

BLUNDERING HALTS CITY WORK; OFFICIALS FOLD THEIR HANDS IN DESPAIR OVER THE DISRUPTION

With Records Strewn and Piled High Over Floors' Employees Are "Balled Up" for a Considerable Period.

MAYOR ORDERED MOVE BEFORE NEW QUARTERS WERE IN ORDER

Another glaring example of the inefficiency of the Graham regime is the present condition of the Spencer block, called by courtesy "city hall quarters."

For the past week, civic enterprise, save for the reconstruction work at the Fair grounds, has been a non-existent quantity. For the next few weeks and possibly a month, it will be the same. Even the most sanguine of the city officials hardly hope for a resumption of anything like normal conditions before a fortnight.

In Awful Confusion.

Naturally the removal of city offices from one building to another would be accompanied by confusion and general inconvenience. By the action of Mayor C. M. R. Graham this confusion and inconvenience has been added to a hundredfold. Knowing that the buildings intended to house the municipal offices until the new city hall was constructed were still unfinished, the mayor ordered the removal.

The fact that the temporary quarters were far from being ready for occupancy was common property. It was published two weeks before the removal was made. In spite of this fact, the mayor ordered the vacation of the old city hall by the end of August. There was no other alternative for the city officials. They moved. Now they are sitting idly by—unable to get at their books, straighten their offices, prepare their records or accomplish even the most routine part of their

work. Their offices are unfinished. Completion a Month Away. Till they are completed there will be nothing accomplished. From present indications this date of completion will be a month away, three weeks at the earliest.

Piled in the centre of the floor, heaped in a confusion that will take days to straighten away, the records and books of the various departments are examples of what inefficiency can accomplish in a city administration. These records cannot be straightened away till the decorators have completed their labors, and even the carpentry is not yet done.

Every available carpenter at the city hall was transferred to the Fair grounds last week to assist in reconstructing the burned buildings. Some of them will return this afternoon to the city hall, but the carpenters are still two weeks away from completing their work.

All To Be Handicapped.

During these two weeks the city officials will suffer from every type of inconvenience. The carpenters will likewise be subjected to handicaps by attempting to work amid the confusion of office equipment and books.

While it may be giving the city officials a "rest" now by preventing them from getting at their work, the said officials are far from pleased with conditions. For the "rest" will be followed by weeks of double work to make up for the lost time that the moving and the incompleteness of the Spencer block have occasioned.

THAW MUST GO BACK TO ASYLUM IN A FEW DAYS

Attorney-General and Premier
Gouin Intervene to End
Present Farce.

Judges Decide to Reserve Decision—Thaw's Opponents
Much Disappointed.

[Canadian Press.]

Sherbrooke, Sept. 2.—Harry K. Thaw came face to face with a new force in the Province of Quebec today, and the days before his return to Mattawan are numbered. Sir James Gouin, attorney-general and premier, intervened in the case through Alme Gouin, as special representative, and demanded that steps be taken at once to bring about his liberation from the Sherbrooke jail, where for two weeks Thaw has defied deportation. His detention was branded as a scandal to the Dominion, the jail was described sarcastically as a "public boarding-house," Thaw as one who had boasted that he laughed at outwitting the authorities.

Case Must Go On.

Mr. George Macdonald, representing the State of New York, expressed their sentiments before Superior Judge Hutchinson in pressing for an immediate hearing on the writ of habeas corpus obtained last week. The court conceded their point, and arguments were in progress at noon. Over the violent objection of Thaw's counsel, Judge Hutchinson ordered that the proceedings go on. Mr. Gouin then announced that the attorney-general had intervened, and that this matter must be decided at once. "If he is not liberated on the writ," Mr. Gouin said, "other means will be taken. Thaw must not be harbored in the Canadian jail."

Thaw's Face Fell.

Thaw's face fell, and his lawyers, declaring that the writ was irregular, spoke in turn, pleading for an adjournment until Friday. "We must go on," said the court. "I represent the attorney-general, and I am of the opinion that it is of paramount importance that justice in this case move swiftly. Our jails are not public boarding-houses. It is the attorney-general's desire that this matter be settled in the hands of the court. The writ of habeas corpus is not to be used to shield a man from the federal law."

