THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Revenue and Expenditure of the Dominion for Eight Months.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The statement of public revenue and expenditures for the first eight months of the present fiscal year, as reported to the Finance Department up to the end of the month, shows a total revenue of $55,115,-227, a total expenditure on consolidated fund account of $45,376,957, and a total expenditure on capital account of $22,156,394. The great bulk of the latter was, of course, on the National Transcontinental Railway. As compared with the corresponding period of last year there is a decrease of $11,547,200 in revenue, an increase of $3,832,501 in expenditure on consolidated fund account, and an increase of $5,501,907 in capital expenditure. The decrease in revenue is accounted for mainly by the falling off of $10,178,378 in the customs receipts, and $480,796 in excise. The Post-office revenue increased by $77,000.

INFECTED CATTLE KILLED.

150 Slaughtered on Stock Farm Near Niagara Falls, N. Y.

A despatch from Niagara Falls, Ont., says: Suffering from foot-and-mouth disease, over 150 cattle were destroyed on Friday afternoon on the Jacob Dold stock farm, just outside Niagara Falls, N. Y., one of the largest stock farms in this district. A trench 175 feet long and ten feet wide has been dug, and the cows were buried as soon as killed, and covered with quick lime. Every effort is being made to prevent the spread of the disease and special police are stationed around the scene of the slaughter to warn off drivers and keep other cattle at a distance. After the slaughter the entire premises will be disinfected under Government supervision. This is the largest slaughter of diseased cattle since the quarantine was established. An order was issued here on Friday afternoon prohibiting the entry of automobiles into Canada from the United States by way of the bridges.

TRAGEDY AT NIAGARA-ON-LAKE.

Fire From Pipe Ignited Bed and Aged Smoker Was Burned.

A despatch from Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., says: The habit of smoking in bed cost William Elliott his life at an early hour on Thursday morning, when his home on Simcoe Street was burned to the ground. Elliott was 70 years old and was unable to escape when fire from his pipe ignited the bedding. When the firemen arrived the flames were beyond control. About 10 o'clock the charred remains of the unfortunate man were found buried beneath a pile of debris. A few feet away was the incinerated skeleton of his dog. Elliott was a veteran of the Fenian Raid, serving with No. 1 Company, 19th Regiment. His wife is at present ill in a Detroit hospital.

ARE THESE DIAMONDS?

Mr. Fred. Dane Brings Precious Stones From North.

A despatch from Toronto, says: Will Ontario's big clay belt develop into a diamond field? That is the question some people are asking, since Mr. Fred. Dane, T. & N. O. Commissioner, returned from the north with a few stones that look like diamonds. These stones have been submitted to an expert, who declines to express any definite opinion as yet. They were found east of the new town of Cochrane. Peculiar as it may seem, some few years ago a geologist reported that the blue clay of that particular region closely resembled that in the vicinity of Bloemfontein, in the diamond fields of South Africa. It is said there is already some excitement in the north country over the find.

SEVENTY WERE DROWNED.

Japanese Steamer Ginsel Maru Foundered Off Shauntung.

A despatch from Kobe, Japan, says: Word has been received here that the Japanese steamer Ginsel Maru foundered off Weihaiwei on November 30th. Seventy persons were lost.

WOMAN HURLED TO DEATH.

Struck By a Train in Sight of Her Husband.

A despatch from Guelph, says: Cut down before the eyes of her husband, Mrs. William McCullough on Friday evening met her death on the Grand Trunk crossing at Rockwood. Mrs. McCullough, who was about sixty years of age, and the wife of a well-known produce dealer of the village, was walking with her husband when they found the crossing blocked by a freight on the siding. The freight broke to clear the crossing, and they started across between the cars just as the through passenger train from Toronto came along the main line. Mrs. McCullough thought she could cross, perhaps thinking the train would stop at the station. With a word to her husband she left his side and was hurled to instant death by the engine.

FOUR MEN SHOT IN CAROUSE.

One Will Die as the Result of the Brawl at Kenora.

