

FIRE RAVAGES GOLDEN CITY

Sixteen Buildings on Main Street Wiped Out.---Loss \$40,000 to \$50,000.

A despatch from South Porcupine says: On Wednesday night between the hours of 12 and 2 sixteen buildings were destroyed on the south side of Main street, Golden City, involving a loss of between \$40,000 and \$50,000. The fire broke out shortly after 12 in Romain's saloon, a little girl first noticing the blaze. There was a fresh breeze blowing and in a few minutes the fire had such a hold that the bucket brigade formed to convey water from the lake was quite powerless. While some of the business houses had insurance, it was in unauthorized companies, many licensed companies having but a short time before cancelled their policies. The temperature was below zero, and many of the fire-fighters had their ears and noses frost-bitten. The thirty or forty people homeless are all being taken care of.

Carter & Wright's drug store has been burned down now three times in one year, once in Gowganda in January, again in Pottsville last July, and now in Golden City in December. They were, however, insured. It is most probable that the fire would have spread much farther if several houses had not been dynamited. This undoubtedly saved the Mulligan House and the Lyric Theatre. The list of buildings destroyed are as follows:—King George Restaurant, Chas. Chow, proprietor; A. Loch, fruit and candy store; Carter & Wright, druggists; Mullin's pool-room; branch of Liberty stores; C. Evans, men's furnishing store; Lang's supply store; W. Polton's bakery, Romain's saloon, the Strathcona Hotel, the Boston Lunch Restaurant, J. M. Forbes' lawyer's office; J. W. Crawford, lawyer; H. S. Godson, lawyer.

TIED DOWN.

20 Years' Slavery—How She Got Freedom.

A dyspepsia veteran who writes from one of England's charming rural homes to tell how she won victory in her 20 years' fight, naturally exults in her triumph over the tea and coffee habit: "I feel it a duty to tell you," she says, "how much good Postum has done me. I am grateful, but also desire to let others who may be suffering as I did, know of the delightful method by which I was relieved.

"I had suffered for 20 years from dyspepsia, and the giddiness that usually accompanies that painful ailment, and which frequently prostrated me. I never drank much coffee, and cocoa and even milk did not agree with my impaired digestion, so I used tea, exclusively, till about a year ago, when I found in a package of Grape-Nuts the little book, 'The Road to Wellville.'

"After a careful reading of the booklet I was curious to try Postum and sent for a package. I enjoyed it from the first, and at once gave up tea in its favor.

"I began to feel better very soon. My giddiness left me after the first few days' use of Postum, and my stomach became stronger so rapidly that it was not long till I was able (as I still am) to take milk and many other articles of food of which I was formerly compelled to deny myself. I have proved the truth of your statement that Postum 'makes good, red blood.'

"I have become very enthusiastic over the merits of my new table beverage, and during the past few months, have conducted a Postum propaganda among my neighbors which has brought benefit to many, and I shall continue to tell my friends of the 'better way' in which I rejoice." Name given by Canadian Postum Co., Windsor, Ont.

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

The Canada Steel Company is to increase its plant at Hamilton.

POLICE CHIEF LED ROBBERS

Amazing Career of a Parisian Official—Receives Heavy Sentences.

A despatch from Paris, France, says: The amazing career of Alexander Wartzee, one of the most respected chiefs of the secret police in Paris, who for four years succeeded in retaining the entire trust of his superiors, Prefect Lepine included, whilst all the time being the mysterious chief of a notorious band of thieves, was brought to an end on Wednesday when a sentence of seven years' penal servitude and ten years in exile was passed upon him. The whole story is quite as unreal and exciting as anything ever imagined by the fiction writers. His arrest occurred only when Wartzee walked into the of-

fice of the Chief of Police and gave himself up after some days in hiding. During the trial Wartzee, although admitting that he had lived a double life, insisted that he was not guilty, and that the charges brought against him were only revenge on the part of members of the "Apache" band tried with him, who had thought of getting him out of their way by this unusual method. Despite his defence, however, Wartzee got the heaviest sentence, except his denouncer, who was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment and ten years in exile. The other five members of the band received sentences of from two to five years.

