

SPREAD OF POTATO CANKER

Importation of Potatoes From Europe Is Prohibited by Order-in-Council—Hard to Eradicate.

A despatch from Ottawa says: An Order-in-Council has been passed amending those sections of the Destructive Insect and Pest Act, which deals with the potato canker, by the substitution of a clause prohibiting the importation of all potatoes from Europe in addition to Newfoundland and other points mentioned.

Potato canker is a virulent fungus disease which has done tremendous destruction in Europe during some years past. Until last year importation of potatoes from Great Britain and Ireland and other European points had not been heavy either to this country or the

United States, but the failure of the crop last year and the high prices led to heavy importation.

As the potato canker is a disease which not only absolutely destroys the tubers, but is very hard to eradicate, and will remain in the soil for seven or eight years, the most strenuous precautions are justified. In Great Britain a great deal of very costly work is being undertaken in regard to this pest. The United States have recently taken action by passing an Act prohibiting the importation of potatoes from Great Britain and Ireland and several countries in continental Europe and Australia.

THE NEWS IN A PARAGRAPH

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE IN A NUTSHELL.

Canada, the Empire and the World in General Before Your Eyes.

CANADA.

C.P.R. telegraphers have received a 12 per cent. wage increase.

The Bank of B. N. A. will build a \$25,000 branch office in London.

Galt is to have a new fabrics factory and one to manufacture show cases.

Natural gas was discovered by a well-digger at Dours, near Peterboro'.

Gas-electric cars may be used on the radial line from Toronto to Guelph.

Fred. Partridge, a Turkish and Crimean War veteran, died at Cornwall.

Hon. J. W. Sifton, father of Premier Sifton and Hon. Clifford Sifton, is dead.

The steamer Moreland, salvaged after two years' work, sank at the Sarnia dock.

P. E. I. lobster fishermen oppose the fixing of a size limit, but favor a shorter fishing season.

Three hotelkeepers at Windsor pleaded guilty to selling liquor after hours and were fined.

Lauchlin MacInnis, aged 85, walked off the wharf at Picton, N.S. He was rescued, but died of shock.

A cargo of 1,500,000 gallons of gasoline was brought to Montreal from Singapore in a tank steamer.

Sidney Secord, a St. Catharines teamster, was fatally crushed when jolted from his lorry under the wheels.

Chief Fruit Inspector Carey advises Niagara fruitgrowers to use refrigerator cars in making shipments.

Henry Legace, ledgerkeeper in the Bank of Hochelaga at Montreal, was arrested on a charge of embezzling \$5,000.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Social Democratic Congress in Germany denounces competition in armaments.

An Anglo-Russian conference is to take place at Balmoral on the situation in Persia and Tibet.

GENERAL.

The powers disapproved of any outside loan for China.

FASTEST IN THE WORLD.

Battleship Cruiser Princess Royal Achieves Speed of 34 Knots.

A despatch from London says: The battleship cruiser Princess Royal, during her speed trials yesterday, achieved a speed of 34 knots an hour. In an eight-hour speed trial on Sept. 12, the Princess Royal attained a speed of 31.7 knots. It is now claimed that she is the fastest battle cruiser in the world.

TWO AIR FLEETS FOR ARMY

Outcome of Work of Aeroplanes in Recent Army Manoeuvres—War Office Impressed.

A despatch from London says: It is stated at Aldershot that the British War Office was so impressed by the work of the aeroplanes in the recent army manoeuvres that it has decided to build two fleets for special purposes. One will be armed with rapid-fire guns and the other will be used solely for scouting purposes. The former, whose work will be to demolish the en-

emy's air-craft and so clear the way for the scout machines, will be heavier and faster than the existing army type, and will be capable of carrying a crew of at least three persons. The gunner will be in front and the pilot amidships. The propeller will be in front instead of in the rear, and the machine will have a speed of eighty miles an hour.

KILLED HER HUSBAND.

Wife of German Professor Confesses to the Crime.

A despatch from Berlin says: Mrs. Blume, the wife of Professor Blume, who was arrested on suspicion of having murdered her husband while walking with him in a forest near their home, has confessed the crime. She states that she killed the professor in a moment of mental irresponsibility. A written confession of her liaison with another man was found in her husband's pocket, and her purchase of a revolver has been proved.

