

INQUIRING INTO QUEBEC DISASTER

Commission at Work in Ottawa
—Government Engineers
To Be Examined.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Sept. 26.—The commission appointed to inquire into the Quebec bridge disaster arrived here this morning and spent the forenoon looking over the plans of the bridge which are on file. The commissioners are H. Holgate, of Montreal, chairman, Prof. Galbraith, Toronto, and Prof. Kerry, formerly of McGill Montreal. J. Sterling Deans, chief engineer of the Phoenix Bridge Company, is along with the commission.

There was no public session of the commission this forenoon, and it is probable that there will not be any here. The idea is to get all the information in the possession of the department. In addition to examining the plans the commissioners will take the evidence of Consulting Engineer Schreiber. Mr. Johnstone and Mr. Douglas.

This afternoon the commissioners will begin with Mr. Schreiber, and whatever he has to say on the subject will be included in the evidence. Messrs. Schreiber, Johnstone and Douglas approved of the plans for the Government, and were inspecting engineers.

THE MONGOLIAN REACHES QUEBEC

Passengers Landed All Well—
Both Colliding Vessels
in Port.

Quebec, Sept. 26.—The steamer Huron, which was in collision with the Mongolian, arrived here about 4 o'clock this morning. She is anchored in the stream. The Huron will proceed to Montreal, and may subsequently return to this port.

The extent of the damage the Huron received is not known yet. The vessel's stem is somewhat damaged. She had on board all the passengers of the Mongolian, who disembarked at Quebec this morning, all well. The Mongolian arrived in port at 9:30 o'clock this morning. The collision occurred on Sunday night, in the vicinity of Point Amour. The Mongolian was struck on the port side forward. She is making water in the fore peak only, and her pumps are able to keep it under control. Her passengers, 33 in number, were transferred to the Huron as a precautionary measure.

The Mongolian received the greater damage of the two vessels. As the water is only in the fore peak, it is reasonable to suppose that her cargo has suffered little, if any, damage.

The vessel has also on board 380 head of cattle. If the damage is not too extensive, and she is not drawing too much water, the Mongolian will be sent to Montreal, as it would be difficult to find sufficient accommodation here for such a large cargo and so many cattle.

A NEW TREATY RESPECTING PERSIA

Provisions of Anglo-Russian
Agreement Made Public
in London.

London, Sept. 26.—The text of the Anglo-Russian convention was made public by the foreign office last night in conformity with an agreement for simultaneous publication in St. Petersburg and London. The time originally fixed for this publication was Sept. 26, but it was found advisable to hasten it by one day.

The text of the convention follows exactly the outline already given, but with the addition of a letter from Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, in which it is pointed out that the arrangement respecting Persia is limited to the regions of that country contiguous to the frontiers of Great Britain and Russia in Asia, and as the Persian Gulf is not part of these regions, it is therefore not considered necessary to introduce into the convention a positive declaration with respect to Great Britain's special interests in the gulf, which are an outcome of British action in those waters for more than 100 years.

Continuing, the foreign secretary says his majesty's Government will continue its direct efforts for the preservation of the status quo and the maintenance of British trade on the Persian Gulf, but it does not desire to exclude the legitimate trade or any other power.

In diplomatic and political circles this statement of the British position in the Persian Gulf is considered most significant.

NEWFOUNDLAND MUST OBEY

St. Johns, Nfld., Sept. 26.—An imperial receipt forbidding the service by any colonial authority of any legal process regarding the fishery rights aboard any American vessel and suspending all colonial statutes authorizing colonial officials to seize American vessels for alleged fishery offenses has been proclaimed here. This, it is believed, will make it practically impossible for Premier Bond to carry out his recently announced decision to enforce the colonial fishery laws.

WORKMAN SWEEP THROUGH A SEWER

Was Sent Sailing Four Blocks
Into Harlem River—Came
Out Alive.

New York, Sept. 26.—John Hoffman, 55 years old, an employee in the Bureau of Sewers, was dropped into a 5-foot sewer in Third avenue, near One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, owing to the breaking of a pipe, and shot through the sewer to its terminus at Harlem River, and One Hundred and Thirty-first street. That he came out alive is considered remarkable.

With several other employees Hoffman was at work repairing the main sewer. They had almost finished their labors when a heavy rainstorm started. Hoffman was down in the hole about four feet above the swiftly flowing water. Around his waist was a rope which was held by the men in the street above. As the water poured into the various sewers leading into the main pipe, the water rose higher, the rope broke, and Hoffman fell into the water.