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. 2.—Flour—Winter wheat 90 per cent. patents, \$3.45 to \$3.50, sea-board. Manitoba flours—First patents, \$5.50; second patents, \$5, and strong bakers', \$4.40, on track, Toronto.
Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern \$1.08 1-2, Bay ports; No. 2 Northern, \$1.05 1-2, and No. 3 at \$1.01 1-2, Bay ports.
Ontario wheat—No. 2 white, red and mixed, 88 to 89c, outside.
Peas—Good shipping peas, \$1.10, outside.
Oats—Car lots of No. 2 Ontario quoted outside at 43 1-2 to 44, and of No. 3 at 42 to 42 1-2c; on track, Toronto, 46 to 46 1-2c. No. 2 Western Canada oats, 46 1-2c, and feed, 44 1-2c, Bay ports.
Corn—No. 3 American yellow, 68 1-2c, Toronto freight.
Rye—95 to 96c for No. 2, outside.
Buckwheat—61 to 62c, outside.
Bran—Manitoba bran, \$22.50 in bags, Toronto freight. Shorts, \$25.50.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.
Apples—\$3 to \$4.50 per barrel.
Beans—Small lots of hand-picked \$2.30 to \$2.35 per bushel.
Honey—Extracted, in tins, 11 to 12c per lb. Combs—\$2.50 to \$2.75.
Baled hay—No. 1 is quoted at \$16 to \$17, on track, and No. 2 at \$14 to \$14.50.
Baled straw—\$7.50 to \$8, on track, Toronto.
Potatoes—Car lots, in bags, quoted at \$1.25 to \$1.30, and Delawares at \$1.35. Out of store, \$1.45 to \$1.50.
Poultry—Wholesale prices of dressed poultry:—Chickens, 12 to 12 1-2c per lb.; fowl, 8 to 10c; ducks, 12 to 13c; geese, 12 to 12 1-2c; turkeys, 19 to 20c. Live poultry, about 2c lower than the above.

BUTTER, EGGS, CHEESE.
Butter—Dairy, choice, in wrappers, 27 to 29c; store lots, 23 to 25c, and inferior, tubs, 17 to 19c. Creamery quoted at \$1.12 to 33c for rolls, and 29 to 30c for solids, per lb.
Eggs—Strictly new-laid, 40c, delivered here, and fresh at 27 to 28c per dozen, in case lots.
Cheese—Large quoted at 15 1-2c, and twins at 16 1-4c per lb.

HOG PRODUCTS.
Bacon—Long clear, 11 1-2 to 11 3-4c per lb., in case lots. Pork, short cut, \$22.50; do., mess, \$19.50 to \$20. Hams—Medium to light, 16 to 16 1-2c; heavy, 14 to 14 1-2c; rolls, 10 3-4 to 11c; breakfast bacon, 16 to 17c; backs, 19 to 20c.
Lard—Tierces, 11 3-4c; tubs, 12c; pails, 12 1-4c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.
Montreal, Jan. 2.—Oats, Canadian Western, No. 2, 47c; Canadian Western No. 3, 45 1-2c; extra No. 1 feed, 46c; No. 2 local white, 46 1-2c; No. 3 local white, 45 1-2c; No. 4 local white, 44 1-2c. Barley, Man. feed, 64 to 65c; malting, 91 to 95c. Buckwheat, No. 2, 68 to 70c. Flour, Man. Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.60; seconds, \$5.10; strong bakers', \$4.90; Winter patents, choice, \$4.75 to \$5; straight rollers, \$4.25 to \$4.40; straight rollers, bags, \$1.95 to \$2.05. Rolled oats, barrels, \$5; bags, 90 pounds, \$2.37 1-2. Bran, \$23. Shorts, \$25. Middlings, \$27 to \$28. Mouillie, \$29 to \$34. Hay, No. 2, per ton car lots, \$15 to \$15.50. Cheese, finest westerns, 14 1-2 to 15c; finest easterns, 14 1-2 to 14 5-8c. Butter, choicest creamery, 31 1-2 to 32 1-2c; seconds, 30 to 31c. Eggs, fresh, 60 to 65c; selected, 30 to 33c; No. 1 stock, 25 to 27c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, \$1.25 to \$1.27 1-2.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.
Minneapolis, Jan. 2.—Close—Wheat—December, \$1.04 3-8; May, \$1.06 3-4; July, \$1.07 1-2; No. 1 hard, \$1.07 1-4; No. 1 Northern, \$1.06 1-4 to \$1.06 3-4; No. 2 Northern, \$1.04 1-4 to \$1.04 3-4; No. 3 wheat, \$1.01 3-4 to \$1.02 3-4. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 58 1-2 to 59 1-2c. Oats—No. 3 white, 44 to 45c. Rye—No. 2, 87 1-2 to 88 1-2c. Bran—\$23 to \$23.50. Flour—First patents, \$5 to \$5.30; seconds, \$4.60 to \$4.90; first clears, \$3.50 to \$3.85; second clears, \$2.40 to \$2.80.
Buffalo, Jan. 2.—Spring wheat—No. 1 Northern, carloads, store, \$1.12; Winter, No. 2 red, 99c; No. 3 red, 97c; No. 2 white, 99c. Oats—No. 2 white, 51 1-2c; No. 3 white, 51c; No. 4 white, 50c. Barley—Malting, \$1.18 to \$1.25.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.
Montreal, Jan. 2.—Butchers' cattle, choice, \$6.35 to \$6.50; do., medium, \$5 to \$6.25; do., common, \$3.50 to \$4.50; canners, \$2 to \$3.25; butchers' cattle, choice cows, \$5.50 to \$5.75; do., medium, \$4.75 to \$5.25; do., bulls, \$4.50 to \$5.50; milkers, choice, each, \$75; do., com. and medium, each, \$50 to \$60; springers, \$30 to \$40. Sheep—Ewes, \$4 to \$4.25; do., bucks and culls, \$3.50 to \$3.75; lambs, \$6.25 to \$6.50. Hogs—E. o. b., \$6.90 to \$7.25. Calves—\$3 to \$10.
Toronto, Jan. 2.—Cattle prices closed

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PEDIGREE BANNER OATS

Mr. J. Lockie Wilson Says They May Be Obtained From a Carleton Farm.

