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with a special and peculiar interest for England. Previous elections have turned more or less on local politics, and have not created much stir at this side of the Atlantic, but the present elections are fraught with far-reaching consequences both to Canada and to the Mother Country. Canada is a self-governing Dominion, and no outsider has either the right or the wish to interfere in her domestic affairs, but we are deeply concerned in the effect which the passing of the agreement must have upon the future of our Imperial policy. From our standpoint it must tend to detach Canada from her Imperial connection, and it must deal a blow at the cause of Imperial preference. The pity of it is that such a crisis in the affairs of the Empire would never have arisen had not our Government refused to make any concession whatever to the Colonies in return for the preference freely given by them to British goods in their markets. It is little wonder that Canada, thus rebuffed, has shown a desire to turn to other suitors, as it was prophesied she would, and to make with another Power those reciprocal arrangements which the Government have refused to consider.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Extension of Liverpool.

Liverpool, which is now engaged in making history, has seen more changes during the last hundred years than fall to the lot of most English cities. At the time of Gladstone's birth, in 1809, the population of Liverpool—the second commercial town in the kingdom—did not exceed 100,000. Gladstone himself declared that he had "seen wild roses growing upon the very ground that is now the centre of the borough of Bootle. All that land," he continued, "is now partly covered with residences and partly with places of business and industry; but in my time one single house stood upon the space between Primrose brook and the town of Liverpool."

Flies and Artificial Light

The fly has no friends. But why must he be accused of things against his nature? Someone has appealed for rescue, or, at any rate, for sympathy, to a daily paper. The flies, he avers, keep him awake until four o'clock, and wake him up again at 5.30, and is this to be endured? No! But that unfortunate citizen (remarks the *Chronicle*) has only to put out his light, and though the flies may wake him at 5.30, they will certainly not keep him awake until four. A fly cannot possibly fly in the dark, as also he cannot sleep in the light. He has, on his side, much reason to complain that our artificial light keeps him from his natural rest. In any place where flies are really and seriously a nuisance (and that place is rarely, if ever, London) they may be ushered out of a bedroom by a simple device at nightfall. When their bed-time approaches, darken your room with curtains thoroughly, except only one outlet into the air, through which daylight may be seen. And the fly sees it. He leaves the untimely darkness, and sails out of that window, one by one; not a single individual is left to worry the sleeper next morning. The fly is never nocturnal; and some of the indignation hurled upon him might be directed against the things that do fly in the dark—the mosquito, the gnat, the midge; and the midge never sleeps at all.

OUT AND ABOUT.

Pressure on our space compels us to hold over some matters to next week.

THE CITY TRAGEDY.

ADJOURNED INQUEST.

The Verdict.

At four o'clock last evening the adjourned inquest into the circumstances leading up to the death of Jane Treacy, the victim of Wednesday night's tragedy in Palmerstown was held at Barrington's Hospital. Mr. J. F. Barry, J.P., City Coroner, and a jury, of which Mr. Joseph O'Malley was foreman, conducted the enquiry.

Head Constable Healy was present on behalf of the authorities, and Mr. H. O'B. Moran, solicitor, appeared in the interest of the persons charged with being concerned in the murder of the woman.

Dr O'Brien, Resident Physician, Barrington's Hospital, deposed that the deceased was brought to the institution at about 9.45; she was then dead. In conjunction with Dr. Graham he performed a post mortem on the deceased.

Dr. Graham, sworn, stated with the last witness he made a post mortem on the body of the deceased, Jane Treacy. Describing the wounds he said there was a large contusion over the right cheek bone; a contusion of the left eye brow; abrasions on both temples; a slight contusion on right side of upper hip, and a number of other minor facial injuries. There were three scalp wounds on the right side and two on the left; the wound on the right side was two and a quarter inches long but did not penetrate to the bone; one of the wounds on the left side was three inches long and the other three quarters of an inch long. The larger wound penetrated to the bone in its entire length. Underneath this bone there was a triangular depressed comminuted fracture. The upper side of the depressed bone was two inches long, and corresponded in direction with the larger scalp wound, and involved the parietal and occipital bones; the lower side being one and a half inches long. On inspection of the interior of the skull the sutures of the bones were separated in a diagonal direction across the base from the lower angle of the depressed piece of bone on the left side to the junction of the malar spheroid and frontal on the right side. The base of the brain was lacerated. There was hæmorrhage into the ventricles and a large blood clot at junction of the brain and spinal cord. The internal organs were sound, and he was of opinion that death resulted from laceration of the brain, caused by a depressed fracture of the skull and separation of the sutures, and that the injuries were caused by violence.

