

DYNAMITE CAR EXPLODES LEADING MARKETS BIG WATER TOWER FELL

Death and Havoc in the Town of Essex Centre.

St. Thomas, Aug. 11.—Two killed outright, one dead from shock, six seriously injured, one fatally, and thirty-three others with minor injuries, several cars and many buildings completely demolished and fully 75 per cent. of the houses in town damaged, causing monetary loss of at least \$200,000. Such is the result of the explosion of a car of nitro-glycerine in front of the M. C. R. depot at Essex Centre at 9.40 on Saturday morning. The car of dynamite had reached Essex Centre on Friday night, and was placed on a side track to be taken to Amherstburg by a plug train in the morning. This train in charge of Conductor Tom Barry, Engineer David Cottrell, Fireman James Madigan, and brakeman George Conlon and Joseph McNarry, had picked up the car, and was backing to the depot to await the arrival of the mail train from St. Thomas. Conductor Barry noticed that the nitro-glycerine was leaking from the car, and as the drops fell on the rails they popped. Barry drew the attention of Depot Agent Stimers to the condition of affairs, and these two, with brakemen and others, went into the car and readjusted the boxes to try and stop the leakage. Half an hour later the explosion occurred. McNarry and Conlon were helping to make up the train. The former was on the ground giving the engine crew the signal to slack up as they backed up to the passenger coach, which constitutes part of their train, while Conlon was hanging on the rear end of the dynamite car. Mr. Stimers, station agent, was standing near the engine, evidently watching to see how much dynamite the car was leaking.

DEVASTATION NEAR AND FAR.

When the dumfounded townspeople came to their senses and realized that the place had not been visited by an earthquake a rush was made to the depot. There the car of dynamite had disappeared, and in its place was a hole fully six feet deep and ten feet in diameter, two cars adjoining were reduced to debris, the passenger coach was shattered, the engine was a heap of twisted iron and steel, and the once handsome stone depot was knocked out of shape. Search was made for the bodies of the dead and injured. Barry, Stimers, Cottrell and Madigan were found along the track near the ruins of the depot, and all were living, but unconscious. The bodies of McNarry and Conlon could not be found for some time,

but they were located after a long search. The former's charred body was underneath a pile of burning coal, and one hand was completely gone. Brakeman Conlon was blown to pieces, and sections of his body were gathered up in different places. Portions of the head were picked up about two hundred yards away. The concussion caused by the explosion wrought great havoc for a considerable distance on either side of the track and the rails were torn up for a hundred feet or more. Pieces of track and car wheels were blown distances as far as five blocks.

THE DEAD.

GEO. CONLON, brakeman, Amherstburg train; leaves wife and child in St. Thomas.
JOSEPH McNARRY, Amherstburg, brakeman; leaves wife and child.
Dr. JAMES BRIEN, aged resident of Essex, lying near point of death at home, passed away from shock of explosion.

SERIOUSLY INJURED.

A. O. STIMERS, station agent, in neighborhood of two hundred cuts from flying glass on right side of body; recovery will be slow. He is totally deaf from explosion.
DAVID COTRELL, engineer, St. Thomas, cuts and bruises, rib broken and kidney punctured; recovery doubtful.
JAMES MADIGAN, fireman, St. Thomas, cuts on forehead and right side, and arm badly injured; recovery will be slow.
THOS. BARRY, conductor, of Amherstburg, cuts on head and body.
JAMES BROWN, Amherstburg, grain merchant, struck by portions of depot; internal injuries.

INJURED.

J. A. ABBOTT, telegraph operator, shock.
DAVID HESS, fourteen cuts.
MICHAEL FARRAUGH, mill hand, cut on head.
BERT ESSELLINE, mill hand, cut on head and body.
MRS. JOSEPH BAILEY, cuts on head.
MRS. MARTIN, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, cuts.
J. R. CLEEVEES, operator, cuts.
MISS MARY COCKBURN, telephone operator, suffering from shock.
MRS. A. O. STIMERS, cut by collapsing of her home.
JAMES FOSTER, baggageman, rendered partially deaf.
About a score of others cut by falling glass and timbers.

WEDDING BY BULLETIN.

An Unusual Law Complied With in Winnipeg.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: The following notice is to be found on the bulletin board in the City Clerk's office. "Take notice that the marriage is intended to be solemnized in the English Church Cathedral, at Shanghai, in China, on or about the 8th or 9th day of October, 1907, on arrival of the steamship Minnesota, sailing from Seattle on September 10 next, between George Herbert Cole of Tientsin, North China, missionary, and Jessie Winnifred Singleton of the city of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba, spinster. Dated this 7th day of August, 1907."