Reserved Decision.

Arguments were concluded at one o'clock and to the great disappointment of those representing New York the court reserved decision. "It is a matter of such grave importance," he said, "that I would not care to decide this matter until I have given it careful consideration. Possibly tomorrow I shall announce my decision. I shall notify all counsel."

Pipeman on Duty Again.

McDonald, who was injured several weeks ago in the collision between the auto fire truck and a Grand Trunk freight train at the William street crossing of the Grand Trunk, reported for duty this morning for the first time since the accident.

PRINCIPAL Geo. Rogers, of the London Collegiate, appointed Saturday. He arrives Oct. 1.



Gold Watch For Gallant Captain

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Sept. 2.—The department has received a gold watch from President Wilson for presentation to Captain James, of Public No. 8. The inscription states that the watch is given by the President of the United States to Captain James for the rescue at sea of the captain and crew of the American schooner Henry R. Tilton in October, 1912, in the North Atlantic. There is a gold medal for Seaman L. T. Richard for his performance on the same occasion.

LOSS IS \$15,000

Fire Spread From Hotel to Several Other Buildings.

[Canadian Press.]

Belleville, Sept. 12.—Fire last night in this city did upwards of \$15,000 damage. The stables of the Queen's Hotel were destroyed. C. Owens' livery stable, D. Phillips' second-hand store, the stables of the Temperance House and the Temperance House itself gutted. The loss is partly covered by insurance. The fire brigade was kept busy until an early hour.

PAINFULLY HURT

George Mason Was Painting When His Ladder Broke.

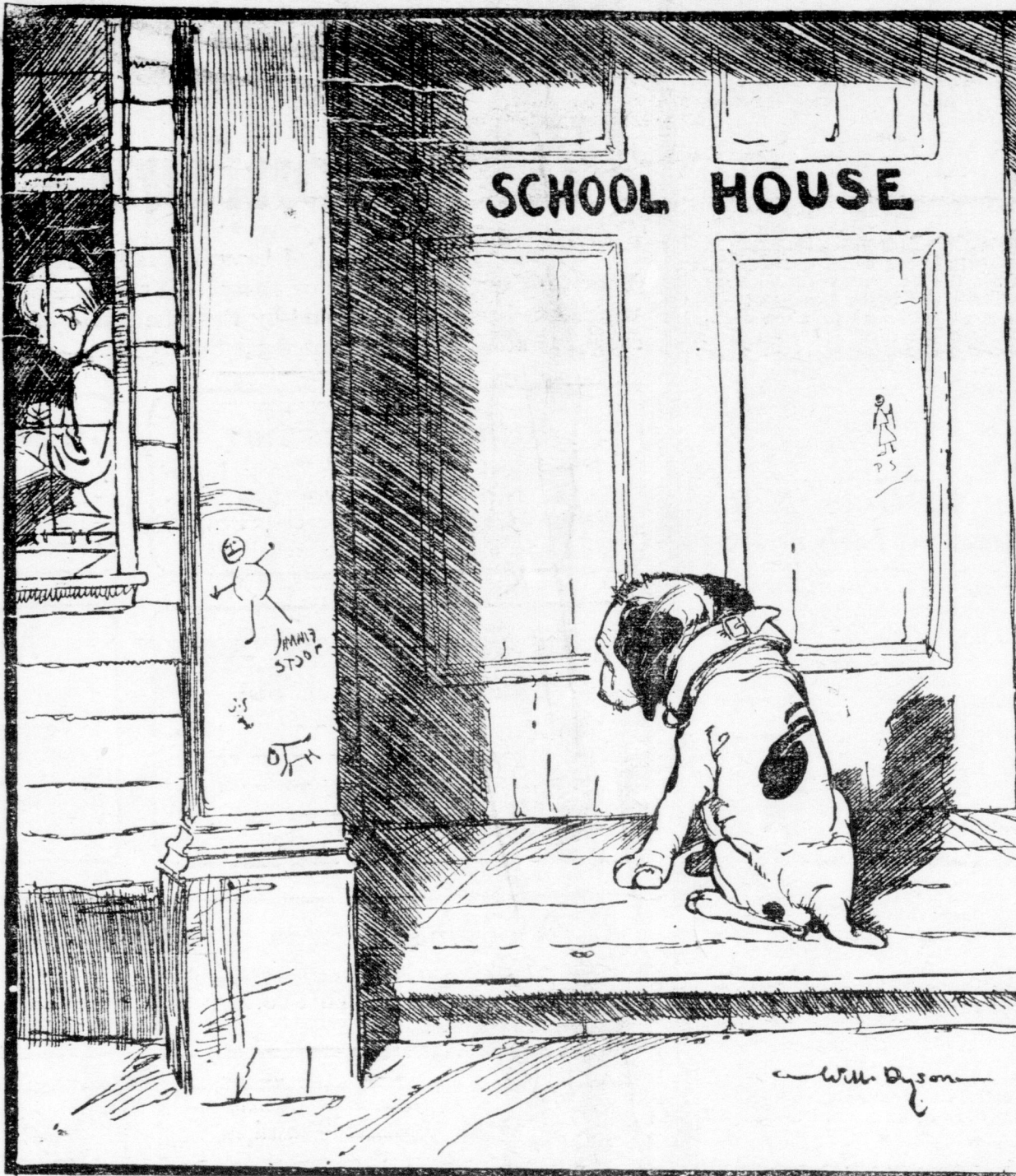
[Special to The Advertiser.]