Dr. O'Brien agreed with the evidence of the last witness.

Head-Constable Healy said that was all the evidence the Crown purposed producing.

The Coroner said that being so, the duties of that jury were at an end, as the object for which they were summoned was to ascertain the cause of death, which they had from the doctors. Of course they all sympathised with the family of the deceased, and regretted that such a deplorable occurrence should take place in the peaceable city of Limerick. There was one thing he should like to draw attention to and that was in the evidence of Constable Stewart, who stated last evening that there was a crowd of two hundred people present when the woman was lying on the ground, and none of them seemed to give any assistance. He (Coroner) did not understand what the constable meant, and should like an explanation.

Head Constable Healy—Perhaps there was a misunderstanding in these few words. If you will read further down you will see that the crowd consisted of women and children, who were naturally timorous. I may say at the moment the constable asked for assistance it was willingly given to him.

The Coroner—I am glad that is cleared up.

Head Constable Healy—The constable meant nothing by these words. The people of this locality may be unfortunate in many ways, but since I went among them I always found them very good and kind. Passing through the district at night I found them very obliging and ready to render me any assistance I might require.

The jury found that the deceased, Jane Treacy, died of laceration of the brain caused by violence, and added a rider expressing their sympathy with her husband and family.

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RAILWAY STRIKE

DECLARED.

MEN CALLED OUT.

Statements in the House of Commons.

In the House of Commons on Thursday night, Mr. Lloyd George made an important statement to the effect that the offered Royal Commission had been rejected by the men under a misunderstanding, and he was glad to state that negotiations had been re-opened, and the men's representatives had now accepted the Royal Commission, which would be a small one, and would deal promptly with all the points at issue. Mr. Ramsay Macdonald put in a plea for the reinstatement of the men now out. The men's representatives in London remained in conference until one a.m., and then adjourned until nine yesterday morning. One of their number declared that there was "no truce."

When the strike was proclaimed at the great London termini the response was very poor, a mere handful of goods porters leaving their work. The train services suffered no interruption.

A meeting of representatives of workers on the Irish railways was held in Dublin on Thursday night, and it was decided to strike at six o'clock next morning.

The most serious development in Liverpool on Thursday was the stoppage of the principal electricity generating station owing to the employes going on strike. The power supply was practically cut off, and the lights failed for some time early in the evening. All the tram service was suspended at eight o'clock. The magistrates issued an order closing the public-houses at that hour.

TROOPS FROM IRELAND.

6,500 Men Called For.

The War Office has called for 6,500 troops from Ireland. 1,500 infantry and 1,000 cavalry with horses are to be sent over at once, and 4,000 infantry are to be held in readiness to follow. Yesterday morning 1,000 of the men drawn from different regiments in Dublin left the North Wall for Chester.

NATIONAL RAILWAY STRIKE BEGUN.

200,000 MEN LEAVE WORK.

TRAFFIC GREATLY DISLOCATED.

STRIKES IN IRELAND.

The national railway strike began early yesterday morning. Last night it was estimated that 200,000 men had left work in England, Ireland, and Scotland. The movement has been most successful in the North of England and South Wales. In the English Midlands it is partially successful, and south of the Thames it is a failure. There are indications, however, that the movement is spreading in London.

During yesterday the conferences were continued at headquarters in London. The leaders were in constant communication with the Board of Trade. Mr. Lloyd George drove to the Board of Trade last evening to see Mr. Burton. Later Mr. Cloughton, representing the railway companies, was summoned to the Board of Trade and spent a considerable time there. It is understood the negotiations are still in progress. Mr. Lloyd George, in answer to an inquiry, said the representatives of the men were to be approached immediately. He did not think it possible that there would be any more definite statement than that for some time, probably not until a very late hour.

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