The woman is but 22 years of age. Her husband was a well-known archaeologist, and was connected with the Kaiser Friedrich Museum.

"DOWN WITH RUSSIA."

Foreign Minister Roughly Accosted on Arrival in London.

A despatch from London says: M. Sazonoff, the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, who, it is reported, has been invited with others to meet the King at Balmoral and talk over Persian affairs, arrived in London on Friday. A member of the Anglo-Persian committee, whose identity has not been revealed, welcomed the Minister by displaying a banner with an anti-Russian inscription and shouting "Down with Russia; clear out of Persia." The banner was seized and destroyed by the police, but the man was not arrested.



Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Who is reported to be sinking.

DOCK HALF-WAY OVER.

All Well, Duke of Connaught Reports by Wireless.

A despatch from Montreal says: News of the Duke of Connaught, as the new dry dock for Montreal is called, came to hand Friday when a wireless message was received from one of the Dutch tugs towing the dock by the Canadian Vickers, Ltd. The position given shows that the dock is about half-way on her long journey by an extreme southerly route from Barrow-in-Furness to Montreal. It has taken 19 days to negotiate half the distance, so, supposing that a uniform rate of speed is maintained, the Duke of Connaught may arrive at her berth in Maisonneuve about October 6.

THEY INSURE PEACE.

Interparliamentary Union so Styles Flying Machines.

A despatch from Geneva says: Flying machines in war was the subject of a prolonged debate at the session of the Interparliamentary Union. The subject was introduced by the Belgian Minister of State, Auguste Beernaert, who proposed a resolution interdicting their use. Baron d'Estournelles de Constant, president of the French Interparliamentary group, strongly opposed the resolution, declaring that the world's peace would be better ensured by the use of flying machines. This view was finally approved by the congress.

WILL REMODEL THE OLYMPIC

Titanic's Sister Ship to be Fitted with Inner Skin.

A despatch from London says: The White Star Line has cancelled future sailings of the steamer Olympic, says the correspondent of the Chronicle at Southampton. He adds that on the return of the Olympic from New York early in October she will be sent to Belfast, where she will be fitted with an inner skin and additional bulkheads. This work, it is said, will occupy six months.

Geo. M. Fairchild, jun., a Quebec author, was found dead in his grounds at Valcartier, having been accidentally shot while out hunting.

2,000 KILLED AND WOUNDED

Sanguinary Battle Near Town in Tripoli on the Mediterranean Coast—Italian Losses Light.

A despatch from Rome says: The most sanguinary engagements of the war in Tripoli were fought near Derna, a town on the Mediterranean coast, 40 miles north-east of Bengazi. The Italians lost 61 men killed and 113 wounded. The Turks and Arabs left more than 800 dead on the fields. Forty-one prisoners, including an Arab chief, fell into the hands of the Italians. The battle opened at daybreak, when a force of Turks and Arabs

surprised and attacked the Italian lines. The fight raged for four hours, but the superior Italian artillery, supplemented by brilliant bayonet charges, finally routed the Mussulmans, who fled in disorder.

General Reissol, commander of the Italian army in Tripoli, in his report to the War Office estimates that the Turks and Arabs must have lost 1,000 men killed, including those who were carried off, and that more than 1,000 others were wounded.

HAMILTON TRAGEDY.

Man Kills His Wife, Then Blows Off His Head.

A despatch from Hamilton says: William G. Wills, 118 Tisdale St., shot and killed his wife, and shortly after turned the weapon on himself and blew part of his head off.

Wills was a man well liked by his friends, but it is told of him that of late he had been drinking heavily. He was a color-sergeant in the 13th Royal Regiment, and had some reputation as a crack shot. Thursday afternoon he and his wife quarreled over a sum of money that the eldest boy had earned. It is stated that Wills wanted to get the money, but his wife refused to part with it. She then walked out of the house by the back door and down an alley towards the street, where she stopped at a gate looking into the road.

Wills, in the meantime, had secured a gun loaded with buckshot. He went out on the back verandah, and, spying his wife leaning over the gate, took careful aim and fired. Part of the shot took effect in the woman's head, killing her instantly. Wills, on seeing that he had accomplished his purpose, went upstairs to his bedroom, where he reloaded the gun, pointed it directly at his face, and pulled the trigger.

MOTHER'S HEROIC LEAP.

