ONTARIO CENTRAL PRISON

After Careful Consideration Will Be Located Near Guelph.

A despatch from Toronto says: After years of patient enquiry and [illegible]xamination of in the neigh[illegible]od of 50 sites, the Ontario [illegible]rnment has at last settled on [illegible]ation for the new Central Pri[illegible] It is to be about three miles [illegible] of Guelph. The properties se[illegible]ed are four in number, of 210, 50, 130 and 123 acres respectively, making a total area of 513 acres.

The government considers that it was very fortunate in securing a site which combines almost everything which is required. The transportation facilities are unexcelled. The C. P. R. runs through the property and the G. T. R. skirts it. There are six trains a day each way to Toronto.

The situation is almost at the centre of the criminal population of Ontario, which is placed at about 25 miles west of Toronto. This will involve a minimum cost of transportation of prisoners to the prison. The River Speed flows through the property, giving ample water supply.

The 210 and 123 acre properties contain limestone, which will be useful in the construction of the prison, and will also be utilized for the employment of the prisoners in supplying crushed stone for the improvement of the roads of the province. The 130 acre property contains sand and gravel in abundance and an admirable building site. The other block is good land for farming, vegetable gardening and dairy purposes.

The properties purchased are:—The Walsh farm, 130 acres, with an inexhaustible deposit of rock and white and grey limestone, fronting on the C. P. R. The balance of the farm is good agricultural land. The Farr farm, 83 acres; good pasture and agricultural land, suitable for dairying. The Matthews farm, 210 acres, with large deposit of rock and dolomitic limestone, on the C P. R. Also a large acreage of farm land and a site for buildings. The Meyers farm, 50 acres, with big gravel and sand deposit, contigous to the G. T. R. Also fine farm land and a site for buildings. The Fleming farm, 130 acres, two-thirds fine farm land, with deposit of blue clay suitable for manufacturing bricks.

Two other adjacent properties are under consideration, but the price so far asked is greater than the Government is ready to pay.

FROM BONNIE SCOTLAND

NOTES OF INTEREST FROM HER BANKS AND BRAES.

What is Going On in the Highlands and Lowlands of Auld Scotia.

Dundee spinners are losing heavily through wet jute.

The increase to Dundee assistant teachers aggregate $6,987.

Eggs were selling in Dumfries at 60 cents per dozen.

An ancient urn and a stone spear have been unearthed at Cockburnspath.

The output of coal from Leith this year has reached a million and a half tons.

At Dundee, James Kennedy (24), seaman, was killed by a falling chimney can.

At Paisley, warrant was granted to erect the new Salvation Army Hall to cost $11,000.

Cambeltown shipbuilding yard, after being closed for weeks, was re-opened on the 15th ult.

Managers of Midlothian collieries say the Eight Hours' Act has reduced output and increased cost.

In 1841 the population of the island of Coll was over 1,400. At the last census it was only 432.

Dr. D. Waterson, Edinburgh, has been appointed Professor of Anatomy in King's College, London.

Jewellers' windows have not been so brilliant in Glasgow of late. The fog has a bad influence on the finer kinds.

A second attempt has been made to plant trees on the vacant ground fronting the Caledonian railway station at Ardrossan.

Beardmore & Co. have made the first heavy gun produced in Scotland, weighing 68 tons, and intended for some Dreadnought.

Six of the directors of Dundee Infirmary have resigned because it requires $200 per month more than the revenue available.

There is quite a boom in the lace curtain trade in Aryshire. In many of the factories the men are working twelve hour shifts.

STRATHCONA IN COLLISION.

Motor Bus was Forced on Top of His Car.

A despatch from London says: Lord Strathcona, the Canadian High Commissioner, had a narrow escape from serious injury on Thursday night. He had just driven up to the Canadian Government office on Victoria Street, when another automobile collided with a motor bus and forced the latter on top of Lord Strathcona's car, which was badly damaged. Lord Strathcona was thrown down, but was not hurt.

TEN HOTELS FEWER.

Net Result of Local Option Voting in Manitoba.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: All the returns from the 41 municipalities are in from the province and as a result of the spirited local option contest twenty-one were won by the veto people and twenty by the liquor forces. Eleven hotels will be closed as the result, and one which was formerly closed will be allowed to reopen. The net gain, therefore, to the temperance cause is that the province will contain ten fewer hotels this year than last year.

