Sun rises tomorrow, 6:12; sun sets, 6:36. PRICE TWO CENTS.

THE HISTORY OF ENGLAND

Because of the Great Coal Mine Strike Many Thousands Are Hungry-Mills All Over United Kingdom Are Closing by the Score, and All But Mail Trains Are Cancelled.

[Canadian Press.]

London, March 23. - England is spending one of the gloomiest weekends in her history. In every town, village and hamlet throughout the country where skilled workmen are strike unquestionably would retard the usually engaged in the great industries unemployment is on the increase and the families of the market and bases under construction. the families of the workers, who have been rendered idle by the strike of the million coal miners, who git work on Manh 1 work on the million coal miners, who git work on the main in harbor and the skippers are

societies and private individuals are able to relieve some of the terrible distress, and idea of which may be gathered from the figure of the employed alone, which besides the miners ployed alone, which besides the miners the ployed alone, which besides the miners are no longer able to provide them with food.

Throughout the country well-to-do women are taking charge of relief works. In Northern Nottinghamshire the ployed alone, which besides the miners are no longer able to provide them with food.

spend the Saturday afternoons and Sundays in the country are unable today to leave town, as the railways, pleading a shortage of coal, have cancelled trains by the hundred. One of the biggest lines, the Great Eastern, for example, is running only five trains during the whole of tomorrow, and it is only doing this because it is under is only doing this because it is under contract to carry the mails. The railroads have also decided not to run special race traces for the opening of the flat racing season next week, and it is now doubtful whether they will and today it is estimated that \$600,000 traces he color to run be lider as a line rate of work benefit by even be able to run holiday special was paid out as out-of-work benefit by trains at Easter. All this means fur-other unions. ther reductions in the working staffs of the railways, which have laid off unions. Thus far the miners alone would be drained to the last cent beof whom is drawing out-of-work bene-fit from the Railwaymen's Trade affairs which is causing much resent-

Cotton Mills Closing.

fires and this week-end a large number of factories and workshops in the southern countles of England, which opposed to the acceptance of even until supplies of coal are assure.

Affects the Navy. The navy, too, is beginning to feel the effects of the strike. Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, in answer to a question in the

March 1, are suffering want and in distributing their stores among the many cases facing starvation. Only the utmost efforts of charitable husbands and fathers are no longe

taken the work in the districts where the duke is the principal owner of the Trains Cancelled.

Residents of the cities who usually mineral rights. She motors, accompan

Drain On Funds. All this unemployment means a tre-

The secretary of one of the largest

ment against the leaders of the miners, who art accused of stubbornness.

While the differences between the

The cotton mills at Nelson, Bolton, and other centres in Lancashire are closing down rapidly, while most of the been narrowed down since the beginfactories i Leeds have either stopped ning of the strike, yet a great difference entirley or are running on half-time. of opinion prevails as to the prospects Foundries everywhere have drawn their of Monday's conference arriving at an

heretofrohe have not been affected, the smallest demand of the unions on have paid off their men. The cement the ground that their agreement with workers on the Medway have joined the men still has a long while to run the long list today and will not resume and that under no circumstances should until supplies of coal are assure.

LATE EDWARD BLAKE LEFT AN ESTATE OF \$281,758.61 Young Wilmot Township Farmer

Death.

[Canadlan Press.]

Toronto, March 23 .- The will of the fate Edward Blake was filed for proestate valued at \$281,758 61, and, with the exception of small annuities bequeathed to five persons described as J." gets an annuity of \$200; Lizize strangers, is divided among the children and grandchildren of the testator \$233 43 (£50)

Goes to Children and Grand- on the death of the widow. The property consists of \$4,050 in household goods: \$17,092 50 in bank and other stocks; \$90,729 75 in securities of money; \$6,386 36 in cash, and \$10,500 in real estate.

Samuel Verchovle Blake, a son, of London, England, receives the books and papers of the deceased statesman, and \$2,000. Samuel Verchoyle Blake and Prof. Wrong receive a contingent bate this morning with the clerk of fund of \$4,000 to cover the cost of the the surrogate court. It disposes of an publication of the late Mr. Blake's writings.

GIVE CITY REASONABLE TIME TO TALK BUSINESS TO G.T.R.

ment May Be Reached With Company.

