PROVISION FOR AGED AND INFIRM

Disciples Will Raise Fifty Thousand Dollars for Superannuation Fund.

CONSECRATION SERVICE

Closed the Day's Meetings at Massey Hall—Convention Ends Tomorrow.

Thousands of dollars poured into the treasury of the Disciples of Christ at the Massey Hall services yesterday. Three thousand five hundred dollars was contributed in the afternoon for ministerial pensions and the widows' and orphans' fund. Another thousand was donated for the Christian Endeavor department last night, and the collection for the Bible Society work netted $250.

Bright music and inspirational addresses featured the proceedings. W. C. Pearce taught a Sunday school demonstration lesson at 9.30, preceding the convention sermon. Rev. Corey E. Morgan aroused the enthusiasm of the assemblage by a fervid topical discourse on "Fellowship With Christ in Victory."

"Ministering to the Minister" was Rev. Dewitt Jones' theme at the convention communion service in the afternoon. The need of an adequate pension fund was urgent. The Presbyterians were gathering a ten million dollar fund in the United States. The Methodist Episcopal Church would shortly announce the completion of a $10,000 fund. The Disciples of Christ must make suitable provision for their aged or infirm ministers by increasing their present $50,000 fund. The appeal was responded to by contributions aggregating $3500.

Dr. Clark Spoke.

Christian Endeavorers had the program at night. Rev. Dr. Clark, president of the International Christian Endeavor Board, Boston, was the chief speaker. Dr. Clark declared the Christian Endeavor movement stronger and more extensive in its operations than ever.

A special effort would be made to establish an annual Christian Endeavor week. The first Sunday in February has been observed as Christian Endeavor day, but a whole week of special meetings was required to cover the most important phases of the movement.

Local Work Flourishes.

C. E. Hill, superintendent of the Christian Endeavor department, summarized the situation by reporting increased activity among the local societies. Mr. Hill gives his time without remuneration to the work. In consequence the $1080 contributed at the last convention met the departmental expenses.

The meeting closed with a consecration service.

CATTLE SHIPMENTS TO U.S.

CORNWALL, Oct. 5.—(Special.)—Four carloads of cattle were shipped to the United States markets last week by Alfred Alguire of Cornwall Township, and he will make another shipments of four cars this week. Mr. Alguire is buying up all the cattle he can secure. This week shipments will be made from Lancaster and Summerstown.

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THEATRE WARFARE WILL BE BITTER

Hamilton Theatre Crowds Will Benefit by Price-Cutting Competition.

FEW TYPHOID VICTIMS

Eleven or Twelve, No More, Claimed From Population of Smokeless City.

HAMILTON, Oct. 5.—(Special.)—Following the visit here last week of Clark Brown, general manager of the Canadian Theatres Company, Limited, the Temple management has decided to cut prices and increase the cost of its shows to such an extent that Hamilton will witness a lively vaudeville war this winter.

The ball was started rolling on Saturday when the Temple management doubled their newspaper advertising and began distributing large numbers of hand bills announcing a cut in prices. It was stated that the Temple would spare no expense to give vaudeville lovers the best shows at the lowest possible prices. With the exception of Saturdays and holidays, the prices at the daily matinees will be 10c and 25c. At each afternoon performance 1000 10c seats will be placed on sale. The night prices will be 10c, 25c, 35c and 50c, with the exception of Saturdays and holidays, when the present prices will prevail.

With two new theatres, the Griffin and Lyric, in the field, the outcome of the fight will be watched with interest. There has not been a vaudeville fight in Hamilton since 1907, when the Bennett Company came into this city with the Temple. The fight that followed between the Savoy and the new-comer cost the two houses between them about $60,000 before the season was over.

The people who will benefit by the fight which opens Monday will be the theatre-going public of Hamilton.

Low Death-Rate.

That Hamilton's death rate from typhoid fever this year would figure as the lowest on the continent was the contention of the health officials on Saturday. No new cases have been reported for some time, and it was believed that the slight epidemic on the mountain-top is rapidly dying out. The total number of deaths from typhoid fever this year in Hamilton was 11 or 12, it was said.