This is the first time that the City Clerk has been called on to post such a notice, and it is being done as a result of advice from the British Consulate in China. The notice will remain posted for two weeks, when the bride to be will secure a certificate from the City Clerk to the effect that the notice was posted, and that she has been for two weeks a resident in Winnipeg.

CATCHING MANY WHALES.

Quebec Company is Having a Successful Season.

A despatch from Ottawa says. Mr. T. J. Code, accountant of the Department of Trade and Commerce, returned on Wednesday from a visit to the principal points along the North Shore, which are touched at by the steamer Restigouche. Three days were spent at Seven Islands, where the Quebec Steam Whaling Co. has its principal plant. Two whales had just been brought in, the larger of which weighed over one hundred tons. The catch of the company up to a week ago was 37 whales for this season. A total of 66 was obtained for the whole of last season.

MONTREAL SHORT OF WATER.

One of the Big Pumps Has Broken Down.

A despatch from Montreal says: Another of the big Worthington pumps, at the wheel house in Point St. Charles, is broken down and the greatest difficulty is being experienced in trying to keep sufficient water in the reservoirs on the mountain. It is admitted in the Water Department that there may be something of a water famine again, and that the water pressure may be very poor in some districts of the city.

ARE FOND OF CIGARETTES.

Canadians Smoked Over Three Hundred Million.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Inland Revenue returns for the twelve months ending June 30 last show that the consumption of cigarettes in Canada is growing at an alarming rate. For the twelve months the total number entered for consumption was 331,972,137, as compared with 269,334,937 for the corresponding period of 1905-06, an increase of nearly one-third. In 1901 the number of cigarettes entered for consumption was 250,860,387, and ten years ago it was only 93,798,000.

The consumption of cigars for the twelve months ending June 30 last was 193,816,575, practically the same as for the preceding twelve months. Cigars made from Canadian tobacco numbered 2,826,721, as compared with 3,172,466 for the fiscal year 1905-06. The total consumption of tobacco of all kinds for the twelve months is estimated at 2,953 pounds per head of the population, the largest on record.

In regard to spirituous liquor, the consumption of beer shows the largest increase. For the twelve months, it was 5,585 gallons per head, as compared with 5,255 gallons per head in 1905-06. The consumption of spirits was .947 gallons per capita, and of wines .092 gallons per head, both practically the same as for the previous year.

NORTHWEST WANTS WOOD.

Fuel Famine May be Much More Serious than Expected.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: The expected fuel famine in the northwest next winter may be made much more serious by a shortage of wood. A lot of the coal produced in western Canada cannot be stored and it is doubtful if the hundred thousand tons which will be available along the line of the C. P. R. when winter sets in will be sufficient for all needs. Along the Canadian Northern line little or no coal is being accumulated.

During the winter Winnipeg burns a thousand cords of wood per day. There are only 41,950 tons altogether in sight. It is explained that last year the deep snow greatly hampered the wood-cutters in the bush. At the same time there is wood along the line of the C. N. R. for Winnipeg dealers, but they complain that there are no cars to move it.

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Aug. 13.—Ontario Wheat—Nominal; No. 2 white, 87c to 87½c. New wheat, about 83c to 84c.
Manitoba Wheat—Easy; No. 1 northern, 96c; No. 2 northern, 93c.
Corn—Steady; No. 2 yellow, 63c to 63½c, Toronto.
Barley—Nominal at 54c for No. 2.
Oats—Ontario, dull; No. 2 white, 43½c outside; new oats, 39c, Chatham freights, September shipment, Manitoba—No. 2 white, 43½c to 44c on track at elevator.
Peas—Nominal at 79c for No. 2.
Rye—64c to 65c.
Flour—Ontario—90 per cent. patents, \$3.35 bid, \$3.40 asked; Manitoba first patents, \$5 to \$5.20; seconds, \$4.40 to \$4.50; strong bakers', \$4.20 to \$4.30.
Bran—\$16 to \$17, bulk outside; shorts, in demand, about \$19 to \$20, outside.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Market continues steady, with little change in prices.
Creamery prints 21c to 23c
do solids 19c to 21c
Dairy prints 17c to 19c
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Cheese—Quiet and unchanged at 12c to 12½c for large and 12½c for twins, in job lots here.
Eggs—Firm at 18c to 18½c; selects quoted from 19c to 19½c.
Beans—\$1.65 to \$1.70 for hand-picked and \$1.50 to \$1.55 for primes.
Potatoes—Eastern, dull at 80c to 90c per bag; new potatoes, firm at \$3.25 to \$3.50 per barrel, in car lots on track.
Baled Hay—Quiet at \$13.50 to \$14.50 for No. 1 timothy. New hay, \$12.50, in car lots on track here.
Baled Straw—\$7.25 to \$7.50 per ton, in car lots on track here.

