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25 to 61 King Street East. TORONTO.

BENJ. GOMM MET BEATH IN FALL DOWN OPEN AREA

Struck on His Head, Fracturing Skull - Lived in Earlscourt.

Benjamin Gomm, married, 31 years of age, a machinist, living at 124 Cooper-avenue, was killed last night by falling into an open area on the east side of the Merchants' Bank, at 1001 Dundas-street.

He and Claude Washburn, with whom Gomm and his wife and four children lived, got off a Dundas car and Gomm went to the area which is some 15 feet from the sidewalk, and fell into it. It is only five feet deep, but he struck on his head and sustained a fracture of the base of the skull.

Washed with the assistance of Policeman Parker and another, carried the unfortunate man to a doctor's office nearby, where, despite all that could be done for him, he died fifteen minutes later.

SHOE COMBINE ENQUIRY

Wm. White, K. C. Appointed to Represent Companies.

OTTAWA, March 9.—Mr. Mackenzie King, minister of labor, has appointed William J. White, K.C., of Montreal, a member of the board of investigation established under the Combines Investigation Act, to enquire into the existence of an alleged combine with regard to machinery for manufacturing boots and shoes. The appointment in question has been made upon the recommendation of W. W. Knowlton, manager of the United Shoe Machinery Company, Canada, acting on behalf of the persons concerned in the alleged combine.

Joseph C. Walsh of Montreal was appointed a member of this board on Tuesday last on the recommendation of the persons concerned in the application.

THE FIRST BUTTERFLY.

The first butterfly has arrived. It was captured in Tadmor's yesterday, the finder being Mrs. David Graham, 136 Don Mills-road.

The butterfly, which is of the familiar tortoise shell variety, was apparently enjoying the spring air.

FIREMEN'S WORK APPRECIATED.

The following letter speaks for itself: Chief Thompson, Fire Department, Toronto, March 8, 1911.

A SNAO FOR CASH.

Harper, Customs Broker, McKinnon Building, 130 Dundas St., Toronto.

THE WEATHER

OBSERVATORY, TORONTO, March 9.—(3 p.m.)—Mild with the prevailing wind from the west. The weather in Alberta and Saskatchewan, with the Manitoba, moderately cool conditions obtain. The gales continue off the Nova Scotia coast, but with much diminished force.

THE BAROMETR.

Table with 3 columns: Time, Bar., Wind.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

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TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

March 10. Friends Alexander-Walker Whitehead in "The Melting Pot," 8:15.

BIRTHS.

EDMONDS.—At 1276 Crescent-road, on March 9, Mrs. J. H. Edmonds, a son.

DEATHS.

BELL.—At Atha, on Tuesday, March 7, 1911, Mrs. John Bell, formerly of Montreal, wife of the late J. Bell.

MURPHY.—On March 9, 1911, at his late residence, 23 Denison-avenue, Julia Murphy, wife of the late J. Murphy.

HUNTLEY.—On Wednesday, March 8, 1911, at his late residence, 1387 Dufferin-street, on Saturday, at 2 p.m. Interment at Prospect Cemetery.

EXPLOSION IN POWDER PLANT DESTROYS TOWN

Some Reports Have as Many as 40 Killed—Chicago, 60 Miles Away, Shaken.

CHICAGO, March 9.—An explosion that wrecked the plant of the Laflin-Rand Powder Company in Pleasant Prairie, Wis., sixty miles from Chicago, last night, caused the loss of at least one life, destroyed the town in which it occurred and created a great cloud of dust that was felt for a radius of fifty miles. The property loss is estimated at \$1,000,000.

Chicago was shaken from its most western suburbs to the shores of Lake Michigan by the explosion of the powder plant. Belief that an earthquake had been visited upon the city was held for a time. Windows were shattered and houses shaken throughout the thirty miles of Chicago.

Almost simultaneously a building of the John M. Smyth Company, at one end of Madison and Union-streets, was almost destroyed by an explosion. The cause of this explosion had not yet been ascertained, but it is believed to have resulted in some way from the other explosion.

The suburbs of Chicago along the lake shores all felt the quaking, and in Evanston, Winnetka, Glenview, Wilmette and Highland Park, to the north of Chicago, many windows and store fronts were shattered.

Direct communication with Pleasant Prairie was cut off by the explosion. Reports that were received from that place were alarming reports that the number of dead was larger, but later reports showed that only seven persons were killed. It is believed that the explosion was caused by a fire in the powder plant at the time of the explosion, and that the cause of the fire was a spark from a machine.

LIVELY "LIT." ELECTION

Large Graduate Vote Polled Down Town—Unionists Outgeneraled.

The rival factions of the University College Literary Society last night made the annual election an episode long to be looked back on.

For weeks the college has been in a condition of subdued excitement, which came to a head yesterday when the "old lit." society was elected.

With his business affairs in a tangle, Charles Abbott, butcher, 519 Broadview-avenue, has been missing from his home since last night. His wife says that she knows neither why nor where he has gone, and displays anxiety as to his probable fate.

DRINK PURITY

YORK SPRINGS WATER

Run no risk of typhoid. Give sure protection.

INSULT TO SAY CANADA IS AT PARTING OF WAYS

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said that Sir John A. Macdonald was on record as expressing the view that a reciprocity treaty with the United States would be a complete loss of his trade policy.

March 9. At Halifax, from St. John's, N.S., 10:30 a.m. From St. John's, N.S., 10:30 a.m.

