

owe their lives. Fire chief McDougal performed many acts of heroism in the performance of his duty. While fight-ing the fire on the main street he heard the wail of a small child in a burning building. Flames were bursting out o every portion of the house, but placing his coat over his head he dashed into the premises and returned with a child in his arms, just as the roof fell in. Every day brings to light some such acts of self-sacrifice and heroism which are the bright spots that may lighten the awful tragedies of the darkest day

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### WHAT IT COST

Thaw's Indebtedness Over Trial Will Total Over \$700,000

POUGHKEEPSIE, Aug. 8 .- Harry K Thaw made the following statement this morning in further explanation of the schedules appearing in his petition in bankruptcy filled in Pittsburg yesterday: "The item at the foot of the column giving amounts paid lawyers and alien ists for expenses, marked cash in bank, is money in the bank that I have not turned over to the receiver in bankptcy for the equal benefit of all concerned.

The sum of \$438,500 is represented as having been paid out by Thaw in connection with his trials, but this am ount in cludes \$191,500 borrowed on a note from his mother, Mrs. Wm. Thaw, which amount appears in the schedule of the liabilities. The sums he has paid and the claims, many of which Thaw says are exaggerated, will total over \$700,000 The order of reference in the Thaw whees bankruptcy case of Harry K. Thaw, send ing to W. R. Blair, referee in bankruptcy owns for further proceedings, was made by sola-w. T. Lindsay, clerk of the United States their district court today. Referee Blair is had now absent from the city but will re-pare fur on Monday. There was considerturn on Monday. There was consider able speculation here today as to how Thaw would be able to visit the city. According to a provision in the bank ruptcy laws Thaw will be required to at-tend the meeting of his creditors before the referee in this district, as a bankrupt. The petition for his discharge from bankruptcy must be made within a year unless additional time be granted O'Mara, the Pittsburg ective who last night was appointed receiver for Thaw, will hold a conference some time today with Stone & Stone, local counsel for Thaw.

> NEW YORK, Aug. 8-"There is no intention on the part of Thaw to de-fraud any of his creditors," said A. Russell Peabody today. Mr. Peabody is still personal counsel for Thaw and with Clifford Whartridge is named as one of the claimants in the case. Peabody add-ed: "Every one will be paid what is coming to them. Some of the claims Thaw thinks are a bit exorbitant, or the claimants have placed exaggerated value or their services. When these claims have been pared down to proper proportions Thaw means to pay them. I have no doubt that Thaw's going into bankruptcy was a surprise to some of those who renained unpaid, but it appears to have been the only proper thing to do under the circumstances.

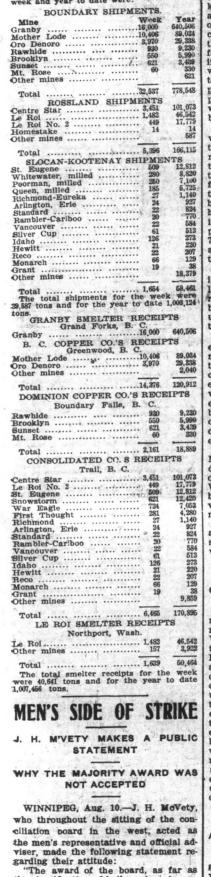
### KILLED HIS FATHER

Confession Made by a Parricide of Ohio

Ohio BATAVIA, Ohio, Aug. 14.-George Vall, Jr., twenty years old, charged with the murder of his father, George Vall Sr., 61 years old, who disappeared suddenly on June 10, 1907, last night confessed to hav-ing committed the crime. To the authori-ties here he said that he had guarrelled with the elder Vail previously to killing him and had shot him only after he him-self had bee nthreatened. According to the confession, young Vall, after killing his father, took the body to a hollow near his home and buried it. The finding of the bones ied to the arrest and the confession last night.

