

ave been good reasons. But London want to know those reasons, and will take more than one page of sport to make citizens believe that ross act of injustice has not been petrated.

All they want London to do is to the bill. We pay 86 per cent. of e costs of the county jail and we have ss sav as to how it shall be run an we have in the running of the erican consulate in this city.

"We should have a county building believed that the request of the mayo on, consisting of a board apand City Council will be respected and inted from the city and county. On that the aldermanic delegation will be s commission the city should at least able on one occasion to demand that ve as many members as the county. both of the local private corporation have a right to know what is there, we pay for it. We have a time urging the passage of the city's sht to say who will be discharged own measure. why. As it is, we are all in the The City of London bill contains the

\$250,000 grant to the Western Univer-Ald Ashplant however refused to ake any comment on the matter. "I sity passed by a two-thirds majority not yet in full possession of the election. acts." he stated: "until then I will ot make any statement.



turday, April 15, Is Proclaimed By Mayor.

honor of the visit of Their Excelies, General the Right Honorable d Byng, of Vimy, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., .O., and Lady Byng, of Vimy, on arday, April 15, a half holiday has declared on that date by Mayor on with the approval of the City icil. All citizens are called upon to decorate their residences and of business and everything will one to give the Governor-General of ada and Lady Byng a royal welcome

he city buildings will be well deced with flags and bunting and the as a whole will present a gala arance on that day.

e the half holiday.

ody of His Master Later Found

Lashed To Thwarts of

**JGS IN ROUGH SEAS** 

Boat.

SEARCH FOR COMPANION

n and Covel Rankin left here

ining to the door of his home, soak- seas.

Wednesday in their sailing boat to

nets near Wolley's Point. They were

ompanied by Rankin's dog. and

ery of Edmondson, and thus the

g remains the sole living witness of agedy of a Lake Erie storm.

ovel Rankin Dies From Expos-

ure and Hope Is Given Up For

Archie Edmondson.

bentures for adding rooms to city he refused to sign the application.

direct charge against the land on which stand in reference to all civic ques-' a service has been located.

OG SWIMS ASHORE,

SOLE SURVIVOR OF

LAKE ERIE TRAGEDY

He

nen and all citizens will ob- been ill a long time and this is given as a reason for his action.

schools, and there are several clauses by which it is hoped to give the city threshed out at the meeting of the power to control or regulate the location of gas tanks and also with regard Party to-morrow afternoon. Ald. Ashto putting arrears of water rates as a ton will be present to explain his

This, of

It is understood that practically the street railway men will be asked or whole of the City Council will attend the not will depend on the action taken Legislature in a body with regard to by this meeting. Mr. Colbert contends the pending bills which affect the city.

An easterly gale sprang up on Wed-

turned home - all the local tugs went

out but the storm baffled their search.

course.

in the event of general unemployment. | that the papers would be sent away the

On Tuesday the City of London bill

**KINCARDINE MAN HEARS** 

KINCARDINE, April 1.-Samuel Sleeman, baggageman, received word on Saturday that his son, John Sleeman, 41 years old, had committed suicide at Niagara Falls by shooting. John Sleeman. who was a M. C. R. engineer, had

horn, M. P., head of the South Wales, will inherit the entire fortune which Miners' Federation, and a member of was accumulated by the twins drive will come up in the Ontario Legislature for the first time this session, City Clerk the executive committee of the Miners' Baker was informed to-day. However, Federation of Great Britain. the mayor is endeavoring to have con sideration of the bill postponed until LABOR MEN AF Tuesday, April 11, when the street railway's higher fare measure and the City Gas Company's private bill asking for an increase will also come up. It is ALD. J. ASHTON

bills be thrown out, while at the same Colbert Refuses To Sign Conciliation Board Papers.

