THE SEASON'S HARVEST

The Field Crops of the Dominion Has a Value of $432,533,000.

A despatch from Ottawa, says: According to the statement issued on Wednesday from the Census and Statistics Office an area of 27,505,663 acres of field crops has yielded a harvest which, computed at average local market prices, has a value of $432,533,000. Wheat, oats and barley aggregate in area 16,297,100 acres and in value of $209,070,000; hay and clover off 8,210,900 acres have a value of $121,884,000; rye, peas, buchwheat, mixed grains and flax, grown on 1,525,700 acres, have a value of $23,044,000; beans, potatoes, turnips, and other roots, corn and sugar beets, grown on 1,471,913 acres, have a value of $78,535,000; Fall wheat, with a yield of 24.40 bushels per acre, shows a value of $21.10; Spring wheat, with 16 bushels, shows $12.84.

The total value of the wheat harvest in the North-West Provinces is $72,424,000 and in the rest of the Dominion $18,804,000.

The value of all field crops in the various provinces is as follows:—

Prince Edward Island	$ 9,408,000
Nova Scotia	20,083,000
New Brunswick	38,042,000
Quebec	80,896,000
Ontario	185,308,000
Manitoba	66,660,000
Saskatchewan	37,614,000
Alberta	14,522,000

The average value of field crops for the Dominion in the year is $15.72 per acre, and the average value, computed on an estimated population of 6,940,000, is $62.34 per head.

Fifty per cent. of this year's wheat crop, 72 per cent. of the oats and 68 per cent. of the barley remained in farmers' hands at the end of November. The condition of the new crop of Fall wheat at the same time was 75 per cent. of a standard, and 73 per cent. of Fall plowing was completed.

A statement on the care and chipment of fruit made in the present number of the Census and Statistics Monthly by the commissioner of dairying and cold storage is worthy of emphasis. "There is not a sound apple grown in Canada any year, and picked from the tree at the proper time." Mr. Ruddick says, "but could be delivered in Great Britain or the North-West in perfect condition if cold storage were intelligently applied in transferring it from the tree to the consumer."

CARRIE TO ATTACK LORDS.

That is if She Can Secure Entrance to the House.

A despatch from London, says: Carrie Nation says that when she comes to London she will begin her cleaning campaign with the House of Lords. She adds: "I don't know whether they will let me in, but I'll try."

BLOCK AT SOO BURNED.

And One Man Believed to Have Perished.

A despatch from Sault Ste. Marie says: Another disastrous fire visited the Canadian Soo at 3 o'clock on Sunday morning, by which the handsome Hussey block was completely destroyed, and the Coronation block adjoining badly damaged. One man, Alex. Kemp, aged 65, is believed to have perished in the flames. He conducted a carpenter shop in the basement, and has not been heard from since, although his coat and hat, which he wore one hour earlier, were found. He entered the building at 2 o'clock on Sunday morning in an intoxicated condition. The business places burned are: Carconen's large confectionery store, insurance $1,200; Partlow's second hand store; Kemp's carpenter shop; St. James' Hall, meeting place of all local Catholic societies. The following, who occupied rooms, were burned out: Mr. and Mrs. J. Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Balder, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lemon, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Martel. On the lower floor of the Coronation block Bemrose's large clothing stock is almost a complete loss, and on the floor above the lodge room of Bessemer Lodge, I. O. O. F., was badly damaged.

NEARLY ASPHYXIATED.

Efforts of Little Ones Rouse Father to Aid.

A despatch from Strathroy says: Mr. and Mrs. William Calcut and family of six children had a narrow escape from death early Sunday morning from asphyxiation. The little daughter of 9 years was awakened by fumes of escaping gas about 3 and began to cry, which awakened the rest of the children. Her little sister got up and attempted to quiet her, but fell to the floor overcome. A brother, who was in an adjoining room, came to the rescue, and he, too, fell unconscious to the floor; two more met the same fate. By this time the father and mother were awakened and rushed to their rooms. Taking in the situation they threw open the doors and ran to the neighbors for help. Dr. McDougall was on hand in a short time. All five children were unconscious, but were revived. They will recover.

CHURCH BURNED.

Roman Catholic Edifice at Coteau du Lac Destroyed.

A despatch from Montreal, says: The Roman Catholic Church at Cotea du Lac was destroyed by fire on Wednesday night, entailing a loss of over $50,000. It was at first feared that the fire would spread to a large convent near by, and the nuns and pupils to the number of over 300 made a hasty exit. The church was burned to the ground, but the convent was saved.

