BURNED TO WATER'S EDGE.

Steamer Montreal Destroyed and Spectators Killed and Hurt.

A despatch from Montreal says: The magnificent new steamer Montreal, which was built last year by the Bertram Company, of Toronto, for the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company, and which was intended to be the pride of the St. Lawrence during the coming season, was burned to the water's edge here on Saturday night, and the destruction of the steamer by fire was attended by a lamentable accident as a result of which one man is dead, several more are likely to succumb at the hospitals to their injuries, and over 50 received more or less serious injuries. That is the revised record as given out at the hospitals to-night. The dead man is N. Groullo, an Italian laborer, employed by the Grand Trunk, who died from a fractured skull a couple of hours after being admitted to the General Hospital. The most seriously injured are at the Royal Victoria Hospital, where six patients are being attended to.

A FLOATING PALACE.

The steamer was lying in the Custom House basin, close to the Allan wharf, awaiting the opening of navigation, and workmen had been engaged on her for some time completing the interior work. The steamer was being fitted up in the finest manner, the intention being that she should eclipse anything yet seen on the St. Lawrence route. How the fire originated is as yet a mystery. The steamer had been in the hands of the workmen who were engaged by the contractors to complete the elaborate woodwork, which was to make the Montreal a veritable floating palace. Paints and oils and varnishes were on board in quantities. Each evening as work ceased the men went ashore, and left the vessel in charge of a watchman. In the after part of the main deck there was to have been the great main dining saloon. Temporary heat was furnished by a big Quebec heater and by an open "Beacon" grate, such as is sometimes used in new buildings to dry out plaster. It was from this part of the vessel that the fire seems to have started.

The fire was discovered by the night watchman shortly after eight o'clock, who turned in a general alarm. In an incredibly short space of time the steamer was in flames. The whole brigade was soon on the scene, but owing to the position in which the steamer was it was almost impossible for the firemen to do anything. All that remained of the splendid steamer after a couple of hours was the steel hull and the engines, which it is hoped may be saved.

The burning steamer made an immense bonfire, which lit up the whole water front and the central portion of the city, and reflection was seen for miles. Thousands of people from all parts of the city were attracted to the scene. The throngs crowded on to the revetment wall, and thousands poured over on to the wharves.

BUILDING FELL WITH CROWD.

The workmen had already been getting up the framework for the big sheds, but the framework was temporarily held in place by strips of thin board, and when the hundreds began to climb upon this structure, with a blind faith in its stability, the framework began to sway and shake. Beneath the heavy beams people were streaming in, their number being added to every moment as the crowds poured down to the scene.

The swaying became greater. The boards began to crack. The people far enough away to get a comprehensive view of the situation, and near enough to understand the danger, shouted to those who were under the framework of their danger, but it was too late. There was a mighty crash, and the whole structure was down upon the thickly packed crowd beneath. There was an awful moment of suspense, then cries and groans of the injured rose above the roar of the conflagration. Several doctors who happened to be on hand gave their attention to the wounded while ambulances were summoned. Stretchers were improvised from the pieces of the wrecked building, and on them the wounded were carried away from the scene. Willing hands aided in the removal of all who were hurt.

Hundreds who simply received cuts on hands and faces, but were able to get about, had their injuries dressed as well as possible near the scene of the trouble, and were assisted to their homes.

BIGGEST BUILT IN CANADA.

The destroyed steamer was built by the Bertram Company, of Toronto, and was launched early in November of last year. She was the biggest and finest steamer ever constructed in Canada, and valued at nearly $400,000. Her dimensions were: Length, 340 feet; width of hull, 43 feet; width over guards, 75 feet 6 inches; moulded depth, 15 feet. Engines, 3,000 horse-power. The electric light plant furnished current for 1,200 sixteen candle-power lamps.

The dining-room was on the main deck aft, and was built to seat 130 passengers. The total number of state-rooms was 266, including sixteen in the upper saloon, parlor rooms with bath-rooms attached.

The stair and gallery railings were of bronbe leaf work, surmounted with mahogany hand rails. The furniture was of dark mahogany and plush, and it, as well as the general ornamentation, was in Louis XV. style. The dome ceiling was richly ornamented with heavy scroll work, and its leading features were two large allegorical paintings, representing the periods of the day.

