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The Structure Erected, Equipped and Endowed by Sir W. E. Macdonald Destroyed With a Loss of \$600,000.

FIRE-DOORS CHECK FLAMES

Blaze Suddenly Breaks Out on Third Floor and Rapidly Spreads to All Parts Before Arrival of Department.

Montreal. April 5 .- (Special.)-The Macdonald Engineering Building, Mc-Gill University, erected, equipped and endowed by Sir William C. Macdonald, was totally destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. Those who are in a position to know say the total loss will be in the neighborhood of \$600,000. The insurance will amount

to \$320,000. The workman mechanical building, which is an annex to the Macdonald building, erected at the back of the north end of the building , was saved by the fire doors, but loss by smoke and water will be heavy. The building was five storeys high, with an immense glass effect on the upper storey. where "Italian sun baths" were enjoyed particularly by the first year students. It was on the third floor, about the centre of the flat, that the fire originated, from just what cause probably will never be known.

When an alarm was rung by a policeman from Shuter and Miltonstreets, two blocks away, the entire centre of the building seemed to be in flames.

When the caretakers of the other

Walter Vaughan, the secretary and bursar, in the course of an interview. said the equipment was valued at more than \$500,000, while the building cost \$150,000.

The loss, however, was only partially covered by insurance. On the building itself there was an insurance of \$120,000, but on the equipment there was only \$200,000 insurance, a good deal less than half its value

The insurance on the engineering building is distributed as follows, according to a statement issued by the Royal Insurance Co.: Aetna, \$6400; Alliance, \$4800; Atlas, \$6400; Caledonian. \$22.400; Commercial Union, \$9600; Guard'an, \$9600; Hartford, \$16,000; Home, \$19,200; Liverpool and L. and G., \$28,-800; London and Lancashire, \$6400; North America, \$4800; North British and Mercantile, \$22,400; Northern, \$22,-400; Norwich Union, \$6400; Phoenix of Hartford, \$6400; Phoenix of London, \$41,600; Queen, \$12,800; Royal, \$48,000; Sun, \$6400; Union, \$9600; Western, \$9600. Total, \$320,000.

WOMAN SAVED FROM DEATH

Steamer City of Troy Burns to Water Edge - Sixty-Five Aboard Taken off in Safety.

Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., April 5 .- The steamer City of Troy of the Citizens' Line was burned to the water's edge here to-night. All the passengers, some sixty-five in number, were landed safedestroyed.

The City of Troy left New York at 6 o'clock to-night, bound up the river for Albany and Troy. The fire was discovered at about 8 o'clock, when Directors Looking for Suitable Site she was about eight miles below Dobbs Ferry. It broke out in the hold amidships, and rapidly gained headway. The but when it was seen they could not control them the captain turned his was thought that everyone had been ed at an early date. anded safely, it was discovered that a

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Hot House Required For Silver-Lined Cuspidors of Navy

wier and Bennett, M. P.'s, Make Merry at Expense of Canadian Cruisers.

Ottawa, April 5.—(Special.) — The house, from noon to-day, was in supply, principally respecting marine and fisheries estimates.

There was some discussion in regard the oyster culture about Prince Edward Island. Mr. Fielding suggested that fisheries should be controlled by the federal government. He regretted that Ontario and Prince Edward Island could not agree to this. Twenty-five thousand dollars was appropriated towards encouraging the transportation of live fish.

(E. Simcoe) made merry at the expense a hothouse for its silver-lined cuspidors and the like.

One item in the estimates is for a marine is on board. "What is the design of this flag?"

asked Mr. Bennett. Mr. Templeman, acting could not state. "A man up a tree, sticking on grafts.

would do all right," suggested Mr. Bennett, and both sides laughed heartily. The house remained in supply until djournment at 12.25 a.m. Iron and steel bounties will be up on Monday, and the insurance commission wil report on Tuesday.

DEAD PILOT AT BOAT'S WHEEL Big Packet Speeds Thru Fog With Passengers Asleep.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 5 .- George W. Conant was found dead in the pilot house of the packet Lorena, near East Liverpool, Ohio, to-day. Without a guiding hand, the big

McGill buildings awoke the flames had reached the top storey and the firemen already were hurrying thru the uni-

signal rope.

