

HAS BOOM IN REAL ESTATE

And Dundas Hopes For Some New Industries Soon.

G. C. Wilson Alleges Discrimination Against Dundas People

And Is Taking the Matter Before Railway Board.

Dundas, Sept. 30.—The locating of the Hydro-Electric power distributing plant on the banks of the canal, in the east end, has caused a very noticeable movement in real estate in that locality and promises to induce some manufacturing concerns to locate in the locality. The establishment of a gas engine factory on the Emery property, near the malt house, is one of the new ventures talked of, and will no doubt materialize when Dundas people have subscribed a portion of the stock. Among other enterprises talked of is the purchase of the cotton mill property and the establishment therein of a manufacturing industry.

One of the oldest and best-known residents of Dundas passed away on Sunday afternoon. He was the late Mr. Elizabeth Witherspoon, relict of Henry Witherspoon, in her 80th year. Her husband predeceased her about 35 years ago. The late Mrs. Witherspoon was born on the Hamilton road, almost across from the Halfway House, on the Forsyth farm. Her father, Mr. Forsyth, is buried in the private burying ground near the Dundas marsh. He was of the old Pennsylvania Dutch stock. Mrs. Witherspoon when sixteen years of age married Henry Witherspoon, a baker by trade, and the young couple came to Dundas to reside. Mr. Witherspoon began business in the building for a long time occupied by Samuel Dornan as a pump shop, which was burned down a few years ago, on the site of which John W. Dickson is now building two brick stores. Mr. Witherspoon afterwards moved into a row of buildings which stood where the new Carnegie library is now building. They again moved to the premises now occupied by W. W. Lumsden's bakery. After giving up the bakery business he bought the old school property, which is still standing on Park street. For the last few years of her life Mrs. Witherspoon resided with her daughter, Mrs. Geo. P. Manning. One brother, Elijah Forsyth, of Scotland, in his 83rd year, and one half-sister, Mrs. Holt, of Burford, survive, together with eight children and over forty grandchildren. The children who are living are Alex., of Toronto; Mrs. Elliott, of Hamilton; Mrs. M. Manning, Dundas; Henry G., of Chicago; John W., of Chicago; Lewis, of Dundas; Frank, of Hamilton, and Samuel, of Cleveland.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon to Grove cemetery. Rev. W. H. Harvey officiating. The pallbearers were six grandsons, Robert Manning, James George and Donald Witherspoon, Harry Lewis and Fred Ryerhoff.

Among visitors in town this week were Wm. Caldwell, Toronto; Miss Edna Twiss, Bradford; Mrs. Rykert, St. Catharines; Mrs. Henry McNeill, Chicago; Miss Elliott, Toronto; Andrew Knowles, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McDowell, Bradford; Miss Bessie McKinley, Burlington; Ed. Reel, Calumet; Mich. T. C. Halton, Owen Sound; Miss Effie McGiffin, Toronto.

Among visitors out of town during the past few days were: Mrs. Geo. Hendry, in Bradford; Mrs. J. H. Bowman, in Boston; Mrs. Henry Brown, in New Haven, Conn.; John Brown, in Gore Bay; Mrs. J. J. Crowe, in Halden; Mrs. (Mrs.) Bowly, in Millgrove.

The Millard property on King street west has been purchased by Dr. Main. Dr. Main intends making extensive improvements, after which he will occupy it.

The annual inspection of the signal service corps of the 77th Regiment took place yesterday afternoon. District Signaling Officer Lieut. Roy Ford, Dundas, assisted by Sergt. Major McGowan, Toronto, officiated. The corps is in charge of Lieut. H. S. Moss this year.

Alfred Monk, of Portland, Ore., is visiting his cousin, John Brown, Hamilton Hill. It is about twenty years since Mr. Monk lived in Dundas.

W. E. S. Knowles has purchased the Allen store property on King street, which he intends to occupy himself.

The horse and buggy supposed to have been stolen Sunday night from Albert Brown and J. Galbraith, of Galt, was found near the home of Joseph Duncan, third concession of West Flamborough.

Mr. Charles M. Foster has purchased the old Allen homestead on Princess street from Mr. O. Hobson for \$17,500 cash.

The Dundas High School has organized a Rugby club, with W. R. Saunders as president, Reid Bowley secretary, treasurer, and Ross Shaver captain.

