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Husband Aided in Saving Wife, But

Dunnville, Jan. 19.-The resider Dunnville, Jan. 19.—The restdence of Mr. William Spurbeck was destroyed by fire at an early hour yesterday morning. Mr. Spurbeck perished in the flames, and his wife was badly burned. They were the only occupants of the house, which was on the outskirts of the town. The fire was discovered only when the bad on which they stept was partly fire was discovered only when the bed on which they slept was partly burned. Mr. Spurbeck helped his wife out of the upstairs window, but was overcome himself by the smoke. Assistance was too late. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Werkman's Series.

Galt, Jan. 19 — William S. Echlin, a married man, aged about 40, em-ployed by the Goldie and McCulloch ployed by the Goldie and McCalloch Co. as belt repairer, met with an accident while on duty yesterday morning that may prove fatal. He was engaged fixing a belt, and in some way was caught by it and carried around the shaft. His left arm was broken in several places, and almost torn from the socket necessitating amputation at the shoulder.

Three Killed in Kallway Wreek.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 19.-A cut of ars on the Iowa Central broke away cars on the lowa central washing from a switch engine, and, rushing down hill at a fearful rate of speed, collided with a work train at the bottom, just outside the city limits, and instantly killed Allan E. Hire, and instance; Peter Johnson, car in-spector, and Albert O. Schwartz, car repairer, all of this city. Two sec-

Dayton, Ohio, Jan. 19.—The Allan School Building in North Dayton was gutted yesterday by flames, which originated in the basement. The 400 pupils were gotten out in salety with the exception of Edna Baum, a little girl in the first grade, who was thrown down, trampled on the state of the pupils. and fatally injured in the panic. A man at work in the basement is miss-ing, and is believed to have been

St. Thomas, Jan. 19.—Passengers on the L. E. & D. R. R. train which left here about 12 o'clock on Saturday night for London, had a very trying experience. Just north of Glanworth the engine was unable to plow through a deep snow bank, and he unfortunate passengers, of which there were seventy-five, were forced to remain in the coaches until morning, when two engines came om London and assisted in freeing the train from its position. When the half-frozen and hungry passengers alighted at the London depot it was just 10.15 o'clock, the train having been about nine hours in the drift. The snow in some places was even with the top of the coach win-

CANADA THEIR THEME.

r-General, Sir Wilfrld Laurie Ottawa, Jan. 19.—The first annual banquet of the Canadian Club of Ottawa was held last night, and was a great success. Col. Sherwood, president, presided, and the club was honored by the presence of His Excellency the Governor-General, Sir Wilstid Laurier and R. L. Borden. Wilfrid Laurier and R. L. Borden, leader of the Opposition. The speeches were non-political, and eloquent tributes to the glory of Canada and the Motherland. His Excellency expressed hearty appreciation of the club and its objects, and noted with pleasure the spread of the movement for such clubs in the country. The Premier and Mr. Borden were felicitous in their utterances, and both prohounced graceful tributes to the greatness of Canada. Wilfrid Laurier and R. L. Borden

Must Use Waterways. Toronto, Jan. 19.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy spoke on the transport-ation question before the Canadian Club here yesterday. The attendance was the largest this season. Sir Thomas emphasized the necessity of using our waterways and their im-portance in considering all transport-ation problems in this country.

Germany to Send Reinforcements. Germany to Sead Reinforcements.

Berlin, Jan. 19.—Further advices from German Southwest Africa say the nergoes are murdering settlers and burning homesteads over wide areas. The German colonial troops in the disturbed district are wholly insufficient to deal with the revolted natives. At a conference between Chancellor Von Buelow, Emperor William, War Minister Von Einen and Admiralty Secretary Von Tirpits, it was decided to ask the Reichstag immediately to authorize the sending out of reinforcements.

PLEA FOR MODERATION.

Mine President Mirchell Tells Miners

his annual report.

The report urges that the convention be moderate in speech and conservative in action, adding "we should keep in mind that the elemies of labor and the opponents of trade unionism, as represented by the Manufacturers' Association and the Citizens' Industrial Alliance, are ever ready to make capital out of the smallest indiscretion, and to magnify out of all reasonable proportion the slightest mistake that trade union ists may make."

