

# FIRES CAUSED BY RAILWAYS

## Questions Discussed at the Forestry Association Meeting in Quebec.

A despatch from Quebec says: Hon. Clifford Sifton delivered an excellent address at the recent session of the Forestry Association. He chose for this subject the question of "Forestry Problems and Forest Fires." At the outset he pointed out the early difficulties which beset the pioneers in forestry work. Despite the indifference on the part of the public, Mr. Sifton contended that no movement in modern times had made such genuine progress as the conservation of our forests. He told of the early struggles he had to obtain a vote of \$15,000 for the establishment of a forestry school in connection with the Department of the Interior. Since the establishment of that school no less than 15,000,000 trees had been planted in the western provinces.

In connection with forest fires, Mr. Sifton showed that the railroads were the chief offenders. From careful investigation it was found that out of 171 fires in Quebec last year the railroads caused 75. In Ontario the railroads started 404 out of 432 fires, which took place in the Province. In the west the proportion was smaller, but even there it was shown that they were the chief offenders, causing 186 out of 1,223 fires. "We want

them penalized for the fires they cause, and if this is done it will tend to make campers and settlers more careful," said Mr. Sifton. In conclusion he asked for the support of the convention in connection with the efforts being made by the Conservation Commission to penalize the railroads for the fires they cause.

Mr. Hall, Secretary of the Society for the Protection of the Adirondacks, told of their fight to secure freedom from forest fires. They had found after careful investigation, that the railroads were the chief offenders, and had passed laws compelling them to burn oil in their locomotives while passing through the forests. This policy, together with the cleaning up of the right of way and the establishment of watch towers, had made the Adirondacks practically free from fires.

Mr. R. D. Campbell, Dominion Superintendent of Forestry, gave an exhaustive report on the work carried on by his department. He pointed out the difficulty of properly patrolling large areas of forest, of getting trained fire-rangers, and of the need of educative work among the settlers. He concluded that a fire patrol was needed along the lines of railroad, no matter what other means of protection were adopted.

### FOUR BURNED TO DEATH.

Mrs. Percy C. Brooks and Her Three Children, of Toronto.

A despatch from Toronto says: A fire that partially destroyed the frame house, 425 Indian Road, at an early hour on Saturday morning was responsible for four deaths in the family of Mr. Brooks. The fire apparently started near the furnace and worked its way into the upper part of the house, cutting off all escape for the family. The maid jumped from a rear window and escaped. Mr. Brooks, Manager and Treasurer of the Fairbanks-Morris Manufacturing Company, is in Chicago on business. He was telegraphed to by neighbors immediately on the tragedy becoming known.

### LEAPED FROM CABOOSE.

Trainmen Hurt in Escaping From Burning Caboose.

A despatch from Portage La Prairie, Man., says: Conductor Howe and Brakesman John Alexander and Frank Moore, of the C. P. R., are in the hospital here, though not seriously hurt. The cause of the trouble was the explosion of a lamp, which set fire to a car, when the train was five miles west of this city. They were unable to open the door, but broke the window and leaped out into the snow.

### ONTARIO LIVE STOCK SHOW.

Results of the Year's Seed Grain Competitions.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The feature of Thursday at the Ontario Live Stock Show was the announcement of results in the year's seed grain competitions. The prize winners were: Oats, Wm. Lewis, Dunford, Siberian; Thos. Cash, Bobcaygeon, Yellow Russian; Peter Drummond, Keene, Irish White; S. W. Rilance, Beaverton; D. Coon, Frankford; H. W. Bernard, Billboro; M. S. Campbell, Dominion-

ville; W. J. Barber, Dossmore; Geo. R. Bradley, Carsonby; Andrew Knox, Norwood; spring wheat, W. J. Oats, Queen's Line. Thos. McMillan of Seaford spoke on "The Beef Cattle Industry in Ontario," and Prof. W. H. Day of Guelph on undertraining.

### ALL TO HAVE WIRELESS.

Government to Insist on Equipment of Passenger Steamers.

A despatch from Ottawa says: It was stated on Friday at the Marine Department that a bill was in preparation which would be introduced by Mr. Brodeur in the House of Commons requiring all vessels on the Great Lakes and in the St. Lawrence carrying passengers as a business to be equipped with wireless telegraphy.

### MINERS LOSE SAVINGS.

Many at Keeley Mine Had Money in Farmers Bank.

A despatch from Cobalt says: The Keeley Mine is closed up as all the employes excepting two engineers and the cook refuse to return to work. Wages were cut 25 cents a day all round. Many of the miners had their savings in the branch of the Farmers Bank situated at the mine.

### CURES PARALYSIS.

Austrian Physician Claims Success With Tuberculin.

A despatch from Vienna says: After three years' experimentation, Prof. Wagner von Jauregg, of the University of Vienna, claims to have cured 23 per cent. of cases of progressive paralysis out of 1,500 patients by injections of Koch's tuberculin. The disease heretofore has been considered incurable.