G. C. Wilson, M. L. A., is getting after the H. & D. R. for alleged discrimination in rates against Dundas. He has applied to the Railway Board for a schedule of rates charged by the company, and also the distances between the several stations or stopping places along the line. The Board has instructed the railway company to furnish the information asked for. Mr. Wilson claims, among other things, that the Dundas passengers should be given transfers for the city, that the workmen should be given transfers on their tickets and that the school children should not have to pay higher rates than those east of the city.

Among those who leave this week to attend school in other places are: Herk, Anderson, Graham, Bertram, Almers, Perinam, Fraser, Pinn, Galt, Walker, Jack Suter, all to Queen's University, Kingston; Charlie Wilson to McGill, Montreal; Charlie Pennington, to the S. P. S., Toronto; Cross Clark and Roy P. Smith, to the Toronto Medical College; Misses Jessie Keagay and Clara Pennington, to Victoria, Toronto.

OPENING AT ALEXANDRA.

Every Pair of Skates Out at This Popular Rink.

If there be any people who think that the popularity of roller skating is on the wane, the attendance at the re-opening of the Alexandra Rink last night was a decided refutation of that belief, for quite early in the evening the crowd began to literally pour in, and by 9 o'clock the 800 pairs of skates were all out.

Patrons of former seasons were there in large numbers, as well as many others who had heard of the excellency of the rink as an ideal pleasure resort.

Punctually at 8 o'clock the military band was started and announced that the opening of the roller skating season had really taken place. Manager Carley had provided decorations more than ordinarily attractive, and from every side could be heard comments of approbation as to their excellency.

During the time the rink has been closed since last season a new floor has been put down, and it is indisputably a magnificent one, for, besides being dust proof, it is slip proof also, these combined results being brought about by using a new expensive preparation in liquid form, and no matter how many are on the floor dust can arise. Such an advantage will certainly double the popularity of the rink, and will not only be the means of making skating doubly attractive for those who participate, but also for patrons of the balcony.

Last night the decorations consisted of flags, bunting and electric lights, all in red, white and blue colors, with uniquely shaped Japanese lanterns of various shapes and colors.

As an additional attraction fifteen skating numbers were given, and the grand instrument played many of the latest classical and popular selections, set to skating time. The management have purchased no less than sixty selections for use this season, and for those who do not wish to skate the balcony is an ideal place to spend a pleasant evening and enjoy the dual pleasure of watching the skaters and listening to an excellent band concert. While the Alexandra Rink maintains its high state of efficiency and its well-known consideration for its patrons, there is no reason why it should not do record business. There is no place where old or young can spend a more pleasant evening.

PECULIAR WAKE.

Russian Fanatics in Los Angeles Execute Horror of Neighbors.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 30.—As a result of a revolting ceremony, the feature of which was the frenzied dancing of men and women before an open altar on which the nude body of a dead girl was exposed for four days and nights, the city authorities have been asked by eighth-ward residents to expel the members of a Russian sect.

The ceremony ended last night after the protests had become so insistent that the members of the sect were compelled to bury the body of the girl, which had become blackened by exposure.

In reply to complaints, the Russians say the ceremony, with its shrieks, howlings and dancing about the nude bodies of the dead, is their way of mourning for girls who died on the threshold of womanhood.

Who is satisfied is well paid.—German.

THIRD ANNUAL HARVEST SALE

Threshing Out Silk Prices to Harvest Bargains

We have prepared for one of the greatest Silk sales in our history, and we have devoted Friday for this important event.

10 Days' Black Silk Sale
59c, Regular at 75c 79c, Regular at \$1.00
69c, Regular at 90c 89c, Regular at \$1.25
\$1.19, Regular Values at \$1.50 and \$1.75

Above are the ten days' reductions on quality Black Silks. Best French makes and Lyons dyed. They are in Taffetas, Chiffon Satins, Paillettes, Lousines, Messalines, Mercreilles and Cashmere Cord. Buy your Dress or Skirt for the autumn season at the above harvest savings.

Fancy Dress Silks at 59c and 69c
59c, Regular Prices 75c and \$1.00
69c, Regular Prices \$1.25 and \$1.50

Stylish Fancy French Silks, for dressy evening gowns at sale prices. They are in Lousines, Taffetas, Chiffon, Faille, Rajas, Foulards and French Slantings; beautiful color range, in conventional and rich Dresden designs.

Note—We have reserved a quality of these Silk Blouse Lengths at \$1.50 to \$9.00, for \$3.98.