The report then outlines the situa-tion in each district. Of the anthra

cite field he says: 'It is a pleasur to report that since the close of th anthracite strike the relations of op erators and miners have grown steadily more cordial. With very few exceptions, the award of the Com-mission has been rigidly observed, and an era of comparative peace and contentment has reigned in that ter-

After reviewing the extension of the conference method of adjusting gravances, the report says: 'On the whole ances, the report says: "On the whole we have every reason to feel fairly well satisfied with the gains during the year 1903." The report says the organization has increased in membership from 91,000 in 1899, to 287,545 in 1903, which does not include members idle or on strike. In 1903 there was a net gain of 366 unions, making a total of 2,322.
"If," says Mr. Mitchell, "eyery local union would report in its full membership, there would not be less than

President Mitchell voiced his earn-est support of legislation prohibiting

boys under 16 from being allowed to work in the mines, and asked the convention to endorse it. In closing, congratulatory reference is made to the "cordial husiness relationship that has existed between our organ-ization and the operators in all States and districts in which wages and conditions of employment are regulated and determined by mutual

Bloomington, Ill.; Jan. 19.—The first shipment of automobiles ordered by the street railway strikers to compete with the cars of the car company, arrived here yesterday. There will be twelve in all. The machines will carry sixteen becomes chines will carry sixteen passenger and will be operated along the various lines of the street railway have Passengers will pay five cents a rid and also will get transfers.

SIR WILFRID'S HAND FORCED,

Montreal, Que., Jan. 19.—The whole story is now out, and the mystery of the session fully explained. It is now learned on the very best au-thority that the leading shareholders of the Grand Trunk Company in London flatly refused to have anything to do with the arrangements entered into between the Grand Trunk Railway and the Government, and in spite of Mr. Hays' elequence and the directors' adhesion to the general manager's views, the shareholders concluded by threatening to repudiate the whole business at the next don flatly refused to have anything egular meeting should the project as accepted by Mr. Hays be allowed to go through. Accepts First Proposition.

The Prime Minister, however, who has set his heart upon inaugurating before retiring from public life, has, it appears, decided to sacrifice his it appears, decided to sacrifice his Quebec friends by promising them a lean bone, give up the eastern section of the G.T.P. and accept the Grand Trunk's first proposition, which was to buikl the road from North Bay to the Pacific Coast. It is also hinted that the Government will promise an extension from the Upper Ottawa district to Moncton as an absolutely independent Government work, this being for the purpose of appeasing the Quebec bridge promoters, and Hon. W. S. Fielding.

Blame Put on Captain

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 19.—Wm. Jensen gave evidence to the coro-ner's enquiry regarding the Clallam yesterday afternoon that if the pusengers had not been put in the boats until the Holyoke came no lives would have been lost until the tug same, and whether any would have been lost then depended on the captain's actions. He seemed not to have full control of himself.

New Wife Every Year.

Mexico City, Mexico, Jan. 19.-Leon Vargas Navarro, Mexican Con-Leon Vargas Navarro, Mexican Con-sul at Phoenix, Ariz., is in the city, having been called to the capital to explain several complaints made against him. One of these complaints is that the society of Phoenix is scandalized because, it is alleged, the Consul presents each year at the social functions of that town a different woman as his wife.

Against Canadian Twine, New York, Jan. 19.—The customs authorities have ordered that binder twine imported from Canada which does not centain 66 feet to the pound shall be seized and be subject to forfeiture or the penalties prescribed by statute.

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THE REPORT.

Following is the report of F. H. Macpherson, P. A. C., upon the accounts relating to the administration of Justice, and Auditor Macpherson, P. A. C., upon the accounts relating to the administration of the several accounts relating to the Administration of Justice, and Auditor Macpherson, P. A. C. upon the accounts of the meintennous property in the property of the County of Kent and the City of Chatham. The Joint Committee under date of Konty and the City of County of Kent and the City of Chatham. The Joint Committee water

vember 24th, 1903, I beg to report that I have made an examination of the accounts relating to the Administration of Justice, as between the County of Kent, and the City of Chatham, covering five years ending Dec. 31, 1902. Accounts have been rendered to the City by the County from time to time, presumably under the terms of the agreement of Dec. 9th, 1898, which I think to contain many items not properly changeable as Administration of Justice, amongst which I mention the following:—

1. Payments made by the County in connection with Jurors fees, and payments of medical examinations in payments of medical examinations in connection with Coroners' inquests.

Sees. It and is of Chep. 97, of the Act of Coroners provides that where inquests are held in the County, the Coroner shall make his order fon the payment of examinations and of furrors' fees to the Treasurer of the County, and if the inquest is held in the City, the order for the payment shall be made upon the Treasurer of the City. Heretofore all these payments have, in the first instance, been made by the County, the City being charged a proportion under being charged a proportion under the head of Administration of Jus-tice. The majority of the deaths which are followed by inquests, soc-curred in the City and the whole cost curred in the City and the whole cost thereof should have been borne by the City. An exact examination of the accounts will show, in this par-ticular, that the city has an advan-tage over the county. It is but fair to state, that the present County Treasurer (J. C. Fleming) upon his accession to the office, came to the conclusion that the payments on account of Jurors' fees and Coroners' account of Jurors fees and Coroners' inquests were not being properly made, and he declined to pay such accounts except those for which the county was liable in full, and no charge has been made by the County against the city during Mr. Fleming's term of office.

ty against the city during Mr. Fleming's term of office.

