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28TH YEAR

PROBS - Strong ensterly winds; milder, with occasional falls of sleet and rain.

DEATH ROLL AT 161 ENQUIRY IS BEGUN INTO CAUSE OF FIRE

Three Little Girls Had Been Playing in Closet in the Basement in Which There Was a Quantity of Lime and Sawdust.

PUBLIC FUNDS TO BURY UNIDENTIFIED VICTIMS.

CLEVELAND, March 5.-Twentyfour hours after the disaster which swept into eternity approximately one-third of the school children of North Collinwood, the death roll numbered 161. Of these 131 had been identified at 161. Of these 131 had been identified at the Lake Shore morgue, while 30 bodies remain there is a condition of mutilation probably forever beyond the chances of recognition. The work of digging in the ruins of the schoolhouse in further search for remnants of children still missing, began with the break of day. Dawn found mothers and fathers waiting about to find their children's remains at the extemporized and fathers walting about to find their children's remains at the extemporized morgue. But little was brought forth during the day that would satisfy their longings and it is believed to night that all the bodies that can be removed from the ruins have been taken

Arrangements for the funerals of the victims were discussed to-night at a meeting attended by the mayor of Colmeeting attended by the mayor of Collinwood, members of the board of education, the clergy and the undertakers. The idea of having a public funeral of all the dead has been abandoned, althout it is probable that where it can be done bodies will be grouped in one church. The appointment of a relief committee by the Collinwood Board of Trade and town council to-day also is designed to care for the bodies of the unidentified dead, as well as assisting the bereaved parents. Should any of the parents desire to undertake the interment of one of the unrecognizable bundles of human flesh and bones, believing it may be his or her child, they will be permitted to do so. The remainder of the bodies will be laid side by side in the cemetery.

Result of Enquiry.

An investigation conducted by the Collinwood School Board, which lasted far into the night, at which a number of survivors of the herror told their stories, brought forth these facts:
That one of the inner doors at the west entrance of the school was closed and fastened while children were piling

Wing partitions in the vestibile narrowed the exit by at least three feet.
The flames came first from a closet
below the stairway at the east enthority on means of escape in time of
fire and has written several books on
the subject. He said to-day:
"The children of the North Collin-

The closet contained lime and saw-Three little girls had been found

till all escape was cut off.

It is generally admitted that the school building was of approved fire-proof construction, and that the calamity, looked at from this standpoint, could not have been averted.

Cause Still Unknown.

It is now believed that the fire did not have its origin in the furnace or from the explosion of the heating boiler, but that it must have started under the stairway leading from the basement to the first floor of the school building. The janitor, Fred Herter, stoutly maintains there was no waste or rubbish there. The officials are trying to executely the name cials are trying to ascertain the names of the three girls who are reported to have been in the basement at the time the fire started and who are said by the janitor to have first noticed

The janitor, Fred Herter, three of whose children perished, declares that as yesterday was comparatively warm, maintained the fires at a lower rate than usual. Fearing he had not sufficiently warmed the building he was on his way to open the furnace drafts when he was met by the three little girls running from the basement, who told him there was a fire below. The school was overcrowded and quarters had been provided for the younger children in the attic. Strange it may seem, more of the pupils

Continued on Page 7. AN APOLOGY.

Editor World: Would you kindly allow me to correct a misstatement which appeared in your paper two days ago, of what I said before the Canadian Club? I am repretue the Canadian Club? I am repretue the canadian club? sented in that report as having alleged that Cadet Lancaster was, among other things, accused of drunkenneess. Not only did I not say so, but I very clearly and emphatically distinguished his case from the other one also alluded to by me, in which drunkenness was an element. The boy punished for drunkenness, as I mentioned more than once, happened to be an "orphan." The point about Cadet Lancaster, as I very clearly showed, is that he is not an orphan. He was accused, not of drunken-ness, but of theft.

John Macnaughton.

CITY SCHOOLS SAFE.

At last night's meeting of the board of education, Trustee Rawlinson stated that fire drill was held in Wellesley, Churchstreet and John-street Schools vesterday and that in each case the buildings were emptied in less than a minute—the latter two being cleared in 52 and 56 seconds

respectively. All the doors were built according to the requirements of the city building code, and opened outwards. None were supposed

to be locked during school hours. Dr. Hunter said he had lately found a side door nailed up in Kew Beach School, and the property committee will investi-

FIREMAN IN EACH SCHOOL AND TRAIN CHILDREN ON LADDERS

Suggestions Which Are Made a Pittsburg to Prevent Holocausts in Future.

