty for marrying couples without a license, but the marriages were conducted by a notary, and I don't see any way out of it. The penalty, I think, is a \$500 fine for each offence,"
Should Mr. Perry be called upon to pay \$500 for every couple he marriage.

ay \$500 for every couple he married e will have to work hard at the notary business to earn his fine, as scores marriages were conducted.

## THREW BOMB.

### Attempt to Assassinate President Alcorta at Buenos Ayres.

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 28.-A dynamite comb was thrown to-day against a earriage in which President Alcorta was driving, but failed to explode. Four driving, but failed to explode. Four persons were arrested, charged with complicity in the plot. Recently there has been political unrest in Argentina owing to the issuance on Jan. 26 of an executive decree closing the extraordinary sessions of Congress, and putting into effect for the current financial year the budget of 1907.

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This extreme measure was made necessary by the obstructive tactics of a majority in the Senate whihe made impossible the passing of the Budget or other legislation, leaving the Government powerless to meet ordinary expenses. President Alcorta announced at the time that the Government was necessity. say that the marriages were legal. My husband keeps telling me that I have committed bigamy, and I don't know what to do."

Agnes Burke, of Harway evenue, and her cousin and former chum, Gertrude Keeley, both of whom were married to Henry Kowski. of West Eight street, Coney Island, are at swords' points and have not spoken to each other since Wednesday night.

Yesterday Kowski went to Miss Burke's home and said that he considered that he was legally married to her. The family could not see it, how-



TRIAL OF DINIZULU SO DESCRIBED BY COUNSEL.

Mr. E. G. Jellico Claims That Natal Government is Seeking the Zulu King's Ruin— His Witnesses Imprisoned-Natives Shot by Martial

Pietermaritzburg, Feb. 28.-Mr. E. G Jellicoe, Dinizulu's English counsel, has suddenly thrown up his case and left the city. The excitement caused by his departure is increased by the publica

departure is increased by the publication of a letter from Mr. Jellicoe to the Governor, Sir M. Nathan, containing extraordinary and sensational charges. Mr. Jellicoe alleges that the Government is making a political affair of Dinizulu's trial, that witnesses were forced under martial law to make stetements against Dinizulu, and were refused an opportunity of withdrawing them, and that the proceedings were purposely arranged with the object of effecting Dinizulu's ruin. Mr. Jellicoe declares that he possesses evidence that unresisting natives were shot unthat unresisting natives were shot un der martial law, that hundreds of Dini zulu's witnesses were arrested and thrown into prison, and their where ties were refused Dinizulu for seein

his legal advisers.

He describes the proceedings as a "judicial outrage," and a "disgrace to a British colony," and decalred that the a British colony," and decalred that the Natal press is a "paladium of licen-tiousness," and the whole colony is ex-ploiting the natives for the further-ance of barefaced schemes of political adventurers. In an interview, Mr. Jel-licoe has declared that he will fight tooth and nail to get the Imperial Government to refuse to sanction the act of indemnity for trial of natives act of indemnity for trial of nativ

### \$10 New York and Return

Suspension Bridge, via Lehigh y R. R., Thursday, March 12th. ts good 15 days. Particulars 54 street east, Toronto, Ontario.

# THE CANADA LIFE.

#### Sixty-First Annual Statement of Popular Company.

largest and oldest life company is the following statement from the Presi sewers Committee Will Require \$7,000 For Year \$1,000 For Year dent's address: "The one consideration

The assets of the company were also It is pointed out that the intrinsic values of securities owned by the company are materially greater than the values shown, but as the company is under no necessity to sell them at untraver on enjoy the increase in value to which their worth entitles them. In the meantime their interest-earning power is in no way affected, and the company having during the past year purchased securities bearing a higher rate of interest than those formerly held, the return yield by investments shows an improvement.

signed by twenty-five prominent Hampilton contractors and builders, urging that its tender be accepted. The bulk tender of the local competitor. The Dominion Company bid lowest on large sewer pipe and taking this into consideration Mr. Hill claimed his tender was \$26 lower than the Hamilton company.

Henry New declared that the local company in the last twenty years or

provement.

Perhaps the most striking statement of the report is that since its inception the company has paid or credited policyholders and their representatives with to it. Such a record is claimed to be unique in the history of life assurance in this country, and it is certainly substantial evidence of a long period of successful management long period of successful management long period of Mr. Hill ested that a polition with

marriage to Princess Elanoir Caroline Gasparine Louise, Princesa of Reuss. At the conclusion of the religious and civil ceremonies, which followed, the wedding party left for Gera, the seat of the younger branch of the Reuss family. Prince Ferdinand proceeded to the Catholic church, where the religious cere-mony was held, some time in advance of the bridal party, and remained alone in

mony was held, some time in account the bridal party, and remained alone in silent prayer until the princess and her She was accompanied by escort entered. She was accompanied by Prince Henry XXIV. of Reuss-Kostriz, and other relatives. After the exchange of rings, mass was celebrated, and then

## POLISH BILL.

# Against Appropriation.

Berlin, Feb. 28.-Few legislative meas res of recent years have excited such deep interest among the people as the Polish expropriation bill, the principle of which was ratified in the Prussian House of Lords yesterday. Nor has any measure produced such sharp antagon-ism in the highest circles of German soy. A number of persons having the est relations with Emperor William oted against the Government. These included Duke Ernest Gunther Schles metuded Duke Ernest Gunther Schles-wig-Holstein, the Emperor's brother-in-law, and Prince Zu Furstenburg, who holds one of the highest positions in the Emperor's household.

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The measure now returns to the imber, which is expected to accept slight changes made by the House of ds without encountering serious different states.