A despatch from Kenora, says: Four men were wounded on Wednesday night in a shooting affray which took place at Dryden, Ont. A party of men were drinking in a house on the outskirts of the town, when one of the party, Joseph Millroy, suddenly jumped up and fired five shots from an automatic revolver. Four shots took effect. The wounded are: Richard Denna, of London, Eng., shot in the abdomen; will die. Daniel Foy, shot in neck and right side. A. Stanton, shot in knee. Wm. Sharpe, shot in thigh. Millroy was arrested and brought to Kenora. He will be tried next Saturday.

THE ENGINE SMASHED.

Wonderful Escape of the Halifax Express Train.

A despatch from St. John's, N.B., says: While the Halifax express was nearing the city on Thursday night at a thirty-mile speed the engine struck a half-open switch and immediately broke from the train and left the rails, running more than a hundred yards beside the track. It was practically reduced to scrap iron, and the driver and fireman had a miraculous escape. The baggage and mail car were badly broken up, but the passengers escaped with a severe shaking up. Two tramps riding on the blind baggage were badly injured and taken to the hospital.

INDIANS AND TUBERCULOSIS.

Falling Off in Population Attributed to This Disease.

A despatch form Ottawa says: Ravages of tubercolosis among the Indians of Canada is indicated in the annual report of the Department of Indian Affairs, which has been just issued. During the fiscal year ending last March the Indian population numbered 110,000, a decrease of 40. The preceding year showed an increase of 169. To tubercolosis alone is the falling off attributed. The report notes that the Indians are becoming more self-reliant. The expenditure for destitution, which ten years ago was $372,000, is now $143,000.

MONTREAL SHIPPING.

Official Figures of the Season Just Closed.

A despatch from Montreal says: Official figures issued on Wednesday show that from the opening of navigation till December 1 the number of ocean vessels that reached port was 739, or one less than the previous year. The tonnage, however, shows a fair increase, there being 1,958,604 tons, compared with 1,924,475 last season, giving an increase of 34,129 tons. The number of vessels arriving this year is the smallest for many years, 1906, with 787, being the previous best. The total has not been so small since 1903. It is also remarked that no sailing vessels of the sea-going type have come to Montreal, while in 1906 the tonnage of that class was 11,364. The total revenue of the season from all sources amounted to $333,123, as against $330,256 a year ago, an increase of $2,866. The totals on imports show a falling off. The amount was $198,500, as compared with $218,000 a year ago. A gain is reported in exports, the figures being $90,500, against $74,500.

CHARRED BONES FOUND.

Thought to Be Remains of Woman Who Disappeared Years Ago.

A despatch from Brockville, says: Crown Attorney Brown was communicated with on Wednesday by the reeve of the Township of Augusta as to the advisability of holding an inquest on a charred skeleton found in the woods by James Vout, near Algonquin. Many years ago Mrs. C. Bolton, an elderly resident of North Augusta, mysteriously disappeared from her home, and, though diligent search was made, no trace of her could be found. The story goes that she was last seen in the vicinity of Vout's woods, which she is supposed to have entered and died from exhaustion, having then travelled many miles. The portions of the skeleton found have been accepted by relatives as those of Mrs. Bolton, and they were buried on Wednesday in the family plot at North Augusta.

CLOSED FOR A MONTH.

Sault Ste. Marie Steel Plant Finishes Its Contracts.

A despatch from Sault Ste Marie, says: The steel plant of the Lake Superior Corporation closed down on Wednesday morning at 6, according to the statement of General Manager Franz, from lack of orders. Rolling for the last order of the Transcontinental Railway was finished on Wednesday morning. The management announces that the plant will re-open on January 1. The blast furnaces and other industries will continue operating in full force. Last month is announced to have been the best month in the history of the blast furnaces. In spite of this the steel plant has had to purchase Bessemer pig iron from outside points during the past two months.

THE SELKIRK SETTLERS.

Miss Matheson, Who Was Born on Voyage Out, Still Survives.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: While John MacKay, who died on Wednesday in Toronto, was the last of the Selkirk settlers actually born on Scottish soil, there still remains one who was among the last party landed on the shores of Hudson's Bay. This pioneer of the west is Miss Matheson, aunt of the Archbishop of Rupert's Land, who was born on the voyage across the Atlantic in 1815, then a four months' trip. She is still hale and hearty, in the enjoyment of all her faculties, and resides near St. Andrew's, Man.

FIRST GOLD COINAGE.

