AGED WOMEN NEAR DANGER IN FITZCE PLANING MILL FIRE

North End Blaze From Lumber Piles to Be. mont Street Home-Protest From Charitable Institutions Against Possible Future Menace Will Fol-

THE FIRE IN BRIEF 5.17 yesterday afternoon.

—Losses—

V. A. Dunn's planing miliand lumber yard, partially
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ged Women's Home, loss
fully covered ...
welling-house at 96 Davenport-road and contents,
contents insured ...

Fire, and the attendant flood from 20 lays of hose, thru which the stream were held at high pressure by several engines, damaged W. A. Dunn's lumber yard and planing mill, 106 Davenport-road; the Old Woman's Home, 53 Belmont-street, and surrounding ildings to the extent of \$60,000. The fire was a stubborn one to fight, owing to the exceedingly inflammable nature of the materials at hand, and to a defect in the roof construction of the water pressure at the start.

quate at the start, it was afterwards pumps at the high level station.

door. And the blaze was quickly away residence, he returned, convinced that thru, the surrounding buildings and Canada, like her wheat, was number piles of lumber. The first alarm was one hard.

turned in by telephone from the home Sneaking of her juxtaposition to At 5.22 eight more sections were sent, glad to let the clubs be pu

lumber yard. But with the start which her powerful neighbor. this and gained and the extremely dif- He continued: "I hear the British

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Inmates Gotten Out Safely. is equipped with a water curtain at the formed Supt. Miss Reid that it would had a demand on the part of Canabe better for her to have all the inmates on the ground floor, so that they would be less hable to panic and could be got out quickly and easily should danger come. This was Grey said in his opinion it had only American minister to St. Petersburg, constitutional government has not yet shortly after three o'clock and ad- and overcome and the genuine suc done, and Inspector Cuddy of No. 2 just begun. Canada was getting the was urged in speeches delivered by a been established, explaining this by journed without having made mater. cess, which had attended the efforts police division, who was in attendance with a many made mater the fact that complications arose, the lal progress, at 5.10 o'clock. The predictive of the government to give the people of the government to give the people of the province power at actual cost. to send two of them to get all the in-

By this time a crowd of several sorbed the U. S. thousand had gathered in the four streets which bounded the fire, but were there in charge of more than 50 line steamers going to New York, when ports of Jewish-American citizens. men from Divisions 5, 4, 3 and 2.

Houses Around Emptied. Fortunately there was little or no wind, but the fire was continually eat- of the all red route.

ing its way thru piles of lumber and threatening the surrounding buildings. The occupants of these proceeded to save as many of their belongings as were movable and the streets took on a lively appearance, with groups of men and women carrying out various articles of furniture.

At last, owing to the fact that at the rear of the Women's Home, which backs against the lumber yard, there

Hitchcock to Samuel

EARL GREY DEFENDER OF BRYCE'S ATTITUDE

Ambassador Couldn't Refuse to Act For Late Government Regarding Reciprocity.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 6.-(C.A.P.)-At the Canadian Club to-night, Earl home building, and the insufficient Strathcona presiding. Earl Grey rebrought up to ninety pounds by the years he had to balance himself on the The blaze started in the engine ties, but the success which friends house of the planing mill. There are various stories as to its origin. Some were kind enough to say he achieved sa'd that there had been a boiler ex- was only a fraction of the success plosion, but the most likely story is which the Duke of Connaught would that it was discovered by four boys achieve. Canada was the belle of the who burst in the door, only to be ball and there was plenty of driven out by fire, which caught a pile evidence she was now receiving of shavings and sawdust just outside all the bouquets. After seven years

at 5.17, and a moment later the box the United States, Earl Grey eulogized at Belmont-street and Davenport-road the Canadian clubs of the Dominion, was pulled. Four sections were sent, declaring the directors were only too vain enough to hold that the United Chief Thompson, Deputy Chief No. States obtained equally as much adble and District Chief Smedley were vantage from its juxtaposition, and in charge of the fire fighting forces. Canada hoped more and more every They at once devoted their attention year to set an example of high living to quelling the blaze in the mill and which might have good results on

Scult nature of the work, and the in- ambassador has been attacked for Scult nature of the work, and the inambassador has been attacked for adequate pressure at the start, this the part he played in the reciprocity

Office THATUS ABROGATE EXIT CHINESE REGENT arrangements. The people who criti cise the ambassador don't know what Meanwhile the chief had devoted his they're talking about. Ambassador attention to the old ladies. The home Bryce had no more to do with reciprocity than you. The British ambasinch hose was also being operated inside. He did not think that there would be danger for the old ladies, 140 represent the views of the of whom are housed in the T-shaped, Canadian government in his official three-storey brick building. He in- capacity? You would very soon have dians for an ambassador of their

What Canada Lost.

they were easily held in check by the she done so a little earlier, she would Canada had a port miles nearer Liver-

PORCUPINE BULLETIN.

