FATAL ENDING OF TUG RACE

A Port Dalhousie Vessel Was Struck By a Barge.

A despatch from St. Catharines says: A terrible accident occurred on Lake Ontario, ten miles below Port Dalhousie, about 8 o'clock on Saturday night, whereby three lives were lost and three others had very narrow escapes, when the tug Escort was sunk by being struck by the barge Harrison, in tow of the steamer Westmount. Early in the evening the Westmount and barge were seen away down the lake, approaching Port Dalhousie. Two tugs, the Escort and Golden City, started out from port in a race to secure the barge, there having been great rivalry between the tugs to secure tows. The Escort was in charge of Capt. Harry Dunlop and the Golden City in charge of Capt. McCoppen. They raced about ten miles down the lake before meeting the Westmount and barge, the Golden City slightly in the lead. As they approached the barge the Golden City made a circle to come alongside of her, but the Escort to save time endeavored to cut across the bow of the barge, between the Westmount and Harrison, which were going about ten miles an hour. The captain of the Escort evidently miscalculated the speed or distance, and the huge steel tow line caught the pilot house of the Escort, tearing it away. Almost immediately after the Harrison struck the tug amidships, capsizing her. She sank, carrying down Capt. Harry Dunlop, Engineer Albert Dunlop, and a canal helper named Charles Christmas, none of whom were seen again. Three others on board, Melvin Barnes, the fireman; Herman Cook, deckhand, and Mrs. Annie Bartlett, cook on the tug, were rescued with great difficulty by those on the tug Golden City.

The Westmount had slackened speed immediately when the accident occurred and every effort was made to rescue those on board the ill-fated tug or recover the bodies of those drowned, but they have not yet been recovered and it is probable they are imprisoned in the wreckage of the tug which sank in a hundred and twenty feet of water. After cruising around for some time the Westmount came on to Port Dalhousie, and the tug Golden City, with the rescued on board brought in the Harrison.

FOULD'S WILL FOUND.

The Romantic Story of a Winnipeg Estate.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Old-timers remember the late George Foulds, builder of the Foulds block and owner of several other very valuable properties. During his life he acquired considerable property, which he left to Mrs. Bowler, cutting out his family. A subsequent will has been discovered, by which the estate is left to Foulds' children, and a statement of claim has been filed on behalf of one of the children by Messrs. Macdonald, Haggart, Sullivan & Carr, seeking to set aside the will giving the estate to Mrs. Bowler and asking that probate be directed of the last found will. The estate is estimated at about $250,000. It is understood the will was found in Vancouver, in an old trunk amongst deceased's papers, and narrowly escaped being burned with what was considered worthless documents.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST PLAGUE.

Fears of Infection by Rats From Vessels Reaching Vancouver.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Government is taking every possible precaution to prevent the bubonic plague from getting a footing in the coast cities of British Columbia. Matters are in bad shape in San Francisco and Seattle. In the former city since the 12th of August there have been eighty-four cases of plague and fifty-four deaths, while one death occurred in Seattle two weeks ago. Dr. Montizambert, director general of public health, is now in British Columbia, advising the local quarantine and medical health officers as to the precautions which may be necessary to prevent the spread of the malady into Canada. It is possible that, in addition to the precautions which are being taken with respect to vessels, that inspectors may be placed at the various points where the railways cross the international boundary line into the Dominion.

DESTROYED CZAR'S PICTURE.

Three Men Were Shot for This Crime at Odessa.

A despatch from Odessa says: The trial by a special military court of twenty-seven men of the 11th Nicholas I. Regiment, on charges of mutiny and insubordination, came to an end on Wednesday. Two sergeants and one private, who had destroyed a picture of Emperor Nicholas, were sentenced to death and at once shot; nine other men were sent out to the mines for life, twelve were sent to the mines for ten years, and the others were acquitted.

THE MOOR LAKE WRECK.

