

7. between Winberg and Lichtenburg, Orange River Colony. The British force

erts said he was sure the house was deeply grieved at what had occurred. Ife would ask their lordships to concur with him in his sympathy for the gallant offier in his present unfortunate position they and the mule wagons galloping three and defer adverse criticism till they had definite information as to who was directly responsible. From Delary's conduct, throughout the war they could all be asgreat care of.

Lord Spencer, Liberal, the former presi-

tion. He had always acted with the greatest gallantry and the premier, therefore, thought they should defer criticism or ex-Delarey, Uelliers, Kemp, Vermaso,

Orange River Colony. The British force numbered 1,200 men. The Boers captured Lord Methuen's directions, to close on the all the British baggage. Gen. Methuen is retained as a prisoner. In the house of lords today Lord Robcommunicated itself to the mounted troops and the Boers, dressed in khaki and rd scarcely a parallel since the dark disas-

rally their forces. Great confusion ensued among this portion of the mounted troops, | ter a succession of mishaps for which it miles beyond the ox wagons where they fortune. vere, cut off. Sections of the 4th and 38th batteries o

throughout the war they could all be as-artillery fought with great gallantry and 300 men composed of the Northumberland Fusiliers, and the Lancashires, showed conspicious courage in protecting the wagdent of the council, said he thoroughly believed in Gen. Methuen's sealousness. He did not want to offer a hint of criticism ed in British uniforms. This made it im-

at the present moment. Lord Salisbury, also expressed deep sympathy with Gen. Methuen under the present unfortunate circumstances. He said it was not the time to discuss his acmen. They had one 15-pounder and a months past as a sort of training ground

amination of the very sad intelligence un- Tromp and other commandants were pres- operations against Botha and DeWet.

ing alongside the wagons, frustrated all the attempts of the British officers to onies passed from British control The Standard says this defeat comes afs impossible to account by mere bad

"When every allowance is made," says the Standard, "We cannot but find something not creditable to our vigilance in these constant surprise

The Morning Post points out that Gen. Methuen did not surrender, "but he was wounded and included in the surrender by the next unwounded officer in com-

for new men, whilst the seasoned troop

were withdrawn from his command for This incident, the flight of 500 mounted

ANOTHER BIG STRIKE.

Eight Thousand Men Against Two

Railroad Corporations.

men have been counted, whose families at the time of the enumeration were living in the United States, Newfoundland and other countries. The number of males in Canada is 2,751,-

473. Of these 1,747,622 are single; 929,915 married; 73,597 widowed; 339 divorced. 905,031 married; 150,766 widowed; 322 divorced

In News Brunswick there 168,639 males. Of these 109,043 are single; 54,745 mar-ried; 4,815 widowed; 39 divorced. There are 162,481 females. Of these 97,977 single; 54,310 married; 10,149 widowed; 45 divorced.

Males. 5,693 11,090 11,371 14,165

to stand by the interests of Canada in the questions before the joint high commis-power to apoint an arbitrator on the apjon. Mr. Haggart said that Bourassa had no plication of one of the parties to the dispute. This arbitrator will have author-

night to bring up the subject in the house and Mr. Charlton, who followed, objected a decision, indicating a basis of settlement. The number of females in Canada is 2,619,578. Of these 1,583,459 are single; 905,031 married; 150,766 widowed; 322 for Canada Britain may not have always hike but she got all that it was possible dependent arbitrator likely to be more

The balance of the day was spent in In Prince Edward Island there are '51, 959 males. Of these 34.860 are single; 15, 607 matried; 1,447 widowed; 5 divorced. There are 51,300 females. Of these 32,389 are single; 15,651 matried; 3,251 widowed; 9 diversed. 10 matried are single; 15,651 matried; 3,251 widowed; 11 matried are single; 16,651 matried; 12,251 widowed; 12 matried are single; 13,651 matried; 12,251 widowed; 13 matried are single; 14,47 matried; 13,251 widowed; 14 matried are single; 15,651 matried; 14,470 matried are single; 14,470 matried are single; 15,651 matried; 14,470 matried are single; 14,470 matried are single; 15,651 matried; 14,470 matried are single; 14,470 matried; 14,470 matried are single; 14,470 matried; 14,470 they said down there, that he could "paw with the right foot." Hon. Mr. Tarte said this was the first

time he heard of this. R. L. Borden put in a plea for an ar-

78th Highlanders. At present they had to store their arms in bedrooms in pri-

Colombians Surprised by Revolutionists and

Many Prisoners Taken.