PORCUPINE, Dec. 6.-(Special.)-Snowstorm threatens, following 48 hours' of soft weather, with the temperature going down steadily. Hollinger report will be issued any day now within the next two weeks. Ground of representatives, and several memwas an overhanging roof, the fire took Montreal men took option on ten claims hold in spite of the water curtain for one hundred and twenty thousand

Montreal men took option on ten claims builder and several others.

Montreal men took option on ten claims witch was admirably protecting the wall. The men turned their hose upon it, but they would not reach, and it was only until two lines had been run up thru the building that the blaze was reached.

Then it appeared to be quelled, but they would not reached.

Then it appeared to be quelled, but the was discovered that it had eaten its way in under this overhang and was burning furiously along the attic. Before it was extinguished by the fire days from start to finish. The manner in which Bertie Stewart (played by Ward DeWolf), the fire days was a railway game, etc.

It was an insult to the aldermen, declared Ald. McBride. He did not with think any other paper in Toronto way morney on baubles, when some more useful article will be more largely appreciated. You have thought of many things, but we can suggest nothing better than a fur garment, large or small, as the occasion and your paper. The didning out with a young lady for the first time, many things, but we can suggest nothing better than a fur garment, large or small, as the occasion and your paper. The didning out with a young lady for the first time, many things, but we can suggest nothing better than a fur garment, large or small, as the occasion and your paper. The didning out with a young lady for the first time, many things, but we can suggest nothing a way.

To me it (The World) is the yellowed purposes of forty or fifty department several hundred dollars appear in Toronto, with the fire down the fire of the world purpose. The was a railway game. It was an insult to the aldermen, declared Ald. McBride. He did not think any other paper in Toronto way manny things, but we can suggest nothing away money on baubles, when some more useful article will be more largely appreciated. You have thought to finish. The man

ON THE THRESHOLD

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We are on the threshold of an agitation, not only for free trade with the United States, but also for a general reduction of tariff duties."

Mediation-Rebels Pleased

With Turn of Affairs,

Sacrifice in Vain.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

-Hon H. R. Emmerson in Commons.

T. & N.O. Will Be Built to Elk Lake

Chairman J. L. Englehart of the Timiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway announced yesterday that a branch line would be built into Elk Lake. Work will be commenced as soon as the weather

built into Elk Lake. Work will be commenced as soon as the weather permits next spring.

The new branch, which will be about thirty miles in length, will be projected off the main line from a point between New Liskeard and Englehart. Half a dozen surveys have been made, but this is the first definite statement as to the construction of the branch.

This line will prove a great been to the people and interests in this section of the country, and in the past mining deputations have waited upon the government urging that it be built. Not only will the new railway facilitate the extensive mining development but in the district round about the Montreal River there is some exceptionally fine farming land which the coming railway should open up.

TREATY WITH BUSSIA

Meeting in Carnegie Hall, Ask Concessions in Passports.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. - (Can. of friendly relations between the regent, Prince Chun, was issued to necessary two-thirds majority for the policy in all its bearings. He recountown.

Alluding to the emigration of Americans to the western provinces, Earl of Russia and James Buchanan was and points out that the administration has been unpopular and that a shortly after three cyclock and ad and overcome and the genuine successions. of U. S. His opinion had always been a large mass meeting held in Carthat the only complete union with the page Hall to-night. The meeting regent regrets that his repentance the one held yesterday was the short. mates in the Aged Men's Home, next that the only complete union with the negie Hall to-night. The meeting regent regrets that his repentance the one held yesterday was the short-of the house, everyone of whom had was held under the auspices of the tinued in power his commands would Aid. Maguire moved an amendment National Citizen's Committee, which soon be disregarded. Canada must believe in herself. Had plans a series of similar demonstrations thruout the country during the taels annually from the imperial get reports from the various civic largest detachment of police which has not have allowed the buying of Albeen seen in many a long day. In- aska by the U.S., or the imperial crimination by Russia in her refusal spectors Charlton, Cuddy and Dixon parliament giving a mail contract to for many years to honor the pass-

