PRICE, THREE CENTS

6 INJURED IN \$10,000,000 MONTREAL FIRE

FearsSir Adam Beck May Quit Hydro Commission

ABANDON POST

Member of London Power Department Expects 'Startling Developments.'

DISCUSSES DRURY STAND Believes Premier Prompted Resignation of Hon. D. Carmichael From Board.

Carmichael as hydro-electric comeditated move that will lead to fur probably in the resignation of Si nilip Pocock of the London hydro epartment, and generally known in city since the inception of hydro "Beck's right-hand man."

Commissioner Pocock feels that rmichael's resignation was promptby Premier E. C. Drury.
"He is a member of the Drur

rty, and no doubt he has to do what e premier tells him. It will be no ced, however, that Carmichael with ew his statement about 'dishonesty

"I certainly would not be surprised see further immediate developent and the deep sea, and I rould not be at all surprised if he lso tendered his resignation. It oks to me as though everything heading to a climax and more eet the whole proposition is be-oity, reen Premier Drury and Sir Adam."

Claims Efficiency Lead. Touching on the charges by Mr. armichael that inefficiency has been wn in the preparation of the estithe Chippawa canal, Comissioner Pocock held to the opinion an efficiency view point

"that when an undertakof such gigantic proportions as is is done there are th not consider the question from every angle, but lose no time in condemning. I'll admit that Sir Adam seemis in a tight fix, but what the cople do not seem to realize is that every five-cent piece that is ex-

be recovered by revenue. "We notice that the farmers, headed by Premier Drury, are still ontending that they should have all They desire a flat nunicipalities. rate, but they'll never be able to have sons, Charles K. and William M. of ing or in motion.

it. It is impossible. The cost of the Burrow, Stewart & Milne Comfurnishing hydro to the farms is so much greater than in the cities and towns.

Have Different View. "The farmers do not regard the question from our viewpoint. There are certain things they are able to obtain at a price considerably less than we can. They will let apples for instance, rot on the trees and rop off because they claim the cost to bring them into town. It is the

s too great unless they are willing tion from smoke this morning, when o shoulder their just share." e fact that an "uninterested" party seck or else let him go," and expressed the belief that something of

his nature was about to transpire.

Claims Faith and Hope Are Farmer's Assets

WASHINGTON, March 4.—A Minnesota farmer's wife, Mrs. N. Radick of Fulda, Minn. today told the Senate agricul tural committee of the hardships and poor financial returns of farm life and advocated the Ladd bill for government fixing of prices on agricultural pro-

"The farmers live by hope faith and accident," Mrs. Radick told the committee. plow and sow in hope; live in faith and market by accident.

"The farmer, his wife and hour for last year's work. Children on the farm are just vocal agricultural implements."

SENATOR MILNE OF HAMILTON PASSES

President of Burrow, Stewart & Milne Foundry Company III Since October.

BORN AT ABERDEEN, 1839

Came To Ontario In 1854 and Was Appointed To Senate By Sir Robert Borden.

Hamilton, March 4 .- Senator John Milne, head of the Burrow, Stewart & Milne Foundry Company, died this orning at 8:45.

Hon. John Milne was one of Hamilton's most prominent business men. burned. He was president and managing

Mason and Presbyterian.

John Milne was born and educated

business as an iron founder. His just south of the railroad or we wife (Mary Manson) survives with would have been across.

an operation and his intimate friends the machine. knew that his death was only a ques-cleared the track. tion of days.

In the death of Senator Milne this city has lost not only one of its most express coaches. It was made up convention, to call a general strike on citizens but one of its most noted and outstanding political figures. He "I blew the whi pended for Chippawa or hydro will had been president of the Conserva-reached the limits of the town," Enpast twenty-five years, and in recog- stant later I saw the automobile on press an opinion regarding the probnition of his services to the Conservative party, he was summoned servative party, he was summoned The space before we struck it was remarking that the decision rests the advantages of hydro as in the to the Senate on December 1, 1915.

to the late Senator Milne.

