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The Free Press

LONDON, ONT., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1895.

E. B. SMITH
Wine and Spirit
Merchant.
LONDON, ONT.

BORN.
NEW—Oct. 28th, at Port Stanley, the wife of Matt. Loney, proprietor Hotel Loney, of a son.

DIED.
CKS—At the family residence, 252 Oxford street, Sarah, beloved wife of James B. Hicks, aged 51 years. Funeral from the above residence Friday, at 3 p. m.; services at 2.30 sharp. Friends and acquaintances, please accept this intimation.

AMUSEMENTS.
LAND OPERA HOUSE—TONIGHT, October 31—Mr. Samuel Edwards in "The Girl of the Year," an adaptation of "Le Voyage de M. Pouchon," by the prince of humorists, Max O'Neil. Prices, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1. Seats now on sale. J22c

JAMES' CONCERT, LONDON SOUTH.
Tonight—Mr. McMaster, of Hamilton, Canada's celebrated artist; Mrs. Thiley, contralto; Grand Haptis, Mich.; Miss Mabel Webb, the child violinist, assisted by Mrs. Chadwick, Miss Chadwick, Miss Edmond, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Maryotte, Mr. Ed. Gardiner.

ESTIMINSTER ROLLER RINK—SKATING Wednesday and Friday nights and Saturday afternoon. Admission—Gents, 60c; ladies free. Skates, 5c.

OTLAND FOREVER—HALLOWEEN at home by Sons of Scotland Camp No. 98, in Knights of Pythias Hall, Thursday evening, 31st inst. Tickets, 25c. J26c-s.t.u.w.t.h

LAND HALLOWEEN CONCERT. Christ Church school room. Fine programme, comprising numbers from Misses Barton Hutchinson, the prince of humorists, Max O'Neil. Prices, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1. Seats now on sale. J26c

EX SOCIAL AND ASSEMBLY UNDER auspices Lady Stanley Lodge, No. 4, Assembly Hall, Hunt's Block, Friday evening, November 1st. Admission, 10c. J30c

LAND OPERA HOUSE—SATURDAY November 2nd, Mr. Eugene O'Rourke, in elaborate presentation of "The Wicklow Postman," supported by Miss Bertina Gerard and a select company. A grand scenic production; a positive dramatic triumph. Prices—25c, 50c, 75c, \$1. Seats now on sale. J30c

C. C. A. S. P. M. W. SKINNER, MISS Greta Match and Miss A. Gilmore will sing at Knox Church, opening concert, Monday, November 4. Tickets, including car, 25c. J30c

LACE DANCING ACADEMY, 476 Richmond street. Open afternoons and evenings.—Dayton & McCormick.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.
L. SAINTS' CHAPEL, HAMILTON Road—Anniversary services, Friday evening (All Saints' Day), 8 o'clock. Special sermon by Rev. W. J. Taylor, of St. Mary's. J31c

FEMALE HELP WANTED.
Writings under this heading 1 cent a word each insertion, or 2 cents a word for 3 insertions. In answering advertisement please refer to Free Press.

OD GENERAL SERVANT WANTED; references required. Apply Mrs. Bizard, Bedford street, one mile east of Millery school. J24-s.t.h.s.

GOOD GENERAL SERVANT WANTED at 320 Dundas street; references required. Call between 2 and 5 p.m. J31c

OTICE—GOOD GENERALS, HOTEL and private house cooks on hand to fill good places; also girls to go out of the city. Ring up the old reliable—Dwyer's Intelligence Office, Phone 1121—501 Richmond street.

MALE HELP WANTED.
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INTER-EXPERIENCED, NEWS AND job; local reporter; proof-reader. Address "W. W." Duart. J31c

N EXPERIENCED, PUSHING SALESMAN wanted immediately, for general work; wages, \$3 per week. Address or call on Messrs. Rowat, McMahony & Granger, London, Ont. J31c

DOD BRICKLAYERS WANTED; NEW Queen's Avenue Church. Apply Blanchard & Nurse. J29c

ANVASSERS AND COLLECTORS wanted. Apply Room 8, Duffield Block. J28c

ARM LABORERS, GOOD GENERAL finishing-room girls and cooks wanted.—Armstrong's Intelligence Office, 56 Dundas street.

