

OPENING OF TRAVELLERS' CLUB OLD-FASHIONED HOUSE-WARMING

The New Quarters Will Be Officially Thrown Open Tonight—
Drummers Have a Splendid Home—Hon. C. S. Hyman
Is Honorary President and Mr. S. F. Glass
Is President.



Hon. C. S. Hyman.

The new Travellers' Club will be opened tonight. An old-fashioned house-warming, with music and cards, will furnish the entertainment, and the commercial men are looking forward to a very fine evening. The new clubhouse is one of the finest in America. Few clubs can compare with the present quarters of the local commercial men, and it is considered by visitors as one of the best-appointed clubs to be found anywhere. The new quarters are the former head offices of the London Mutual Fire Insurance Company. They were purchased last summer by the travellers, and thoroughly remodelled, giving them plenty of room, and every facility for entertaining their friends.

Splendid Quarters.
On the ground floor are a writing-room and a reception room. On the next floor are to be found the general reception room, the dining-room, cloak-room and rest-room. On the upper floor are the card-room, the billiard-room and the stewards' quarters. All are furnished in the most modern style and are particularly cheerful rooms. The high ceilings and the splendid ventilation make them ideal. A fine new kitchen has been built at the rear of the club, and in its every appointment is perfect. **History of the Club.** The progress of the club has been remarkable. Some twelve years ago the commercial men got together and formed a society of the Knights of the Grip. Harry Buttrey, S. Frank Glass, Alf