FIRE ENDANGERS FAMILY.

is too great to make it worth while County in the last federal election. to bring them into town. It is the and the members of his household, had a narrow escape from asphyxiahad a narrow escape from asphy fire broke out in his home at St. south shore of the St. Lawrence

14 KILLED WHEN EXPRESS TRAIN HITS MOTOR BUS

N. Y. C. Flier Crashes Into Vehicle at Crossing in Painesville, Ohio.

WRECKAGE SET AFIRE

Many of the Victims Were Proceeding Home From Dance.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 4 .- Foureen persons were killed and approxmately a dozen injured, four perhaps fatally, late last night when New York Central express train No. 600

astbound, crashed into a bus at the St. Clair street crossing in Painesville. Only five of the dead were identified at a late hour. All are believed to have been residents of Painesville and Fairport, between which cities the bus operated. According to railway officials here, New York Central train No. 3, westbound, crashed into the wreckage.

Most of those killed were residents of Fairport, Many of them had left a dance hall in Painesville less than half an hour before the crash, while several others had attended a lodge meeting. Two had just boarded the bus and had just settled in their seats when the accident occurred. Gasoline Tank Explodes.

An explosion of the gasoline tank of the machine set fire to the debris and several of the bodies were badly

The bus, which was operated be director of the Burrow, Stewart & tween Painesville and Fairport, was Milne Company, manufacturers of stoves and other metal products. In addition he was president or director watchman, declared he flagged the the government. As a matter of of several other big concerns in this driver, who had stopped on the south of the whole proposition is bemunicipal appointments during the sengers. A declaration by Chester last twenty years. Parrish, manager of the bus line, that In politics he was a Conservative, a large oil tank obstructed driver and was appointed to the Senate Adams' view of the watchman's during the government of Sir Robert lantern and the approaching train, Borden, in 1915. He was a prominent was discounted by Carl Sullivan, one

Senator Milne had been in failing engine came on. I saw the driver health since October, and recently gangrene developed in one of his don't know whether it speeded us up feet. He was too feeble to undergo or slowed us down. It was dark in an operation and his intimate friends. International board who now becomes Sir Arthur Ball-United Mine Workers of America.

Mr. Livett stated that ballots have already been sent out to all locals of the U. M. W. A. in both Canada and the universal favorite. There is some the U. M. W. A. in both Canada and the properties of the U. M. W. A. in both Canada and the properties "People near me screamed as the I thought we had Then it hit us.'

Composed of Twenty Coaches. The train was composed of twenty widely known and highly respected here to go to Buffalo, and does not April 1, if agreements are not con-

tive Association of Hamilton, for the gineer Fernandez declared. "An in- March 15. Mr. Livett would not exthe track immediately ahead of me. able outcome of the vote further than o the Senate on December 1, 1915.

He is survived by his wife and two whether the automobile was stand-

GOVERNMENT FLAG HALF-MASTED wreckage flew past the engine cab. I Ottawa, March 4.—The flag over the am sure we stopped as quickly as arliament buildings is being flown at possible."

The story of Fireman Cornell co-

incided with that of the engineer.

B. C. LIBERALS TO CONVENE. Press).—Gideon Cravel, the defeated of British Columbia will meet in Conservative candidate in Levis formal convention in Nelson June 8 France £32,000,000 for "dock dues," and 9 next.

Pasha has been re-elected head of the Surely this is the first time that an the national assembly, says an An-trenches wherein he shed his blood which has been cut off for over a different skater. But in one activity Commissioner Pocock referred to Ramual d'Echemin, a town on the Turkish Nationalist government by ally has been charged rent gora dispatch received here.

Quit Chorus to Rule O'er Castle!



DUCHESS OF LEINSTER.

LONDON, England, March 4 .-May Etheridge was a London chorus girl. She married Lord Edward Fitzgerald, who had no money and was heir to none. His brother, the Duke of Leinster, recently died and he

succeeds to the title, being the premier duke, marquis and earl of Ireland.

The former chorus girl now

presides over a mansion and an estate of 11,000 acres in the county of Kildare.

COAL MINERS MAY APPRECIATE HONOR GIVEN STRIKE ON APRIL I

Calgary, March 4. - (Canadian Press)-Canada and the United Mason and Presbyterian.

John Milne was born and educated at Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1839. He dated at Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1839. came to Ontario in 1854, and entered stopped to take on two passengers according to a statement issued to the Canadian Press last night, by Robert Livett, international board

bers are being asked if they desire to give power to the policy committee, appointed at the Indianapolis summated by that date.

