METHODISTS.

Annual Meeting of the Mission Board at Ottawa.

Question of Educating Immigrants —Estimates and Appropriations.

Ottawa despatch: The eighty-fifth annual meeting of the General Board of Missions of the Canadian Methodist Church, which controls an annual expenditure of about $550,000, and the allocation and upkeep of about 700 missionaries in Japan, China, Canada and Newfoundland, was opened to-day in Dominion Church, with the General Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Carman, presiding.

The Treasurer of the Finance Committee, Mr. H. H. Fudger, of Toronto, presented the report of the appropriations for 1908-9 as follows: — Foreigns and miscellaneous, $375,618; domestic, $180,965. Total, $556,583.

The Committee on Estimates reported for a total appropriation of $538,622 for 1909-10, but in addition to this there are special estimates amounting to $80,418 for the foreign field. The report was provisionally adopted, but will be considered later in detail. The appropriation for the ensuing year is allocated as follows:

Home department, $225,200; miscellaneous, $78,519; Indian work, $100,000; Asiastics in British Columbia, $8,620; Japanese work, $35,138; West China, $91,145.

Rev. Thomas Marshall, who for some years has been Superintendent of Missions for New Brunswick and Newfoundland, was given also the werk of looking after the mission work of the Church in the Province of Nova Scotia.

A communication was read from the London Missionary Society, which is withdrawing from the field at Chung King, China, offering to sell mission property there, valued at $23,000, to the Methodist Church in Canada. The taking over of the mission will involve the employment of seven additional missionaries. Rev. Dr. Kilborn, until recently a missionary in that district, strongly advocated the acceptance of the offer.

At the evening session Chairmen of the standing committees were appointed as follows: Foreign Work, Rev. Dr. Langford; Home Mission Work, Rev. Dr. Ryckman; Forward Movement, Rev. C. H. Huestis; Finance, Rev. George Steel. It was pointed out that among 130,000 European immigrants in Ontario and Quebec very little educational work was being done by the churches outside of Toronto or Montreal. Some of the delegates from the west declared that much more aggressive work was needed on the part of the churches. In Alberta and Saskatchewan there were 160,000 European immigrants, for whom practically no provision was made at all in respect to religious education.

TO OUST GOMPERS.

Cleveland Unions Will Lead Fight to That End at Toronto.

Cleveland, O., Oct. 11.—The real animus of the conflict now being waged between the ousted Central Labor bodies of Cleveland and the American Federation of Labor is discontent among the rank and file with the rule of Samuel Gompers and other national officers.

There is a growing feeling that Gompers and Morrison, President and Secretary of the Federation, respectively, have guided the organization long enough, and that new men with new ideas and fresh vigor are needed to head the Federation.

This keynote was sounded last night at a meeting of the United Trades and Labor Council, in which arrangements were made for a fight to seat the delegates of the ousted Council in the Ohio Federation of Labor Council at Toledo on Tuesday.

Joining the Cleveland Council in the fight before the State convention and later before the A. F. of L. convention at Toronto will be the Councils of Toledo, Steubenville and Fostoria, the charters of which have been revoked because they failed to oust the electrical workers.

Should the dissenting delegations be given seats at Toledo, the charter of the Ohio Federation may be revoked by the A. F. of L.

CAN'T AGREE.

No Decision Yet as to the Future of Queen's.

Kingston despatch: The question of the separation of Queen's University and the Presbyterian Church has once more been placed on the shelf. After conferring with the University Board of Trustees for the past two days the General Assembly Commission was unable to come to a final decision as to whether the constitution should be so changed as to eliminate control by the Church. The objections raised by those opposed to separation were effective, and insufficient material was at hand to reply satisfactorily to them.

FAREWELL TO MRS. PANKHURST.

A Great Suffragette Demonstration Held in London.

London, Oct. 11.—There was a big Suffragette demonstratoin to-night to bid farewell to Mrs. Pankhurst on her departure for America, and to protest against the compulsory feeding of the arrested Suffragettes, who attempted to starve themselves in Birmingham. In the course of the evening donations were invited to complete the proposed campaign fund of $250,000, which lacked $70,000. Within ten minutes $15,000 was raised.