Wingham, Sept. 2.—Mr. George Mason was badly shaken up yesterday when as he was painting his garage a ladder on which he was standing broke. Only a couple of days ago his wife was painfully hurt when a box fell in her face as she was lifting it down off a shelf.

Fire in Clothes Closet.—The firemen had a run to the home of Mr. William Aldridge, 90 Maitland street, this morning, where a fire in a clothes closet did about \$10 damage. The origin of the fire is unknown.

THE END OF THE VACATION

BY WILL DYSON



IN 50 HOURS FAIR BUILDINGS ARE PRACTICALLY COMPLETE

Magic Work Done by 250 Men, Who Used 350,000 Feet of Lumber, 7,500 Pound of Nails, and 100,000 Feet of Roofing

Total number of men employed ... 250
Hours That Full Force Worked.
Saturday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. ... 15 hours
Sunday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. ... 10 hours
Monday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. ... 10 hours
Extra hours that corporation laborers worked clearing debris away, Friday noon to Saturday, 7 a.m. ... 15 hours

Total number of hours ... 50
Number feet of lumber used 350,000 feet
Number kegs of nails, 75 kegs, weighing in all ... 7,500 pounds
Number squares of roofing, 1,000, 100 square feet of the square.

New buildings for the Western Fair, replacing those destroyed in Friday morning's fire, were completed Monday with the exception of the flooring, which will be in by tonight. Some of the buildings are in fact ready for the exhibitors, and a steady stream of farmers' wagons have been unloading including the concrete building, trans-shipment buildings and new horse stables, are ready for the exhibitors at the present time. The stove and machinery buildings will be ready for exhibitors tonight.

FAIR JUNK SOLD FOR SONG, SAYS JOSEPH GRAHAM

Ready to Pay \$200 for Copper and Iron That Went for \$50.

And Might Have Given \$300—Blames Mayor for the Bargain.

A business administration! London has it! Mayor C. M. R. Graham, authorized by the board of directors of the Western Fair, and acting as representative of the city for its share of the junk and scrap iron from the burned buildings in the fair ground, disposed of iron and copper sold by dealers to be worth at least \$200 for \$50. Two junk dealers of the city who were prepared to pay the former amount for the valuable debris, were not given an opportunity to bid. It was a closed sale, also a close one.

Wanted to Bid.

After the fire Joseph Graham, a Bathurst street junk dealer, went to Mayor Graham and asked for an opportunity to bid on the scrap iron and old copper. He was informed that he would have an opportunity to bid later, the matter being in the hands of Superintendent W. C. Dodd, of the garage department.

