COMMISSIONER GIVES DECISION

SE OF COLLISION ON THE ST. LAWRENCE

ned Strike of Printers at Mon—Laborer Instantly Killed—Methodist Mission Work.

real, Oct. 6.—Capt. Salmon, com-er of wrecks, gave judgment to-the case of the collision between helieu & Ontario Navigation y's steamer Canada, and the reton, of the Dominion Coal Com-ff Sorel on June 12th last, where-loss of five lives ensued. Officers Canada are censured. The pilot Cape Breton is fined $50 for not ng with the rules, and the certi-f James McNeil, first mate of the reton, is withheld. Capt. Salmon ately after announcing his decis-the case caused a sensation by g his resignation as wreck com-er. He claims that political pres-s brought to bear on him in the case.

Threatened to Strike.

treal, Oct. 6.—By a vote of 159 to ographical Union, No. 106, made the English printers of this city, o call out all of its members on afternoon, unless the employing s meet the demands of the men. roughly speaking, are an increase t twenty per cent. in wages. So employers have refused this. The per offices will be affected unless ement is arrived at.

Destroyed by Fire.

milton, Oct. 6.—The blacksmith, and repair shops, the interlocking and several cars of the Toronto, on & Buffalo railway, were de-l by fire yesterday. The loss is 0.

Laborer Killed.

milton, Oct. 6.—Arthur Wood, a r in the employ of the Westing-Church, Kerr Contracting Com-who are building the plant of estinghouse Company here, was last night by a brick falling on his from a forty-foot chimney, which eing erected.

Mission Work.

lsay, Ont., Oct. 6.—The demands k in China were strongly presented Methodist mission board here yes-by Rev. Dr. Ewan, of China. A ition that Rev. Dr. Sutherland, l secretary of missions, visit at the request of the mission coun-s favorably received. A large was made for the extension of work ina, especially along the lines of tional and hospital work.

Fire Insurance.

onto, Oct. 6.—Secretary Stewart, of e insurance committee of the Can-Manufacturers' Association, an-ced this morning that the association eceived offers of reinsurance from endent companies of the risks to be d by the two million dollar insur-department authorized by the Dom-government, and approved by the facturers' convention at Montreal onth. The fire insurance depart-will be established by the election board of management of twenty-one bers.

Opposes Sale.

ronto, Oct. 6.—The sale by the court e properties of the Canada Woollen Company to W. W. Long, of Ham-two weeks ago for $253,000, has attacked by G. F. Benson, of Mon-as a shareholder, and also as chief ber of the firm, which is a creditor 25,000. Mr. Benson asks the court aside the sale on the ground that Long, who was one of the inspectors e estate of the insolvent company, virtually making a profit out of his ion by purchasing the mills and pro-s, and also upon the ground that is a larger offer now obtainable he properties, $275,000.

True Bill.

ndwich, Ont., Oct. 6.—The grand has brought in a true bill against ard Slaughter, colored, charged with murder of John Rudden, a Maid-farmer.

Ex-M. P. Dead.

elborne, Oct. 6.—Dr. A. E. Mal-ex-M. P. for East Northumberland grand medical examiner for the ghts of the Maccabees for Canada, is . In politics he was a Liberal.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

ge Attendance at Session of the House of Deputies.

oston, Mass., Oct. 6.—When the se of Deputies of the Episcopal rch assembled for the second session Emmanuel church to-day, there was rge attendance of visitors in antici-on of the presence of the Archbishop Canterbury, who yesterday announced the House of Deputies he would ver a message to the American rch.

he tri-annual conference of the Wo-'s Auxiliary to the board of mission opened to-day in Trinity church.

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Marquette, Mich., Oct. 6.—The first w of the season fell here last night. gale is raging on Lake Superior. The amer Sitka, of the Gilchrist fleet, ran round near Grand Marais yesterday, d threatens to be a total loss.

PRICE OF BACON HAS ADVANCED

THE MARKETS SHOW VERY FEW CHANGES

Fruit Continues Steady — Pears and Plums Are Fast Disappearing from the Stores.

The markets show very little change from the prices of last week.

Among fruits, peaches are fast disappearing from the stores, and in consequence they have advance some in prices. Apples are being freely offered, and the quality is good. They are a little small in size, owing to the continued dry weather of the summer. Plums are becoming scarcer, and the prices have advanced in keeping with this condition.

Fresh eggs have gone up a little, being now 45 cents a dozen. There has been a little advance also in the prices of bacon.

