DEALERS REQUIRED TO SQUARE THEMSELVES WITH COMBINE

Before They Could Be Sup- delphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company opened its case yesterday before the coal strike commission. plied With Coal.

LOCK-OUT LIST OF CONSUMERS

Evidence Brought Out at Brantford Re Alleged Operations of Ontario Association.

Brantford, Jan. 30 .- The case against President Thomas Elliott, of the Ontarlo Coal Association, who is charged with conspiring to lessen the competition in the purchase and sale of coal, was examined at the police court yesterday morning before Police Magistrate Woodyatt. There was a very large attendance and the greatest interest is manifested in the case.

The first witness was William Frank, a coal dealer of Port Dover, and a member of the Ontario Coal Association. He testified that there was a local difficulty existing among coal dealers in Port Dover last April, and President Elhott visited the place and adjusted matters. A letter was produced from a Buffalo firm to the witness, in which the statement was made that no more coal should be furnished him unless he made arrangements with the Ontario Coal Association. He had already given the firm an order for \$1.350, and after seeing Mr. Elliott this

William Stewart, a non-association dealer at Scotland, testified that since the strike he had purchased anthracite coal for \$5.50 per gross ton, and retailed it at \$6.50 and \$7.

Fred Mann, of the Brantford Coal Company, testified that during the last three months coal has been retailed in Brantford at a cost of \$9 per ton. The high price was the result of the strike and the consequent limited supply. He had never attempted to prevent nonassociation dealers from bringing in coal and never laid or threatened to lay information against such parties. southern coal fields, is impracticable Regarding the cost of the great bulk because of the pitching value. This of coal laid down here during the last three months, witness said that it would average \$7 70 per gross ton, the lowest price being \$6 70. Frequently as high a price as \$11 was demanded by Buffalo wholesalers. So far as he knew there had been no conspiracy on the part of the Ontario Association to prevent competition in either sale or purchase. The Brantford Company fixed its own prices, regardless of other companies.

"LOCK-OUT LIST." Mrs. Hattie Matthews swore that she attempted to buy coal from L. Walsh, but, although her order was accepted, it was not filled, presumably because her husband had procured a half tone of coal from the Waterous Engine Company, a firm which is on

the "lock-out list." William B. Wood, secretary of the Mechanics Coal Company, related his experiences in endeavoring to buy coal at Buffalo, claiming that his company was on the "lock-out list" and no dealers would fill their orders. Hamilton he was also boycotted by Myles & Sons, who were going to sel him coal but refused on learning what company he represented. At 1 o'clock court adjourned until

THE READING COMPANY'S CASE

Before the United States Coal Strike

Commission.

Simon P. Wolverton, the company's leading counsel, presented in book form all the communications that have their organization and the coal opera-

tors.

John Veith, of Pottsville, general mining superintendent of the company, gave a brief history of his experience as a miner. He has been in his present position for 25 years. There are under him four division superintendents and ten district superintendents. Owing to the steep pitches of the veins in the Reading mines most of the coal mined by the men is paid of the yard. The company has 37 collieries, and employs about 25,000 or 26,000 men. Of these 5,000 to 6,000 are miners. He

gave a technical description of the varying condition of the mines and the difficulties in the way of paying all miners under one system. Under the company's rules the miners may work in any other colliery of the company. If a miner, he said, cannot earn living wages, it is the rule of the company to give the men an allowance. The employes had a right to appeal to him if adjustments made by the dis-trict or division superintendents were unsatisfactory. The Reading does not maintain company stores nor employ company doctors, nor has it a docking system. The miners' health, compared with the health of men in other occupations, he said, was good. Improvements in the mines were always going on which made them healthier for the men. Speaking of discipline, he said that the employes were not so obedient now as prior to the advent of

The St. Clair Coal Company, near Pottsville, presented its case. This is the last of the independent operators to be heard. W. H. Taylor, presient, read a statement in answer to the mine workers' demands.

At the afternoon session Attorney Wolverton, for the Reading Company, announced that at a conference held furing the noon recess between John Veith, general mining superintendent of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, and George W. Kartlein, secretary of district No. 9, that the weighing of coal in the ninth district, which takes in all of the settles, so far as the lower fields are concerned, one of the principal issues in dispute in the other two regions. BREAK IN PRICES PREDICTED. Philadelphia Pa., Jan. 29. — The Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company had all but one of its active collieries in operation yesterday, and today the full quota of 32 collieries is being worked. The output averages

from 1,300 to 1,400 cars daily. General Manager Henderson, of the coal company, is beginning to take an ptimistic view of the situation, and predicts that a break in the present high prices asked by the independent

BOUND TO COME VERY SOON. It is stated on good authority that the railroads are doing all in their power to accomplish that objet. They are said to be determined to break up the speculative feature of the anthracite business. The increased output of the big mining companies and the mild weather is beginning to have an effect upon high prices.