# CARKINS TRAGEDY.

### Paul Roy's Family Think He Can Clear Himself.

Paris, Feb. 28.-The French authorities are still without official notification of the Newington, N. H., tragedy, in which Paul Roy, a Frenchman now here.

which Paul Roy, a Frenchman now here, is charged by his American wife, Glacia Calla, with the murder of her brother, on Jan. 2.

No new features of the case were unearthed to-day. The family of Paul Roy appear confident that he will be able to prove that he shot George A. Carkins, his wife's brother, in self defence, in case the matter comes to trial.

According to those who knew Glacia Calla when she was in Paris, she did not have entrance to exclusive society.

Calla when she was in Paris, she did not have entrance to exclusive society. Although she was not considered rich, she lived in a handsome apartment and was chaperoned by the so-called Baroness Von Olendorff, whom she called aunt. She had many admirers, among whom was Paul Roy, and toward the end of her stay he was recognized as her favorite suitor.

# **CONTRACT TO** HAMILTON MEN

NO 48.

The keynote of the report of this the But Its Bulk Tender Was Lowest by \$224.

Sewer Pipe Company, represented by The assets of the company were also increased during the year by \$1,714. Sackville Hill, did not have a depu-866.86 and now amounts to \$33,995,411.25. pointed out that the intrinsic signed by twenty-five prominent Ham-

der for 18-inch pipe was 51 cents, as compared with 63 cents quoted by the stantial evidence of a long period of successful management.

The income of the company was in 1907 \$5,059,794.54, an increase over 1906 of \$140,363.94. At the same time the expense and lapse ratios were reduced.

The President's address makes reference to the recent excitement and unrest in connection with the proposed new insurance legislation, but that has in great part subsided, and doubtless in the year just entered the business of this great company will show still further gains over those of the year just closed.

ROYAL WEDDING.

Prince Ferdinard of Bulgaria Weds Princess Elanoir.

Coburg, Germany, Feb. 28.—Prince Ferdinard of Bulgaria was to-day united in marriage to Princess Elanoir Caroline Gasparine Louise, Princes of Reuss. At On motion of Ald. Peregrine, sectored in the stanting of the proposed of the prince of the larger pipe would be used. The city last year used only 800 feet, to about 20,000 feet of 12-inch, on which his tender was lowest. In defence of his action in buying brick in Toronto he declared he had only done this after permitting the work to stand for two weeks and then being unable to secure brick here.

On motion of Ald. Peregrine, sec-

then being unable to secure brick here.
On motion of Ald. Peregrine, seconded by Ald. McLaren, the Hamilton company was awarded the contract.
Mr. Hill said that Hamilton was probably the only city in Canada that supplied the pipe for the contractors.
The committee's appropriation, with \$4.200 cut off the sewers department proper, since the committee recommended the estimates to the council was discussed. The aldermen agreed that there were some things badly needed, but which they would have to go without this year.
The estimates as revised follow:
Sewers—
Gen. sewers repairs .....\$1,000

Harde, better known as Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, is a member of the house of Save-Coburg-Et-Gotha. He was born in 1861 and in 1887 was elected Prince of Bulgaria. In April, 1893, he was married to Marie Louise, Princess de Bourbon-Parme, who died in 1899. The prince has two sons and two daughters.

Princess Elanoir is a daughter of Prince Henry IV. of Reuss-Kostriz. She was born near Zullichau, Prussia, in 1860, She is a member of the younger branch of the Reuss family.

Sewers—

Gen. sewers repairs \$1,000

Manholes, gullies and ventilations and train \$1,000

Sewers over 12 inches in diameter of Prince Henry IV. of Reuss-Kostriz. She was born near Zullichau, Prussia, in 1860, She is a member of the younger branch of the Reuss family.

# Sewage Disposal— erguson Avenue Disposal Ferguson Avenue Disposal Works ......\$12,000 Wentworth Street Disposal Works ...... 7,000

A sub-committee will look into the matter of buying a new trenching machine, which would cost about \$3,000. Secretary Brennan reported that Superintendant Fisher, of the T. H. & B., had changed his mind about accepting \$20 from the city on behalf of the company and repairing the sewers under the James and Hunter street crossing. The matter was placed in the hands of the engineer and city solicitor to report on.

# SUFFRAGETTES SCORE Women's Enfranchisement Bill Passes

London, Feb. 28.—The Women's En-franchisement Bill passed its first read-ng in the House of Commons this after-noon by a vote of 271 to 92, and as soon the waiting crowds of women suffragists who had assembled there broke out in round after round of cheers.

The measure is identical with the bill defeated March, 1907. Herbert Glad-

stone, the Home Secretary, declared that personally he favored the principles of the bill, but he thought that public opinon would have to be moved before any

effect could be given to it.

The opponents to the bill made no objection to the vote of the house being objection. objection to the vote of the house being taken, and as its promoters consented to its reference to a committee of the whole house, the bill is effectually shelved for the present session. Great crowds of women awaited the result near the House of Commons and

result near the House of Commons and strong detachments of police had been brought up to guard against possible disturbance, but beyond cheering there was little demonstration.

# Heiress to Five Millions

St. John, B. B., Feb. 28.—Mrs. Heze-kiah Lindsay, wife of a Canadian Pacific clerk, has become heiress to fully five million dollars, being half of the fortune left by Thomas Wallis, sheep-raiser, of Melbourne, Australia. Mrs. Lindsay's mother, Mrs. Noble, was a sister of the late millionaire, who lived here until 20 years of age Anather.

lived here until 20 years of age. Another beneficiary is Mrs. Mary Hilten, of Lowell, Mass., and Miss E. Collins, of St. John, may also receive a share