THIRTY NEW RAILWAYS.

Applications for Incorporation at This Session.

A Toronto despatch says: The Clerk of the Legislature has so far received 30 applications for bills incorporating the following railways: Sault Ste. Marie Railway, Lac Suel, Rat Portage, and Keewatin Railway, Huntsville and Lake of the Bays Railway, Manitou and Northern Railway Company, Canada Central Railway, Kingston and Gananoque Electric Railway, Niagara, Queenston and St. Catharines Electric Railway, Sarnia Street Railway, Guelph Railway Company, Point Anne Railway Company, International Railway Company, Nepigon Bay Railway, Embro Electric Railway, Toronto and Mimico Electric Railway and Light Company, Clergue's Railway from Midland to Perkinsfield, Agreement, Nepigon and St. Joe Railway Company, St. Thomas Street Railway and City of St. Thomas, Ottawa City Railway, Huron, Bruce and Grey Electric Railway, Stratford Electric Railway Company, North Lanark Railway Company, Toronto Suburban Railway Company extension, Southwestern Traction Company, Middlesex and Elgin Inter-Urban Railway Company and City of St. Thomas, Hamilton and Caledonia Railway Company, Sarnia, Petrolea and St. Thomas Railway Company, City of Windsor Railway Company, and Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Railway, London, Parkhill and Grand Bend Electric Railway Company, Colonial Portland Cement Company and Tramway, Sudbury, Copper Cliff and Creighton Electric Railway Company.

KILLS SECOND GERM.

A New Serum Treatment for Scarlet Fever.

An Ottawa despatch says :—A serum treatment for scarlet fever corresponding to the application of anti-toxine in diphtheria and producing results which are similar, is being used with great success at the Ottawa Isolation Hospital. Dr. Charlton, acting medical superintendent, who is a Rockefeller fellow in scarlet fever at McGill, is the discoverer. In malignant cases of scarlet fever, Dr. Charlton explains, there is a mixed infection, a second germ making its appearance and adding to the complications so that the case becomes serious. By the judicious use of the new serum it has been found that the germ of the second infection is killed, and eradicated from the system, and the disease is very quickly reduced from the malignant type to the mild form from which the patient readily recovers.

The preparation is known as the anti-streptococic serum, and while the principle of it is based upon a European discovery, Dr. Charlton has improved upon it so that a much smaller dose is necessary, while the salutary effect makes its appearance much sooner. At all events the doctor is the first to introduce it in any form on this side of the Atlantic, and the new Ottawa Isolation Hospital is foremost in the experiments which have been conducted.

HANGED HIMSELF.

Westminster Farmer Takes His Own Life.

A London, Ont., despatch says :—William Carrothers, of con. 3, Westminster, hung himself with a halter in his barn on Thursday ; when found he was dead. The deceased, who was much respected and was 67 years of age, is supposed to have been driven insane through brooding over illness in his family.

FENIAN RAID MEDALS.

Applications Will Not Be Considered After This Month.

An Ottawa despatch says: Applications for Fenian Raid medals will not be entertained after this month. Lieut.-Col. Henry Smith, of the Medals Claims Board, stated this morning that quite a number of applications for medals were coming in. Uo to the present there have been something over 17,000 medals issued, and about 1,000 long service medals.

THE MARKETS

Prices of Grain, Cattle, etc in Trade Centres.

Toronto, March 10. —Wheat —The market is dull, with prices unchanged. No. 2 white and red quoted at 70½c middle freights. No. 2 spring nominal at 70c on Midland, and No. 2 goose at 66½c on Midland. Manitoba wheat steady; No. 1 hard, 88c all rail, grinding in transit; No. 1 Northern, 86c all rail, grinding in transit; No. 1 hard, 87½c North Bay; No. 1 Northern, 85½c North Bay.

Oats—Trade is quiet, with No. 2 white quoted at 31c, low freights to New York, and No. 1 white at 32½ to 33c east.

Barley — Trade is quiet, with No. 3 extra quoted at 46½c middle freight, and No. 3 at 43½ to 44c, middle freight.