Wind Blew Out the Gas.

Mrs. Nichols, 215 Napier street, narrowly escaped asphyxiation on Saturday afternoon from the effects of escaping gas at her home. Mrs. Nichols lighted the kitchen gas stove, and when finished with it turned it partly out. The wind extinguished the blaze, and in a few minutes the house was filled with the deadly fumes. Two neighbors chanced in the house, and Mrs. Nichols was found lying on the floor in a stupor. Medical assistance was required to restore the woman to consciousness.

Best Exhibit.

Dr. A. T. Colville of this city on Saturday received the following letter:

"International Exhibition Offices, Rue Kalisbad, Vienna, Austria.

"Dr. A. T. Colville, 89 North Park street, Hamilton:

"Sir,—Beg to notify you that your exhibit at the International Pharmaceutical and Hygienic Exhibition has been awarded a gold medal and diploma, which will be forwarded in due time by the committee.

"Yours sincerely,
"Karl Kellerman, agent."

Hamilton Leads.

According to figures gathered on Saturday, it was discovered that Hamilton had outdistanced Ottawa in the population race. Hamilton is now the second city in Ontario, so far as population is concerned. City assessors have made their returns in both this city and the capital, and both are believed to be fairly accurate. One theory advanced is that Ottawa lost severely in the returns because the house was not in session when the returns were taken, which meant a loss of several hundred members of parliament and many lobbyists. However, the point is now settled that Hamilton is greater in population than Ottawa.

The official figures are as follows:

	1912.	1913.	Inc.
Ottawa	95,570	100,180	4,610
Hamilton	88,918	100,808	11,890

The figures show that Hamilton has 628 more citizens than Ottawa, and that this city's population is increasing three times as rapidly as Ottawa's.

No More Hand-Outs.

Mayor Allan tapped the death knell on Saturday to the hopes of a large number of city officials who have been maneuvring the last few days for salary increases. Each year, as soon as the increased assessment is announced, it has been the custom of those holding municipal positions to seek their aldermanic friends for a promise of consideration when the salary question was brought up. For some years now it has been the rule to make a general request for increases to the controllers, but Mayor Allan will not tolerate this during his term.

"As soon as we get a little more revenue, they think they should get more money," stated the mayor on Saturday. "If we only had a good, strong board of control, that would stand pat, we would do away with this general handing out of increases each year. I think there are a good many men today who are getting more than they are worth, even some of those who are receiving only $1200 or $1500."

LAYING UP STOCK FOR WINTER TIME

Charged with breaking into the tailor shops of B. Hurwitz and Sam Snow, at 93 West Richmond street, Louis, Wexman was arrested by Detective Guthrie yesterday evening. Two coats, two overcoats and a pair of pants were taken from the shop and were in Wexman's possession when arrested.

The tailor shops are situated over a store at 93 West Richmond street, and entrance was gained by climbing a rear porch and smashing the window.

MOTOR ABLAZE ON CURZON AVE.

As a result of the back firing of the engine, a McLaughlin car, owned and driven by A. C. McGuire, of 22 Robinson street, caught fire on Curzon avenue at 6 o'clock last night and was almost totally destroyed. Mr. McGuire estimates his loss at about $600.

One hose reel was immediately on the scene, but owing to the presence of gasoline could do nothing but prevent the spread of the blaze to nearby houses.

STRUCK BY MOTOR CAR.

With a deep cut in the back of his head, Charles Coulter, 104 Sherbourne street, was found lying unconscious at the corner of King and Sherbourne streets at 7.20 Saturday night by Constable Townsend. He was rendered to St. Michael's Hospital in the police ambulance, and is reported doing well. Coulter stated at the hospital that he had been struck by a motor car, but was very hazy as to details.

DENY NEGOTIATIONS.

ROME, Oct. 5.—(Can. Press.)—The Osservatore Romano, the official organ of the Vatican, denies that negotiations are in progress for the re-establishment of relations between the French Government and the Vatican.