The impression prevails at the city hall that the Dominion railway commission will give the city council a reasonable time to open negotiations with the Grand Trunk Railway regarding track elevation before they take a hand in the discussion.

The commission have the power to compel the two parties to the dispute to come together, but it is thought that some time will be allowed for negotiation in order to determine whether or not it is not possible to reach an amicable arrangement.

If that is not at all possible, then the commission will step in, name a time to hear both sides of the question, bring in a finding, and then set a date for the completion of the work. Means Money.

It is also suspected that the improvements will cost the city some money. There is no doubt among the aldermen that the city will have to pay a portion of the shot, and that will be no light morsel, either. "We shall take the matter up at the council meeting on Monday," said Mayor Graham. "We shall negotiate first with the Grand Trunk, and if that is not successful, we shall have to abide by the decision of the Dominion railway commission. We will take im-

Rather Pessimistic. Ald, Richter, however, is pessimistic of any good coming through negotia-

"The Grand Trunk a few years ago

NO CROSSING OVER THE C.P. R. NOW away with level crossings in Change Will Have To Be Made in Plans for North End Extension. The communication received from

the Dominion railway commission on Friday instructing the city council and the Grand Trunk Rallway to get together on grade separation in orde to do away with level crossing, thought to show quite plainly that it would be a waste of time to go to the with a level crossing.

City Hopeful That an Agree- the land damages, and gave them a fixed assessment," he stated. "That was a reasonable proposition, and the city could have got out of it fairly well. However, negotiations were broken off, and nothing has been done since. My idea is that the company cave nothing to lose and everything to gain by going to the commission. They will get better by a ruling from that body than from a city council. It has been the practice to assess the municipalities a portion of the cost, nd I fancy London will have to pay a right good share of the cost of the improvements, whatever they may be. I lo not know that there is any necessity of immediate action, the commission desiring to keep this matter beere us as a live subject."

Up to Rail vay Commission,

"Everything is in the hands of the Dominion railway commission," said Ald. Spittal. "If they say the matter rice they decide we will have to pay. have come to the conclusion that it ill be something. In other places ne proportion has been about 25 per ent against the municipality and 75 pleasure of the celebrations. er cent against the company. It deends upon the kind of work done here A Horse Deal. what It will cost us. It will amount

Ald. W. D. I. Wright stated that the uestion of land damages could be obviated to a large degree, provided a cement retaining wall were built on each side. There are many of them in the old land, and they are hand me as well as useful. He thought the question would be taken up at

The concensus of opinion among the practically agreed to do this work, on aldermen was that the improvements condition that the city took care of would cost the city about \$300,000.

tal, in discussing the question today "If the commission is set upon doing portion of the city, it is not at all probable that the members would grant us permission to put in another, and a dangerous one, too. It seems as if a subway is the only solution of the problem. Perhaps it is just as well to do the work right at the start

than endanger a person's life.' CALLED TO TORONTO.

Montreal, March 23.- Rev. F. K. Day, pastor of Zion Congregational Church here, who has received a call to Northern Congregational Church, Toronto, announced this morning that he would hold hoard to allow the street railway to ern Congregational Church, Toronto, ancross the C. P. R. at Adelaide street nounced this morning that he would hold a conference with the officials of his present church over the matter and announce his decision in a few days.

Laker from the Southwest States.

The temperature has risen somewhat in the Western Provinces, but the weather continues cold from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces. "It does look like foolishness to present church over the matter and an-make the request now," said Ald. Spit- nounce his decision in a few days.

THE SIEGE OF THE SUFFRAGETS. WILL MR. ASQUITH SURRENDER?

By John T. McCutcheon.

[Copyright 1912; by John T. McCutcheon.] MILITANT

CRUSHED TO DEATH UNDER SAWDUST PILE

Accidentally Killed While Teaming.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

New Hamburg, March 23. - Gordon Schweitzer ,aged 24 years, son of Samuel Schweitzer, a farmer near St. Agatha, in Wilmot Township, was accidentally killed yesterday. The young man, who had been engaged in teaming sawdust for his father's ice house was loading from a pile which was top-crusted with ice and snow, when t caved in on him. Life was extinc before the body was recovered.

PRESIDENT LYNCH

Head of Typhographical Union Will Be the Guest of No. 133.

