

TABLES ARE TURNED ON HON. MR. FOSTER;
ANOTHER NEST OF TRAITORS LOCATED

The Limelight Cast on Some Interesting Land Speculations in the West—Conservatives Now in Bitter Quarrel Over Division of the Spoils.

Ottawa, April 24.—The second day's debate upon Mr. Foster's want-of-confidence motion in reference to the contract with the North Atlantic Trading Company was devoted largely to consideration of Mr. Foster's connection with land speculation in the Northwest. Mr. Duncan Ross, Yale-Cariboo, a vigorous type of member hailing from British Columbia, who is seldom heard in the House, dealt at length with Mr. Foster's record in that respect. He also let in some light upon transactions by which Messrs. A. A. Lefursey (Prince, P. E. I.), W. H. Bennett (East Simcoe), Rufus Pope, ex-M. P., and George W. Fowler, M. P., King's-Albert, and one Pencher, purchased 200,000 acres of land from the Canadian Pacific Railway by putting up \$200 each, turned it over at \$1 per acre advance, and then quarreled over the division, with the result that Messrs. Lefursey, Bennett and Pencher are suing Messrs. Pope and Fowler for recovery of their share, and asking for the appointment of a receiver. Mr. Foster's assistance was sought in the handling of the land, with the natural result. Mr. Ross said that a new nest of traitors appeared, and the happy family became divided. At a later stage of the debate, Mr. Bureau (Three Rivers), dealt with Mr. Foster's connection with a bankrupt financial institution in Chicago by means of a company organized in West Virginia, a procedure which, he suggested, might be regarded with suspicion equal to that which Mr. Foster sought to cast upon the North Atlantic Trading Company by reason of its incorporation in Guernsey. Other speakers today were Mr. Monk, who resumed the debate; Mr. W. B. Northrup, Mr. D. W. Bole and Mr. George Perley.

Mr. Ross's Speech.

Mr. Duncan Ross (Yale-Cariboo). Asked why the contract had not been attacked before, having been in effect five years. He suggested that the Opposition had been too busy forestalling the Government, when they found the contract was under review by the Minister of the Interior. "I believe it was a good contract, and in the best interests of the country," declared Mr. Ross. "The cost for immigrants of the farming classes in the continent under that contract for the last four years was \$4.21, compared with \$13.45 for farm immigrants from the British Isles and \$4.73 in the United States." Two factors had contributed greatly to the progress of the Northwest. One was the contract with the Atlantic Trading Company and the other was the contract with the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company. He would be liberal enough to say both schemes had been borrowed from the Conservative party. Mr. Foster, the apostle of purity, in concluding his speech, had complained that the men whose names were in the charter of the North Atlantic Trading Company were chiefly solicitors' clerks, but that gentlemen himself was connected with several companies in British Columbia, in which printers took the place of solicitors' clerks as incorporees.

Mr. Foster's Attitude.

Mr. Foster's attitude to cold water and the assistance he had given to the temperance cause had been rewarded by what was known as the Temperance Colonization Association, which was given a loan of \$100,000 for having placed 101 settlers on the land, and 17,600 acres of land that the society was granted. Now some of that land was selling in Saskatchewan at \$75 and \$100 a foot frontage, and other portions at \$15 to \$20 per acre. Since Mr. Foster has got into the cold shower, Opposition he had put to good use, in the matter of land speculation, information he obtained while a member of the late Government. Some years ago he and his friends got possession of 40,000 acres of land in 25 places, near Tisdale, in the Province of Saskatchewan, on the line of the Canadian Northern Railway. He secured both the even and odd numbered sections, but, notwithstanding the protests of the people of the district and to the great detriment of the village of Tisdale, Mr. Foster persistently held on to the lands, refusing to exchange lands so that homesteading might take place, with the result that there is not a single settler in these two townships. Mr. Foster today enjoyed the distinction of being the manager of the only two townships of arable land between Winnipeg and Prince Albert, which remain without a settler. This has been effected by keeping up the prices of this land some \$20 or \$40 above the market price, and this was the gentleman who "howled" in the House for "the land for the settler." (Cheers.)

A Row Over Spoils.

But over a hundred land deal in which Mr. Foster was interested. When a certain railway company was very much afraid that the monopoly which they secured under the Conservative party, and which they had enjoyed for a good many years, would be destroyed by some mysterious methods, certain Conservative members of the House became possessed of some 200,000 acres of C. P. R. land in the Northwest. These gentlemen, not having the experience that Mr. Foster had, immediately went to that gentleman to manage the affair. But no sooner had Mr. Foster got his clutches on the land than a new "nest of traitors" was organized. (Cheers.) A nest of traitors among land speculators. (Laughter.)