Peas—No. 2 white is quoted at 71c high freights, and at 72c east.

Corn—Market dull, with Canadian yellow quoted at 45c west, and mixed at 44c west. No. 3 American at 53 to 53½c on track, Toronto.

Flour—Ninety per cent. patents unchanged at $2.67 middle freight, in buyers' sacks for export. Straight rollers of special brands for domestic trade quoted at $3.25 to $3.40 in bbls. Manitoba flour steady. No. 1 patents, $4.20 to $4.40, and seconds, $4 to $4.10. Strong bakers,' $3.80 to $4, bags included, Toronto.

Millfeed—Bran, $16 here, and shorts, $18. At outside points bran is quoted at $16.50, and shorts at $17.50. Manitoba bran in sacks, $19, and shorts, $21 here.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Beans—Trade continues quiet. Medium, $1.65 to $1.75 per bushel, and hand-picked, $1.90 to $2.

Dried apples — Market continues very dull, with the price nominal at 3½c per lb. Evaporated, 6 to 6½c.

Honey — The market is quiet, with prices unchanged. Strained sells at 8 to 8½c per lb., and comb at $1.25 to $1.50.

Hay, baled — The market is quiet at unchanged prices. Choice timothy, $10 on track, and mixed at $8 to $8.50.

Straw—The market is quiet for car lots on track at $5.50 to $6 a ton.

Maple Syrup—Five gallon cans, $1 a gallon; one-gallon cans, $1.10, and half-gallon, 60c.

Onions — The market is dull at 40c per bushel for Canadian.

Poultry — Offerings are very small. We quote: Fresh killed dry-picked turkeys, 14 to 17c; geese, 9 to 11c per lb; ducks, $1 to $1.25; chickens (young), 85c to $1; old hens, 60 to 70c per pair.

Potatoes — Market steady. Cars on track, $1 to $1.05, and small lots, $1.25 per bag.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Toronto, March 10.—Everything offered was sold to-day. Prices in butchers' and exporters' continued about the same as before. A choice load or two of the latter brought $4.75, but this marks no advance. Space for transportation across the Atlantic continues scarce, and the English market shows no signs of improvement. Prices in the United States have been a little firmer lately, but nevertheless a few buyers are still going to Chicago for cattle. Butchers' cattle sold well, the offerings were light and the quality fairly good. Sheep and lambs were still active and strong. Milch cows continued firm, and veal calves were steady. The market for hogs continued fairly steady, without any change in prices.

The total run was about 60 cars, containing 864 cattle, 244 sheep, 1,400 hogs, and 18 calves.

The quotations for export cattle were as follows: Exporters, fair to good, $4.25 to $4.60 per cwt. Light descriptions sold at $4 to $4.25. Mixed butchers' and exporters were worth $4 to $4.25 per cwt. for the best. Butchers' cattle continued unchanged at $3.90 to $4.20 for good to choice heifers and steers; $4 to $4.40 for picked lots; $3 to $3.85 for medium to fair, and $2 to $2.75 for canners. Stockers and feeders continued in active demand. We quote: Feeders, 900 to 1,100 lbs., $3.90 to $4.15 per cwt.; stockers, $3.25 to $3.75 per cwt. Butchers' bulls remained unchanged at $3 to $3.50 per cwt. Milch cows were scarce, 10 or 15 selling, and the prices were firm at $30 to $50.

Lambs were all sold. The prices were steady all round. We quote: Export ewes, $3.75 to $4.25 per cwt.; bucks, $3 to $3.50, and lambs, $4.50 to $5.75 per cwt.

Good veal calves are in active demand. We quote: $2 to $10 each, and 4½ to 6c per lb.

Hogs were unchanged at $6.10 for selects, and $5.85 for fats and lights. Hogs to be select must weigh not more than 200 nor less than 160 lbs.