The members of London Typographical Union, No. 133, who are this year celebrating the forty-third anniversary, have invited President James M. Lynch, of the international body, to visit this city in connection with the affair this summer, and his promise has been obtained to be present. President Lynch, whose headquar

ters are in Indianapolis, Ind., has arranged for a Canadian tour, and will spend a day or so in the Forest City. The local branch is one of the old est in the union, and has been productive of a great many influential men oust be settled at once, it will have Senator Thomas Coffey was the firs be settled, that's all. Whatever president. The printers have always had a great many former members among the old boys at the periodical

reunions, and the banquets on such

occasions have contributed to the

It is understood that an informaon has been laid with the city police Ernest Griffith, of this city, charg George Granger with attempting defraud the plaintiff of \$50 in

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW-RAIN OR SNOW. Toronto, March 23-8 a.m. Forecasts.
Today—Southeasterly winds; fair to

Tomorrow-Easterly winds, with rain

Temperatures The following are the highest and low-st temperature for the 24 hours previous o 8 o'clock this morning: Clear LONDON Victoria . Parry Sound Montreal

Father Point Weather Notes.

A NEW STORY ON MONDAY

A romantic sea-story of love, adventure and peril will have its first installment in The Advertiser of Monday. The title is "The Last Cruise of the Donna Isabel," and the author is Ronnald Parrish. There is not an uninteresting chapter in the book, which concerns the strange experiences of an American adventurer and an English duchess. One critic described the story as being fit to grace the same shelf with the sea stories of Stevenson, Conrad or Louis Tracy.

MR. BROWNLEE TO MEET MEN TO TALK BRANCH SCHEDULES

[Canadian Press.]

general transportation manager of the the company's employees from Portland, Grand Trunk, has agreed to meet the Me., to Durand, Mich.

IS COMING TO LONDON Representatives of Union From representatives of the Trainmen's Union schedule of pay for conductors, brakemen and baggagemen on branch lines in Canada. The union men have been here for Montreal, March 28. - W. G. Brownlee, a week, and comprise representatives of

LIBERAL LEADER MOVES FOR CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Partisan Board Appointed for Ontario.

carrying out another of his pre-elecmove on Wednesday next: "That in the public service render this imprac-the judgment of this House the spoils ticable."

Mr. Rowell Wants a Non- and patronage systems are inimical to vice, and to the best interests of the country; that the public interests demand the immediate creation of non-partisan civil service commission with ample powers, and that all ap Toronto, March 23.-N. W. Rowell is pointments and promotions in the public service shall be by merit after competitive examination, except in tion pledges in a notice that he will those cases where the conditions of

TALBOT ST. AND EMPRESS AVE. SCHOOLS TO BE TORN DOWN

Erected in Their Place Next Year.

city. The proposal is to tear down the modern structure at a more conveni-The present Richmond street school

very fine building contructed. Great in place of the three now utilized by

Work For Next Year.

Modern Structures Will Be ered, but nothing probably will be done this year," said Trustee W. W. Gammage. "The Talbot street and the Princess avenue schools are out-ofdate, and it is claimed insanitary, and it will not be long until they will have The board of education, in addition to be replaced. The idea is to have two to the programme outlined for this big schools, modern in every sense, to year, are planning for the future, and replace the two mentioned, and Richin 1913, there may be some drastic mond street. The boundaries could be changes in school conditions in the so arranged that the buildings will accommodate all the pupils from these sections. It is not expected that any-Talbot street and Empress avenue thing definite will be done this year schools and construct a new and towards the reconstruction of the schools, but the programme will be adhered to next year, it is thought."

"Hamilton has followed a policy for will also be destroyed, and in its stead some years of erecting modern schools to replace their old out-of-date struc-This will mean two large buildings tures," said Rev. Mr. Inkster in discussing the matter. "The result is are not up-to-date in every particular. The board here should, and 1 think "This proposition is being consid- will follow out that principle."

HEAD OFFICE WILL REMAIN IN LONDON

to Not Move Their Headquarters.

Ex-Ald. J. H. Saunders is Head Banker, and Claire Jarvis, Head Clerk-Local Delegates Home From Toronto.