A despatch from Toronto says: Arrangements are being made by Mr. J. Lockie Wilson, Superintendent of Agricultural and Horticultural Societies, for agricultural societies throughout the Province to purchase quantities of pedigree banner oats from a farmer in Carleton county, whose grain has been carefully watched by the Canadian Seed-growers' Association. It is suggested that the Secretary of each society should communicate with Mr. Wilson or his Department at the Parliament buildings. Mr. L. H. Newman of Ottawa, Secretary of the Canadian Seed-growers' Association, has promised that he or some of his staff will see that

all grain is properly bagged and sealed and a tag will be attached to each bag, with full instructions as to the best methods of cultivating. It is expected that by this means, as well as through the influence of the standing field crop competitions, Ontario will come to be known as the place where the best seed in the Dominion can be procured.

Much gratification is felt by the Department over the fact that this year is the first since the standing field crop competitions were started, in 1907, in which the expert judges have been unable to discover a single seed of wild oats in all the large exhibit of oats in the Guelph Winter Fair.

very strongly, with small gains, while lambs recovered much of last week-end's loss. The average price for them was \$6.25, though selected lots touched \$6.40 per hundred-weight. Hogs were steady, \$6.50 was the highest price for a carload of steers. These weighed about 1,100 pounds. The bulk of the cattle offering, however, changed hands at from \$6 to \$6.35, that is, for good useful butchers' steers and heifers.

MONTREAL SMALLPOX SCARE

The C. P. R. Refuses to Have Its Men Vaccinated.

A despatch from Montreal says: The city officials have realized at last that a smallpox epidemic is threatening Montreal, and have resolved to take steps to stop it. They are meeting, however, with all kinds of opposition to the suggestion that large corporations insist on their employees being vaccinated. Chief among those companies objecting is the C. P. R. The Controllers were wrathful when they heard about the railway's decision, but recognize that they can do nothing, as it operates under a Dominion charter. The railway takes the ground that if its men were vaccinated its shops would be idle for days.

HOMELESS MEN POISONED.

Thirty-six Died as Result of Eating Decayed Herring.

A despatch from Berlin, Germany, says: Thirty-six homeless men, who sought with decayed smoked herring to add to the flavor of the frugal meal of bread and soup served to them at the municipal lodging house on Tuesday night, are dead. More than 40 others are sick, several of whom are believed to be dying. The cause of death has not yet been announced, but the authorities are confident that the putrid fish are responsible. The partially completed autopsies appear to substantiate this view. All these known to have partaken of the fish are dead or in such condition as to be unable to throw any light on the subject. It is believed, however, that one of the victims found the fish in the garbage pile of a nearby market and divided them among his comrades. The men became sick early in the morning, and in some cases death followed rapidly, in from two to three hours.

MONTREAL TERMINALS.

The Canadian Northern Plans an Elaborate System.

A despatch from Montreal says: The plans of the Canadian Northern Railway for entry into Montreal have just been made public. The total cost will be in the neighborhood of \$25,000,000, and will require three years to complete.

12 YEARS AND THE LASH.

Heavy Sentences Imposed on Three Bandits in Winnipeg.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: As a result of the wave of crime prevalent in Winnipeg lately, and especially to put a stop to street hold-ups, the police magistrate on Wednesday sentenced three Galician bandits to 12 years in the penitentiary and 24 lashes each.

LOCKOUT IN BRITISH MILLS

Action of Employers Affects 300,000 Workers of Lancashire.

A despatch from Manchester, Eng., says: The refusal of one man and two women to join a trades union, coupled with the decision of the Master Cotton Spinners to close their mills three days in the week, caused a complete stoppage of a great portion of the cotton mills in northeast Lancashire on Wednesday evening. Efforts are already on foot to bring about a settlement, but as one woman, who left the union after twenty years because she believes that the benefits are not commensurate with the payments, persists in her attitude, and the Master Spinners insist upon their right to maintain open shops, a long and bitter struggle is feared. There is danger, too, of the fight spreading to other industries.

The lockout involves 160,000 weavers, and nearly an equal number of spinners will be reduced to half pay. Unfortunately there are indications already of probable complications through the introduction of a new issue of the troublesome question of wages. This move has been taken by the weavers, who now declare that as the lockout has been decided upon they intend to make an advance of five per cent. in wages a condition of any settlement. It is estimated that the weekly loss in wages to weavers and allied workers, spinners and card-room employees will amount to \$1,400,000. The weavers will receive roughly \$325,000 lockout pay from the union.