COCOA OUSTS TEA AND COFFEE Importations Show Gain of \$1,000,-000 in United States.

report issued to-day by the United mer had leaked out a few States Bureau of Statistics of the department of commerce, cocoa importations are now averaging more than \$1,000,000 a month, against an average of \$250,000 a month a decade

Meantime, importations of both coffee and tea show a decline, espe-cially during the last two years.

FOOLED DETECTIVES.

Sent Postcards From Various Points Twelve Days After Visit.

Toledo, Ohio, April 5.-How A. K. Detweiler threw the San Francisco detectives off the scent and thereby gained sufficient time to reach a place of hiding is told to-day. Detweiler mailed numerous post-cards to friends and relatives in the United States from different points f interest. He dated these cards m ten to twelve days later than the date of his visit. These cards were held and mailed on the days designated by the date. The secret service men announced

MRS. SPAIN GETS \$4250.

that he was in Egypt, when Detweiler was in Battle Creek.

Wife of Commander Drops Claim for Alimony.

been outstanding for two years between Mr. Ritchie of Halifax as trustee for Mrs. Spain against Capt. Spain, ly. The steamer was destroyed with Spain's action was to compel the capis now settled by compromise. Mrs. its cargo of freight and thirteen horses, tain to pay an alimony of \$840 a year; Edwin Gould's dock, to which the City of Trov tied up, when it was found in the county taken by her for \$4250, which she said of Troy tied up, when it was found im-possible to control the flames, was also thement. Capt. Spain will pay the \$4250 and the claim for alimony be dropped.

MUTUAL LIFE TO BUILD.

for Canadian Headquarters.

It is understood that the Mutual Referendum on Bill to Change Date crew fought the flames for some time Life Assurance Company of New York pefore the boat was turned shorewards, have practically decided to build offices in Toronto in the near future, as headboat for Dobbs Ferry. When she tied up at the Gould dock, the fire had gained such beadways. It is known that two of the directors gained such headway that little at- were recently in the city looking out empt was made to extinguish it, and for a suitable location and at the preort was bent toward landing sent time there are at least three sites passengers successfully. When it in view and one of them will be select-The cost of the site and the building

woman passenger was asleep in her will be in the neighborhood of a mil-berth, and two Dobbs Ferry firemen, lion and a half dollars. Owing to the Aifred Smith and Robert Wilson, rushed into the burning boat and carried complete other arrangements the conthe woman safely ashore.

Hub Hotel, cor. Yonge and Alice Sts. Remodeled under new management.

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INFLUENCE

Indignation Awakened Over Attempt to Saddle List of Pensioners on Country.

Ottawa, April 5 .- (Special.) - The retirement of Lord Aylmer from the position of inspector-general of the Canadian militia has awakened the keenest indignation in militia circles here, and the manner in which it was done has called forth universal contempt.

Lord Aylmer is himself exceedingly hot under the collar at the treatment At the evening session, ... T. Fowler handed out to him by Sir Frederick (Conservative, N. B.) and Mr. Bennett Borden. Some time ago his lordship was called to the office of the minister of the Canadian navy, which requires of militia and bluntly told he was retired. He was pledged to secrecy on the subject until Sir Frederick Borden was safely on his way to England, and after the manner of a soldier, he flag, to be flown when the minister of obey'd. Thus the minister avoided the inevitable explosion of popular Petticoat influence, to which the

government seems susceptible, has been the cause of Lord Aylmer's un-doing. Coi. Vidal, who is physically unwell, will succeed him. This discloses an interesting position of affairs. Lord Ayimer is 65, the retiring age of a brigadier-general, and Col. Vidal is within a month of 64.

Lord Aylmer is young for his years; Col. Vidal is unfit to assume the du-The dodge is to have Col. Vidal formally appointed, if even for a month, or so, and then retired with a pension of \$4200. His present salary is \$4000. With Col. Vidal out of the way, Col. Lessard will be appointed and then re-tired and thus within about a year or so, the militia department will be sad-dled with pensions to the extent of

The government and its organs are endeavoring to cover up the scandal by stating that Lord Aylmer has been retired because of the age rule. En-quiry by The World elicits the information that there is no such rule gov erning the appointment. The office of

Conant evidently exhausted his last His suggestions and criticisms have strength trying vainly to reach the been considered by militia officers of exceeding value.

