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VICTORIA, B. C., FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1908

FIFTIETH YEAR

MAY BE CHANGED Tather and Son Drowned. Halifax, May 9.—William Melanson, aged 45, and his son, Rodney, aged 15, of French Beach, were drowned yesterday by the capsizing of their boat in Petite Passage, Digby. TREATY MAKING POWER IN CAN **ELECTION BILL**

Rumor of the Withdrawal or Amendment of Obnoxious Clauses

MR. MONK'S KEEN CRITICISM

Lines Come Under Discussion

Ottawa, May 8.—The fourth day of the debate on the Aylsworth bill to amend the Elections act was characterized by a strong defense of the government's position, made by Mr. Crawford of Portage la Prairie, and a speech by Mr. Devlin, while the opposition case was upheld by Messrs, Monk and R. S. Lake. The report tonight is that the clause which is so strongly objected to by the Western Conservative members will be withdrawn, or the government will accept the suggestion of Dr. Roche that the county judges do the work of preparing the lists.

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In his speech Mr. Crawford said that while he did not think the bill was as perfect as it might be, he favored it. He defended Mr. Leech of "thin redline" fame, and said he had been the object of Conservative slanders. He objected strongly to the lists prepared by the Manitoba government.

Mr. Monk said the bill was one of the most nefarious and mischievous that had come under his notice since he had had a seat in the House. Its object was to depart in a clandestine manner from the principles laid down by the government in 1898. It was a desperate attempt to save a moribund government. In England a government when it sees that the tide of public approval is setting against it, accepts the situation and calmly and patiently awaits the decision of the people. The province of Quebec had been introduced into the bill simply as a blind, as there was not a square inch of territory in the province which was not municipally organized.

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Freeh, May 9.—Alarming news has

In committee of the whole house tonight, Mr. Lennox moved an amendment to the hill respecting the Grand
Trunk Pacific branch lines, by the
terms of which the government might
take over any or all of the lines. If
the price cannot be agreed upon, the
railway commission is to fix it, with
the right of appeal, by either party, to
the supreme court of Canada.

Mr. Pugsley claimed the amendment
was contrary to provisions of the B. N.
A. act. No resolution could be considamined her expressed the belief that

Fell Down Shaft.

Brandon, Man., May 8.—John A. Drysdale, one of the best known manufacturers in this city died today.

Ross Riffe's Victory

Quebec, May 2.—In the presence of the commission appointed by the Fedral government a test was made this afternoon on the Cove fields between the Ross riffe was taken from the racks in the factory, while the Lee-Enfield was of the latest pattern, brought iter especially from Halifax. In the stripping test the Ross riffe was taken from the racks of the latest pattern, brought iters especially from Halifax. In the stripping test the Ross riffe was taken from the racks of the jeices and put together in shorter time, and proved quicker and more accurate in five firing tests.

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Huntsville, Ont., May 9.—Nelson Smith, formerly of Allendale, yesterday shot and killed his young wife, formerly Martha Goldie, of this place, and then ended his own life by sending a bullet crashing through his brain.

The tragedy occurred at the home of his wife's mother. Smith was in the parlor talking to the two women, Mrs. Goldie left the room for a moment, and suddenly heard her daughter scream and then two revolver shots. She rushed back and there was Smith with a revolver in his hand. She tried to disarm him, but he rushed past her into the garden and blew his own brains out.

Syracuse, N. Y., May 9.—Mother Delphina, until last August mother provinctal of the Third Order of St. Francis in the United States, died here last night, aged fifty-eight years. Slie came to this country from Germany when a child.

Spring Thaw in Cobalt Region.

Haileybury, Ont., May 9.—Temiskaming trains are held south of New Liskeard by a landslide caused by incessant rains. The tee is moving, and the opening of navigation takes place next week.

Pulp Logs Lort.

Chicoutimi, Que, May 9.—The booms

Search for Private Moir. Ottawa, May 9.—The governor-incouncil has offered a reward of \$500
for the arrest of Private Moir, the alleged murderer of Color-Sergeant
Lloyd at London on April 17, or for
such information as may result in his
arrest.

Give Attention to the
Subject

Acquitted on Three Charges. Toronto, May 9.—D. B. Findlay was last night acquitted on three charges of having stolen sums of money from his employers, McDonald & Maybee, cattle dealers. Finlay, however, has yet to face trial on three other charges

Freight Charges on School Books. Ottawa, May 9.—The railway commission has issued an order fixing the proper freight classification for public school books throughout Canada. Railways must give third-class rates on books in boxes or cases.