HELP WANTED.
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MART BOYS AND GIRLS, OVER 14 wanted to work after school hours. Address, in handwriting (enclosing three cent stamp), Western Pub. Co., Detroit, Mich. J50c

AGENTS WANTED.
Writings under this heading 1 cent a word each insertion, or 2 cents a word for 3 insertions. In answering advertisement please refer to Free Press.

EW BOOK—AGENTS REPORT BIG sales. "Life and Political Career of Gladstone," outfit ready.—McCormick & Logan, London.

ANTED HELP—RELIABLE MEN in every locality (local or travelling) to introduce a new discovery and keep on show cards tacked up on trees, fences and bridges throughout town and country. Steady employment. Commission or salary, \$50 per month and expenses, and money deposited in any bank when started. For particulars, write the World Medical Electric Co., 189 Dundas street, P. O. Box 221, London, Ont., Canada.

COSY SHOES.
Winter Comfort.
Good footwear is the cheapest kind of preventative against sickness. Our stock is comprehensive. It begins with the cheapest you ought to have and ends with the finest anyone can want.
We're amongst the largest buyers of shoes in Canada, and prices here are figured on the closest possible margin of profits.
AT LOW PRICES.
Rubbers, Overshoes, Leggings, Overgaiters and Felt Footwear for men, women and children. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed or your money back.
All kinds of Trunks and Valises cheap.

POCOCK BROS.
Advertisements under this heading 1 cent a word each insertion, or 5 cents a word for 6 insertions. In answering advertisement please refer to Free Press.

BRICK COTTAGE, 709 WATERLOO; nine rooms; city and soft water in kitchen; stable, barn and garden. Also two-story brick house (lately remodelled), 305 Piccadilly; fourteen rooms; city and soft water in kitchen. Apply 719 Waterloo. J31c

TWO HOUSES TO LET—WILSON TERRACE, Talbot street; seven and nine rooms; recently renovated; all modern improvements. Apply 122 Maple street. J30c

652 WATERLOO STREET TO RENT; 7 rooms; \$10 per month. Apply to J. Crawford, 253 Queen's avenue. J31c

HOUSE IN O'CALLAGHAN TERRACE; modern conveniences; newly papered and painted; in first-class repair; rent reasonable; key next door, at 427. J26c

ONE - HALF OF RICHMOND STREET store to let; altered to suit. Apply 436 Richmond street, London. J31c

129 KENT STREET TO LET; 9 ROOMS, ten rooms; modern conveniences; \$24 per month. Apply 13 Kent. J28c

COTTAGE TO LET, 737 WELINGTON street; 7 rooms; city and soft water. Apply 300 Hyman street. J30c

OFFICE TO LET—DOUBLE ROOM, with vault; first floor Albion Buildings, also front room on first floor, immediately adjacent to the Brewery. Apply T. H. Carling, at the Brewery. J26c

615 DUNDAS STREET TO LET; REFITTED for boarding-house; 10 large bedrooms. Apply Lilley's Livery. J13c

TWO-STORY BRICK HOUSE TO LET; very convenient; city and soft water. Apply 608 Princess avenue. J21c

HOUSE TO LET—126 KING STREET; ten rooms; modern conveniences. Apply to George C. Gunn, Barrister. J23c

LARGE AND SMALL TENTS TO RENT for gospel meetings, exhibition purposes, etc.—J. J. Turner & Sons, Peterborough, Ont., Telephone 180. J22c

LOST OR FOUND.
Advertisements under this heading 1 cent a word each insertion, or 2 cents a word for 3 insertions. In answering advertisement please refer to Free Press.