McKenzie, a former fire captain of Cleveland, who for 16 years taught Ohio school children fire drills, now a resident of this city, says the Cleveland disaster is likely to occur in any city unless the present method of training pupils to escape from fires is changed.

Mr. McKenzie is considered an authority on means of escape in time of PITTSBURG, Pa., March 5.-A. L.

lacked the proper training. It used to be that the captain of a fire district visited the Cleveland schools once a Three little girls had been found hiding in play in the closet earlier in the morning.

That there was but one fire escape and its use never taught as part of the fire drill.

Survivors among the teachers estimate that only two or three minutes passed from the time of the alarm untill all escape was cut off.

It is generally admitted that the school building was of approved firesponded on the closet earlier in that city this method was reduced to a science among the children. The idea of drilling the children up and down a hall, thru one door and out another, is absurd. When a fire breaks out the children immediately become panies ticken and forget the drill. They should be taught how to scale ladders and ropes.

PROVIDENCE. R.I., March 5.—(Special.)—Eloping from Toronto with Theresa Moquin, a 22-year-old French maiden. Col. Victor Ward, 74 years old, the oldest living confederate army of ficer, former governor of Kentucky and on the staff of President Jefferson Davis of the confederacy, reached here to day, believing they had outwitted the relatives of the girl, who they say are following them.

A huge success in every way was count of the banquet of the Canadian Press following them.

Col. Ward is one of the best known men of the south. He called on Gov/

Pittsburg between the hours of 9 and

MONTREAL'S NEW LOAN. Issue of \$5,000,000 Bearing Four Per

position considered at the last meeting of the committee, that the Bank of of four per cent., and issued at about

ninety-five.

The amount to be borrowed will be utilized for the following chief purposes: \$2,000,000 will be employed for urgent wants in anticipation of research to the content of the

ASPIRES TO BRITISH HOUSE. Joseph Martin, K.C., is Going to England-Closed Relief Station.

VANCOUVER, March 5 .- (Special.)-Joseph Martin, K.C., will leave in October for England, where he will take legal work before the privy council. He also intends entering political journalism and probably will eventually enter political life in the old country.

TRAIN COVERS 123 MILES

IN A JOURNEY OF 4 DAYS ney in these times. That was the experience of a C.P.R. train which arrived from Teeswater early this morning, and which was the first train from Teeswater since Saturday. The train started on Monday but Sunday's snow One hundred and twenty-three miles

ROSS RIFLES

That's What Canadian Detectives Are Alleged to Have Found to Be a Fact.

BOSTON, March 5.-(Special.)-Arthur Guertin, a prominent Boston Canadian, nephew of Yatter, the wellknown Canadian manufacturer of this city, and a man well informed on Can-

adian affairs, said to-night:
"I am amazed to learn that the Ross
Rifle Co. is having the greater amount
of its product made here. It is a subject that should interest every Canadian. In case of war or any national emergency requiring the immediate supply of arms, the Ross Rifle Co. of Quebec, reposing behind the big guns of Quebec's impregnable capitol, would be about as much use as a wooden spear factory in Texas."

The reports of Canadian secret agents

of the government of Canada have startled the Canadian population here. In Lowell and some of the large roll! cities of this section there are tens of thousands of Canadians and to-night the story that comes from Canadian detectives here has aroused them and they are talking of little else.

It is declared nine-tenths of the Ross rifle, the national weapon of Canada, s made in the United States and not in Canada, where contracts are suppose In fact it is said that little else is done in Quebec than putting the gun together. No denials of alleged existing conditions have been made.

SHORTT FOR RAILWAY BO. [Queen's Professor Said to Be Neede at Ottawa.

KINGSTON, March 5 .- (Special.) -- It is learned from a reliable source in this city that Adam Shortt, professor of political science in Queen's, is to be appointed to the railway commis-sion, and will shortly leave the uni-

versity.
Politics, on the Conservative

ELOPED AT AGE OF 74. weed school, according to what I hear, Col. Ward Selects Young Toronto Maiden.

PROVIDENCE, R.I., March 5.—(Special.)—Eloping from Toronto with

and ropes."

As a result of the Cleveland disaster
Ald. John J. Sweeney is preparing an ordin nee providing that a fireman shall the party by two detectives who acted be stationed in every school building of as a bodyguard.

BIG MILLS IN DEEP WATER. Merchants' Bank Closes Down on Brandon Company.

Cent.

MONTREAL, March 5.—(Special.)—
The city finance committee will this week decide on the means to adopt to float the five million dollar loan, the probabilities being that tenders will be called for as an alternative to the proposition considered at the last meeting ment.