New Mint at Ottawa Will Start on Larder Lake Gold.

A despatch form Ottawa, says: The first Canadian gold to be coined at the Mint here will be from a half dozen small gold bricks, aggregating 70 ounces, brought to the Mint on Wednesday from the Dr. Reddick Larder Lake gold mines. There being no Canadian gold coins authorized at present, the gold will be made into English sovereigns. Permission to mint these was granted to the Ottawa branch of the Royal Mint last year.

EARLY IN JANUARY.

Opening of Parliament Will Take Place Next Month.

A despatch from Ottawa, says: It is probable that Parliament will be called to meet on January 13th. The exact date for the opening of the session has not yet been fixed, but it is the Government's desire to make it as early as possible in January, and if the Auditor-General's report and other matters of detail can be got ready in time the opening of the House will not be later than the 13th, and may possibly be in the first week in January.

THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—Ontario wheat—No. 2 white or red, outside, 93c. to 94c.; No. 2 mixed, 93c. to 93½c. No. 2 goose wheat, 90c. outside.

Manitoba wheat—Spot, No. 1 northern, $1.08½ to $1.09; No. 2 northern, $1.05½ to $1.06; No. 3 northern, $1.03½ to $1.04 on track, lake ports.

Oats—Ontario No. 2 white, 39c. to 40c. outside; No. 2 mixed, 37c. to 38c. outside. Manitoba No. 2 western Canada, 43c. to 43½c. on track, lake ports; extra No. 1 feed, 41½c.; No. 1 feed, 41c., on track, lake ports.

Barley—No. 2, 55½c. to 56c.; No. 3 extra, 54c to 55c.; No. 3, 53c. to 54c.

Corn—Old, 74½c. to 75c. Toronto freights, for No. 2 or 3 yellow; new No. 3 yellow, 70c. to 70½c., Toronto freights.

Millfeed—Bran, $20 to $21 per ton in bags, outside; shorts, $22 to $23, in bags outside.

Rye—No. 2, 74c. to 74½c.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 55c. to 56c. outside.

Flour—Manitoba, first patents, $5.80, seconds, $5.30; strong bakers, $5.10; Ontario winter wheat patents, for export, $3.70 to $3.75, outside.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Poultry—Wholesale prices are:—Chickens, dressed, choice, 11c. to 12c.; chickens, dressed, 9c. to 10c.; fowl, 8c. to 9c.; turkeys, 12c. to 14c.; ducks, 10c. to 11c.; geese, 9c. to 10c.

Butter—Local wholesale quotations:—Creamery, choice, pound, 27c. to 29c.; dairy prints, choice, 25c. to 26c.; dairy store prints and large rolls, 22c. to 24c.; dairy, inferior, 20c. to 21c.

Cheese—Large, 13¼c. to 13½c.; twins, 13½c. to 13¾c.

Eggs—Strictly new-laid, 31c. to 32c.; farmers', 24c. to 25c.; storage, 22c. to 24c. per dozen in case lots.

Apples—$1.75 to $3.25 per barrel, according to variety and quality.

Potatoes—Car-lot prices are 60c. to 65c. per bag on track, Toronto.

PROVISIONS.

Pork—Short cut, $22.50 to $23 per barrel; mess, $19 to $19.50.

