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THE WEATHER.

Easterly winds, increasing to strong breezes and moderate gales. Fine today, followed by rain on Friday.

LITTLE CHILD CUT IN TWO BY WEST END STREET CAR EARLY THIS AFTERNOON

The Victim Was the Six Year Old Daughter of John Howe of Winslow Street---She Attempted to Cross Track in Front of the Car and Was Killed.

A very sad fatality occurred about 1.45 o'clock today on the west side whereby the seven-year-old daughter of John Howe of Winslow street lost her life by being run over by a street car. According to the story of one of the bystanders the little tot was attempting to run across the street in front of the car, and before the motorman could stop the little one was struck by the fender and knocked down, the wheels passing over her and cutting the body almost in two. The car meanwhile had been brought to a standstill, and the child was carried into her home almost at the spot where the accident happened. The parents were almost frantic with grief.

The car (No. 34) was in charge of Motorman Thomas Kerrigan and Conductor Robert Churchill. Naturally these men feel very keenly about the unfortunate occurrence. The motorman said he tried to stop when he saw the child run in front of the car and he immediately put the brakes on, but was unable to stop the car in time. Dr. F. L. Kenny, coroner, was summoned, but before he arrived the little one had passed away. She lived but a few minutes in an unconscious state. The place where the fatality occurred is about opposite Smith's grocery on Winslow street. People who witnessed the accident say no blame could be attached to the motorman, who did all in his power to avert the tragedy.

It is not yet known whether an inquest will be held or not.

HE WILL GO AFTER WESTON'S RECORD

Thomas McArthur Anxious to Try a Jaunt Across the Continent.

Moncton, N. B., May 7—(Special).—Thomas McArthur of Hackensack, N. Y., who is employed on the Transcontinental Railway construction, says he is not working there for remuneration altogether, but largely for the sake of the outdoor exercise enabling him to get in shape to emulate Edward Weston's distance walking record.

McArthur is a sturdily built young fellow, and says he is going to start on his long walk across the continent in July, and has not yet chosen the route, but the start will be somewhere in the vicinity of New York. He says that on one occasion he walked fifty-four miles in twelve and a half hours.

MAY HOLD UP CONTRACT

Brick Layers in Montreal Claim Peter Lyall Has Violated Fair Wage Agreement.

Montreal, May 7—(Special).—Labor officials in this city are taking steps to demand an investigation into the erection of the new post office in this city, and they will bring the matter of the present trouble of the bricklayers, who demand 50 cents an hour, and that of the contractors, who want a minimum of 35 cents, before the convention of the department of public works, and will request a fair wage officer be sent to investigate the matter. The labor people claim there is a fair wage clause in Peter Lyall's contract which they are violating.

SUMMER HOTEL BURNED.

New London, Conn., May 7.—The Pequoit House, situated at the mouth of the harbor was destroyed by fire which started early this morning. A terrific easterly gale was blowing at the time and fourteen other buildings in the Pequoit colony took fire but were saved by the fire department. The old hotel was erected over a half a century ago and was one of the most prominent summer places on the coast. It was owned by the Pequoit Hotel Association of which Senator Brandage is the president. The amount of the loss has not yet been ascertained.

Arrangements to open for the season were to have been made in a few days. The fire was probably of incendiary origin.

NEGRO HANGED TO A TREE.

Memphis, Tenn., May 7.—A special from Texarkana, Texas, says: Immediately following his preliminary trial at Naples today on a charge of assault to murder and rob, John Williams, a negro, was taken in charge by a mob and hanged to a tree near the depot. Williams was charged with assaulting a white man at this place about a month ago and was recently captured in Pensacola, Florida.

JOHNSON THE CHOICE.

St. Paul, Min., May 7.—Returns received from all parts of Minnesota up to midnight indicate that Governor John A. Johnson last night carried the Democratic primaries against Wm. J. Bryan and that the state convention which will meet in St. Paul on May 14, will instruct the 22 delegates from Minnesota to the National Convention to vote for Governor Johnson for the Presidential nomination.