Calgary, May 9.—John H. Thrift, foreman of the General Gas company, was fatally injured by the fall of a derrick, dying at 6:30 last evening. Deceased was about 30 years of age, and came to Calgary from Pennsylvania. He was highly spoken of as a steady and industrious man.

EDMONTON PROGRESS Toronto, May 9.—Hugh McGuire, night watchman in the Sleeman brewery, fell down an elevator shaft last night and was fatally injured.

Toronto, May 9.—Hugh McGuire, Companies Developing Gas and Other Natural Resources—Crops Make Good Headway

Edmonton, May 9.—On the strength of the discoveries of oil, gas and asphalt existing just west of Edmonton, made by the American-Canadian Oil company, the citles of Edmonton and Strathcona have granted that company franchises to lay pipe for marketing their products. The company expects to furnish gas to Edmonton, Strathcona, Morinville and St. Albert from their property at Morinville, where

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Consideration of the French Treaty

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It is thought that it may be even construed as removing the necessity of Canadian reference of a treaty to the foreign office, even as a formality.

There is to be a big debate in the House of Lords next Tuesday on the Franco-Canadian treaty, when it is expected the British government will be asked, not in a hostile spirit, to explain the exact nature of those changes in inter-imperial relations.

Struck by Lightning.

D AGE PENSIONS PLAN FOR BRITAIN DECOMPTON WAST has already been the centre of the jam ind published in newspapers. Mr. Parent, chairman of the Transcontinental Commission, insisted on the charges being investigated as they appeared in print. The chairman of the committee promised that the inquiry would be thorough, and that all papers would be forthcoming.

Mr. Pugsley claimed the amendment was contrary to provisions of the B. Na A act. No resolution could be considered by the house involving the expenditure of money except upon the recommendation of the governor-general in council.

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London, May 8.—In his budget the charges, but the majority of the committee decided to the defided that Major Hodgins in the first class on and the Grand Trunk as a proposable the private his client was necessification of material, in order that the production of the files of the Transcontinental Railway commission and the Grand Trunk and age pension scheme, Mr. Asquith said it had been decided to rule out all contributory schemes and provide the pensions from the national treasury. In order that lunatics, criminals and persons now being relieved should be brought down.

Counsel suggested that arrangements should be made by committee for the payment of his client's fees, and urged the Gamey commission at Toronto as a precedent. The committee, however, decided to leave this matter over till next week. The committee as well as Major Hodgins is desirons of disposing of the whole matter with as little delay as possible.

MONTCALM STRUCK

BY G. P. R. STEAMER

As the scheme will not go into effect until January 1, the cost for the current fiscal year will be only \$6.000,000, teaving a balance of \$18,505.000 of the estimated surplus of \$24,506,000. The premier said he purposed to reduce the duty on sugar from 4s 2d to 1s 19d per hundred weight, with a resultant loss in revenue of \$17,000,000. This, with the old age pensions, practically exhausts Mr. Asquith's estimated surplus.

South Brant Liberals.

IRISH COERCION ACT Bill Repealing It Passes Second Fing in Commons by Large Majority

Kansas City, Mo., May 9.—The ederal grand jury here this afternoon returned an indictment containing 19 counts against the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway, charging the company with assessing certain cattle shippers more than the through rate on shipments from points in Oklahoma to Kansas City. It is alleged that in some cases a rate higher than the published rate was charged.

Scottish City Remains Liberal, But By Decreased Ma-

Enterprising Burglars Belleville, Ont., May 9.—The police made what looks like an important

New-York Bank Statement New York, May 9.-The stateme Montreal, May 9.—A London cable says: It is understood that the ministers will be asked in parliament next week how it comes about that dispatches to the Canadian ministers from Sir Edward Grey respecting Canada and withheld from the British parliament.

Especially is reference made to Sir Edward Grey's letter, dated from the foreign office in July, 1907, which Hon. Mr. Brodeur read to the Canadian parliament on March 3 last, and which is evidently one of a series of which the British parliament has not been informed. This dispatch of July 4 is interpreted as formally renouncing the imperial authority in treaty-making affecting Canadian interests, and is read as giving Canadian ministers authority to enter into negotiations with foreign powers unknown and independently of his Majesty's government.

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Struck by Lightning.