BRANDON, March 5.—(Special.)—The flour mills of the Wheat City Midling Company have been temporarily closed down by the Merchants' Bank, which, it is understood, is carrying heavy illustrated it was closed down pending readjust-

Mr. Little, who for four years has been in charge of the Merchants' Bank Montreal be given a certain commis-sion to raise the entire amount. It is sion to raise the loan will be one the head office. the head office.

Many farmers have nothing to show

venue, \$1,000,000 for the enlargement of the aqueduct, \$575,000 to pay certain debentures falling due in the course of the year, and \$620,000 for public works.

Determination - Rowed Two Miles to Camp.

VANCOUVER, B.C., March 5 .- (Special.)—Carrying his severed right leg with him, Daniel Stetson, a hand-logger, crawled thru two miles of busn logger, crawled thru two miles of bush to tidewater at Toba inlet, got a boat and rowed another two miles down the coast to the logging camp before finally collapsing.

He was working alone Monday when the came to Canada he became correspondent for the great paper, The Scotsman. His honor quoted to the three delegates, council to the three delegates.

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finally collapsing.

He was working alone Monday when caught by falling timber. It crushed his right leg into a shapeless mass, practically tearing it off, and

Treacherous Friends Behind Him



OLD MAN ONTARIO: Back closer to the wall, my friend, if you would avoid a knife in the back.

JOURNALISTS' BANQUET GRACED BY EARL GREY AND OTHER NOTABLES

His Excellency Dwells Upon the Significance of the Quebec Cele-

honor the jubilee of the association and greet with other distinguished visitors, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, the only surviving founder of the Association present, his only living companion being James Summerville or Dundas.

Joe Clark, the retiring president, was also a most retiring chairman, and expediated the long program by his modesty. The royal toast having been honor-ed. Robert Stuart Uigott sang the

finely dramatic "Two Grenadiers," with magnificent force. The other toasts were the governor-general, the Heutenant governor, "Our Guests,"
"The Founders," and "The Canadian Press.

Earl Grey thought the press was the fourth and most important estate. It had usurped the place of the church, for it was their duty to promote everything that is good and chastise everything that is evil.

Nothing wa struer than that the individual moves the world. Lord Beaconsfield had remarked that not dipmatists nor statesman, nor cabine ministers, nor governors general, bu

little grubby men who lived in back attics influenced public pofficies.

He was pleased to tell the mthat H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was com-Remarkable Story of a Man's Iron ing across the Atlantic. (Cheers.) He had resolved to forgo all the delights of the pleasantest season in England for the sake of taking his hat off for the occasion of Canada's 300th

birthday.

Educating Journalists. The lieutenant-governor said he had become itnerested in the press when a lad of 17 at the Edinburgh University andw hen he came to Canada he

right to do so. Energy and accuracy were the two

The World regrets that, as indicated on Monday, but Sunday's snow an incorrect report of Protest Macnaughton's address in any prating of statement, and made the road impassable. The made his way thru the bush to the cast. Foot by foot he crawled over the logs and thru the swamp under the logs and thru the pople warsh the logs and thru the swamp under the delitors that a suddence and under the logs and thru the swamp under the logs and thru the swamp under the logs and thru the pople warsh was the thrain the delitors that a suddence and under the delitors that a suddence and under the delitors that a dundence the logs and thru the swamp under the delitors that a dundence the logs and thru the swamp under the delitors that and under the delitors that a dundence the logs and thru the swamp under the delitors that a dundence the logs and thru the swamp under the delitors that a dundence the logs and thru the swamp

HON. FRANK OLIVER, Minister of the Interior and a Newspaper Man Who Believes in "More Brains and Less Pulp."

ENGINEER DELEGATES VOTED FROM COUNCIL

National Marine Organization Does Not Comply With Requirements of International Unionism.

The National Organization of Marine Engineers must work out its own future, the local Trades and Labor Council deciding by a vote of 51 to 3 to refuse further membership in the

to affiliate with the international union qualities most necessary for the jour-nalist, and he suggested the desira-There are in the city representatives a warrant for Wapole's arrest, and profession.

Hon. Frank Oliver, as an old news- of both the International and Nation- when he was looked up he proved con-

BANK PERMEATED WITH IRREGULARITIES AND

Receivers' Report on Affairs of

"The bank has been conducted in a

of these loans, to the extent of several hundred thousand dollars, were charged off, while other loans against the same men were counted as good.

THE WRONG MR. WAPOLE.

Toronto Woman Claims He is Her Deserting Husband. DETROIT, March 5 .- (Special.)-

Dragged into court on a charge of not supporting a woman he does not know, but who claims to be his wife, and threatened with arrest for bigamy are only two of the stirring events also and the reach year. There was also an increase in passenger train miles. The average earning per passenger a mile was 1.3-4 cents per mile.