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WITH HER THROAT CUT

A New York Italian Woman Found Murdered in Bed.

New York, April 25.—Mrs. Vitali Conti, an Italian woman, living in the Cherry Hill section of the upper east side, was killed in her bed last night, her throat being cut. Three of her relatives and two boarders are under arrest, while the police are searching for her husband, who has disappeared. Mrs. Conti was sleeping beside her four-year-old boy in one of the four rooms comprising the Conti apartment. There were six other persons in these rooms last night, the police say, and they refuse to believe the story of those under arrest that none of them knew of her death until several hours afterward, when her baby awakened and began to cry. The other members of the family say they do not know when the woman's husband left the house.

MADE GOOD LOSS
OF HIS FRIEND

John Williams Thus Escaped Punishment—A Repentant Market Gardener.

John Williams, the young man who was arrested in Windsor about a week ago and brought back to this city to stand trial on a charge of stealing, appeared in the dock at the Carling street police court this morning. A friend who wished to send \$25 to his mother in the old country had given Williams the money to get a postal order for the amount. Williams disappeared with the \$25, and his friend heard no more from him, until he received a letter stating that he was in Buffalo. The police were notified, and Williams was located in Windsor.

Williams made restitution to his friend, and as this is his first appearance in the dock, he was allowed to go on suspended sentence. Market Clerk, Mak, came across D. Ling's wagon standing on the market in a position which he did not approve of, and ordered Ling to remove it. Ling moved it, the first time, but he took it back to the old place as soon as clerk Mak's back was turned. The clerk happened round that way a second time, and again ordered Ling to move his wagon, whereupon Ling called him several choice names.

When Ling appeared this morning to answer to the charge of abusive language, to an officer, his heart had greatly softened, and he said that he had been in a fit of temper at the time of the offense, and really did not wish to have Mak suffer the agonies of the place to which he had ordered him to go. Ling apologized and was let go, after being warned that the market Mak's back was turned. The clerk happened round that way a second time, and again ordered Ling to move his wagon, whereupon Ling called him several choice names.

LYNCHED A BOY

Southern Mob Kills Alleged Assaulter Despite Sheriff's Bullets.

Oakwoods, Texas, April 25.—A 17-year-old negro boy was lynched early today by seven men who took him from the custody of the officers. The negro had entered the home of a widow near town. He was caught and fully identified, and was awaiting transportation to the county seat. The deputy sheriff who had the prisoner in charge fired several shots at the member of the mob without effect.

WE'RE GETTING THE BEST

The United States Obligated to Turn Back 7,900 Immigrants.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Ottawa, April 25.—Dr. Boyce, chief medical officer of the immigration department, told the agriculture committee today that Canada was getting a far better class of immigrants than the United States. "The United States agents are satisfied that Canada was getting a better class, and were not very well pleased at the fact. The United States had sent back over 7,000 people who were considered paupers, while Canada did not require to send back any for the lack of money, and none of the municipalities were asked for aid by destitute immigrants."

A MULATTO SON OF AARON BURR
DIES AT DETROIT, AGED 112 YEARS

Detroit, Mich., April 25.—Charles Crosby, a mulatto, is dead at the age of 113 years, 1 month and 10 days. His wife died only a month ago at the age of 112 years. Crosby was born in Liverpool, England, and always claimed to be the son of Aaron Burr, once vice-president of the United States. His story was that his mother, a handsome young Afro-Indian woman, accompanied Burr on a trip to Liverpool, and that the intrigue resulted in the birth of Crosby in that city. Aaron Burr always showed a marked fondness for Crosby, taking him into his law office at one time.

VESUVIUS CRATER WIDENS

Since Eruption Has Increased from 100 to 5,000 Feet.

Naples, April 25.—Prof. Matteucci, director of the royal observatory, today succeeded in reaching the crater of Vesuvius.

He describes the spectacle there as one of great grandeur. The diameter of the crater, which, before the eruption, was about 100 feet, is now about 5,000 feet. There is no eruption of incandescent stones as before the recent outbreak, but a small quantity of ashes is being ejected. Vesuvius seems to be assuming the character of a dead volcano. The cone of the crater, which, before the eruption, rose to a height of 6,000 feet above the sea level, has diminished about 800 feet.