A resolution was adopted warning the Government that continued repression would rouse women to a more determined rebellion.

MUM'S WORD.

Barrie's Friends Appeal to Newspapers to Keep Quiet.

Was the Novelist Too Thrifty to Suit His Actress Wife?

New York, Oct. 11.—A London despatch to the American about the divorce suit brought by James Mathew Barrie, the novelist and playwright, against Mrs. Barrie, says that the following circular has been sent to the London newspapers by those of Mr. Barrie's friends whose names are appended.

"The divorce suit of Barrie versus Barrie and Cannan is down for hearing at the Michelmas term. The plaintiff in the suit was in early life a distinguished journalist. More recently his work in fiction and the drama has given pleasure of a high order to hundreds of thousands of readers and spectators wherever the English language is spoken. He is a man for whom the inevitable pain of those proceedings would be greatly increased by publicity.

"Therefore it is hoped that the press, as a mark of respect and gratitude to a writer of genius will unite in abstaining from any mention of the case beyond the briefest report of the hearing. The suit is undefended, and, apart from the eminence of the plaintiff, rises no question of the slightest public interest.

"Lord Esper, George Alexander, William Archer, Edmund Gosse, Maurice Hewlett, Henry James, A. E. Mason, Arthur Pinero, Beerbohm Tree, H. G. Wells."

The American's correspondent goes on to say that although many of the prominent friends of Mr. Barrie are doing their utmost to bring about a reconciliation between him and his wife, they have found the couple both eager to be separated by divorce.

Gilber Cannan, the man named by Mr. Barrie in his suit, according to report, was the suitor for the hand of Mary Ansell before she became Mrs. Barrie. He is a novelist, playwright and dramatic critic.

Mr. Barie's friends, however, declare she is not the only one at fault, if either is at fault. They say Mr. Barrie's Scotch thrift caused the first rift in the lute. Mrs. Barrie had more liberal ideas of entertaining and spending money than her husband.

RUSTON ACQUITTED.

Jury, After One Hour, Free Him of Arson Charge.

Brampton despatch: After exactly one hour's deliberation, the jury at 10 o'clock to-night returned a verdict of "not guilty" of the charge against Frank Ruston of burning his house for the insurance. The charge of Justice MacMahon was favorable to the prisoner on nearly all points.

Ruston, in his own behalf told the whole story of the fire, saying that when he was awakened the kitchen, parlor and hall were all on fire. He caught up his child, rolled her in quilts, and with one blow from a chair, smashed the window. The room was thick with smoke. The child was partly stupified. He carried her to a cutter, some distance from the house, returned to the room and gathered up the remainder of the bedding, the feather tick and mattress, together with his clothing and the valise which contained his child's clothes. He then rushed to a closet off the room, took out a box of 20 inches square, which was full of heavy china, and got it out.

He said Dixon Rutherford was mistaken in saying that there was no cutter there, and that the child was seated on a mattress, and that he also was in error when he said Ruston told him he smashed in the cellar door and took china out that way.

SPILLS KEROSENE.

Freeland Woman is Enveloped in Flames and Frightfully Burned.

Saginaw, Mich., Oct. 11.—Mrs. Sophia Brown, a widow, who had resided in Freeland many years and who had three children, died in the Woman's Hospital here to-day from frightful burns she received when she spilled a can of kerosene over the kitchen range. The blazing oil enveloped the woman in a mass of flame from head to foot. Neighbors heard her screams and rushed to her assistance, saving her from cremation. She was, however, so badly burned that death came as a relief to her terrible suffering. The hair was burned entirely from her head and her body and face and neck were frightfully blistered.

TEN YEARS IN KINGSTON.

Sentence Meted Out to Self-Confessed Burglar at Guelph.

Guelph, Ont., despatch: Ten years in the Kingston Penitentiary was the sentence that to-day was handed out to William Hendrick, of Detroit, the man who was caught red-handed burglarizing J. W. Lyon's residence, and who was on Monday convicted on three charges. It was on the first two charges, that of burglarizing Mr. Lyon's residence and carrying burglar's tools, that he was sentenced to 10 years on each, to run concurrently.

OPEN DARDANELLES.

Turkey Said to Contemplate a Great Concession to Russia.