PROVISIONS.

Dressed Hogs—\$9.75 for lightweights and \$9.25 for heavies.
Pork—Short cut, \$22.75 to \$23 per barrel; mess, \$20 to \$21.
Smoked and Dry Salled Meats—Long clear bacon, 11c to 11½c for tons and cases; hams, medium and light, 15½c to 16c; heavy, 14½c to 15c; backs, 16½c to 17c; shoulders, 10½c to 11c; rolls, 11½c; out of pickle, 1c less than smoked.
Lard—Steady, tierces, 12c; tubs, 12½c; pails, 12½c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Aug. 13.—Oats continue firm, and sales of round lots of Manitoba No. 2 white were made at 48½c, and car-lots at 49c per bushel, ex-store.
The tone of the flour market is strong. Choice spring wheat patents, fair tone, \$5.10 to \$5.20; seconds, \$4.50 to \$4.60; winter wheat patents, \$4.65 to \$4.75; straight rollers, \$4.25 to \$4.35; do., in bags, \$1.95 to \$2.10; extras, \$1.65 to \$1.75.
Rolled oats are still quiet at \$1.25 per bag. Cornmeal is steady at \$1.45 to \$1.50.
Manitoba bran in bags, \$20; shorts, \$23 to \$25 per ton; Ontario bran in bags, \$19 to \$19.50; shorts, \$22.50 to \$23; milled mouille, \$24 to \$25 per ton; straight grain, \$30 to \$32.
Baled hay remains steady, with fairly active demand. No. 1, \$16 to \$16.50; No. 2, \$15 to \$15.50; clover, \$13.50 to \$14, and clover mixed, \$12.50 to \$13 per ton in car lots.

Butter is firmer at higher prices. Townships were quoted at 21½c to 23c, Quebec at 21½c to 21¾c. Receipts today were 3,181 packages.
Cheese shows no change. Ontario, 11½c to 11¾c; easterns, 11c to 11½c.
Eggs were firm. Sales of selected in single cases were made at 20c, and round lots of straight receipts at 16c; No. 1 candled at 17c. No. 2 candled at 14c, and No. 2 straight at 12½c per dozen.
Provisions—Barrels short cut mess, \$22 to \$22.50; half-barrels, \$11.25 to \$11.75; clear fat back, \$23.50 to \$24.50; long cut heavy mess, \$20.50 to \$21.50; half-barrels do., \$10.75 to \$11.50; dry salt long clear bacon, 10c to 11½c; barrels plate beef, \$14 to \$16; half-barrels do., \$7.50 to \$8.25; barrels heavy mess beef, \$10; half-barrels do., \$5.50; compound lard, 10½c to 10¾c; pure lard, 11½c to 12½c; kettle rendered, 13c to 13½c; hams, 12½c to 15½c, according to size; breakfast bacon, 14c to 15½c; Windsor bacon, 15c to 15½c; fresh killed abattoir dressed hogs, \$9.75 to \$10; alive, \$7.10 to \$7.25.

BUFFALO MARKETS.

Buffalo, Aug. 13.—Flour—Quiet. Wheat—Spring quiet; No. 1 Northern, \$1.00½; Winter easier; No. 2 red, 91c. Corn—Easier; No. 2 yellow, 61c; No. 2 white, 59c. Oats—Quiet; No. 2 white, 53½c; No. 3 white, 52½c. Canal freights—Unchanged.

NEW YORK WHEAT MARKET.

New York, Aug. 13.—Wheat—No. 2 red 93½c elevator; No. 2 red, 95c f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, \$1.06½ f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard Winter, 95½c.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, Aug. 13.—Little business was transacted in exporters' cattle. The quotations ranged from \$5.15 to \$5.50 per cwt. for fair to good, and \$4.90 to \$5.10 for medium exporters'.
Butchers' cattle, choice, equal in quality to exporters' cattle, \$4.80 to \$5 per cwt.; mixed butchers' cattle, \$3.40 to \$4.25; common cows, \$2.50 to \$3; good cows, \$3.40 to \$3.60.
Good stockers sold at \$2.75 to \$3.25. Heavier stockers were worth \$3.25 to \$3.50 per cwt. Good feeders, 1,050 to

Caused About \$50,000 Damage in Montreal Warehouse.