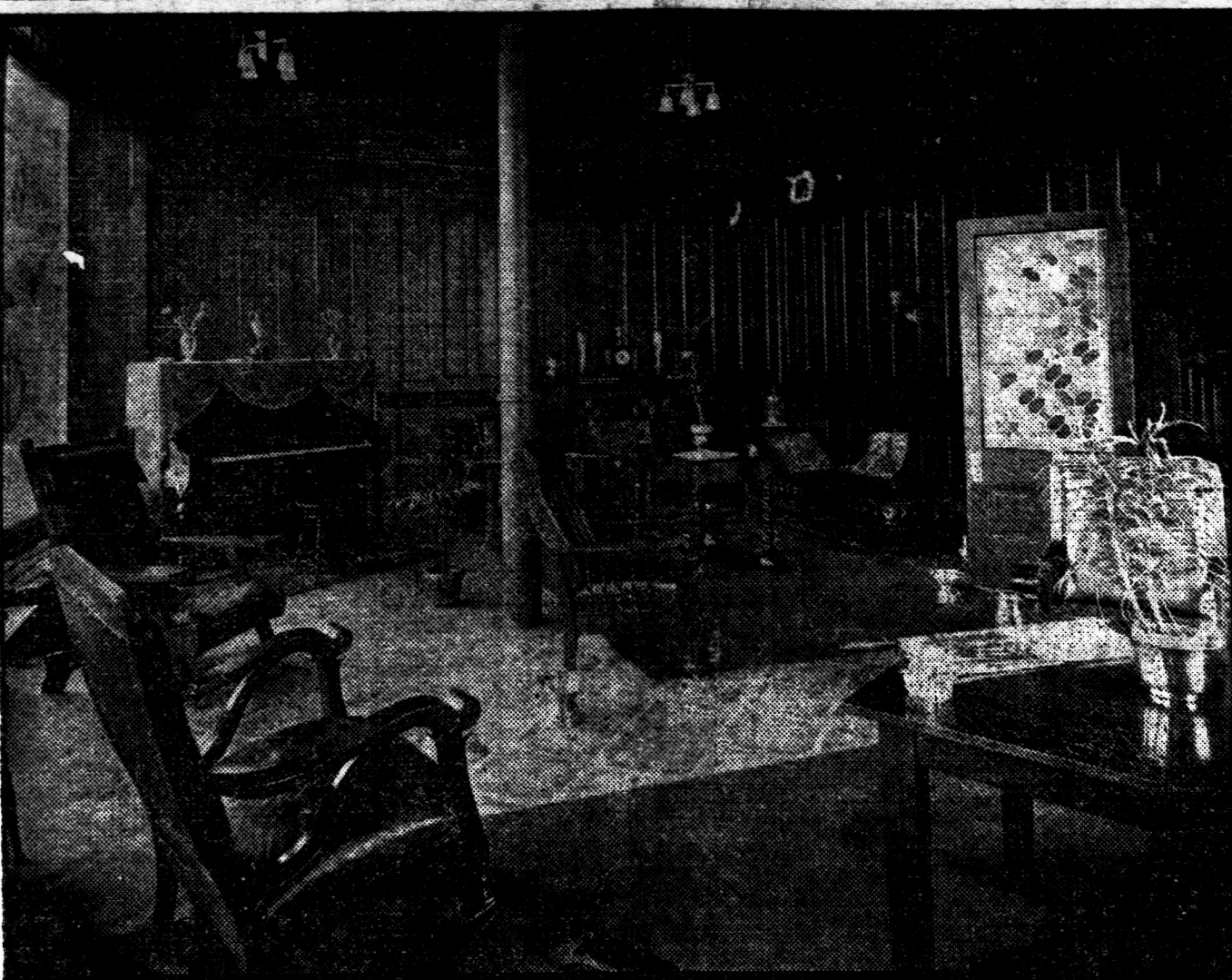


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RECEPTION-ROOM OF THE 'TRAVELLERS' CLUB.

CITY MAY PAY ONE-THIRD COST OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

A Conference of All the Spending Bodies of the Council Is To
Be Held to Take the Matter Into Consideration
and Effect a Reform.

A joint meeting of the spending bodies of the city council will be called within a week to discuss Ald. Richter's scheme for a rearrangement of the local improvement charges. He is engaged at the present time in working out his proposition, and when it is finished he will call the meeting and discuss it. Little information has been gleaned as to his proposals, but it is understood that a change of much importance will be made in the method of charging for local improvements. At the present time the city pays one-half the cost of curbs and gutters, one-half the cost of sidewalks, and the property-owners pay all the cost of pavements, except the intersections. **Asks for a Change.** This division is not considered adequate by Ald. Richter, and he will ask for a change. He is keeping his

own counsel as to his intentions, but it is certain that the property-owners will pay more of the proportionate cost than heretofore. It may be all the cost, or it may be two-thirds. The first suggestion that the property-owners affected be compelled to pay all the cost after assisting in paying for the improvements of other pieces of property, has been considered too drastic, and it is probable that a compromise will be arrived at. If that is the case, the city will pay one-third the cost of walks, curbs and pavements, in fact all improvements from lawn to highway. **Saving of One Mill.** This will result in a saving of one mill on the dollar at the rate the city is now making these improvements. That will be of some assistance, and will enable the city council to get the tax rate down to where it belongs.



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DINING-ROOM OF TRAVELLERS' CLUB.

BICYCLE THIEVES ARE OPERATING

Two Thefts Have Been Reported to the Police.

Bicycle thieves are operating in the city, and the police wish to warn all citizens not to leave their machines standing about where there is any chance for them to be taken.

Yesterday Mr. Gordon Hunt reported that a Brantford bicycle belonging to him had been taken from Ridout street, where he left it standing. Last night Harry Weston, of No. 563 Dundas street, reported the loss of a Geneva bicycle, which he had left in front of the Public Library.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY MUST BE OBSERVED

Ottawa, Ont., May 27.—The King's birthday, June 3, is under the bills of exchange act a statutory holiday, and falling action by the Governor-General in Council, must be observed in Canada. No action has yet been taken by the council.

Hon. L. P. Brodeur was at work in his office in the west block this morning for the first time since Jan. 8. The organization of the new naval department will be announced next week.

VESSELS INWARD.
Father Point, May 27.—S. S. Corsican, Allan Line, from Liverpool inward, mid-night. S. S. Lake Erie, Allan Line, from London inward, 1:45 a. m., with 147 second cabin and 577 stowage. The Allan Line steamer Tunisian, from Montreal and Quebec for Liverpool, was 70 miles west of Main Head at 9 a. m. today.

EDMONTON CHEERS ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Mr. Cross the Object of a Great
Demonstration Last Night.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Edmonton, May 27.—A great demonstration was tendered Hon. C. W. Cross by citizens of Edmonton last night. Businessmen of the city organized the affair. Two brass bands and a pipe band took part. The former attorney-general and Mrs. Cross were driven from their residence to Windsor Hotel where addresses were delivered. Mr. Cross appealed to his supporters to give the strongest indorsement to the new Premier, paid a tribute to ex-Premier Rutherford, and defied any person to bring any charge against him. The demonstration was for the purpose of making it known that Edmonton insists on Cross as attorney-general in the new cabinet, other known members of which will be Judge Mitchell, Duncan Marshall, and possibly Dr. Warneock, of Pincher Creek.