The question will be thoroughly

London branch of the Canadian Labor

information comes from Vernon Harts-

who is in the city. It was he who pre-President Colbert, acting with the ap- physicians urged as the only possible vote of ratepayers at the last municipal proval of the majority of the other means of saving one of the sisters. will go members of the executive committee through. Another clause calls for the of the London Street Railway Men's

Workers of America request it. This they constitute separate entities?"

construction of a new dam at Spring-bank; and while it was not voted on Union, has refused to sign the papers by citizens at the recent election, the asking for a board of conciliation until egislators will be informed that the Ald. Ashton has cleared himself on the city does not intend to build the dam this year, but merely to have construc-FREIGHT VULUME tion authorized in order that the work a 10 per cent. reduction of the wages might be proceeded with next winter of civic employees. Mr. Colbert stated

Other provisions of the bill grant de- next day, but after further consideration Grand Trunk Foresees Big Slump

tions. Whether the board for the that Ald. Ashton is inconsistent in

asking for a board of conciliation to see that his own wages are not reduced six per cent., while he apparently is OF SON'S SUICIDE assisting in a movement to cut the



Charged With Breach O. T. A., Reported To Have Decamped.

Allan Hewitt, for whom a warrant vas issued yesterday, failed to appear

in police court to-day to answer charge against him of a breach of the O. T. A. Albert Judd, his counsel, did

not believe that his client had left the city, although this was the inference nesday evening after the departure of taken by the court. If he is apprethe two fishermen. Alarmed at the con- hended he will be tried next week. tinued absence of the men -- an alarm when he told me that he would appear "I saw Mr. Hewitt last night at 5.30, that was increased when the dog re- in court this morning." stated Mr. Judd. "He admits the serving of the warrant Capt. Duncan MacDonald set out with him away from town. Of course, he

system.

can F. and patrolled the north might be sent away." shore under Ryerson's Island in an unsuccessful search for the missing boat. returned three hours later with Magistrate Graydon. certainly be sent away," commented all forward glass in the tug smashed The case against F. Good of indecent

by the heavy seas. assault was postponed until next week. beach patrol was on the point The defendant was ready to go ahead of setting out along the shore when with the trial, but J. M. McEvoy could along and, after a 15-minute stretch election PORT DOVER, April 1.—Archie Ed. ers east of Fisher's Glen had discovered In this connection Magistrate Gray-In this connection Magistrate Gray- in the the boat and one occupant lashed to it. don stated that police court cases were, at the third floor and the passengers The boat was a staunch little craft, in many cases, being sidetracked by but the storm proved too much for it. the county court. Attorneys were nul-

Rankin had died from exhaustion, tiplying police court work by adjourn derday morning, at 9 o'clock, this while it is evident that his companion ments made necessary by county court hful friend of his master dame was washed overboard by the heavy trials. wet and exhausted. Search ex-tions were organized, and east of small children. He was a member of cated was dismissed. Evidence went to

r's Glen the wreck of the boat the local hockey club, and recently was show that, while he had had a couple found with the body of one of the in hospital in Toronto owing to an in- of drniks, that his driving the automoipants, Rankin, lashed to the jured eye. Edmondson, was unmarried, bile on to the curb was caused by the have been dreaming, shot her through No hope is held for the re- and lived with his mother.

lives at 48 Hydro street, in this city. tion contracted in overseas service. wife dead at his side.

Conservatives and Progressives their exhibition tours of the working they were two distinct personalities Unite To Cut Estimates. Rosa being the mother and Josefa the aunt, only Rosa's half of the estate would go to the lad, while Josefa's clos- MURDOCK UNDER est relatives, including her 85-year-old

By W. E. ELLIOTT. Free Press Staff Correspondent.

facts to support each contention and at-OTTAWA, March 31 .- A real step harder to cut down salaries. orneys agree that a legal opinion must towards economy in Federal expenditure be based upon a scientific analysis of was taken to-night when the House. after long debate, cut \$15,000 from the opestimates of the labor department, posed by the brother, Frank Blazek, \$195.040. The action was naturally not initiated by the Government, but taken vented an operation before death which on a motion by Hon. H. H. Stevens, Conservative (Vancouver), and the vote who are laying aside a little each month resulted in one of the most curious on their homes will appreciate the lower scenes the House has ever witnessed. Mr. Stevens' motion originally was to members of the Trades and Labor Counreduced the estimates by \$23,000, and cil and other labor bodies, I should the premier, when he saw that many think, will heartily appreciate what the