MY BLACK AND TAN DOG LOST; ANSWERS to name of "Tiny." Reward at 611 Colborne street.—Fred. W. Matthews. J31c

PUG BITCH PUP LOST ON TUESDAY. Finder rewarded at 261 Wellington street. J30c

DIAMOND EAR RING LOST MONDAY evening between Britannia House and Dufferin avenue. Finder rewarded at Britannia House. J30c

A PARCEL LOST ON SATURDAY morning containing rubber hose, addressed to E. Leonard & Son. Finder liberally rewarded by returning to Canadian Express Office. J29c

SMALL SCOTCH TERRIER LOST. REWARD, Bank of Montreal. J29c

BOARD AND LODGING.
Advertisements under this heading 1 cent a word each insertion, or 2 cents a word for 3 insertions. In answering advertisement please refer to Free Press.

PLEASANT ROOMS, WITH GOOD board; terms moderate.—348 Dufferin avenue. J31c

FURNISHED ROOMS, WITH OR WITH board; central locality.—161 Mt. street. J31c

ROOM AND BOARD WANTED by gentleman; late dinner; state terms per month.—Box 32, Free Press. J29c

FINE SINGLE OR DOUBLE ROOMS to let, with or without board; centrally located. Address O. J., Free Press. J17c

WANTED.
LADIES WANTED AT THE DRESS-MAKING SCHOOL, 260 Dundas street. J31c

MEDIUM.
HAZEN—CELEBRATED SLATE-WHITE, REF. chalybeate; sealed messages answered instantly. My mediumship is of practical value to all who are perplexed in business, law, love, luck, lost articles, marriage or family troubles. I never ask a solitary question. Nothing paid in advance or unless you are perfectly satisfied. Hours, nine to nine.—307 Dufferin street. J31c

KNITTING MACHINES.
HARD TIMES MADE EASY, GOOD times made better. Cloth your family from head to foot with our \$15.00 ribbing machine.—Creechman Bros., Georgetown, Ont. A25th.s.w.t.f

BROKERS.
JOHN WRIGHT, STOCK BROKER, London. J31c

MARRIAGE LICENSES.
MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED BY Thos. Gillean, jeweller, 402 Richmond street. Residence, 417 Dufferin avenue.

MARRIAGE LICENSES AT SHUFF'S drug store, 510 Dundas street east, corner of William. Take Dundas street electric car. No witnesses required.

REAL ESTATE.
Advertisements under this heading 1 cent a word each insertion, or 5 cents a word for 6 insertions. Special rates for longer periods. In answering advertisement please refer to Free Press.

FOR SALE—A LONG LIST OF FARMS, market gardens and dwellings of all descriptions at prices to suit. In answering advertisement please refer to Free Press. Money to loan on monthly plan.—J. F. Sangster, over C. P. R. ticket office.

THE PREMISES LATELY OCCUPIED by the Dominion Baby Carriage Factory for sale, cheap, on easy terms. Apply to P. Birtwistle, jeweller, 116 Dundas street. G20c

INSURANCE.
ALLIANCE INSURANCE COY. of London, England. Rt. Hon. Lord Selkirk, chairman. CAPITAL AND FUNDS OVER \$43,000,000. London Office, Ontario Loan & Deben-ture Building, Market Lane. GEO. FITCHARD, General Agent.

INSURE IN THE LIVERPOOL & LON- DON & GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY. Capital and assets, \$54,000,000. EDWARD TOWE, GENERAL AGENT. Office, 400 Bank of Commerce, London. Telephone No. 507. Money to loan at 5 1/2 per cent.

FOR SALE.
Advertisements under this heading 1 cent a word each insertion, or 5 cents a word for 6 insertions. In answering advertisement please refer to Free Press.

KNITTING MACHINE (NEW) FOR SALE. Apply Free Press office. J15c

FOUR - FOOT SOFT WOOD SLABS dry and good—75 cents per cord on cars, Hepworth, or 82 in London.—J. E. Murphy, Hepworth Station.