Work is being vigorously pushed to re-establish the funicular railway to the observatory.

SPECIAL CRASHES
INTO FREIGHT

An Open Cross Over Switch at Merrittton Causes a Disastrous Wreck.

St. Catharines, April 24.—A disastrous wreck, disastrous to rolling stock, fortunately, not to life, occurred here early this afternoon, when a G. T. R. special, crowded with some six hundred westbound immigrants, crashed into a freight standing across the track. The big engine of the passenger, No. 772, cut through the freight, and, jumping the track, rolled down the embankment to within a few feet of the old canal. Engineer H. R. Case and fireman Fred McKenzie, of London, had a miraculous escape.

The accident occurred at the cross-over, just west of the overhead bridge, when the special was traveling at close on 50 miles an hour, and had it not been for the prompt application of the emergency brakes by Engineer Case, an appalling accident might have resulted. The brakes were applied the moment Engineer Case saw that the cross-over switch was open, but too late to avoid the crash.

The engineer and fireman did not have time to jump. They crawled from the twisted cab after the turmoil had subsided, but how they escaped an instantaneous death is beyond explanation, so badly was the engine battered and twisted.

The rails for fully a hundred feet were torn from the ties, and twisted in the shape of a corkscrew. The misplaced switch, as, as usual, in such cases, was the cause. It tends the pumping house, and who also acts as switchman, asserts that he did not touch the switch, as when a train is standing the switch must be locked after the crew.

Mr. Rosie was about to step from the pumping house for a shovel of coal, when a box-car was thrown against the building. His escape was by a narrow margin, as the train crew, and the immigrants.

Traffic was delayed about two hours, but the wreckage, which was merely removed from the westbound track, has still in evidence tonight, although the auxiliary crews from Niagara Falls and Hamilton were still at work at a late hour.

RAISED THE ROOF

Brantford Household Badly Jarred by a Gas Explosion.

Brantford, Ont., April 25.—Yesterday the plumbers were piping the basement of J. M. Smith's residence, Chatham street. In the evening a Mr. Jeffries went there to make connection with a gas range. Before doing so he discovered there was an escape of gas. One of the party present struck a match to find where the leak was, when an explosion took place which moved the walls and raised the roof, and tore the linoleum on the floor. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Jeffries received a bad shaking up. It is supposed there was a bad leak under the floor, which space got filled with gas. The loss will be about \$500.

Daniels First.

Phalaron, Greece, April 25.—C. M. Daniels, New York Athletic Club, holder of the world's championship 100 yards swimming record, won the final heat in the 100 metres swimming race today. Time, 1 minute 13 seconds. Hungary, Hungary, was second; Healey, Australia, was third, and Derbyshire, England, was fourth.

A Weird Mail.

Chicago, April 25.—A sackful of tragedy and pathos reached the Chicago postoffice last night, when the first mail from San Francisco since the earthquake was received. The sack contained several thousand communications from the fire sufferers to Chicago relatives and friends. They were written on scraps of wrapping paper, pieces of box-covering, strips of shirting, cuffs, shingles, and other odds and ends. None bore postage stamps, but all had the red ink time stamp of the San Francisco office. Some contained the one word "Saved." Others told in two-word sentences stories of death and terrible hardships.

TRAVELER'S SUDDEN DEATH

Mr. Murdoch McLennan Stricken With Paralysis at Stratroy. Mr. Murdoch McLennan, of 440 King street, this city, for many years traveler for the Hamilton Drug Company, died very suddenly at Stratroy last night. He had been on a road making his usual trip when he was stricken with paralysis, and died within a short time.

The fatal stroke was the third that deceased has suffered while on his trips. He is survived by a widow and a grown-up family.

\$2,000 DAMAGES
AWARDED WIDOW

Mrs. Northey Succeeds in Her Suit Against Contractor Ed Martyn.

The jury in the case of Northey vs. Martyn handed in a sealed verdict this morning, awarding the plaintiff \$2,000 damages. All the questions were answered in favor of the plaintiff.

The action was brought by Mrs. Northey, of Lorne avenue, to recover \$3,000 for the death of her husband, Frederick Northey, a bricklayer. The deceased was employed by Contractor Ed Martyn on the new military stores building, in December last, when the scaffolding collapsed, throwing Northey and a workmate to the ground, killing the former instantly and seriously injuring the latter.

The evidence went to show that the scaffold was not properly adjusted and that the defendant was guilty of contributory negligence.