Progressives were inclined to agree mayor has done for them." with the arguments of Mr. Stevens and Referring to the Board of Education. his colleagues, intimated that a lesser Mr. Kingsmill stated that the members would be agreed to. Consequently, should be ashamed of themselves. when the vote on the \$15,000 was taken KEEP EXPENDITURE DOWN. Mr. King and several ministers, to-"Mayor Wilson cannot be too strongly gether with many Liberals, stood for

the amendment along with all the commended for keeping the tax rate Opposition. Hon. Mr. Motherwell, Dr. down," was Major Gordon Ingram's Beland, Hon. Ernest Lapointe and Hon. comment. D. D. McKenzie, with others, remained "Mayor Wilson is to be highly com-

seated. But when the deputy called mended, he has done magnificently in ton, from which point they will return were lighted by candles, oil lamps and for those opposed no one arose, and the lowering the tax rate. Words fail in ex- to London. House laughed heartily over the dis- pressing the feelings of the average taxcomfiture of the "die-hards." Assistant payer towards the mayor for the cour-Clerk Beauschesne counted 120 votes ageous stand he has taken at this

FIRE

summed up his own appreciation of the work that has been accomplished in cutting the expenditures "to the bone"

this year, and he is certain the majority of ratepayers are of the same opinion. estimates than any minister since Hon. commended for backing the mayor in Sydney Fisher. This was the third day his fight for economy. Major Gordon that Parliament is working with its ly strong in their expressions of apcoat on, loafing on the job, or otherwise proval of the mayor and Council for

majority have confidence that Mayo Wilson and his Council will protect the small salaried men to the limit.

City Must Economize, Says James

Gray, of Hospital Trust.

'Mayor Wilson is a marvelous man.'

said Mr. Kingsmill. "It took a great

deal of courage to do what he has ac-

complished. It is especially remarkable

that one of his age had sufficient cour-

age to undertake a campaign of econ-

omy at this time. It is always easy to

increase salaries, but it is infinitely

"But the men who will feel the re

sult of the mayor's economy plan the

most are those who are trying to pay

for their homes," continued Mr. Kings-

mill. "The men in the factories, the

stores and other places of employment.

tax rate than any one else can.

Mr. Kingsmill stressed the point that wearisome recital, and the Deputy this reduction in the tax rate means infinitely more to the worker than it does to the men of money. He also was as free in his condemnation of the Board of Education as he was in his commendation for the Council. The former body cannot be too strongly censured, nor can the latter be too highly praised, he asserted in the course of an interview.

> "The Council and other civic bodies should keep the expenditures down to the lowest possible point without adopting any cheese-paring methods. It would be d sastrous if the city's growth were to be retarded by too stringent economy, but Mayor Wilson has taken the proper course. He has not cut out any expenditures that are absolutely essential, while he has done his best to prevent any extravagance. He deserves much credit for his stand.'

citizen, commends the mayor for his economy campaign. "Mayor Wilson is perfectly right

SAYS HE WAS DREAMING not the only way in which election must economize this year. So far as 1 candle unless they are fortunate enough three incl

expenditures as low as possible, con-

Incidentally Mr. Gray intimated that dangerous.

cars again as a result of the severe restored. The situation is the worst that storm. For the first time in more than a quarter of a century street cars ever occurred in London and dis a quarter of a century street the hauled by horses were seen on the streets to-day. Pedestrians stood and gazed in wonder at the strange sight. thousands of people inconvenienced.

trial activity being interfered with an Then in contrast to this there were One of the most remarkable features cars being hauled by motor busses. of the entire situation is that in spite The two scenes caused much discusof the enormous damage there has not sion among those who witnessed the been a single loss of life or anyone ser-

iously injued. The losses and damage in London and gers in either case. The reason being district will be much heavier than at that the company was simply taking first estimated. Every hour brings new reports of harm done and as the repair to the barns, where it will be stored work proceeds officials of the telep safe from the elements until the hydro electric and railway companies find their

damage figures mounting. YESTERDAY'S STORM.