He looks as if he would have been

useful for years to come, but what amounts to mere political grant has occasioned his dismissal in the most cowardly fashion conceivable. In political circles the affair is being much discussed to-night, and mer-Washington, April 5.—According to a the compulsory retirement of Lord Ayl-Sir Frederick Borden would be struggling with his estimates yet.

PREMIER LAURIER SAILS,

Party for Colonial Conference Board Empress of Britain,

St. John, N.B., April 5 .- (Special.)-The C.P.R. steamer Empress of Britain, bearing Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. L. P. Brodeur, who are off to attend the colonial conference, sailed for London via Halifax at 6 o'clock tonight. Sir Frederick Borden continued to Halifax and will join the steamer The special train arrived from the

Lady Grey, wife of the governor-general; her sister, Lady Morley, and party; Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Lady Laurier and party; Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Madame Brodeur, Sir Frederick Borden, Miss Melvin Jones, Judge and Miss Choquette, Mrs. Chifford Sifton, Viscountess Desgenne, Judge Morley, Mrs. David McNichol, son and daughter; Hon. Emmanuel Tasse, R. A. Williard and Madame Williard, Mrs. Grantham of Toronto, Mrs. Scott-Griffin of Winning and history Winnipeg and nineteen members of the Capital lacrosse team, who are to play before the King in London.

OTTAWA MINISTERS PROTEST Don't Like Legislation Restricting Ottawa, April 5.-The case which has Number Who Can Stop Horse Racing

Ottawa, April 5.- (Special.)-The Ottawa Ministerial Association to-day mailed a communication to Hon. J. P. Whitney, protesting against the proposed legislation restricting the number who can oppose the holding of horse races.

The Lord's Day Alliance of Ottawa has notified the attorney-general that there are complaints here of men

working seven days a week at shunting, despatching and other work con-nected with railways contrary to the Lord's Day Act.

> DATE MAY CHANGE. of Municipal Voting.

The government has decided upon a referendum on T. H. Preston's (Brant) proposal that municipal elections be held on the first Monday of December. Most of the elections are now held on the first Monday in January, but it is conceded that the holiday season in-terferes too much with the elections

and the incidental campaigning. The referendum will be to the municipal councils and not to the electors, and the question proposed will be an alternative preference for the first or second Monday in December, with nominations on the Monday preceding either day.

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Colonial Office Made Peremptory Some of Mr. Graham's Followers Grand Duke Michael to Be Mili-Request Which Covernor Could Not Pleased With His Attitude tary Dictator and Wed Princess Not Comply With.

London, April 5 .- The Standard today declares it is able to publish for the first time the circumstances leading to the resignation of Sir Alexander Sweitenham, as governor of Ja-

maica. The paper says that, according to Sir Alexander's own statement in a letter to an intimate friend, he resigned in consequence of a peremp tory demand from the colonial office to apologize to Rear-Admiral Davis. To this Sir Alexander replied that such a course were really necessary he would do so with pleasure but that such a compulsory apology carried with it his resignation. Sir Alexander denies emphatically that there was any dispute between him and the American admiral at the time of the Kingston earthquake,

saying: were the best of friends during the whole time the admiral was here. He had the use of one of my private carriages, and drove around my private secretary." The Standard adds that this letter was written privately as one friend might write to another, but it fel mito the hands of a negro newspaper correspondent. If the documents referring to the resignation of Sir Alexander were published, the paper concludes, it would be found that the statement that he applied to be reired "on the ground of age" was enirely misleading.

OUEEN GOES TO CONTINENT Dowager Empress in Royal Party Under Careful Gnard.

London, April 5.—Queen Alexandra, the Dowager Empress of Russia, and garden variety of member. Princess Victoria left London for the continent to-day.

The Queen and her sister will separate at Calais, the former and Princess Victoria proceeding to Toulon, where they will join King Edward prepara-tory to the meeting between the latter and King Alfonso at Cartagena. The Dowager Empress will go to Biarritz.