After waiting for a notification when to bid, Mr. Graham again approached the mayor, only to find that the junk had been disposed of for \$50 to Archibald Hughes, son of George Hughes, a junk dealer. Mr. Graham was prepared to bid \$200 or more.

Wanted to Tender.

Harris & Co., another scrap-iron firm, was prepared to bid \$200. One of the members of the firm informed The Advertiser this afternoon that an

Entries Piling In. Monday night and this morning Secretary Hunt received unusually heavy lists of entries which have been lined up at Toronto exhibition by Ald. J. H. Saunders and William Moore, who are down at the Industrial. There will be several hundred more exhibits this year that will come on to London direct from Toronto than in previous years.

Some of the exhibitors are already working at Queen's Park preparing for their exhibits. The grounds are being staked off by purchasers of booth and other privileges. The sound of hammers and saws is heard in every building. New roofs are being constructed on the sheep and swine sheds, which will insure protection from the weather for animals shown in these classes.

Floors Under Way. Floors are being laid in the stove and machinery buildings, and with these exceptions all the new buildings, including the concrete building, trans-shipment buildings and new horse stables, are ready for the exhibitors at the present time. The stove and machinery buildings will be ready for exhibitors tonight.

attempt had been made to tender for the junk. "After seeing several people about the matter, we were referred to Mayor Graham, only to find that the stuff had been sold," said Mr. Harris, jun. "The price was \$50, and it certainly was an unfair one. The stuff was worth \$200 or more."

Mr. Graham, who after making a casual examination of the residue, had his son make a thorough one later. He declared that there was 1,800 pounds of copper, worth 12 cents a pound, as well as 10 tons of iron that would be worth from \$8 to \$15 a ton. This would bring the estimated value of the mayor's \$50 "junk pile" to over \$300. The loss a clear \$250.

Inquiry in municipal circles has elicited the information that there is more than a question as to whether the mayor was empowered to make the sale on his own responsibility.

Did Mayor Have Right? "So far as I am aware, the sale of that junk would be a matter for the council," said one of the city officials this afternoon. "I wouldn't like to say that the mayor was not empowered to do so, but it seems to me that he would be exceeding his legal powers unless he had specific instructions from the council to conduct the sale on its behalf."

BLOWN TO PIECES

Lighting Caused Death of Miner Near the Soo.

[Canadian Press.] Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Sept. 2.—During a bad electric storm which swept this vicinity last night Louis Del Favaro, a miner, was killed in the Helen mine at Michipicoten. According to scant details to hand a flash of lightning caused an explosion of gas in one of the workings. The body was literally blown to pieces.

"ARMY" HOWARD SHOWS SPEED.

[Canadian Press.] Winnipeg, Sept. 2.—Army Howard, the colored speed merchant, who left yesterday evening with other Winnipeg athletes to take part in the Canadian championship events at Vancouver, took part in the Labor Day sports here and showed wonderful speed. In the 300-yard handicap event he managed to finish second to Armstrong.

6,600 CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL ON OPENING DAY

From 300 to 400 of Increase Estimated by Inspector Edwards.

Buildings Are "Filled to Roofs" and Relief Must Be Given.

Full to the roof! Figuratively that is the situation in London public schools today. When the schools opened this morning it was with the largest first day registration in the history of the schools. In many instances overcrowding has already made itself manifest.

While no official figures are as yet available, Public School Inspector C. B. Edwards approximately figures an increase of between 300 and 400 over last year's first-day record. His estimated aggregate for today is 6,600.

Reports From Schools.

Aberdeen—"Average of 50 to each room."
Strachan—"Good attendance."
Chesley Avenue—"Very full."
Empress Avenue—"Can provide no more accommodation."
Lorne Avenue—"As full as possible."
Princess Avenue—"Biggest registration in years."
Rectory Street—"Can handle no more."

Simcoe Street—"Exceptionally big."
St. George's—"Biggest in history."
Talbot Street—"Kindergarten the only room not in operation."
Victoria—"Overcrowded."
Quebec—"Seventy-five in the first grade."

Two Schools Need Relief.