Coolgne, Oct. 11.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Gazette says that the Turkish mission which will shortly be sent to the Czar at Livadia will not make merely a visit of courtesy.

Rifaat Pasha, Minister of Foreign Affairs, who will head the mission, will be empowered to arrange a cordial political and military understanding, including a provision for the passage of the Dardanelles by Russian warships.

SWIFT DEATH.

Three Men Crushed to Pulp in Engine Cylinder.

Master Mechanic a Raging Maniac in Hospital.

Canal Dover, O., Oct. 11.—Three dead and one man at the Union Hospital is the awful result of an accident at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon at the plant of the Pennsylvania Iron & Coal Company.

The dead are: John Gerber, Wm. Lang and David Harry.

The three victims of the accident were engaged with two other men in repairing a giant engine, which had a defective cylinder several feet in diameter. Gerber, Lang and Harry went inside the cylinder to assist in the repairs, while the two other men waited outside.

Somehow the engine was started up, with the three men inside the cylinder. With one motion the giant piston rod shot forth, driving out the lives of the three men in an instant.

As soon as possible the engine was stopped, and the remains of the three men, a mass of crushed bones and flesh and blood, were drawn from the cylinder. All three men were crushed into a jelly, and could be recognized only by their clothing.

Although the responsibility for the awful fatality has not been fixed, it is believed that the engine was started by Wm. Dawson, master mechanic at the plant, who is raving to-night at the Union Hospital, where he was taken immediately after the accident.

CHINESE PORK.

Tuberculosis in Hog Carcases Imported Into Britain.

London, Oct. 11.—No fewer than nine per cent. of the carcasses of Chinese hogs recently imported into England and thus far inspected by the sanitary committee of the city of London have been found to be affected with tuberculosis. This remarkable outcome of the inspection has occurred in spite of the fact that the carcasses were labelled at the port of shipment in China "medically examined and certified to be free from disease."

The first shipment of 5,000 hogs was brought from China in a refrigerator ship. They arrived here on August 7, and sold well in the wholesale market. Although they were offered by the retail butchers at 25 per cent. below the prices charged for other imported hogs, they did not find favor with the public, who displayed great prejudice against them. The butchers were then obliged to raise the prices of American and European pork in order to dispose of their Chinese stock.

The steamship company which endeavored to introduce the Chinese pork was of the opinion that it would prove, owing to its cheapness, a strong competitor with frozen beef and mutton.

TO MAKE HIM WORK

Recorder Weir, of Montreal, Thinks Drunkard Should Support Family.

Montreal, Oct. 11.—With a family of seven, destitute and homeless, John O'Connell and his wife appeared before Recorder Weir this morning, on the charge of being drunk and neglecting to provide for their children. They pleaded guilty and were sent down for six and four months respectively.

Recorder Weir said there was an old statute which would compel the man to work and the proceeds of his labor would be devoted to the support of his family.

Mr. Lefebvre, clerk of the court, stated that the law existed only in theory, and never was put into practice.

Recorder Weir then instructed the clerk to write to the Attorney-General and call his attention to the many cases of this character coming before the Recorder's Court, and see if something could not be done to make the law operative.

BABY STRANGLES.

Saginaw Mother Searching For Her Missing Child, Finds Tot Dead.

Saginaw, Mich., despatch: "Why, there's the little fellow, tangled up in the swing," exclaimed Mrs. Shepherd, a neighbor, to Mrs. George H. Rambo, 236 Webber street, as they were searching for the latter's 18-months'-old boy, Geo. Henry. But when they went to the swing in the yard between their homes and unwound the ropes, the boy's head fell limply to one side and it was discovered he was dead. The child had been playing with Mrs. Shepherd's children, and on the way home climbed into the swing. He accidentally fell out in such a manner that the rope twisted about his neck and strangled him to death. His tiny feet were just touching the ground, but he was powerless to extricate himself or cry out.

UNGRAMMATICAL.

An Objection to California's Anti-Race Track Bill.

