THE NEW MINT IS OPENED

Silver and Copper Coins Were Struck Off.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The first Canadian coins to be minted in the Dominion were turned out at 3 o'clock on Thursday afternoon at the new Ottawa branch of the Royal Mint, which was officially opened by his Excellency Earl Grey in the presence of members of the Government, prominent officials of State and a large crowd of Ottawa people wo were invited to witness the formal opening. There was no speech-making in connection with the opening, his Excellency merely declaring the Mint to be formally opened, and starting the machinery which coined the first silver fifty-cent piece. The stamping machinery for the copper cent pieces was started simultaneously, and a souvenir copper coin was presented to each person present, after a tour of the building had been made, and the various processes explained by the officials in charge. The Mint will be kept in daily operation from now on, and will furnish a ready market for the product of Canadian copper and silver mines.

It is the intention of the Government to build a refinery in connection with the Mint in order to insure that gold and copper which is brought in for minting will be of the proper degree of purity for coinage. The cost of the refinery will be about fifteen thousand dollars.

LEADING MARKETS

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Jan 7.—Manitoba Wheat.—No. 1 northern, about nominal at $1.20; No. 2 northern, $1.15; No. 3 northern, $1.11; feed wheat, 64c; No. 2 feed, 54c, lake ports.

Ontario Wheat—No. 2 white, 96c to 97c; No. 2 red, 95c to 96c; No. 2 mixed, 95c.

Barley—No. 2, 71c to 72c, outside; No. 3 extra, 69c to 70c.

Flour—Winter wheat patents for export, selling at $3.70; Manitoba patents, special brand, $5.80 to $6; seconds, $5.20; strong bakers', $5.10.

Peas—83½c outside.

Rye—No. 2, 80c.

Corn—Old No. 2 yellow American, 73c, Toronto freights; new, No. 3 yellow, 65c to 65½c; mixed, kiln-dried, 64½c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 45½c, outside; mixed, 44½c outside, 48c to 48½c track Toronto.

Buckwheat—62c outside.

Bran—19 in bulk outside; shorts, $21.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Young turkeys, extra choice.	14c to 15c
do choice	11c to 13c
Young geese	9c to 10c
Young ducks	9c to 10c
Chickens, choice	8c to 10c
Old fowl	5c to 7c
Inferior chicks and fowls	4c to 5c

Butter—The market is steady, with prices unchanged.

Creamery prints	28c to 29c
do solids	26c to 27c
Dairy prints	23c to 24c
do solids	22c to 23c
Inferior	20c to 21c

Eggs—Storage, 20c to 21c per dozen in case lots; selects, 25c; strictly new-laid nominal at 30c.

Potatoes—70c to 75c per bag in car lots on track here.

Beans—$1.70 to $1.75 for primes and $1.80 to $1.85 for hand-picked.

Honey—Strained steady at 11c to 12c per pound for 60-pound pails, and 12c to 13c for 5 to 10-pound pails. Combs at $1.75 to $2.50 per dozen.

Baled Straw—Quiet at $9.50 to $10.50 per ton on track here.

Baled Hay—Timothy is worth from $16.50 to $17 in car lots on track here.

PROVISIONS.

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, 10c to 10½c for tons and cases; hams, large, medium and light, 14c to 15c; hams, 12½c to 13c; backs, 16½c to 17c; shoulders, 10c; rolls, 10c to 10½c; breakfast bacon, 15c to 15½c; green meats out of pickle, 1c less than smoked.

Pork—Short cut, $22.75 to $23 per barrel; mess, $18 to $19.

Lard—Tierces, 11¾c; tubs, 12c; pails, 12¼c.

BUFFALO MARKET.

Buffalo, Jan. 7—Wheat—Spring higher; No. 1 Northern, $1.17¼ carload; Winter firm, No. 2 red, $1.05. Corn—Firm; No. 2 yellow, 64c; No. 2 white, 60½c. Oats—Steady; No. 2 white, 54c; No. 2 mixed, 49¾c. Barley—98c to $1.10. Rye—90c, No. 1, on track.

NEW YORK WHEAT MARKET.

New York, Jan. 7.—Wheat—Spot, firm; No. 2 red, $1.06⅛ elevator and $1.07⅛ f.o.b., afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, $1.23½, f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard winter, $1.17½ f.o.b. afloat.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—Prices of butcher cattle got within touching distance of $5. Good to choice sold at $4 to $4.60, medium to good at $3.50 to $4, and common from $2.25 up to around $3. Cows were scarce and higher, choice selling from $3.25 to $3.85; medium, $2.50 to $3, and common, $1.50 to $2; canners, 75c to $1.