Harvest Sale--8.30 a. m. Rush Sale 9c
Wash Goods, regular 25c, for 9c

Sharp at 8.30 a. m. these will fairly fly out. Quality goods, including Crum's Prints, English Prints, Muslins, Gingham, Crepes, Chambrays, Suitings, Wrappertees, Lawns, etc. Thousands of yards in odd lines, in just what you need. Regular price 15, 20 and 25c. 8.30 a. m. Harvest Sale 9c.

Harvest Sale **Finch Bros.** Harvest Sale

Amusements

"THE DEBTORS" TO-NIGHT.

"The Debtors," the new play founded on Charles Dickens' famous novel, "Little Dorrit," will be the attraction at the Grand to-night, with Digby Bell and Kathleen Clifford in the leading roles. This in itself should be sufficient guarantee of a meritorious performance, while the company surrounding these two stars is an excellent one. The scenes are laid in London in the year 1815, and special care has been taken to have the scenery and costumes in keeping with the date. The piece was recently produced in Toronto, where it created a sensation, and Hamilton theatre-goers can look forward to seeing one of the best comedies of the season.

"THE HONEYMOONERS."

"The Honeymooners," the attraction at the Grand to-morrow and Saturday evenings and Saturday matinee, is a musical-comedy written by Chas. M. Cohan and originally produced by himself. The production is said to be a rattling good one, beautifully staged, and presented by a company of clever comedians. The scenes are laid in the little village of Tigerville, Vermont, and the plot centers around a local political campaign. There are a score of typical Cohan songs, the music is fascinating and catchy, and the action of the hurricane order. The Honeymooners comes here highly recommended, and is said to be well worth seeing.

TWILIGHT RECITAL.

W. H. Hewlett will commence the sixth series of organ recitals in Centenary Church on Saturday afternoon next, Oct. 2. An interesting programme of organ music has been prepared, and Mrs. Mabel Manley Pickard, soprano, of Toronto, will contribute several vocal selections.

"THE BACHELOR."

Clyde Fitch's last success, "The Bachelor," will be offered at the Grand next Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The company is headed by Charles Cherry, the English comedian, who was seen here last season in "Girls." The same company and production as seen at Maxine Elliott's theatre in New York comes here and form all accounts "The Bachelor" is, if anything, superior to "Girls."

BENNETT'S THEATRE.

The topiner on the Bennett bill next week will be the scenic spectacle, "In Old Seville," presented by the Six Musical Noses, an organization that has achieved fame only on the vaudeville stage but with some of the best musical comedy productions of recent years. Their act is a gorgeous combination of scenery, costumes, posing, singing, dancing and music. It is full of action, vim and ginger, and is sure to be a big drawing card.

Another big attraction will be the amusing travesty, "When Caesar Sings," presented by James and Sadie Leonard and Richard Anderson. It is a burlesque on certain scenes from Richard Shaw's play, "Antony and Cleopatra," as presented in this country by Forbes Robertson and Gertrude Elliott. The bill will also include Elmer and Jerry, in an artistic dancing novelty; Anderson and Goines, a versatile team of blackface comedians; Phil, Stantz, in a delightful pianologue; Helen St. John and Winona Brydges, in a comedy sketch, and other entertaining numbers.

BLOCK BURNED.

Serious Fire at Thamesville—Fled as They Were.

Thamesville, Ont., Sept. 30.—The Syer block, corner of London and Victoria streets, was destroyed by fire last night. The fire quickly spread to Mr. Syer's rooms above and back of O'Neill's. Mr. and Mrs. Syer and M. Buckle, wife and son just escaped the flames, not having time to get their clothes and little or none of their furniture being saved. Losses, Saver, about \$2,500 on buildings and contents, insurance, \$1,400. A. O'Neill, \$500, insurance \$500. R. Pre, tailor, Fred Thomson, barber, and M. Turnbull, shoemaker, damage to fixtures and goods by moving.

Ancient buildings or works cannot be restored in Italy without the consent of the Government.

"THE STORE THAT MAKES GOOD"

STANLEY MILLS & CO., LIMITED

MANAGERS' SALE

MANAGERS' SALES of the past have won fame and friends for this store by reason of liberal underselling and sterling qualities, but the present sale should and will surpass any previous events, because the stocks are larger, because the qualities are better and because the actual money savings are greater to you than anything heretofore known.