OLD RAILROADER DEAD.

New York, May 27.—Charles Cameron Clark, a well-known railroad man, died at his home at Briarcliff Manor. He was 88 years old. He was formerly auditor and treasurer of the Old Hudson River Railroad, and was a member of the board of directors of several other companies.

Much Improved.
The condition of Louis Sugarman, the victim of a shooting accident in his gallery on Dundas street on Wednesday, is reported much improved today, and it is expected that he will recover rapidly.

PRUSSIAN GOVERNMENT DROPS VOTE BILL

No Franchise Measure Owing to
Strength of Popular
Protest.

Berlin, May 27.—The Government today abandoned its efforts to secure the enactment of the Prussian franchise bill, popular opposition to which has been expressed in frequent mass meetings, during some of which the Protestants have clashed with the police. The debate has been long-drawn out, owing to the objections raised in the Lower House to the amendments adopted by the Lords. Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, in announcing his decision, said that the Government placed no further value on the measure, which had lost its effect by giving the wealthy and middle classes a greater influence in the elections. He added that a continuance of the bitter agitation against the election system was most likely to continue until the Government submitted new legislation representing an endeavor to carry out the Emperor's promise made in the speech from the throne.

SAID THAT BLACKSTOCK WAS A LITTLE TOO "GAY"

Alleged That He Took a Dog
From a Citizen Without
Reason.

Blackstock, the dog-catcher, has been taking his position too seriously and as a result may find himself without a position.

Yesterday a citizen went into Inspector McCallum's office with his dog and Blackstock happened in.

In spite of the fact that the dog was muzzled and had a proper tag he took it and placed it in the pound.

The citizen went to F. M. Love and registered a complaint. Later he went to Mayor Beattie and explained the situation to him. His worship has started an investigation, and if Blackstock is discovered to have taken dogs without any right to do so he will be dealt with accordingly.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR.

FORECASTS.

Today—Moderate northwesterly winds; fair and cool.

Saturday—Moderate variable winds; fine and a little warm.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Victoria	50	40	Cloudy
Calgary	70	38	Fair
Winnipeg	72	56	Fair
Port Arthur	74	54	Fair
Perry Sound	54	42	Fair
Toronto	58	46	Cloudy
Ottawa	64	46	Rain
Montreal	64	46	Fair
Quebec	64	46	Rain
Father Point	58	40	Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather since yesterday has been fine and warm in the Western Provinces, and cool and showery from Ontario eastward.

THURSDAY'S WEATHER.

The pressure was highest last night over Ontario and the Middle States, and lowest over the Western and Maritime Provinces. The weather was warm yesterday in the west. There were a few showers in Alberta, while from Ontario eastward it was partly cloudy, with scattered showers. Cool weather was prevalent in Ontario.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 40-54; Victoria, 44-54; Vancouver, 47-55; Edmonton, 40-54; Calgary, 44-70; Battleford, 54-72; Moosejaw, 41-77; Qu'Appelle, 44-72; Winnipeg, 56-72; Port Arthur, 50-50; Perry Sound, 56-72; Toronto, 42-50; Ottawa, 52-67; Montreal, 56-54; Quebec, 50-64; St. John, 48-54; Halifax, 56-66.

TODAY'S PROBS.

Maritime Provinces—Fresh southwesterly and westerly winds; cloudy, with local showers.

Lake Superior—Moderate southwesterly and southerly winds; fine and a little warmer.

All West—A few local showers, but mostly fair and warm.

WASHINGTON WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, May 27.—Forecasts: Eastern States and Northern New York—Fair tonight and Saturday; possibly light frost tonight in low places in the interior.

Light to moderate northwest to north winds.

Western New York—Fair tonight and Saturday; moderate west winds, becoming Japan, Vancouver.

Lower Lakes—Light to moderate west winds, becoming variable; fair tonight and Saturday.

PREMIER RUTHERFORD STEPS OUT JUDGE SIFTON IS NOW PREMIER

Alberta and Great Waterways Scandal Caused the Overthrow and
Sir Wilfrid Laurier Arranged Peace.