KAISER'S FAMILY IS SPLIT IN TWO

Ruler of Germany and Son-in-Law Not on Good Terms.

HAVE NOT MET IN WEEK

But Will Be Present at Celebration of Kaiserin's Birthday.

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LONDON, Oct. 6.—(3.30 a.m.)—The Express prints a cable from its Berlin correspondent that says:

"The kaiser's family has been split in two over the Guelph claims to Hanover. It is announced that on the occasion of a family gathering at Potsdam on the empress' birthday the kaiser, for the first time in many years, has arranged to be away. He will thus avoid meeting his daughter and Prince Ernest of Cumberland, who have arranged to be at Potsdam for the celebration."

The Mail's Berlin correspondent cables quite as interestingly:

"I learn tonight from court quarters at Potsdam that Prussia is disposed to allow time to exercise its influence on the Hanoverian question, because thru the recent disappointment to the kaiser's daughter the question of succession is less acute than would otherwise have been. My informants are of the opinion that the kaiser will be inclined not to allow his son-in-law to ascend the throne of Brunswick without guarantees in regard to Hanover, in the hope that within the next year events may shape themselves so it may be easier for the prince to make the renunciation he now feels constrained to withhold.

"Rumors are already in circulation of strained relations between the kaiser and his son-in-law, based on the assertion that they have not met since the kaiser's jubilee last June, but it is now announced that the prince, who has been with his parents at Gimunden several weeks while his wife has been recuperating under the care of the Kaiserin at Potsdam, will arrive at Potsdam at the end of this week. The prince and princess are expected to return to their home at Rathenow on Oct. 17, but will come back to Potsdam Oct. 22 for birthday of the Kaiserin.

"The federal council now sitting at Berlin will not take up the question of the Dukedom of Brunswick until all negotiations have been concluded."

TWO AVIATORS KILLED.

RHEIMS, France, Oct. 4.—(Can. Press.)—By the capsizing of a biplane near here today a military pilot named Hurtard was instantly killed. A passenger, Sapper Moret, was seriously injured.

A sapper of engineers, Laverlochere, was killed at Chaumont by a fall from a monoplane.

WESTMINSTER WON SLUGGED REFEREE

Vancouver Scored in the Second Half and Landed Some Bets.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C., Oct. 5.—Altho winning the game on Saturday, and having a comfortable lead on the series, New Westminster players, alleging that he was unfair in his decisions, set upon Referee Ald. Fred Lynch of New Westminster, former president of the champions, and secretary of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association, and before he was finally rescued by police officials and friends he was badly beaten up. The assault took place in the Westminster Club's dressing rooms ifftediately after the match. Lynch made his way there to don his street attire, and had no sooner crossed te threshold than he was charged by the players. His face was badly battered and he was otherwise bruised. Friends of the referee and the police finally rescued and escorted Lynch to a waiting automobile.

Just what caused the trouble is not known, but it is alleged that certain players had wagered $500 that the challengers would not score after half-time. After that period play became rough, and it was necessary for Lynch to bench two New Westminster men. Then the V. A. A. C. scored. Playing much faster lacrosse, the V.A.A.C. held New Westminster to three goals to five, the Minto Cup defenders, therefore, successfully holding their trophy by an aggregate total in the two games of 14 goals to 4.

The game was played before a crowd of seven or eight thousand people.

SPRUNG A LEAK BARELY LANDED

POINT JUDITH, R.I., Oct. 4.—(Can. Press.)—The three-masted schooner Spartel, Capt. Hollowell, with a cargo of coal bound from South Amboy to Eastport, Me., sprung a leak yesterday morning and barely reached the harbor of refuge. All hands worked at the pumps and finally, making the quiet waters of the harbor, saved the ship.

The Spartel is a 132-ton vessel, built at Pembroke, Me., in 1868.

ONE KILLED AND SEVEN ARE HURT

ONEONTA, N.Y., Oct. 5.—(Can. Press.)—In a grade crossing accident in the Village of Bainbridge today one person was killed and seven were injured, two of whom will die. The touring automobile in which they were riding was struck by the Boston express of the Delaware and Hudson road.