The school accommodation is such that immediate relief will have to be given Quebec and Empress avenue schools particularly. In the latter section some relief has been given by transferring some of the classes to the old King street school building, but in the end of West London the increase in population has created an immense school population that cannot be handled by the present Empress avenue school.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SHOWERS AND COOLER

Forecast. Moderate to fresh southerly, gradually shifting to westerly and northerly winds; fair and very warm today; some local showers or thunderstorms late tonight and for the first half of Wednesday, then cooler.

Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

	High	Low	Weather
LONDON	75	59	Clear
Victoria	62	50	Rain
Calgary	60	38	Cloudy
Winnipeg	75	46	Clear
Port Arthur	66	58	Cloudy
Bary Sound	84	60	Cloudy
Toronto	78	60	Clear
Ottawa	78	54	Cloudy
Montreal	78	58	Clear
Quebec	75	56	Clear
Father Point	60	48	Clear

Weather Notes. A shallow depression covers Lake Superior, attended by thunderstorms. Elsewhere over the Dominion the weather is very fine.

FIFTEEN KILLED, THIRTY INJURED IN BRITISH RAILWAY WRECK

Two Sections of Famous London-Scotland Express in Collision Near Kirkby—Many Believed To Have Been Burned to Death.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Kirkby-Stephen, County of Westmorland, Eng., Sept. 2.—Fifteen persons are believed to have been killed and thirty persons injured in a collision of two sections of the famous London-Scotland Express early today. Official reports accounted for nine known dead, while correspondents on the spot reported that fatalities numbered fifteen.

The wreck occurred on the Midland Railway near Hawes Junction, the two sections being southbound. The second section dashed into the rear of the first, telescoping several coaches, which burst into flames.

Many persons were trapped, and if not killed outright, they were burned to death. At least thirty passengers were rescued from the wreckage suffering of burns and as many as ten of these may die.

A Lonely Spot.

The two trains had left Carlisle for London at 1:35 and 1:47 this morning respectively, and the collision be-

tween them occurred 50 miles south of that place on a high and lonely moor. The first section of the train had stopped to get up steam for a sharp upgrade, when the second section dashed into the rear, piling up the sleeping cars, which were crowded with passengers.

Almost immediately afterward several of the cars caught fire, and many of their inmates found it impossible to get out. Rescuers from farms in the vicinity soon came on the scene, but too late to save many of the passengers.

Nine charred bodies were taken from the wreckage, and it was believed that several others were still among the debris. About 30 injured passengers, after receiving first aid from doctors on the spot, were sent on special trains to the Leeds and Carlisle hospitals.

Another disaster occurred near the same spot on Dec. 26, 1910, when eight passengers lost their lives and 25 were injured.

SIXTEEN KILLED ON NEW HAVEN

First Section of Bar Harbor Express Crashed Into Second Section on the New Haven Line Near Wallingford—Many Injured in Hospital.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Sept. 2.—Sixteen passengers were killed, and many more were badly hurt today when the first and second sections of the Bar Harbor Express of the New Haven Railroad collided near Wallingford.

The New Haven Railroad issued the following statement:

The White Mountain Express, first division, due in New York at 7:52 a.m., ran into the rear end of the second section of the Bar Harbor Express, due in New York at 7:36 a.m., one mile north of New Haven at 6:55 o'clock this morning.

The two rear sleepers of the Bar Harbor express were damaged. Thirteen dead have been taken out of the wreck. The second section of the Bar Harbor express had stopped for a signal. The weather was extremely foggy.

The first section of the White Mountain express consisted of seven coaches drawn by Engine No. 1337, Engineer A. B. Miller, Conductor Fowler.

Two Demolished.

The two rear sleepers demolished

were the Pullman's "Chancellor" from Kineo, Me., and the "Kasota," from Portland, Me. Nineteen passengers were in the "Kasota" and twenty-two in the "Chancellor."

Another sleeper, the "Chisholm," third from the rear, was overturned and lies on its side on the tracks.

No more bodies have been taken out.

MANY IN HOSPITALS.

[Canadian Press.] New Haven, Conn., Sept. 2.—The hospitals here have received word to get ready to care for many injured. The New Haven Hospital is receiving fifteen patients. None of the names are yet known.