Calgary, May 9.—A severe electrical storm passed over the city last evening. Lightning struck the residence of J. A. Cowan, when he and the family were at supper. Young Cowan was thrown from his chair and rendered unconscious. His right leg is partially paralyzed and his foot badly burged and torn. Mr. Cowan senior ran to knows. cill's residence, next door, for trailet ance, and found Mrs. Gill, who was only arrived from the west last night, and had not had time to consult with on the dining-room floor, from the effects of a stroke of lightning. Both Mrs. Gill and Mr. Cowan are progressing favorably.

In the dining-room floor, from the effects of a stroke of lightning. Both his counsel, it was agreed that he should have till Monday to put his duty on sugar undoubtedly was in Mr. Churchill's favor, as Dundee is not go beyond what has already been published in newspapers.

Cuebec, May 5.—Shortly after 9 o'clock last night as the Dominion government ice-breaker Montcalm was turning in the river, making for the Alian wharves, she was run into by the C. P. H. line steamer Milwaukee, which was on her way to Montreal. The Milwaukee struck the Montcalm on the starboard alde, about 50 feet from the bow, cutting a bad hole from eight to ten feet wide.

The Montcaim, which immediately began to fill, was headed for her moorings at the Pointe-a-Carcy wharf. Her aft watertight compart-

moorings at the Pointe-a-Carcy wharf. Her aft watertight compartments were immediately closed, but she began to settle forward.

The Montcalm has been in drydock all winter undergoing extensive repairs, and had just arrived up from Gaspe, where she was engaged in breaking up the loe at the entrance to that harbor.

The Milwaukee apparently suffered no damage, and continued on her way to Montfeal.

Today the Montcalm is almost completely submerged, only the funnel being exposed to view.

Ottawa, May 8.—The Canadian government steamer Montcalm, sunk in collision at Quebec last night is valued at a quarter of a million dollars. Immediate steps will be taken to raise her.

But By Decreased Ma-

jority

Unpleasant for Young

Dundee, May 9.—After a short, sharp contest, Dundee today proved staunch to the Liberal faith which it has held unshaken for a quarter of a century, returning Winston Churchili, president of the board of trade, to the House of Commons at the head of the noil.

Although the Unionists did not expect to oust Mr. Churchili from that generally regarded safe seat, their most sanguine prediction being that Sir George Baxter, their candidate had "a good sporting chance," still they have the satisfaction of rising from fourth to second place in the poll, as compared with 1896, and of reducing the Liberal majority from 5,411 to 2,702. The vote today stood:
Winston Spencer Churchill, liberal,

Reducing the Liberal majority from 3.411 to 2.709. The vote teday stood:

Winston Spencer Churchill, liberal, 7.979; Sir George Baxter, Unionist, 4.379; Mr. Stuart, Labor, 4.914; Mr. Scrymgeour. Prohibitionist, 599.

Dundee is one of the chief sufferers from the prevailing trade depression, and the tariff reformers made the most of it. The local jute works closed today, and this afforded an excellent argument, and one which the tariff reformers were not slow to take advantage of. The advocates of protection and the laborities made capital out of the shipbuilding dispute, in connection with which there are 1.400 unemployed in Dundee.

The fact that Mr. Churchill was not so successful as his predecessor in the board of trade in effecting a settlement of the great industrial crisis was regarded as most hopeful by the laborites for their cause.

Mr. Churchill also suffered much from the suffragists, who had frequently broken up open air meetings by the clanging of railway and dinner bells, and goaded him on Friday and the contract of the rowdy.

VISIT TO QUEBEC

London, May 9.—It has now beer decided that the Prince of Wales and his suite will not remain on board ship in the St. Lawrence during their visit to Quebec, but will stay at the Citadel, the residence of the Governor General, where Earl Grey and his staff will also

REVERSE FOR THAW

Judge's Order Directs That Only Clothes Are to Be Given Up By Asylum Poughkeepsie, N.Y., May 9.-Justice