General Castro reach him. The British steamer Taboga, due here March 10, from

Pedregal, will probably bring more de-

A RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Hon. Mr. Blair Tells Parliament It Is In-

tended to Appoint One.

Ottawa, March 10-(Special)-Hon. Mr.

tails of the engagement.

law by giving a greater initative to the labor department in the first place, and

ity to take evidence under oath, and give strongly to statements being put forward In the present act, public opinion and that Britain was not doing all she could the desire to do justice is what is relied effective.

There is also in the bill a further proposition that in no agreement arrived at must there be any clause compelling an employe to give up membership in any trade organization. The amount earned by the Intercolonial

as its proportion of freight in the 146,087 bushels of wheat handled by the govern-ment elevator at St. John during the year ended 31st December, 1901, was

\$6.285. Canada's foreign trade imports for consumption and exports of domestic pro-duce only for eight months of the current fiscal 'year up to end of February, amounted to \$263,585,284, an increase over

criticism the general opinion was that the company with the facilities at its disposed did all it could.

Mr. Tarte once more introduced his French River scheme as a solution for all troubles, while Boyd, of Macdonald, said that it would be better if the minister would do something to keep ports on the akes open during the winter.

Mr. Tarte, in referring to the Toronto Globe's opposition to the Georgian Bay canal scheme said that the Globe had been opposed to all great enterprises into which Canada had entered, including the con-struction of the C. P. R.

R. L. Borden pointed out that the position of affairs was such that required interference on the part of the government. It was a question whether the government should not take control of the houses. He was glad to see the evidences of a winter port being built up in St. John. This was due to the enterprise of the people and the C. P. R. In fact the people of Nova Scotia had been thwarted by the government in endeavoring by means of C. P. R. to build up trade at Halifax. There was no rivalry between

the two ports. Sir Wilfrid Laurier pointed out how the ernment had subsidized an addition government had subsidized an additional railway to carry wheat from Winnineg to the lakes and also agreed to increase the capital stock of the C. P. R. by \$20,000,-000 so as to double its track between these

points and to provide additional rolling stock. The most practical suggestion was that there should be more railway facili-ties in Eastern Canada so that grain could be moved summer and winter.

til the details arrived. His lordship was convinced Gen. Methuen had done his best in connection with this most melancholy affair.

The feeling of depression in the lobbies of the house of commons was very mark-ed. The service members of the house expressed the opinion that it will necessi-tate sending fresh troops to the front, while the belief was widely expressed that the Boers will not fail to take advantage of Gen. Methuen's prominence to hold him as a hostage for the safety of Commandant Kritzinger and other Boer leaders now in the hands of the British.

now in the hands of the British. London, March 11—Delarey, who has proved himself to be the most able of all the Boer generals, has gained a second decisive victory within a fortnight.

His first victory was the capture of Von Donop's convoy, when the British casualties in killed, wounded and prisoners totalled 632, and he has now added to his

General Methuen was seen by an agent British from the Boers, is regarded of the Intelligence Department. He was being well cared for in his own wagon. the gravest part of the affair. The Daily Chronicle says: In a private telegram just received here

Lord Kitchener adds: "I find Methuen has a fractured thigh, bing its generals by sending them raw and unreliable logies"

"I find Methuen has a fractured chigh, but he is reported to be doing well." In another message Lord Kitohener says that the wounded will be brought in to the railway today and adds: "I hope the reinforcements now arriv-ing will rectify the situation in this area without disturbing operations elsewhere." "I is the Boers answer to England's without disturbing operations elsewhere." It is feared that Lord Kitchener's inomplete accounts have not told the worst, but among the newspapers and the pub-lic there is a tendency to accept Mr. Brodrick's advice to suspend judgment

pending the receipt of details. Distinguishing features of the editorials tia department has been advised that Trooper Claud Lobbon, of the S. A. C., Von Donop's convoy, when the British casualties in killed, wounded and prisoners totalled 632, and he has now added to his laurels by the capture for the first time throughout the campaign of a prominent British general and by inflicting what is generally admitted to have been one of the worst process the British have sui-second, the fierce denunciation of the Irish the worst reverses the British have sui-fered throughout the whole war. It is members of parliament, who indulged in culture, more than \$7,000,000.

Vaccination at Toronto University.