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and the railroad from here to Dover was closely patrolled. M Not, Why Not? Have you seen our Business Man's and Triple Indemity Accident Policy? Call Walter H. Blight, city agent Ocean Accident and Guarantee Cor-Traders' Bank Building. poration

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Without a guiding hand, the big packet, filled with passengers, who were peacefully sleeping, wandered age limit. The office of inspector-general is an "appointment" and not a "rank." There is no OVER SALARY INCREASES WILL ABDICATE IN MONTH property was done, and disappeared about noon near Selms, La., where the

on the Ouestion.

The return of Hon. Richard Harcourt to Toronto seems to be simul-

but now the story goes that at a caucus of the party dissatisfaction was expressed with regard to the attitude of the opposition leader on the question of increasing cabinet minis-

ters' salaries. It is characteristic of the fault-finding that it is not consistent or of any great breadth of view. If the Ottawa increases were justifiable by the Liberal party, Hon. G. P. Graham has nothing to reproach himself with. But the critics are said to urge that even tho an increase was required, \$1000 was ample, and \$2000 extravagant. Mr. Graham, on being referred to as to the truth of the statement that dissension had broken out in the cau-

eous: "Rubbish. Everything was most harmonious." He said he had nothing more to say on the question that vould be of any profit. It is understood that a number members on both sides of the house while acquiescing in the vote, are at the same time under the pressure of local sentiment in their constituencles professedly opposed to the increase. This is more especially the case as Premier Whitney is under

cus, answered with a curt yet court-

CONDITION ENCOURAGING.

Mr. St. John's Physicians Hope for Favorable Turn To-Day. Very little change was reported in

sessional indemnity to the ordinary

the condition of Speaker St. John at the General Hospital last night. weakness would continue, but considered that the condition of the patient was very encouraging, and are hoping to give out a favorable bulletin to-day

BLIZZARD IN SASKATCHEWAN Traffic at Standstill at End of Longest Winter Yet,

or Sunday.

Regina, Sask., April 5 .- (Special.)-Saskatchewan to-day is in the grip of what probably is the last blizzard of the longest winter on record. Traffic again is at a standstill. Farmers are clamoring for their seeders and harrows. Most of this

northern implement business is han-dled from Regina, where all the big houses have warehouses. Unless a spell of fine weather comes before the spring floods there is every prospect that northern traffic will be interrupted in the Qu'Appelle Valley until after

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Victoria, the Rumor,

Emperor of Russia purposes to abdicate within a month, and that Grand Before his advent all was peace, Duke Michael will be appointed regent during the infancy of the czarevitch. For the last three or four weeks, the paper says, the events in this direction

rapidity in St. Petersburg, but the the general discomfort. secret has been well kept. Continuing, The Daily Mirror says: "Lately the emperor's mind has given

shown himself incapable of perform- a score of homes were demolished, 50 ing the smallest duties of his rank." The lower house of parliament is to be abolished, and there will be formed a military dictatorship with the object of stamping out revolution and putting an end to anarchy in Russia. The paper further declares that a

marriage has been arranged between Grand Duke Michael and Princess Vicoria of Schleswig-Holstein, and that he visit to London of the Dowager Empress of Russia was chiefly for the purpose of negotiating this marriage.

Count Benkendorff, the Russian am bassador to Great Britain, in an interview regarding the story published in The Daily Mirror, expressed surprise therewith, and said he had heard nothing officially or otherwise to confirm these statements. He discredited the story entirely. Baron Sternberg, the Russian consul-

general here, when questioned regarding this story, said it was "all rubbish, stood not to favor an increase of the.

TROOPS TO STOP STRIKE. Infantry Held Ready to Put Down

Ohio Shipyard Riots. Lorrain, Ohio, April 5.-There are minous preparations for trouble in

the shipyard strike. Company B, Fifth Infantry, O.N.G., is assembled in the armory, and the tumbled on the heads of the occucompany is being put thru a rapid pants. The physicians in attendance would fire drill with rifles. The company has were taken for the safety of the Dowa- not say how long this state of semi-ger Empress as marked her arrival in weakness would continue but continue but on the drill with rifles. The company has go out at a moment's notice. There have been no disorders to-day, but the strikers are in a sullen mood. and the authorities fear there will be

> strikers to-day. He told them that he force will be used henceforth to quell any rioting. Duiflop's Roses.