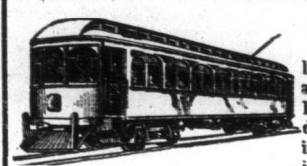
To-morrow, Friday, will see this great selling event, the seventeenth that this store has held, well under way and shoppers of this city, as well as those from the out-of-town districts, will find a splendid Friday list of bargains to choose from. We urge all who can to do their shopping in the morning.

Boots and Shoes

Woman's Patent Colt and Vici Kid Button Boots, sewn soles, with extension edge, military and Cuban heels, all nice, new fall styles, regular price \$3.00, Friday's selling price, \$2.25.
Misses' Dongola Kid and Box Calf Lace Boots, Blucher style, with extension edges and low heels, sizes 11 to 2, Friday's price, \$1.19.
Boys' Box Calf School Lace Boots, Blucher style, double soles, with extension edge, college lace straps, sizes 1 to 5, Friday's price, \$1.35.
Youths' Box Calf Blucher Cut Lace Boots, double soles, with full length back straps, sizes 11 to 13, Friday's price, \$1.19.

BURLINGTON DAY

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, is Burlington Day, and we have arranged with the Radial Electric Railway to run a special Buyers' Excursion over that line from Burlington to this store.



Return Fare 10c
Excursion cars will leave Burlington at 9 a. m. and 1 p. m. and return can be made on cars leaving at the regular hours during the afternoon and evening. Everyone in Burlington is invited.

Men's Goods

Men's comfortable Coat Sweaters, with neat cardinal trimmings, medium weight, made with pockets and trimmed with pearl buttons; sizes 34 and 42, for Friday's selling price, \$5.95.

Men's Duck Shirts in black with white stripe and polka dot, all double stitched and reinforced shoulders, attached collars; all sizes. Regular \$5.00, for Friday's selling price, \$4.25.

Men's heavy "Police" and "Firemen's" Braces; best English web elastic with solid leather trimmings. Regular price 25c, for Friday's selling price, \$1.95.

Men's Fleece Lined Shirts and Drawers, made of heavy Scotch fleecing that does not come out when washed; all sizes. Friday's selling price, \$5.00 each.

Flannelettes, Linens, Etc.

70 inch Cream Table Linen, heavy even weave, full width, handsome scroll design. Regular price 50c yard, Friday's price, \$3.95.

1,000 yards 17 inch Crash Towelling, fast red border, fine even weave for hand or tea towels. Regular price 8c yard, Friday's price 4 yards 25c.

17x40 inch Turkish Bath Towels, thick heavy pile and close weave, brown with red stripes. Regular 30c pair, Friday's price, \$2.35 pair.

Wall Papers

800 rolls Wall Papers, suitable for dining rooms, bedrooms, etc., neat designs and popular colorings, regularly 10c roll, Friday's price, \$7c roll.

600 rolls Wall Papers, in 8 designs, in pretty floral stripes and conventional effects, bright, rich grounds and colorings, regularly 15c roll, Friday's price, \$10c roll.

Flannelette Wear

Women's Gowns of extra good quality flannelette, in neat striped effects, made with double yoke back and front and neatly finished with self roll on sleeves, neck and down front, Friday's price, \$5.00.

Women's White Corset Covers, splendid quality white cotton, full size and neatly finished with lace yoke, Friday's price, \$2.25.

Corsets

The new Princess Corset, in a very comfortable fitting Corset, made of fine Canadian cotton, nicely trimmed with lace, medium bust, long hips, Friday's price, \$7.50.

Smallwares, Etc.

3 gross Cards of Collar Supports, in dull finish. These supports will not show through the finest lace collar, black or white, 2 1/2 and 3 inches high. 1 on a card, regular price 5c card, Friday's price, 2 cards 5c.

3 gross cards Black Mending Wool, good quality for darning. Each card contains one darning needle, as well as the wool. Friday's price 4 cards 5c.

6 dozen cards Hat Pins, 7 and 8 inches long, in dull black or white, one dozen on each card, Friday's price, 5c card.

Handkerchiefs, Laces

Dainty White Lawn Handkerchiefs, with drawn work and striped borders, good size and fine quality. Friday's price 5c each, 6 for 25c.

Initialed Handkerchiefs, with neat 14 inch hem, and embroidered initial in corner, regularly 12c each, Friday's price, 3 for 25c.

Initialed Handkerchiefs, plain linen, with 14 inch hem and neat embroidered initial, regularly 30c each, Friday's price, 15c each.