PIANOS—NEW AND SECOND-HAND; two squares—a Lydham and a Steinway; both in good order. Also an E. S. Williams upright; bargains.—A. S. Nordheimer, 182 Dundas street.

FINEST TEAM OF MATCHED COB- FINES in Canada for sale; broke single, double or riding. Also a pair of bays; price right. Try them before buying. Call and see them at Stroyan's Livery, back of Terrell's. Also double set of brass-mounted harness and fine Gladstone. G19c

BRITISH COLUMBIA RED CEDAR shingles; best quality. Prompt shipments; capacity of mill, 10 millions per year.—H. H. SPICER & Co., Vancouver, B. C.; D. FERGUSON, Ontario representative, London, Ont.

BUSINESS CHANCES.
Advertisements under this heading 1 cent a word each insertion, or 5 cents a word for 6 insertions. In answering advertisement please refer to Free Press.

NOW IS THE TIME WHEN SMALL IN- VESTORS with \$1000 or more can make big profits in real estate. Send for our free book and market review explaining how to do it. Bank references.—M. Ollivier & Co., Brokers, Chicago Stock Exchange, Chicago. J19c

\$25 A DAY AND OVER MADE BUYING wheat; prices must advance. Send for our book (free). Our method is safe.—F. J. Walker & Co., Brokers, 107 Bowling Building, Chicago. (Established 1875.)

GROCERY BUSINESS FOR SALE; GOOD locality; stock clean and new. Address care Free Press Box No. 40. J29c

ACCOUNTANTS.
GEO. W. HAYES, ACCOUNTANT AND Auditor, Insurance agent, 5 Masonic Temple building. Agent for Northern Assurance Co. in London, Ontario. Strict attention given to all business connected to me. Share of your insurance solicited.—Geo. Hayes. J22c

ALFRED A. BOOKER, ACCOUNTANT, 136 Elmwood avenue, London, South. Telephone No. 1000. G27c

WM. MAGEE, ACCOUNTANT, 413 RICH- MOND street, or 640 Talbot street, London. J22c

THERMAL BATHS.
DUNCAN MCKINNON, OF GLENCOE, cured disease of the liver of 40 years' standing by one course of Electro-Thermal Baths, 220 Dundas street.—J. G. Thomson, Electrotherapist. J21c

MUSICAL.
MR. HALL HAS RESUMED PIANO LES- SONS at his residence, 28 Stanley street. MRS. FRANCES J. MOORE RECEIVES ladies and gentlemen for singing and piano lessons. Graded certificates given. 443 Ridout street. J22c

MR. W. S. BLUTHNER HAS RESUMED his piano and harmony classes at his residence, 250 Queen's avenue. J21c

MRS. FRANCES J. MOORE RECEIVES ladies and gentlemen for singing and piano lessons. Graded certificates given. 443 Ridout street. J29c

MISS KATHARINE MOORE (LATE OF New York Conservatory of Music) gives private lessons at the Conservatory of Music, 374 Dundas street. Speciality—Voice culture. Curriculum of studies for graduation sent free on application. J11c

JAS. CRESSWELL, TEACHER OF VIOLIN. Pupils recruited at 421 King street.

CHARLES E. WHEELER (LATE FROM Leipzig, Germany), organist, St. Andrew's Church, instructs in organ, piano, harmony and singing. Address 518 Richmond street. J22c

W. FRANK FIRTH, BARTONE, TEACH- ER of Vocal. Special attention given to tone production.—416, 216 Dundas street. Concert engagements.

MONEY TO LEND.
IF YOU WANT MONEY TO BUY, BUILD, re-model the old house, or pay off old loans, you will consult your interests by getting our terms.—A. Campbell, Wilsons Bank Buildings. J19c

MONEY LOANED ON REAL ESTATE, notes and farm stock, furniture and chattels. Coins, tokens and medals bought.—JAMES MILNE, 88 Dundas street, London, Ont. Send postage stamp for reply.