Agitation in Newfoundland.

St. Johns, Nfid., Jan. 80.-The agitation in favor of a retaliatory policy against the United States, should the Bond-Hay treaty be defeated, is growing in force. The Free Press, an independent opposition journal, declares that if the treaty is rejected the Government owes it to the dignity of the British colony to act promptly and de-

Philadelphia, Jan. 30. - The Phila-



"You know old chap, there was a time when I couldn't enjoy these little-er-refreshments as I do now. I had a very bad stomach, began to get accustomed to a pain there. Felt sometimes as though some one was boring into my entrails. I became pale and very weak. I positively detested my meals, food hurt me, I suffered excruciating agony until I became cured. What did the trick? Hutch—old fellow, simply Hutch. It gave me almost instant relief, and now I can take interest in life. It is without exception the most wonderful medicine going."

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cisively. It is thought the retaliatory legislation will prebably be adopted without meeting with opposition in either branch of the Legislature.

THE ALASKAN BOUNDARY

Must Be Settled Before Uncle Sam Will Handle Minor Matters.

Washington, Jan. 29.-Senator Foser, of Washington, recently presented to Secretary Hay the request of some passed between the mine workers, of his constituents for the establishment of a fish hatchery on the Fraser River, in British Columbia, which has called forth a general statement from the secretary showing it to be the policy of the state department to take no action upon any minor questions affecting the relations between the United States and Canada so long as the dispute over the boundary between British America and Alaska re-

mains undetermined. In a letter to Senator Foster the senator says the recommendations of the joint high commission, so far as they touched the subjects upon which concurrent opinions were reached, are still in abeyance, the drift of sentiment on both sides being that while an agreement upon the subjects brought before the commission appeared to be desirable and for the most part obtainable, it seemed appropriate to dispose of them as a whole subject to the adjustment of the main ques-tion of the Alaskan boundary. The indisposition of the Canadian Government to assent to the settlement of the subordinate questions pending the disposal of the boundary question makes it unlikely that a particular de-tail of the general plan would be favorably considered by the British Government at this time. Moreover, the legal questions as to the jurisdiction of authority of the Federal Government to deal with the matter is still unsettled, the preponderance of opinion, however, being that it should properly be settled by treaty rather than by concurrent legislation or local understandings.

A TALK WITH MR. ROBLIN TO TUNNEL ST. LAWRENCE

Question Is Closed.

Department-N. Grey Nomination.

Montreal, Jan. 30.—Premier Roblin of Manitoba is in the city at present and in the course of an interview he was asked: "Did you notice that Archbishop Bruchesi, on his return from Manitoba, said he believed from his audience with the Pope that the Manitoba school question was not closed?"
"As far as the Manitoba Govern-

ment is concerned," replied the Premier, "the question is closed, and nothing at the present nor at any future date will reopen it." "Then, as a matter of fact, the question is not any longer to be dealt with by the Manitoba Govern-

ment?" "It was settled by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and he acted on behalf of the French-Canadian Catholics. If further action were taken, it would have to be through Premier Laurier."
Owen Sound. Ont., Jan. 30. enthusiastic convention of North Grey Liberals, held here yesterday afternoon, to nominate a representative for the

dy, of the Wm. Kennedy & Sons, Limited, Owen Sound, was chosen on the The other candidates were: B. Allen, W. H. Wright and F. W. Harrison. Toronto, Jan. 30. — Premier Ross stated yesterday that he intended to reorganize his own department, that of the treasury, on somewhat the same lines as the civil service system at Ottawa. Whether reforms would be introduced in all departments was a matter for future consideration.

question as a whole for the present, or to inaugurate civil service examination

in Ontario.