Edmonton, May 27.—Premier Rutherford and all the members of his administration handed to the Lieutenant-Governor their resignations at 11 o'clock yesterday. Chief Justice Sifton was called in, and agreed to undertake the formation of a government. Mr. Sifton was sworn in as president of the executive council, and Mr. Rutherford witnessed the ceremony. Mr. Sifton remains silent as to what his policy will be. It is surmised that the first step will be to cancel the contract. The insurgents are insisting that it be cancelled, no matter what the cost may be. The only name mentioned as successor to Attorney-General Cross is

Judge Mitchell, of Medicine Hat. Mr. J. A. Boyle is at present the only lawyer in the House, except the retiring Premier and the Attorney-General. It will be necessary, therefore, to get someone to take the place of Mr. Cross, or to take Mr. Boyle into the cabinet. From the party leaders it is understood that Judge Mitchell is willing to occupy the office. Mr. Boyle's chances of office were impaired by the bitterness of feeling towards him on the part of the bulk of the Government supporters, and by the fact that he is one of those who approved of the legislation respecting the waterways project. His inclusion in the cabinet would have

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G. T. R. WAS NOT TO BLAME FOR JAMES NEVILLE'S DEATH

Inquest Into Death of Mount Brydges Man Was Held Last Night
—Lack of Sidewalk Led the Deceased to Walk
On the Tracks.

"That James Neville died from injuries which he received by being struck by an engine, while walking on the Grand Trunk tracks on May 19. Had there been a sidewalk in the vicinity there would have been no need for Mr. Neville to walk on the tracks, and we recommend that a walk be constructed. We exonerate the railway employees from all blame."

The above verdict was returned by the jury which, under Coroner Dr. Woods, investigated the death of

James Neville, at Mount Brydges, last night.

The evidence in effect was that Mr. Neville started to walk from his house to the station, when a way freight from London, in charge of Engineer Anderson, was proceeding slowly into a siding. Another train was coming toward the station, and whistled, and Mr. Neville stepped off the one track onto another, and directly in front of the way freight engine, which struck him and fractured his skull.

Mr. J. C. Judd, K. C., appeared for the company, and Mr. J. F. Pauls for the family of the deceased.

REPORT WILL BE MADE ON HERDS OF LONDON

Board of Health Is Determined
to Go Into Milk Question
Thoroughly.

The milk question will be thoroughly discussed at the board of health meeting tonight.

Mr. John Graham, chairman, and Dr. Tamlin, the veterinary inspector, will make an inspection of several herds in the city to make themselves acquainted with the conditions prevailing about London.

Some of the best, and perhaps, many of the worst, will be visited, and a comprehensive report made on the subject.

"We want to become acquainted with conditions," said Mr. Graham. "When the question comes up for discussion we will then be able to give an intelligent opinion on it."

"We have a fine supply so far as the quality of the milk is concerned, and its freedom from preservatives," said Dr. Hutchinson. "The percentage of butter fat is above the average. However, a certified milk supply, which means a hygienic supply from start to finish, is something greatly to be desired. They have it in other places, and I think we should have it, too."

"The infant mortality in London is not great, and this is one of the first indications of a bad milk supply."

Mr. Galbraith Resigns.

Mr. J. L. Galbraith, organist New St. James' Presbyterian Church, has resigned, and will leave London at the end of July. He purposes going to the United States, but to what city he has not yet decided. Mr. Galbraith is also conductor of the S. O. S. Male Choir. A successor has been advertised for, but no one has yet been secured.

RUSK CLAIMED BOARD WAS POOR VARIETY

Sued His Landlady and Recovered
\$16.91—A Peculiar
Case.

Almost fifty cases were down for settlement at the first division court before Judge Macbeth this morning. A great many were settled beforehand and very few were tried.

An interesting case was that of R. E. Rusk against Mrs. Sadie Sully, 101 Briscoe street. The plaintiff stated that Mrs. Sully couldn't get any credit with the dealers, and he has been "standing for the bills," intending to take them out in board.

Finally the board became so "rotten" that Rusk decided to move on to greener pastures, and in leaving he asked his landlady for some \$16.91 due him. She refused, and the division court case resulted.

Mrs. Sully's story was a different one. She told the court that Rusk was such a vile man she wouldn't have him around the place.

Rusk won his case, and got judgment for \$16.91.

PLACED UNDER ARREST

Arthur Harris, until recently in the employ of the Lyons Tailoring Company, city, was placed under arrest yesterday on a charge of theft laid by Saul Lyons.

It is stated that Mr. Harris was dismissed recently by the company, and had some money which he had collected for the firm in his possession.