The local quotations are as follows:

Hungarian Flour—	
Ogilvie's, per sack	1.70
Ogilvie's, per bbl	6.60
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per sack	1.70
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per bbl.	6.60
Lake of Woods, per sack	1.70
Lake of Woods, per bbl	6.60
Okanagan, per sack	1.70
Okanagan, per bbl.	6.60
Moose Jaw, per sack	1.70
Moose Jaw, per bbl.	6.60
Excelsior, per sack	1.70
Excelsior, per bbl.	6.60
Oak Lake, per sack	1.70
Oak Lake, per bbl.	6.60
Hudson's Bay, per sack	1.70
Hudson's Bay, per bbl.	6.60
Enderby, per sack	1.70
Enderby, per bbl.	6.60
Pastry Flours—	
Snowflake, per sack	1.40
Snowflake, per bbl.	5.50
O. K. Best Pastry, per sack.	1.40
O. K. Best Pastry, per bbl..	5.50
O. K. Four Star, per sack...	1.40
O. K. Four Star, per bbl...	5.50
Drifted Snow, per sack	1.40
Drifted Snow, per bbl.	5.50
Three Star, per sack	1.60
Three Star, per bbl.	6.20
Coal Oil—	
Pratt's Coal Oil	1.50
Eocene	1.60
Grain—	
Wheat, per ton	37.00
Oats, per ton	28.00
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs.	45
Rolled Oats (B. & K.)	5
Feed—	
Hay (baled), per ton	17.00
Straw, per bale	75
Corn	32.00
Middlings, per ton	27.00
Bran, per ton	25.00
Ground Feed, per ton	30.00
Carrots, per 100 lbs.	60
Vegetables—	
Beans, Island (string)	6
Island Potatoes (new), 100 lbs.	1.25
Sweet Potatoes, per lb.	5
Cabbage, per lb.	3
Onions, silver skin, per lb.	2½
Carrots, per lb.	1½
Turnips, per lb.	1½
Tomatoes, per lb.	2@ 3
Tomatoes, Island (hot-house).	5
Tomatoes (green)	2
Fish—	
Salmon, spring (smoked)	15
Salmon, per lb.	10@ 12½
Cod, per lb.	8
Halibut, per lb.	10
Kippers, per lb.	12½
Bloaters, per lb.	10
Rock Cod	10
Bass	8
Shrimps, per lb.	40
Farm Produce—	
Fresh Island Eggs	45
Butter (Delta Creamery)	25
Best Dairy	30
Butter (Cowichan Creamery).	35
Butter (Victoria Creamery).	35
Cheese (Canadian)	20
Lard, per lb.	12½@ 15
Meats—	
Hams (American), per lb.	20@ 25
Bacon (American), per lb.	22@ 27
Bacon (rolled), per lb.	20
Bacon (long clear), per lb.	16
Shoulders, per lb.	13½
Beef, per lb.	12½@ 18
Veal, per lb.	12½@ 15
Pork, per lb.	11@ 15
Mutton, per lb.	12½@ 18
Lamb, hindquarter	1.50@ 1.75
Lamb, forequarter	1.00@ 1.50
Fruit—	
Cocoanuts, each	10
Lemons (California), per doz.	25
Apples (local), per box	1.00@ 1.25
Oranges, per doz.	35@ 50
Bananas, per doz	30@ 40
New Jordan Almonds (shelled), per lb.	60
Valencia Almonds (shelled), per lb.	50
Valencia Raisins, per lb.	8
Sultana Raisins, per lb.	15
Plums (local), per lb.	8
Pears (local), per box	1.25
Crab Apples, per lb.	5
Blackberries, per lb.	10@ 12½
Poultry—	
Dressed fowl, per lb.	20@ 25
Ducks, per lb.	20
Chickens, per doz.	3.00@ 4.00
Game—	
Grouse, per pair	75@ 1.00

WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Potatoes (new), per ton	20.00
Onions (local), per lb.	1¾
Carrots, per 100 lbs.	1.00
Cabbage, per 100 lbs.	1.50
Cucumbers, per dozen	25
Butter (creamery), per lb.	22½
Eggs (ranch), per doz.	40
Chickens, per lb.	12½@ 20
Ducks, per lb.	12½@ 20
Apples (local), per box	75@ 1.25
Crab Apples, per lb.	3
Hay, per ton	16.00
Oats, per ton	27.00
Peas (field), per ton	45.00
Barley, per ton	28.00
Beef, per lb.	8
Mutton, per lb.	11
Pork, per lb.	11
Veal, per lb.	12½
Honolulu Pines, per doz.	3.00@ 3.50
Peaches	1.00
Plums	1.00
Pears (Bartlette)	1.25
Tomatoes (hot-house)	75
Grapes (black) per crate	1.50
Grapes (Muscats)	1.50
Grapes (Tokay)	1.80
Nutmeg Melon, per box	1.50
Watermelon, per dozen	2.50
Grape Fruit, per box	2.75
Bananas, per bunch	3.00
Oranges	3.75
Lemons	2.50@ 3.25
Oranges (fancy)	4.50
Oranges (choice)	3.75

PERSONAL.