There is a fair market for the right class of stockers. Prices range from $2.75 to $3.50, but cattle worth from $2.85 to $3 are the most in demand.

Milkers are steady, with prices showing no material change. Choice, $40 to $55; medium, $25 to $35.

The run of calves was very small, 3c to 6c per lb still ruling.

Choice lambs sold from $5.25 to $5.60, with common grading down to $4.50. Sheep were firm, but quotations were unchanged, export ewes selling from $3.75 to $4.25, with bucks and culls at $2.50 to $3.

The hog market was steady. The top figure paid was $5.70, with medium at $5.45. Rough hogs were quoted about 50c below selects.

TRIED TO KILL, THEN SUICIDED.

British Officer Ends Life Under Peculiar Circumstances.

A despatch from London says: Major Coates Phillips, an officer who distinguished himself in the South African War, committed suicide here on Tuesday night under sensational circumstances. The Major had been divorced. Some time ago he made an attempt to kill himself in the residence of his former wife, but was restrained. Tuesday night he returned to the home of Mrs. Coates Phillips and forced an entrance. His former wife, her mother and a solicitor were in the house, but when they saw the excited man break in they fled. The Major opened fire with his revolver, aiming at everyone he could see, and then blew out his brains. The solicitor and the mother of Mrs. Coates Phillips were wounded, but not seriously.

London's fire losses for 1907 total $30,000.

HARDSHIPS BY SHIPWRECK

Ten Men Cast Away on an Island Off Cape Horn.

A despatch from Boston says: A tale of shipwreck off Cape Horn, with its details of terrible sufferings from cold, hunger and exposure, was related on Wednesday morning by Herman Harke, an arrival here on the steamer Hortensius from South American ports. Harke was a member of the crew of the American barque Prussia, which was wrecked on Staten Island, Cape Horn, on June 10, while on a voyage from Norfolk, Va., to Port Townsend, Washington. The vessel struck a rock and in an endeavor to reach land four of the crew were drowned while Capt. Andrew Johnson was so weakened by exposure that he died the day after, and ten survivors reached the barren island.

"I lived a lifetime in those few weeks when we were cast away on that desert bit of rock," Harke said. "It was bitterly cold. Capt. Johnson was trying to make New Year's Island light. The wind increased to such frightful velocity that the barque was ashore and a wreck before anyone realized where we were. She broke up at once, and everyone of us jumped overboard. Eleven of the thirteen reached a jagged rock, where there was a bit of hard, white sand and overhanging cliff.

"At dawn Sabata, the Japanese cook, and Harry Hammond, a sailor were missing. They may have been crushed where the ship went asunder or perhaps were drowned in trying to reach the rock. We were almost frozen.

"The strip of sand was about 300 feet long, and we saw the ledge that overhung our position was completely impassable. There was no escape. Capt. Johnson was suffering from an injury. We shielded him as best we might by forming a circle about him. He seemed to freeze stiff almost before the last breath had left his body. We managed to bury him in the sand. We collected a little driftwood for a fire and constructed a rough shelter."

KILLED IN BUFFALO.

Terrible Death of Lieut.-Col. John C. Cautley.

A despatch from Buffalo says: After passing through several campaigns in India, the Soudan and South Africa, without suffering a single wound, fate reserved a horrible death for Lieutenant-Colonel John C. Cautley, retired, whose winter headquarters were at the Grand Union Hotel in Toronto. As he stepped off a Main street car in this city on Sunday afternoon at Bryant street on his way to visit his two daughters, he was struck by a car travelling in an opposite direction, and his mangled body carried for 130 feet before the motorman brought the car to a stop. The accident occurred in front of the Frontier Hospital. Surgeons from this institution carried the dead colonel into the hospital, and after the body had been reviewed by Medical Examiner Howland it was removed to the home of Attorney John M. Provost, No. 2,420 Inwood avenue, where his two daughters are stopping. Both girls, who attend the Technical High School here, were prostrated by the sight of their mutilated father. The medal which he wore was found crushed against his heart. The body will be shipped to a brother in Baltimore for burial. Lieutenant-Colonel Cautley had belonged to the Royal West Kent Regiment. He had seen service in India, in the Gordon relief expedition, and at Majuba Hill, retiring from the army in 1894. He leaves a wife and son in England.

C.P.R. WRECK NEAR CHAPLEAU.

Lindsay Lady Killed and Scores of People Injured.