It is alleged that he refuses to give this money up, and as a result proceedings have been taken against him. The case was heard before Magistrate Love at a special session of the court this afternoon.

SCHOOL PICNIC THURSDAY A GREAT DAY FOR THE "KIDDIES"

Street Railway Time Table for the Occasion Is Announced—A Big
Programme of Sports Has Been Arranged—All That's
Required Now Is Good Weather.

The car service for the school children's picnic on Thursday, June 2, is as follows:

St. George's—Wellington and St. James streets, 8:30 o'clock.
Aberdeen—William and Hamilton roads, 8:30 o'clock.
Lorne Avenue—Dundas and English streets, 8:30 o'clock.
Victoria—Wharnccliffe road and Railway street, 9:15 o'clock.
Grand Avenue—Ridout street and Elmwood avenue, 9:15 o'clock.
Rectory Street—Dundas and Rectory streets, 10 o'clock.
Colborne Street—Dundas and Colborne streets, 10 o'clock.
Princess Avenue—Central avenue and Colborne street, 10 o'clock.
Empress Avenue—Wharnccliffe road and Empress avenue, 10:15 o'clock.

Talbot street—Richmond street and Central avenue, 10:15 o'clock.
Wortley Road—Elmwood avenue and Wortley road, 11:15 o'clock.
Chesley Avenue—Rectory street and Hamilton road, 11:30 o'clock.
Simcoe Street and Colborne South—Horton and Richmond streets, 11:30 o'clock.
King Street—York and Ridout streets, 11:30 o'clock.
Quebec Street—Dundas and Quebec streets, 11:30 o'clock.
Protestant Orphans' Home—St. James and Richmond streets, 11:30 o'clock.

All the arrangements for the school picnic on Thursday next to Springbank Park have been completed, and from the enthusiasm shown so far it promises to be the most successful ever held by the board of education. Continued on Page Eight.

SUGAR UNDERWEIGHING CONSPIRACY TRIAL

Three of the Defendants Will
Plead Guilty Say Their
Counsel.

New York, May 27.—Three of the defendants in the sugar underweighing conspiracy trial will plead guilty, their counsel, Henry H. Cochrane, announced today. The men are former assistant dock superintendent Harry W. Walker and two government weighers, Jean F. Voelker and James Halligan, Jun.

SUGAR TRUST WORKERS IN GUILTY PLEAS

Were Fellow Employees of Men
Who Manipulated Under-
Weighing Conspiracy.

New York, May 27.—The long series of surprises in the sugar underweighing conspiracy trial culminated today in the sudden closing of the prosecution's case and the entering of pleas of guilty by three of the men on trial. These three were fellow-employees of the four checkers convicted last winter for complicity in the frauds on the Williamsburg docks of the American Sugar Refining Company. All of them worked under Oliver Sitzer, the dock superintendent, also convicted and sentenced to two years in the Atlanta Penitentiary, whose confession and pardon, and appearance as a Government witness, was the first big sensation of the present trial.

Counsel for the three men, who had decided to give up the fight, Harry W. Walker, assistant dock superintendent, and Jean F. Voelker and James Halligan, Jun., checkers, today withdrew their plea of not guilty as soon as the Government, after introducing some new testimony, announced that it closed its case. Sentence will be passed upon them later after a conference of counsel, court and jury was adjourned to Tuesday next, Judge Martin denying formal motions for the dismissal of the indictments against the remaining three defendants.

With the three minor defendants eliminated by their pleas of guilty, there remain on the trial the chief of the group, Charles R. Heike, secretary of the American Sugar Refining Company, and his former subordinates, Ernest W. Gerbracht.

MORE WAR CLOUDS

Peru Sending Big Force to Frontier
In Spite of Arbitration Rumors.

Lima, Peru, May 27.—Another large contingent of the army is proceeding to the northern frontier today. Despite official assurances from Washington that Peru and Ecuador have accepted the arbitration of the United States, Brazil and Argentina in their boundary dispute, the Peruvian Government today withdrew its conditions which Ecuador imposes respecting mediation.

TUCK'S DEATH DUE TO TOO MUCH DRINK

Windsor, May 27.—Dr. Brien, who performed a post mortem on the body of John Tuck, discovered in a stable at Tecumseh road and McDougall street, gave it as his opinion that Tuck's death was due to excessive drinking. There will be no further investigation in the case.