COLD WAVE AND CHOLERA.

The Epidemic in St. Petersburg Increases.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: Thursday's cold wave was accompanied on Friday by an increase in the cholera. There were 91 new cases and 13 deaths, while [illegible] persons suffering from the disease are now in hospitals here.

A THOUSAND HOMELESS.

Block of Apartment Houses Burned in New York.

A despatch from New York says: More than a thousand persons were made homeless and hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property destroyed in a fire which burned out a block of apartment houses between Second and Third avenues and Forty-fourth streets, Brooklyn, on Wednesday. Twenty persons were overcome by smoke, but were rescued by firemen. The great Bush terminal docks on the edge of the fire zone were saved by a fireboat, which kept the flames from sweeping over Second avenue. Occupants of the blazing buildings were driven half-clad and shivering, into snow-swept streets, and a score of others were dragged unconscious from their apartments by policemen and firemen.

ATTEMPT AT MURDER.

Italian Plunged Dagger Into a Woman's Side.

A despatch from Montreal, says: A sensational attempt at murder was made by an Italian Wednesday evening on University street, in one of the busiest quarters of the city. The Italian was walking along the street in company with a woman companion, when, after some animated conversation, he pulled a stiletto and plunged it into the side of the woman, who fell in a heap on the sidewalk. The street was crowded with shoppers at the time, and the man took to his heels, followed by an excited crowd. After a hot chase he was captured and taken to the police station, where he gave his name as Francisco Vario. The woman is at the Royal Victoria Hospital in a critical condition.

GAS AT PINCHER CREEK.

Mineral Riches of This Favored Alberta Section.

A despatch from Pincher Creek, Alberta, says: A strong flow of natural gas was struck a quarter of a mile from this town on Friday morning by the Western Oil & Coal Consolidated Company, who have been boring for it for a couple of weeks. The flame was lit over a twelve-inch hole, and rose to a distance of twelve feet in the air, indicating a very strong flow. The well is down 400 feet. Oil, coal, iron and gas have now been found in great quantities in this vicinity.

WILL ACCEPT TRAVELLERS.

Proposals to Tax Outsiders Doing Business in Quebec City.

A despatch from Quebec, says. Ald. Cummings, at Tuesday night's meeting of the City Council, withdrew his motion regarding the levying of a tax of $200 on all commercial travellers, contractors, insurance agents, traders, etc., coming to Quebec to do business. However, at the next meeting of the Council he intends to again give notice of a similar motion, the only difference in which will be the elimination of the commercial traveller.

"Look here, Jiggers, I've a bone to pick with you." "I'm with you. There's a restaurant across the way. Make it a mutton bone, for I've quite an appetite."

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

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

CANADA.

It is proposed to hold a Centennial Fair at Winnipeg in 1912.

The postoffice handled nearly four hundred million letters last year.

Mr. Alex. Maclean, Trade Commissioner to China, died at Shanghai, on Wednesday.

Mr. Alfred Misner of Niagara Falls had his nose kicked off by a horse.

James Lashambe, a thirteen-year-old boy, was drowned while skating near Cornwall, on Wednesday.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Elevator Company has been incorporated with a capital of one million dollars.

Herbert Johnston, a four-year-old boy of Raleigh township, was drowned while playing on the ice, on Friday.

Leone, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. John Weir, was burned to death at Moncton, N. B., on Wednesday.

An effort will be made to maintain winter navigation on the St. Lawrence from Quebec to the sea.

The C. P. R. has given an order for 20,000 tons of rails to the Algoma Steel Company at the Soo.

What is believed to be the largest Union Jack ever made is to be sent from Toronto to the Tercentenary celebration in Newfoundland.

James Daly, an old pensioner, was picked up on the street in Montreal, on Wednesday, and died soon after in the hospital. His death is ascribed to the severe cold.

Hon. William Pugsley, speaking at St. John, said a number of important public works will have to be postponed, owing to the necessity of keeping the expenditures within the income.

John H. Coleman, jun., and George Sawyer were burned and suffocated in the Joggins Mines, N. S., on Thursday night, by a screen curtain catching fire, and Frank McNeil was badly burned and may die.

William Mahaney and Mrs. Roselle McCarthy broke smallpox quarantine at Chatham, N.B., to get married, on Tuesday. They were fined $40 each, and as Mahaney could not pay he was sent to jail for forty days.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Christmas in London was marred by the large numbers of unemployed and destitute.