FIRE'S FATAL FREAK.

Hotel Burned One Day, Stables Next, with Loss of Life.

A despatch from Gloversville, N Y., says: Following the practical destruction of the Keystone Hotel late on Wednesday, when there were several narrow escapes from death by occupants jumping from upper storey windows, three lives were lost in a fire which destroyed the Keystone stables late on Thursday. The three men had remained up all night guarding the ruins of the hotel, and about noon on Thursday went to the stables to sleep. At 3.30 the building was in flames. The men were smothered.

CONNAUGHT MAY COME.

Home Authorities Said to be Paving the Way.

A despatch from Montreal says: It is stated here that letters have been received from England to the effect that the British authorities are feeling the way with a view to appoint the Duke of Connaught, the King's eldest brother, Governor-General of Canada, this caution being caused by the fact that the Duke himself hesitates before acceptance, being not at all certain as to the temper of the Canadian people on the subject.

$10,000 FOR CONTROLLERS.

Montreal Finance Committee Votes Legal Salary.

A despatch from Montreal says: At a meeting of the Civic Finance Committee on Wednesday afternoon it was decided to vote the maximum legal salary to the future members of the Board of Control, namely, $10,000 a year each. The sum of $40,000 altogether was voted, including $38,000 for the four controllers for eleven months, and $2,000 extra salary for the Mayor, increasing his salary from $4,000 to $6,000 a year.

HE FOUGHT AT RIDGEWAY.

John M. Fogarty, One of the Last of the Fenian Invaders.

A despatch from Buffalo says: The funeral of John M. Fogarty, who is believed to be the last Buffalo survivor of the Fenian raid, was held here on Wednesday. Mr. Fogarty was 67 years old. Shortly after his return from the civil war Mr. Fogarty identified himself prominently with the Fenians, who were then strongly organizing in Black Rock under General O'Neill. He led Company A across the river into Canada on May 31, 1866, and in the battle of Ridgeway on June 2nd he led the skirmish line. Later Mr. Fogarty went on the police force, and later still became a mail carrier. He continued to carry the mails for twenty-seven years.

NAVAL BASE AT VANCOUVER.

Negotiations in Progress With Imperial Authorities.

A despatch from Birmingham, England, says: The London correspondent of the Post says he learns that negotiations are progressing between the Imperial and Dominion Governments which may result in the establishment of a naval base of considerable proportions at Vancouver Island. The present works will be used in the proposed extension. It is understood that the authorities at Ottawa are prepared to provide $10,000,000 for the purpose of constructing docks and other accommodations.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

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

CANADA.

The coal production of Nova Scotia has fallen off nearly a million tons, owing to the strike.

The holiday passenger traffic on the railways is so far the heaviest on record.

The General Conference of the Methodist Church will meet in Victoria, B. C., in August of next year.

The Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees has amalgamated with the Canadian Federation of Labor.

The Railway Commission has decided to allow the telegraph companies to put their new short code regulation into force on July 1st.

The Montreal City Council passed the second reading of the by-law to close all barrooms at 10 o'clock, and at 7 on Saturday evening.

Immigration returns for the last eight months show an increase of sixty-eight per cent. in the number of arrivals from the United States.

Miss Isbister, a nurse, was awarded $4,000 in her action against the Dominion Fish Company at Winnipeg, for injuries received in the burning of the steamer Premier two years ago.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Mr. Balfour and Mr. Haldane are both ill and unable to take part in the British election campaign.

The report that Mr. Herbert Gladstone is to be Governor of South Africa is officially confirmed.

Lord Rosebery has asked both parties in Britain to state their policy with regard to the reform of the House of Lords.

A great number of inquiries have reached Sir Thomas Shaughnessy in London regarding the C. P. R. immigration scheme.

John Burns told his constituents that Britain would take a lesson from Germany and avoid protection and conscription.

The London correspondent of The Freeman's Journal says the Unionists will not carry more than twenty seats in London.

UNITED STATES.

Twenty-seven modistes were indicted at New York on charges of smuggling.

The police of Pittsburg have challenged all the police forces of America to a drill competition.

A woman at New Albany, Ind., is accused of feeding her husband on poison for four days until her treatment resulted in his death.

Commander Peary intimated at a banquet at New York that the expedition led by him to the North Pole might make an attempt to reach the South Pole.