CHELSEA FIRE SUSPECTS.

Boston, May 7.—After several weeks work of the state police, two men were arrrested last night, charged with being responsible in part for the great conflagration at Chelsea on April 12. The two men under arrest are Jacob Lewitsky, 23 years old of Boston and Abraham Wolnitz, aged 30 of Chelsea. Both are charged with arson.

Factory inspector John McMulkin returned from Fredericton, this morning. At the captital he inspected the Hart Boot & Shoe Company's factory and the following four saw mills, Scott Bros., Morrison's, Miss Babbitt's mill, and York and Sunbury Saw Mills Company Mr. McMulkin reports the roads about Fredericton in a bad condition.

[illegible] Holmes, who last night swallowed [illegible] city of carbolic acid, is resting easi[illegible] the hospital and reports from that [illegible] indicate that he will [illegible] ly re-

BETRAYED BY A FORMER FRIEND

Seattle, Wash., May 7.—In a desperate running fight in a crowded thoroughfare in this city last night, Joe Garcia, alias Joe Cordova, who now confesses to having shot and killed Policeman Joseph Ford in Salt Lake City on the night of December 24, immediately following a hold-up and robbery of a saloon by Garcia and his companions, was himself shot and fatally wounded by detectives. Garcia was led into a trap by a life-long friend who turned "stool pigeon" for Sheriff Emery of Salt Lake City. Emery had arranged with his accomplice to lead Garcia into the hands of a waiting posse led by the sheriff himself. This was done, but when Garcia saw Emery, he drew two revolvers and opened fire on the sheriff. His aim was erratic and he soon fell, his wrists and side pierced by bullets from the detectives' revolvers. After the shooting Garcia admitted that he, and not Joseph Sullivan, who was recently convicted of the crime in Salt Lake City and sentenced to life imprisonment, is the man who murdered Policeman Ford. Garcia made a daring escape from the Colorado State Penitentiary several years ago and was never recaptured.

WILL FINE BALLPLAYERS WHO EVADE CONTRACTS

Cincinnati, May 7.—The National Baseball Commission yesterday handed down a decision in which $200 fine will be placed on all players who leave a team while having title to their services and play with the teams that harbor ineligible players. A similar fine will be inflicted on clubs whose managers negotiate for such players before their reinstatement and fined by the commission. In case the player is a major league player, the fines will revert to the commission, and if he is a minor league player, the money is to go to the National Association of Minor League Baseball Clubs.

BRITAIN WILL CLOSE THE OPIUM DENS OUT

London, May 7.—The house of commons last night unanimously adopted a resolution urging that steps be taken for the speedy abolition of the system of licensing opium dens in the colonies, particularly in Hong Kong, the Straits Settlements and Ceylon. During the course of the debate J. E. B. Seeley, the newly-appointed under secretary for the colonies, said that measures would be taken to comply with the terms of the resolution in which the government acquiesced willingly, because it considered that the time was ripe to take a decided step forward in this matter, as an example and aid to China, as well as on behalf of the welfare of his own fellow subjects.

HE IS NOT RAISING REBELLION.

Puerto, Cortez, Honduras, April 30, via New Orleans, May 7.—A denial that he had been organizing an uprising to disturb the peace of Central America to overthrow the present Honduran Government, was issued today by General Domininga Vasques, formerly president of Honduras. The statement was published under the authorization of E. C. Fialso, one of the leading officers of the present government.

A BISHOP ELECTED.

Washington, May 7. — Right Rev. Charles Henry Brent, bishop of the Philippine Islands, was elected bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington in succession to the late Right Rev. Henry Yates Satterlee at yesterday's session of the thirteenth annual conference of the diocese.

WALL STREET.

New York, May 7.—The opening stock market was quiet and the tone was irregular withing a narrow range. Lower prices for Americans in London were an influence on this showing.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, May 7.—Cotton futures opened steady. May, 8.87; July, 8.83; Aug., 8.76; Oct., 8.78; Nov., 8.71; Dec., 8.74; Jan., 8.74 a 75; Feb., 8.77 bid; March, 8.84.