Harry Allingham, of Vancouver, leaves on Wednesday next to take the position of district superintendent of the Western Union cable service in Great Britain. He accompanies T. W. Goulding, late superintendent of the Pacific division of the Western Union, who has been appointed general superintendent of the Western Union cables in Great Britain. Mr. Allingham's departure, as previously mentioned in the Times, will be regretted by lacrosse enthusiasts throughout British Columbia. He was always foremost among those anxious for the elevation of the Canadian national game in the province, and his zeal has won for him widespread popularity and respect.

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H. Cecil, a prominent mining engineer, is in the city. He is superintending the development of property in the neighborhood of Ladysmith. Operations have been under way there for several months. He says that the ore is improving in quality and that indications are most promising. Mr. Cecil will leave to-day for the mine, in the neighborhood of which a residence has been erected so that he may personally overlook the work. While here he is a guest at the Dominion hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kirkland, of Binghampton, N. Y., are in the city. Mr. Kirkland is prominently identified with the Knights of Pythias of New York, being grand keeper of records and seals for that state. They are making an extensive tour of the United States and Canada, and, after spending a few days here, intend travelling East via the C. P. R. in easy stages. They are registered at the Dominion.

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Miss Louisa Smith, sister of Assistant City Treasurer Smith, left Sunday morning on the Princess Victoria for a visit to her sister, Mrs. Wm. Waldron, of Kilcullen, Ireland. Miss Smith will journey via the Canadian Pacific railway to Boston, and after a brief visit to friends there will continue her journey, visiting Liverpool, London and other places of interest in the United Kingdom.

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Robt. Draney, proprietor of a cannery at Nanu, Alaska, arrived from the North some days ago and is registered at the Dominion. He reports that the run of salmon has been larger than usual, and that his cannery secured as large a pack as could be handled conveniently. Besides being numerous, the fish were of splendid quality.

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Mrs. D. M. Delmas, wife of the well known Californian attorney, is in the city, a guest at the Driard. Mr. Delmas is considered one of the most eminent legal lights in the Golden State, and has been connected with important litigation there in recent years.

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The Misses Eileen Mulcahy, May Hickey, Mona Rickaby, Marguerite Rickaby and Edith Clayton attended an afternoon tea given by Miss Edna Harrison, of the Driard, on Saturday last. The fair young guests spent a very enjoyable afternoon and rejoiced in having such a charming hostess.

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Adam S. Collins, of San Francisco, Cal.; T. W. Miller and wife, G. Miles and Mrs. Miles, and Ivan T. Hyland and wife, of Seattle; C. A. Baldwin, of Faribault, Minn.; and Count F. Mazza, of Montreal, are in the city. They are among the guests at the Driard hotel.

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H. J. Knott, local manager for the B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Co., left Tuesday morning on a business trip to points along the E. & N. railway. Mr. Knott will be away for the remainder of the week.

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W. N. Avery and wife, of San Jose, Cal.; E. Cummins and J. Sclater, of Vancouver; J. S. Carter, of Nelson; and O. E. Field, of Chicago, Ill., are among those staying at the Victoria hotel.

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James Dixon, of Seattle; L. R. Thompson, of Port Angeles; E. Macgowan, of Vancouver; and Rev. Dr. Dunlop, of Duncans, are among the guests at the New England.

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C. Dobson, of Duncans; A. J. McMurtrie, of Ladysmith; Wm. O'Neil, of Vancouver; and R. H. Mayne, of Seattle, are registered at the Victoria hotel.

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W. P. Wood, J. P., president of the London Corn Exchange, spent Wednesday in this city. He was entertained by D. R. Ker and other business men of this city during his stay here.

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Miss H. Manley, of Leeds, Eng., arrived from the Mainland on Wednesday. She was met on her arrival by H. Manley, a relative residing at San Francisco. They are registered at the Vernon hotel.

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K. G. Halley, J. D. Halley and J. S. Brown, of Salt Spring Island, are at the Victoria. They have been visiting relatives and leave to-day for the Old Country.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Woodside, of San Francisco, are visiting the city. They are among those staying at the Driard.

The Earl of Dartmouth, the Countess of Dartmouth and their daughter, Lady Dorothy Legge, are visiting Seattle.