Morschauser refused today to sign an order directing Dr. Amos T. Baker, acting superintendent of the Matteawan asylum, to turn over to A. Russell Peabody, as next friend and personal attorney of Harry K. Thaw, all the personal property taken from Thaw when he was received at Matteawan in February last, and since then in the possession of Dr. Baker. The judge amended the order as submitted by Mr. Peabody to apply only to Thaw's wearing apparel. Before doing so, he sent for District Attorney Mack, of Duchess county, and informed him in open dourt of Mr. Peabody's request, which was accompanied by an affidavit that \$734.82 in money, one gold watch, chain, seal, one pair of scissors and wearing apparel are in the custody of Dr. Baker. The district attorney was opposed to Thaw having anything but his wearing apparel. He contended that he is still nominally an inmate of the asylum, although brought here in the custody of the court while the habeas corpus proceedings are pending. After hearing Mr. Mack, the court amended the order to apply only to the wearing apparel. Morschauser refused today to sign an

MINERAL PRODUCTION

Nelson, B. C., May 9.—Shipments from the various districts of southeastarn British Columbia for the past week and year to date are as follows:

Boundary shipments—Week, 23,203 tons; year, 378,182.

Rossland shipments—Week shipments—Week, 5,589; Rossland shipments—Week, 5,589; year, 102,486.
East of Columbia river—Week, 1,-110; year, 34,944.
Total—Week, 23,902; year, 519,517.

Presentation to Prince of Wales.

Halifax, May 9.—A movement has been started to raise a fund for the purpose of making a presentation from the people of this province to the Prince of Wales.

Fusion Candidate in Hull. Ottawa, Ont., May 9.—A sensation was caused in political circles in Hull when a prominent Hull politician remarked that the Conservatives and the Nationalists will unite in the transpontine town and support one candidate in the provincial field.

Colbourne, Ont., May 3.—John Yoe-mans, a well-known and popular liveryman here, died suddenly yesterday. He was an old horseman and had entries at race meets in all parts of Canada. He was 50 years of age.

Brockville, Ont., May 9.—The hody of Natuik Carl was found on the trail to a lumber camp near Ogdensburg. The head was pillowed on an overshirt, and standing on one of the logs was a quart bottle two-thirds full of whiskey, which told the story of the tragedy.

St. Catherines, Ont., May 9.—Miss Millan, a young lady of Beechwoods, settlement, in Thorold township, was probably fatally injured by the prong of a pitchfork in her father's hands entering her eye and piercing the brain. Her father was coming around a corner of the barn with the pitchfork under his arm, and did not notice his daughter coming.

Wants Anti-Gambling Candi-date Elected in Niagara

Berlin, May 9.—Prince Philip Zu Eulenberg, who was arrested yesterday at his castle at Liebenberg, on the charge of perfury in connection with the allegations of improper conduct

PRINCE IN PRISON

the allegations of improper conduct made against him last summer by Maximilien Harden, is lodged in two rooms of the charity hospital. He is being attended by his own valet, but is constantly under the observation of agents of the criminal police. He was visited by his wife today.

The Prince's lawyers persist in their attempts to prove that their client is being detained without proper process of law. The acts charged against the prince, and of which he has taken his oath he is not guilty, appear to have been committed more than twenty years ago, and the defenders of the prince affirm that they should, therefore, be regarded as beyond the period of inquiry into such offences, even if they were ever com-

Bail in \$125,000 has been offered and

KILLED WITH HATCHET

Tara, Ont., May 9.—North Bruce Liberals renominated John Tolmie, M. P., for the Commons and C. W. Bowman, M. P. P., for the legislature.

to Murderess Being Yet Alive

ANOTHER POSSIBLE VICTIM

at Syracuse Proves Her Identity

Laporte, Ind., May 9 .- Whether Mrs. subject to arrest for alleged murders committed on her farm one mile north of Laporte, or whether she was burned with her three children in her house that was destroyed by fire on April 28,

Her father was coming around a correct of the barn with the pitchfork unler his arm, and did not notice his laughter coming.

GOVERNOR HUGHES'

STRONG CAMPAIGN

Wants Anti-Gambling Candidate Elected in Niagara District

Niagara Falls, N. Y. May 9.—One of the most remarkable campaigns in the history of the state ended with a meeting here tonight, at which Charles and the lungs had collapsed. This control was a declapsed. This control was a comming the pictory and the lungs had collapsed. This control was coming around a correct history of the state ended with a meeting here tonight, at which Charles and the lungs had collapsed. This control was coming around a correct history of the state ended with a meeting here tonight, at which Charles and the lungs had collapsed. This control was comming to the lungs had collapsed. This control was comming to the part was there are was there are was there are with a lungs of the lungs had collapsed. This control was comming to the lungs had collapsed. This control was practiced by the various officers of Laporte county, and warious officers of Laporte county, and coun