FOOLED THE DOG.

"Why in the world does my little dog Rudolph keep sniffing at that landscape?" asked the amazed lady in the studio.

"Ah, it is one compliment," replied the artist as he slapped his hands, "Ze painting is so natural zat he thinks he smells fish."

The meeting of the board of trade tomorrow afternoon should be a very interesting and important one. The members will have an opportunity of listening to an address by Hon. J. D. Rolland, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and the "booster" committee will present the names of more than sixty new applicants for membership. It is hoped that there will be a very large attendance of the members.

The High Court I. O. F. meets Thursday and Friday of next week, not this week.

AMERICAN PUBLISHERS PRESENT STRONG CASE

Cannot Raise Price of Papers to Meet Increased Cost.

John Norris, representative of the American Newspaper Publishers Association, informed the committee that all the association asks of Congress is the repeal of the duty on mechanically-ground wood pulp and on print paper valued at not over two cents a pound. The question of the tariff on the finer grades of paper, he said, was not under consideration. He also explained the reason why the newspaper publishers ask for legislation at this time and ask that an exception be made in tariff legislation on print paper and wood pulp.

During the course of the day, Chairman Mann made a statement of the situation as it appeared to him and elicited from Mr. Norris the remark:

"We could not present a better statement than you have made for us."

Chairman Mann's statement followed a remark by Mr. Norris to the effect that the reason Congress should make exceptions for newspapers at this time is that the price of newspapers is like the price of postage stamps, and cannot be altered to suit the varying conditions of the market.

Chairman Mann said, "It does not make any difference about the five cent paper or the three cent paper, for that matter. The ordinary price being from one cent to five cents per copy and the usual price being one cent to two cents and I presume the most common price being one cent, there is no way of increasing to a slight degree, or a small percentage, the daily price of the paper; you cannot increase a one cent paper without making it a two cent paper as far as the street price is concerned. Of course, you can make a distinction in the price it is sold to the newsboy or the price it is sold by the week, but as far as the street price is concerned, there is no difference. There is no amount between one and two cents; it is one or two. Hence you cannot add to the cost of the paper ordinarily, in selling, a small increase in the cost of production; is that correct?"

"That is correct," replied Mr. Norris. "We could not present a better statement than you have made for us."

Of course," continued Mr. Mann, "that is the side of the case as it seems to me; that may be, I do not deny that it is. We may differentiate from almost any other matter. We have had the boot and shoe proposition up. The shoemakers want free hides, in the main, as I take it, because a large number of them are selling a particular quality of shoe at an advertised price, which they could not conveniently change, but here is a case where the cost of the paper probably represents in the neighborhood of one half of the selling price of the paper; in some cases probably more than that and some cases less and where you cannot make a slight increase and where a considerable increase in cost is very difficult to meet in the increase of the selling price, that is something which you claim differentiates the publication of the ordinary newspaper from any other line of production?"

"Precisely," replied Mr. Norris.

OUGHT TO HAVE BEGUN SOONER.

Stubbs—Mighty ingenious prisoner they've got locked up in a Massachusetts jail. The Boston papers say he has made a first class violin of an old cigar box and it is a cold day when he doesn't surprise his jailers by inventing something new.

Stebbins—If he's as smart as all that it's a wonder he didn't set his wits at work a little sooner and invent some plan for keeping out of jail.

A FATAL FIRE, FOUR KILLED, TWELVE HURT

A Five Storey Tenement House Burned in New York---A Child Slowly Roasted to Death.

New York, May 7.—Four persons were killed and twelve injured early today in a fire believed to be of incendiary origin. The fire practically destroyed the five storey tenement house at No. 101 Orchard street. This building is within a stone's throw of Delaney and Allen streets where twenty-six persons were burned to death in a tenement house fire three years ago.