The widow received \$1,000, and the five infant children \$200 each. Mr. G. C. Gibbons, K. C., and Mr. Weekes, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. T. H. Luscombe appeared for the defendant.

The non-jury case of Hodgins vs. Banting is now being heard.

NOTHING IN STORY

Ald. Wyatt's Property Not Wanted for Theater Site.

Ald. Wyatt denies the story that he has been approached by parties who desired the European Hotel for a theater site. Manager Bennett, of the Vaudeville Theater, was connected with the project, but he denies any knowledge of the matter.

"As far as I am concerned there is not a word of truth in it," he said to The Advertiser.

Ald. Wyatt says that a certain real estate agent asked for an option on the rear end of his lot, which is 198 feet deep. What the land was wanted for he does not know.

It is also stated that the option was secured by persons who still entertain the opinion that an arcade to run between Dundas and King streets, from Richmond to Clarence streets, would be a paying investment.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Some Showers.

London, Wednesday, April 25. Sun rises, 5:19 a.m. Moon rises, 6:44 p.m. Sun sets, 7:12 p.m. Moon sets, 9:08 a.m. The weather today has been cool and showery in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and fine and a little warmer in Ontario. The temperature has been lower in Alberta and Saskatchewan, and higher in Manitoba, from 74° to 78° having been recorded at many places.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 24-32; Atlin, 20-36; Victoria, 48-58; Vancouver, 47-57; Kamloops, 28-32; Calgary, 22-35; Prince Albert, 40-48; Qu'Appelle, 24-37; Winnipeg, 44-52; Port Arthur, 26-39; Parry Sound, 22-34; Toronto, 28-39; Ottawa, 30-34; Montreal, 32-37; Quebec, 30-38; St. John, 34-46; Halifax, 40-48.

FORECASTS. Wednesday, April 25-5 a.m. Today—Moderate, variable winds, fine. Thursday—Easterly winds; local showers, but mostly fair.

TEMPERATURES. Station. Time. Max. Min. Weather. Calgary. 49. 34. Fair. Winnipeg. 52. 48. Cloudy. Port Arthur. 49. 36. Cloudy. Parry Sound. 49. 29. Clear. Toronto. 48. 34. Fair. Ottawa. 42. 32. Fair. Montreal. 34. 26. Snow. Quebec. 36. 29. Cloudy. Father Point. 34. 22. Rain.

WEATHER NOTES. The weather has turned somewhat cooler throughout the Northwest Provinces, and indications are for rain in Manitoba. It is fair in Ontario, and showery and cool in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at a local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 58°; lowest, 26.5° above.

POLES IN BLOODY
RELIGIOUS WAR

Eyes Gouged Out as Combatants Fight Like Beasts.

COSSACKS BUTCHER PEASANTS

All Parties Now United Against the Government—Fresh Agrarian Troubles.

Warsaw, April 25.—Religious frenzy characterized the fighting at Lesno on April 22 between Catholics and Maravists, when ten persons were killed and 77 were wounded. Four priests were terribly mutilated. The men fought like beasts. The antagonists gouged out the eyes of their adversaries.

Voronezh, Russia, April 25.—News received here today from the village of Diewitz, where it was announced yesterday Cossacks killed 19 and wounded 50 persons in suppressing disorders. Shows that the trouble arose when the peasants attempted to take some grain from the municipal stores. The guards protested, and finally one of them shot a pregnant woman, whereupon the peasants of the surrounding villages assembled with scythes and axes. The guards fired repeated volleys at the peasants, killing eleven men. The Cossacks finally came up to the support of the guards, and the peasants were driven off.

Nizhni Novgorod, Russia, April 25.—Agrarian troubles have commenced in this province, and troops have been summoned from Yaroslavl to suppress the disturbance.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—The political situation has suddenly grown threatening. The publication yesterday of the draft of the new "fundamental law" of "constitution" of Russia, has aroused a storm of indignation, and amidst the present general distrust of the Government's motives, has furnished just the stimulus needed to solidify the entire opposition in Parliament. The Reich insists that with the realization of the new Russian loan and under the false conviction that the Government is suppressing, "the Government has not hesitated to again show the cloven hoof, not even masking its intention to dissolve Parliament. If it is found to be true, the Government, M. Bruchanoff, in the Stove, calls the draft of the "fundamental" law a mockery, which is resented by every honest man, be he a member of the "Black Hundred" or a social revolutionist.

