## NINE BLOWN TO ATOMS.

READFUL CATASTROPHE AT THE VILLAGE OF ISLE PERROT.

Standard Explosive Company's Works, Where the Explosion Took Place. Ahe the Largest in the Doand Other High Power Explosives.

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O. TREPANIER

Montreal, Feb. 11 .- A terrible disaster curred to-day at Isle Perrot, a small village near Vaudreuil. As the result of an explosion in the Standard Explosive Company's works, nine men were sive Company's works, nine men were blown to atoms, and several more severa-ly injured. The explosion occurred at the noon hour, when most of the em-ployees were outside the building, other-wise the loss of life would most likely

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THE TORCH EXPLODED.

Henry Joliffe, of St. Catharines, Very

St. Catharines, Feb. 11.—An accident which may result fatally happened shortly before 10 o'clock this morning on board the steamer Cataract at Port Dalhousie. While Henry Jolliffe, of this city, was working on the boiler, a torch which he was using exploded, setting fire to his clothes, which in a short time enveloped him in flames. Assistance was quickly given the unfortunate man, but not before he had been very seriously burned. The steamer was undergoing some repairs.

### **Have You Winter Dysentery?**

In summer, when abundance of green or unripe fruit is eaten, bowel troubles are exceedingly common. Almost as prevalent is dysentery in the winter, the cause being congestion due to cold. Physicians say it is not a difficult matter to cure dysentery and bowel troubles if a suitable remedy is employed. Probably nothing affords such quick relief as small doses of Nerviline, repeated every hour or two. If there is pain, relief is immediate—stomach is strengthened, warmed, comforted. The cause of the distressing condition is removed and the patient feels at once the benefit of Nerviline. Those who know, say there isn't an ache or pain inside or outside, that Nerviline won't cure. This explains why hundreds of thousands of bottles are sold every year—it does good.

## CAUSE OF FAILURES.

### Facts, Figures and Opinions For Hamilton Business Men.

For many years past Bradstreet's has published very fully the results derived from its statistics of commercial failures, the aim being to supply the community which it serves with necessary, if not exactly palatable, information regarding what might betermed the decrees of the courts of last resort in the business world. In bringing together this yast mass of information, much valuable data regarding the impelling causes of busi-

works on Isle Perrot are the largest of their kind in the Dominion. Three hundred acres of land on the island is used for the purpose, and on this land there are over forty buildings, the number of hands employed when in full operation being about 250. The capacity of the plant is two carloads of dynamite and one carload of blasting powder daily. From eighty to ninety per cent. of these explosives is used on railway construction work.

Last summer the powder house of the Standard Company exploided, but on that occasion there was no one about, and no lives were lost.

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Why Men Failed in 1907.

(From Bradstreet's Journal, Jan. 25, 1908.)

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could hardly have been exercised in that year, and the hervest of small and large failures alike since Jan. 1, 1908, lends color to this view. Among the apparent causes for a decreasing commercial death rate is the fact that improved credit reporting, resulting in conservatism in the extension of credit, worked for a smaller possible mortality; in addition, the suggestion made in these columns in the surgestion made in these columns in previous years may again be advanced, namely, that these and other improved conditions in the business world act as an effective check on the commercial death rate, just as discoveries in science, in medicine and in surgery are constantly accomplishing a reduction in the rate of human mortality. Moreover, the fact that the annual commercial death rate is less than 1 per cent., and has never been above 1½ per cent., disproves the tradition that the larger number of persons entering business ultimately fail, and consequently this tradition can be pronounced both untrue and misleading.

A Failure Defined.

Here it should be added that Bradstreet's definition of a commercial failure is that there must be some loss to creditors of individuals, firms or corporations engaged in legitimate mercantile occupations. Under this classification, failures of professional men, like physicians, lawyers and actors, as well as farmers, stockbrokers, real estate melastic ton, failures of professional men, like physicians, lawyers and actors, as well as farmers, stockbrokers, real estate more place. Any or all of the foregoing may be, in fact are, dissociated from the recognized commercial life \*0f the country, and are not included in Bradstreet's failure data. On the other hand, it should be clearly borne in mind that these statistics do cover and include all suspensions of banks, and other strictly to obtain credit escaped, in 1907 at least, the fullest effects of the convulsions of banks, and other strictly to obtain credit escaped, in 1907 at least, the fullest effects of the convulsions of banks

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Many years of experience have shown that eight leading causes are subjective and attributable to those who fail, while three others exert their influence from In Canada.

both faults of those failing, therefore effected 67.4 per cent, of the failures and 75.9 per cent, of the liabilities. Specific conditions, the third cause in order—one, however, beyond control of the individual—accounted for 12.7 per cent, of the number and 7 per cent, of the liabilities, but this cause, like incompetence, was not so fatal or so damaging as in the year 1906.