Mayor King made an address to tha

dition. Send for price list. Night and cabins. Here the tornado's path was

The Lockhart Photo Supply Co. I imited, have found it necessary to obtain larker premises and will now be found at 15 Adelaide St. East. Office phone Main 1745; Blue Printing Department Main 3670.

From Carson the storm crossed the state line into Alabama, where it began to lose much of its destructive power.

Peculiar weather conditions prevails

Parts of Four Towns Laid Waste With a Loss of Half a Million Dollars and Three Hundred Miles Wind-Swept.

TRAIN ROLLED OVER AND OVER

One Hundred Buildings Wrecked! in One Town, Asylum Razed and Section of House Wedged Into a Passenger Coach.

IEW ORLEANS, April 5 .- A score of persons were killed to-day by a tornado, which swept for 300 miles across portions of Louisiana Mississippi and Alabama.

Parts of four towns were devastate ed, with damage exceeding \$500,000. The wind caused loss of property, crops and telegraph wires.

The tornado began at Alexandria Ala., soon after 1 o'clock this morning, killing four persons there, probably fatally injuring three, and serie ously injuring 13 others.

Soon after daylight it neared the Mississippi River, killing five persons at Jackson, La.

JACK CANUCK: "Well, there may be nothing in it, as your mastef says, but it doesn't look that way, dozen others were killed, it is re-

One person was fatally hurt at lackson

The tornado next appeared at Carinhabitants saw whirling clouds rise into the air as they crossed the river. A negro, it is reported, was killed

Empty Train Rolled Over

Alexandria, a town of about 16,000 inhabitants, had a fearful experience. London, April 5.—The Daily Mirror When the tornado struck the place the claims to be in a position to announce electric light's went out, the crackling taneous with rumors of dissension in upon the "highest authority" that the of falling buildings could be heard above the noise of the wind, and vivid lightning flashes showed such sights as an empty Iron Mountain passenger

train rolling over and over. Immediately after the wind spent its have been proceeding with lightning violence a heavy hailstorm added to

The main portion of Alexandria escaped the worst of the tornado, which cut a path thru the northern part of way even more completely, and he has the town, a residence quarter. About were damaged, and altogether about 100 buildings were wrecked, including

several business houses. The Iron Mountain Railroad lost its roundhouse. The wind drove a small section of a house into an empty, passes ger coach, wedging the two almost inextricably together.

Trees and Cabins Cut Down In the woods about the town the tornado cut down trees and small cetins in a narrow line about nine

Pineville, and injuries to persons are reported. The hail did much da te crops. At daylight Alexandria began clea ing debris. The damage is estimated at \$200,000.

Several houses were blown down a

At Jackson, La., the insane asylum was wrecked, with a loss of about \$200,000. Three female inmates and rany other persons were injured. Mrs. Seach Lea's residence was blown down, and her daughter, Mary

was seriously injured. Two negroes were killed on a nearby plantation, while reports from the surrounding country indicate that there was probably more loss of life

Steamer Hit by Tornado At Bayou Sara several passengers on the steamer Betsy Ann had a

thrilling escape. The vessel was badly damaged. While timbers from the steamer and from the shore flew thru the air, the would tolerate no violence, and that crew got all the passengers safely ashore. The first mate had an arm

broken, and almost all the rest of the crew suffered painful bruises. A synonym for all that is beautiful and perfect in the flower world, the most exquisite fragrant roses in all colors. Expressed to any point in perfect contact the flower world list Night and the beautiful and colors. Expressed to any point in perfect contact the flower wise list Night and several the flower world with the flower world and perfect in the flower world, the most contact the flower world with the flower world At Carson, Miss., the Mississippi

conly 200 yards wide. From Carson the storm crossed the

Peculiar weather conditions prevail ed all day thruout Southern Louisians and Mississippi. Rains were followed by clear skies, and gusts of wind were

incessant. Details are arriving slowly, many wires are down.