Washington or the Crown. "There is the way to Washington and the way to London, and the way to London is the way to Washington."

Mr. Lash read a letter of congratulation from the chairman of the Montreal convention to the speaker in connection with the present demand for goods from Ontario and other eastern Canadian factories.

Without regard to party politics we join the people of Canada in their indignation at the insult to their country which is being done by the United States.

Great Railway Policies. A map of the Dominion showing the railways stretching across the continent with the United States routes to the south, covered a large space at the back of the hall.

It's Success, Fraud. The speaker was further from the evening session by J. McEwing, Liberal West Wellington. "The manufacturers," he said, "are afraid that if this government were to enter into a reciprocity treaty with the United States, such a success that there will be an overwhelming demand for a general lowering of the tariff."

Country Before Party. Mr. Lash described how five or six Liberals had met to consider the reciprocity treaty.

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National Honor Jeopardized. W. K. George arose at 10 o'clock. If an expression from him would in any way strengthen the wave of opinion that was arising against the pact, he frankly would give it.

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CHARLES ABBOTT GONE

LEAVING UNPAID BILLS

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Yesterday a writ was filed at Ottawa by Charles H. Mayhew to recover \$1,325.72 on an account for meat supplied to Abbott.

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HUGE RAIL PROTEST AGAINST RECIPROCIITY

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the meeting, which closed at 10:50 with the National Anthem.

All for the State. Sir Mortimer Clark in his usual state and dignified but business-like way, opened the meeting at 8.

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with a price, she strikes him from her roll of heroes, and kinder has entered in causing this prosperity? It was the clamor of railways and the development of transportation facilities.

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was no force left in the argument of the member for Brandon.

Mr. Miller ridiculed the idea that the agreement would affect the Canadian railways. As against the opinion of Sir William VanHorne he would quote the opinion of Thomas Skinner, the English director of the C.P.R., who said that on the whole the agreement would be to the advantage of Canada.

The manufacturers were entitled to the same consideration as other people, but they would find that their troubles were largely imaginary, and would disappear. Discussing the reduction of the duty on agricultural implements Mr. Miller said it was warranted, when the Massey-Harris Company invested several millions earned in Canada in a factory at Batavia, New York.

A. S. Goodhue (Kootenay), in opposing the agreement, said the reason the government had for entering into it was plain. There was a feeling of uneasiness thru the country, caused by the government forcing upon the country the naval bill. The premier heard the storm rising and he hurried Mr. Fielding and Mr. Patterson off to Washington to arrange something which would divert the people's mind.

Nothing for British Columbia. On their return they had offered free hay to Nova Scotia, free hay and potatoes to Quebec, to Ontario, and had not offered much, but had stated that they might have hurt the manufacturers. To the prime minister he had offered free wheat and beer, but to British Columbia there was a change. The people of the Pacific provinces were told that they had sent five bad Tories, therefore "we have given away your fruit industry. It is only two and a half million dollars per annum."

He quoted Lord Strathcona, the Canadian high commissioner in London, who, according to a Canadian press agent, had said: "The Canadian ministers had allowed themselves to be hypnotized and walked into the trap."

Mr. Fielding did not think that Lord Strathcona had been quoted correctly. Criticizing Dr. Clark (Red Deer), the member for Kootenay, he had advocated exactly what the opposition was contending for, the making of the Canadian tariff independently of the United States, he pointed out that in no country in the world were there so many people living on charity as in free trade Canada.

Referring to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech at Nelson last summer, when he had said that Canada was not a nation to the policy of the present government, which, by the grace of God and the will of the Canadian people, was now in power, he said that the people thought so much of this policy that on the very night the reciprocity agreement was announced all classes were called and a protest sent by telegram. The answer of the government was that they were too late.

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Jury Returns Verdict Against Unknown Motorists—Numbers Should Be Elevated.

"We the jury find that Edward Jacobs met his death from injuries received by being run over by an automobile driven recklessly by persons unknown, and that the said persons did kill and slay him."

It was a bitter one which the jury was preparing to send to Coroner Arthur G. Macdonald, 185 Montrose-avenue, inquest into the death of the unfortunate man who was run down by a motor car on Bloor-street on Friday night last, and who died in Grace Hospital.

The proposed letter was first entered as a rider to the verdict, but Dr. Johnson considered it of such importance that he asked them to write it in a letter from the jury to the coroner, and to present it to the city council for consideration. It recommends that the number of motor cars be increased higher in the centre of the back of the car, so that mud and dust may not be blown into the eyes of the driver, and illuminated from the inside at night.

Mr. Fielding said such information had been compiled by an official of the department of labor and had been published some time ago.

Dr. Reid of Grenville said this was not what was wanted. The various speakers were producing a different statistics and members were all at sea.

"Why should the minister try to blindfold the people?" he asked. "Demand as a right that we should have the information."

If Mr. Fielding wanted to get the resolution thru it better to produce the information. "We are going to get this information," he declared.

The minister said he was unable to get the information in the house itself. It is his duty to do so. That's what he's paid to do."

Wound Steady Prices. H. H. Miller (South Grey), who moved the adjournment of the debate on the reciprocity agreement Wednesday, then resumed the discussion. He said that the agreement when it went into effect would tend to regulate the prices of commodities, and that the statistics of the United States in cattle, beef, wheat and butter and other products of the farm were decreasing.

Mr. Miller argued that if these predictions were correct, it meant that the agreement would remain a permanent thing, and that when the day came when Canada's production would have increased to the level of the big American market.