THE INSURANCE INQUIRY

The Royal Commission Resumes Its Sittings at Toronto.

Toronto, April 25.—The royal commission, appointed to inquire into life insurance, opened its investigation here at the city hall at 10:30. It was announced yesterday that the Manufacturers' Life would be inquired into today, but Mr. Hellmuth, K.C., who has been appointed by the Ontario Government to look after the interests of the policyholders of Ontario, objected to this course being taken. He stated that some of the evidence given by Mr. Fitzgerald had been of a startling nature, and it was understood that if his examination was continued, it would bring the gaining of information regarding various companies. He most emphatically pressed that the commission conclude the examination of Mr. Fitzgerald before taking up the examination of the individual companies.

Mr. Lebeuf, K.C., representing the shareholders of Quebec Province, took the opposite view to Mr. Hellmuth's, declaring that the companies should have been examined first, and the department first had given the companies two good chapters to prepare. By proceeding now with the companies, the policyholders' interest would be best looked after, was the view stated by Mr. J. K. Shepley, K.C. Chairman Judge McTavish said that the commission had no wish to do anything that would interfere with the inquiry being either wide or thorough in scope. It would be better to proceed with the examination of the Manufacturers' Life.

Mr. J. F. Junkin, managing director of the Manufacturers' Life, was the first witness, being examined by Mr. Tilley. He stated that he had held his present position since the formation of the company in 1901, when the Temperance and General Life Company went out of existence, and the Manufacturers' Life reformed. The new stock was taken up by the old shareholders.

Mr. Junkin stated that at the present time the Manufacturers' Life had some 30,000 policyholders, who had votes, and a large number of these resided in Toronto.

"How many of the policyholders attended the last annual meeting of the company?" he was asked.

"About fifteen or a dozen."

The policyholders did not seem to take much interest in these meetings, he added.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

April 24. Reported at. From.

Greaser Kur. New York. Bremen
Munich. Glasgow. Boston
Munich. London. New York
Tunisian. Mobile. Halifax
Georgia. Naples. New York
Grat. Waldersee. Hamburg. New York
Koenig. Liverpool. Liverpool
Prussian. Halifax. Liverpool
Kronland. Dover. New York

Lull in Protests Against
Narrowing of Clarence St.

Little Being Heard in Opposition to the Grand Trunk's Proposition Now.

Superintendent Brownlee, of the Grand Trunk Railway, is in the city today, but as far as known, he had no consultation with city representatives. Last night City Engineer Graydon had an informal chat with Mr. Brownlee, and also with Consulting Engineer Jennings, who passed through London on his way west.

There has been an appreciable lull in the protests which have been lodged against the narrowing of Clarence street, and it is said that the cause is to be found in the fact that Clarence street people are now afraid that if they insist on a full-width opening under the depot, the new structure will be shifted east.

In such event, property eastward would be moved. Clarence street, though it might enjoy a full-width subway, would be a "dead one," so far as business is concerned.

Nothing has as yet been heard from the Pere Marquette Railway in regard to a lease extension of the L. and P. S. R.

It is understood that when the Grand Trunk agreement is presented to the company, an effort will be made

by the city to have it in black and white, that there shall be a place for L. and P. S. R. trains in the new depot which will be satisfactory to the city's tenants, the Pere Marquette.

Of course, under an agreement with the city, the Grand Trunk bound itself ten years ago to allow the L. and P. S. R. trains to enter the Grand Trunk depot, and this agreement covers a period of 99 years. But the city will try to make the agreement doubly strong now.

Another point that the city will likely take up with the G. T. R. will be the matter of providing new sites for the Pere Marquette roundhouse and freight sheds.

It is said that the Pere Marquette does not like the idea of renting space from the Grand Trunk for freight purposes, and will insist upon remaining where it is, unless the G. T. R. and the city stand ready to place the P. M. in new freight sheds as near to the city's business center as are the present sheds.

Mr. Brownlee is said to have remarked that he is very anxious to get the steam shovel to work west of the city to fill in the cut, but, of course, he can do nothing until such time as the city comes to an agreement with the company. If the agreements arrive here in time, there will likely be a meeting of the railway committee tomorrow night.

PARIS PREPARES
FOR DISORDERS

Strong Military and Police Force to Cope With the Manifestants.