E. E. Kimball, of Seattle; R. R. Schomp, of Portland; O. G. Wilson, of San Francisco; E. R. Bennett, of Nanaimo, are staying at the Dominion.

James Thomson, manager of the Hudson Bay Company, returned Tuesday evening after an extensive tour of the Mainland.

T. M. Henderson and Mrs. Henderson left for Los Angeles on Tuesday, where they will spend the winter months.

LITTLE BUT SEARCHING.—Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets are not big nauseous boxes that contain injurious drugs or tinctures—they are the pure vegetable pepsin—the medicinal extract from this luscious fruit, and the tablets are prepared in as palatable form as the fruit itself. They cure indigestion. 60 in a box, 35 cents.—56.

PREPARING FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS

NOMINATIONS IN EASTERN CONSTITUENCIES

Number of Candidates Who Will Contest Seats on November Third Were Selected Yesterday.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, Oct. 6.—The following candidates were nominated:

Richmond and Wolfe—E. W. Tobin, Liberal.

Chambly and Vercheres—J. B. Archambault, Conservative.

Charlevoix—R. Forget, Conservative.

South Oxford—J. C. Henderson, Conservative.

Prescott—Edmond Proulx, son of the old member, Isodore Proulx, deceased, Liberal.

Queens and Sunbury—Dr. H. B. Hay, Liberal.

Two Mountains—J. A. C. Ethier, Liberal; J. N. Fateau, Conservative.

Champlain—Dr. Narcotte, Conservative.

West Elgin—Jabel Robinson, Independent Conservative, to be given Conservative support.

Pontiac—G. F. Hodgins, Liberal.

Laprairie and Napierville—M. Coupal, Conservative.

Laval—Camille Paquette, Liberal.

Halton—D. Henderson, Conservative.

May Run in Quebec West.

Montreal, Oct. 6.—Mr. W. M. Macpherson, president of the Molsons Bank of Canada, will probably be the Conservative candidate in Quebec West.

Will Be Candidate.

Toronto, Oct. 6.—James Hendry, who was in town to-day, said he had reconsidered his decision, and would be the Conservative candidate in West Peterboro.

LIBERALS NOMINATE THIS EVENING

Meeting Will Be Held in Philharmonic Hall—News Regarding Political Campaign.

This evening the Liberals of this city will hold their nominating convention. The meeting will be held in Philharmonic hall, and all Liberal electors are requested to attend. The doors are open at 7.45, and at 8.15 the business will begin. The convention will assuredly be a very representative one, and will really mark the opening of the campaign as far as this constituency is concerned.

The Conservatives will also meet in nominating convention on the same evening.

Owing to the refusal of A. E. McPhillips, of this city, to accept of the Conservative nomination for the Comox-Atlin constituency, a candidate is being sought in other quarters. Mayor Manson, of Nanaimo, it is reported, has been approached in the matter and has been asked to accept of the nomination. It is said that Mr. Manson is quite agreeable to this arrangement and may contest the riding against Mr. Sloan. It is further reported that Mayor Manson may yet be the choice of the Nanaimo riding to oppose Ralph Smith.

Times special correspondent in Ladysmith sent the following dispatch Thursday: "The Liberal association executive held a meeting here last night to talk over preliminaries in connection with the coming election, and it was decided to hold another meeting to-morrow evening.

"The Conservatives seem somewhat at sea as to the choice of a candidate at the coming Duncans convention for this constituency. The latest likely names spoken of are W. K. Leighton or Mayor Manson. One of these may be put forward, either for this constituency to oppose Ralph Smith, or failing that may run in Comox-Atlin against Mr. Sloan."

The Conservatives of Vancouver have selected their candidate for the coming election. R. B. Ellis, of that city, will be the opponent of R. G. Macpherson. The choice lay between George Cowan and Mr. Ellis. The latter was the choice of the meeting held last evening. The attendance at the gathering was not large. The opposition to Mr. Macpherson is regarded as purely formal, the Conservatives not wishing the election to go by default.

The Socialists are beginning the political campaign by holding a meeting in the old school house at Esquimalt this evening. It will be held in the interests of that body in the Nanaimo constituency, and will be addressed by J. Watters, M. McGregor and W. H. Marcon. The Socialists have opened committee rooms over Dixi H. Ross's store.

PIONEER'S DEATH.

Another pioneer passed away Wednesday in the person of Thomas W. Pierre, at his residence, 97½ Fort street. Mr. Pierre was 72 years of age and a native of Washington, D. C. He came to Victoria in 1862. The news of his demise will be received with regret by many acquaintances. During the 42 years he resided here he won many friends and gained the respect of all with whom he came in contact. For some time after arriving in this city he carried on different businesses. Recently, however, he became established as a tailor and dyer, and met with marked success.