The second storm of wind and rain which developed yesterday afternoon added greatly to the previous damage. The last of the long-distance teleph lines connecting London with the or side world came down, and to-day t city is completely isolated, as far telephone connection is concerned. T storm yesterday afternoon and thro

Party of Londoners Will Visit the night also brought hours bours graph wires and for many hours were even the Canadian Press wires were even the Canadian Press wires were working. When the telegraph compa will get started again is indefinite, but party of London school teachers big gangs of repair men are out and

and their friends, numbering 60 in all, every effort is being made to resume will employ their Easter holidays in service as quickly as possible. making a tour of the United States. Londoners were again without hydro The party will go first to New York, then service all night and as a result there to Philadelphia and finally to Washing- were no street cars running and homes

gas lights. General Manager E. V. Buchanan, of During the tour it is understood that the London teachers will be given dis- the Utilities department, to-day sent out tinguished consideration by teachers' a call for experienced linemen to help associations in the various cities they clear up the lines that are down. While nothing definite can be said as to when

But the cars were carrying no passen-

this method of hauling its rolling stock

TOUR AT EASTER

TEACHERS GO ON

plan to visit. At Philadelphia they will visit Independence Hall, where on July 4, 1776, likely that the power will be on again famous Liberty Bell announced the until late to-night and possibly not be-

events.

The

is turned on again.

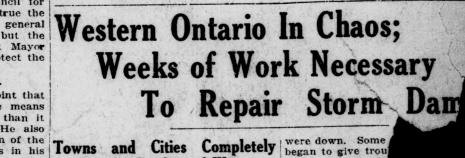
signing of the declaration of independ- fore Sunday. Manager C. H. Beard, of the Bell ence of the 12 colonies. Further on, at Washington, they will be shown the Telephone Company, stated to The

tiful capital in the world, Ottawa hold-

many magnificent Governmental struc- Free Press that the company's loss will tures which adorn the national capital probably run as high as \$200,000. of the United States. Washington is WORST STORM EVER admitted to be the second most beau-

"This is easily the worst storm I Continued on Page 15.

hydro service will be resumed it is un-



**Isolated By One of Worst** of men were set repair matters. Storms In History. little use, howeve was quickly form had no sooner re

ST. THOMAS, March 31 .- (By Staff a break was re Reporter.)-This city to-night entered it was not unt on its second day in the grip of one of ever, that the l the worst ice storms in history and as was then that a result is completely isolated from gan. One of t communication with outside places taining where either by telephone, telegraph or electric wires occurs railway. An estimate of the actual the district. damage is impossible at the present discovered th time, but from indications in and around the matter as the city the loss will run into many a call by t thousands of dollars for St. Thomas any attempt alone. In the county for miles and wires was in James Gray, as one of the members miles telephone and telegraph poles are REPAIR GAN of the Hospital Trust and as a private down and roads are made impassable by Several ga the numerous fallen trees, poles and deavoring to wires. The country is in chaos and it but they soon

will require weeks of work to bring it be futile to said. "Do they know less now than his actions along this line," said he. "He back to anything like normal again. To storm sub three months ago? The progression of cut the Hospital Trust estimates to the night, as last night, citizens are depend- officials her ignorance is moving rapidly. This is limit, but we all know that the city ing entirely on the old fashioned tallow the ice on

am concerned the trust will keep its to have gas fixtures in their homes, weight, while the streets are in darkness, and, that m owing to the number of trees strewn interva over sidewalks and roadways, any atcountr tempt to walk out at night is extremely ON TI