Six-year-old John Wiley met death instantly. His parents were both injured. Mrs. Wiley's right thigh was broken and she was hurt internally, and Mr. Wiley's right arm was fractured. Marion Wiley, a daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. George Goodenough and two children, Dorrance and Gordon, of Afton, were injured.

SLIDE BLOCKS CANAL.

COLON, Oct. 5.—(Can. Press).—Col. Goethals, the chief engineer, has informed Captain Nilson, of the steamer Fram, that the Fram will not be able to pass thru the canal for at least a month, owing to a recent extensive slide at Gucaracha.

Mayor Hocken Returns

Mayor Hocken returned yesterday from the visit to Cobalt and Cochrane, paid by some members of the civic government last week. He was greatly impressed by the new country from New Liskeard northwards and the rich land around Cochrane stirred his commendations.

"It is a much easier country to clear than old Ontario was," was one of his observations. The fertility of the soil should attract settlers, and he evidently believes in the future prosperity of the district.

The party visited the Abitibi pulp mills, and these are regarded as a feature of great economic importance to the settlers who have hitherto had no means of disposing of their lumber.

MODERN BLUEBEARD CONFESSES KILLING

(Continued From Page 1.)

ery, N.Y., one man in alley way in Van Buren street, near Morgan; one man and one woman five years ago in rooming house.

Stole the Jewelry.

Spencer is a mild-appearing man, 32 years of age, nearly 16 of which he has passed in prison. He is smooth shaven, of medium height, wears glasses and carefully dressed. He had $260 in his possession when caught and states that he has gained about $7000 from murders and robberies during the last year, without counting diamonds of much value, which, he says, he has given to women of his acquaintance or sold to chance acquaintances. He has been a frequenter of the most popular cafes in Chicago and was known as a wine buyer.

"I found some of my most profitable victims in the best places," he says, without a sigh of emotion.

Spencer does not drink nor smoke tobacco, but says that every few days he would smoke opium. At the time of his confession he had not had any opium for two days and added that when he did smoke the effect lasted only a couple of hours, and that none of his crimes were committed excepting when he was clear-headed.

No Excitement.

He showed not the slightest excitement when being questioned. When asked how he killed his victims he replied:

"If I could get them coming upstairs I found a hammer handy. If I was alongside them I used a gun, and sometimes if the girl was not strong I would tie her up and choke her so as to have the least trouble. I cannot say how many persons I have killed. I am telling you men all I remember just now, but there may have been others."

Among his other crimes Spencer admitted being the burglar who tied two women and a man to their beds over a Milwaukee candy store recently and set fire to the house after shooting one of them. The firemen just succeeded in rescuing the prisoners. He also told of numerous recent robberies, including those in four Thompson restaurants and at the Astor restaurant.

"I have been married four times and killed two of my wives," he said.

The police, while in doubt as to the full truth of Spencer's story, are confident they have found a wholesale murderer, and that he will be proved to have killed at least several of those whose deaths he described in a long confession to-night.

Startling Confession.

Spencer's confession was so startling that it probably would have received no credence had not the bloody suitcase and the revolver confirmed at least part of his statement.

"I intended to kill Mrs. A. J. Scofield, the proprietor of the rooming-house where I have been living," he said. "If I had not been arrested at just this time, I would have killed her."

A woman with whom Spencer is said formerly to have lived, told the police than on Sept. 26 Spencer came to her house. His shoes were covered with dust and he showed a diamond ring resembling one worn by Mrs. Rexroat. He also took a revolver from his pocket and removed an empty shell which he threw from the window.

"I met Mrs. Rexroat two months ago at a dance hall," Spencer said in his written confession. "This was right after she obtained a divorce from her first husband. I got acquainted without any trouble, nobody introducing us. I took her home that night, and we decided to be good friends. After that night I saw her three or four nights a week for several weeks. She thought I was a farmer and would be easy picking, so I tried to keep that impression with her."