The head offices of the Woodmen of the World will not be moved from the city of London. Ex-Ald. J. H. Saunders, head banker, Claire Jarvis, head clerk, W. A. Hall, and the other delegates returned on Friday night from the meeting in Toronto, and state that the offices will remain here for two years at least. There was an attempt made to transfer them to Toronto, but the Western Ontario delegation was too strong for all opposition.

Mr. Saunders and Mr. Jarvis were elected head banker and head clerk Woodman paper, to succeed Mr. W. C. of coal in the yards at Black Rock and Dr. W. S. Harrison, of Toronto, was

chosen head counsel commander and nead physician, no candidate appear ng against him for either office. "It was a very large convention, one of the largest ever held by the Woodmen," said Mr. Saunders. "The af-

good condition, and everything seemed prosperous. The head offices will renain in London." Mr. W. A. Hall was another Lon-

fairs of the order were found to be in

NORMAL SCHOOL WINS FROM WESTERN ARTS

interesting contest.

Winners Were Behind at Half-Time, But Won Out.

The Normal School basketball team de eated the Western Arts in a close game played at the Normal School last evening. At half-time the score was 8 to 7 the Meds., refereed.

The teams were: Arts-Mitton and Graham, forwards; Witchell centre; Cain and McGuffin, de-

Normal School-McDonald and Honey, forwards; Gillan, centre; J. Campbell and

E. Campbell, defence. OF MURDER CHARGE

Killed One and Shot Two Who Attacked Him in West.

[Canadlan Press.] Brandon, Man., March 28.—Thomas Smith, a G. T. P. strike-breaker, of Rivers, Man., who killed Arthur Absford him, Dec. 20, was acquitted of the charge

THREE MILLION CHINESE FACING STARVATION

Last Summer's Floods Destroyed the Crops of 50,000 Square Miles.

London, March 23 .- Three millions worst floods in forty years destroyed the crops in an area of 50,000 square here next week to discuss a number of miles. Many have already died of time they usually consume in doing so. hunger and unless prompt relief is given, multitudes of men, women and miners have not sent out as much as

> has absorbed the attention and interest ever for the months of January and of the world to the exclusion of the February, and as for the amounts take needs of the hungry millions. No har- en to England on account of the strike vest can be expected until May. Until there no anthracite was shipped and then the famine will be growing daily nore acute. The people to be relieved are chiefly hard-working and honest

port. Fifteen dollars will save a whole men of Ontario are in no manner to family from starvation. Fifteen hundred blame for the conditions that have Fifteen thousand dollars will provide for but that the fault has been with the one thousand families. Hundreds of thousands of lives can thus be saved if sufciently prompt and generous contributions

SIX ASPHYXIATED

Inmates of Ohio Infirmary Killed By Escaping Gas.

[Canadian Press.] Norwalk, Ohio, March 23.—Six in-nates of the Huron County infirmary are lead as a result of asphyxiation last light. Seven others were overcome but

went out as a result of gas failure and ising Police Magistrate Judd that that later the supply came on again.

WEEKLY HIGH COURT Cer Made for Payment Out of Court

in McLean Case.

Sir Glenholme Falconbridge, chief jusmorning's session of the weekly high and who was gathered in by P. C. Mid-Two cases were disposed of, the daugh. petition of the Knickerbocker Trust Company of New York, in the matter of the Brockville Radial Railway bonds, which was put over from last Saturday, again laid over. In the case of the estate Will Be Held Sunday in First Mehos of Mary McLean, the consent of all parties was gained, confirming the master's report. An order was made for payment out of court. Mr. W. R. Meredith for the motion, and Ivey & Dromgole representing the guardian and all other parties.

TILLSONBURG DEATH. [Special to The Advertiser.] Tillsonburg, March 23 .- After an ill-

ness extending over sime time, Mrs. R. P. Moulton, wife of the proprietor of the Royal Hotel, died her last eventhat there are very few schools that ing from what physicians diagnose as a Lakage of the heart. She was 30 leaves two small children.

A COAL JAM AT BLACK ROCK

Woodmen of the World Decide Grand Trunk Railway Admits That There Are 2,000 Cars Stalled There Now.

LONDONERS HONORED MINE MEN STATE CASE

Have Delivered Coal at Black Rock, Where It Is Up to Canadian Railway to Move It.