Toronto, March 11-(Special)-A genera

"An uneasy feeling presents itself as to whether the war office may not be crip-

-According to the late census bulletin there are 631 divorced persons in the dominion. Of these, 229 reside in Ontario, 58 in Quebec, 91 in Nova Scotia, 88 in British Columbia, 80 in New Brunswick, 36 in the Yukon 35 in Manitoba, 19 in the Northwest Ter high handed rejection of the Dutch gov-

ritories, 14 in P. E. Island and 10 in the unorganized territories extending to the territories. According to the dominion statistician, there have been granted in Canada by parliament, and by the courts, De Telegraaf of Amsterdam says: "It will give the Boers a fresh lease of life. Ottawa, March 10-(Special)-The mili 281 divorces since confederation. Luis would account for 562 persons divorced in 33 years, and indicates that a very consid-

erable proportion of the divorces are ob-Panama, Colombia, March 8-For the last two days it has been persistently Five New Aldermen at the Capital-tained in the United States. This con-clusion is borne out by the figures for the tained in the United States. This were defered to the performance of the figures for the statistics are granted by parliament for Ontario, Quebec, the territories and Manitoba. In Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, British Columbia and P. E. Island there are divorce courts. There is no record of a dovorce having been granted to P. E. Island there are divorce to states the by parliament or court, yet the census shows 14 divorced persons living in that province. In the latter census shows 14 divorced persons living in that province. In the latter census the entry will be igned. The Irishmen of Ottawa will parade on Irishmen of Ottawa will parade on Irishmen of Ottawa will parade

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by the revolutionists, as the town was strongly intrenched. Lastra may be able to hold out until reinforcements sent by

Sunday, March 16. They will be joined by representatives from Montreal, Arn-prior and Hull. The Chicago contingent Boston, March 10 .- The dreaded labor war between the organized teamsters, freight and express handlers of Boston and the New York, New Haven & Hart-ford and the New York Central and Hudwill not be here in time to take part and will not be nere in time to take part and will go straight to Montreal for the 17th. An officer authorized to engage recruits to fill vacancies in the Northwest Monnted Police, will visit Charlottetown, P. E. 1., son River railroad, the latter locally known as the Boston & Albany, broke out known as the Boston & Albany, broke out today. The sympathetic strike already in-volves nearly 8,000 men in and about Bos-ton. They stopped work because of the discharge of union men who refused to handle non-union moved freight. Tomor-row the local employes of the great ex-press companies, the Adams and the New York & Boston, will join the strike, while the breaver teamsters the biano movers. Police, will visit Unarlotterown, F. E. 1., from the 18th to 22nd of March; Halffax, from 26th to 29th of March; Port Mul-grave, 1st to 4th April; Middleton, 7th to 10th of April; Yarmouth, 11th to 14th of April; Truro, 16th to 19th of April; St. John, 21st to 24th April; Fredericton, 25th to 28th of April; Moneton, 29th to 30th of April he browery teamsters, the piano movers, s well as freight handlers in East Bosof April.

Signor Marconi in Montreal.

On the other hand the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad after suc-ceeding today in moving considerable freight by the aid of Italians will augment famous Marconi arrived in Montreal today to spend a week here and at Ottawa the force tomorrow, and the Boston & Albany expects to have a large number before proceeding to Sydney, where his Canadian station will be built this sumof new men working. The situation to-night is one of stubborn determination on

Referring to the mention made of his According to the mention made of his enterprise in the speech from the throne, Marconi said that the government would grant a subsidy, declining however to state the amount expected, as certain matters in connection with the Canadian end of the project had not yet been perfected. The Sydney station will cost in the neigh-borhood of \$100,000 and in this connection Rosebery Says Irish Demonstration Over British Defeat was Such an Argument.

will interview the government. he will interview the government. With respect to the theory advanced to the effect that his messages might be captured en ronte, he explained that this was impossible. When his Cornwall sta-tion communicated with the steamer Phil-Glasgow, March 10-Lord Roseberry spoke before a crowded meeting in St. Andrews Hall tonight. He referred to the Irish demonstration in the House of Comtion communicated with the steamer Phil-adelphia 1,550 miles off there must have been 70 or 80 steamers and warships on the ocean, equipped with the Marconi system, yet no one has heard that the message was intercepted. "Let them take a message if they can,"

and the the stand of the second of the secon

od of the previous 121 Ottawa, March 10-(Special)-In the house today two bills were introduced to amend the railway act. One was by Walter February alone there has been a growth Scott, West Assinaboia, the other by Mr. of \$803,108 in imports and a decline of \$387,053 in exports. For the eight months