The dead are: Eva Berg, 53 years old; Samuel Sach, 10 years old; Hattie Koppelman, 2 years old and an unidentified man. The fire was first seen by a policeman who turned into Orchard street when the flames were breaking through the windows in the lower part of the house. His call for help brought several other officers to his assistance and in a moment nearly everyone in the house had been aroused and the fire escapes were choked with frightened tenants. The policemen carried several children to the ground before the firemen arrived. By that time, men, women and children were packed so closely in the fire escapes that no one could go down. While persons in the building who had been unable to get out because all the windows leading to the fire escapes were crowded, struggled for exit on one side, firemen on ladders labored on the other. Women and children were dragged from the overcrowded platforms by the firemen and carried down the extension ladders to safety. More than a hundred persons were so rescued.

Little Hattie Koppelman lost her life and her mother narrowly missed the same fate while trying to escape by means of the roof. Mrs. Koppelman had gone out on a fire escape, intending to make her way to the roof as the flames were sweeping around the lower part of the iron ladder. She had the child in her arms when she stepped through the window to the platform. A mis-step caused her to fall and as she struck the side of the platform, Hattie fell from her arms and rolled through the opening in the platform to the floor below which was red hot. There the child was burned to death before anyone could reach her. Mrs. Koppelman rolled across the opening, but saved herself from falling through. Mrs. Eva Berg and the Sach boy were burned to death in their rooms, apparently having been overcome by smoke while asleep.

THREE MEN SHOT IN SOUTHERN FEUD

Their Enemies Waited in Ambush and Shot Them Down as They Approached---Four Arrests Made.

Danville, Va., May 7.—As a result of a bitter family feud, which has caused several previous difficulties of a more or less serious nature, three men were shot to death supposedly from ambush near Philpott, Va. The victims, who all belonged to one faction were: Samuel Shelton, aged 25, Charles Dodson, aged 35, James Holly, aged 19.

The following were arrested on the charge of having committed the murders and released on bail for a preliminary hearing to-day: William and Grover Massey, brothers; and Heresford and Thomas Spencer, brothers.

The fued existing between the Shelton and Dodson families on one side and the Massey and Spencer families on the other was brought to a focus several days ago when some unknown parties cut up and destroyed a blockade whiskey distillery operated by Samuel Shelton. Shelton and his friends accused William Massey of the deed, and started out yesterday afternoon with the intention of destroying a blockade distillery alleged to have been operated by Massey. Half a dozen men were in the party and all were heavily armed. It is alleged that before they arrived at the destination, and while on the plantation of Heresford Spencer, the Spencers and Masseys being warned, concealed themselves behind a cluster of bushes on the road and opened fire, with repeating rifles. Over seventy-five shots were fired in rapid succession, the three mentioned above being killed while their companions fled. Over twenty bullets were extracted from the body of one of the victims.

The scene of the killing is in the heart of a neighborhood infested with illicit distilleries, and near the place where a woman was shot to death about a year ago by a band of moonshiners, because she had informed on them.

WHY HE FAILED.

"Amelia, I have been trying for five years to win your favor. it's the only aim I have in life."

"O, Herbert, you're such a poor marksman!"—Chicago Daily Tribune.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION INCREASES THE HORRORS OF CORPSE STREWN YARD

List of Mrs. Guinness' Victims Will, It is Believed, Reach Twenty---The Fatal Advertisement Which Lured Men to Death.

Laporte, Ind., May 7.—The grisly story of the private graveyard at the farm of Mrs. Bella Guinness, a mile north of Laporte, is still in its early chapters. Today the estimates of the number of persons murdered at the place through the lure of a matrimonial bureau run all the way from twelve to twenty.

The exhumation yesterday of four dismembered bodies wrapped in burlap brings the total of victims known to have been murdered to nine. Including the bodies supposed to be those of Mrs. Guinness and her three children, discovered after the fire which burned the farm house on April 28, the total of deaths to be investigated and accounted for is 13.