San Francisco, Oct. 11.—The closing brief of former Judge Carroll, submitted in the District Court yesterday in behalf of Frank O'Shea, whose trial is a test case, of the anti-race track bill, enacted at the last session of the legislature attacks the bill on the novel grounds that it is ungrammatical. The first charge is that one sentence in the act is thirty lines in length and so involved and complex as to be unintelligible and the second alleges discrimination in favor of a man with a good memory, since only men using books, papers, etc., in taking bets are barred by the new law.

FROM FEUD.

James Hatfield Coming to Canada to Avoid It.

Aged Warrior Seeks Land of Peace Far From Old Home.

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 11.—James H. Hatfield, of Cynthiana, Ky., one of the last survivors of the notorious Hatfield-McCoy feud of the mountain district of eastern Kentucky, is fleeing from bullets that have begun to whiz again.

This fact developed to-day in Minneapolis, where he was seen while on his way to a far-off land, thousands of miles from the hated McCoys.

"I held out the little grocery store in Cynthiana," Hatfield said, "and left enough money with the old woman and children to keep them, but I am going far away from Kentucky—to British Columbia—to begin life all over again.

"The reason I am leaving my native State, never to return, is that the feud we thought all over years ago, when most of the Hatfields and most of the McCoys had been killed by each other, is on again. Jim McCoy has just shot to death another Hatfield, a distant relative of mine. My woman couldn't sleep nor eat for fear that I would be the next to be killed or that I would kill some McCoy who tried to kill me. So at 67 years of age I am on my way to make a new home for my family.

"The McCoys won't kill women or children any more than the Hatfields would kill women and children. It was just a few weeks ago that Jim McCoy up and shot a Hatfield. He didn't give him a chance to defend himself; just shot him in the back and killed him.

"The Hatfields and McCoys began oiling up their guns, and I left. There will be a lot more bloodshed down there in that feud, but none of it will be mine.

"It's going to be just like it was twenty years ago, when old 'Bad Anse' went to court at the county seat and carried a grip loaded with six shooters. I tell you, it's hard on the women folks, this killing."

THE BOY.

Keep House Clean? Never; Makes the Boys Leave Home.

Chicago, Oct. 11—"Pity the boy whose mother is a good housekeeper," said Mrs. A. F. Robinson, speaker of the afternoon, at the meeting of the mothers' council at the First Congregational Church at Oak Park yesterday.

"The boy who is forbidden the front door of his home will find some other front door of some less desirable home open to him," she continued.

"If your boy comes tramping through the house after it has been cleaned and tracks his dusty boots in on the carpet, don't run after him with a dustpan and make him feel that he wishes he were somewhere else.

"Good housekeepers are not good homemakers. The housekeeper's eternal war against dirt makes her a slave and makes martyrs of her family. She has an idea that when she dies St. Peter will ask her how many pairs of socks she has ended and how many buttons she has sewed on. She does not know that it is better to be cheerful and sympathetic, the comforting homemaker, than to have kept the house in such immaculate order."

FOG AT DETROIT

Caused Several Street Car Collisions —Boy Killed by Auto.

Detroit, Mich., despatch—A dense fog that interrupted river navigation last night and caused several street car collisions early to-day resulted in the death of an unidentified boy about eight years old, who was run over by an automobile at Jefferson avenue and Chene streets.

Nearly a dozen people were cut and bruised in street car collisions on cross-town lines. None of them was fatally hurt.

The steamer Frank E. Kirby was compelled to anchor in the lower Detroit River all night, with a score of passengers from Put-in-Bay, and the steamer Tonista, of the Anchor Line, arrived twelve hours late after a cautious passage across Lake Erie from Buffalo.

IN POLITICS.

French Bishops and Candidates Who Protect Religious Affairs.

Paris, Oct. 11.—Some of the French bishops, following up a more militant policy, have introduced into the catechisms the obligation to vote only for candidates who have publicly pledged themselves to the defence of religious interests. The Figaro, commenting on this development, says that since the rupture of the concordat, which forbade electoral catechisms, the Church has a perfect right to give instructians in electoral duties, but it considers the formula in some dioceses open to criticism.

RATS DID IT.

Caused Fire in Bank Manager's House at Toronto.

Toronto despatch, Rats carried matches into the cellar of the home of Mr. H. C. McLeod, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, No. 8 Beaumont Road, and deposited them in some shavings. Then the rodents must have scratched at the sulphur till the matches were ignited, for a lively blaze resulted. It was discovered, however, and quenched by an extinguisher before the firemen arrived.