**COKE SUPPLY** 

The shipments for the past week have been slightly under the amount shipped weekly recently, although they are in ex-cess of the average for the year. This has been due to the fear of a possible shortage in coke and also to changes still going on at the Granby smelter. How-ever, the trouble is already over and during this week, it is authoritatively stated ship-ments of coke will have their normal pro-portions. ments of code will have that portions. It may be noted that the Hewitt mine is now shipping concentrates and the Nug-set is getting ready to mill at the earliest available opportunity and for this purpose is building a mill and putting up a short tranway. Generally speaking, there is a stronger feeling among mining people, es-pectally as the metals have recently shown a tendency to rise. The shipments from the various mines and receipts at the smelters for the past week and year to date were: DUINDARY SHIPMENTS.



the classification of bollermakers is con-cerned, appears to have been made with an entire disregard of the evidence produced by the men, and in face of the fact that there are no precedents for such action in the United States, England or Scotland, except in one or two places across the line, where the boil-ermakers went on strike and lost. The evidence showed plainly and conclusive that it is not the practice to classify the boilermakers in any country, and in the face of this evidence the board ruled that they should be classified. The award, as far as the boilermakers is concerned, grants far greater concessions than the company originally asked for, and, instead of affect ing 5 per cent of the men, as stated by witnesses of the company before the board, the finding means that 70 per cent of the men will be affected. In addition, it means substantially a re-

duction in wages of 8 3-4 per cent, which is more than was asked for by the company for the men in this-ter ritory. So much for the first point in dispute. "The question of the change in the apprentice ratio comes next. Now, on the other side, the employers them-&elves-the Metal Traders' association -fixed the ratio of apprentices as one to five as long ago as 1898, and since then have found the proportion emi-nently satisfactory. The C. P. R. con-tended for a proportion of one to three, and the board offered a compromise, one to four. But I believe that the ratio of one to five has been fully tries and amply tested, and see no reason why the board should arbitrarily make change. The company contended that

this would give an opportunity for more native born persons to learn the trade, but at the same time they were hypo-critically advertising in the Glasgow Chronicle for 2000 mechanics. What

would they use them for? Why, to co-erce the men and keep them in line . "Point No. 3 comes next. The de-clsion of the board to take away the clause in the machinists' schedule stating that drill presses, where a boring or facing tool is required, shall be op erated on such work by machinists and substituting for that 'by machinists or apprentices," contrary to all prece dent. The evidence produced before the board showed that the practice on all railways in the States is for this

work to be done by machinists only. "We still hold to our contention re parding the wrecking crew clause, but hat is not so important and does not need to be enlarged upon as much others-that is, just at present. "Point No. 5 has to do with the dis

ussion of grievances by a grievance ommittee. The board agrees that the en have proven that they are entitled to committee representation, but in ma-king that clause they have framed it king that clause they have trained the ambiguously. They say that in the case of an investigation into a wrongful dis-charge or suspension of a man, and in the event of the finding being in his favor, he shall be paid for loss of time if he be found 'blameless.' Now, that word 'blameless' is going to give rise to a het of trouble. To receive his lost word 'blameless' is going to give rise to a lot of trouble. To receive his lost pay after reinstatement, the onus of proving that he was entirely blameless will rest on the man and continues.

will rest on the man, and so there will be no end of trouble.. "The question of overlapping of hours was settled unfavorably to the conten-tions of the men. If they say that the railroad is a 'continuous performance,' then it is in just exactly the same situa tion as a mine, a ship, a telegraph of ice, etc., and there is no reason why the same method of working three eight hour tricks should not be adopted. It has been found to work eminently satisfactorily and the object of the com pany in having some men work from 7 to 5 and others from 8 to 6 is just as is well known, to do away with overtime.