He leaves to mourn his lost a widow, three daughters and two sons, Mrs. C. N. Potts, Lake district; Mrs. L. A. Booth, Mrs. T. Alexander and J. Pierre, Nelson, B. C.; S. Pierre, Tacoma, Wn. The funeral has been arranged to take place on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the residence, Fort street.

A FOWL NUISANCE.

Chief Langley Has Some Undesirable Prisoners at the Lock-Up.

In a somewhat disturbed frame of mind Chief Langley rang up the Times office on Thursday. He volunteered the rather startling information that if the owner or owners of the chickens which have been enjoying the hospitality of the police at the Cormorant street station did not call for his or her feathered property soon, the fowl would find an abiding place in the capacious internal recesses of the force. In other words, the chief threatened to give a chicken banquet to his men.

These particular fowl were found in a sack on Cook street several days ago. They appeared to be stolen property, the perpetrator evidently having been frightened away from his spoil. They were taken to the police station and liberated in the prison yard, where they have been contentedly eating their way into the civic exchequer. The chief is grieved because the owners of the birds don't care enough for them to bail them out. He also objects to his establishment being used as a chicken coop.

The Times suggested that he bear with his feathered prisoners until Thanksgiving Day, when there would be a time of reckoning. True, seven or eight chickens wouldn't go far among the Victoria force, but they would be something that none of them would ignore.

AN ADDRESS ON HIS MISSION TO CANADA

Rev. H. Ritson Explains His Scheme of Reorganizing Branches of Bible Society.

A most instructive address was delivered by Rev. H. Ritson, M. A., of London, Eng., a prominent official of the British and Foreign Bible Society, on Wednesday, in the schoolroom of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. It was under the auspices of the local branch of that organization and Noah Shakespeare occupied the chair. Rev. Mr. Ritson's remarks dealt principally with his mission in Canada, namely, the federation of all branches of the society scattered throughout the Dominion. There was a good attendance, and the proceedings were marked with great enthusiasm.

After the chairman had explained the object of the meeting and introduced Rev. Mr. Ritson, the latter immediately took up his address. In the introductory remarks he expressed his delight with the reception accorded him in Victoria. Rev. J. P. Westman and Rev. J. P. Hicks had spent the whole day showing him the many points of interest. They visited Esquimalt, the parliament buildings, Beacon Hill Park and Oak Bay. He was particularly impressed with the fine museum and doubted whether a better collection could be found anywhere throughout the Dominion. His visit to Victoria would be memorable as one of the pleasantest experiences of his trip.

Rev. Mr. Ritson then went on to explain the proposal which brought him to Canada. This was outlined by the Times in an interview yesterday. A federation of the many branches of the society scattered throughout the Dominion, in his opinion, would prove most beneficial. There was no doubt that reorganization was needed. The placing of the management in the hands of an executive which would have power to supervise the work through a board of management, consisting of delegates from each branch, would prove much more satisfactory than the method now in vogue.

Entering into details he said that when the federation of a Canadian Bible Society was accomplished a general secretary would be appointed at a salary to be paid by the head office of the British and Foreign Bible Society in London. The Dominion would afterwards be divided into districts as follows: Maritime Provinces, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Northwest Territories and British Columbia. It was probable, he said, that Alberta would be included with this province. A permanent secretary would then be selected to take charge of each district.

Once organization was completed, to this extent, the influence of the society would be felt throughout Canada. The secretaries of each district would be constantly employed, organizing new branches and interesting the churches.

In concluding Rev. Mr. Ritson discussed the work of the Bible Society. He gave figures showing the number of Bibles distributed and the expenses incurred. Finally he asked the Victoria society to support him in his endeavor to secure the federation of Canadian societies.

Addresses were then given by several local pastors, and a number of officials of the society. They all heartily endorsed the proposal, and the local society put itself on record as being in favor of such reorganization.

On Thursday Rev. Mr. Ritson left on the steamer Charmer for Calgary and Montreal. He will speak at other points en route, and hopes to accomplish his purpose before leaving the Dominion. It is not expected that the federation will be completed before next February.

USING THE BRIDGE.

The Victoria Terminal Railway Company began using the Fraser river bridge on Monday in its through service between Victoria and Vancouver. Instead of passengers having to transfer to the river ferry and then take the tramcar line from New Westminster to Vancouver, they are now carried directly from Port Gulchon to the Terminal City without any change. The line of the Vancouver, New Westminster & Yukon railway is used from New Westminster.