There was scant doubt that Sheriff Smutzer today would discover evidence of murder in two more suspected graves as yet unopened. All suspicious parts of the premises are to be dug up with especial attention to the "soft" spots beneath rubbish heaps which so far invariably have been found to conceal bodies.

Ray Lamphere, who is in jail here, still asserts his innocence. Prosecuting Attorney Smith, however, says he has positive proof that Lamphere had guilty knowledge of the Guinness murders if he had not indeed participated in them.

The prosecutor is in possession of letters, written about Lamphere, which he is guarding. The letters written to Andrew Helgelien by Mrs. Guinness are said to contain references which indicate Lamphere's guilt. That he killed Mrs. Guinness and her children and set fire to the house in order to prevent any revelation that might involve him is the theory of the prosecution.

In his cell Lamphere was asked concerning a secret room in the Guinness mansion to which no one was ever admitted except Mrs. Guinness herself. She had the key and kept the door locked constantly. In the night hours no one in the household was ever near that room. That, the authorities believe, was the chamber of horrors, whose walls must have been spattered with the blood of the ill-fated victims of the woman's greed for gold and for blood.

"I was never in that room," said Lamphere. "I knew that there was a room in the house that was always kept locked and there was also a room in the basement, a sort of a box that no one ever knew much about." It was a big place, near a door which led to the barnyard, and is believed to have been the temporary morgue for the victims. So many bodies have been found that the authorities believe the woman saved her victims and disarticulated the bodies in groups and buried them that way, sewed up in gunny sacks.

Chicago, May 7.—Following is Mrs. Guinness' "matrimonial ad." with which victims were lured to death:—

"Personal—Comely widow, who owns large farm in one of the finest districts in Laporte county, Ind., desires to make the acquaintance of gentleman unusually well provided, with view of joining fortunes. No replies by letter considered unless sender is willing to follow answer with personal visit."

HON. J. P. ROLLAND TALKS ON TRADE

The President of Canadian Manufacturers Association Chats Interestingly on Conditions in Canada.

Hon. J. D. Rolland, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, arrived in the city this morning from Halifax, where he addressed the board of trade last evening.

This evening Mr. Rolland will be entertained at the Union Club by local members of the association, and tomorrow he will visit the various manufacturing establishments about the city, and during the afternoon will address the board of trade in their rooms, Prince William street.

Mr. Rolland was seen at the Royal by a Times representative, and talked very interestingly on matters affecting the association. "I did not think," he said, "that the newspapers were so interested in manufacturers and their business." The aim of the association, he said, was to protect the Canadian manufacturers and to promote trade for their benefit. He claimed that raw materials should not be sent from Canada to the United States and brought back here in manufactured form. The work should all be done in Canada to give employment to Canadian labor.

Mr. Rolland is the owner of large paper mills, and is strongly in favor of the prohibition of the export of pulp and pulp wood. Build the paper mills in Canada and do the work here, is his motto. He was glad, he said, to see that the maritime province people were taking a stand in this regard, as it was a very important matter and would be of immense value to the dominion if such legislation was passed.

Speaking of the conditions generally with the manufacturers in Canada, he said, as a rule they were prosperous. British Columbia and the maritime provinces had been scarcely affected at all by the financial depression, but in the western provinces the land speculations had had a bad effect. Conditions now, however, are improving.

Mr. Rolland said he hoped by his visit to induce local manufacturers to form a New Brunswick branch of the association, as their interests would be better protected in this way.

BANK OF ENGLAND.

London, May 7.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England remained unchanged today at 3 per cent.

The weekly statement of the bank shows the following changes:—

Total reserve increased £40,000; circulation increased £79,000; bullion increased £118,947; other securities increased £184,000; other deposits increased £1,227,000; public deposits decreased £995,000; notes reserve decreased £91,000; government securities unchanged.

The proportion of the bank's reserve to liability is 50.02. Last week it was 51.06.