His fellow-workmen instantly dashed up the avenue to One Hundred and Thirty-first street, where the sewer runs into the Harlem River. He landed near a boat house, swam to it, and held on until a policeman and the workmen rescued him.

After being given dry clothes Hoffman went home. He told the policeman that he went through the sewer so fast, he did "not have time to look at the scenery."

COAL COMBINE CRIPPLES GERMANY

Berlin, Sept. 26.—The words "coal famine" are on the lips of many people in all parts of Germany at the present moment, the constant increase in the price of that commodity recently having given rise to the fact that the coming winter will be a hard one for consumers.

Investigation shows the quantity extracted from the mines is greater now than it ever was. Industrial requirements, however, have increased, miners' wages have been raised and exports have augmented, all of which circumstances tend to make prices higher.

Mining companies have not failed to take advantage of the situation, as may be divined from the increase in the dividend rate, which has gone up during the past three years from an average of 10 to 18 per cent. The united action of the companies and the wholesale and retail dealers, who have agreed to sell coal to the public at fixed rates, and thus abolish competition, by which the public benefited, will probably result in a further augmentation of mine shareholders' profits.

The state also has a large share in this virtual monopoly, as it possesses extensive coal mines in Upper Silesia, where it employs no fewer than 6,000 miners. The result of the convention has been that coal which on the retail market cost ten years ago \$6 25 a ton now fetches \$7 75.

MANY LIVES LOST BY CLOUDBURST

Brief News of Catastrophe Is
Wired from Malaga—Great
Damage Done.

Malaga, Sept. 25.—Great destruction of life and damage to property was caused here yesterday by a cloudburst, which occurred just before daybreak. All telegraphic communications are interrupted.

FAVORS PROTECTIVE TARIFF

Mr. Gurney Says "Make It as High as
Haman's Gallows."

Toronto, Sept. 25.—The desirability of dissociating their attitude on the question of protection from party politics was the pivot upon which the discussion of the tariff committee's report turned at the convention of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association yesterday. The report recommended that the question should be removed from party politics and dealt with along business lines, but the first member to take part in the discussion moved that party politics should be eliminated. Mr. E. Gurney, Toronto, in a frank speech, maintained that the tariff question was inseparable from politics, and charged the association with having been pusillanimous and mean in its attitude. He declared himself in favor of a tariff "high as Haman's gallows." The motion to delete the reference to party politics was defeated, as was also a motion to cut out a clause reflecting on the courage of the Government in carrying out their tariff policy.

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CARRIERS WANT INCREASE

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ter-carriers have been at a standstill for seven or eight years, and a strong plea is put in for a substantial increase.

Chances To Be Promoted.

Next to low pay, the lack of promotion is said to cause the greatest discontent, and the memorial asks that both indoor, and outdoor departments be combined. The carriers want to be placed on the same footing as third-class clerks as to compensation, and promotion, so that should a carrier become broken in health he can be placed indoors as a clerk.

The general question of superannuation and retirement of officials was next dealt with. In 1898 an act was passed dealing with the system of superannuation then in force, and substituting a system of retirement. Before this act a man was superannuated after 35 years' service. This was changed and in place of it 5 per cent of the salary of officials was retained by the Government, and compounded every half-year at 4 per cent, and held in trust till the retirement of the official. As the memorial points out, this is looked upon as one of the nature of a bank account, and really a forced contribution, which employs themselves could invest at a greater rate of interest. This scheme, the men believe, has proved a failure, and they want the old superannuation act restored, to make it possible for a man to retire after 25 years' service.

They Want Longer Holidays.

Vacation is another point at issue. In every other country, Government officials are granted 30 days' holidays, while the carriers have only 12 days. This, they believe, is not adequate for the proper rest necessary for health and strength. A shorter work day is also asked. At present the men work as many as ten hours a day, and they ask that this shall be reduced to eight hours, or 48 hours a week, exclusive of Sunday.

A comparison is made between some of the cities in Canada with respect to the number of letter-carriers employed:

City.	Population.	Carriers.
Toronto	300,000	130
Montreal	502,000	125
Winnipeg	100,000	53
Hamilton	65,000	25
Ottawa	67,000	37
London	45,000	26
Detroit	400,000	247
Washington	320,000	212
Buffalo	390,000	242

The Story in London.

From London, Ont., comes the same story of high rents and big living expenses.

"We can hardly keep soul and body together," said one of the London delegates.