A despatch from Montreal says: Another fatal wreck on the C.P.R. took place early on Friday morning half way between Chapleau and Cartier. A broken 80-lb. rail caused east-bound express No 2 to leave the track. A baggage car and coach were derailed, and turned on their sides, and Mrs. B. Slowen, of Lindsay, Ont., was killed. The following passengers were injured:—Alex. Ross, Dundurn, Sask., lost right hand; W. Reynolds, Montreal, head cut; Duncan Livingston, Durham, Ont., shoulder bruised; Lewis Harle, Deloraine, Man., head cut; E. E. Perkins, Port Arthur, Peter McKenn Black, cut on head; David Lindsay, London, cut on head; Ed McLane, Paynton, Sask., head and hand cut; Dan McDougall, St. Almon, Ont., cut on head; Robert Matthews, Moose Jaw, back injured; A. Gilchrist, Glennanan, Ont., scalp wound. In addition to these passengers, Jas. Hale and James Stanley, employes of the C.P.R. at Chapleau, were also injured. The accident happened on the Lake Superior division, the headquarters of which are at North Bay, of which J. F. Brady is general superintendent. The accident occurred at a point about 114 miles east of North Bay, and the train was running east.

ANTI-SUICIDE BUREAUS.

Result of the First Year's Work Reported.

A despatch from London says: Twelve months ago Gen. Booth of the Salvation Army started anti-suicide bureaus in various cities of the world, and he now has issued a review of the year's work. Altogether 1,125 men and 90 women sought the assistance of the London bureau to save them from self-destruction, while at least an equal number applied at the bureaus in other cities. It appears from the review that the seekers for help belonged mainly to the middle class. More than half of them attributed the desire to end their lives to financial embarrassment or hopeless poverty. From the small number of women applicants Gen. Booth deduces that they are better able to bear up under sorrows and trials than men. He thinks it safe to say that 75% of the applicants have been diverted from contemplated suicide and helped to surmount their difficulties.

GOOD FOR CATTLEMEN.

Mild Winter Has Been Easy on Feed in the West.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Mild weather and the absence of snow have been a blessing to the people who have cattle in those districts where it was impossible to put up sufficient hay last fall for winter fodder. Up to the present the cattle have been browsing on the prairies and it has been unnecessary to give them any extra feed. Thus farmers and stockmen have effected an immense saving on their hay supplies. Some stockmen killed off or sold to dealers a considerable proportion of their herds, and others secured a supply of straw, to help out in case of pressure, and it is now felt that the winter will be passed without loss.

EDWARD HANLAN IS DEAD.

Famous Oarsman Succumbs to Attack of Pneumonia.

A despatch from Toronto says: Edward Hanlan, former champion oarsman of the world, died at his residence, 189 Beverley Street, shortly before 1 o'clock on Saturday morning from pneumonia. He had been ill for about ten days, and his physician, Dr. T. F. McMahon, gave up hope early in the week. The patient was unconscious for several days, with occasional rallies, and he recognized his wife for the last time on Friday morning. Mr. Hanlan was born on Toronto Island fifty-two years ago, and was always a resident of this city.

Whitby's council was elected by acclamation.

A DELUGE OF HOT METAL

Rushed Into Pit in Steel Converter at Pittsburg.

A despatch from Pittsburg, Penn., says: Two men were killed and thirteen others seriously injured by an explosion in converter No. 3 of the Edgar Thomson plant of the United States Steel Corporation at North Braddock, about seven miles east of here, on Wednesday.

The two men killed were foreigners. Six of the injured were Americans, and the others Slavs. All were removed to a hospital in this city, where it was said their injuries were not serious.

No official statement of the cause of the explosion has been issued, but old converter mill men say the cause could hardly be other than that some of the molten metal sifted through the soapstone lining of the converter and came in contact with the steel sheathing which perhaps was damp.

When the explosion occurred the bottom of the converter dropped out, throwing 15 tons of molten metal into the pit where 15 men were working at the ladles.. There was no explosion when the hot mass of steel struck the bottom of the pit, but instead flames of burning gas were sent up which burned the men in the pit. The two men who were killed had been working under the converter, and their bodies were terribly mangled.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

Telegraph Briefs From Our Own and Other Countries of Recent Events.

CANADA.

The Bell memorial fund at Brantford totals $40,000.

Building operations in Montreal last year total $8,403,129.

Bank clearings for 1907 in Toronto amounted to $1,228,905,517.

A new jail is needed at Woodstock, the present building being overcrowded.

Judge Ermatinger, of St. Thomas, holds that fishermen are not seamen.

Permits to erect buildings worth $2,758,540 were issued in Hamilton in 1907.

The Crown Bank of Canada is to be amalgamated with the Northern of Winnipeg.