Miss Kate Gilmour, stewardess of the steamer Sardinian, has been awarded a Lloyd's medal for saving lives at sea.

Mr. David Lloyd-George, speaking at Liverpool, said he could find the money needed to provide old-age pensions without taxing anybody's food.

James P. Farrell, Nationalist member for North Longford in the British Parliament, has been sentenced to six months in jail for advocating a boycott.

UNITED STATES.

Two small children were burned to death in a fire near Ogdensburg, N. Y., on Tuesday.

The Standard Oil Company and Republic Oil Company have been ousted from the State of Missouri.

The steamer Pretoria encountered a series of storms and spent twenty-one days on the voyage from Hamburg to New York.

The J. B. Stetson Company of Philadelphia presented its employees with Christmas gifts amounting to $200,000.

Van Dwight Sheldon, an engineering student at New York University, was shot and killed by a burglar, on Wednesday.

General Bell, Chief-of-Staff, declares that the infantry arm of the United States army is inadequate, while the cavalry arm in antiquated

A woman who gave evidence at the night-riders' trial at Union City, Tenn., refused to leave the courtroom without an armed guard.

Edward Hines, President of the great new lumber combine, says lumber will shortly become cheaper as a result of the new organization.

It was stated at the preliminary hearing of the Pittsburg Councilmen accused of corruption that some of the men were bribed with sums as low as five dollars.

Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, officers of the American Federation of Labor, have been sentenced to terms in prison for contempt of court.

GENERAL.

A plot to assassinate acting President Gomez of Venezuela has been frustrated.

Thieves carried off large numbers of gold and silver memorials from Roeskilde Cathedral, the burial of Danish Kings.

President Fallieres of France was attacked by a crack-brained Royalist, who attempted to pull the President's beard.

The Chinese Government has dubbed the Dalai Lama "sincere and loyal spreader of civilization," and has sent him back to Lhasa.

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. 29.—Ontario wheat—No. 2 white, 93 to 94c outside; No. 2 red, 95c to 95½c; No. 2 mixed, 93c to 94c.

Manitoba wheat—Spot No. 1 northern, $1.08 to $1.08½; No. 2 northern, $1.05 to $1.05½; No. 3 northern, $1.03 to $1.03½, on track, lake ports. All rail No. 1 northern, $1.12 to $1.12½; No. 2 northern, $1.09 to $1.09½, delivered at Ontario points.

Barley—No. 2, 53c to 55c; No. 3 extra, 52c to 53c; No. 3, 50c to 51c, outside.

Oats—Ontario No. 2 white, 38c to 38½c, outside; No. 2 mixed, 37c to 37½c, outside, Manitoba No. 2 western Canada, 43c on track, lake ports.

Corn—Old, 69c, Toronto freights, for No. 2 or 3 yellow; new No. 2 yellow, 68c; No. 3 yellow, 63c to 64c, Toronto, No. 2 or 3 yellow; new No. 2 yellow, 69c; No. 3 yellow, 66c to 66½c, Toronto freights.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 56c to 56½c outside.

Peas—No. 2, 86c to 86½c.

Rye—Dull; No. 2, 69½c to 70c.

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

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—Winter stock quoted at $3 to $4 per barrel for good qualities, and at $2 to $2.50 for cooking apples.

Beans—Prime, $1.70 to $1.75, and hand-picked, $1.80 to $1.85 per bush.

Honey—Combs, $2 to $2.75 per dozen, and strained, 10 to 11c per pound.

Hay—No. 1 timothy is quoted at $10.50 to $11 a ton on track here, and No. 2 at $7 to $8.

Straw—$7 to $7.50 on track.

Potatoes—Ontarios, 60 to 62c per bag. Delawares, 75 to 80c per bag on track.

Poultry—Chickens, dressed, 11 to 13c per pound; fowl, 8 to 9c; ducks, 10 to 12c; geese, 10 to 11c per pound; turkeys, 16 to 18c per pound.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 25 to 27c; tubs, 22 to 24c; inferior, 20 to 21c. Creamery rolls, 28 to 29c, and solids 27c.

Eggs—Case lots of cold storage, 25 to 26c per dozen; selections, 28 to 30c, and new laid are quoted at 35 to 40c per dozen.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 10¾ to 11c per pound in case lots; mess pork, $19 to $19.50; short cut, $22 to $22.50.

Hams—Light to medium, 13 to 13½; do., heavy, 12c; rolls, 10½c; shoulders, 10 to 10¼c; backs, 16 to 16½c; breakfast bacon, 14½ to 15c.