The weight of argument which pre- On the other hand, the rebels toceded the passing of this resciution night confidently state that Yuan Shi Ald. McBride fulminated at length also incidentally developing the availcame from speeches by Gov. Wood-row Wilson of New Jersey, Senator James A. O'Gorman of New York, Champ Clark, speaker of the house broken for the McIntyre ten-stamp bers of that body. Jacob Gould mill. First sale in Grassy River plac- Schurman, president of Cornell Uni- legations. er region consummated to-day when versity, Wm. G. McAdoo, the tunnel builder and several others.

to Pass Council - Comes Up Monday With Two-Year Term Proposal,

Great intentions on the part of the THRONE LOST TO SON to be held Monday. The former mat-was particularly timely. ter was withdrawn by its sponsor when it was shown by a tie vote on PEKIN, Dec. - 6.-(Can. Press.)-An an amendment that it would not go the audience was the signal for N. B., he would not sanction her dis-

to the effect that the third reading The regent has been granted 50,000 be held over, to allow the council to being assumed, etc.

The regent sacrificed himself in a Controller Church went him one bet-Canada had a port miles nearer Liverpcol. He hoped Lord Strathcona ambassador to Russia, was chairman is too late. Premier Yuan Shi Kai has six months' investigation to be made stituency. Who may not have st of the all red route.

Andrew D. White, former U. S. is too late. Premier Yuan Shi Kai has six months' investigation to be made by the city into the affairs of the stituency, who may not have st out the Russia be invited to arbitrate of the all red route.

The conclusion Mr. Beek outline. that Russia be invited to arbitrate British minister, sir John Jorgan, into street railway. The city should find the question at The Hague. Mr. his confidence. He has told the miniout what was lacking in the accommodation of the company and what to link up the various towns and vilmuch from the minister's mediation. | the city wanted.

Kai is their man. They describe him against the editorial that appeared on able power in the district. accomplishing the transition from the day, which declared that "every time Manchu dynasty to a republic with- the street railway made a pass at the out a massacre on an attack on the city, the aldermen dodged, that the proposed expropriation of the street railway "was a railway game," etc. It was an insult to the aldermen,

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SPOILS SYSTEM AT OTTAWA? CHARGES MADE HOT DEBATE

Under Secretaries for

OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—The adoption of the plan of under secretaries as followed in England is being seriously considered by the government. At present it is practically impossible for the ministers to give the necessary attention to details. As the country expands the work has kept increasing until it means now that a conscientious minister, to keep pace with his departmental duties, must labor day and night.

ment, but not members of the cabinet.

It is suggested for the present there be under secretaries to the ministers of interior, militia, marine and fisheries, public works, railways and canals and agriculture.

While it is doubtful if anything will be done this session, when the general reorganization of the department takes piace the plan will be thoroly discussed and investigated and enquiries will be made as to how the English plan works.

Hon. Adam Beck's Outline of Prospective Power Extensions Cheered at Large Meeting.

est of G. M. Boyd, the Conservative but of restitution. The action of the candidate for North Grey. J. M. Laurier administration in dismissing Davis acted as chairman and Messrs. 180 Welland canal employes in 1898, Boyd and C. S. Cameron addressed the was worse than petty larceny; it was rathering briefly.

The most important statement made now notorious Haines-Mackay suit. the late government. city council came to naught yesterday didate, had been attempting to ob- by my friends on the other side of the and instead of settling the two questions, the expropriation of the To- North Grey by representing himself will get it," he declared. ronto Railway Company and the as a much injured man, insinuating lengthening of the terms of office of instrumental in having the gaines the council to two years, they merely charge laid against him, and claiming discussed them and they will have to that he was entirely innocent. Mr. rear and with wired glass on the win- sador is the unpaid ambassador of Prominent Speakers, Addressing Premier Looks to Britain For be again dealt with at the meeting Boyd's assertion that he had or has

> Ovation for Beck. Hon. Mr. Beck's appearance before velopment of the scheme from its in-

declared against it. MacKay's Bluff.