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The information upon which the foregoing data are based was procured and distributed by the Bradstreet Company while acting in its capacity as an authority through whose instrumentality credit is not only determined but fostered and its extension promoted wherever commerce engages the activities of men. It should not be forgotten, however, that the source of that information is the business community itself, without whose co-operation the results attained could not have been reached. The nature and extent of that co-operation reflect in a striking way the confidence of the commercial community in the integrity of purpose of the institution and the character of its administration in the discharge of the functions which have been assumed by it in relation to the business world. That confidence and that co-operation have steadily grown with the growth of the organization itself in the more than half century of its existence, until the offices of the Bradstreet Company, once confined to a few large eastern cities in the United States, now extend not only throughout the territory of the great republic, not omitting its latest acquisitions in so far as they are commercially cognizable, but into the Dominion of Canada, Mexico, Cuba and the islands of the sea, the United Kingdom, Australasia, and. but into the Dominion of Canada, Mexico, Cuba and the islands of the sea, the United Kingdom, Australasia, and, through its association with the Institute W. Schimmelpfeng, throughout the entire continent of Europ. In a word, the institution exercises its functions as a guardian of solvency and disseminator of commercial information wherever a condition of settled order marks the secure extension of the sphere of civilization, law and commercial credit.

## **DOUMA AND FINLAND**

Her Relations With Russia to be Discussed in Parliament.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.-The relations between Russia and the Grand Duchy of Finland, which for a long time have been the subject of serious discus sion in the higher administrative circles of the Empire and the Grand Duchy, will now be raised in the Douma by the will now be raised in the Douma by the Octoberists, who have decided to attack as a salient point, the absence of control by M. Stolypin, the Russian Premier, over the reports of the Finnish Secretary of State to the Emperor.

They are preparing to demand the ownership of Viborg district be restored to Russia, and that measures to crush the national aspirations of Finland be adopted.

## AGAINST USURERS.

Report That Warrant Has Been Issued For Money Lender.

Montreal, Feb. 11 .- The first result of the renewed crusade against usurers in this city is the issuing of a warrant for the arrest of C. E. Campbell, a wellknown money lender, who, it is alleged, has violated the criminal law relating to usury. Action has been taken by Col. Hubbard, acting under instructions from the Attroney-General, and it is stated that Campbell has left the city.

## SUCCESSFUL AT-HOME.

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The Shamrocks are to be congratulated on the manner in which they conducted their sleighing party and at-home at Bullock's Corners. About 35 young couples attended. Dancing continued till 12 o'clock, when a sumptuous repast was served. The ladies in charge of the tables were Misses Black, Murphy and Sarah Kenny. After supper, they danced till 2.30. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion, the color scheme being red and green. The floor management and the unexcelled programme of dances were due to the efforts of J. Haley, A. Reardon, J. Kenny and J. McGuire.

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CARS FOR WOMEN ONLY. Innovation Proposed by the London

County Council.

London, Feb. 11.-Cars for London, Feb. 11.—Cars for women only will probably be run on lines controlled by the London County Council at rush hours. During the morning there are always wild struggles to board the cars at many suburban terminals, and in order that women and girls may be able to avoid this fight for places the innovation is proposed.

An official said London will be the first cit to have needs transpare executions.

An official said London will be the first city to have special tramway cars for women. The crush at Tooting for Broadway, for instance, between seven and eight in the morning is almost wicked. I have seen young girls on the way to the city have their hats almost torn off and their hair disarranged as well as their dresses covered with mud from dirty boots.

It is understood that Mr. R. Burt Megill, of Toronto, has been appointed by the Provincial Government as assist-ant to the King's Printer. The appoint-ment was made yesterday. He is an em-ployee of Davis & Henderson, manufac-turing stationers.