This effects a saving of about three-quarters of an hour and passengers reach Vancouver now at 2.15 by this route. When the direct road between Oliver's siding and the terminus of the Fraser river bridge is completed, the time will be still further reduced.

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OPENING OF THE LECTURE SERIES

CANADIAN LIBERALISM SUBJECT LAST NIGHT

Chas. H. Lugrin Delivered Interesting Address in Y.M.C.A. Hall—History of Great Party.

C. H. Lugrin addressed an appreciative audience in the Y.M.C.A. hall Wednesday on the "History of the Liberal Party in Canada." Hon. Senator Templeman presided, and in introducing the speaker said that to give the history of Liberalism in this country was to give the history of the country for the last hundred years, and perhaps more, because the party had been identified with every great movement in British North America since it was peopled by the English population. He gave a brief review of what the Liberals had done for Canada, and closed with some complimentary allusions to Mr. Lugrin.

Mr. Lugrin in opening his remarks said that to discuss the history of the Liberal party in Canada without talking politics was a great deal like playing "Hamlet" with the part of the Prince of Denmark left out. Nevertheless, he would endeavor to give an outline of the history of the party, avoiding as far as possible anything of a controversial nature. It was timely to deal with this subject now, not because an election was pending, but because the younger voters, as well as those who had come to this country from England were not familiar with the history of the Liberal party in this country. Canadian Liberalism had no connection historically or otherwise with the Liberal movement in England.

The speaker sketched the condition of affairs which existed in the old provinces of Canada and in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island at the close of the American Revolution, pointing out that the greater part of the population of what was now Canada was at that time French, although there were a few scattered English settlements, the chief among them being the Maugerville colony in New Brunswick, which was made up of people from Massachusetts and adjoining colonies, who were strong in their adherence to the principles of popular government, being, in fact, descendants of the men who stood for popular rights in the days of Cromwell. The French were loyal to the British crown, but possessed not a shred of popular government. After the independence of the American colonies was recognized, a large number of persons came from these countries to what are now Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario, and there was set up in British North America several provincial governments, all of them controlled directly by the secretary of state of the colonies in London.

The speaker detailed the conditions existing in the country during the fifty years following the coming of the Loyalists, pointing out that the control of affairs was in the hands of a very few, and that the masses of people were burdened by an oppression that was unendurable, and found expression in Upper and Lower Canada in open rebellion.

It was to remedy these evils that the Liberal party was born, and the fact that the people of Canada to-day enjoyed absolute freedom of government and independence within the Empire was due to the fact that the Liberal party were active and aggressive in the assertion of popular rights from the day the party was first organized.

Mr. Lugrin sketched briefly the career and character of four of the great leaders of the Liberal party, namely, Brown, LaFontaine, Howe and Wilmot, relating some instances in connection with their careers, and showing the manner in which they fought the battles of the people. He claimed that it was because the Liberal party was under the leadership of these men that the horrors of war were avoided and the country preserved to the British crown.

Of the various acts of legislature which have been passed since popular government became established, Mr. Lugrin said he would not undertake to speak in detail, for the reason that in Upper Canada so many acts were carried by coalition governments, and there was such a constant changing of parties that it would be hopeless in the course of a short address to give anything like a connected history of what had occurred in that respect, but this could be said, with confidence, namely, that through it all the Liberal party stood for the extension of the franchise, the popular control of the treasury, the ballot, the opening of the lands of the country to settlement, and especially for the introduction of the principles of responsible government.

He gave a sketch of the confederation campaign, claiming that the union of the provinces was due to the united efforts of both Liberals and Conservatives. It so happened that Sir John Macdonald was the fittest man at the time of the union to accept the premiership, but it was equally true that the great work with which he was identified, including the acquisition of the Northwest and the union with British Columbia, would never have been accomplished except for the assistance furnished by the leaders of the Liberal party. Mr. Lugrin mentioned an instance in this connection which had hitherto escaped notice by historians, as follows:

The consummation of confederation depended upon the action of the province of New Brunswick, because it would have been manifestly impossible to have a union between Upper and Lower Canada if the intervening province of New Brunswick had stood out. And it was worthy of note that the men, through whose influence New Brunswick was brought in line on the Confederation question, namely, Tilley and Fisher, were descendents of the band of Liberals who settled in the Maugerville colony before the Revolutionary war.