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

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, 11¼c. to 11½c., tons and cases; hams, large, 12½c. to 13c., small, 14c. to 14½c.; backs, 17c. to 17½c.; shoulders, 10c. to 10½c.; rolls, 11c. to 11½.; breakfast bacon, 14½c. to 15c.; green meats out of pickle, 1c. less than smoked.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal Dec. 8.—Grain—Canadian Western, No. 2, white oats are selling at 46½c., No. 3 at 45½c., extra No. 1 feed oats at 45c., and No. 1 feed at 45c.; Ontario No. 2 white at 45c., No. 3 at 44c. and No. 4 at 43½c. per bushel, ex. store. Flour—Manitoba spring wheat patents, firsts at $6; seconds at $5.50; winter wheat at $4.60 to $4.70; do., in bags, $2.15 to $2.25; extras, $1.75 to $1.85. Feed—There is no change in millfeed, for which the demand continues fairly good. Manitoba bran at $21; shorts, $24; Ontario bran, $21 to $21.50; middlings, $24.50 to $25.50; shorts, $24.50 to $25 per ton, including bags; pure grain mouillie, 30 to $32; milled grades, $25 to $28 per ton. Cheese—The local market continues steady, with westerns quoted at 12¼c. to 12½c. Butter—The market is firm, finest creamery being quoted at 27c. in round lots, and 27½c. to 28c. in a jobbing way. Eggs—There were no knew developments in the local egg situation, prices being steady, under a fair demand for local consumption. New-laid, 29c. to 30c.; selected stock at 25c. to 25½c.; No. 1 stock, 22c. to 23c., and No. 2 stock at 17½c. per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Milwaukee, Dec. 8.—Wheat No. 1 northern, $1.10 to $1.11; No. 2 northern, $1.08 to $1.09; May, $1.10⅛ asked. Rye—No. 1, 75c. Corn—May, 62⅝c. bid. Barley—Standard, 64c.; samples, 56c. to 63½c.

Minneapolis, Dec. 8.—Wheat—December, $1.07⅞ to $1.08; May, $1.12; cash No. 1 hard, $1.12⅞; No. 1 northern, $1.11⅛; No. 2 northern, $1.09⅛ to $1.09. Bran—$18.75. Flour—First patents, $5.55 to $5.90; second patents, $5.40 to $5.65; first clears, $4.30 to $4.50; second clears, $3.20 to $3.50.

CATTLE MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—The range of values for the best lots of butchers' cattle was from $4.40 to $4.75 per cwt. Good loads of steeers and heifers were worth $4 to $4.50 per cwt. Medium cattle sold at $3.50 to $4 per cwt., and common ones at $3 to $3.50. As high as $4 per cwt. was obtained for choice cows. Common to medium cows were sold at $2 to $3.25 per cwt. Light and rough stockers are still sold at a discount. Milch cows were easier. Prices for lambs ranged up to $5 per cwt. Ewes were steady at $3.25 to $3.60 per cwt. Select hogs continued to sell at $6 per cwt. fed and watered, off cars, Toronto.

FATAL WRECK AT PEMBROKE

Engineer Rowe, of Ottawa, Killed in Head-on Collision on C. P. R.

A despatch from Pembroke, says: Another fatal wreck took place one and a half miles east of here on Thursday morning. A light engine from Smith's Falls collided with the C.P.R. local leaving here at 7.50, and as a result Fred Rowe, of Ottawa, engineer in charge of the local, was instantly killed, and R. Crawford, Ottawa, fireman; Mail Clerk Purcell, Engineer Nagle, Smith's Falls, and W. C. Both, baggageman, suffered slight injuries. The baggage car of the passenger train was badly damaged, but none of the passengers were hurt. Both train and engine were travelling at high speed and met on a curve. Both engines were badly wrecked. The engines were almost on each other before the danger was noticed. Engineer Rowe reversed immediately, and in doing so warned Fireman Crawford, who jumped, and escaped with a sprained ankle and minor bruises.

Rowe was pinned between the engine and tender. Death was instantaneous. His head and shoulders were above the wreckage, but were scorched. His lower limbs were also burned and scalded. Fireman Patton, of the light engine, was going to jump when he was hurled out of the window and down the bank, sustaining a number of bruises. Engineer Nagle got caught at the tender by the coal, which was piled on him. He was quickly released by the men passengers and was able to walk to the station, as he had only a number of bruises and his leg scalded.

The light engine should have stopped at Granges Station, about ten miles east of here. Instead an effort was made to reach Pembroke and the fatal collision was the result. The engineer's watch had stopped, which misled him as to the time he had to make Pembroke.

STUDENTS AND POLICE FIGHT

Queens' Men at Kingston Celebrated Alma Mater Elections.