"Our chief objection to the last point is that the board decided the eastern lines question entirely without evidence refused our request for a sitting of the board in Montreal and refused to us to bring up witnesses from Mon

treal. "The board has seen fit on the east ern lines question to rule against the men in every case and to condemn them unheard—a most un-British pro-ceeding. In the case of the bollermakers and machinists, they have made the western lines decision apply to the lication had eastern lines, when no appli been made by the company for such a change. The C. P. R. didn't ask for a classification of the bollermakers in the east, and yet they got it . "We requested that the board go to Montreal and sit there, to take evi-dence on eastern lines questions, but one emplication was summarily refused.

dence on eastern lines questions, but our application was summarily refused. We asked permission of the board to bring up at our own expense 15 or 20 witnesses from Montreal, but were once more refused. "The minority report of the board, as voiced by Mr. Somerville is entirely

as voiced by Mr. Somerville, is entirely satisfactory to the men, and they are willing to accept it in toto."

# CANNOT INTERFERE

Great Britain Will Not Press Venezue lan Trouble LONDON, Aug. 12-It has been defi-

itely decided that Great Britain cannot intervene in the dispute between the Venezuela salt and match monopolies, venezuela sait and match monopolles, two English corporations, owned by the Ethelburt Syndicate, Limited of London, and the Venezuelan government. The concessions owned by the sait and match companies were annulled by the Venez-uelan government early this year. At the time of the cancellation of the conthe time of the cancellation of the con-cessions, Mr. Williams, the representa-tive of the syndicate at Caracas, protesttive of the syndicate at Caracas, process-ed, declaring the government's action to be both ruinous and illegal. The matter was brought to the attention of the fo-reign secretary, sir Edward Grey, who advised that the British government could not interfere until all means to se-cure referses through the Venezuelan courts had been exhausted.

## IRRIGATION CONVENTION

Are Being Royally Entertained Vernon

VERNON, B. C., Aug. 12.-The dele-gates of the irrigation convention today were driven to inspect the White Valley Irrigation company's dam at Cold-stream, where all were intertained at lunch by Mr. Ricards. A number have left for home, including the chief com-missioner of lands and works, but the

would they use them for? Why, to co-erce the men and keep them in line . "Point No. 3 comes next. The de-

W. Whyte, second vice-president of the C.P.R., having charge of the western half of the line, came into town last night from the Boundary on his way to Fernie, the northwest and Winnipeg. To a Daily News reporter Mr. Whyte spoke freely as to his trip and the pro-gress the company was making in the west. He had extended his trip as far north as Skagway, where he thought, the traffic justified an increase in the service and had also gone to Seattle where a rate war was now in progress with some of the United States com-panies. Asked as to the continuance of the war, Mr. Whyte smiled and said that the company had not been the aggressor in the first instance and had no idea of drawing back. On the other hand there would be more boats placed upon the cost.

coast. Referring to the crops in the north-west, Mr. Whyte declared that the crop, which was now ripening fast to harvest, would be much larger than that of 1906, which was the banner year of the north-west There was a far greater screace west. There was a far greater acreage of land under wheat. On the other hand the lack of rain during the last few weeks had prevented the grain from filling out in the way in which it would do otherwise. Hence there would need to be a greater number of grains to make

be a greater number of grains to make up a bushel. As to car shortage, Mr. Whyte did not think there was any danger of that. The Canadian Pacific had now a double track nearly the whole way between Winnipeg and Fort William and the Ca-nadian. Northern had also greatly in-creased its facilities for handling the big crop, record though it would probably prove itself to be. Hence if two such rallways, under such improved conditions could not handle the grain sent east, the crop would prove to be such a bumthe crop would prove to be such a bum-per yield as to draw the attention of the world upon the northwest in a most un-mistakeable manner. Mr. Whyte intimated that there was

no necessity, however, for the rallway to attempt to move 100 million bushels of wheat or more before the lake navigation closed. If such a quantity of grain were thrown upon the English market at once the miller, a conservative and wary ousiness man, would vanish from that market and the price realized would drop from so sudden a glut. All that the railway laid itself out to do was to move that percentage of the crop which would represent the farmers' outlay, the interest on his buildings, the cost of farming, the help and such things. That would give the farmer enough to meet all expenses and would put him in comfort-able circumstances, while the wheat gar-nered over the winter would bring a helter price in the spring better price in the spring. Questioned as to the mechanical strike, Mr. Whyte had nothing to say.