GENERAL.

Dr. Jose Madriz has been elected President of Nicaragua.

All the members of the new Portuguese Ministry are Progressists.

Japan will adopt a tariff for revenue only.

FATHER AND SON KILLED.

A Peculiar Coincidence Attends Their Death.

A despatch from Ottawa says: In identically the same way, in the same lumber camp, and within a few days of the same time of the year as his father met his death four years ago, Louis Gauvreau of Aylmer, aged 18, was on Tuesday crushed to death by a falling tree at Ritchie's lumber camp, near Mattawa. He did not move far enough out of the danger zone when the choppers brought down the tree.

EIGHT WERE KILLED.

An Explosion in a Coal Mine at Herrin, Illinois.

A despatch from St. Louis, Mo., says: Eight men were killed and 400 others had a narrow escape in an explosion of gas in mine A of the Chicago and Cartersville Coal Company at Herrin, Ill., late on Thursday. Open lamps carried by employees of the mine are believed to have caused the disaster. There were three men and a boy in this party, and all are dead.

DIED ON HORSEBACK.

Wounded Man Was on Way From Shanty to Mattawa.

A despatch from Ottawa says: A youth named Gauvreau, a log hauler, was killed at the Ritchie camps, near Mattawa, by a falling tree. He had stepped aside, but did not move far enough, and was crushed between two logs. The foreman started out on horseback with the wounded man, to ride to Mattawa to the hospital, but the victim died on the way.

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. 28.—Flour — Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents, $4.30 to $4.35 in buyers' sacks on track, Toronto, and $4.20 to $4.25 outside in buyers' sacks. Manitoba flour, first patents, $5.60 on track, Toronto; second patents, $5.10 to $5.20, and strong bakers', $4.90 to $5 on track, Toronto.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, $1.09, Bay ports, and No. 2 Northern, $1.07, Bay ports.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 mixed, $1.06 outside, and No. 2 white and red $1.06 to $1.07 outside.

Barley—No. 2, 60 to 62c outside, and No. 3 extra, 58 to 59c outside.

Oats—No. 2 Ontario white 35½ to 36c outside, and 38½ to 39c on track, Toronto. Canada West oats 40c for No. 2, and 39c for No. 3, Bay ports.

Peas—85 to 87c outside.

Rye—No. 2, 70 to 71c outside.

Buckwheat—52 to 52½c high freights, and 53 to 54c low freights.

Corn—New No. 2 yellow 71 to 71½c, Toronto, and selected No. 3 67½ to 68c, Toronto.

Bran—$21 in bags, Toronto, and shorts, $22.50 to $23 in bags, Toronto.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—$2 to $3.50 per barrel, according to quality.

Beans—Car lots outside, $1.55 to $1.65, and small lots here, $1.75 to $1.90.

Honey—Combs, dozen, $2.25 to $3; extracted, 10½c per lb.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, $14 to $14.50, and No. 2 $12.50 to $13 on track, Toronto.

Straw—$7.50 to $8 on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—50c per bag on track, for Ontarios.

Poultry—Chickens, dressed, 13 to 15c per lb.; fowl, 10 to 11c; turkeys, 19 to 20c per lb.; ducks, lb., 14 to 15c; geese, 12 to 13c.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 23 to 25c; tubs and large rolls, 21 to 23c; inferior, 19 to 20c; creamery, 27 to 28c, and solids, 26 to 26½c per lb.

Eggs—Case lots of fresh gathered, 36 to 37c per dozen, and storage, 25c.

Cheese—12½c per lb. for large, and at 12¾c for twins.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 14½ to 14¾c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, $26 to $27; short cut, $28 to $29.

Hams—Light to medium, 15 to 16c; do., heavy, 14 to 14½c; rolls, 14 to 14½c; shoulders, 13 to 13¼c; backs, 19 to 20c; breakfast bacon, 17½ to 18c.