Robbery the Motive.

The police explained that Spencer was being permitted to tell his story without interruptions or suggestions. Spencer admitted that robbery was his only purpose in killing Mrs. Rexroat. He told the police that he had killed ten persons since his last release from the Illinois State Penitentiary in September, 1912, and four, a man and a woman and Policemen Pennell and Devine before that. Except in the slaying of the policemen, who Spencer said were shot by himself and a companion named Murphy, in escaping arrest for burglary, the killings were for the purpose of robbery.

The police cannot account for all the victims Spencer claims to have slain. The only victim Spencer was able to name was Fannie C. Thompson, who probably is the woman he said he killed before he started on his alleged career of murder.

Tried for Crime.

Luman C. Mann, the son of a wealthy family here, was tried six years ago for the murder of the Thompson woman and was acquitted after a long and sensational trial. The evidence against young Mann was circumstantial. Spencer gave a clear account of the way he claimed to have tied up the Thompson woman at the time of the killing, and his recital conformed to the evidence that was brought out at Mann's trial.

The police are in doubt as to the possibility of establishing Spencer's connection with any of the other murders he claims to have committed. He said he had nothing to do with the killing by hammer blows of Mrs. Emma Kraft, in an hotel here two years ago.

DID PERCY CARR DIE OF WOUNDS?

Death Certificate Says Pneumonia, But Rumor Points to Violence.

FUNERAL IS TODAY

So Autopsy Must Be Held Immediately or Not at All.

Peculiar circumstances surround the death of Percival Stewart Carr, aged 20, a resident of Swansea, in the Western Hospital early Saturday morning. The attending physician stated that young Carr died from pneumonia, but a persistent rumor has spread thru Swansea that he was in a fight the day before, being removed to the hospital, and that he was kicked during the encounter.

On Sunday, September 28, Carr complained to his parents of feeling ill. He was continually spitting blood, and at last was removed to the Western Hospital. On Saturday morning the boy died.

Subsequent to Carr's removal to the hospital, employes at the Swansea plant of the Grenadier Ice Company spread a story that the youth was kicked twice while fighting with another employe on Ellis avenue on Saturday, September 27.

According to this story a driver of one of the ice wagons was quarreling with a boy working on one of the other wagons. Carr interfered as soon as he could dismount from his seat, and the two men began to fight in front of the gate leading to the plant. It is alleged by other drivers and helpers that Carr was kicked twice during the fight.

Next morning, Carr who had not been well, complained that he was spitting blood. Soon after he was taken to the hospital.

Following his death the body was taken to Norman Craig's undertaking parlors on West Queen street, and later to the parents' home on Windermere avenue, Swansea.

Dr. Forbes Godfrey was questioned about the case by The World last night. The doctor was very emphatic in asserting that Carr did not die as the result of a blow. He said the only evidence of a blow was on the shin. According to Dr. Godfrey he had questioned Carr at the hospital in the presence of witnesses and the youth had replied that none of the blows struck him in the chest. Dr. Godfrey said last night that if the family wanted an autopsy they should speak at once as the funeral will be held this afternoon.

Percy Carr was known as an amateur boxer, who gave promise of developing into a good 140-pound man. He had taken part in many of the city tournaments, and was a brother of Will Carr, the well-known 135-pound fighter. He was also a member of the Swansea baseball team.

ST. ALBAN'S WILL RADIATE INFLUENCE

Thru Whole Diocese, Declared Canon Macnab—A Commercial Asset.

A special service was held in St. Alban's Cathedral Sunday morning, to which the residents of the district were invited to attend to hear a sermon by Canon Macnab on the subject, "The Cathedral in Our Midst." This the canon held as a splendid moral, spiritual and commercial asset, not only for the community in which it was being erected, but to the whole parish and municipality at large.

The preacher set forth the great moral influence which would be exerted by the cathedral with its staff of clergy and its sanctifying tone, and the spiritual asset with the daily service of prayer and praise and the holy communion. The whole religious atmosphere surrounding the church would come as a spiritual asset.