The following is the range of quotations:

Exporters'—	Per 100 lbs.	
Choice	$4.25	$4.65
Medium	4.00	4.25
Light	4.00	0.00
Bulls	3.75	0.00
Butchers'—		
Choice	4.00	4.35
Medium	3.40	4.00
Heifers	3.57	3.90
Bulls	3.00	3.50
Cows	2.50	3.40
Feeders	3.75	4.00
Stockers	3.50	3.65
Canners	2.00	2.50
Sheep—		
Lambs	4.50	5.00
Ewes	3.75	4.25
Bucks	0.00	3.50
Calves, each	2.00	10.00
Calves, per 100 lbs	4.50	6.00
Hogs—		
Sows	4.50	5.00
Stags	2.00	4.00
Selects, 160 to 200 lbs	6.10	0.00
Thick fats	5.85	0.00
Lights	5.85	0.00

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter — The receipts are fair and prices are unchanged. We quote: Finest dairy tubs, 17 to 17½c; choice large rolls, 17 to 18c; finest, 1-lb. prints, 18 to 19c; secondary grades (rolls and tubs), 13 to 15c; creamery prints, 22 to 23c; solids, 19 to 20c.

Eggs — The demand is good for new laid and prices firm at 15½ to 16c per dozen; cold storage, 9 to 10c.

Cheese — Market remains unchanged. We quote: Finest September, 13½c; seconds, 13c; twins, 14c.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Dressed hogs are nominally unchanged, with few cars offering. Western quoted at $7.50 to $7.65, and Northern at $7.65 to $7.75. Cured meats firm, with demand fair. We quote: Bacon, clear, 10 to 10½c, in ton and case lots. Pork, mess, $21; do, short cut, $22.50.

Smoked hams, 13 to 13½c; rolls, 11½c; shoulders, 11c; backs, 14 to 14½c; breakfast bacon, 14 to 14½c.

Lard—Market steady. We quote: Tierces, 10½c; tubs, 10¾ to 11c; pails, 11¼c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, March 10. — (Special). —The local markets continue quiet and unchanged. Grain—No. 1 Manitoba hard wheat, 75c; No. 1 Northern, 73c, March delivery; No. 1 hard, 77c; No. 1 Northern, 75c ex-store, May delivery; peas, 69½c high freights; oats, No. 2 in store here, 37¼ to 37½c; 31½c high freights; rye, 49½c east; buckwheat, 48½ to 49c east.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, March 10. — Flour—Firm. Wheat—Winter, nominal; No. 1 white, 80c; No. 2 red, 80c; spring, No. 1 hard, 88c; No. 1 Northern, 86c. Corn—Easy; No. 2 yellow, 52c; No. 2 corn, 51¼c. Oats—Quiet and weak; No. 2 white, 41¼c; No. 2 mixed, 39½c. Barley—56 to 60c, in store and on track. Rye—No. 2, 58½c.

Duluth, March 10. — Cash, No. 1 hard, 76c; No. 1 Northern, 75⅞c; May, 77¼c; No. 2 Northern, 78⅞c; May, 77⅛ to 77½c; July, 76¾c. Oats —May, 34c.

Minneapolis, March 10. — Wheat—May, 76⅜ to 76½c; July, 76⅛ to 76¼c; on track, No. 1 hard, 78¾c; No. 1 Northern, 77¾; No. 2 Northern, 76½c. Flour—First patents, $3.90 to $4; second patents, $3.80 to $3.90; first clears, $2.55; second clears, $2.10 to $2.20. Bran — In bulk, $15 to $15.25.

FOR FAST SERVICE.

Tenders Called For By the Dominion Government.

An Ottawa despatch says :—A meeting of the Treasury Board was held on Saturday, at which an advertisement was prepared calling for tenders for a fast Atlantic service. Steamship owners are asked to bid upon an 18-knot and 21-knot service respectively. When the figures are known the Government will decide which service to accept. A prominent steamship man here yesterday said the Government should drop the 18-knot idea altogether. The time was opportune for asking bids, as the shipbuilding industry in Great Britain is somewhat slack at present.

NEW DAIRY INVENTION.

Swedes Push New "Milk Flour" Machine.

A Stockholm despatch says :—It is authoratively stated that the "exsiciator," the newly-invented machine for extracting "milk flour" from skim-milk, has withstood all tests in the dairies of the world, and will shortly be placed beside the separator as an article of utility. It is estimated that the invention will yield a profit to the Swedish diary industry of $2,000,000 annually. A machine capable of working through 2,000 quarts of milk in ten hours will cost from $1,000 to $1,200. A limited company of Swedish capitalists has obtained patents in most foreign countries.