A LARGE AMOUNT OF TRUST FUNDS to loan on first mortgages of real estate at very low rates, by MEREDITH & FISHER, Barristers, etc., London, Ont.

MONEY TO LOAN—CERTAIN SUMS OF \$2,000, \$1,000, \$1,000, \$500, \$150, and \$50 and other sums to loan at 5 1/2 and 6 per cent. on first-class mortgage in Ontario.—WEEKES & SCANDRETT, SOLICITORS, etc., 88 Dundas street, London, Ont.

MISCELLANEOUS.
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OLD OVERCOATS CLEANED, DYED, repaired and turned; made equal to new prices right.—S. Bloomgarden, 62 Dundas street.

LONDON RIDING ACADEMY, QUEEN'S avenue, near Park avenue. For terms, require of Wm. Lawrence, Riding Master, Terms moderate. Telephone 943.

EMBOSSED STATIONERY FOR FAMILY or private correspondence. Monograms, crests or attractive designs got up by special artists.—London Printing & Litho-graphing Co., Free Press Building, 125

ENGLAND AND RUSSIA.

Strained Relations Between the Two Countries.

A SIGNIFICANT EDITORIAL.

London Papers Trying to Keep Up the War Scare.

THE CHINO-JAPANESE WAR INDEMNITY.

Movement of British War Ships in Chinese Waters—Canada Salvoes all Right Again—G. P. R. Economy Criticized—Confederations at Sea—General Cable News.

ITALIAN FINANCES.

It is officially announced at Rome that the national revenue for 1895 amounts to 21,000,000 lire above that for 1894. The general situation, as it is stated, is improved, and the Government will impose no fresh taxation.

CANADIAN SALMON.

Official permission was to-day given to sell Canadian salmon in the markets here, and it is expected that the sales next year will total not less than 100 tons per month. London dealers think Canada should compete with Australia in the frozen meat and poultry trade.

C. P. R. ECONOMY.

The Westminster Gazette, referring to the C. P. R.'s September statement, showing increased gross receipts, reduced working expenses and a consequent gain in the net earnings of \$72,000, says the consensus of opinion is that this severe economy is unwise, and that the efficiency of the line must be suffering, so that sooner or later the expenditure and renewals must be on a necessarily larger scale.

CHANDLER'S BLUSTER.

The comments made by the London press upon the war prophecy of Senator Chandler in his paper, the Evening Monitor, of Concord, N. H., on Oct. 28, may be generally regarded as summed up by the Standard in the following utterance:—"Senator Chandler may excite enthusiasm among the prophets of the great towns, but his prophecies, we may be assured, will be received with indignation and disgust by the great bulk of the people of the United States."

PAYMENT OF THE INDEMNITY.

Over \$8,000,000 will be transferred to-morrow to the Japanese by the Bank of England as the first payment of the Chinese indemnity. It is thought probable that \$3,000,000 of this amount will be used immediately to pay debts which have been incurred for ships and war material. It is expected that the balance will be wanted soon in payment for more ships and munitions, which are already ordered. It is not considered likely that any gold will be taken out of the bank, but it is thought possible that some gold will be used for the purchase of silver.

FIRE IN TWO VESSELS.

The fire which broke out in the forehold of the British steamer Bendo, endangering the 600 bales of cotton which were stowed in that part of the ship, necessitating her being towed into the harbor, has been quenched. The remainder of the cargo was not damaged. The Bendo arrived at Bremen on Oct. 25, from Savannah. The American ship Wandering Jew (Capt. Nichols), which arrived at Hong Kong from New York on Sept. 17, to load for that port, and which was ready to sail for home, caught fire through some unknown cause to-day, and was scuttled in order to prevent her entire destruction.

THIRTEEN PERSONS KILLED.