Lard—Tierces, 12c; tubs, 12¼c; pails, 12½c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—Grain—Canadian western No. 2 white oats are selling at 46½c; extra No. 1 feed oats at 45½c, and No. 1 feed at 45c per bushel in car lots, ex store. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts at $6, seconds at $5.50, Winter wheat patents, $5 to $5.25, straight rollers, $4.60 to $4.70, do., in bags, $2.15 to $2.25; extra, $1.75 to $1.85. Feed—Manitoba bran, $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 mouille, $30 to $32; milled grades, $25 to $28 per ton. Cheese — The local market holds steady with westerns quoted at 12¼ to 12½c and easterns at 11¾ to 12c. Butter — Fresh receipts of creamery are selling at 25½c and Sept. make at 26¾c in a wholesale way. Eggs—New laid at 35c; selected stock at 27c, and No. 1 stock at 24c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, Dec. 29.—Wheat—Spring wheat, steady; No. 1 Northern carloads, store, $1.13; Winter, firm. Corn—Higher; No. 3 yellow, 62c; No. 4 yellow, 61½c; No. 3 corn, 61 to 61½c; No. 4 corn, 60½ to 61c; No. 3 white, 63¼c. Oats—Lower, No. 2 white, 53½c; No. 3 white, 52½ to 53c; No. 4 white, 51¼ to 51¾c. Barley—Feed to malting, 64 to 68c.

Minneapolis, Dec. 29—Wheat — Dec., $1.07⅛; May, $1.09⅛; cash, No. 1 hard, $1.10¼; No. 1 Northern, $1.09¼; No. 2 Northern, $1.07½; No. 3 Northern, $1.03¼ to $1.05½. Bran—$19.00 to $19.25. Flour—First patents, $5.30 to $5.65; second patents, $5.10 to $5.20; first clears, $4.00 to $4.15, second clears, $2.95 to $3.05.

Milwaukee, Dec. 29.—Wheat — No. 1 Northern, $1.11; No. 2 Northern, $1.07 to $1.08; May, $1.06⅜ to $1.06½ bid. Rye—No 1, 75c. Corn—May, 61c. Barley—Standard, 65½c; sample, 59 to 65½c, No. 3, 60 to 63c; No. 4, 55c.

BOY SHOOTS HIS FATHER

His Parent Was Ascending the Stairs With a Whip to Punish Him.

A despatch from Amherstburg, Ont., says: Elijah Thompson, a colored man, well known throughout the county, was on Thursday morning shot and fatally wounded by his 16-year-old son William. He succumbed to his injuries at 2 o'clock the same afternoon.

Thompson is the father of ten children, of whom William is the oldest one at home. Thompson was displeased with the way in which the boy and two younger brothers had done some work he had instructed them to attend to and flogged the two other boys. Then, armed with a whip, he started to look for William, whom he blamed more particularly for the failure to do the work set out for the three boys.

William saw him coming and ran upstairs to hide. He found a Winchester rifle in the room and standing at the head of the stairs fired at his father, as the latter started up. The bullet passed through Thompson's body, tearing a gaping wound.

Neighbors guarded the boy until Constable Laporte drove out to the Thompson home, five miles from here, and placed him under arrest. The boy is in a half dazed condition and insists that he did not intend to even hurt his father in any way.

DIED ON THE STREET.

Visitor From Alberta Passes Away at London, Ont.

A despatch from London says: To drop dead within a few blocks of the home of his daughter and son-in-law, whom he had travelled nearly 2,000 miles to visit, and for whom he intended his arrival to be in the nature of a surprise, was the fate that befell Mr. Robert Gillespie of Everts, Alta., at an early hour on Christmas morning. Mr Gillespie is the father-in-law of P. C. Clarence Kelly, by whom he was identified. He arrived in the city on a late train, and was proceeding to the home of Mr. Kelly, 41 Oxford street, West London, when a sudden attack of heart failure caused his death. Only a few minutes before Mr. Gillespie had been in conversation with P. C. Fowler, and appeared in the best of health. On passing near the same spot a short time later Mr. Gillespie was found lying on the sidewalk. P. C. Fowler summoned Dr. Waugh, but life was extinct. The man could not have been dead many minutes when he was discovered by P. C. Fowler, as his body was still warm.

IMPROVED TERMINALS.

Canadian Northern Railway's Plans for Port Arthur.