# SUGGESTS MEANS TO PREVENT

ANOTHER DISASTER situated right in

"Fernie is situated right in the mids the Rocky mountains, in the beautifu k river valley," remarked William Fer-e, last evening, at his residence, "Kim-iton," on Oak Bay avenue.

bolton," on Oak Bay avenue. "It was founded in the year 1898 and is a coal town, depending almost altogether upon the Crow's Nest Pass coal mines for its existence, although the lumber indus-try, in the shape of saw mills, etc., etc. has attained very considerable proportions. But, of course, the coal mines from its greatest and most enduring support. And as the first buildings were put up in the month of August, 1898, it is now precisely ten years old. "It was built upon what is known as the . C. Southern railway, a branch of the . P. R., and it is almost needless to say

C. P. R., and it is almost needless to say that without this means of communication, this great and important deposit of coal would be practically valueless. "Fermie's situation is very attractive with the timber all round it, far too close, in point of fact, for safety from the very

In point of fact, for safety from the very danger which has now twice overwhelmed it. And indeed, I am, I must confess, sur-prized that after their first disheartching experience, greater precautions were not taken to avoid it for the future. Never-theless, it is to be remembered that this fire began upon he other side of the Elk river, which in itself is over one hundred yards wide, and yet it crossed that nver, and in a case where the flames will effect-ually cross so considerable a stream, it is and in a case where the flames will effect-ually cross so considerable a stream, it is evident that an extremely large area indeed must be thoroughly cleared away about a town in order to prevent all peril from this particular source. It appears that quite half a gale was blowing at the time, and when timber catches fire in such circum-stances, nothing, humanely speaking, can arrest is progress.

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> tered abroad in the woods to become a menace of the most terrible character. "This carelessness is undoubtedly the incluster of one-half of the big fires incluster of one-half of the big fires incluster of one-half of the stopped until it practically burns tiself out. Light-ning very often gives rise to these most disastrous confligrations, and I am not making this statement on mere conjecture, for in a number of instances I have moticed flames shortly afterwards I have noticed flames appear. shortly afterwards I have noticed flames appear. "I don't of course know how this dis-aster actually began, but to ascribe it to the machinations of Black Hands among the Itahan element in Fernie's population is in my opinion going rather far affeld. It is much more likely due to mere carelexs-ness. A number of men are engaged in the lumber camps, and one of these persons is always liable at any time to drop a match and start a fire among this dry brush, which in so many places in the iun-ber is laying scattered around without let or hindrance. "When Fernie was rebuilt brick and ce-ment structures were put up. I do aso know how many of this class were erect-

Ber is ladring. Scattered around winduit de de or hindrance. "When Fernie was rebuilt brick and ce-ment structures were put up. I do ast ed for I have not been in the town for some years, but the walls of the Crows built with cement, and I believe that these have not been destroyed. They however a structures and i believe that these have not been destroyed. They however vantageous situation, being located in a wide open space, near no other structures, and consequently standing a much better than any of the others. "I was the original locator of this coal, am still connected, slihough not is any location that coal was to be found in the town was named after me, and far argent of the deposit, for we all know many years before the date when I filed my location that coal was to be found in this part of the country, but no one knew what its rral value was until I went in called semi-antiracile. Some years ago it was tried in the British warships at Exquinal, but as we could not possibly which the best weish steam coal could be into a contract with the British admiralit, ald down at this port we were forced to abandon altogether the British admiralit, altowing i I really belive that if we were which eksted at that time, i.e., if the prine havy were represented in our wat-ers, we could very advantageously meet their requirements in this particular. NEW POWDER PLANT

Tunstall, Jr. (Special to The Dally News.) VANCOUVER, Aug. 10.—Under the management of George S. Tunstall, Jr., who is well known throughout the Koo-tenays, a large independent powder p'ant wil open up next April on the coast without any affiliation with other companies. The site, which is 800 acres in extent on the west side of Bowen in extent on the west side of Bowen island, has been secured and \$80,000 buildings are contracted for. The first total investment will be \$150,000 and the plant will start with a daily capacity of 400 cases. An acid plant will be run in connection under the control of a States firm.