"Houses are becoming more and more difficult to obtain. There is a certain class of house renting for from \$25 to \$35 and \$40, which may be had without difficulty, but the houses of a cheaper class, those renting from \$15 to \$20, are snatched up the moment they become vacant. And even these are gradually being raised till no one knows where it will end. And this is the class of house the ordinary civil service man must look for at the salary he receives."

"What do mail clerks receive?" asked the reporter.

"A clerk is put on at \$1 25 a day. At the end of the first year he is raised to \$1 50. Then a raise of 25c per week each year till the fifth, when he is receiving \$2 25, and there he remains as long as he is in the service."

The Pay in the States.

"Across the line the men are started at \$600 a year, and increased to \$1,200. Here we are started at \$1 25 and increased to \$2 25. That is virtually only from \$400 to \$800 a year."

"And we want the abolition of the 'classes' in the service. Men get into one of these classes, and may remain there for life, no matter how well and faithfully he works, if he has no political pull. I know of one in London who has been working for 25 years and only gets \$900 a year. We want merit alone to be the factor in promotion, and not political leanings or support. Why, when one of the only well-paid positions in London fell vacant instead of promoting one of the men in the London office, a man was sent down from Ottawa. This, we think, is not fair. And the work is harder than you would imagine. It is an open secret that 50 per cent of the mail clerks were laid off in June on account of ill-health."

Letter-Carriers.

The letter-carriers were represented by Alex. McMorris, for the Federal Association and the Winnipeg carriers; L. E. Manhard, W. J. Manley, W. H. Hanson and W. E. Leake for the Toronto carriers; R. Guy for the Federal Association and the Hamilton carriers; E. Rolston for the Hamilton carriers; William Empey for the London carriers; and G. Adams and J. Phillips, special representatives.

Want U. S. Scale.

Thomas Ball spoke for the transfer agents asking for the same salary as is paid in the United States. A minimum of \$600 and a maximum of \$1,200. Their own figures were just one-half of these. It was represented that the transfer agents worked seven days a week with no holidays except two weeks in the summer. They asked an eight hour day with time and a half for Sundays and statutory holidays.

Increased Maximum.

The railway mail carriers, represented by W. G. Jessop, A. E. Cain, Wm. Flynn, W. J. Walker and W. W. McVicar, London, asked for an increase over the present maximum of \$1,200 and minimum of \$400.

They explained that they had to take examinations every year and get 90 per cent on the results, whereas others had to take only 60 per cent. They asked for a maximum of \$1,500, and a yearly increase of \$100 instead of \$50.

Railway Mail Service.

Mr. W. G. Jessop, representing Toronto railway mail service, appeared this morning, and in addition to an increase of the maximum salary from \$1,200 to \$1,500, advocated that the annual increase of \$50 be made \$100. A stricter supervision over the mail cars provided, as to ventilation, lighting, etc., was asked for.

Mr. Jessop also asked that in view of the arduous work of mail clerks

their working life is short, and some additional work should be provided for men when incapacitated for it.

The restoration of the superannuation act was asked for.

He further asked that in cases of vacancies occurring the senior qualified clerk applying should be given the appointment.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—Chief Detective Day of the Grand Trunk was in the city today.

—Rev. J. J. Teasdale returned to the city last evening after his vacation.

—Mrs. W. Morrish, of Strathroy, is spending a few days with friends in this city.

—Mr. Frank Hobbs, of Toronto, returned home this morning after visiting friends in this city.

—Dr. Evans Ardel, of this city, has returned from Nebraska, and will be in the city for a few weeks.

—Mr. William Denshaw, of Saginaw, Mich., is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Walker, 20 Cartwright street, city.

—Miss Florence Burness is the guest of her cousin, W. J. Gage, Toronto, and her aunt, Mrs. A. W. Hargrave, in Rosedale.

—Dr. and Mrs. Waters, Nekosia, Wis., are spending a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Waters, 33 Becher street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Grummond, of St. Paul, returned to the city home today after spending two weeks with their daughter, Mrs. Wm. Sanborn, 256 Chesapeake street.

—Rev. Dr. Ross, of St. Andrew's will take charge of the preparatory services at the First Presbyterian Church Friday evening, and will conduct the communion service Sunday morning.

—Mr. Donald McGillicuddy, of Toronto, has been appointed physical director of the Stratford Y. M. C. A., to fill the position left vacant by Mr. F. Westman, who has gone to Buffalo.

