

# DOMINION IS BUILDING UP

Six Months' Record in Twenty-Seven Cities—Gain of Twenty-Eight Per Cent.

A despatch from Toronto says: According to reports from official sources compiled by The Contract Record the building operations in twenty-seven Canadian cities for the first half of 1912 aggregated \$69,583,674, twenty-eight per cent. more than for the same period in 1911. As illustrating the steady growth of the country the journal points to the fact that the buildings erected in 1911 exceeded in value those of 1910 by 20 per cent. The buildings for the month of June alone represented an expenditure of \$17,645,709, as compared with \$12,346,908 in June, 1911. Toronto is in the lead with a six-months' record of \$13,195,271. Winnipeg's figures are \$11,205,600. Vancouver, with an expenditure of \$8,132,720, is \$65,000 ahead of Montreal, and Edmonton is not far behind with \$7,725,622. Edmonton's expenditure shows the remarkable gain of 376 per cent. Stratford

showed a gain of 278 per cent., Brantford 133, Fort William 132, Port Arthur 124, Nelson 118.

The building returns for six months of 1912 and the same period of 1911 are as follows:—

	1912	1911
Toronto	\$13,195,271	\$11,939,953
Winnipeg	11,205,600	9,058,150
Vancouver	8,132,720	9,191,524
Montreal	8,065,993	7,306,136
Edmonton	7,725,622	1,620,431
Saskatoon	4,685,634	2,374,441
Hamilton	3,145,600	2,246,780
Regina	2,549,770	2,336,930
Ottawa	2,120,000	1,393,370
Fort William	1,743,425	750,075
Maisonville	817,428	748,900
New Westminster	785,578	615,580
Lethbridge	719,343	528,950
Port Arthur	700,994	312,985
Brantford	657,230	282,228
London	609,598	458,423
Windsor	433,830	396,795
St. Boniface	395,530	467,880
Berlin	352,950	242,585
St. John	315,950	211,700
Sydney	254,616	222,059
Kingston	224,059	133,223
Galt	204,032	163,290
Nelson	198,016	90,705
Stratford	202,791	53,590
Peterborough	188,858	58,786
Welland	124,186	.....

## THREE NEW LEPEERS.

Now 22 Inmates of the Lazaretto in New Brunswick.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Director-General of Public Health, Dr. F. Montizambert, reports that three new cases of leprosy were admitted to the Leper Lazaretto at Tracadia, N.B., during the year, and one death occurred. According to him there are at this date twenty-two patients there, twelve males and ten females. Eighteen are of French Acadian origin, two of English, one of Icelandic and one of Russian origin. The Minister of Agriculture sanctioned the gift of a small organ for the use of the patients to relieve the monotony of their lives. The Leper Lazaretto at Darcy Island, B. C., has not been occupied by any leper since the last one was deported, previous to this year.

## PLAGUE AT SANTIAGO.

Steps Taken to Rid the Cuban City of Rats.

A despatch from Washington says: The plague alarm has reached Santiago, Cuba, according to advices to the State Department on Thursday. One case, suspected of being the plague, was found in the business section on Wednesday, and the discovery of the suspect caused great excitement. Energetic measures have been taken for cleaning the entire city and exterminating the rats. A house to house campaign of elimination has been inaugurated.

## 50 KILLED IN CHILIAN MINE.

Explosion of Dynamite in Copper Company's Plant.

A despatch from Valparaiso, Chili, says: A tremendous dynamite explosion in El Teniente Mines, belonging to the Braden Copper Company, killed 50 Chilians and dreadfully wounded many others. According to semi-official reports the catastrophe is the third occurring there within a short period.

## FATHER AND CHILD DROWNED

Little Girl Fell Overboard When Trawling Line Caught.

A despatch from Peterboro says: Henry Hayward, aged 35, and his five-year-old daughter were drowned in the Otonabee on Sunday afternoon. The trawling line held by the little girl caught, and she fell in the water. The father, although unable to swim, jumped in and died in an unsuccessful attempt to save her.