In a general way, Mr. Lugrin said, the Liberals stood now, as they always had stood, for self-government and the absolute independence of Canada within the Empire. He said that there were in Canada to-day thousands of people, whose ancestors for from 150 to 250 years had lived in America, and yet they were as loyal to the British flag as if they and their forefathers had always lived under the shadow of Saint Paul's. Nevertheless they insisted that they were not subjects of England, but partners of the people of Britain in the great work of Empire-building. He looked forward to the time when the Mother Country would gather a great family of nations around her, each of whom would say in the words of Kipling, "A daughter am I in my mother's house, yet mistress in my own," and stand unitedly in the forefront of civilization and as the champion of self-government and equal justice to all. But this was only possible because during the last hundred years the Liberal party in Canada had been an active, educative force.

The address was frequently applauded, and at the conclusion the speaker and the chairman both received votes of thanks.

PRAISEWORTHY ACT.

Capt. McLeod and Passengers of Princess May Assist Deserving Case.

Among the passengers who arrived from the North by the steamer Princess May on Tuesday last was Jack McCullan, a four-year-old boy, sent by his parents from Dawson to receive medical treatment in Victoria. During the trip from Skagway Capt. McLeod, of the Princess May, and others, became interested in the case. It was ascertained that he was afflicted with spinal trouble. His cheerfulness and patience roused general sympathy, and when Capt. McLeod started a subscription list for the benefit of the little patient everybody responded generously. The result was that Capt. McLeod was able to present the boy's guardian, Capt. Berry, with $150 to cover the doctor's expenses while the little patient is at the Jubilee hospital. The latter is very grateful for this unexpected kindness, and wishes to thank both Capt. McLeod and the passengers for their interest in the boy's welfare.

SAILORS AND SOLDIERS' HOME.

This Deserving Institution Is Meeting With Great Success.

The public will be gratified to learn that the Sailors and Soldiers' Home, Esquimalt road, is already justifying its establishment. In spite of the fact that the warships have been out of port a good deal this summer, there have been, since the formal opening in May, over 3,000 calls for refreshments, over 400 for beds and a similar number for baths, and the income has met the running expenses.

Wednesday M. E. Lamplough, who is accompanying Rev. J. H. Ritson, of the British and Foreign Society, and whose brother in London, Eng., some time ago contributed twenty guineas towards the Home, handed Rev. J. P. Hicks $30 for the furnishing of a cabin. Lieut. V. Brandon, R. N., H. M. S. Egeria, has communicated the pleasing intelligence that his mother has written from England to say she will furnish two cabins at a cost of $60. Commander Sandeman, on behalf of the committee, has most generously assumed responsibility of getting together necessary furniture for the large recreation room. Donations for this purpose have already been received from Weller Bros., Challoner & Mitchell, Victoria Book & Stationery Co., J. Sumner, B. C. Furniture Company, C. H. Smith, and many others.

The following articles are still needed: Stove, rugs, curtains, small tables, comfortable chairs, and games of all sorts. Persons desirous of donating any of these articles are requested to communicate with Commander R. Sandeman, R. N., H. M. S. Grafton.

In addition to the above Mrs. J. D. Pemberton and Mrs. James Dunsmuir have sent books and illuminated Scripture texts, and T. N. Hibben a Bible, for the reading room, and cash subscriptions have been received as follows: A. E. B., $1; Brown & Cooper, $2; Fell & Gregory, $5; R. S. Armstrong, $1; J. S., $2; S. Perry Mills, $3; Mr. King, 25c.; Mr. Johnson, $1; Mrs. S. J. Brett, $5; Lenz & Leiser, $5; Mrs. Fairall, $2; Mr. Jacobson, $1; Mr. McIntosh, $1; McCandless Bros., $2.50; Mr. Lea, 50c.; Mr. Clyde, $1; Prell. Foster, $5; Jas. Bailey, $1.

There is a debt on the building of about $1,000, which the committee desire by the anniversary of the opening, May 5th, 1905, to remove.

THE GRANBY COMPANY.

American Capitalists Headed by J. J. Hill Now in Control.

Montreal, Oct. 5.—American capitalists, headed by Mr. James J. Hill, who recently secured control of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company, were an influence at the annual meeting of the company held in this city yesterday.

Mr. S. H. C. Miner, who has been president of the company since its inception, refused nomination as president, and the officials have not yet been named.

The total earnings for the year were $2,966,347; expenditure, $2,682,833; leaving a net profit of $283,514. This was added to the surplus of last year and makes a total of $967,049.

After paying dividends the company still shows a surplus of $833,419.

In his report Mr. Miner announced that he retained a large interest in the property.

HARD TIMES.

Thousands of People in Old Country Practically on the Verge of Starvation.

London, Oct. 5.—At a meeting of the Manchester city council to-day it was announced that, owing to the hard times and depression in the iron industry, between forty and fifty thousand people in the poorer parts of the city were practically on the verge of starvation. Similar conditions prevail in London and other large cities of the United Kingdom, where the winter is expected to be one of the hardest in many years for the poorer classes.