The method in vogue at Ottawa is that of grading the clerkships in first, second and third classes, with a mini-mum and maximum salary for each grade, and regular increase each year. Montreal, Jan. 29. - F. D. Monk, the Conservative leader of the Province of Quebec, was the guest of honor tonight at a banquet tendered by the Conservatives of Maisonneuve at the St Jean Baptiste Hall. A feature of the evening was the presentation of an oil portrait of Mr. Monk to the Conservative leader. Mr. Borden also spoke. Toronto, Jan. 29.-A deputation from Newmarket and other points of North York, has been in the city to tender the prohibition nomination to an independent candidate. They have ask-ed Mr. W. Munns, whose name was mentioned in this connection at the time of the general elections, to enter

the field, and he has promised an early reply. The Graceland Victims.

Plainfield, N. J., Jan. 29. — Engineer Jas. H. Davis, of the Reading Railexpress near Graceland Tuesday night, died in the Muehlenberg hospital today. The other victims of the wreck, who are in the hospital, are reported to be doing as well as could be expected although it is formula in the local ABSOLUTE. although it is feared that several of them may not recover. Impetus to Wireless Telegraphy.

Montreal Jan. 29.—Signor Marconi has arrived in the city on business connected with the affairs of the Canadian Marconi with the analys of the Canadan Marcoln Wireless Telegraphy Company, which has just been launched here, and was dined at St. James' Club tonight by a number of prominent citizens. He states that he has received official intimation that the Italian Government has decided to actablish wireless connection with to establish wireless connection with South America, and has appropriated \$200,000 as a start. This will, Marconi considers, give a great impetus to the use of the wireless service all over the world.

Late Judge McDougall's Funeral.

Toronto, Jan. 30.—The late Judge McDougall's funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon. Judge McDougall is survived by a widow, formerly Miss Beattle, of Cobourg; two sons. Gordon, in New York, and a lad at Bishop Ridley College, and four daughters, one married to Dr. Bell, of Peterboro, and three at home.

Col. Denison adjourned the police court yesterday out of respect for the late Judge McDougall, with whom the colonel had sat as a police commissioner for 25 years. Col. Denison. Crown Attorney Currie and T. C. Robinette all paid tribute to the memory of the late judge. In the civil assizes Judge Britton and W. Nesbitt, K.C., each spoke of the loss of the bench and bar in his demise.

Judge McDougall was appointed junior judge of York in 1883, and senior judge in 1885. He was the eldest son of Hon. William McDougall, and was born in 1846. Late Judge McDougall's Funeral.

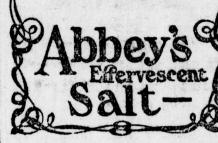
Cincinnati has an organization of capitalists called "The Tropical Com-pany." It has large land holdings in Honduras, on which the cultivation of bananas is conducted on an extensive



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Manitoba's Premier Says School Railway Scheme to Join Longueil and Montreal Center.

Premier Ross to Reorganize His Own Locating the Grand Trunk Pacific-Plan to Control Maritime Roads.

> Montreal, Que., Jan. 30 .- President H A. Hodge, of the Quebec Southern Railway, announced yesterday that the entire capital for the Quebec Southern Tunnel Company has been subscribed and that work on the tunnel would be started as soon as the plans that have been forwarded to Ottawa have been accepted.

The project, which was started some time ago, is to join the south shore with Montreal by means of double tunnel, starting at Longueil and reaching to the center of the city of Mon-treal. The capital of the company is \$400,000, and has been subscribed chiefly in Montreal and Boston.

LOCATION OF G. T. PACIFIC. Montreal, Que., Jan. 30.-Premier Roblin, of Manitoba, who is in the city, in the course of an interview, was asked about the proposition to locate Lake Winnipeg, with a branch into Winnipeg, and said he disapproved of the plan. He added: "Of course, they House of Commons, Matthew Kenneneed more railways in the territory, but then it would be much easier for the existing railway to build branches into the various districts than for another company to commence and build a new line. Personally, I think that the needs of the country would be amply attended to when the present railways are able to secure better

equipment." Toronto, Jan. 30.—It is stated on good was not his intention to take up the

> Bonded Warehouse Changes. Ottawa, Jan. 30 .- A deputation of Montreal business men interviewed the Minister of Customs yesterday, and protested against a proposed change in the system of charges for maintaining bonded warehouses. At present any merchant may have a portion of his premises set apart as a bonded warehouse by paying \$40 per year, which covers the cost of the attendance of a customs official when required. By this system all merchants are charged alike, whether the officer is occupied in the warehouse for an hour per week or for an hour or two every day. week or for an hour or two every day. The Minister of Customs decided that a change should be made whereby the service would be paid for according to its cost to the department, so that the bonded warehouse system would be self-sustaining

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WESTERN ONTARIO.

chairman of the St. Marys public school board.