The ballots are to be returned to

g or in motion. "As I threw on the brakes I felt FRANCE'S BILL TO the collision and fragments of the BRITAIN SURPRISES

rent of trenches and compensation Athens, March 4-Mustapha Kemal by British troops." The Star adds. for the charger.

TO RT. HON. A. J. BALFOUR General Satisfaction Expressed

Action of King in Knighting Statesman.

London, March 4.-The conferring of the order of the Garter by the King upon Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, should know. abandon his lifelong disinclination to receive decorative distinctions.

It is said that he has four times

successfully resisted royal pressure to accept a peerage, the latest occasion reported to have been when he returned home recently from Washington. As apparently Mr. Balthe peerage, there was nothing else King George could confer commensurate with his public services than the Order of the Garter. The garter is rarely bestowed upon a commoner, the most notable recent occasion being in 1912 in the case of Sir Edward Grey (now Viscount Grey of Fal-

loden). Strictly speaking, however, London, March 4. - (Canadian the latest commoner to receive the Press Cable)-The Star expresses decoration was Viscount Lascelles, wonder as to why nearly all the who married Princess Mary last morning newspapers suppressed a Tuesday, whose title of viscount is disclosure made in the House of merely a complimentary one, borne Commons yesterday in answer to a by him as the son of the Earl of

OPENS BRIDGE MARCH 25. Hamilton, March 4 .- The "jack-

canal is nearly completed and will tured each other. be open about March 25, when automobile traffic across the beach, year, will be resumed.

LEAD LIBERALS IN UNSAFE PATH

Life Stamp Him as Apostle of Commonsense.

LISTOWEL PROUD OF HIM

In Boyhood Days Francis Was "Most Popular Fellow in These Parts." Special to London Advertiser.

LISTOWEL, March 3.-Publicity is generally the forerunner of famous nen. However, there are exceptions to the rule, and Francis Wellington Hay, now Liberal leader in the Ontario House, is in that category.

A few short days ago Hay was an ordinary member of Parliament. His identification disc read, "Member for Perth." Of course, for a short period his light in the political constellation at Queen's Park shone a little brighter, but it was somewhat paled by the stronger beams from such

Mr. Hay was only occupying the place of a fallen star at the best-acting Liberal leader, he was desig-Was he destined to wane or shine

Perth were asking. The Liberal convention at Toronto

inence overnight?" Perth, which expressed its confidence in him, despite the U. F. O. deluge of 1919, was the logical place to find the answer. And so to Lis-

Listowel should know Wellington Hay intimately, of course, because it has known him for nearly 58 years.

Not Anything Freakish

Thus, if Francis Wellington Hay ent calm continues. There is more to a prodigy, centainly Listowel peace talk today than there has been be a prodigy, centainly however, is that her son of recent fame is neither a prodigy nor a phenomenon nor anything else freak- night, and a conference at Germiston ish in design. One learns, in fact, tomorrow, which will be attended by that if there is any one thing which representatives from the whole Reef, Wellington Hay is not it is a freak. Witbank and Vereenining districts. The most remarkable thing abou

All this may sound as if young Wellington were a boring and uninteresting youth, but his boyhood most popular young fellow in these parts. One gathers that Wellington Washington. As apparently Mr. Bal-four remained inflexible as regards but that he filled the role in a judi-but that he filled the role in a judicious way which prevented his becoming obtrusive.

Anyone who sees him now will notice the inevitable pink flower in his of the town. Popular with the ladies. was young Wellington Hay. He never missed a dance or party within miles. and when he married Josephine Riggs, "Joey," as Listowel still calls her, it was conceded that the beau knife" bridge at the Hamilton beach and the belle of the town had cap-

Young Wellington did not play cricket or baseball, and he was an in-

58 Years of New Leader's

stars as Premier Drury.

This was the question that the electors in the back concessions of

vesterday decided that. Now all Ontario is asking: "Who is this man Hay, that he should gain such prom

owel, Mr. Hay's "home town," the of public curiosity searchlight directed its shafts.

Wellington Hay was born here in November, 1864. He went to school He was married here. He has carved his career here.

him is his supreme normality.

Fred Mitchell, who has sat on the



EARL OF ESSEX.