Mr. Charlton introduced a bill relating period the returns are:

Mr. Puttee introduced a bill to widen the scope of the present conciliation act. That act is restricted to the sphere of voluntary conciliation. During the

1902. \$ 74,368,939 49,452,300 4,563,824

The Figures in Both Cities.

ing the fire department of which he was

years is varied watch with the first set of the poll was:
Wellington ward-Michael Ryan, 510; D. J.
Stockford, 413; G. W. Merrithew, 336.
St. Ann's ward-George Ross, 449; A. H.
VanWart, 436; A. E. Everett, 356.
Carleton ward-Patrick Farrell, 470; John Maxwell, 325; Dr. McNally, 289; J. D. Hanlon, 210.

esults are: For mayor-F. W. Givan, 393; W. K. Mar-

un, 313. Aldermen-at-large-J. H. Harris, 413; J. T. Ryan, 363; S. R. MacFarlane, 345. First two Jacted

Hected. Ward 1-Dr. Bourque, 82; J. Flanagan, 63; Watters, 55; two elected. Ward 2-A. C. Chapman, A. H. Jones, by coloumetican

acclamation. Ward 3-J. S. Magee, 186; H. S. Bell, 124; C. O. Rowe, 119; two elected.

\$128,355,063 20,492,093 The motion was granted and the house adjourned at 10.40. NUMIDIAN AT HALIFAX. GOVERNMENT TROOPS BEATEN. FREDERICTON AND

Brought Out Blue Jackets and Marines ----MONCTON ELECTIONS. Wreckage of the Tiber.

Halifax, March 10-(Special)-Allan liner Numidian, Capt. Main, from Liverpool via Moville with 30 1st class, 112 2nd cabin and 192 steerage arrived at 8.30 o'clock tonight. Among her passengers were 83 bluejackets and marines and seven petty officers on their way to join the ships at Bermuda and 10 men of the royal artillery with wives and children-28 in all-for this garrison. The Numidian has 300 tons of cargo for here and will sail 300 tons of cargo for here and will sail for St. John at daylight Tuesday. The daily runs of the steamer were: 376, 200, 268, 264, 270, 140, 210, 223, 163 and 295. She saw nothing of the overdue Huronian, Canso, N. S., March 10—(Special)— Evidence is rapidly accumulating to prove the loss of the steamer Tiber. Consider-able stuff from the Tiber has come ashore at Dover Bay including the cardian's gig ford, who enters the council for the ex-press purpose of reforming and moderniz-ing the fire department of which the was for years ta valued member. The result of the poll was: off there last Thursday.

COL. PRIOR ELECTED.

Close Contest In British Columbia; Government Supported.

Victoria, B. C., March 10-(Special)olebiscite on sewerage resulted in defeat of the measure 292 to 168. The majority Col. Prior was elected today in this coaagainst a year ago was only 50. The majority, Moneton, March 10--(Special)--The day, there being very little interest. The stituency by 70 votes over E. V. Bodary of the minister of mines is \$4,000 per

CHARGE AGAINST MINISTER.

Manchu Censor Alleges Fraud by Wu Ting Fang.

Pekin, March 0-A prominent Manchu censor has memorialized the throne for the removal of Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister to the United States. He asserts that Wu Ting Fang corruptly retained, os-tensibly for repairs to the Chinese lega-tion in Washington, \$80,000 of the Tien Tsin silver refunded by the Amercan gov-

Pekin, March 10.-The policies of Ger-many and Great Britain in China which Great Britain had hoped had been con-

mons today, when the reading of Lord Kitchener's telegram announcing the cap-British military disaster. Petition from Dawson.

both sides.

forwarded to the governor general request ing the cancellation or modification of the Treadgold concession.

pitchfork penetrated his sister Mary's eye with one of the times. Dr. Elderkin, of Weymouth, was immediately summoned, PITCHFORK PRONG but the little girl died this morning, after suffering considerable pain. The deceased was well known in her native village, and DRIVEN IN GIRL'S EYE. great sympathy is expressed for the glief-stricken parents and brother. The

Sad Fatality Near Port Gilbert, N. S. —Was Playing With Her Brother.