Mrs. Frank Mulvey, of Tilsonburg, has issued a writ against the Tilsonburg, Erie and Pacific for damages for the death of her husband. Thus far between \$14,000 and \$16,000 have been ascertained as having been received by Treasurer Shambleau, of Kent County, and not accounted for. Mr. W. G. Simmle, of Clavering, has secured the contract for supplying the G. T. R. with all the wood needed for 1903-4

on the Wiarton division, the northern division and the main line west of Strat-Toronto, Jan. 30.—It is stated on good authority here that the McKenzie & Mann interests are seeking control of the Nova Scotia Railway from Halifax to Yarmouth and the Dominion Atlantic, to combine them with their Inverness line in Nova Scotia. New Brunswick would be their next field for operations. Then, working with the Intercolonial and the Canada Atlantic, they would secure direct connection to the Soo, and so, with the Canadian Northern line and its projected extension, across the continent.

Bonded Warehouse Changes.

hours there at any time, says the Canadian, but the personal agreement entered into makes the matter more binding. The Glencoe Oil and Gas Company purpose putting down 30 additional wells on the lands in Euphemia, and are offering cumulative preferred stock for sale. They have now 26 wells in operation of the company of the compa tion, with a production of about 150 barrels of oll per month,

rels of oil per month.

Three weeks ago Will Bacheldor, of Dover Township, went to Chatham to learn his trade at William Gray & Sons. He engaged board at Mrs. Merriam's. Another young man, giving the name of Vivian Morgan, also engaged board there, and roomed with Bacheldor. On Wednesday morning the Morgan fellow left, taking with him an overcoat, pair of shoes, and \$1 25 belonging to his roommate. The thief took a Wabash freight east, after inquiring the distance to London and St. Thomas. The police in both places have been notified to look out for the fellow.

Alex, Gordon, one of the earliest set-

the fellow.

Alex. Gordon, one of the earliest settlers of Kincardine, died on Wednesday evening, in his 81st year. Mr. Gordon was born in Ireland, and when a young man was a member of the Irish Constabulary. Coming to Canada, he at first settled in Hamilton, then he came to Kincardine. He for a number of years was engaged in the fishing industry, in which he was quite successful. During the active period of life he took an interest in municipal affairs and at various times he held different municipal offices.

Mr. John Elliott, contractor and buildtimes he held different municipal offices.

Mr. John Elliott, contractor and builder, died at St. Marys on Monday, Jan. 26. Although he had been a sufferer from heart trouble for the past year, and of late had been confined to his home, the news of his death came as a surprise to many. He was born in Sheffield, Beverley Township, and at the time of his death was in his 50th year. He was married to Margaret, daughter of Mr. Hiram Smith, of West Nissouri, in 1874. He had resided in St. Marys since his marriage to the time of his death. He leaves, besides his widow, one daughter, Miss May, who lives at home. Mr. Elliott was a contractor for the town hall, the English and Catholic churches, the waterworks tower and buildings, also many residences and bridges in St. Marys and district. His father, Mr. James Elliott, proprietor of the St. Marys stone quarries, built the Opera House block a number of years ago.

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Molders Have Narrow Escape.

Toronto, Jan. 80. - Several molders and laborers employed in the Esplanade foundry had a narrow escape from violent death yesterday. While moving an eight-ton mold, the big steel traveling crane, stretching from wall to wall of the building, bent beneath the tremendous weight, one end being dragged from the supporting rail and dropping it to the ground. Fortunately it gave a warning creak, enabling most of the men who were working underneath it to step out of the way. The huge falling girder brushed the clothing of some of the workmen in its fall. John Barcher, of 83 Sher-bourne street, who was riding on the crane, was pulled out from underneath the debris, but a few bruises were found to be the extent of his injuries. Willis Tobias, another workman, who was riding on the crane, escaped injury by springing up and clinging to

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a beam, while the ironwork gave way

beneath him.

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Horses Fed On Molasses.

New York, Jan. 30. - Between 4,000 and 5,000 hores in Brooklyn are being fed on molasses, because it is cheaper and better than oats. This statement is made by a veterinary surgeon, who adds that horses in harness from 12 to 14 hours a day do not take time to masticate and prepare dry oats and other dry fod-der, and the result is that the animals receive little nutritive value from their

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