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MRS. MACDONALD ACQUITTED. found Not Guilty of Shooting Webster Guerin at Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 11.-Mrs. Dora Mc-Donald, who has been on trial here sin January 20 on the charge of murdering Webster Guerin, was acquitted by a jury in the Criminal Court to-night. The verdict was reached after six and a half

The defendant, who is the widow of Michael C. McDonald, formerly a political leader in Chicago, received the verdict without apparent emotion. Webster Guerin was shot and killed in his studio in the Omaha building. LaSalle and Van Buren streets, February 21, 1907. Mrs. McDonald was alone with him when the tragedy occurred, and was immediately arrested and charged with the murder. The shock of the tragedy proved disastrous to McDonald, and he died August 9, 1907, after an illness of several weeks.

It developed at the trial just concluded, that Guerin and Mrs. Dora McDonald had been more or less intimate for almost ten years, their relations having begun when Guerin was less than seventeen years old. The State anserted that Guerin had attempted to dissolve these relations, and that the woman shot him in a jealous rage.

TRAMPLED TO DEATH hours.

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TRAMPLED TO DEATH. Mrs. S. Mahan, of Sidney, Man., Killed

by a Vicious Horse.

Carberry, Man., Feb. 11.—Mrs. S. dahan, wife of a prominent resident of lidney, Man., was trampled to death by vicious horse which she had a vicious horse which she had attempted to feed in the stable at her husband's farm. The woman was found unconscious in the stall beside the anial by Mrs. McEirea, a neighbor, who lifted her away and ran for assistance. It is believed the woman must have regained consciousness and again wander. taken out she was so badly mangle that she lived only a few minutes. So leaves a family of four small children.

Will Cease to Make Rifles.

Quebec, Feb. 11.—It is rumored that the Ross rifle factory will close down on Saturday next for want of orders, which will throw over four hundred skilled workmen out of employment, it appears that owing to the crusade instituted for some time past against the Ross rifle no Government orders have been received for a clear track

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Ross has been paying his men with little or no return for months past, in antici-pation of new orders, but in the end is compelled to close down his works. COLLISION AT BRIDGEBURG.

Three Injured on Wabash Passenger Train.

Bridgeburg, Ont., Feb. 11.—Wabash assenger train No. 9, which left Buffalo passenger train No. 9, which left butters this evening at 9.20, collided head-on with a freight train just outside the yards here and three people were injured. These are:

hese are: James Black, of St. Thomas, engine of the passenger train, hurt about th head and shoulders while jumping. Ed. Scriber, of St. Thomas, firema

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# SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN

## NORTH-WEST **Homestead Regulations**

A NY even numbered section of DominMaion Lanods in Manitoba or the Northwest Provinces, excepting 8 and 28, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person
the sole head of a family, or male over 13
years of age, to the extent of one-quatre
section, of 160 acres, more or less.
Application for homestead entry must be
made in person by the applicant at a Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-agency. Entry
by proxy may, however, be made at an
Agency on certain conditions by the father,
mother, son, daughter, bother or sister of
an intending homesteader.

An application for entry or cancellation
made personally at any Sub-agent's office
may be wired to the Agent by the
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and principle for is vector on receipt of the
telegram such application is to have prior
ity and the land will be held until the necessary papers to complete the transaction
are received by mail.

In case of "personation" or fraud the applicant will fortest all priority of claim or
if entry has been granted it will be summarility cancelled.

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from an individual until that application has
where as entry is cancelled subsequent to
institution of onacellation proceedings, the
applicant for cancellation will be effitted to
prior right of entry.
Applicant for cancellation must state in
what particular the homesteader is in default.

fault.

A homesteader whose entry is not the subject of cancellation proceedings, may, subject to the approval of Departument, re-Unquish it in favour of father, mother, so, daughter, brother or a sieter if eligible, but to no one else, on filing declaration of abandonment.

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DUTIES—A settler is required to perform
the duties under one of the following plans;

(1) At least six months' residence upon
and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

(2) A housesteader may, if he so desires,
perform the required residence duties by living on farming land owned solely by him,
not less than eighty (30) acros in extent, in
the vicinity of his homestead. Joint ownership in land will not meet this requirement.

(3) If the father (or mother, if the father
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(4) The term "vicinity" in the two preceding paragraphs is defined as meaning not more than nine miles in a direct line, exclusive of road allowances crossed in the measurement.

measurement.

5) A homesteader intending to perform his residence duties in accordance with the above while living with parents or on farming land owned by himself must notify the Agent for the district of such intention. Before making application for patient the cettler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so.

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MINING REGULATIONS.

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