A despatch from Kingston, says: Kingston police had a vigorous battle with 500 Queen's University students on Saturday night. After the Alma Mater Society elections 500 Queen's men set out at 8.30 o'clock for a night of riot, and charged the Grand Opera House, where a play was in progress. The front and rear of the theatre were attacked and extra police help was called. One big student received such a battering from those in charge of the gallery that he was carried out unconscious. From Princess street the students hurled eggs and stones and created wild scenes. Finally two policemen grabbed one of the ringleaders and started down the street for the police station. A big mob of students followed, and there was a running fight for six blocks. The efforts of the collegians to free the prisoners proved ineffectual and several more fell into the hands of the law. On the market square near the police station the climax occurred. Ten policemen, assisted by several pugilistic citizens and artillerymen, held the mob off, but the police received some cracks with axe handles and pieces of lumber which the crazed students wielded. Three constables were fiercely attacked and had to be rescued. Many collegians also received a clubbing and were knocked off their feet. The police got hold of six ringleaders and held every one of them. At the station house the students tried to storm the place, but the sight of the revolvers in the hands of the constables cowed them. Mayor Ross, himself a professor in Queen's Medical College, and Police Magistrate Farrel, a trustee of the university,, refused to liberate the arrested students.

$150,000 FIRE AT KINGSTON.

Piano Factory and Wholesale Grocery Destroyed.

A despatch from Kingston, says: The Wormwith Piano Company and W. G. Craig and Company, wholesale grocers, suffered losses by fire early Sunday morning totalling over $120,000. The fire broke out in the varnish room in the piano factory about two o'clock and spread so rapidly that the three floors were soon in flames, and the rescue of the pianos, some 200 of them in course of construction, was impossible. The safe of the company was saved, batterymen rolling it out of the building. It contained notes and agreements to the value of $40,000.

SWALLOWED RAT POISON.

Mistake of Annie Babcock of Brantford Costs Her Life.

A despatch from Brantford, says: Annie Babcock, aged 34 years, is dead as a result of taking rat poison in mistake for headache powders. She was employed as a domestic at A. E. Brown's, Murray street. Being troubled with headache on Sunday morning she took the powder and died in convulsions. Coroner Ashton, on investigating the case, came to the conclusion that she got the powders and the poison confused, as some of the latter was found in her room.

STRUCK BY A CAR.

Mrs. Flanders of Brantford May be Fatally Injured.

A despatch from Brantford, says: Mrs. Flanders, thirteen Oak street, received probably fatal injuries on Sunday afternoon at Cainsville while about to board a Brantford and Hamilton Radial car. She misjudged the clearance of the car, the front end striking her and inflicting several injuries to her head. She was removed to the hospital.

OLD AGE ANNUITIES NOW

The Government Is Prepared to Deal With Applications.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Government of Canada is now prepared to actively begin business as issuers of old-age annuities. The final order in Council approving the actuarial rates adopted has been passed. Literature explaining the advantages of the system as a guarantee against penury in old age and detailing its investment features has been sent out for distribution by postmasters throughout the country, and applications for annuities received from intending purchasers will be promptly dealt with by the office in charge of Mr. S. T. Bastedo in Ottawa. A staff of lectures to explain and popularize the scheme will hold public meetings in all districts of Canada during the winter. Dr. Sampson of Windsor, Ont., will be at the head of the lecturing staff, and will begin a series of meetings in Ontario in a few days.

THE PRESIDENT DEPOSED

Port au Prince Is In the Hands of an Insurgent Mob.

A despatch from Port au Prince, Hayti, says: President Nord Alexis has been deposed and Port au Prince is in the hands of the revolutionists. The deposed President is now safe on board the French training ship Duguay Troin, General Antoine Simon, the leader of the insurgents, is marching upon the peninsula with an army of 5,000, and General Legitime has been proclaimed the new President.

At the last moment President Alexis yielded to the urging of those about him and decided to take refuge aboard the French warship. At 5 o'clock on Wednesday a salute of 21 guns announced his departure from the palace under guard of a battalion of infantry and squadron of cavalry, and as he drove down to the wharf, seated in a carriage with the French Minister and with the French tri-color over his shoulders, the crowds of armed men and women about heaped curses on the head of the aged man. When at last the landing stage was reached the mob lost all restraint and the scene became tragic and shameful.

Infuriated women broke through the cordon of troops and shrieked the coarsest insults into the very face of the President, who strove bravely to appear undismayed. They tried to hurl themselves upon him and fought with hands and feet against the soldiers, who found difficulty in forcing them back. One woman did succeed in reaching Nord Alexis just as he was embarking, and made a sweep at him with a murderous knife, but the blow fell short.