Child in Carriage Carried Down Incline into Raceway.

A despatch from St. Catharines says: The infant child of Mrs. A. Reed of West Chester avenue had a narrow escape from drowning in the hydraulic raceway Saturday morning, and was only rescued in the nick of time by its mother. The child had been left in its baby carriage a short distance from the roadway leading to a small bridge across the raceway. The carriage started down the roadway towards the bridge. Baby and buggy went over the bridge into the waters of the race. The carriage sank to the bottom, but the baby, though it had been securely strapped in, in some unaccountable manner floated to the surface. Mrs. Reed noticed the child when it was being carried away face downward by the waters, and hastened to its rescue. She leaped into the water and rescued it after it had been carried 70 feet. Canal employees came to her help and assisted mother and child. The former collapsed after reaching her home. The babe soon recovered.

INLAND REVENUE GROWS.

Increase is as Pronounced as in the Other Departments.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Inland revenue of Canada for August totalled \$1,900,769, as against \$1,701,355 in the corresponding month last year. The increase indicates that the augmentation of revenue is as pronounced, comparatively, in this as in the other large

EXPLOSION ON BATTLESHIP.

Gun Blew Up, Killing One Man and Injuring Three.

A despatch from London says: There was an explosion aboard the battleship King Edward, cruising off the Scottish coast, in which one man was killed and several hurt. The King Edward VII. being off distant Colonsay, cannot be communicated with.

QUADRUPLE ALLIANCE NOW.

Bulgaria, Servia, Greece and Montenegro in Combination.

A despatch from London says: A despatch from Vienna to the Daily Chronicle says the correspondent has learned of the existence of a quadruple military alliance between Bulgaria, Servia, Greece and Montenegro, which, he says, is an offensive combination dangerous to the peace of the Balkans.

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, Sept. 24.—Flour—Winter wheat, 90 per cent. patents, quoted at \$3.80 to \$3.85 at seaboard. Manitoba flours (these quotations are for jute bags, in cotton bags 10c more)—First patents, \$5.70; second patents, \$5.20; and strong bakers, \$5, on track Toronto.

Manitoba Wheat—The market is firm, with limited offerings. No. 1 old Northern quoted at \$1.15, and new at \$1.09. Bay ports. Feed wheat, 65 to 66c. Bay ports.

Ontario Wheat—No. 2 white, red and mixed quoted at 97 to 98c, outside; new wheat, 93 to 94c, outside.

Oats—Offerings continue light, and the market firm. New No. 2 oats quoted at 43 to 44c here, and old at 47 to 48c. Toronto. No. 2 W. C. oats are firm at 47-1/2c. Bay ports.

Peas—Nominal.

Barley—Forty-eight lb. barley quoted at 63 to 65c, outside.

Corn—No. 2 American at 82-1/2 to 83c, track, Toronto, and at 79c, Bay ports.

Rye—No. 2 quoted at 65 to 70c, outside.

Buckwheat—Nominal.

Brans—Manitoba bran, \$2.20 to \$2.3, in bags, Toronto freight. Shorts, \$26.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Dairy rolls, choice, 25 to 26c; bakers', inferior, 21 to 22c; choice dairy, tubs, 23 to 24c; creamery, 23 to 24c for rolls, and 26 to 27c for solids.

Eggs—Case lots of new-laid, 26 to 27c per dozen; fresh, 24c.

Cheese—New cheese, 14-1/2 to 14-3/4c for large, and 14-3/4 to 15c for twins.

Beans—Hand-picked quoted at \$3 per bushel; primes, \$2.90.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, quoted at 11-1/2 to 12-1/2c per lb. for No. 1, wholesale; combs, \$2.25 to \$3, wholesale.

Poultry—Wholesale prices of choice dressed poultry:—Chickens, 16 to 18c per lb.; hens, 13 to 14c; ducklings, 14 to 15c. Live poultry, about 2c lower than the above.

Potatoes—Receipts are fair, and prices unchanged at 85c per bag, on track.

PROVISIONS.

Bacon—Long clear, 14-1/2 to 14-3/4c per lb., in case lots. Pork—Short cut, \$2.50 to \$2.55; do, mess, \$2.50. Hams—Medium to light, 17 to 17-1/2c; heavy, 15-1/2 to 16c; rolls, 14 to 14-1/2c; breakfast bacon, 13-1/2c; backs, 20 to 21c.