Digby, March 10-(Special)-An accident which proved fatal took place at yesterday afternoon, when Alphens, son of Samuel Melanson, while playing with a

MOTHER AND NINE CHILDREN DIE IN FLAMES AT MATANE, QUEBEC,

Husband and Father Jumped from Window, and is the Only One of Family to Escape-Amherst Has Another Scorching.

Matane, Que., March 9-(Special)-One the firemen responded promptly, the rear of the most dreadful holocausts known in this country occurred here this morning. this country occurred here this morning, resulting in the loss of ten lives. About Dwor flat. Their stock and a large prolower flat. Their stock and a large pro 6 o'clock a servant girl returning from a walk discovered the lower part of the house of Arthur Bouchard in flames. The is occumied by the Chinese laundry, the lower part was used as a grocery, the is occupied by the Chinese Laundry, the contents of which were removed without upper part as a dwelling. The girl aroused the family. Mr. Bouchard immediately damage, although the two Uhinese were badly frightened, being awakened by the about to be followed by his wife, but she firemen. The upper part of the building about to be followed by his wife, but she was evidently overcome as she failed in the attempt to escape and perished, to gether with her nine children, six boys and three girls, their ages ranging from 14 to two years. The house was a wooden building and fell an easy prey to the flames.

Mr. Bouchard was the only member of B. E. Patterson, of the Press, has \$6,000 B. E. Patterson, of the Luion Insur-Mr. Bouchard was the only member of the family to escape. He is almost dement-ed with grief and cannot give a very clear account of the terrible catastrophe. He arose about 5 o'clock and lighted a fire in the kitchen and returned again to his seem. It is thought the fire caught in the room. It is thought the fire caught in the present. Both Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Patterson

kitchen. An inquest will be held tomor-

row. Amherst, N. S., March 9-(Special)-At 6 o'clock this morning, fire was dis-covered in the rear of the building on the latter in southern fire is a mystery, as it broke out in a room filed with old files of the Dread of the fire is a mystery, as it broke out in a room filed with old files of the Dread of the fire is a mystery of the building on the determined of the dete Havelock street, known as Quigley Hall. The fire had made considerable headway when the alarm was sounded, and although since 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

ture of General Methuen was greeted by loud Irish cheers, as a fresh indication of the impossibility of home rule. Lord Rosebery said that Mr. Gladstone himself, if he returned from the dead, could not dare to entrust an independent parliament to men who openly rejoiced at a

AGAINST HOME RULE.

Dawson City, March 11-(Special)-A petition signed by 2,500 miners has been

Blair stated in the house today that the government intend this session to appoint railway commission. Speaking on the Montreal, March 9- (Special)-The subject afterwards he said that the de tails had not been decided by the cabinet Newfoundland Sealers' Strike. St. John's, Nfld., March 10 .- The fears

of disorder during the night are growing, owing to the fact that the owners and the captains of sealing steamers are trying to induce the weak-kneed among the striking sealers to join their ships and sail tomorrow morning. There are only 50 con-stables in the city. The problem will be come serious if a majority of the 3,000 strikers resort to aggressive action to pre- TO VACCINATE ELEVEN

vent the steamers leaving the harbor.

Cambridge, Mass, March 10-The grand

jury of Middlesex county today reported an indictment in four counts against Smallpox Suspect at Toronto Uni-Joseph Wilfred Blondin, alias Joseph

Barnard, charging him with the murder of his wife, at Chelmsford during April of last year.

"Let them take a message if they can," he said. "I will give them a prize if they are able to effect such a capture." Marconi said he would be ready for commercial business as soon as his stat-tions were constructed. The time de-pended upon arrangements for machinery. "As far as tests are concerned," Mar-coni added, "I consider them as having been perfectly satisfactory. When I am ready to do commercial work I intend to devote 10 hours out of the 24 to business and the remaining 14 to experiments, for we cannot do commercial work and ex-Five Children Burned to Death.

HUNDRED AT COLLEGE, Blondin Indicted.

versity Causes a Scare.

Toronto, March 8-(Special)-Toronto University has a smallpox scare. A stud-

ent was removed to the isolation hospital Saturday with symptoms of the disease, but the health officer tonight said it is not yet certain it is smallpox. The un-versity and city authorities held a content.

versity and city authorities held a confer-ence and decided that all students of the university college be at once vaccinated. The order will be carried out tomorrow. It is expected this will involve the more

rnment. Britain and Germany in China.