Th chopped up condition of the road. His the head on Friday morning. Watts labor seems in vain, because the minis- he would not wish to accept the mayor's The trouble started first about noon Lond have ever had anything to do with in on Thursday, when it was discovered diffi A sister of Rankin, Mrs. Sherlock, was attributed to shell shock, an afflic-lives at 48 Hydro street, in this city. tion contracted in overseas service. wife dead at his side. Her takes reruge in saying these things have even the area frequence of the area freq

LOCAL ELEVATOR STOPS **BETWEEN TWO FLOORS** Riding in an elevator may be oddles of fun for those who like it and also at times when one can get out when one wants to, but there was no laughter attached to the sky-bus which runs

every so often in the Bank of Toronto building, at the corner of King and Richmond streets yesterday afternoon when, just as the car reached a section directly between the third and fourth floor with a lady, two gentlemen and "If there's a second offence he will and the car was left stranded in mid-

**OHIOAN KILLS WIFE;** 

EXPECT DROP IN

So far a post-mortem has been

If they were one personality the son

father and four brothers, would be en-

Physicians say there are physiological

titled to her half.

the bodies.

In Coal Traffic.

RESULT OF THE STRIKE

Although no direct decrease in the freight traffic has yet been felt by the for the amendment and none against. time." In these words T. K. Kingsmill T. R. as result of the strike of NO WILD BELLS. the coal miners in the United States, There were no wild bells to ring out

divisional officials stated to-day, it is the fiscal year at midnight to-night, expected that the movement of coal but there was a rumor, not so wild, will fall off during the next week or that Hon. James Murdock has been so if the coal workers continue to re- more successful at blocking his own The aldermen also are unqualifiedly

A large quantity of coal was forwarded to Canada yesterday and it is in the House for labor department Ingram, James Gray and George Wessaid that several cars are passing into estimates, and now they go over until ley also were unstinted in their praise Canada to-day by way of the Niagara next week. Lest it may be gathered for Mayor Wilson. Labor men are equal-

Railway officials state that the strike will have to continue for some time following the Nova Scotia miners their economy platform. It is true the before the operation of the locomotives policy, let it be stated here that the labor men do not agree with a general minister himself, this afternoon, with have large dumps of coal along the the House in committee of supply, read salary and wage reduction, but the into Hansard apparently the whole of a

The Canadian Pacific has hundreds of pamphlet issued last fall describing the tons of coal stored in this city and supply yards are located at Windsor, ice Commission. T. L. Church made MEANS MUCH TO WORKERS. Toronto and other Canadian cities.

workings and objects of the Civil Servagonized protest twice during the Speaker ruled Mr. Murdock in order.

Subsequently, the member for North Toronto enjoyed himself and amused the ommittee by quoting an address by Mr. Murdock at High Park Methodist Toronto. A. R. McMaster Church, (Brome) raised a point of order, and

the Deputy Speaker, to be consistent, had to uphold Mr. Church as also perfectly in order. At one point in the proceedings there was a distinct S. O. S. call from the prime minister, who suggested that members would not wish to "embarrass a young minister.'

the driver, the power decided to lay off BLAMES CIVIL SERVICE. Hon. Mr. Murdock's answer to criti-

from office-holders in the building as department is that the civil service how to behave and desiring to know scale and classification are responsible. where the inmates of cage would rest Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen could for the night, the janitor happened refrain from commenting that in the of twisting and hauling of the cable charged that salaries were too high basement, the car was landed and all the rest of it.

manifestos have fallen down." MIDDLETOWN, O., April 1.—While his wife was lying in bed asleep Am-given by Mr. Murdock. "We spend a bis wife was lying in bed asleep Am-given by Mr. Murdock. "We spend a bis wife in both claims to bis wife i brose Watts, aged 33, who claims to lot of time criticizing the estimates." said T. W. Bird (Nelson), and all our

nervousness at the time of the arrest told the police that the report of the ter takes refuge in saying these things

air. After quite an amount of advice cism of increased expenditure in his

campaign Liberal speakers

"They had information, apparently, released from their temporary prison. when they made these assertions," he