Chicago, May 7.—Mrs. John Alexander Dowie was awarded $400 by the appraisers of the personal property of the late founder of Zion City yesterday. They filed their report showing that instead of the great wealth supposed to have been held by Dowie, the total amount was $1200. Mrs. Dowie received the widow's share, one third. She still has a claim on the real estate, whatever it is, or may prove to be.

FIVE WITNESSES EXAMINED TODAY

The Higgins Murder Trial Was Opened at Calais, Me., This Morning.

Calais, Maine, May 7.—(Special.)—Five witnesses were examined today before the noon recess in the Higgins murder trial.

Mrs. Hattie Berry identified, by means of initials and marks on the sleeve lining, a fur coat owned by Andrew Higgins which Wallace sold to parties in Milltown, N. B.

Other witnesses described the finding of the body on January 22 and the condition of the same as to bruises and clothing. One witness testified that blood spots near the cabin were in plain sight, another that one might easily overlook them.

The evidence was brought out by the attempt of the counsel for defence to show that the blood was not on the ground when the premises were visited by John Hogan the day previous to the finding of the body. Coroner C. E. Johnson, of Princeton, gave testimony as to the condition of the body when first seen by him and also of the finding of the jury at the inquest.

THOUGHT THE LAW TOO EXPENSIVE

C. W. Young Examined by Public Accounts Committee Today.

Ottawa, Ont., May 7 (Special).—In the public accounts committee to-day Mr. Barker, of Hamilton, had C. A. Young, a trans-continental railway commissioner, under examination with reference to the purchase of terminals at St. Boniface which was aired last week. The general trend of Mr. Young's argument was that the price paid was fair and good value secured.

He declared he had never known the owner of the land till he met him in Winnipeg in connection with the purchase.

He admitted that some intimate friends of his were interested in the Arctic Ice Company which had sold the land to Kern. Two of them, MacIntosh and McNaughton, were related to him by marriage. Witness was pressed as to why arbitration or the exchequer court had not been invoked instead of paying $222,000 for what at first cost $99,000. His answer was that such proceedings would have made the cost even greater.

The special committee on old age pensions organized to-day and decided to summon Prof. Shortt, of Kingston; Prof. Mavor, of Toronto, and J. G. O'Donoghue, solicitor of the trades and labor council, to give evidence.

THE FISH MARKET

The retail fish market will be well supplied for tomorrow's trade. A few native shad are coming in and lobsters are more plentiful and somewhat cheaper. Prices of fresh cod and haddock have dropped from 6 to 5 cents a pound and finnan haddies which brought 9 cents a pound last week are now selling for 8 cents.

Retail figures range as follows: Cod 5 cents per pound, haddock 5, cod, steak 10, halibut (native) 15, gaspereaux 20 cents per dozen, shad 40 to 50 cents each, clams 20 cents per quart, oysters 75 cents per quart, finnan haddies, 8 cents per pound, Scotch boneless herring, 30 cents per dozen, kippers, 30 cents, bloaters 24 cents, dried cod 6 cents per pound, boneless cod 12 cents, smoked salmon, 20 to 25 cents, shredded cod, 10 cents per package, salt shad 25 to 35 cents each, salt herring 30 cents per dozen and lobsters— medium, 12 and large 25 to 35 cents each.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, May 7.—(Special.)—Dominion Coal was a leader today, jumping two points from yesterday's close to 52, but later losing one point. Detroit was also buoyant going to 38 1-4. Other features were strong, including Dominion Steel Bonds 77, Nova Scotia Steel 53 to 54, Lake of Woods 84 1-4; Can. Pac. 156, Power 96, Mackay 63, Rio 33 1-2, Havana Pfd. 72 1-2.

ST. JOHN CLEARINGS.

Week ending 7th May, 1908, $1,288,807. Corresponding week last year $1,460,960.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Public Accounts Committee Organized---May be Change in Steamship Service.

Fredericton, N. B., May 7. (Special).—The public accounts committee met this morning and elected J. K. Pinder of York, chairman, and George Y. Dibblee secretary. There was no other business transacted and an adjournment was made until tomorrow morning. When the auditor general's report will be taken up. Auditor General Loudon and Deputy Receiver General Babbitt have been invited to attend with their accounts and vouchers.