Good assortment of narrow Val Laces and Insertions to match, all dainty patterns, regularly 7 and 8c yard, Friday's price, 5c yard.

Ladies' Neckwear and Belts

200 dainty White Embroidered Linen Collars, neat floral effects, regular price 25c each, Friday's price, 2 for 25c.

Fancy Collars, in white and ecru effects, regularly 25c each, Friday's price, 15c.

1 gross Black Pleated Silk Belts, black buckle, sizes 24 to 36, regular price 35c each, Friday's price, 25c.

Gloves and Veiling

Woman's 18-inch Long Lisle Gloves, in all the popular shades of tan and browns, also white, Friday's price, 15c pair.

Women's Stylish Tailored Suits \$18

We have selected for to-morrow's selling in the Garment Department a number of Women's Stylish Tailored Suits of fine worsted in black, navy and taupe. The coats are made in the popular semi-fitted styles, 38 inches in length, finished with coat collar and lapels, very newest sleeves, with tucked cuff effect, the back vent and sleeves trimmed with buttons. Handsome, well-fitting skirts, tucked from the knee. A stylish, serviceable lot of Fall and Winter Suits. Friday special.

Women's Fall and Winter Coats \$15

Another special for Friday will be in Women's Fine Kersey Cloth Coats in black, navy and taupe. These are made double breasted for semi-fitted backs, nicely trimmed with buttons; high military collar and new sleeves, with cuffs; patch pockets; all nicely tailored and a decidedly good value at \$15.00.

50c Black Taffeta Silk 29c Yard

For Friday in the Silk Department we offer a very special bargain in 18-inch Black Taffeta Silk, fine, rich finish and splendid quality for dress skirts or trimmings. Regular price 50c per yard, Friday's selling price, 29c.

54-inch Worsted Suitings 89c Yard

Dress Goods Department, several hundred yards of new 54-inch Worsted Suitings in taupe, grey, navy, green and black, all popular colors for fall and winter. This is an all-wool up-to-date weave, with a neat self stripe effect for tailored costumes or separate skirts; well worth \$1.00 yard, Friday's selling price, 89c yard.

Women's Black Cashmere Stockings 18c

Manager for the Hosiery and Underwear Section has secured for to-morrow's selling, 60 dozen pairs of Women's plain Black Cashmere Stockings, seamless throughout and made with double heels and toes. Elastic welt tops. Every pair of regular 25c quality. For Friday's selling only, 18c.

Another Hosiery Bargain

Two and one Ribbed Saxony Wool Stockings, very soft and warm, made with double heels and toes and elastic welt top. One of our leading values. Friday's selling price, 35c pair.

Women's Union Underwear 18c

Women's Union Underwear, winter length, long sleeves, shaped waist and bottomed front; a splendid, unshrinkable quality. Friday's price, 18c.

Heavy Wool Shawls 95c

Black or Cardinal Wool Shawls, good heavy weight, woven in honey-comb pattern with fancy wide border and fringe; regular prices \$1.25 and \$1.50, Friday's selling price, 95c.

Stanley Mills & Co., Ltd. HAMILTON, ONTARIO Stanley Mills & Co., Ltd.

CORSON WAS FINE SAILOR.

Captain Jackman Pays Tribute to Hamilton Man.

"A sailor, every inch of him, and one of the best masters who ever took a ship out of Toronto Harbor," was the language used yesterday by Captain F. Jackman, Superintendent of the St. Lawrence Market, and himself a former lake captain, in speaking to a Toronto reporter about the late Captain Corson, who sank with his ship, the Van Straubenzee, off Erie, Pennsylvania, on Monday morning.

"The first time I saw 'Doll,' as he was familiarly known to his wide circle of sea-faring acquaintances," said the Captain, "was probably forty years ago, as he sat one fine afternoon on the cabin of the little schooner Sunshine, the first vessel to which he was attached. The boat was so small that he could rest his feet upon the gunwale. As he counted over his freight bills he sang a song which was the popular air of the day, but long since forgotten."

"After leaving the Sunshine he sailed with the Iona for a short time before joining the Nellie Sherwood, a schooner which was later lost in Georgian Bay. It was while he sailed his next ship, the William Elgin, that the Esplanade fire of many years ago occurred. The Elgin was moored to the wharf, and I towed her out into the lake with a tug I was then in command of, but not before her sails had been burnt. The King Ben and the Wave (lost) were the next two vessels he was in charge of. During the time he was master of the T. R. Merritt, his next ship, a serious accident occurred. The Merritt was wrecked near Pig Soins, Lake Ontario, in a heavy gale, but as larger vessels fared as badly, the blame laid upon Captain Corson must not be heavy."