### DASH FOR THE POLE

Commander Peary Sends Hopeful News From the North

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Friends have received a letter from commander Peary, who left here several weeks ago on his steamer, the Roosevelt, for a dash in search of the North Pole. Com-mander Peary dates his letter from Hawkes Harbor, July 21, and says that so far the start has been propitious. "The weather has been favorable and the ship has behaved well, and the crew and party appear to be of the right material," says Mr. Peary. "I have found abundant whale meat here

north today. Mr. Peary continues that he is hopeful for success.

First Point to Point Contest Ever Held on the Continent NORTH ADAMS, Mass., Aug. 14.—The balloon North Adams, No. 1, with A. D. Potter of Greenfield as pliot, and A. Hol-land Forbes and daughter, aged 12 years, as passengers, and owned by the North Adame Aero Club undobtedly won the cup offered by A. Holland Forbes in the first point to point race ever held in this coun-try, which was started from North Adams this afternoon. The North Adams No. 1 landed at West Whatelley, about five miles from its previously declared destination. Haldenyille.

from its previously acclared assimilation. Haidenville. The Greylock, owned and piloted by Dr. Roger M. Randall of North Adams, and having Clarence Wildman of this city as passenger, landed in Ashield, fully twelve miles from its destination at Loeds. The third balloon, the Heart of the Berk-shires, owned by the aero club of Pittsfield. came down near Cushman, within six and a quarter miles of Whatley station, its destination. The conditions of the race were that the balloons should previous to the race, des-ignate some place within forty miles of North Adams, where they would attempt to land, the ballooon landing nearest the announced destination to win the cup.

PRINCE RUPERT ITEMS Scarcity of Men-Northern Town Will Have a Social Club

(Special to The Daily News.) PRINCE RUPERT. Aug. 14 .- From the camps of the railway contractors on the Skeena river the word has gone forth that hereafter the men will receive \$2.75 per day as the lowest wages paid. The great scarcity of men and the desire by the contractors to take advan

of this fine weather to crowd the work along has led to this increase of wages. The people of Prince Rupert are jubilant over the advent of the steamer Transit on the Vancouver run. Its punc-tuality and reduced fares are working wonders. Every Wednesday this boat brings a couple of hundred people to

Prince Rupert. The fact that the announcement has been made that the lots in the Prince Rupert townsite will not be placed on the market till next spring has not hrown the least damper on business at this northern seaport. There is an enthis northern seaport. There is an on-thusiastic feeling here among the peo-ple generally, and the statement that the streets of Prince Rupert will be graded this fail, is also welcome news here, as it will mean that hundreds of men will find employment at the best wages neid wages paid.

wages paid. From present appearances, Prince Ru-pert is to have a club, as L. Roy, of the Dominion hotel, has secured the incor-poration of the Dominion club, Ltd. The rules of the Terminal City club, of Van-couver have been adopted for this club, which will open in a very short time

FERNIE, Aug. 14 .- The question of nousing the people during the approaching winter is no nearer solution than it has been since the fire, and the matter has been since the fire, and the matter is a serious one and will have to be dealt with at once if anything is to be accomplished in time. Many plans have been suggested to overcome the diff-culty but none of them seem feasible, and will have to be abandoned. The average man will be unable to rebuild unassisted. How that aid is to be ob-tained is the question. In the meantime the business men proceeding with the erection of stores and offices and the streets are already

and offices and the streets are already transformed with the new structures... Tomorrow night a meeting of the rate-payers is to be held on the coal com-pany lawn to discuss the question of constructing the electric light and tele-phone services. The present company does not wish to reestablish their sys-tems, and the advisability of the mu-lishedity execution their sysnicipality erecting their own plants, will be considered. It is considered likely that the city may operate the electric light service, but it is doubtful whether they will underake the telephone service as well; and in the event of their declining to do so, the Cranbrook com-pany may make a bid for it, as long distance connections are already estab lished between Fernie and Cranbrook. The work of cleaning up the streets is being carried on as rapidly as pos-sible and the debris removed. Very few