# A NEW NORTHERN RAILWAY

Edmonton Will Be Given Connections With Hudson Bay and the North.

A despatch from Edmonton says: Financed by British capitalists of international repute, holding a Federal charter, which provides for 1,800 miles of new railway construction, giving Canada a new transcontinental line, with Fort Churchill on the east and Port Eslington on the west as terminals, and connecting Edmonton with Lac la Riche, Fort McMurray and Lake Athabasca, the Northern Territorial Railway will commence a survey of its route

from Edmonton north-easterly in the course of the next few days, and before the close of the season a start will probably be made on the actual construction of the grade. The corporation is capitalized at \$40,000,000, and under the charter, which was granted by the Dominion Parliament at its last session, has bonding powers amounting to \$40,000 per mile. The length of this new transcontinental from the coast to Fort Churchill will be 1,450 miles.

## THE FEDERAL REVENUE.

For First Three Months of Year the Gain Exceeds \$8,000,000

A despatch from Ottawa says: The financial statement for the first three months of the fiscal year, closing on June 30, shows total receipts of \$37,838,110, as compared with \$29,239,646 for the same period last year. For the month of June alone, the receipts were \$13,181,174 as compared with \$10,666,205 in June, 1911. The big increase is practically all due to increased customs collections. The total expenditure for the three months, so far as accounted for at the end of June, was \$12,481,931, as compared with \$8,935,732 for the like period in 1911. In addition, there have been expenditures chargeable to capital account, amounting to \$1,533,920, as against \$2,303,730 for the first three months of 1911. During the first quarter of the fiscal year, the debt has been decreased by \$6,021,138, as compared with \$3,739,960 for the same period last year.

## HE'S "DICK" TO ALL.

About a year ago a party of British journalists traveling through British Columbia were entertained by Sir Richard McBride, as Premier of the Province. To those men with fixed traditions of a Prime Minister's dignity, it was somewhat of a shock to find how very familiarly



Sir Richard McBride.

the Westerners treated their ruler, addressing him on the street quite frequently without more formality than would be given a village alderman. However, the climax to the Englishmen's amazement was reached during an automobile drive. The Premier had a tall colored chauffeur whom he addressed as "Sam." Reaching a smooth section of road, the Premier leaned over the front seat and suggested a little more speed.

"Lor' bless you, Dick, she's on the last notch now," equanimitly the negro, with perfect equanimity.

## SAVED EXCURSION TRAIN.

Man Walking Track Noticed Spread Rail Just in Time.

A despatch from Peterboro says: Albert Reynolds, of Springville, while walking on the C.P.R. tracks, noticed a spread rail. He hurried to notify a section gang, and repairs were completed just before an excursion train of eight coaches came along on its way to Peterboro.

## LIGHTNING KILLED FARMER.

Little Boy, Also Shocked, Conveyed News to Family.

A despatch from Kingston says: Lightning struck William McKenna, a Wolfe Island farmer, 63 years of age, as he was milking a cow at his barn on Sunday. His two children, who were nearby, were also struck, but not fatally. The side of the barn was knocked out and two cows were killed. The little boy when he recovered from the shock crawled to the house and notified the rest of the family.

## WOMEN BURNED ALIVE.

Atrocities Marked Capture of Chinese Town by Tibetans.

A despatch from Changhai says: Horrible atrocities marked the recent capture of the City of Litang, in the Province of Sze-Chuen, by the Tibetans. Many women and children were burned alive or otherwise slaughtered. The garrison defended the city for an hour, and then fled, leaving 70 dead in the streets.

Mr. P. W. Southman will retire as Chief Engineer of the Hydro-Electric Commission.

# DISEASE ON EVERY VESSEL

Quarantine Station Reports a Bad Year Among the Immigrants.

A despatch from Ottawa says: In a report to the Minister of Agriculture, Dr. G. G. Martineau, of the quarantine station, Grosse Isle, Quebec, states that the year ended March 31, 1912, has been a bad one as far as quarantinable disease is concerned. Six passenger vessels arrived in quarantine with smallpox on board, two with cholera, and one with typhus fever. Two births and seven deaths occurred in the hospital during the year. The doctor announces that two very uncommon cases have made an appearance, cholera and typhus fever.