The canon brought out what a cathedral was, and how it differed from a parish church in it being a centre of the whole diocese, a centre of activity in good work, a stronghold of church life and missionary endeavor, an academy of church ethics.

A commercial asset was the very fact that such a beautiful, stately building, with its surroundings of residences and schools, would become a centre of attraction and would increase value of property as no other building that could be erected would do. It would be one of the most stately buildings in this part of the world when finished. Also it was the bishop's church, from which he could send his messages thruout the whole diocese.

This marked the second of a series of sermons preached on "The Cathedral in Our Midst," given for the especial benefit of the residents of the district. Next Sunday the same subject will be dealt with by Canon Morley.

POSTMASTER SPOKE AT JEWISH CLUB

Rt. Hon. Herbert Samuel Was Welcomed by Rabbi Jacobs Yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon the Right Hon. Herbert Samuel, postmaster-general of England, visited the new premises of the Jewish Working Girls' Club at 254 McCaul street, where a large gathering of prominent Hebrews of Toronto greeted him. Mrs. Maurice Frankel, president of the Council of Jewish Women, under whose auspices the work of the club is conducted, was in the chair, and in a few well chosen words welcomed the illustrous visitor.

In introducing Mr. Samuel, Rabbi Jacobs said that the guest, by his presence, proved that he was faithful to the traditions of his family, which for many years has identified itself with all philanthropic work in the Jewish communities of England. By coming there he had conferred a favor on the Jewish people of Toronto, and the Rabbi greeted him with the time-honored salutation of their faith in the words of the old sage, "May there be many like you in Israel."

A Necessary Institution.

Mr. Samuel said that he was glad to have accepted the invitation of the Rabbi and to see the work that was carried on in this city. Indeed, for many years he and his wife and Lily Montague have conducted clubs of a similar nature in England with good results. He maintained that institutions of that description were a necessity, and expressed the wish that all present would continue their interest in such a great movement.

NOW KEEPS SHOP IN PHILIPPINES

Fifth Lord de Freyne Reported to Be Living in Mindanao.

HAS WIFE IN LONDON

Who Will Divorce Him if He Returns to Claim Estate.

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LONDON, Oct. 5.—The Toronto World correspondent is informed that Arthur Reginald French, the new Lord de Freyne, whose whereabouts had been a mystery to the public for some time before he succeeded to his father's title and estates on Sept. 22, is now living near the settlement of Misamis, on the Island of Mindanao, the largest of the Philippine group. It has been published in a number of newspapers and in America that he is a non-commissioned United States army officer "somewhere in the Philippines." The fact is, according to the information above referred to, that Lord de Freyne has left the American army and is keeping a shop in one of the most out-of-the-way places in the world.

Misamis is a town of 6000 inhabitants on Iligan Bay, northwestern Mindanao.

His wife, from whom he has been separated since he went to New York in January, 1905, and enlisted as a private in the Eighth United States Infantry, asserts that she has information that her husband has a household of his own in Mindanao and has settled down to family life in that far-off country.

Sent for Proofs.

Lady de Freyne sent her local agent to the Philippines eighteen months ago to get, if possible, evidence that would enable her to take divorce proceedings. Sufficient proof was obtained, it is alleged, the exhibits in the case including photographs of her husband and his Philippine household. Inasmuch as he declared that he never intended under any circumstances to return to the British Isles, and inasmuch further, as divorce proceedings in Ireland, of which the Frenches are natives, are extremely slow and costly procedures, the suit, it is stated, was allowed to drop.

It is stated on behalf of Lady de Freyne that should her husband ever set foot again in England or Ireland the suit will be revived. The couple lived together three years.

It is now alleged on behalf of Lord de Freyne that he left his wife in 1905 because he was threatened with disinheritance by his father, the fourth baron of the line.

Nine Writs of Libel.

Lady de Freyne, who is living in London with her sister, has taken out nine writs against London newspapers which recently described her as a former barmaid. Her maiden name was Annabel Angus. She and her first husband, Captain Alexander, were separated by divorce. Alexander now holds an important position in the British war department.

