

Daily British Whig.

CANADA METHODIST CHURCH.
Conference Commencement, May 26.
St. John's, Quebec, Monday, May 26.

LONDON'S CALAMITY.

Boat Very Much Over-Crowded.

Details of the Accident.

Oscillation, and then a Crash.

A Scene that Beggars Description.

Series of Touching Incidents. Replies yet
Unfinished and Undeveloped. Sympathy
at the Whole Country.

A new law extending the liberties of the press in securing the hearty endorsement of the British Parliament. The act in question will make privileged reporters of all lawful public meetings, and will make the luxury of libel suits more difficult by requiring a pre-requisite of the fact of the Attorney-General. A free press is the best safeguard of the popular liberties, and while the abuse of that freedom is much to be deplored, yet the greater danger far would lie in the opposite direction of undeserved suspicion and repression.

The Senate is safe both from abolition and from re-construction on an electoral or any other basis so long as the Tories remain in power, for it is daily becoming more and more necessary condition of continued Conservative supremacy. Already four Ministers of the Crown, viz., Hume, McMaster, Alexey, Chapman and McLeellan, the new Presidents of the Council are members of the Upper House, and are therefore quite safe beyond the reach of public opinion, and can in no sense be said to represent the people. It was a most reactionary step thus to increase the number of non-representative and therefore non-responsible Ministers, but it was the dire necessity of avoiding defeat, and a mortal terror of the voice of the people that dictated this piece of ministerial cowardice. From a Tory standpoint it would not be a bad idea not only to have the Ministry consist exclusively of Senators, but to make the Government amenable only to the Upper House so as to secure the permanency of Tory Government.

A couple of vacancies exist just now in the Ontario Legislature, viz., North Ontario and East Durham—the former having been created by the appointment of Mr. Paxton to the Shirey of the county, and the latter by the death of Mr. Rosevear. On the result of the pending contest in North Ontario there can be no doubt, the only possible danger to the Reform cause being the sometimes fatal inaction which results from over-confidence in the justice of a cause and the strength of numbers. In East Durham there is much more uncertainty than the late member will be succeeded by a man of like political faith. Mr. Rosevear was a pronounced Conservative, but it is quite likely that with a vigorous effort on the part of the Liberals the constituency may be reduced to the support of good government. There is at least a strong probability of it as in the case of Prescott, in which Mr. Hagar was elected to succeed a Conservative, and although the Mowat Government is strong enough as it is, for good reasons it is sincerely to be hoped that the Reformers will carry East Durham in the ensuing contest.

EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

Last (Wednesday) evening the annual educational meeting in connection with the Conference was held, the Rev. President of the Conference in the chair. The President read from the Discipline the object of the meeting.

Rev. G. Cornish, of the London Conference.

Rev. Mr. Foster, of the M. E. Church of the United States.

Rev. G. Daniels, of the London Conference.

Rev. J. Seymour, of the Toronto Conference.

Dr. Nelles and Professor Burwash, of Victoria University.

RECEPTION OF PROBATIONERS.

The following young men, having completed their probation and finished their theological studies, were recommended to be received in full connection with the Conference and ordained: R. W. McKachin, C. E. Flanders, B. A. W. W. Madge, B. A., M. Taylor, T. J. Man, W. R. Young. James Elliott requested to have his ordination deferred in order that he might attend college. Conference adjourned at 5:30 o'clock.

EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

That murder will out and that murderers will suffer sooner or later for taking human life will probably prove true of those concerned in the Lucas lynch law outrage. The upshot of the trial of Carroll for complicity in it was anything but satisfactory. No one would want to see a man punished until his guilt was established and of the alternatives as to whether a possibly innocent man should suffer or a probably guilty man should go free the latter is always to be preferred, and it is on this principle that persons charged with the perpetration of serious crimes are accorded the benefit of any reasonable doubt. For all this there rankles in the public mind an uneasy feeling when any bloody crime of this sort goes unwhipt of justice. This feeling was unwhipt when a miscarriage of justice occurred in the case of the trial for the Biddulph murderers. The confessions of the Feheleys will reopen the whole question, and if the proof should be direct enough to lead to undoubted conviction, few will be found to question the propriety of the most vigorous punishment for the commission of so foul a crime.

The Toronto *Telegraph*, in trying to account for the demand of the Grand Trunk freemen for more wages, explains it on the score that apart from general grievances they will have their demand on the general rise in the rate of remuneration and in the increasing cost of living. This last is a fact which is being freely brought home to the people of Canada, especially to workingmen. And this feature of the case must not be lost sight of, viz., that no strike is necessary to increase the manufacturer's profits or to add to the cost of living; the national policy does this without any special effort—but when it comes to the workingman's turn to get back again in the shape of a small increase of wages some of the taxes that have been exacted from him he has to go upon the strike for even this misera-

ble state of justice.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Rev. Jay N. Taft, Ph. B. of Syracuse, N.Y., is a visitor to the Methodist Conference, Japanee.

Mr. W. J. Smyth, Superintendent of Agencies, Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company, is in the city. No one could be more interested than he has been in the particulars of the great London boat accident.

Dr. J. A. Henderson, Q.C., Grand Master, will leave on Monday on a visit to the Masonic lodges of Barrie and Toronto, where great preparations have been made for his reception. He has been asked to lay the corner stone of a new Presbyterian Church at Clark's Mills on the 22nd June.

Mr. A. Love, B.A., a graduate of Queen's University, who finished his theological studies at Glasgow, Scotland, has been licensed and ordained by the Presbytery of Glasgow. He left Scotland on the 19th inst. for St. Stephen's N.B., to a church in which place he has received a unanimous call.

Montreal First—Rev. E. A. Stafford. Montreal Third—Rev. C. A. Hanson. Montreal Fourth—Rev. H. Johnston. Montreal Fifth—Rev. D. V. Lucas. Montreal Eighth—Rev. J. W. Joffre. St. Lambert and Chambly—Rev. J. Crozier.

Franklin Centre—Rev. J. Follick. Brockville—Rev. W. Galbraith, B.C.L. Farmersville—Rev. T. C. Brown. Kemptville—Rev. W. McGill. Maitland—Rev. S. D. Clews. Morrisburg—Rev. A. J. Fischer. Cornwall—Rev. T. Allis, M.A. Callander—Rev. A. C. Chambers.

Ottawa Centre—Rev. R. F. Bland, President of the Conference.

Ottawa West—Rev. L. K. Jones.

Quebec—Rev. A. B. Chambers, B.C.L.

Canticook—Rev. J. Awde.

Dundas—Rev. W. Jackson.

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