An explosion, supposed to have been caused by escaping gas, wrecked a house, reducing it to atoms, on New Church court, Strand, last evening. Thirteen persons are believed to have been killed, and many were injured by the collapse of the house. The building consisted of three floors, and its tenants were mostly Covent Garden market porters. A deafening report was suddenly heard, and then the house collapsed as if made of cards, causing much excitement in the neighborhood. As a result of the explosion, the New Church court was blocked with a great mass of burning debris, which was made up of the wreck of the house in which the explosion occurred. In this wreck thirteen occupants of the house, including six children, are supposed to be buried. Two firemen, while searching in the burning debris, in an effort to extricate the victims, were burned beneath the upper story of an adjoining house, which suddenly collapsed. One of the unfortunate firemen was resuscitated in an injured condition, but the other still remains buried in the ruins.

INDISPOSED TO ACCEPT THE DENIAL.

The newspapers are not inclined to accept as correct the official denial from the Foreign Office of the accuracy of the Times and Globe despatches telling of the important concessions said to have been obtained by Russia from China. The Globe, referring to the Foreign Office statement, says:—"Something more than an ambiguous official disclaimer is needed to make us disbelieve the statements which not only reach us

on good authority, but which are in consonance with the known aim of Russian diplomacy in the far East." The Westminster Gazette hints that Japan and Russia understand each other, and that Great Britain ought to prepare for startling news, adding: "Russia is trying to, or has succeeded in, squaring Japan. On the side of Japan seeing that she is still allied, free, it is not improbable that there are statesmen at Tokio who would be ready to listen and consider such proposals if the Russians approached discreetly for a Russo-Japan secret treaty. What a coup it would be."

ENGLAND AND RUSSIA.

The article published in the St. Petersburg Official Messenger, in which that paper commented strongly on the course of England in regard to Turkey and Armenian affairs, and said that the double dealing of British diplomacy almost raised the question of a partition of Turkey, has materially stirred the continent, especially Vienna, where the press are extensive comments, deducing from the Messenger's comments the existence of a serious tension between England and Russia. It is also largely regarded in Berlin as of extreme political importance, for although the article appeared in the unofficial columns of the Messenger, it was circulated by the Northern Telegraph Agency, which is directly controlled by the Foreign Office. The Vienna correspondent says the article is supposed to foreshadow the end of French and Russian cooperation with England. "It is not insignificant," says the correspondent, "that a serious item comes currently from Constantinople, namely, that the Sultan is convinced that every effort is being made by certain powers to isolate Great Britain. It is not clear whether these powers are Russia and France only. The idea appears to prevail in the Yildiz Palace that Germany would not move a finger to save England from a diplomatic fiasco, or worse. It is remarked that the hostile tone of the Russian press dates chiefly from the visit of Prince Lobanoff, Russian Foreign Minister, to Emperor William. There is an impression here that Prince Lobanoff obtained some sort of pledge of Germany's absolute neutrality on various important eastern questions.

EVACUATION OF COREA.

A despatch received at Berlin from Seoul says that the Japanese officials have announced their intention of evacuating Korea at the same time as the evacuation of the Liao-Tung Peninsula takes place. The despatch also says that the disbanding of the Korean troops trained by the Japanese, as demanded by the Russian and French Governments, is regarded with anxiety in Japanese official circles, as it is claimed, this would leave the Kingdom of Korea without any force with which to maintain order after the Japanese depart.

DIED IN THE STREETS.

Edward Stoquella, a street chalk artist, died in the streets of London to-day. He was well known in certain localities for the colored sketches which he rapidly drew with chalks upon the pavements, receiving charitable contributions from those who appreciated his artistic work. Stoquella was a grandson of Mrs. Sarah Siddons, the famous English actress, who died in 1831, and his father was for many years private reader to Queen Victoria.

AN OUTRAGE.

The Cologne Gazette has a despatch from Tangier saying that M. Ferrier, temporary French consul at Casablanca, Morocco, accompanied by four soldiers, forced an entrance into the residence of certain Germans at that place and willfully damaged property of the occupants. The British consul, the despatch says, intervened, and prevented further outrages. No explanation of this action of the French consul is given.