"The Lake Michigan, a propeller, as we used to call that class of boat, followed the Merritt as his next charge. She was the only steam vessel the Cap-

tain ever commanded, and in her he became thoroughly acquainted with every corner of the Great Lakes, as she ran from Fort William clear down to Kingston. He then took charge of the schooner Oliver Mowat, leaving her about four years ago to become master of the Straubenzee.

"Captain Corson told me that he was going to retire from following the sea at the end of the present season, if all went well."

"The schooner Maxwell, which was wrecked but a short time ago at Cleveland, was on her way to Erie to take on a cargo of sand from Port Hope. It was for the same load of sand that the Straubenzee was sailing to Erie for when she went to her doom."

"I knew Captain Corson during most of his forty odd years on the water," concluded Captain Jackman, "and in connection with suggestions I have heard that the Straubenzee's lights were not burning, I would say that such an oversight was not characteristic of Captain Corson, in fact, it is most highly improbable."

MOTION DISMISSED.

Before Cartwright, K. C., at Osgoode Hall, yesterday in Hamilton Bridge Co. vs. General Contracting Co., G. H. Kilmer, K. C., for defendants, on motion to stay action on ground of other proceedings, pending for same relief, H. M. Mowat, K. C., for plaintiff contra. Judgment: As it would seem that the plaintiff in the personal action may obtain a speedier and different and fuller judgment than in the other proceeding, it does not seem right to interfere. It can safely be left to the court or the referee to deal with costs and all other questions that may arise hereafter and prevent the defendants from being unduly burdened. The motion is therefore dismissed with costs in the cause, the plaintiff being raised now for the first time so far as I am aware.

The New York Aquarium during July had an average daily attendance of more than 17,000 persons.

W. C. T. U.

Central Union Held Meeting at Mrs. Webber's Home.

Central W. C. T. U. held the first parlor meeting of the season, on Tuesday afternoon, at Woodlawn, the residence of Mrs. Webber, 147 Victoria avenue south. Mrs. H. Pratt, President, was in the chair. The attendance was very large, and the members seemed full of energy for the coming year's work.

Mrs. Boyle reported for the Day Nursery. During June, July and August, 747 children were cared for, 249 beds furnished for adults, and 503 meals given. The board wish to find a larger home to meet the growing needs of the work. The members were requested to be on the lookout for an old-fashioned house with grounds, and report to Mrs. Arthur Boyle. Mrs. Jarvis gave a very interesting report of her work at the Hospital, and Mrs. Campbell reported on her work at the jail. Twenty delegates were appointed for the County W. C. T. U. convention to be held in Oakville next Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. George H. Lees invited the Union to hold the first regular meeting at her home, 55 Wellington street south, on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

Miss Lillie McFarlane played several delightful piano solos.

Afternoon tea was served, and a social time enjoyed.

Mrs. Richard Butler was given a hearty welcome back from her trip to Europe.

FAMOUS BANKER.

Sir F. Schuster Diagnosing Financial Situation in Canada.

Montreal, Sept. 29.—Sir Felix Schuster, Bart., one of the most eminent bankers of the world, is in Montreal on a trip through Canada, in which he is diagnosing the financial situation and forming judgment regarding its resources, agricultural, mineral and industrial.

Sir Felix, who is a member of the

Council for India in London, and Governor of the Union of London and Smith's Bank, as well as president and chairman of the Council of the British Institute of Bankers, was in conference to-day with Sir Edward Clouston and several other leading bankers of the city.

SEA LORDS.

Demand an Increase of British Navy by 17,000 Men.

London, Thursday, Sept. 30.—The Standard reports serious friction between the Government and the sea lords of the Admiralty in reference to the latter's proposal to increase the personnel of the navy by nearly 17,000 men. The paper says that Vice-Admiral Francis Bridgeman, Second Sea Lord, who is reported to be the author of the new manning scheme has threatened to resign if the Cabinet persists in its present refusal to increase the personnel, while Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Fisher's retention of the office of First Sea Lord is becoming difficult.

IRISH LAND BILL.

Lords Still Threaten Drastic Amendments to it in Committee.

London, Sept. 30.—The House of Lords to-night passed the second reading of the Irish land bill, but promised to introduce drastic amendments when it reaches committee.