(Special Correspondence.) FORT STEELE, Aug. 12-A very well attended meeting of the Fort Steele Far-mers' institute, on the evening of last Friday, was addressed by Prof. Lake of the Oregon agricultural college. His subject, the growing and marketing of fruits, was of special interest to the resi-dents of the famous valley, which is des-tined within a few years to become one tined within a few years to become one of the best fruit raising valleys (for the hardier large and all small fruits) in a province now world famed for its ex-cellent fruit. The professor's address was eminently practical and was listened to with the deepest attention. The audience was sorry that Mr. Anderson the deputy minister of agriculture, was detained at the coast by illness. The provincial government is doing wisely in sending these experts through the province. Prof. Lake had just come through the valley from Golden and was greatly delighted are now without work and there is a big decrease in the number of those be-ing fed by the relief committee, and the number will be considerably de-creased after Saturday, which is pay-day at the colliertes. Health conditions still remain satis-factory and sanitary arrangements are being well carried out. There is a com-

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BALLOON RACE

First Point to Point Contest Ever Held

(Special to The Daily News.) FERNIE, Ang. 12—The tented city was visited by a welcome rain yester-day afternoon, which lasted long enough to lay the dust and clear the atmosphere of the heavy smoke that has been hang-ing over the town since the fire. The intense heat has given place to a cool wave and those who are living under canvas will feel the discomforts incidental to such conditions, but it is hoped that there will be little actual suffering.

Three carloads of returning refugees reached the city from Cranbrook this evening, some being immediately sent to Coal Creek where accommodations had been arranged for them and the balance were supplied with tents and blankets. As it is now possible to purchase meals in town the bread line will be consider-ably reduced tomorrow, all those having the means being requested to provide their own meals

their own meals. The progress of building operations i simply marvellous, the cooler weather greatly facilitating the work. Already the business streets are assuming a very busy and respectable appearance and the interrupted commercial life of the city is being gradually resumed. The generosity of the Cranbrook people was best of physical condition. Words fail to express the gratitude felt by those to express the gratitude feit by those who were so tenderly cared for in the sister city, one and all unite in saying that the good citizens of Cranbrook spar-ed neither time, money or themselves in working for their comfort and the kindly attentions showered on them were so unostentatious and whole souled that they feel they can never repay their benefactors one tenth of what they owe them. The homeless ones are certainly bearing their troubles stoically. In a walk through the city tonight under a moonlight sky, sounds of music and merwalk through the city tonight under a moonlight sky, sounds of music and mer-riment could be heard one very side, songs of the old land sung to the ac-companiment of wheezy concertinas, quaint melodies in foreign tongues and merry laughter, gave the impression that the great visitation had failed to dampen the spirits of the stricken peo-ple, even if it had succeeded in beggar-ing and rendering them homeless for ing and rendering them homeless for the time being. Serious problems will have to be faced in the fast approach-ing winter months, but no one doubts for a moment but that they will be met with the same indomitable spirit and courage that has characterized the actions of the different throughout this the most

that has characterized the actions of the citizens throughout this the most trying time in their history. The health of the town remains good and every pre-caution that medical science can suggest is being taken to guard the community from danger of disease. As a result of a search for the victims of the great fire, the body of C. Vernon Lane, a painter, 28 years of age, was dis-covered in a shallow well here today. The unfortunate man met death by suf-focation, as his body was little injured by fire. He was identified by papers in his pockets. A systematic search is now being carried on for the discovery of the missing and will be carried on for some days.