A peculiar phenomenon, a dust cloud, overshadowed the Island of St. Vincent on October 2nd for a whole day. It was accompanied by intense heat. Fine dust also fell. This is supposed to be from the Mount Pelee volcano, Island of Martinique, which destroyed the town of St. Pierre with the loss of 30,000 to 40,000 lives in May, 1902.

DRAWING UP PLANS FOR NEW OFFICES

C. P. R. WILL OCCUPY THEM BY NEW YEAR

Tenders Will Be Invited in a Few Days—Queen City Brings Salmon—Marine Notes.

Within a day or two the C. P. R. will be calling for tenders for the erection of the company's offices on Belleville street. The plans are now being prepared by the architect of the company, F. M. Rattenbury. The intention is to have the premises ready for occupation and use by the New Year.

The new building will afford quarters for the general offices of the company, which are now located on Wharf street. In addition there will be waiting rooms, ticket, freight offices, etc., to be used in connection with the steamboat service.

The offices will occupy a very conspicuous place on the waterfront, and accordingly the design of the building is to be in keeping with this commanding position. It will be located immediately west of the approach to the new wharf. The building will be about 80 feet by 40 feet. It will be a two story edifice, and will be set back from the street about eight feet.

On the ground floor will be the waiting offices and the attendant ticket and freight offices and other conveniences. The second story will be alloted to the general superintendent and the other head offices of the steamboat's service.

The building will be put up in a substantial manner with a stone foundation. The structure will be a wooden one finished with shingled walls. Mr. Rattenbury has taken pains to give the offices an artistic finish so as not to mar in any way the appearance of that portion of the city, but on the contrary to intensify the beauty of it. In the hands of Mr. Rattenbury it is safe to say that this purpose will be well carried out, and the offices will be a decided acquisition to that section.

It is the intention to have work begin as soon as possible so as to have the building ready for use by the beginning of the year.

TRANS-PACIFIC ROUTE.

The demand for steel rails by the Japanese seems to be a pressing one. The rails are believed to be required for the completion of the Korean railway, and are being shipped from Tacoma to Japan. So urgent is the demand for prompt delivery that it is possible that the British steamship Ilford, one of the three steamers chartered to carry the railway material from Tacoma to Japan, may arrive too late to secure her cargo. Advices from New York to the Tacoma agents for the big steel manufacturers are to the effect that the company is trying to secure another steamer in her place. The Ilford is not due to arrive before the latter part of October, and it seems the company is in a hurry to get the rails to Japan, hence if there is another steamship offered for an earlier sailing it is likely to get the charter.

Advices from New York are to the effect that underwriters there are putting up rates for steamers carrying railroad material for Japan. The rate recently current has been three-quarters of one per cent. This premium has now been raised to 2½ per cent., for a steamer to go by way of the Cape with rails and locomotives on board. This change in the insurance situation has caused several of the China and Japanese lines from New York to announce that they will omit Japan altogether or refuse railroad material if the steamers make Japanese ports.

Speaking of the above advance in insurance rates made by the underwriters of New York, Alexander Stewart, manager for Dodwell & Co., at Tacoma, is reported to have said:

"The advance in New York insurance rates will undoubtedly have the effect of sending all shipments of rails and locomotives for Japan this way. I am not surprised at this advance. The insurance risk of Suez shipments of such freight is becoming greater all the time while the insurance risks on Pacific shipments are becoming smaller. The Russian Baltic fleet is active and is a constant menace to Japan shipping by the Suez canal. On the other hand the Pacific Russian fleet is probably tied up now and if not, soon will be, so that there is practically no risk in shipping this way. The insurance rates quoted from New York are practically prohibitive."

QUEEN CITY IN.

The C. P. R. steamer Queen City returned from the West Coast Wednesday. After discharging her passengers and freight here she went on to Vancouver with a consignment of salmon from the West Coast, which is to be shipped over the C. P. R. line. The Queen City will leave Victoria for the West Coast again on Monday.

KILLED IN PRIZE RING.

John C. Peters Dies From Blow in New Jersey.

New York, Oct. 3.—John C. Peters, one of the principals in a boxing match in West Bergen, N. J., died in the ring following a knockout blow in the fourth round yesterday. The police have made several arrests, and County Physician Converse, of Hudson county, New Jersey, is conducting an investigation. Patrick Dormandy is under arrest charged with being one of the principals.

For the third consecutive winter extreme destitution prevails among the Alaskan Indians, and government help is absolutely necessary to prevent them from starving and extermination. Ac