

An American newspaper, the Signal, published in Crowley, La., says: "The Canadian reciprocity treaty will benefit some American farmers. It will be a great help to those American farmers who have emigrated to Canada and become subjects of George the Fifth. But it will be a hard blow to the American farmers who have remained under their own flag."

## MURDERER SURRENDERS

### Italian Claims that he Was a Victim of Black Handers in Toronto

#### Men Who Shot Countryman Dead on the Street Says he is Prepared to Take the Consequences

(Canadian Press.) Toronto, Ont., Aug. 11.—After traveling through a number of cities in the United States, in an endeavor to evade the warrant of the Toronto police, Frank Griro, who a week ago last Sunday shot and killed Frank Tarro on the street, walked into Agnes Street police station last night and surrendered. Removing his hat and throwing up his hands, Griro exclaimed, "I am the man who shot Frank Tarro and am prepared to take the consequences. What do you want to do with me?" Griro was locked up and the detective department notified. He was taken to headquarters and there he unfolded a "Black Hand" tale, which astonished the police. "I came back," said Griro, "to expose the 'Black Handers' who have been terrorizing the Italian colony. I have been one of the victims, and so often did I hand out money that I became tired and finally refused to comply with their demands. The shooting was absolutely in self defence. After being away a few days, I fully realized my position and decided to come back and stand the consequences. Not only I, but practically the whole Italian colony, have been victimized by the Black Handers, and especially the poorer classes are kept in a continual state of terror."

## NEWSPAPER OFFICE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 11.—Following an explosion in the engraving department, fire this morning swept through the building of the Louisville Herald and destroyed the plant. The explosion occurred after all editions had been published and comparatively few persons were in the building at the time.

## BAT NELSON'S MOTHER ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 11.—Mrs. Ida Nelson, mother of "Batting" Nelson the pugilist, was killed by the fast mail train on the Wabash Railroad at Burnham, Ill., late yesterday. Mrs. Nelson was returning from a shopping trip to Hammond, Ind. She was accompanied by Mrs. Annie Martin, a friend, and had just alighted from a lake shore and Michigan southern train at Burnham Station. Mrs. Nelson waited for a freight train to pass and then started to cross the tracks. She apparently did not see or hear the mail train. Mrs. Martin narrowly escaped death in a vain effort to save Mrs. Nelson. Mrs. Nelson was 52 years of age. "Batting" Nelson and brother Arthur Nelson are in Oregon on a vacation trip.

#### DONATED TYPEWRITER.

The Soules Lewson Typewriter Co. has donated to the Fredericton Baseball Club an L. C. Smith typewriter. Tickets on this machine will be sold at once. Mr. Will H. Lewson, a member of the company, now in the city, has made arrangements for the donation of the machine.

Mr. Lloyd Hatfield, representing the Edison Company, is at the Queen. Mr. G. E. H. Stanley of St. John, arrived in the city last night.

## POPE DOES NOT IMPROVE

### Physicians are Disappointed That His Condition is not Improving

#### A Drop in the Temperature Had a Beneficial Effect on Condition of His Holiness

(Canadian Press.) Rome, Aug. 11.—The improvement in the condition of Pope Pius today was not so great as had been hoped for. However, the physicians appeared gratified that their patient was no worse. Dr. Patacci and Professor Marchia Gava arrived at the Vatican at 6.50 o'clock this morning and remained with the pontiff until 8.10 o'clock. After a talk with Dr. Amici, the other physicians made a thorough examination of His Holiness and seemed satisfied that he had not failed during the night, though they were seemingly disappointed that there had not been a marked change for the better. At one o'clock this morning when he fell asleep the Pope had the best rest that he has had for several nights. Dr. Amici, watching at the bedside, noted that the breathing was more nearly normal than at any time since the illness began. In the early hours of the day the temperature dropped many degrees and this had a beneficial effect upon the patient. Those in attendance find difficulty in building up strength of the pontiff, because of his distaste for food even in liquid form. The Associated Press had an interview with Anna and Maria, the sisters of the Pope, as they left the Vatican last evening. Both of them said their brother was much better, adding that if this were not so they would be at his bedside. "He is an old man, poor Peppo," continued one of the sisters in her simple manner, "but he is stronger than people believe. All of our family have lived to ripe old ages."