A wire has been received from premier McBride stating that he will leave Vic-toria for Fernie on Sunday. The amount in cash received by the re-lief committee has now reached the \$80,-

Provisions and supplie are still arriv-The weather is cooler and the atmosphere clearer after the heavy rain of yesterday and the fires in the mountains are nearly extinguished. Mayor Tuttle has cabled an appeal to the local factors

GREATEST NEED OF FERNIE AT THE PRESENT TIME NEARLY ALL RESIDENTS HAVE OB-TAINED WORK

(Special to The Daily News.)

plete absence of crime, the undesirable who flocked to the city after the fire found the welcome they received any-thing but cordial and left for more congenial surroundings. The cloudy, cool weather has had a

dampening effect on the bush fires in the immediate vicinity of the town and there is practically no smoke in the Work of reconstruction of the ap-proaches to the coke ovens and the slack bins is progressing rapidly, and it is expected the ovens will soon be producing again

WESTERN GRAIN CROP MUST BE MOVED FORWARD

(Toronto World)

The issue between the great Canadian Pacific rallway and the men in its ser-vice is a vital one; one that cannot be arbitrated on the plan of give and take. The men have gone out because of something which they say the company has done with a view of weakening, if not destroying, their unloss; and they state further that what is now designed to weaken the unloss in the shops of the company will later on—if successful in their case—be extended to the unloss or much in evidence when the people was much in evidence when the people who had been the recipients of their hospi-tality reached town this evening. Wo-men and children who had fied from-their homes scantly clad when the flames were destroying the city, return-ed neatly and warmly clad, and in the pest of obviews condition. Word tail

Public opinion will be with the men very largely on this issue, first because they think that unionism has come to stay, and second because public preju-dice is somewhat against corporations on account of their own combinations and treatment of the public. As for the Canadian Pacific, it can be said that up to date no company has been more liberal to its employees than it has, or has been fairer to the public. The Canadian Pacific may be able to show, we believe it can show, that it

The Canadian Pacific may be able to show, we believe it can show, that it pays more than other roads pay for sim-ilar labor, and that this is due to the fact that it has been an out and out union road. But perhaps the answer to this is that the public has paid more to the Canadian Pacific, or put it another way, that the Canadian Pacific earned more for its shareholders because it had such a fine lot of men in its service, and that it sot these with the recognition of that it got these with the recognition of full un

full unionism. The Canadian Pacific is a good road; it has the finest body of men working for it that we know of; why destroy what seems to be a perfect balance by changing what has succeeded all round? Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, if he looks at it in this light, and he is as big as the road is, will find a way to keep his men, to hold their lovalty and to maln-tain the tradition of the service.

(Mail-Empire, Toronto)

(Mail-Empire, Toronto) Whatever the upshot of the strike which has been entered upon by the me-chanics of the C.P.R. company, the west-ern merchandise must be forwarded. If the success of the strike would involve the suspension of freight traffic on the company would severely suffer. Any prolonged arrest of the C.P.R. carrying business at the present time would be calamitous for the country as a whole. The coal strike two years ago was seri-ous enough, but its consequences would be triffling by comparison with the ef-fects of a protracted interruption of business on the C.P.R. western lines this autumn. It is improbable that the me-chanics' strike will bring traffic to a standstill. It is the duty of everyone concerned to make such a condition an impossibility. We do not say that the men were bound to accept the arrange-ment agreed upon by the arbitrators, though after a board of arbitrators has made an award, public opinion is cal-culated to be unsympathetic if a strike cept this one of a strike. Fears had been expressed that there would not be cars enough, not engines enough not money enough. No one anticipated that there might not be hands enough owing to a strike. If, then, the C.P.R. mechanics had accepted the award under protest, reserving the recourse to a strike to a time subsecuent to the crop movement, they would have been applauded and could have counted on good will in their after struggle, should that appear to be a righteous one. Is it too late for such an arrangement?

### FARMERS' INSTITUTE Address at Fort Steele by Professor

Lake of Oregon College (Special Correspondence.)

WINNIPEG, Aug. 8-The steamer Premier, Capt. Stevens 'of Selkirk, was burned to the water's edge at Warren's Landing, on lake Winnipeg, Thursday morning. Six of the passengers and two slack bins is progressing rapidly, and it is expected the ovens will soon be producing again. PRESS STRIKE COMMENT HOW THE EASTERN PAPERS LOOK AT THE MATTER WESTERN GRAIN CROP MUST BE WESTERN GRAIN CROP MUST BE

The dead are: Mrs. Antoine Couture, Selkirk; Walter Olsen, Gimli, Man.; Miss Mary Povah, Winnipeg; Eimer Jones, son of T. J. Jones, manager of the Dominion Fish company, Selkirk; Osler Overton, Selkirk; Leonard Fryer, Selkirk, all passengers; Gus Weil, St. Boniface, cook; Norman Smith, Selkirk, assistant cook.