—Toronto Globe: Mrs. Wm. Radcliffe, 121 Parnham avenue, will receive for the first time in her new home tomorrow. Mrs. Fred Scream, London, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Radcliffe and will receive with Mrs. Radcliffe tomorrow.

The Labor Candidate.

The Trades and Labor Council will meet on Saturday night, and the matter of the selection of a candidate for the coming by-election will be discussed.

The Band Concert.

Bandmaster Slater announces that the band concert which was to have been given in Victoria Park last night will be held in the Armory on Saturday night. There will be no admission fee.

The Late Mrs. Willard.

The remains of the late Mrs. James Willard, who passed away at the residence of her son-in-law, Dr. Scott, 871 Hellmuth avenue, on Tuesday, were sent this morning via the Grand Trunk to Deaverdam, Wisconsin, where the funeral will be held. Rev. W. T. Hill conducted the services.

London Golf Club.

The weekly tea of the London Golf Club will be held at the Barracks on Saturday. Mrs. E. Davis and Miss G. Davis will be the hostesses and there will be an approach and putting match, the prize being a club button. The prizes for last Saturday's match were won by Miss L. Puddicombe and Miss Pope.

A Presentation.

The members of St. John's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3, of the local Masonic Order, met last evening in the Masonic Temple, and presented Right Excellent Companion John Graham, past grand superintendent of the London district, with the Royal Arch regalia. The presentation was made by Very Excellent Companion Currie.

Traveling Engineer Here.

Traveling Engineer L. S. Roblin, of the C. P. R., is conducting examinations at the C. P. R. roundhouse for engineers and firemen who wish to qualify. The following graduated as first-class engineers: John Biggs, Pall Mall street; James Milligan, William street; John McKee, Pall Mall street; and Fred Howe, of Dundas street.

The Woodstock Regiment.

A Woodstock dispatch says that Sgt. Instructor Bingham, of the Royal Canadian Regiment, Wolseley Barracks, has arrived in that city, and will at once take up his duties as instructor of the city regiment for the fall term. Recruits will be advertised for, and a number of new companies formed this winter.

Death of Miss Mandelsloh.

The death took place this morning at the residence of Mr. James Mandelsloh, 784 Colborne street, of Miss Jean Mandelsloh. Deceased, who was in her 22nd year, was a very popular young lady, and her death will be mourned by a wide circle of friends. The funeral will take place at Oakland Cemetery on Friday afternoon.

Mr. Smith Leaves.

Mr. Odell Smith, who for the past two years has been in charge of the United States customs office here, has been notified that he will be placed in charge of the customs department in Port Huron, and leaves next week to assume his new duties. Mr. Fred C. Bruzel, of Port Huron, will succeed Mr. Smith in this city.

Are Still Demanding Help.

While fewer applications for help are coming from Ontario farmers, the immigration authorities, the latter are still over 300 applications ahead of the available supply of men. On Monday night 115 boys from the Barnardo homes in England arrived in Toronto and were taken to the home on Farley avenue, from where they will be sent to their future places of employment.

The Missing Waiters.

Miss Debbie Alward, the former St. Thomas waitress who has just fallen heir to a large fortune in California, but whose whereabouts are not known, was well-known in St. Thomas. It was thought that she had worked in London at one time, but no definite information on that subject could be learned. It is certain that she spent some time here, but nothing is known of her after she left St. Thomas.

Case Stands.

At Osprey Hall yesterday in the case of Cole vs. London Mutual Fire

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Insurance Co.—W. H. Hunter, for defendants, moved to stay proceedings until after the appraisal required under variation 15 of the policy in question, or until after the arbitration provided by the 16th statutory condition has been had. C. A. Moss, for plaintiffs, contra. Stands (after argument in part) for further consideration on additional material to be put in.

In the Police Court.

Angus Cameron, the big Scotchman with one leg, who yesterday promised to go straight to his brother in Toronto if he were let go, failed to "make good." This morning he was in a very penitential mood, but his work decided a week's rest in Castle Cartier might help him to keep his resolutions better.

John McCullough paid \$3 for the privilege of getting drunk yesterday.

Two first-time drunks were let go.

Tecumseh Whist Club.

The Tecumseh Whist Club of this city will hold its annual whist tournament on the evening of Oct. 30, and Thanksgiving Day, Oct. 31. A very fine program is being arranged by the executive committee, Messrs. John Connors, chairman; William Goodwin, secretary-treasurer; H. S. Wilcox, O. W. Smith, W. J. Aspland, and Rowland Munro. Prizes of considerable value, consisting of cups, pins, and badges will be awarded the winners in the various events. A very large attendance is expected. All whist players are cordially invited to participate.