Lard—The market is firmer, with demand moderate. Tierces, 14-1/2c; tubs, 14-3/4c; pails, 15c.

BALED HAY AND STRAW.

Baled Hay—No. 1 new hay, \$12.50 to \$13.50, on track, Toronto; No. 2, \$10 to \$11; clover, mixed, \$8 to \$9.

Baled Straw—Quoted at \$11 to \$11.50, on track, Toronto.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Sept. 24.—Com. American No. 2 yellow, 85 to 86c; do., Canadian Western, No. 2, 82 to 83c; do., Canadian No. 1, 80 to 81c; do., extra No. 1, 78 to 79c; do., strong bakers', 85 to 86c; do., mulling, 70 to 75c; buckwheat, No. 2, 74 to 75c. Flour—Man. Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.80; do., seconds, \$5.30; do., strong bakers', \$5.10; do., winter patents, choice, \$5.25; do., straight rollers, \$4.85 to \$4.90; do., straight rollers, \$4.85 to \$4.90. Rolled oats, \$4.60; do., bags, 90 lbs., \$2.75; Bran, \$23.00; shorts, \$27.00; middlings, \$22.00 to \$23.00; moullie, \$30.00 to \$35.00.

Hay—No. 2, per ton car lots, 13-1/2 to 14c. Cheese—Finest Westerns, 13-1/2 to 13-3/4c; do., Easterns, 13-1/2 to 13-3/4c. Butter—Choice creamery, 27-1/2 to 27-3/4c; do., seconds, 26-1/2 to 26-3/4c. Eggs—Selected, 29 to 30c; do., No. 2 stock, 21 to 22c.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, Sept. 24.—Close.—Wheat—September, 87-1/2c; December, 89-3/8c; May, 94-1/8c; No. 1 hard, 90-3/4c; No. 1 Northern, 84-1/4 to 90-1/4c; No. 2 Northern, 85-1/4 to 88-1/4c; No. 3 yellow corn, 70-1/2 to 71c; No. 3 white oats, 30 to 31c; No. 2 rye, 69 to 61-1/2c. Bran, \$20. Flour—First patents \$4.35 to \$4.65; second patents, \$4.20 to \$4.55; first clears, \$3.20 to \$3.50; second clears, \$2.30 to \$2.60.

Duluth, Sept. 24.—Wheat—New No. 1 hard, 90-3/8c; No. 1 Northern, 89-3/8c; No. 2 Northern, 87-3/8c; September, 88-7/8c; December, 89 to 89-1/8c; May, 94c bid.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, Sept. 24.—The top price realized for choice steers was \$6.50, while medium sold at \$5 and inferior to common at \$3.50 to \$4.50 per 100 pounds. There were no choice butchers' cows on the market, but the best brought \$5 and the lower grades from that down to \$3.50 per 100 pounds. The quality of the bulls offered was inferior and only fit for canning purposes, for which the demand was fair at \$2.75 to \$3 per 100 pounds.

The demand for calves was good, with sales of milked stock from \$3 to \$10 and grassed at from \$2.50 to \$3 each. Hogs were stronger and prices advanced 10c per 100 pounds, with sales of selected lots at \$8.65 to \$8.90 per 100 pounds, weighed off cars.

Toronto, Sept. 24.—Choice butchers, \$6.50 to \$6.75; good butchers, \$5 to \$6.25; medium, \$5.40 to \$5.75; common, \$4.90 to \$5.15; inferior light weight steers and heifers, \$3.75 to \$4.50; cows, \$3.50 to \$5.25; bulls, \$3 to \$5.50; canners, \$2 to \$3. Steers, \$5.30 to \$5.75; bulls at \$3.50 to \$4.25; stockers \$3.30 to \$5 Milkers and Springers—The market for milkers and springers was unchanged at \$5 to \$80 each.

Veal Calves—\$4 to \$8.50, and \$9 for some very choice. Sheep—Ewes, light, \$4 to \$4.50; heavy ewes and rams, \$3 to \$3.50; lambs, \$5 to \$6.40, and \$5.50 for culls. Hogs—The hog market was again stronger, the bulk selling at \$9.10 fed and watered.

Sir Richard Cartwright successfully underwent an operation.