A despatch from Montreal says: A peculiar accident, resulting in heavy damage, occurred early on Thursday morning, when a huge water tower at the back of the building occupied by Messrs. Hermann Wolff & Co., general importers, 170 McGill Street, fell with a terrific crash. Fortunately few people were about and no one was in the vicinity at the time. There was practically no warning that anything untoward was likely to occur, for after a few seconds of grinding noises, the crash told of an accident. As the tower fell to the westward the large supply pipe was severed at the top of the building and in a few minutes the water had burst through on the five storeys like a broken dam, and every room was soon flooded.

As the tower fell across the narrow lane at the back of the building it struck the opposite building, 18 St.

Maurice Street, occupied by the Tamilkande Tea Co., with great force, the iron pillars and supports crashing through the roof and smashing it like so much matchwood. The crash was so severe that all the people in the neighboring buildings ran out into the street. Much of the water from the tank fell in through the broken roof and very many chests of tea were ruined. Bounding off the debris of the wrecked tower fell into the lane beneath, breaking windows and woodwork in its descent, another loud crash being heard as it reached the ground.

The force of the fall is shown in the twisted and bent ironwork of the supports and the triangular base on which the tower rested. Most of the woodwork that fell was splintered into kindling wood. The damage is estimated at \$50,000.

OPTIMISTIC CROP OUTLOOK.

The Weather is Favorable and No Damage Done.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: The most optimistic crop report for several weeks was handed out by the C. P. R. on Thursday—"Weather favorable; crops doing fine, no damage," is reported all along the line this week, only one or two places reporting any damage. The rain which has fallen in such generous quantities has been of great benefit, and as a consequence the grain is filling out nicely. The report from Brandon section is encouraging, although in the immediate vicinity of Chater the crops are suffering on account of lack of rain. In the Emerson section there has been some slight damage from hail, but not much.

Farmers in Manitoba are finding it a difficult task in securing farm help, and now harvesting time is so close the situation is becoming somewhat serious. Farm laborers seem very scarce this year, notwithstanding the stream of immigrants that have been pouring into the West from all parts of the world. The scarcity is a difficult matter to explain, as within the last few years wages have almost doubled and the average wage now paid by farmers is about \$35 to \$45 per month.

SACRIFICED HIS LIFE.

Cleveland Man Died in Attempting to Save Another.

A despatch from Cleveland, Ohio, says: In a vain endeavor to save John Bezick from burning to death on the roof of the Central blast furnace on Tuesday night Nicholas Thomas sacrificed his own life. Thomas died in an ambulance en route to a hospital. Bezick, taken to the hospital, expired a few hours afterwards. Sparks ignited Bezick's clothing when he was repairing a chimney. Thomas in attempting to extinguish the flames was fearfully burned himself.

KANSAS WHEAT CROP.

Will Have 65,000,000 Bushels—Decrease From Last Year.

A despatch from Topeka, Kansas, says: After having passed through a greater variety of vicissitudes than ever beset the crop in any previous year, Kansas has managed to come out with a yield of approximately 65,000,000 bushels of wheat this year. This production is 28,000,000 bushels below the harvest of 1906, but only five of the crops raised in the past ten years have been materially larger. Reports to the Kansas Board of Agriculture indicate that the corn crop is making rapid and satisfactory growth and will be up to last year's great output of 187,000,000 bushels.

ARSENIC IN THE PORRIDGE

Many Guests of Regina Restaurant Are Poisoned

A despatch from Regina says: A sensation was caused in the city on Friday by the news that a number of boarders at Steele's restaurant on Lorne Street had been poisoned by a solution of arsenic in the porridge partaken of by them at breakfast. It appears that the proprietors of the restaurant lent a quantity of oatmeal on Thursday to the Chinese proprietor of the adjacent eating house. The oatmeal was duly returned and Steele used some of it to cook the morning meal. Mrs. Steele and eight or nine guests ate of the porridge and almost immediately afterwards were seized with severe internal pains accompanied by vomiting. Doctors Thompson and Meek were summoned and by natural means and stomach pumps the greater part of the food was ejected.

Three of the sufferers, Harry Stewart, Cyrus Winters and John Fortune, were conveyed to Victoria Hospital, where their condition aroused grave anxiety. There is, however, some ground for hoping that all those attacked will recover.

The unused oatmeal was confiscated and a portion of it submitted to Dr. Charlton, Provincial Bacteriologist, who certified to the presence of arsenic. The Chinaman who returned the oatmeal, and generally known here as Mac, has been arrested. A fact which, unless disproved, appears to weigh against him is that an invoice shows that he purchased two weeks ago a quantity of oatmeal, all of which had not been used. What valid reason he had to borrow oatmeal with a stock already in his possession remains a mystery.