According to an official of the Grand Trunk freight department there is today at Black Rock a jam of nearly 2 000 cars of coal,

"We have all available engines centred there now," said the official, "and are sending out trains every ten minutes. We are doing the best we can to rush the shipments, and from now on expect that we will have no trouble. Any shortages that may exist in this city and in the district will soon be supplied. The coal companies are sending out many carloads of soft coal as that is in the greatest demand at again without opposition. Mr. Jarvis the present time. At one time rewas also selected as editor of the cently there were more than 4,000 cars

Fort Erie. There is no stock of coal ahead in London, but no trouble is feared unless a strike occurs on April 1.

The Miners' Defence.

One of the big coal companies has ent out the following circular to the trade in Canada to show that it is the

railways that are to blame.
"Black Rock is within the city limits of Bufialo and it is at this point that the different Canadian railroads have their receiving tracks. Many times this doner who was elected to office, being winter these tracks have been filled, selected as head watchman, after an and cars have been backed up on ours, nevertheless the cars were already billed to the Canadian road, were under their charge ,and our responsibility for

the shipment had ceased. From the above you will understand that no matter what report you may receive from Canadian railroad officials this company is not at fault if ship-ments are slow in reaching you."

Another Denial. The Advertiser touay received the

ollowing letter: in remay's Advertiser it is stated in the Arts' favor, but in the second per- that local Grand Trunk officials deny od the Normalites outclassed their oppon- that hundreds of cars of coal are being ents and won out by 18 to 12. Poisson, of need in the yards at Black Rock, and they claim that all cars have been moved from there and hurried to their restinations, also that engines and rews are kept continually at the spot to take the shipments as fast as they arrive. One of the officials is quoted as saying that the stories of delays on the rallways are being circulated coal dealers, who are unable to supply STRIKE BREAKER FREE their orders and want to put the blame on someone else, also that the miners did, and that the English strike has diverted large quantities which would have been distributed for general use. In reply to the above statements I can positively say as Canadian repre-

sentative of the D., L. and W. Coal Company, that there have been but few occasions since about the middle and shot two other men who attacked of January when the Grand Trunk has either taken coal promptly from their connections at Black Rock, or delivered to destinations in Canada in a reason. ble time. I can produce records showng hundreds of cars that it has taken he Grand Trunk from two to four weeks to move from the receiving racks at Black Rock to points within 125 miles in Canada, Moreover, I am prepared to prove that there are but very few places in Ontario that would have ever been out of coal during people in Central China are on the January or February had the Grand erge of starvation. Last summer the Trunk accepted cars from their Amercan connections at Black Rock and delivered to destinations in double the In regard to the statement that the formerly, the mining records show that During the last few weeks the production in both the anthracite and military news from China and bituminous fields was the largest ever for the months of January and very little, if any, of the bituminous

that serves this market. I am fully aware of the difficulties of railroading during such severe This is one of the greatest famines of weather as we experienced during modern times. Six hundred thousand fams lies are without food or means of support. Efficient delices we experienced during January and February, but nevertheless I am certain that the retail coalmost. dollars will have one hundred families. existed, and in some places still exist, Canadian railroads, who have been unable to handle the situation, chiefly through lack of equipment.

460 King street. WARRANT ISSUED FOR ARRISON'S ARREST

Young Man Broke a Window and Failed to Pay for It.

Mike Arrison, a young fellow who poked is fist through a plate glas window at the Duke of York Hotel a week ago, and It is supposed that fires in gas stoves who was released for a few days on promwould pay up, failed to carry out his end of the greement. Neither did he appear today, as was required, so a warrant was ssued for his arrest.

The only other business of the court today was the dismissal of two men who were charged with drunkenness. One of them was an old fellow who was unable to handle himself about the corner of tice of the king's bench, presided at this Dundas and Richmond streets last night

"DECISION DAY"

dist Church.

At the First Methodist Church Friday light there was a large meeting. Sunday school was well represented, and the influence pervading the whole assembly was very marked. Many expressed a wish to become Christians. Rev. Mr. Whiting's preaching was most powerful, and the deep interest of the service was greatly increased by the singing of the church choir, and the sympathetic playing of the organ. On Sunday the Sunday school will have "decision day," and the coming week is looked forward to as one years old, and besides her husband, that should be a climax in these services, loalittonreSd shrdl hrdlu pu pu pu pu