Jury Places the Blame on Driver of Light Engine.

A despatch from Pembroke says: Thursday night, at the Town Hall, Crown Attorney Metcalf and Coroner Josephs opened an inquest into the death of John Nadeau, fireman, one of the victims of the Moor Lake tragedy on the C. P. R., by which seven lives were lost.

Only four witnesses were called. The jurors were only out fifteen minutes, and rendered the following verdict, which places the responsibility on Hendrie, the engineer who was in charge of the light engine:

"That John Nadeau's death was due to the recklessness of Engineer Hendrie running past Bass Lake siding and trying to make Moor Lake siding, thereby running on the time of No. 8 passenger train, and meeting No. 8 in collision 1¾ miles east of Moor Lake station."

BELLEVILLE SCHOOL GUTTED.

Convent Building Completely Destroyed at Loss of $25,000.

A despatch from Belleville says: Fire broke out about 5.30 on Sunday night in the Convent School building here, completely destroying it. The loss with furnishings is estimated at $35,000, with insurances of $7,500. The origin of the fire is a mystery, the caretaker having left the school about four o'clock, after the Sunday school session. The furnaces were of the most modern construction. The fire is a serious blow to Catholic education, following as it does the recent destruction of St. Michael's, the rebuilding of which has been a serious tax on the resources of the Catholic community.

ASPHYXIATED IN A WELL.

Three Men Lose Their Lives at Aylesbury, Sask.

A despatch from Craik, Sask., says: A terrible affair happened on the farm of James Allen, three miles beyond Aylesbury, on Friday morning, when three men, W. J. Forfar of Ellesmere, R. H. Craig of Pillow, N. S., and L. Riswold of Hanley, were asphyxiated by gas while attempting to repair a well. Craig was the first victim, and when Forfar went to his assistance he, too, was overcome. Riswold thoughtlessly followed and shared in the melancholy fate of his companions. His body has been recovered by the aid of grappling irons, but the corpses of the others lie at the bottom of the well 136 feet below the surface.

EXPLOSION KILLED SEVEN

Disaster on Construction Work of Transcontinental Railway.

A despatch from Kenora, Ont., says: G. H. Webster's sub-contractor's camp six of the Eastern Construction Company's 50-mile contract on the Transcontinental, 26 miles north-east of Dryden, was the scene on Wednesday afternoon of the worst accident in the history of the road. Seven foreigners were killed outright and several slightly injured.

The foreman and powderman were loading a hole with black powder, using a wooden tamping stick. The foreman went for more powder, and almost immediately after the explosion took place, killing the powderman, and six others in the cut below were crushed by falling rock. All were Austrians. The foreman, who escaped, is also an Austrian, and experienced in the work.

Only a few minutes before the work was inspected by Division Engineer Richan, Contractor Webster, and Engineer MacGillivray. They were right where the men were killed, and had a fortunate escape. The holes had been sprung the day before, and were said to be perfectly cool, and no one can even conjecture a cause. The names of the dead are not available.

LEADING MARKETS

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Nov. 26.—Ontario Wheat—No. 2 white or red, 96½c to 97c; No. 2 mixed, 96c.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 hard, nominal; No. 1 northern $1.13 to $1.14; scarce; No. 2, $1.10.

Barley—No. 2, 69c to 70c outside; No. 3 extra, 67c to 68c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 50½c to 51c, outside; mixed, 49c to 50c, outside.

Rye—85c outside.

Peas—87c outside.

Corn—No. 2 yellow American, 69c, Toronto freight; No. 3 yellow, 68½c.

Buckwheat—60c to 65c, outside.

Bran—$21 to $22 in bulk outside; shorts, $23 to $24.

Flour—Ontario winter wheat, $3.90 asked, $3.85 bid; Manitoba patents, special brand, $5.80; seconds, $5.20; strong bakers', $5.10.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—The market continues easy in tone, due to heavier receipts.