THEFT CHARGE.

Toronto Conductor Taken Off One of The Cars.

Company Suspects Men of Manipulating the Fare Box.

Toronto Despatch— With the arrest of Conductor Herbert Hood at noon yesterday on a charge of stealing money from a fare box, the Toronto Railway Company inaugurated a campaign against alleged dishonest practices amongst a few of their employees upon the cars. The railway officials would not say whether any more arrests would be made, but it is understood that several men suspected of manipulating the company's boxes will be quietly discharged within a few days.

Conductor Hood was taken from a Dundas car at the corner of Victoria and Richmond streets on a warrant by Detective Guthrie, and when searched at Court street police station it is alleged that a marked coin put in his fare box by a "spotter" was found upon him. He is 23 years of age, is married and lives at 36 Columbus street. He had been with the company for four years.

"We continually lose a great deal of money by this fare-box manipulation," said an official yesterday, in talking of the arrest. "And when the loss assumes serious proportions we put on the brakes, that is all. We are hoping that this arrest will serve as a good example to other men. I cannot say that there will be any more arrests," he said, "but there are several other men suspected, and we will likely find means of letting them out quietly.

"We have several men travelling upon the cars all the time, whose duty it is to see that the company receives all the money that goes into the boxes. There are many ways of telling when a man becomes dishonest. A 'run' should return to us an average number of fares, but many times there are some startling discrepancies along this line. That is when a man is watched. Some of these men, as I understand it," he continued, "have become quite expert in getting the money out of the boxes. But I cannot say just how it is done."

FLAG INCIDENTS.

Irish Police Did Not Insult U. S. Flag—Harbin Trouble Settled.

London, Oct. 11.—In the House today Redmond Barry, the Silicitor-General for Ireland, replying to the protests of Irish members against the arrest at Clonmel of a saloonkeeper named McGrath, because he hung out an American flag and refused to remove it during the visit to that place of Captain Edward O'Meagher Condon, reiterated the statement of Prime Minister Asquith in a similar case at Castlereagh. Mr. Barry said it was a breach of the Irish Licensing Act and the prosecution of McGrath was pending. The Solicitor-Geenral said there was no desire whatever to insult the American flag.

John David Rees, Liberal member for the Montgomery district, asked if the American Embassy had made any representations on the matter to the Government.

"None whatever," replied the Solicitor-General.

CONSUL REMOVED AT HARBIN.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 11.—The Foreign Office issued a statement to-day that the trouble at Harbin between Baumuller, the German Consul there, and the Russian authorities had been settled. The Foreign Office says the brewery company had no claim on German protection and the Consul had expected the German flag hauled down from the brewery building, where it had been raised by order of Baumuller.

During the trouble over this affair it was alleged that the German Consul had thrashed a Russian official. Another Consul is to take charge of the Harbin office and proceedings have been begun against Germans who insulted the Russian officials.

FINED THEM.

Sandwich Hotel Men Convicted—Record of Spotters.

Sandwich Despatch— The three hotel keepers charged with illegal selling put up a vigorous fight yesterday, the case lasting all day. J. J. McCarthy was acquitted, the evidence of the spotters in the case being discredited by that of six witnesses for the defence. Fred Foret was fined fifty dollars for a first offense, and Jacob Mailloux one hundred dollars for a second offense. The spotters employed by the prosecution were guarded by three policemen all day. One of them, Judge, admitted having figured prominently in the Sifton murder near London a few years ago and that he served nearly a year in jail on conviction of furnishing liquor to Indians on the Munsey Reserve.

In Windsor, Wm. Larimie paid one hundred dollars for a second violation, and the Crown Inn, Walkerville, fifty dollars for a first offence.

"DUCKY" O'BRIEN IS FREE.

He Spent Year in Prison for Smuggling Chinese Into Buffalo.

Buffalo, Oct. 11.—"Ducky" O'Brien walked out of the Erie county penitentiary a free man after having served ten months of a year's sentence imposed for smuggling Chinese into this country from Canada. "Ducky" was met at the door by several of his friends, and went immediately to a Turkish bath. When he left the workhouse he was attired in a suit of the latest style clothes provided by his friends.