LONDON, England, March 4.-Algernon George de Vere Capell, eighth earl of Essex, has organized a concert troupe with which he's touring the vicinity of his estate near Herefordshire, England. The earl himself stars with a comic female impersona-tion stunt. Why? "Because the routine life of a nobleman bores me," he says.

SOUTH AFRICAN STRIKING MINERS RETURN TO WORK

Federation Emergency Meeting for Consideration of Conciliation.

London, England, March 4 .- (Canadian Press Cable.)-The South African striking miners are returning to work in increasing numbers, Reuter's ohannesburg correspondent states. Over 1,000 strikers have gone back to work, so that, with the officials and others, there are now 5,000 men at work along the reef. There were indications last night of a progressive resumption of work if the pres-

Listowel's verdict, since the beginning of the strike. The industrial federation has summoned an emergency meeting for tobreakaway today, especially at Germ- ing the city's documents were sign iston, while in the outlying districts an immense amount of interest is being taken in what is described as the Germiston peace conference."

RETURNS MEDALS TO KING GEORGE

Vancouver, B. C., March 4.-As a protest against the sending of any more British immigrants to Canada buttonhole. That is merely the Frederick Charles Parson, D.C.M., natural sequel of youthful years in M.M., has sent his medals, his King's which the wearer kept careful watch certificate and his discharge papers of fashion's latest foibles. Those were back to King George. He came of fashion's latest foibles. Those were the days of the Prince Albert coat and the bell-bottom trousers, and Wellington's choice in each of those requisites was the despair and envy to secure work since his arrival here act of annexation of the region of Vilna eighteen months ago.

Ottawa, March 4.-After a threeday session during which many subjects and proposals bearing on the development and importance of the mining industry in Canada were discussed, the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Canadian Institute of sulted in the duke polling 1,366 votes Mining and Metallurgy came to a

CIVIC RECORDS OF GREAT VALUE ARE DESTROYED

Loss of City Hall Is Heavy Financial Blow to Quebec's Metropolis.

EXPECTS FEDERAL AID

Mayor Martin Declares Loan of \$2,500,000 May Be Sought To Rebuild.

Montreal, March 4 .- A total loss of at least \$10,000,000 is Mayor Martin's estimate of the net result of last night's fire at the city hall, without counting the incalculable historic documents, works of art and records of a moral and sentimental,

ather than a financial value.
In this total his worship includes not only the value of the building destroyed and of its contents (not a dollar's worth of which is insured, his worship believes), but also the cost of replacing and recompiling lists of assessments, taxation lists, etc., the furnishing of temporary accommodation for the city hall staff and the meetings of the various com-mittees and of the council and all he other expenses inflicted on the

city by the loss of the city hall. The disorganization of the city's finances, said Mayor Martin, was bound to be inestimable. He thought it probable that the government would facilitate the city's recovery from the disaster by authorizing a special loan of two and a half or three million dollars, with which to build a new city hall of such quality and proportions as would be a satis faction to the community for many rears to come.

Among the historic documents destroyed are some records going back as far as 1897, which a city hall official was busy compiling and had left or night in the drawers of his Tax records were saved be

cause they were in the vaults. The city hall was built in 1878, and ost in the neighborhood of \$700,000, and could not be replaced today un der a million.

In addition to the great property

oss, six firemen were injured and it feared that one of them, Captain Riley, will lose the sight of an eye, having been severely cut and burned by a piece of fused glass which fell on his forehead

Hon. Mederic Martin, mayor of Mon Hon. Mederle Marth, may be treal, was promptly at the scene of the fire. Sergt. Ferdinand Lefleur, the mayor's personal bodyguard, succeeded in saving the mayoral chain of office, but nothing else of value except some

debentures valued at \$5,000,000, the proceeds of the recent city loan, and the mayor conferred with Fire Chief Chevalier, asking if it were not possible to concentrate on the wing where they were housed. But the fire chief replied this would be as difficult as it would be futile, on account of the tre-mendous draft from the center of the building ,and the direction of the wind. Jules Crepeau, director of services, stated that the documents of his department were probably safe, and the debentures also, since they were stored

POLISH CABINET RESIGNS.