Mr. Beck took occasion to call Mr. MacKay to task for his statements officials as to the nature of the debt regarding a flat rate and its feasibility. "No man," he said, "knows better than Mr. MacKay just how non-Andrew D. White, former U. S. last effort to save the throne for his ter, in saying that the matter should sensical and foolish such a proposal behalf over in order to allow of a really is. It is merely a bluff to catch the votes of the electors of this constituency, who may not have studied

lages in the Counties of Grey, Huron

Insurance Bill Passes

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 6.—(C. A. P.)—Chancellor David Lloyd George's national insurance bill passed its third reading in the house of commons to-night by a vote of 324 to 21. The Unionists for the most part abstained from voting, for, as explained in the amendment moved by them, while approving the objects of the bill they considered it neither adequately discussed in the house nor explained to the country. Therefore, they argued, further consideration of the bill should be resumed at the next session.

The bill passed its first reading in the house of lords to-day.

Decapitation of Officials in Works Dept. Amounts to Petty Larceny, Declares Carvell-SirWilfrid Laurier Resents Changes in Waterways Commission-Foster

RIGHTING WRONGS SAYS PELLETIER

Makes Defence.

OTTAWA. Dec. 6 .- "No one is more averse to dismissing an official than I, but when an official is guilty of wilful infraction of a rule laid down by this house, what other alternative would a government have in a case of that kind?"

In these words Hon. R. L. Borden dealt with the charges of wholesale application of the spoils system brought against the government by A. K. McLean (Hallfax). The debate which was precipitated, was one of the liveliest of the present session. Mr. Borden expressed the hope that the civil service act would soon be extended to a considerable portion of the outside service.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his reply, went so far as to attack the action of the government in superseding his ominee for the international boundary commission. He was answered by Mr. Foster, who held that the confidential nature of the con work made it absurd to have three political opponents of the government in power composing it.

Carvell's Strong Words.

The postoffice and public works departments were chiefly under fire. In the former, said F. B. Carvell (Carle-OWEN SOUND, Dec. 6.—(Special.)— ton, N.B.), the spons system was ton, N.B.), the spoils system was in one thousand people heard Hon. department of public works it was dam Beck explain his hydro-electric carried aimost to the extent of petty

hall at a mass meeting in the inter-that it was not a question of spoils.

Hon. L. P. Pelletier came valiantly to The most important statement made the championship of his department, by Mr. Boyd was that he in no man- and announced his intention of rightner whatever had aught to do with the ing some of the wrongs wrought by

"Every man who has been cut off

More Decapitations.

"I have had to dismiss quite a few postmasters and I will dismiss more, but I will do so with a due regard to justice and along the lines of the rule laid down by this parliament."

When asked by Mr. Carvell, if when the papers were brought down, he found he had made an error in the case of the post-mistress of Bath. Press.)—Abrogation of the treaty edict announcing the resignation of the thru, and the latter did not get the once into an explanation of the hydro by declaring without a memorial between by declaring without a moment's hesitation; "Most decidedly. I shall not be a party to injustice."

Considerable recrimination was indulged in by members on both sides

Officials Dismissed.

OTTAWA, Dec. 6 .- On a motion for papers A. K. McLean (Hallfax) endeavored to draw from the government a declaration of its policy with regard to the di-missal of government officials. In his own part of the country many civil servants had been threatened with dismissal by prominent Conservatives, who had in some instances arrogated to themselves the authority to order officials to vacate

White he had no fault to find with lismissals for active political partisanship, he reminded the government that thousands of officials who were avowed partisans before 1896 were allowed to remain in office by the Laurier government. Before an official was dismissed, he should be given a chance to enter a defence.

Mr. McLean held it most reprehensible to dismiss any postmaster for partitanship.

What did the postmaster general propose doing? he asked, with the postmasters who had been active Conservative partisans every year since

Chorus of Conservative members: "There ain't any."

Mr. McLean recalled a speech made Continued on Page 3. Column 3.

Niagara Falls Bylaw.

MAGARA FALLS, Ont., Dec. 6.-(Special.)—At a special meeting to-night the city council decided to sub-mit a by-law at the municipal election on January 1st to raise \$2500 to purchase new fire apparatus. The fire underwriters premised to decrease the rates twenty per cent, when the new apparatus is installed.