## BRITISH JOURNALISTS HAD FIRE SCARE

(Special to The Mail.) Moncton, Aug. 11.—The British journalists arrived here today from Quebec and left by special train for P. E. Island. The car in which they were riding caught fire near Rimouski and was considerably damaged. Mr. J. G. Hawke returned today from a trip to the old country.

## NOW IN ST. JOHN.

Joseph Thornton, the demented man whose actions caused some excitement here early in the week, arrived at St. John by steamer yesterday.

## WANTS INFORMATION.

Mr. H. S. Campbell, secretary of the Board of Trade, has received a communication from Miss R. S. Evans of McLeod, Alta., inquiring for information concerning the farm lands in New Brunswick advertised for sale in one of the Western papers. This is one of the signs of the times.

## SURE OF RE-ELECTION.

A prominent lawyer of this city, who has spent several days in Sunbury County, stated this morning that the feeling among people of all classes in that county was sure of re-election in the constituency of Queens-Sunbury. The Tory party there is looking for a Moses to lead it out of the wilderness, but so far without success. The names of R. D. Wilnot and Luther Smith are mentioned in connection with the Conservative nomination and it also said that H. W. Woods, M.P.P., of Welsford, might be persuaded to accept it.

## PUGSLEY AND LOWELL THE MEN FOR ST. JOHN

### Liberals at Monster Convention Last Night Select a Winning Team--Minister of Public Works to Stand for the City and Mr. Lowell for the City and County--Enthusiasm Was Unbounded--The Candidates Delivered Strong Speeches and Predicted Victory--Reciprocity Agreement Heartily Endorsed

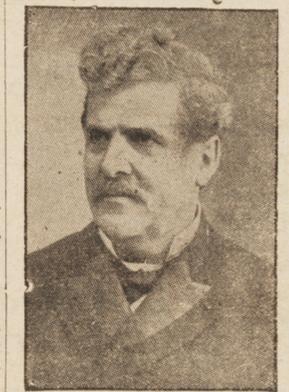
(St. John Telegraph) For the city of St. John, Hon. William Pugsley, Minister of Public Works.

For the city and county of St. John, James Lowell, M. P. P. Amid thunderous applause, unanimously, and with a vim and enthusiasm never equalled in the history of the party in St. John, the Liberal convention in Queen's Rink last evening nominated its winning ticket in the federal contest.

"Both seats this time," was the Liberal slogan, and no one who was present at the great ratification meeting last evening can have the slightest doubt about victory. The city seat, held in the last parliament by Dr. J. W. Daniel, will be carried on September 21 by the Minister of Public Works, who in his official capacity as a member of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government has done so much for the port of St. John as well as for the province at large. Mr. Lowell, the sterling representative of the county in the New Brunswick legislature, having consented to become a candidate for the city and county in the federal contest, secure in his own strength and as a colleague of Hon. Mr. Pugsley, will sweep the constituency, and after September 21 next the people of this city and county will re-



HON. DR. PUGSLEY Liberal candidate in St. John City.



HON. H. R. EMMERSON Liberal Standard Bearer in Westmorland.

presented by a solid Liberal delegation in the house of commons.

## PLEASED WITH CANDIDATE

Hon. Mr. Pugsley at the solicitation of hundreds of members of the party consented to become the city candidate, and following his nomination by the delegates last evening the county nomination was unanimously tendered Mr. Lowell. The latter, who had had the matter under consideration, had consulted the county delegates and his leader Hon. C. W. Robinson as to their views concerning his retirement from the provincial field and his entry into federal politics, and had received the consent of both.

The county delegates later in the evening presented to Mr. Lowell a letter in which they expressed the heartiest appreciation of his services in the local legislature and their pride in having him selected for the larger and even more responsible task of representing the constituency at Ottawa. Hon. Mr. Robinson, to whom Mr. Lowell submitted the matter as his leader wired as follows: "If tendered Liberal nomination, would advise acceptance for patriotic

reasons. We must not let Canada's opportunity pass."

Announcement of the ticket selected was received with hearty, spontaneous and prolonged cheering by the immense gathering of Liberals which filled the Queen's Rink to the doors. This enthusiasm was in evidence again and again during the evening as the Minister of Public Works and Mr. Lowell addressed the electors a ring of victory. It came from men who had made up their minds, not only that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be returned to power with a greatly increased majority, but that the Minister of Public Works and Mr. Lowell will represent these constituencies in the House of Commons in September when Sir Wilfrid and his followers reassured there in triumph to carry forward the great policies which they have worked for the advancement of Canada.