Creamery, prints	29c to 30
do solids	26c to 27c
Dairy prints	26c to 27c
do solids	23c to 24c

Cheese—Steady at 13½c for large and 13¾c for twins.

Eggs—Produce houses have reduced their quotations a cent, and storage are now 23c to 24c per dozen in case lots. Newlaid at about 30c.

Poultry—Choice chickens, 9c to 10c; inferior, 6c to 7c. Choice ducks and geese steady at 8c to 9c; fat, clean, dry-picked turkeys, 13c to 14c.

Potatoes—Market is firm at 75c to 80c in car lots on track here.

Beans—Easier at $1.75 to $1.85 for primes and $1.85 to $1.95 for hand-picked.

Honey—Strained steady at 11c to 12c per lb., and combs at $1.75 to $2.50 per dozen.

Venison—Hindquarters, 10c to 11c; frontquarters, 5c; carcases, 7c to 8c. Receipts are fairly large.

Baled Hay—Timothy, $18 to $19 per ton in car lots on track.

Baled Straw—Firm at $10 to $10.50 per ton on track.

PROVISIONS.

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, 11c to 11½c for tons and cases; hams medium and light, 15c to 15½c; heavy, 13½c to 14c; backs, 16½c to 17c; shoulders, 10c to 10½c; rolls, 10½c to 11c; breakfast bacon, 15c to 15½c; green meats out of pickle, 1c less than smoked.

Dressed Hogs—$8.50 for lightweights and $8 for heavies.

Pork—Short cut, $22.75 to $23 for barrels; mess, $20 to $21.

Lard—Firm, tierces, 12½c; tubs, 12¾c; pails, 13c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Nov. 26.—Choice spring wheat patents, $6.10; seconds, $5.50; winter wheat patents, $5.75; straight rollers, $5.50; do., in bags, $2.60 to $2.65; extra, $2.05 to $2.10.

Manitoba bran, $22; shorts, $25; Ontario bran, $23.50 to $24; middlings, $27 to $29 per ton, including bags; milled mouille, $28 to $32, and pure grain mouille, $35 to $37 per ton.

Rolled oats at $3.17½ per bag, and corn meal at $1.75 to $1.85 per bag.

Very little activity is noticeable in the local cheese market. Early fall western make, 13¼c, and late makes at 12½c; townships, 12¼c; Quebecs at 12c.

Butter continues active. Grass goods are firm at 28c to 28½c, and stall-fed from 26½c to 27½c.

The local demand for eggs continues steady. Newly-laid stock, 30½c to 32c; selected, 26c to 27c; No. 1, 23c to 24c; seconds, 17c to 18c.

The local oat market remains steady. Manitoba, No. 3 white, 60c; Ontario and Quebec, No. 2, 59c to 59½c; No. 3, 58c to 58½c; No. 4, 56½c to 57c; and Quebec rejected, 56c per bushel, ex-store.

Provisions—Barrels, short cut mess, $22.50 to $23; half-barrels, $11.75 to $12.25; clear fat back, $23.50 to $24.50; long cut heavy mess, $21 to $23; half-barrels do., $10.50 to $11.25; dry salt long clear bacon, 10¾c to 11½c; barrels plate beef, $13.50 to $15; half-barrels do., $7.25 to $7.75; barrels heavy mess beef, $10 to $11; half-barrels do., $5.50 to $6; compound lard, 10c to 11c; pure lard, 12½c to 13c; kettle rendered, 13½c to 14c; hams, 13½c to 16c, according to size; breakfast bacon, 14c to 16c; Windsor bacon, 15c to 16c; fresh killed abattoir dressed hogs, $9; alive, $5.75 to $6.

BUFFALO MARKET.