It was stated that many of the injured belong in New York or beyond, and were passengers en route from Vermont and Maine points to their homes.

The first body identified was that of R. A. Hotchkiss, of New Haven, Conn. All the passengers were in their berths and in their night clothes, which makes identification of the dead difficult.

All the bodies and the injured have been taken to New Haven, and the in-

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MAGISTRATE'S SON IS COUNSEL IN COURT

Incinerator Employee Is Fined \$8 For Striking a Woman.

Decision in a charge of assault preferred by an East London woman against an employee of the incinerator, which was deferred from last Thursday was given by the magistrate this morning. A fine of \$8 and costs was imposed. In his finding, the court characterized the affair as a disgraceful act which could not be approved of by anyone. "The woman was in the wrong in interfering with the man," said the court. "If she had kept quiet this trouble would not have occurred."

The man at the time of the alleged offence was out on suspended sentence on a similar charge of disorderly conduct, of which he was found guilty on May 28 last.

Magistrate Judd's son, Mr. A. Judd, appeared for the defendant this morning, and asked for a stay of proceedings for a week, in order that he may consider appealing the case.

SHOCKED BY NEWS OF MRS. HOOPER'S DEATH

Former Victorian Order Nurse Expires Unexpectedly at Edmonton.

Mrs. Frank Hooper, formerly Miss Mary Greene, of this city, where for three and a half years she was in charge of the work of the Victorian Order of Nurses, died in Edmonton on Saturday, Aug. 30.

Mrs. Hooper was a graduate of the training school of the Toronto General Hospital. About three years ago she resigned from the head of the Victorian Order in this city, being succeeded by Miss Edwards. A year later she was married to Mr. Hooper, formerly proprietor of the "Thor" store in The Advertiser building.

After residing in London another year she went to Edmonton with her husband, who entered into business in that city. Twins were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hooper on Aug. 19. Although Mrs. Hooper was very ill her death was unexpected, and her many friends in London were shocked by the news conveyed in a telegram to The Advertiser. The funeral will be held at Edmonton.

Mrs. Hooper's parents and several brothers and sisters reside at Huntsville, near Muskoka.

MONTREAL GAVE LORD HALDANE FINE SEND-OFF

Chancellor Will Sail for England From New York on Wednesday.

The American Bar Association Hears Address From Ex-President Taft.

[Canadian Press.] Montreal, Sept. 2.—Viscount Haldane, lord high chancellor of Great Britain, who yesterday delivered an address before the American Bar Association, in judges and lawyers here attended the city, terminated a two-day stay in Montreal this morning and, with Miss Haldane, his sister, and Sir Kenneth Muir MacKenzie, clerk of the crown and secretary to the chancellor, who have accompanied him on his visit to the United States and Canada, left by train for New York, there to board the Lusitania, which sails for Liverpool tomorrow. With the party went chief Justice White, of the United States supreme court.

Given Send-Off.

A crowd of American and Canadian lawyers, including Joseph H. Choate, former United States ambassador to Great Britain, and Hon. C. J. Doherty, Canadian minister of justice, were at the station to witness the chancellor's departure.

The members of the American Bar Association were occupied in the morning with the hearing and discussing of the reports of standing and special committees. This afternoon many of the annual meeting here on higher national laying of the cornerstone of a monument to Sir George Etienne Cartier, the distinguished Canadian statesman.

Leading Speakers. Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, in his capacity as administrator in the absence of the Duke of Connaught, was received by a guard of honor, and after the cornerstone had been placed in position, Sir Charles delivered the principal address of the day on the life and political career of Cartier.

The Right Hon. R. L. Borden and Hon. W. H. Taft, former president of the United States, spoke also. Maître Leblond, of the bar of Paris, France, addressed the gathering briefly.

This afternoon the annual meetings of the section of legal education and the comparative law bureau of the Bar Association were held at the Windsor Hotel, and the section of patent, trademark and copyright law at the Royal Victoria College.

Tenure of Judges.

The outstanding event of the association meeting here on Wednesday.

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