## BRITISH FIRM TENDER

Among the many interesting features of the evening was the announcement made by the Minister of Public Works that tenders had closed yesterday at Ottawa for the Courtenay Bay improvements, involving an expenditure of some millions of dollars, and that he just received a telegram from the deputy minister of department of Ottawa saying that three of the greatest construction firms in the British Empire had submitted tenders each of which was accompanied by the require deposit of \$500,000.

The minister added that while Conservatives had insinuated that this contract would be left to friends of his own or that those friendly to him would in some way profit by it the only tenders received were from three great British firms in question whose engineers had spent some time in examining the plans and looking over Courtenay Bay and its environs. He said that until the tenders had been opened and passed upon in the cabinet council, he could not properly say more, but he would leave almost immediately for Ottawa and upon his arrival there the tenders would be opened and opened up by himself and his colleagues. This announcement was greeted by great cheering. Hon. Mr. Pugsley throughout the course of a soundly reasoned and most impressive address dealing with

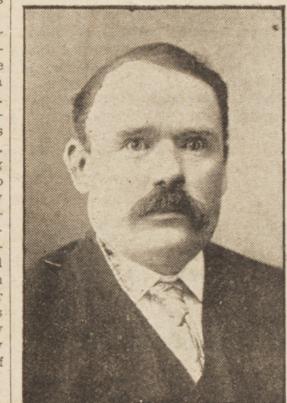
reciprocity and other issues of the hour, was repeatedly interrupted by applause and at no time was this more hearty than during his straight forward, earnest and effective references to the Conservative attempt to make political capital by falsely charging the Liberal party with something approaching disloyalty because of the trade agreement which will benefit Canada so greatly.

Mr. Lowell who for a long time has been a sterling representative of the people in the legislature, was given a most hearty greeting, both when his nomination was announced and when he stepped forward to make his speech, and as in a manly and effective fashion he gave his views upon the questions of the day it was evident that he had struck the right note and that all present would assist in carrying him to victory.

Both Hon. Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Lowell spoke most confidently of the coming triumph of the Liberal party and of their ticket and the great shout of confirmation which answered them left no doubt as to the high qualities of the fighting spirit of the Liberals of this city and county.

## THE PROCEEDINGS

The delegates chosen at the primaries first met in an anti-room and chose Hon. Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Lo-



JAMES LOWELL, Liberal Candidate for St. John City and County.

well as the candidate. They then adjourned to the main building to report to the convention, when John Keeffe, chairman of the Liberal executive, took the chair. The choice of the delegates was ratified with great enthusiasm and both candidates were given a great reception as they took places on the platform.

F. J. G. Knowlton seconded by W. H. Barnaby, moved that the new executive consist of twenty five power to add to their number. E. Lantana moved that fifty be named. This was carried and later reconsidered and the young Liberals given a representation of sixteen.

## RESOLUTIONS

W. J. Mahoney moved the following resolution: Resolved that we the Liberals of the city and county of St. John, in convention assembled do most heartily endorse the general policy of the Liberal party since their advent to power in 1896, and that we are particularly pleased with and fully approve of the trade agreement which our party has succeeded in making (Continued on page five.)