House, burned on the arm; Miss Isbister gack nijured by jumping overboard.

on Monday at 11 p.m. with a crew and passenger list of 38. She reached War-ren's Landing Wednesday evening and unloaded her cargo. Capt. Stevens them took on the actume corner which leaded took on the return cargo, which included \$50,000 worth of furs. All was in readi-ness to sail Thursday morning. At 1 o'clock in the morning a fire broke out in the hold near the boilers and before an alarm could be sounded, had cut off escape by the main companionway.

escape by the main companionway. There were about 35 sleeping on board and there were cut off before they had time to dress. A few got away by the gang plank, but others were forced to jump into the tug Irell alongside. Little is known as to how the victims of the tragedy met their deaths. It is supposed, however, that they were gut off in the tragedy met their deaths. It is supposed, however, that they were cut off in the cabin and were either burned to death or smothered before the flames reached the. m Before the steamer could be cut the .m Before the steamer could be cut adrift and shoved into the lake, the flames, driven by a heavy wind, caught the docks and in the absence of fire fight-ing apparatus, it was but a few minutes before the boat was completely destroy-ed. The trading post of the settlement was saevd and the tug Ideil had a nar-row escape. The first word of the tragedy reached

The first word of the tragedy reached The first word of the tragedy reached Selkirk last night by the steamer Wol-verine, which brought down the surviv-ing passengers and crew of the burned steamer. Jones, Overton and Fryer were three boys, who were on a holiday trip, as was also Miss Povah of Winnipeg.

as was also Miss Povah of Winnipeg. The Premier was the property of the Dominion Fish company of Selkirk, ply-ing on lake Winnipeg between Selkirk and Warren' sLanding, which is at the extreme end of the lake. The three little boys, Elmer Jones, Osler Overton and Leonard Fryer of Sel-kirk, hwo were lost, had been playing about the ship in the evening and had retired to their staterooms early. They were nearest to the funnel of the steam-

Mayor Tuttle has cabled an appeal to the lord mayor of London, England, for assistance. HOME BUILDING A CRUX HOME BUILDING A CRUX of trade and industry, a consummation to be realzed only by the fortunate transportation of the crop. Every pos-sible contingency for restricting the crop movement had been thought of ex-cept this one of a strike. Fears had been expressed that there would not be cars

rail and sprang out. Her root supped, however, and she struck the side of the boat. Rebounding, she again struck the rail of the tug and was picked up un-conscious. 'Careful work on the part of the local physician, however, restored her and she will soon be well as ever. Mrs. Messer, matron of the mission at Norway House, who also was one of the passengers, narrowly escaped as the result of her frantic attempts to save her clothing. She had to be removed from the staterogm, practically by main force and she was severely burned. Among those who lost everything was a young missionary 'named McKersie, who was on his way to Toronto after having spent four years in the north. Mr. McKersie had all his clothes and money with him as he intended to take a course in medicine at Toronto to fit him for medical missionary work. He saved nothing but his coat. The survivors are loud in their praise of the heroic work of the officers of the

of the heroic work of the officers of the vessel and the crew. Capt. Stevens was the last person to leave the steamer, he having crawled out in the anchor chains to escape the flames. Those who passed through the disaster are thankful that the fire did not break out some hours later when the vessel was out on the lake.

The life boats were located in the immediate vicinity of the funnel and were among the first fixtures to be consumed

### Has Still a Show

LONDON, Aug. 14.—It is announced that Winsten Spencer Churchill, presi-dent of the board of trade, will marry Clementine, daughter of the late sir

The injured are Miss Messer, Norway The Premier left Selkirk for the north