Paris, April 25.—According to a semi-official statement made by a high functionary of the prefecture of police, today, the military and police are prepared to meet every emergency on May 1. He said the police canvass shows that 80,000 men have stopped work, of which number the disorderly element does not exceed 20,000. Against these can be mustered 42,000 to 45,000 troops, namely, 20,000 infantry, 10,000 cavalry and 10,000 to 15,000 Republican guards and police, with large additional reserves. The police will endeavor to localize the manifestants in the Place de la Concorde, which is the great labor center, and to the vicinity of the labor exchange. This will prevent the manifestants from gaining the center of Paris or getting west of the Place de la Concorde. The manifestants of the military and police will readily enable them to confine the disorderly element within its own eastern sections, thus reducing the demonstration to isolated affairs, which should easily be controlled. The police are convinced that there is no danger of a lack of food supplies, owing to the strike in the provision trades. They declare that the dealers in provisions are reaping a harvest by spreading alarmist reports. The police are in favor of closing the stores altogether.

FIRE AT KESWICK

Keswick, April 25.—Fire broke out early this morning in the tailor shop belonging to C. W. Cole and occupied by W. A. Munro, destroying the building, together with the Simcoe House and stables, the property of James MacDonald. The store owned by C. W. Cole was in great danger, but owing to the efforts of neighbors, and a favorable wind, was saved.

HYDE PARK MAN IN 'FRISCO;
FRIENDS CANNOT LOCATE HIM

Leslie May Missing Since the Earthquake—Londoners Hear from Relatives.

Mr. William Riddell, messenger for the Bank of Commerce, has received word that all his relatives are safe in San Francisco. His sister, Mrs. Ricketts, this city, has also received a letter from her brother in the stricken city.

The letter was hastily written, and it contained no details of the catastrophe, merely stating that the members of the family were all safe and well. They were, however, much worried about a cousin, Leslie May, son of Mr. Daniel May, of Hyde Park. Mr. Riddell's brother and Leslie May had an appointment to meet downtown the morning of the earthquake, and they never met. Since that time no word has been heard from May. The hotel where he was stopping—the Winchester—was destroyed by the earthquake. What has become of him is not known.

Mrs. George Powell, Queen's avenue, received word this morning that her daughter, Mrs. Black, and her brother, Mr. E. Goodacre, of San Jose, Cal., were both safe. The city was severely damaged by the earthquake. The church opposite Mrs. Black's residence was wrecked, the steeple falling and

Railwaymen Say It Will Greatly Handicap the Shipment of Grain.

Ottawa, April 25.—At the Lord's Day observance bill committee today, Mr. Gallagher was heard in the interest of the British Columbia fruit men, who wanted to have small fruit picked up on Sunday. Mr. Barry, one of the western superintendents of the C. P. R., gave evidence regarding the moving of grain. The bill would stop about 15 per cent of the grain now shipped to Fort William from Winnipeg. During the grain season cars were run continuously, and they were not able to handle the grain. Mr. Aylen appeared for the Hull Cement Company, and Mr. O. L. Lewis, of Chatham, for the oil industry. The argument of Mr. Lewis was that the oil industry could not be successfully operated unless the pumping was continuous. Mr. Fred Cook appeared for the Victoria Colonist, which publishes on Sunday morning, instead of Monday. He asked that the interest of the paper be not affected. Mr. Ross, M. P., and Mr. Gallagher, M. P., said that all morning papers in British Columbia published on Sunday morning, and not on Monday. Mr. Gallagher was told that the bill would be amended in regard to smelters running Sunday, and Mr. Ross was told that there was a provincial law against mines running on Sunday. This completed the hearing of evidence for and against the bill.

HALF OF RESERVE GONE

Big English Fire Company Hard Hit by San Francisco Disaster.

London, April 25.—At the annual meeting of the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company here today, the chairman announced that the disaster at San Francisco had swept away half the reserve fund, which a week ago stood at \$10,788,987. He counseled the shareholders to accept the situation with calmness.

Miss Ethel Mills, of South London, received a message from her sister, Miss Blanche Mills, of California, assuring her of her safety. Miss Mills is a teacher in Mills College, six miles from Oakland. She writes: "This morning I was awakened by the building rocking like a cradle, and for fear of appointment to meet downtown the morning of the earthquake, and they never met. Since that time no word has been heard from May. The hotel where he was stopping—the Winchester—was destroyed by the earthquake. What has become of him is not known."

Mr. Wm. H. Logan, of Thorncliffe, has received a message from his son, W. G. Logan, of San Francisco, stating that he was in the coast city at the time of the earthquake, and was uninjured.