John Bird was fatally injured at Paris by being crushed in an elevator, on Saturday.

Peterboro' will promote a bill before the Legislature to elect its Aldermen every two years.

Customs duties collected in Toronto last year were $11,611,262.23, an increase of $1,561,976.58.

Hon. J. H. Cameron has been formally proclaimed Justice of the Kings Bench in Manitoba.

The C. P. R. is taking off trains in the west, owing to a falling off in passenger traffic.

H. W. Walker, general auditor of the G. T. R., has retired after over 50 years' service.

Canada's total customs revenue for December was $4,093,066, a decrease, and the first in years.

The C. P. R. will issue over twenty-four millions of new stock to the present shareholders at par.

Miss Margaret McBride of St. Thomas committed suicide by taking carbolic acid on Saturday.

Dominion Government wireless stations are doing business regularly between Victoria and Pachena.

George Kelly was killed in the Trethewey mine at Cobalt on Thursday, by a bucket dropping down the shaft.

It has been decided to keep Brockville schools closed on account of the smallpox outbreak. Twelve patients are in the hospital.

John Timson was run over by a freight train at Hamilton, on Wednesday. One leg had to be amputated and the other is broken.

An explosion of gasoline at the establishment of the James Dye Works, Toronto, blew out a side of the building, on Thursday.

The Manitoba Government have bought the Bell Telephone system in the Province, the price reported being $3,300,000.

Engineer John J. Walker was killed and J. McCray, brakeman, had his leg torn off in a collision at Tilsonburg, on Thursday.

The customs receipts at Montreal for 1907 total $16,876,465, an increase of $2,732,849 over the previous year.

Hon. J. D. Cameron, former Attorney-General of Manitoba, has been appointed a justice of the King's Bench.

In a fight on Friday night in the Italian quarter of Montreal one man was shot dead and another was stabbed and shot, and will hardly recover.

TWO BROTHERS KILLED.

A Charge of Dynamite Exploded Unexpectedly.

A despatch from Kenora says: In a dynamite fatality on Thursday evening on the Transcontinental Railway construction works at Hawk, some miles east of here, John and Joseph Dwyer lost their lives. The men, who are brothers, had a contract for blasting, and while engaged in filling a hole that had been recently sprung, the charge unexpectedly exploded, killing both almost instantly. The bodies of the victims arrived here on Friday, en route for Port Arthur, where their father, Denis Dwyer, a florist, resides

WALKED OFF WITH THE MONEY

Man With Revolver Robs a Winnipeg Grocery Store.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: A daring hold-up was coolly and successfully carried out here on Saturday evening, when a stranger walked into Francis' grocery store in North Winnipeg about 6 p.m., when there was only one clerk on duty. He poked a revolver under the clerk's nose and compelled him to hand over the cash in the till, amounting in all to $72. He made good his escape.

CUT STEREET CAR IN TWO.

C. P. R. Train and Ottawa Electric Car Collide—Man Killed.

A despatch from Ottawa says: A Canadian Pacific freight train on the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Railway collided with an Ottawa electric car on St. Patrick street, near New Edinburgh, on Friday, cutting the street car in two. Although several people were in the street car, only one woman was injured and the motorman received a scalp wound. The street car fell on a man working alongside the street and killed him. His name was August Waunk, about 60 years old, he leaves

"THE WAY OUT."

Inscription on Bottle From Which Suicide Drank Poison.

A despatch from London says: From a bottle labelled "The Way Out," Dr. Wilkins, formerly of the Manchester University, on Wednesday drank a dose of Prussic acid and died.

POLICE FOUGHT IN ARMOR

A Four-Hour Battle Took Place in St. Petersburg.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: Except for the discharge of firearms, the conflict which was fought between some Revolutionists and the police in an old street in Riga the other day might have been taken for an assault in the days of Peter the Great, for the Government forces entered the attack wearing steel breastplates and helmets. The revolutionists occupied the top rooms of a five-storey house. The door was barricaded, and when the police demanded admission a woman of fifty-seven, named Greta Tomson, replied: "We shall not surrender without a fight."

At the same instant a volley was fired through the door by the inmates, the bullets rattling against the armor of the men outside, one of whom was slightly wounded. The police then entered an adjoining attic, from which the revolutionists could be more readily attacked, and for four hours a continuous fire was directed through the walls. Gradually the replies of the revolutionists became less frequent, and finally ceased.

The police then broke into the apartments and found four dead, including the woman Tomson, lying on the floor. There were also five men and two girls wounded. They had fired about seven hundred shots and were armed with a Mauser rifle and three Browning revolvers.