Subscriptions to Montreal memorial to King Edward are pouring in.

# RULING PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

## REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.

### Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Produce at Home and Abroad.

#### BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Jan. 24.—Flour—Winter wheat 90 per cent. patents, \$3.80 at seaboard. Manitoba flours—First patents, \$5.40; second patents, \$4.90, and strong bakers', \$4.70, on track, Toronto.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.04, Bay ports; No. 2 Northern, \$1.01½, Bay ports, and No. 2 at 98½c, Bay ports.

Ontario Wheat—86 to 87c outside for No. 2 red and white, respectively.

Barley—Malting qualities, 56 to 58c outside, and feed, 48 to 50c outside.

Oats—No. 2 white, 35½ to 36½c, on track, Toronto, and at 34c outside; No. 2 W.C. oats, 39c, Bay ports, and No. 3 at 37½c, Bay ports.

Corn—No. 2 American yellow 53c, prompt shipment, Toronto freights.

Peas—No. 2 shipping lots, 79 to 80c outside.

Rye—No. 2 at 61 to 62c outside.

Buckwheat—No. 1 at 48c outside.

Bran—Manitobas at \$21, in bags, Toronto, and shorts, \$23, in bags, Toronto. Ontario bran, \$21 to \$21.50, in sacks, Toronto, and shorts \$23.

#### COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—Spys, \$4.50 to \$6; Baldwins, \$4 to \$5; Greenings, \$4 to \$4.50; No. 2 assorted, \$3.50 to \$4 per barrel.

Beans—Car lots, \$1.70 to \$1.75, and small lots, \$1.85 to \$1.90.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 10½ to 11c per lb. No. 1 comb, wholesale, \$2 to \$2.50 per dozen; No. 2 comb, wholesale, \$1.75 to \$2 per dozen.

Baled hay—No. 1 at \$12 to \$12.50, on track, and No. 2 at \$10 to \$10.50.

Baled straw—\$6.50 to \$7 on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—Car lots 75 to 80c per bag.

Poultry—Wholesale prices of dressed poultry—Chickens, 12 to 12½c per lb.; fowl, 9 to 10c per lb.; ducks, 13 to 14c per lb.; turkeys 17 to 19c per lb., and geese, 12 to 12½c per lb. Live, 1 to 2c less.

#### THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Dairy prints, 22 to 24c; choice dairy solids, 21 to 22c; inferior, 18 to 19c; choice large rolls, 21 to 22c. Creamery, 27 to 28c per lb. for rolls, 25c for solids, and 24 to 25c for separator prints.

Eggs—Case lots of pickled bring 26c; cold storage, 27c; selected, 28 to 30c, and strictly new-laid, 32 to 35c per dozen.

Cheese—Large are quoted at 12½c, and twins at 12¼c.

#### HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 12 to 12½c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$24; short cut, \$26.

Hams—Light to medium, 16c; do., heavy, 15c; rolls, 12½c; shoulders, 11½c; breakfast bacon, 18c; backs (pea meal), 18½c.

Lard—Tierces, 13c; tubs, 13½c; pails, 13¼c.

#### MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Jan. 24.—Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 40½ to 41c, car lots ex store; extra No. 1 feed, 39½ to 40c; No. 3 C.W., 39 to 39½c; No. 2 local white, 38½ to 39½c; No. 3 local white, 37½ to 38½c; No. 4 local white, 36½ to 37½c. Flour—Manitoba Spring patents, firsts, \$5.60; do., seconds, \$5.10; Winter wheat patents, \$4.75 to \$5; strong bakers', \$4.90; straight rollers, \$4.35 to \$4.50; do., in bags, \$2 to \$2.10. Rolled oats—Per bbl., \$4.45; bag of 90 lbs., \$2.10. Barley—Feed, car lots ex store, 49 to 57½c. Millfeed—Bran, Ontario, \$19 to \$20; Manitoba, \$18 to \$20; middlings, Ontario, \$22 to \$22.50; shorts, Manitoba, \$21 to \$22; moullie, \$25 to \$30. Eggs—Selected, 32c; fresh, 40 to 43c; No. 1 stock, 27c; No. 2, 23 to 25c. Cheese—Westerns, 11.5-8 to 12¼c; easterns, 11¼ to 11.5-8c. Butter—Choicest, 25¼ to 25½c; seconds, 23½ to 25c.

#### UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, Jan. 24.—Wheat—Spring, No. 1 Northern, carloads

# THE HUDSON BAY RAILWAY

## G.T.R. Willing to Negotiate With Government Regarding Operation of Line.

A despatch from Ottawa says: A telegram was received on Wednesday by the Hon. Geo. P. Graham, Minister of Railways and Canals, from Charles M. Hays, President of the G.T.R. Company, making an offer from the G.T.R. to negotiate with the Government respecting the operation of the Hudson Bay Railway. While no terms were mentioned, it is surmised that the Grand Trunk Pacific would desire a lease similar to the one under which it will operate the eastern section of the National Trans-

continental. A substantially similar offer, it is said, has already been received from the Canadian Northern, and it is hoped that better terms may be received from one of the other companies. The present proposition contemplates the construction of a line from the Grand Trunk Pacific from Saskatoon to the Pas Mission. This proposition follows on a conference held here recently in which President Hays, Mr. Wainwright and Chief Engineer Kelliher participated.

# CANNED CHINESE EGGS

## Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars' Worth Seized at Montreal.

A despatch from Montreal says: A consignment of canned eggs from China, valued at \$75,000, has been seized by the city, and the Board of Control ordered on Thursday that not a single can must be sold in the city. The owners were afterwards given permission to remove the eggs from the cold-storage warehouse, but if there is any delay in removal every can will be destroyed. From the information given to the board it was shown that the eggs were dangerous to public health. In the analysis, which was made by experts, some surprising facts were brought out. The experts in their report say: "The eggs in the cans were found to be frozen, and are said to have come from China. The eggs, while in the frozen condition, had hard-

ly any noticeable odor, as would have been expected. A small part of the eggs from samples were taken and placed in a warm temperature. Putrefaction of a violent nature resulted in about 24 hours, showing the presence of large numbers of bacteria. Such bacteria were probably introduced at the time of packing, the subsequent freezing checking their action."

An experiment was conducted to determine the effects of a small portion of the eggs, when inoculated into a guinea pig. On December 24, a sample of the mixture with sterilized water was injected subcutaneously into a guinea pig, the pig died in less than two days. The consignees were ordered to remove the stuff from the city, and some curiosity is exhibited as to who will finally get them.

### 4,000 ACRES OF FLAX.

Big Alberta Land Company Preparing to Farm Its Holding.

A despatch from Calgary says: A. Briggs, who in company with associates, purchased twenty sections, 13,000 acres of non-irrigable land, within the irrigation block, south of Kinivie, last summer, announces that he has now organized the Boston-Alberta Development Company, and that they propose to put 4,000 acres in flax this spring, breaking the land with traction plows. It is the intention of his company to put the greater part of the entire area in wheat, as soon as possible.

### GEORGIAN BAY CANAL.

Appropriation of \$3,000,000 to be Submitted.

A despatch from Ottawa says: It is now regarded as a settled fact that this year will see a start on the Georgian Bay Canal. A special estimate of three million dollars, allowing for a beginning, has been prepared, and it is expected that it will shortly be brought down. Confirmation of the report is indicated in the remarks of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux at Montreal, and also in statements that have been made by some of the Ministers to members for constituencies particularly interested in the work.

# NEXT GOVERNOR - GENERAL

## Duke of Teck Suggested in Case Duke of Connaught Cannot Come.

A despatch from Ottawa says: It is learned from high authority that his Serene Highness the Duke of Teck, eldest brother of Queen Mary, may be the next Governor-General of Canada. Although no official advices have been received here by the Government yet that the Duke of Connaught will be unable to come to Canada this year as representative of the King, owing to the need of his presence in England until the Prince of Wales is old enough to assume the duties of his position, present indications are that his Royal Highness will be prevented from coming for that reason. It is understood that the Imperial Government is now suggest-

ing in an informal way that the Duke of Teck would be a suitable choice as successor to Lord Grey, in case it is found that the Duke of Connaught cannot be spared. The matter has as yet not got beyond the stage of tentative suggestion, but it is known that it is under consideration. His Serene Highness is a grandson of the first Duke of Cambridge, and the eldest son of the late Duke of Teck and of H.R.H. Princess Mary Adelaide. He was born at Kensington Palace on August 13, 1868, and saw service in South Africa as transport officer of a composite cavalry regiment. He was temporary military attaché at Vienna in 1904.

# 500 MILES OF NEW TRACK

## Canadian Pacific Railway Plans Many New Lines in the West.

A despatch from Montreal says: It was stated on Wednesday evening by Vice-President William Whyte of the C. P. R. that the company will build 500 miles of track in the west during the coming summer, including the completion of the double-tracking of the line between Winnipeg and Brandon. In addition to this there will be a good deal of double-tracking around Moose Jaw, which is becoming an important shipping centre. In order to make the road through the

Mountain section more secure, Mr. Whyte stated that it would be given a rock ballast, the ballast being made out of the mountains with two large crushers. In addition to this the western programme includes the strengthening of a number of bridges to keep up with the increasing weight of equipment, and a number of new steel bridges. The rest of the construction programme includes a number of short lines, from twenty to forty miles long, to connect newly-settled districts with the main lines.