A despatch from Port Arthur, says: General Manager McLeod of the Canadian Northern is in the city. He stated that the company would make large additions to the terminal facilities here. Some are definitely arranged and others are in contemplation. To increase the freight storage capacity at the docks a shed is now being built over the steel dock. A new dock is to be built just south of the present dock, and on it work will be started as soon as feasible. It will be used as a steel dock during the early summer and for freight when the fall rush commences. The business will necessitate another new dock after that. New tracks will be laid through the yards, including lines to the new elevator to be built by Piper & McWilliams.

POST OFFICE REPORT.

Surplus for the Year Over a Million Dollars.

A despatch from Ottawa, says: The report of the Postmaster-General for the fiscal year ending March 31 last has been issued. The main features of the report were given to Parliament in a statement prepared by Hon. Mr. Lemieux last June. The net surplus for the year, despite the largely increased expenditure consequent upon the creation of 446 new postoffices and the expansion of the service, was $1,082,000. The number of letters carried during the year was 396,011,000, and increase of 1,916,000 over the previous twelve months.

FEUD LEADS TO FIRE.

Store and Dwelling Burned at North Bay.

A despatch from North Bay says: Early Sunday morning the store and dwelling of Carmen Sandrelli, Italian merchant, was burned to the ground, the occupants barely escaping with their lives. So quickly did the flames spread that nothing could be saved, and cash amounting to $350 was burned. The loss on the building is $5,000; contents, $1,000; grocery stock, $1,500; insurance $4,250. The cause of the fire is attributed to incendiarism on account of the fierce feud existing between the Italian factions here, which was intensified recently by the murderous stabbing affray in which an Italian named Amanda escaped death by a narrow margin. Amanda's deposition accused Sandrelli of the stabbing, but evidence was given throwing the blame on another Italian who left town the night of the affray, and Sandrelli was acquitted. Amanda is recovering and still accuses Sandrelli.

SIXTEEN VESSELS LOST.

Wrecks of the Past Season on the Great Lakes.

A despatch from Detroit says: During the past season sixteen vessels—ten steamers and six schooners—passed out of existence on the lakes. The boats that were total losses were valued at $631,000. They had a carrying capacity of 26,250 tons a trip. Eight of the vessels stranded, and were pounded to pieces, five steamers were destroyed by fire, two were lost in collisions, and one steamer foundered. Only two were of steel. The greatest loss of the season was the steel steamer D. M. Clemson, which foundered in Lake Superior. Twenty-four lives were lost on her. She was valued at $300,000; her coal cargo, which was worth $12,000, was insured.

NEVER SAW THE FALLS.

Remarkable Case of Niagara Woman 97 Years Old.

A despatch from Niagara Falls, N. Y., says: Although she is 97 years old and has resided all her life in Niagara-on-the-Lake, within twelve miles of Niagara Falls, Mrs. Mary O'Brien never saw the great cataract until she came here on Thursday to spend the Winter with her son, Thomas O'Brien, of No. 475 Fourth Street. It was also her first opportunity of seeing an electric car. With great trepidation she was persuaded to board a Main street car to go to her son's home.

Ten children are believed to be ill with foot-and-mouth disease in Monroe county, N. Y.

Thomas Andrews was shot and killed near Lafayette, Tenn., by a man who mistook him for a bear.

A serum which is an anti-toxin against hog cholera has been discovered by experimenters at the Missouri Agricultural College.

TRAGEDY IN COBALT MINE

Three Men Killed While Descending the Shaft.

A despatch from Cobalt, says: In an accident at the Columbus mine at 2 o'clock on Wednesday morning, William Hamilton, Ottawa; Fred Nelly, of West Temple, P.Q., and Edward Nation of St. Pierre, were killed. The accident seems to have been caused by the cable slipping from its wheel as the men were descending the shaft in the bucket.

The three men had been carrying out blasting operations, and at midnight came on deck for dinner, but forgot to turn on the air. Hamilton went down again, and attended to this, and then returned to the top. About 2 o'clock the three were sent down again in the bucket, and up till the time of an investigation the rest is a matter of surmise. It is supposed, however, that when they were about seventy-five feet down the cable slipped off the wheel. The engineer stopped immediately and steps were at once taken to see how matters stood. Mr. Shovell, the captain, was hastily called and descended by the rope ladder. At the depth of seventy-five feet he came across the bucket, which was empty, and rang for it to be raised. More men having arrived the party proceeded to the bottom, a depth of 240 feet. Hamilton was not dead when found, but the other two men had breathed their last. Five minutes afterwards Hamilton expired.