Three hundred and sixty-seven vessels underwent quarantine inspection during the year ending March 31, 1912, a decrease of eleven as compared with last year, due to labor strikes in Great Britain during the summer. The total number of passengers examined was 193,313 an increase in the year of 15,146. Infections or contagious diseases were reported or discovered at the quarantine station in every passenger boat sailing to that port on one or more occasions with the exception of two, and the patients transferred from vessels to hospitals were 102.

## 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, July 16.—Flour—Winter wheat, 90 per cent. patents, \$4.15 to \$4.20, at sea-board, and at \$4.20 to \$4.25 for home consumption. Manitoba flours—First patents, \$3.70; second patents, \$3.50, and strong bakers, \$5, on track, Toronto. Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.12-1.2; Bay ports; No. 2 at \$1.09-1.2, and No. 3 at \$1.05, Bay ports. Feed wheat by sample, 62 to 64c, Bay ports. Ontario Wheat—No. 2 white, red and mixed, \$1.07, outside.

### POULTRY.

Oats—Car lots of No. 2 Ontario, 46c, and No. 3 at 45c, on track, Toronto. No. 1 extra W. C. feed, 48c, Bay ports, and No. 1 at 47c, Bay ports.

Barley—Prices nominal. Corn—No. 3 American yellow, 75c, on track, Bay ports, and at 79c, Toronto.

Rye—Prices nominal. Buckwheat—Prices nominal. Bran—Manitoba bran, \$22, in bags, Toronto freight. Shorts, \$24.

### COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Beans—Hand-picked, \$3 per bushel; prime, \$2.65 to \$2.75. Honey—Extracted, in tins, 11 to 12c per lb. Combs, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per dozen. Baled hay—No. 1 at \$15 to \$16, on track, Toronto; No. 2 at \$11 to \$12, and mixed clover at \$9.

Baled straw—Good straw, \$10 to \$10.50, on track, Toronto. Potatoes—Car lots of Ontarios, in bags, \$1.40, and Delawares at \$1.60.

Poultry—Wholesale prices of choice dressed poultry. Chickens, 15 to 17c per lb.; fowl, 11 to 12c; turkeys, 18 to 19c. Live poultry, about 2c lower than the above.

### BUTTER, EGGS, CHEESE.

Butter—Dairy, choice, 23 to 24c; bakers', inferior, 19 to 20c; creamery, 27 to 28c for rolls, and 26c for solids.

Eggs—New-laid, 24c, per dozen, and of fresh at 22 to 23c.

Cheese—New cheese, 14 to 14-1/2c per lb.

### HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 14 to 14-1/2c per lb. In case lots. Pork—Short cut, \$24 to \$25; do., mess, \$20.50 to \$21. Hams—Medium to light, 17-1/2 to 18c; heavy, 16-1/2 to 17c; rolls, 15 to 13-1/2c; breakfast bacon, 18-1/2 to 20c; backs, 20 to 21c.

Lard—Tierces, 13-1/2c; tubs, 15c; pails, 14-1/2c.

### MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, July 16.—Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 48 to 48-1/2c; do., No. 3, 47 to 47-1/2c; do., extra No. 1 feed, 48 to 48-1/2c. Barley—Man. feed, 64-1/2 to 65c; do., malting, \$1.05 to \$1.07. Flour—Man. Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.80; do., seconds, \$5.50; do., strong bakers', \$5.10; do., Winter patents, choice, \$5.40 to \$5.50; do., straight rollers, \$4.95 to \$5.00; do., straight rollers, bags, \$2.40 to \$2.45. Rolled oats—Barrels, \$4.90; do., bags, 90 lbs., \$2.32-1/2. Bran—\$21. Shorts—\$25. Middlings—\$27. Moultrie—\$30 to \$34. Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$17 to \$18. Cheese—First westerns, 15 to 13-1/2c; do., easterns, 12-3/4 to 12-5/8c. Butter—Choice creamery, 25-1/2 to 25-3/4c; do., seconds, 24-3/4 to 25-1/4c. Eggs—Selected, 25 to 26c. No. 2 stock, 15 to 16c. Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, \$1.50 to \$1.60.

### UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, July 16.—Wheat—July, \$1.06-1/2; September, \$1.01-1/4 to \$1.01-1/4; December, \$1.02-1/8; No. 1 hard, \$1.09-1/2; No. 1 Northern, \$1.08-3/4 to \$1.09; No. 2 Northern, \$1.07 to \$1.07-1/2. No. 3 yellow corn, 70 to 72c. No. 3 white oats, 47 to 47-1/2. No. 2 rye, 68 to 70c. Bran, \$20.50 to \$21.00. Flour, first patents, \$5.20 to \$5.45; second patents, \$4.90 to \$5.15; first clears, \$3.60 to \$3.65; second clears, \$2.50 to \$2.60. Buffalo, July 16.—Spring wheat, No. 1 Northern, carloads, store, \$1.13; Winter, No. 2 red, \$1.13; No. 3 red, \$1.12; No. 2 white, \$1.16. Corn, No. 3 yellow, 78c; No. 4 yellow, 76-1/4c. No. 3 corn, 75-1/4 to 76-1/4c; No. 4 corn, 74-1/4 to 74-3/4c, all on track.

# SMOKING AND DRINKING

Revenue Returns Show that Consumption of Cigarettes Is on the Increase.

A despatch from Ottawa says: On the basis of head of population, Canadians are drinking more beer and liquor and smoking more cigars, cigarettes and tobacco year by year, according to returns to the Inland revenue department. The increase, however, is not so much as would appear by comparison with last year. This is on account of the "lost half million" in the population. The consumption of liquor and tobacco is based on the population as estimated by the census department. For the fiscal year 1911, the estimate was 7,901,530. The actual population this year, how-

ever, turns out to be only 7,423,000. Consumption of spirits last year equalled 1,030 gallons per head as against 959 gallons in the corresponding year. Of beer the consumption was 6,598 gallons per head, as compared with 5,434, and of wine .114 gallons as against .108. Heavy growth also is indicated in the tobacco habit. The total equalled 3,011 pounds per head of population. Cigarettes entered for consumption aggregated 782,663,841, as against 555,935,370 in the previous year. Cigars consumed were 252,718,242, an increase of twenty-five million.

## ST. JOHN HARBOR WORK.

Hon. W. T. White Pressed the Button in Presence of Thousands.

A despatch from St. John, N.B., says: In the presence of thousands of spectators, Hon. W. White, Minister of Finance, on Thursday officially opened the harbor development operations at Courtney Bay, touching an electric button, which exploded a great charge of dynamite some distance away, tearing off a section of hill which has to be removed. The great crowd cheered when the explosion came, and speeches were made by Hon. Mr. White; Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Customs; Hon. Wm. Pugsley, M.P., ex-Minister of Public Works; Lieut.-Gov. Woods, Premier Fleming, Geo. W. Fowler, M.P.

## IMPROVE VICTORIA HARBOR.

Government Will Spend a Million on the Pacific Port.

A despatch from Ottawa says: It is understood that the Government has decided to call for tenders in the near future for the construction of important harbor improvements at Victoria, B.C. The work will probably cost over a million dollars. The contemplated improvements will do much to increase the importance of Victoria as a Pacific port.

## TWIN SISTER DIED.

Since Which Time Survivor Has Been Deaf and Dumb.

A despatch from London, England, says: The relieving officer of the Chertsey Board of Guardians reports a peculiar case. A girl named Beatrice Etherington, the daughter of a laborer, is now in a leading nursing home under treatment. She talked and heard until she was 2 years and 9 months old, when her twin sister died, after which she became deaf and dumb. Since that time not an intelligible word has passed her lips.

An airship dropped on a crowd of spectators in Winnipeg. No one was seriously injured.