Buffalo, Nov. 26.—Wheat — Spring easier; No. 1 northern, carloads, $1.09⅝; No. 2 red, $1; winter scarce. Corn—Easier; No. 2 white, 65½c; No. 2 yellow, 66c. Oats—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 46½c; No. 2 white, 54½c. Barley—95c to $1.10. Rye—No. 1, 87c c. i. f.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, Nov. 26.—Exporters' cattle were reported steady, with few sales, and prices ranging from $4.50 to $4.75 for the best, and $4 to $4.40 for light and medium.

Butchers' animals of good quality sold well at $4.25 to $4.50 per cwt. Medium butchers' cattle brought $3.25 to $3.75; common, $2.25 to $3; good cows, $3.25 to $3.50; canners, 50c to $1.50 per cwt.

Light stockers were steady at $2.50 to $2.75 per cwt. Choice stockers and medium weight feeders were selling around $3 to $3.40 per cwt.

Export ewes, $3.75 to $4; bucks, $3 to $3.50; lambs, $4 to $5.25 per cwt.

Hogs are weak. Selects at $5.50 to $5.60 at outside points, and $5.75 Toronto. Harris quotes selects at $5.75 to $5.80, medium at $5.50, and thin hogs at $5 per cwt.

FISHERY LAWS VIOLATED

Several Boats, Many Nets and a Large Quantity of Fish Seized.

A despatch from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., says: The most important seizures of fishing boats, net and fish effected by the Dominion Government officials in years, have been made in the neighborhood of Killarney, by Capt. A. C. Duncan, Dominion Inspector of Fisheries. It is expected that wholesale prosecutions will be instituted by the Government. Many thousands of dollars are involved in the seizures.

Capt. Duncan passed through the Canadian "Soo" on Thursday on his way west, after inspecting fisheries under his jurisdiction in the eastern division. During his operations in the neighborhood of Killarney, just below the "Soo," Duncan was accompanied by a number of officers from the "Soo," and the flotilla under his charge consisted of a tug, a sailboat and a gasoline launch.

In nearly every instance Capt. Duncan found that the fishery laws were being violated, the result being a large number of seizures, some of them considered of the most important nature. The largest number of infractions of the law consisted in catching whitefish and trout out of season and having them in their possession.

One of the tugs, belonging to Purvis Bros., was seized, as well as a large number of pound nets and two gasoline launches, belonging to Gauthier, of French River.

James Noble, Dominion Fish Commissioner, it is alleged, was found to have freshly caught whitefish and trout in his possession. Noble claimed the fish were caught in the open season and had been kept over, but the officers claim they were fresh. Even had they been caught in the manner described, the offence is none the less flagrant in the eyes of the law, which distinctly states that none of the fish mentioned shall be in the possession of any party after the closing of the season on Nov. 1. James Rock, a fisherman of Killarney, was caught with whitefish and trout in his possession.

The fish were all confiscated by the officers, and the boats which were seized were liberated after the officers had obtained a receipt from the owners for them, which practically means that they are still in the hands of the Government.

Capt. Duncan did not feel inclined to deal offhand with the case, considering the extent of the seizures and their importance in the eyes of the Government. He accordingly referred the matter to the Government, which will take action in the near future.

FIVE BURNED TO DEATH.

Pennsylvania Oil Producer's Children Perish in Flames.

A despatch from Titusville, Pa., says: Awakened by the barking of his dog early on Thursday, Thomas W. Zuver, an oil producer, living east of here, found his house in flames, and with difficulty he saved his wife and their baby. Two sons escaped from the second storey, but were badly injured. Five children, Emery, aged 12; Roland, aged 11; Martha, aged 9; Lettie, aged 7, and Nellie, aged 5, were burned to death. Nelson, aged 14, will probably die. The fire is supposed to have originated in the floor beneath an overheated gas range. When Zuver was awakened by the dog he sprang from his bed, to see the flames filling the sitting-room. He forced the window sash out, calling to his wife to bring the baby. Climbing to the porch roof, he met one of the older boys coming through a window. The boy fell senseless on the roof and dropped to the ground. Flames prevented Zuver from re-entering by the window and he also dropped unconscious from the roof.