The University Athletic Club will send a strong team to Moncton to compete in the intercollegiate sports to be held there on May 22.

There was a drop of about eight inches in the river here last night.

Dr. L. A. Currey president of the Hampstead Steamship Company, is here today interviewing the members of the trade in regard to a proposal to withdraw the steamer Elaine from the St. John-Gagetown route and have her run alternately from St. John to this city with the Victoria. He is meeting with much encouragement and there is good prospect of a change being made as a tri-weekly service to St. John does not satisfy this community.

E. H. Allen has arrived from Shediac with his family and will reside on the Powys farm at Kingsclear.

Spruce bank logs are selling at Springhill for eleven dollars per thousand feet.

An auditor from Halifax has been here making an audit of the accounts of the municipality of York.

MONCTON HAS THE DELEGATION HABIT

Will Send to Ottawa After the Dominion Exhibition Grant.

Moncton, N. B., May 7—(Special).—The board of trade is to hold a meeting tonight to consider the advisability of sending a deputation to Ottawa to press for the Dominion exhibition grant in 1909. It was first thought unnecessary to do this as a memorial had been presented through Hon. Mr. Emmerson, but the delegations from Miramichi and Fredericton have arouse Moncton in the same direction.

GREAT LIBERAL TURNOVER

London, May 6.—There was another big turnover of votes yesterday in the by-election at Wolverhampton to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the elevation of Sir Henry Fowler, chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, to the peerage. The Liberal candidate barely managed to retain the seat by majority of 8 in a total vote of 9020. In the last election Sir Henry Fowler had a plurality of 2865.

The result is expected to have considerable influence upon the voting on May 9 at Dundee, where Mr. Churchill is finding a stiffer proposition than the Liberal majority of 5411 in 1906 suggested as likely.

The London Liberal papers declare the result is the severest blow the government has sustained, as the election was fought almost entirely on the trade issue and there is little doubt that the country is being rapidly converted to Chamberlain's tariff reform policy.

CAN'T AGREE ON CHAIRMAN.

Winnipeg, Man., May 7.—(Special.)—The Canadian Pacific Railway and its mechanical unions have been unable up to date to arrive at an agreement regarding a chairman of the board of conciliation, although a number of names have been suggested. Today the time limit for the negotiations expires and if they have not agreed by that time, the minister of labor will make the appointment as provided by law. Both parties hope, however, that it will not be necessary for him to interfere.

Mrs. and Mrs. Chas. I. Enslow desire to thank their many friends for their kindness and sympathy in their recent bereavement.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

VERY CRITICAL SITUATION.

Fredericton, May 7. (Special)—The defeat of the provincial government is momently expected. The final act depends, of course, upon the correspondent of the Daily Sun, who has been busy arranging its details. A keen watch upon his movements is kept by emissaries of the government, and there is a rumor that Premier Hazen has made personal overtures to induce him to postpone the final act until after the members of the govenment have had time to pack up their things. The situation is peculiar. Neither Mr. Robinson, Mr. McKeown nor Mr. Tweeddale had any idea of the tremendous effect of their assaults upon the government until they read about it in the Sun, and even yet they are said to be only half-hearted in the struggle. This fact does not at all disturb the tactician of the Sun, who is determined to thrust honors upon them and hand them back the reins of power. The members of the government, who in their simplicity believed they were entrenching themselves in public favor, are much dejected. The situation is critical.

AGREEABLY ASTONISHED.

Mr. Peters Binks says that wonders will never cease. Ever since Mr. Binks was a young man there has been a feud between the city council and the board of trade. Now the two bodies are nodding pleasantly over the fence at each other and talking about the weather. Next week they will be getting together and proposing to start a boom for St. John. Mr. Binks says it is almost too good to be true, but he will continue to entertain hope for a week or two at the least.