W. F. Maclean asked if that covered also are reached to the stirring events also are the road was making a mount of the support of the stirring events. are only two of the stirring events of the past few days in the life of and the minister said it did.

Edward Wapole of Detroit.

For the past fiscal year (nine more Edward Wapole of Detroit.

Mrs. Susan Wapole of Toronto arrived in Detroit two weeks ago and searched for her husband, who deserted her in Toronto, two years ago after kidnapping their young son.

Mrs. Wapole finally located Wapole and the minister said it did.

For the past fiscal year (nine months) the receipts were \$6.248,311 and expenditures \$6,030,171, a balance of \$218,-139, while for the statistical year to July 1 last, the surplus was \$397,054. Up to Dec. 1, there was a \$7000 balance of \$270,024. after kidnapping their young son.

Mrs. Wapole finally located Wapole

OTTAWA, March 5.—There is said to be little doubt but that F. H. Chrysler, K.C., will be offered and will accept the chairmanship of the Dominion rallway commission in the place of the late Judge Killam.

To-night the W.C.T.U. of Toronto hold their annual banquet in the base-ment of Massey Hall, while on the floor of the auditorium will be held an indignation ment of the ground of the people of the prophets of the people of the peop

TO THE PACIFIC

Member for South York **Advocates Creation** of Great State System.

OTTAWA, March 5.—(Special.)—The annual railway budget was presented by Hon. G. P. Graham this afternoon. was Mr. Graham's first speech of importance in this house, and he dealt, with the subject in an able manner.

Going exhaustively into several phases of the transportation question, Mr. Graham said he had not made up Mr. Graham said he had not made up his mind that the road should be placed under a commission. If under a commission, it should be a commission of one man responsible directly to the government. For the nine months ending March 31 last, the surplus of receipts over expenses amounted to \$307,000, but up to the end of the next collector received. ed to \$39,000, but up to the end of the next calendar year he did not anticipate that the surplus would be so large. It might become necessary in the future, in order to handle the traffic of the G. T. P., terminating at Moncton, to build a short line from Moncton to Halifax.

W. F. Maclean (South York) made a

W. F. Maclean (South York) made a strong argument in favor of the extension of the I. C. R. into Ontario.

On motion to go into supply Hon.
G. P. Graham rose to present the annual statement of the Intercolonial Railway. He premised by saying he made no pretence to having mastered the details of his department. He did not propose to discuss in a general way the question of transportation, but before taking up the working of the railway he proposed to make a few re-

Welland Canal Traffic. On the Welland Canal 31 million deliars had been expended to date elevator was being erected at Port borne which would be completed to 800,000 bushels capacity this year. It was a question whether government

ment ownership of elevators was success. The present sovernment elevators at Montreal, Hallifax and S John were not very active.

Discussing the question of deepening the Welland Canad Mr. Graham sattle present rate from Fort William Buffalo was 1 1-2c a bushel; from Bufalo to New York 5.70 in all 7.40 cents, By deepening the Eric Canad William

ing the Eric Canal wi mated that grain could be re-carried from Buffalo to New York for Oriental Bank of New York

Charges Gross Misconduct.

NEW YORK, March 5.—Misconduct of the affairs of the Oriental Bank, which is in the hands of receivers, is charged in a person written by except a cent of the deepening of the Weiland Canal it was estimated that a rate of 2 cents could be given from Font Willian to a port on the St. Lawrence, Kingston or Prescott, where transformed in the Aller of the Montreal the rate would be 13-8 cents. This would be an advantage of 1-8 of a cent over the deepened Enise.

charged in a report written by examiners employed by the receivers and made public to-day. The report Mr. Graham was in favor of developing water powers there if it could be

"The bank has been conducted in a most slip-shod, loose, unbusiness-like manner, and has been permeated with irregularities, frauds and crime. Within the last two years the administration of its affairs has been characterized by several apparent defalcations, forgeries, perjury and other violations of the statutes of this state; and yet the attention of the authorities of the city or state has not been called to the violations of the law by the officer or directors or attorneys of the Oriental Bank.

"Sums aggregating considerable amounts having been charged to 'profit and loss,' and the effenders allowed to escape the penalty of the law, apparently because they were employes of the bank whom the officers were afraid to prosecute for fear of exposure of greater or more serious irregularities, or violations of law, on the part of those higher up in the administration of the bank's affairs."

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of sustenance.
On the Intercolonial. Coming to the Intercolonial the min-ister said in the last fiscal year there had been a decrease in the number of freight train miles and car miles, while there was a considerable increase in ton miles, a good showing. In this respect the road was making a little