OVER A BILLION DOLLARS.

Appropriated by Congress at the Session Just Closed.

A Washington despatch says: Mr. Allison, chairman of the Committee of Appropriations, made a statement regarding the amount of money appropriated by the present Congress, as compared with the appropriations of the 56th Congress. The total appropriation for the present Congress, he stated, was $1,554,108,514, as compared with $1,440,489,468 for the 56th Congress.

CANADA'S BRITISH TRADE

Imports Into Old Country Show Large Increase.

A London despatch says :—The imports from Canada during February were made up as follows :—7,641 cattle, valued at £135,552; 4,024 sheep, valued at £6,317; 33,974 cwt bacon valued at £85,429; 8,514 cwt. of hams, valued at £21,824; 1,735 cwt. of butter, valued at £8,236; 37,182 cwt. of cheese, valued at £112,642; 2,333 great hundreds of eggs, valued at £929, and 35 horses, valued at £1,040.

Compared with the same period of 1902, the past month's imports show a very large increase.

SYRUP FROM SUGAR BEETS

A Discovery Which May Have Important Results.

A Toronto despatch says: Mr. J. A. Snell, Principal of the Wiarton High School, writes Hon. John Dryden that a discovery has been made by which a delicious syrup can be made from sugar beets, closely resembling in appearance and taste the ordinary maple syrup of this country. He thinks there is a good future in this enterprise if it is pushed. He also thinks it forms a good opportunity for farmers, as the necessary machinery would not be expensive.

50,000 SETTLERS COMING.

Syndicate Would Make Arrangements to Locate Them.

A Toronto despatch says: Mr. J. Coley-Bromfield, of Brighton, England, representing the big English immigration syndicate, has forwarded an amended proposition, which is now before the Commissioner of Crown Lands. The offer made is along the lines of the contract entered into with the Egan syndicate, which now awaits signature and conforms closely to the regulations of the Crown Lands Department. The company contemplate settling 50,000 people in Ontario, but it is not likely that the surveys and other details can be completed in time for any settlement this year.

BULLET IN HER NECK.

London Woman Victim of Erratic Target Practice.

A London despatch says: Mrs. A. R. Simpson, of York street, was standing in the pantry of her home on Thursday morning, when she was shot in the neck by a bullet from a 32-calibre revolver. She was only slightly wounded, but had a very narrow escape, a jagged wound being made over the jugular vein. Were it not that the window was of heavy plate glass it is believed that a fatality would have occurred. Spencer R. Stone, of Chicago, was arrested, charged with wounding. He was bailed. Stone claims that the shot was fired by a young lady friend, and that they were firing at a target in an adjoining back yard for practice.

A NEW REGIMENT.

Will Be Organized With Headquarters at Parry Sound.

An Ottawa despatch says :—A new regiment of infantry is to be organized in the Parry Sound District. It is likely that the headquarters will be at Parry Sound and the companies drawn from points adjoining.

POSTAGE RATES REDUCED

On Newspapers From Canada to Great Britain.

An Ottawa despatch says: The rate upon newspapers and periodicals passing between Canada and Great Britain will be reduced at once. The English post office authorities have consented to the reduction. The rate will be the same as on newspapers and periodicals intended for delivery in Canada.

HAYS DENIES IT.

Report of the Purchase of Allan Line.

A Montreal despatch says: Chas. M. Hays is authority for a denial that any movement has been made for the purchase of the Allan Line by the Grand Trunk. Satisfactory arrangements, Mr. Hays says, have been made for intershipment between the Grand Trunk and several steamship lines. Mr. Hays said that the G. T. R. does not want the fast Atlantic service, which is really the only reason why it should wish to own a fleet of its own.

CHOKED TO DEATH.

A Little Girl Dies in Her Mother's Arms.

A New York despatch says: While trying to swallow a small piece of hazel nut on Wednesday Annie Voriseuk, two years of age, choked to death, dying in her mother's arms as the agonized woman was rushing through the street to a physician. The child was the last of three, all of whom have died since Christmas. The mother is in a serious condition from the shock.