MINING CONFERENCE CLOSES. ELECT DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE. London, England, March 4.—(Canadian Press.)—The contest between the Duke of Devonshire, former governor-general of Canada, and a local builder, W. Marsden, for a seat in against Marsden's 896.

The Weather

FORECASTS. today and on Sunday. Pressure is now low over the west-

ern and northern portions of the con-tinent, while disturbances are situ-ated over Labrador and just south of Cape Hatteras. is falling in the coast regions of British Calumbia, while else in Canada fine weather prevails.

Temperatures. The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m.



Winnipeg .. Kingston .. 34

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures ecorded in London during the 24 hours revious to 8 o'clock last night were:

High. Low

Highest, 42; lowest, 12.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previouse to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 28; lowest, 18. Barometric Readings.

Friday-8 p.m., 29.5 Today-Highest, 29.32

ONE-MAN PARTY COMPRISES OFFICIAL OPPOSITION ON ALL LONDON CIVIC BOARDS Board of Health—Chas. Mitchell. Mr. Campbell is serving his first vote such amounts right and left. Now that he has the solicitor's opin-ponent against interfering with the agreement. Ald. Ashplant says there is no agreement in regard to school is no agreement in regard to school. "I am going to know something"

UNUSUAL **STORIES**

ABOUT UNUSUAL PEOPLE

ne political views, Arthur E. 20, one of the university's new schools. students'

> ready has a greater circulation than official opposition of one in the counany other college cil, Ald. H. B. Ashplant, was also ublication. making motions against proposals of Reade's main the administrations, and like his felifficulty is get- low insurgent on the school board,

ion printed. The seconder. issue was printed at Manhester, but the refused printers get out any nd was printed at

THE official opposition on all of London's municipal boards con-

sists of but one man on each. This interesting fact has been emphasized by the action of Bryden Campbell, who blossomed out as the ONDON, March 4.-Thrown out of only insurgent against the recent Oxford University because of large appropriation of \$637,000 for

nost brilliant stu- Of the twelve members of the dents, is publish- board. Mr. Campbell was the only ng a communist man who opposed the expenditures. maga- He made three motions to prevent the approval of the board's program. His magazine alHe failed to get a seconder.

At just about the same time, the

ting the publica- he thrice times failed to get a Here is how the opposition lines Council-Ald. H. B. Ashplant.

School Board-Bryden Campbell. Utilities Commission - F. Housing Commission-Dennis Tal-



BRYDEN CAMPBELL

year on the school board and he was amazed, he said, at the way the board battle when he presses

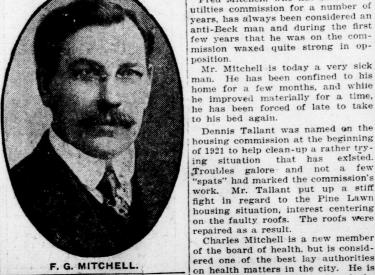
The new member on the board

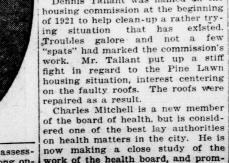
wanted a chance to breathe. He wanted a little delay, and thus playing a lone hand, he blossomed out as the one opponent to what has been widely commented on as "a policy of extravagance." On the council, Ald. Ashplant is making about as much progress as Mr. Campbell on the school board,

but he has a couple of matters shaping up rather promising for the fu-The alderman's fight was staged, first, against paying the deputy magistrate, until his salary had been provided for in the estimates. He was not on the regular city pay roll. The second was that the Spring-

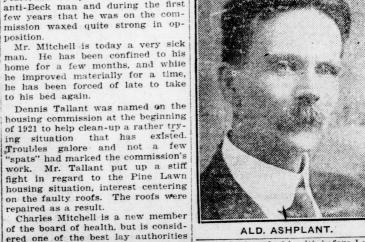
bank dam be submitted to a vote of The third was that the special committee named to interview the solicitor in regard to annex taxes, should be empowered, if the solicitor's ruling would allow struct city officials to collect the full school rate in taxes for this year.

F. G. MITCHELL.





position.



on health matters in the city. He is about the board of health before I ge onder. He is also facing a merry annex collected on the full assess- now making a close study of the through," declared Mr. Mitchell at a battle when he presses his motion, ment. Mayor Wilson is a strong op- work of the health board, and prom- recent meeting.