The new Lord de Freyne was born July 3, 1879, and he was a lieutenant in the Royal Fusiliers when he married. He had an income of $2500 a year, but he gave it up and after joining the American army lived on his wages as a soldier. He became a first sergeant and accompanied his regiment from Fort Slocum to the Philippines. His father sent out a general alarm for him. He then revealed his identity. His estate in County Roscommon, Ireland, has 30,000 acres.

RAZOR DRAWN IN GAMBLING BRAWL

A fight which ended with one negro attempting to use an ugly looking razor on another, occurred in the midst of a "crap" game in the Hillcrest race-track stables at 4.30 yesterday afternoon. No arrests were made because no guardian of the law was within hearing distance when the row broke out; three bystanders grabbed the infuriated negro in the nick of time.

According to an eye-witness, the game was for heavy stakes, and one negro was $20 to the good. The heaviest loser in the game attempted to steal a $5 bill out of the pot, was caught, and in a minute a dozen men were in the mix-up. "It was the nearest thing I ever saw," declared a spectator to The World.

ASQUITH AFRAID TO GO TO PEOPLE

Home Rule Would Be Defeated by Force of Public Opinion.

SAYS ARTHUR BALFOUR

But Not the Man Whom Bonar Law Succeeded at Westminster.

The big labor troubles which now have England in a state of turmoil are to be followed by a serious trade depression on the British Isles, according to Arthur Balfour, the managing director of Seebohm and Diekstahl, Limited, steel manufacturers of Sheffield, Eng., who was in Toronto yesterday on his way to the Pacific coast. He is a man of very strong personality and achieved the post he now occupies from a minor position which he entered with the firm when but fourteen years of age. He is president of the Sheffield Society of Engineers and Metallurgists, is vice-consul for Denmark, has published a treatise on social and economic conditions in England, and works on the steel industry, which he has written have been translated into French, German, Russian, Italian, Spanish, Japanese and Chinese.

In an interview with The World at the King Edward hotel last night he said that the labor troubles were working havoc with the industrial life of England. The men have got entirely out of the hands of their own leaders, whom they will not obey either on the question of striking or returning to work, but throw down their tools despite everything and will not listen to reason.

The last bushel of grain had been taken from the Manchester docks, and there being no further supplies owing to the grain boats being held up by strikers, the elevators have been closed. Manchester is the largest centre for distribution of foodstuffs in the north of England, and arrangements are now under way for securing supplies of grain by road from Liverpool with an early rise in the price of bread predicted.

Mr. Balfour expressed the belief that the present conditions of labor in England could be laid almost directly to the policy of the Asquith government in interfering in labor disputes. Organized labor had obtained the idea that it was only necessary to declare a strike and the government would jump in and settle their difficulties for them. Before Asquith came into power no such policy had been in operation, and the present frequency of strikes was not to be found.

Labor troubles in England would inevitably lead to bad trade, caused by the present situation driving trade from the country and increasing the cost of production. This will mean a lessening in the number of workers required, and with much unemployment and general suffering as a consequence, the strife will simmer down and gradually die out.

Referring to the question of home rule for Ireland, he said that the British Government would be forced to go to the people on it, and that they would go down to a bad defeat. The government realized that an election meant loss of power, and for that reason would not hold one until forced. If they had seen a chance of being returned on it they would have carried the question to the people before now.

Should Go to the People.

It was only right and just that the matter should be settled by a vote of the people, as the last election had not been fought on that line. The government were now trying to force over the people's head an undertaking which will cost them $2,500,000 annually to finance. With Ireland being allowed to retain her 42 members in the British house, as well as being granted self-government, the unfairness of the proposition was at once apparent.

The present agitation was leading to a demand for self-government by both Scotland and Wales, and a number of those who believe they would fall in for soft government positions as a consequence, are behind the movement. In Scotland the feeling is particularly strong, and self-government be obtained by the Scotch it will be before it is secured by Wales.

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