SHOT HIMSELF IN A HOTEL.

Wrote Letter to Sweetheart Before Committing Act—May Recover.

A despatch from North Bay says: Parnell O'Connor, aged 21, shot himself on Saturday night with suicidal intent, a bullet from a 32-callibre revolver passing through his right lung. O'Connor was a guest at the North Bay House, and before making the attempt on his life wrote a letter to his sweetheart at Cobalt saying they would never meet again on earth, and bidding her a last farewell. O'Connor is still alive, but his recovery is doubtful. His parents live in Dakota, and he has been employed in North Bay and Cobalt for two years.

MENDS A BROKEN SPINE.

Surgeon's Remarkable Operation in Hospital at Montreal.

A despatch from Montreal says: A remarkable operation was performed at the General Hospital on Friday afternoon by Dr. Armstrong on a woman who had for some time been given up as a hopeless cripple with a broken back. The woman, Mrs. Rudolphe Bayle of Vancouver, B. C., the wife of a C. P. R. telegraph operator, fell downstairs and was believed to have broken her back. She was brought to the hospital with her lower limbs completely paralyzed. For nearly three hours she was under chloroform. It was found that the spinal cord was not injured, but that the vertebrae had been dislocated and broken, the result being that a portion of the splintered backbone had pressed upon the spine, thus causing the paralysis. This Dr. Armstrong gradually succeeded in overcoming, and finally closed the wound, convinced that the woman would completely recover. The operation is regarded as one of the most remarkable and successful ever performed at the big hospital.

SEVEN HURT IN COLLISION.

A Passenger Train Ran Into Freight Cars at Sherbrooke.

A despatch from Montreal says: Several persons were injured in a collision on Wednesday at Sherbrooke. The train which leaves Montreal for that town at 4.30 each morning was just reaching its destination when it took a siding, running into three freight cars. The front of the engine and one of the freight cars were smashed. Engineer Fuller received an injury to one of his legs. Conductor G. O'Connor and Baggageman E. A. Hungerford were both slightly hurt, but were able to continue at their posts after their wounds had been dressed. The two mail clerks, C. Beaudin and M. Filion, were also injured, but not very seriously, as were also two passengers, Messrs. Nightingale and Silverman. No other passengers were hurt, though several were badly shaken up.

YEAR'S TRADE OF DOMINION

Total Imports and Exports Show Big Increase.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The annual report of the Trade and Commerce Department for 1907 has just been issued. While, owing to the change in the termination of the fiscal year, from June 30th to March 31st, the report in detail covers only the nine months ended March 31st, 1907, the trade figures have been recompiled for the purpose of comparison, and the result is summarized thus in the report of the Deputy Minister:

"The total imports and exports during the nine months covered by this report was $465,063,204, as compared with $550,872,645 during the previous year of twelve months, or $399,797,020 during the corresponding nine months of the previous year; or, again, the total trade during the twelve months to June 30th, 1907 (unrevised figures), was $617,964,952, as compared with $550,872,645 as above."

A summary of the trade of Canada for the twelve months ended Sept. 30th shows total imports of $362,459,907, as against $296,359,543 during the corresponding period of 1906, an increase of $66,100,364.

Exports of Canadian produce amounted to $244,180,922, as against $244,796,381, a decrease of $615,459.

The duty collected on imports for the twelve months ended Sept. 30th was $58,661,696, an increase of $10,619,943.

Exports to Great Britain amounted to $126,805,985, a decrease of $7,403,372.

Exports to the United States totalled $89,981,440, an increase of $4,788,110.

It is to be noted, however, that an increase in exports for October will more than make up the comparative deficiency in the figures for the period taken.

Imports from Great Britain for the twelve months ended Sept. 30th totalled $96,078,752, an increase of $23,221,842, while imports from the United States amounted to $223,040,038, an increase of $38,598,040.