VOTES FOR WOMEN

Party Formed To Help Advance Cause
of Woman's Suffrage.

London, May 27.—A number of members of parliament, of all parties, have constituted themselves a committee for woman suffrage. They aim at settling the question on a plan acceptable to all shades of suffragettes. As a practicable minimum they will introduce in the House of Commons as early as possible a bill enfranchising women holding such house property as would qualify them, if they were men, to vote. The promoters of the bill regard it merely as a working compromise, not as an ideal solution. It would add a million new voters to the register.

The committee contends that the present House of Commons, like all since 1870, shows a majority in favor of woman suffrage.

AUTO OWNERS MUST NOT SPEED MACHINES

Local Gentleman Was Fined On
the Complaint of a Police-
man.

William Scott, of 503 Maitland street, was fined \$5 by Magistrate Love at the police court this morning for driving an auto at an inordinate rate of speed yesterday. Mr. Scott said he didn't think he was going more than 12 or 15 miles an hour, but P. C. Reich who made the complaint, stated that Scott was going a good deal faster than that, and said that a number of citizens had spoken to him regarding the rate of speed.

The court reminded Mr. Scott that it was a very dangerous practice to drive through the streets at such a pace, and fined him \$5.

Ed Dutton, an Indian-lister, arrested for being drunk, told the court that he got his whiskey in an old shed. The court had heard similar stories before, and sent him down for 21 days when he was unable to produce \$10, the amount which he was fined. A drunk paid \$2.

MADRID FORCES SURROUND BLUEFIELDS

Washington, May 27.—The Madrid forces have completely surrounded the city of Bluefields, the last stronghold of the Estrada faction in Nicaragua, according to a cablegram received at the navy department today from Capt. Gilmer of the United States gunboat Paduch.

GIRL CHARGED WITH THEFT OF GEMS

Toronto, Ont., May 27.—Amelia Kynech, an Indian girl 19 years of age, appeared in the police court this morning charged with being connected with the theft of \$500 worth of jewelry belonging to Mrs. W. F. Smith, 2 Spadina Gardens, by whom she had been employed as a domestic. The girl pleaded not guilty through her counsel, Mr. T. C. Robbette, K. C., and was remanded till June 3 at the request of the crown attorney. The girl strongly protests her innocence of the charge against her.

TRAINMEN'S CLAIMS SETTLED NEXT WEEK

Montreal, Que., May 27.—Messrs. J. E. Atkinson, Wallace Nesbitt and J. G. Donohue, the board of conciliation under the law, today announced they considered the claims of the C. P. R. trainmen and later those of the Grand Trunk, will conclude their meetings in this city tonight and next week on a basis of settlement.

CANADIAN DEFENCE LEAGUE

Hon. Featherston O'Leary, K.C., the First
President.

Toronto, May 27.—A meeting of the nominating and organizing committee of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Defence League was held last evening at St. James' Chambers, and the following officers were elected: President, the Hon. Featherston O'Leary, K.C.; vice-presidents, Rev. Dr. A. C. Carman and Major Wm. Hendrie, Hamilton; secretary, Mr. E. A. MacDonald; treasurer, Lieut.-Col. W. H. Morrill; executive committee, Mrs. Wm. Macdonald, Mrs. E. H. Keating, Miss Constance Boulton, Miss Catherine Merritt, Mr. R. E. Kingsford, Professor A. Baker, Rev. Dr. W. H. Hincks, Commander E. C. Law, R.N., Dr. Charles Hastings, Mr. H. F. D. Sewell.

It was reported that branches of the division have been organized in the following places: Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Brantford, Guelph, Ottawa and Kingston. The new officers of the division will be installed at a meeting of the division in St. George's Hall on the evening of June 3, to which the recently-organized branches will be requested to send delegates.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

New York, May 26.—Arrived: Mauretania, from Liverpool; Mendoza, Genoa; President Lincoln, Hamburg; Pannofia, Naples.

Liverpool—Arrived: Haverford, Philadelphia; Cymric, Boston.

Have—Arrived: La Gasconne, New York; La Provence, New York.

Naples—Arrived: Regina d'Italia, New York; Romanic, Boston.

Genoa—Arrived: Louisianians, New York; Cape Race—Signalled: George Washington, Bremen; Philadelphia, Southampton; Arabic, Liverpool.

Father Point—Passed: Lake Erie, London.

Fame Point—Passed: Corsican, Liverpool.