## NO NEW PEERS TO BE CREATED

### Present Phase of Constitution Crisis in England is at an End

#### House of Lords Passed the Government's Veto Bill by a Vote of 131 to 114

(Canadian Press.) London, Aug. 11.—There will be no creation of "puppet" peers, as the four or five hundred noble lords in posse, whom the Liberal government would have created had the parliament bill been rejected by the Upper House last night, were dubbed by the Unionists. When their strength came to the test of the vote, the "no surrenderites" were found to be less numerous than they claimed to be, and thus, in the view of the Liberals, the will of the people has been made to prevail. In the view of the opposition, the "outrage upon the King and constitution" has been completed. "Today," says The Daily Mail, "the flood gates of revolution are opened and the two-chamber government is swept away. The only satisfaction is that the power of imposing a brief check on reckless legislation has been retained by the Lords. The ministers have made the King their unwilling agent in a coup d'etat, but the battle for British liberty has only just begun. Under the lead of Mr. Balfour, the Unionists will close their ranks for a supreme effort to restore the balance to our constitution, punish the outrage on the King and repeal the parliament bill." Whether or not this prediction will ever be realized the chief fact of the moment is responsible leaders of both sides are heartily glad that the present phase of the so-called constitutional crisis has ended. London, Aug. 10.—Premier Asquith's government tonight enforced its will upon the peerage by the narrow vote of 131 to 114. By this vote the House of Lords decided to accept what the Liberals contend is the will of the people and adopted Viscount Morley's motion not to insist upon the lord's amendment to the parliamentary bill, which practically limits the power of the House of Lords to a two year suspensory veto and vastly increases the prerogatives of the House of Commons. London, Aug. 11.—Mr. Arthur Pynch, addressing the Commons committee on the pensions to governors, said the colonial governor earned his money, but the Dominion governor general was a mere ornament and a very doubtful one at that, being very little appreciated in the Dominion he was supposed to govern. When the Imperial Conference was sitting, Mr. Lynch said he had conversed with one of the most distinguished overseas statesmen, who declared himself of the opinion that they had reached the stage where the governor's functions were absolutely useless. This statesman added that the governors did no harm because they dare not lift a finger in any state matter. London, Aug. 11.—The official report of the proceedings at yesterday's session of the House of Commons, issued today, contains the announcement in very formal terms, that a message has been received from the House of Lords stating that they will not insist upon their amendments to the parliamentary bill to which the House of Commons had disagreed, and have agreed to the consequential amendment to the bill proposed by the House of Commons. The houses will be recorded in the documents of parliament the greatest victory achieved by a Liberal prime minister in a century, for although unionist votes passed the bill in the upper chamber last night, history will give credit to Premier Asquith's

## BLACK HAND OUTRAGES

### Dynamite Bomb Exploded in Italian Colony at St. Louis, Mo.

#### Two People Were Killed, Fourteen Injured and Brick Building Was Completely Wrecked

(Canadian Press.) St. Louis, Aug. 11.—A black hand bomb was exploded in the crowded Italian colony on "Dago Hill" here early today, killed a man and woman and more or less seriously injured fourteen other residents of a two storey brick building, which was completely wrecked. The placing of the bomb followed the receipt last Friday and Saturday of two black hand letters by the owner of the building. The letters came from Brooklyn, N. Y., where the owner, Tony Romano, resided until seven months ago. A score of sleeping families were thrown from their beds when the explosion took place. Immediately after the explosion the debris caught fire and it was with difficulty that the rescuers were enabled to take some of those injured out of the way of the flames. The police, aided by three fire companies and many volunteers, worked the remainder of the night in searching the ruins for possible victims. According to the police, the bombs had been placed in the front entrance of the building. Its explosion lifted the structure from its foundation and within a few moments, aided by the fire, it was a complete ruin.

## \$30,000 FIRE AT FLORENCEVILLE CARLETON CO.

Florenceville, Aug. 11.—This village was visited last night by the worst fire in its history. It caused a loss of \$30,000. Eleven houses and stores were burned and fourteen families were rendered homeless. There are not sufficient houses here to shelter the victims and there will be considerable suffering.

It is not likely that much of the burned district will be rebuilt as the amount of insurance is small. Very few of the sufferers saved their house hold effects and what was got out was afterwards burned. Those who were burned out were:

- John C. Kerney, store.
- H. P. Gillispie, store and dwelling.
- Rev. Father Bradley, dwelling.
- E. B. Gallop, store.
- Atis Shaw, house.
- Presbyterian manse, Rev. Mr. Maunce.
- Dr. Hagerman, store.
- John Smith, residence.
- William Jewett, residence.
- D. Hayward, store.
- John Smith, residence.
- Turner House, three families.

A high wind prevailed at the time and the heat was excessive. There was no water with which to fight the flames.

The fire stopped at the residence of Dr. Hagerman, where water was secured from a cistern and poured on the roof.

(Dr. Hagerman is the father of H. H. Hagerman of this city.)

## RENEWING OLD ACQUAINTANCES

Mr. Stephen S. Massie and wife of Boston, are registered at the Queen. Mr. Massie was formerly a resident of Fredericton but left this city some years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Massie spent some days in St. John before coming to Fredericton.

Miss Jennie Hoyt, of Boston, is at the Queen.

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