2. Payments made by the County to Judges and Physicians in connect with the examination of insane persons, have also been included as a part of the cost of Administration of Justice, the City paying its proportion thereof. A reference to Sec. 37, Chap. 317, will show explicitly that the cost of inquiries are to be borne by the County or by the City as the case may be, in neither case being properly included under the head of Administration of Justice.

3. Payments made by the County to minor municipalities and to individuals, or other expenses incurred by

part of the cost of Administration of Justice, the City as where the cost of Inquiries are to be borne by the County or by the City as the case may be, in neither case being properly included under the head of Administration of Justice.

3. Payments made, by the County to minor municipalities and to individuals, or other expenses incurred by the County, for the care and keeping of lunaties at the county gaol, have also been included, and been made a part of the expenses of Administration of Justice.

3. Tayments made by the County to fine the Statute or in any existing agreement (presumably based upon the Statutes) which enables the County should be the absolute owner of the says which enables the County to include payments of any of the accounts mentioned in this section, as a portion of the cost of Administration of Justice.

4. Payments made by the County for the conveyance of lunatics to Provincial Institutions. These also have been included in the accounts rendered by the County against the City, as coming under clause 3 of the agreement of December 9, 1898. I assume that the city is bound by the County during the five years past. For the purposes of a calculation as to what may be the proper contribution, by the City to the County for the next five years, payments under this head. have, however, been excluded. There appears to be an inconsistency in the Statute with respect to this one matter. Sec. 37 of Chap. 317 refers especially to the County against the City as coming under clause 3 of the agreement of December 9, 1898. I assume that the city is bound by the County during the five years pay. For the purposes of a calculation as to what may be the propor contribute of the city was called upon to pay, and did pay from time to time, by the County for the next five years, payments under the five years, payments under the payment so made by mutual agreement of December 9, 1898. I assume that the city is bound by the County during the five years pay. For the purposes of a calculation as to what may be the p

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I am of the opinion that the me-thod practised in some other counties thed practised in some other counties of arriving at a lump sum, which shall be payable by the City to the County, quarterly, is preferable to the plan which has been in vogue in the past. By the suggested method the City has accurate information as to the amount which it must provide annually; the County has similar information as to the sum which it is to receive from the City. At the end of five years a readjustment of the amount to be contributed is made; such readjustment adjustment of the amount to be contributed is made; such readjustment to be based upon the payments made by the County upon the several accounts which enter into the Administration of Justice and the Registry Office accounts, during the preceding five years. The figures then obtained to carry for a further period of five years. In this way any fluctuation either way is fully provided for, and no injustice can account to either municipality.

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City has an insurable interest in the County property as stated above, viz., \$316158, an interest in my judgment, not insured, and which, in case of fire would be a total loss. The County carries insurance of a considerable amount which, in case of siderable amount which, in case of siderable amount which, in case of fire, would be recoverable as to its own interest, but not as forthe City's on the ground that the City's interest was not covered, and litigation would surely ensue. To clear the whole ground I suggest that the City should sell to the County its interest in the sent property for the price stated (\$2455.00) and the County should buy from the City, at the said price its interest; and the transfer its interest; and the reafter durprice, its interest; and thereafter dur-ing the life of the present building the simulal sum being paid by the City for use of the gaol and court house to be increased by \$145.60; and for th use of the registry office by \$27,20

period of five years. In this way lect from the city an annual rental provided for, and no injustice can accrue to either municipality.

CITY'S INTEREST IN COUNTY'S PROPERTY,

Over its one-seventh proceeded to collect from the city an annual rental equal to 5 per cent. upon \$500.00, which latter would have been about the city's proportion had it been invited to pay in cash its proper share of the erection of the gaoler's residence.

dence.
My recommendations are, therefore?
(a) That the County should pay to the City the sum of \$2455.00 in full satisfaction of the proprietary interest which the City has in the gaol and court house and registry office.
(b) That the City shall pay to the County the sum of \$2205.60 in equal quarterly payments of \$351.40, in full settlement of the share or proportion which the City of Chatham should contribute toward the use of the gaol, settlement of the share or proportion which the City of Chatham should contribute toward the use of the gaol, court house, and gaoler's residence, and the cost of administration of justice; and the use and maintenance of the Rigistry office, such payment to date from January 1st, 1903, and continue for five years from that date.

(c) That at the expiration of the term mentioned, unless by mutual consent the agreement now proposed be continued, there shall be a readjustment, such readjustment to be based upon the actual expenditures of the County during the five years, and upon the several accounts included under the heads covered by this agreement.

Respectfully submitted,
F. H. MACPHERSON,
Chartered Accountant.
Chathem, Ont., Jan. 12, 1904,

The report was followed by a fusilade of questions from the different members present and all queries were promptly explained by Mr. Macpherson. Different points of the issue were discussed, all members taking a keen interest in the details.

Mr. Macpherson said he had made

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