CANADA-AUSTRALASIA MAIL SERVICE.

The agreement entered upon by Mr. Huddard and the treasurer of New Zealand for a monthly mail service between New Zealand and Vancouver, was laid on the table in the Assembly to-day for ratification. The amount of the subsidy to be granted by the colony, if Wellington or Auckland is chosen as the terminus of the line, will be \$30,000 annually.

THE FRENCH CRISIS.

President Faure, after conferences with M. Petral, Bourgeois, Lockroy and Carvaing, has asked M. Bourgeois to form a Cabinet. The latter has requested the President to give him until to-morrow, so that he may consult with his friends.

A FALSE REPORT.

Inquiries at the Admiralty Office show that the Novoe Vremya's report was wrong, and that the greater part of the British fleet has left Foo Chow for Amoy. No orders for a concentration of the fleets have been given.

EXILED TO YEMEN.

Three cavalry officers who have been stationed at the Yildiz Kiosk on the charge of plotting against the life of the Sultan.

The Bank of Montreal has received from the gold mines in British Columbia a gold pyramid and brick valued at \$70,000. The gold is admitted to be perfectly pure, and the continual receipt of these samples goes to prove that the Cariboo district will yet realize the best wishes of the capitalists who have invested their money in the enterprise. The pyramid weighed 2,435 ounces, and the brick 1,500.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS.

President Wilson's Report Favorably Received and Unanimously Adopted.

London, Oct. 30.—At the meeting to-day of the shareholders of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, Sir Chas. Rivers-Wilson, the new President in the chair, the annual report was adopted unanimously. The meeting was harmonious and the shareholders present expressed their confidence in the present board of directors. Some criticism, however, was provoked by a shareholder asking why an Englishman or a Canadian was not appointed General Manager of the road, instead of an American, as recently announced. In reply, the chairman said that the exigencies of the case demanded that the best man obtainable should be appointed, and therefore, Mr. Chas. M. Hays, of St. Louis, Mo., recently General Manager of the Wash-bash Railroad, was appointed.

Another report says—Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson was well received by the shareholders assembled. Sir Charles said he believed the trunk lines rates agreement was at last an achieved fact, and the board therefore to-day authorized Mr. L. J. Seargent, the retired manager of the road, to sign the agreement. He announced that the company had secured a return of the Armour Meat Packing Co.'s business in and out of Chicago. He paid a high tribute to the staff and the board. He felt they and himself were at the outset of a very arduous task, but he refrained from any predictions. He, however, promised his best efforts, and would especially guard against the great fault of the past—acquiring subsidiary lines. The many speeches were generally favorable to the board and new President.

Sir Charles' statement that the policy of the board was based on economy, strict supervision of the rolling stock, a careful selection of the officers in Canada, and a determination to avoid further useless and cumbersome extension, was received with expressions of approval. His declarations that a restoration of the Armour trade was assured, and that the Pullman Company would provide a better class of sleepers, were likewise welcomed, as were also the references to the removal of the car shops from Brantford to London, and the newly-built track to the bridge and the construction and running of the Toronto belt line occasioned a loss to the company of \$100,000. He had cabled to Mr. Seargent to-day to sign the traffic agreement with the American competitors. The Grand Trunk's British shareholders were the proprietors of the road. Canadians had no interest whatever in the line, only \$20,000 of stock being held in the Dominion.

After the unanimous adoption of the report, Mr. Seargent's election to the board on his retirement from the position of general manager was also declared without a dissentient.

Mr. Heygate, a former director, predicted better times for the belt line.

MONTREAL.

Tarte's Libel Suit—International Sunday School Lesson Committee—Den'er's Second Trial.

Montreal, Oct. 30.—Mr. Tarte, M. P. for L'Islet, has commenced an action for \$50,000 against the Toronto World for alleged libel.

The International Sunday School Lesson Committee was convened here to-day. Mr. B. F