A Musical Treat.

Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" will be the work presented by the choir of Dundas Center Methodist Church, under the direction of Mr. J. Parnell-Morris. The regular choir has been augmented to sixty voices. A very successful rehearsal was held last night and the chorus is very enthusiastic over the work. The public is assured of having in this concert one of the greatest musical treats. Mr. Theo Van York, of New York, the tenor who so captivated by his splendid singing last year, has been engaged for this year, and in addition to the beautiful music of the work to be presented, will sing several special numbers.

Detroit Divorces.

Detroit—News: Two new divorce suits were started Wednesday afternoon, both the result of Canadian marriages. Jessie A. LeRoy has been wedded 21 years, but on Aug. 17, 1904, quit in disgust, going home to her parents. The defendant is Francis E. LeRoy. Elizabeth J. Morley is another woman who says she found matrimonial life unbearable. She was married to William H. Morley, of Ford on March 10, 1897, and has had three children. All went well for a few years, until his alleged persistent failure to settle for the grocery bill forced her to go out to work and send the children to her parents. The wife says she has had him arrested twice for non-support, but that he now lives in Canada, where she cannot reach him.

AGAINST SEPARATE SCHOOLS

Wm. Trudell Objects to His Children
Being Educated in Them.

Another case has been entered for trial at the fall assizes here. It is that of Trudell vs. Trudell.

William Trudell asks for an order restraining Mary Trudell from sending the plaintiff's children to the Roman Catholic Separate school, and for an injunction to that effect. Buchner & Gunn for plaintiff.

MR. FOY TO RAILWAYMEN

Who Appealed to Attorney-General
Against Prosecutions.

Toronto, Sept. 26.—Headed by Mr. Harvey Hall, a deputation of trainmen waited on Attorney-General Foy, to protest against the action of his department in prosecuting railroadmen held responsible by coroners' juries for accidents.

A memorial to Mr. Foy gave the railwaymen's views at some length. Railway employees were entitled to a liberal interpretation, and should not be considered guilty of criminal neglect when such was not the case. Railwaymen were liable to errors of judgment or lapse of memory absolutely beyond their control. The travelling public should be protected, but it was fair to treat a man as a criminal when he made mistakes under such conditions. A practical expert should inform juries at enquires.

Mr. Foy reminded the deputation that the province did not make criminal laws, but mere administrative them. A crown counsel should not be eager to convict, but to bring out the facts. Cases should be fairly conducted, and if it were necessary to emphasize on crown counsels these facts Mr. Foy "as well as prosecute," said Mr. Foy.

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DEATH OF MRS. LOUGHNANE

Esteemed Resident of London Passed
Away This Morning.

An old and highly respected resident passed away this morning in the person of Mrs. Mary Loughnane, of 254 Chesapeake street.

Mrs. Loughnane, who was 71 years old, came to this city from Tipperary Ireland over thirty-five years ago and has been a resident ever since. She is survived by three sons and two daughters, John, of Detroit; Patrick, of Peoria, Ill.; Murdoch, of Livingston, Montana; Mrs. James Byrne and Miss Katherine Loughnane, of this city.

The funeral will be held on Saturday morning to St. Peter's Cathedral, where a solemn high mass will be celebrated. Interment will take place in St. Peter's Cemetery.

THEY COULDN'T DOWN THE TAMMANY BOSS

New York, Sept. 26.—Charles F. Murphy spoke by the book when he stated that the effort on the part of Mayor McClellan's friends to throw out about sixteen of the regular Tammany candidates for the district leadership would turn out to be a joke.

Only two McClellan men carried their districts. These were Fire Commissioner Francis B. Lantry, of the sixteenth district, and Maurice J. Featherston, of the twentieth district. There was never any doubt anyway as to the result in these two districts. Lantry and Featherston have built up an organization in each of their districts, which makes them really impregnable.

All the other candidates who were engaged in contests in the interests of the McClellan faction against the organization candidates were beaten by large majorities in most of the districts where there were fights.

The result of the election leaves the McClellanites with only two district leaders, Lantry and Featherston, and the likelihood that even these two will not be allowed to take their seats on the executive committee of Tammany Hall.

The Republican primaries resulted in no change in the makeup of the executive committee of the Republican organization.

STOCK MARKETS.