EAGER TO FIGHT

British Liberals Opposed to Any Compromise.

Unionists Won't Appeal to People —The Irish Bill.

London, Oct. 11.—The King thus far has been unsuccessful in arranging a compromise in the budget controversy. His Majesty is still trying, however, to prevent a crisis, and to-day had another consultation with Premier Asquith, who prolonged his visit at Balmoral Castle.

As time passes the difficulties toward avoiding a conflict between the Commons and the Lords increases, the strong party men of both sides being eager for the fight. The Liberal members, who scattered to their constituencies when the debate on the finance bill adjourned, in their speeches contend that the concessions made since the bill was introduced should satisfy its opponents, and express themselves as strongly opposed to any compromise.

On the other hand, the Unionists, who have made all preparations for the election, are urging the leaders to do nothing that might prevent an immediate appeal to the people. They have seized on Mr. Redmond's statement that the last obstacle to home rule would have gone with the disappearance of the veto of the House of Lords and are declaring that a vote for the budget is a vote for home rule.

In the meantime the House of Lords is radically amending the Irish land bill. The landlords threw out the clauses providing for compulsory purchase, thus raising another issue between the two Houses. The Nationalists already have announced that they will insist upon restoring these clauses when the bill returns to the House of Commons.

ITEMS OF NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR

Toronto taxpayers will be asked to vote $500,000 for Ashbridge's Marsh reclamation.

Two women are candidates for the Provincial Advisory Educational Council.

Canon O'Meara says Canada has no better men to send as missionaries to Japan.

Hon. W. T. Pipes, Attorney-General of Nova Scotia, died suddenly at Boston on Thursday.

A number of British officers will compete at the National Horse Show at New York next month.

The Provincial Government has purchased the splendid library of the late Chief Justice Strong.

Sergt. Richardson, wounded at Spion Kop, has been admitted to the Toronto Hospital to be treated for the wound.

Alberta's school population will reach the 50,000 mark before the end of the year, an increase of 10,000 since last year.

The Brockville lodges on Thursday night tendered a banquet to Senator D. Derbyshire, the new Grand Master of the Ontario I.O.O.F. Grand Lodge.

All the shops of Belgrade were closed on Thursday and the public buildings of the city were draped in black to mark the first anniversary of the annexation of the Provinces of Bosnia and Hersegovina by Austria-Hungary. Servian students paraded the streets shouting "Down with Austria."

GAS TRUST.

Company Trying to Buy Out Distributing Stations.

Chatham Despatch — Arranegments are under way for the formation of a gigantic natural gas trust, to control the supply of natural gas in the western peninsula. The Volcanic Oil & Gas Company, said to be backed up by Standard Oil capital, has now got its main all but completed to Windsor, Sarnia, Blenheim and scores of intermediate places, as well as Chatham and Wallaceburg, and it is said it contemplates purchasing all the distributing stations at these places.

In Chatham, the Chatham Gas Co. has received a bid of $1.10 a share for their gas and electric light plant. The company has refused the offer, and are holding out for $1.15. This is significant in view of the fact that Chatham gas stock sold a few years ago at 48 cents.

If the Volcanic Company could succeed in buying up the distributing stations, they would control the supply right up to the homes and factories of the consumers.

MUST NOT DISCUSS STRIKE.

Mgr. Sbarretti's Warning to Father Fraser of Glace Bay.

Montreal, Oct. 11.—L'Acton Sociale, the organ of the Roman Catholic Church in this Province, announces that Mgr. Sbarretti, the Apostolic Delegate, has made a request on Father Fraser of Glace Bay, N.S., for a statement regarding his comments from the pulpit on the coal miners' strike, and has forbidden him to discuss the matter in his church in the future.

SHOT IN THE EYE.

Accident to Brockville Boy While Hunting Black Squirrels.

Brockville despatch: Howard Easter, son of Jacob Easter, of this town, with two companions, was hunting black squirrels yesterday when he met with an accident which will cost him the sight of his left eye. A companion's gun missed fire and Easter picked it up to see what was the trouble. In pulling the trigger the cartridge flew back, a portion lodging in the eye.