Lard—Tierces, 15¾c; tubs, 16c; pails, 16¼c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Oats — No. 2 Canada Western, 42½ to 43½c; No. 3, 41½ to 41¾c. Barley—No. 2, 67c; Manitoba feed barley, 52 to 53c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.70; Manitoba Spring wheat patents, seconds, $5.20; Winter wheat patents, $5.50 to $5.60; Manitoba strong bakers', $5; straight rollers, $5.10 to $5.25 straight rollers, in bags, $2.40 to $2.50. Feed—Ontario bran, $21.50 to $22; Ontario middlings, $23 to $23.50; Manitoba bran, $21; Manitoba shorts, $22 to $23; pure grain mouille, $32 to $33; mixed mouille, $25 to $27. Cheese—September make western, 11¾ to 11⅞c; October make, 11½ to 11⅝c, and eastern, 11¼ to 11⅜c. Butter — choicest creamery, 25½ to 26c, current receipts, 24½ to 25c, and dairy 19 to 22c. Eggs—Selected stock, in round lots, 28 to 28½c, and in single cases 29c; while No. 1 candled sold at 24½ to 25c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Cash wheat—No. 2 red, $1.25 to $1.26½; No. 3 red, $1.18 to $1.24; No. 2 hard, $1.16 to $1.17; No. 3 hard, $1.10 to $1.16; No. 1 Northern, $1.17 to $1.19; No. 2 Northern, $1.14 to $1.17; No. 3 Spring, $1.10 to $1.15. Corn—No. 3 white, 61c; No. 3 yellow, 61¼c; No. 4, 58½c; No. 4 yellow, 58½ to 59c. Oats—No. 2 white, 45½c; No. 3 white, 44 to 45c; No. 4 white, 43¼ to 44c; standard, 45 to 45½c.

Buffalo, Dec. 28.—Spring wheat, No. 1 Northern, carloads store, $1.17¼; Winter, easier; No. 2 red $1.27; No. 2 white $1.26. Corn—Steady. Oats—Easier; No. 2 white 48c; No. 3 white, 47c; No. 4 white, 45¾ to 46¼c. Barley—Feed to malting, 62 to 75c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—None of the sales exceeded 5½c per lb., and from that down to 4¾c per lb. for prime beeves; pretty good cattle 3½ to 4½c; common stock, 2½ to 3½c per lb; cows and springers, $55 to $65 each; the others bringing from $30 to $50 each. Calves $3 to $12 each. Sheep, 4½c per lb.; lambs, 6 to 6½c per lb. Good lots of fat hogs, 8¾c per lb.

NINE HUNDRED WERE KILLED

Graphic Account of the Recent Battle at Rama, Nicaragua

A despatch from Washington says: A graphic report has been received from Consul Moffatt depicting the state of affairs in Bluefields, Nicaragua. He reported that more than 900 men on both sides were killed in the recent battle at Rama. The despatch follows:—

"Two thousand starved, emaciated prisoners have been brought here from Zelava's surrendered army. The sight of the sick and weary tottering through the streets is horrible. Half are mere boys. The emergency hospital established by the Des Moines and Tacoma contains ninety wounded and the city hospital sixty. Few of the surrendered army had shoes or blankets. Scores were almost naked. All are in a pitiable condition. Estrada is furnishing them with blankets, clothing, shoes and food as best he can. Flour, beans, rice, sugar, coffee and condensed milk are needed instantly to feed the starving Zelaya soldiers. Disease and death threaten unless they are properly given best of food and care.

"The great and sudden demand for proper clothing and food for the suffering is a problem for the provisional Government, whose resources are exhausted; their own men, numbering 3,000, are well fed and clothed, but they cannot find means whereby to care for their increased burden."

SUCCESSFUL SWINDLERS.

Netted $250,000 by Fake Mining Sheme.

A despatch from New York says: In the person of Charles Adams, an elderly man of respectable appearance the police say they have one of a group of mining swindlers who in recent years have fleeced wealthy English families out of $250,000. It is alleged that when a death notice appeared in the English papers, Adams or an associate would write a letter addressed to the dead man, knowing that it would probably fall into the hands of the relatives, acknowledging previous aid by the addressee and telling him how to make his fortune in mining stocks and how, in gratitude, he now offered his benefactor a chance to buy choice mining shares.

OTTAWA GIRL KILLED.

Struck by Freight Car While Releasing Her Sleigh.

A despatch from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., says: Louise Bray, the six-year-old daughter of Mrs. Chas. Bray, Ottawa, was almost instantly killed at the Wellington and John streets crossing at Steelton at 4.30 on Wednesday afternoon. The child was sleighing and her sleigh became caught in the track. Returning to get it, she was struck by a freight car, which was being shunted. She was struck on the temple and lived only twenty-five minutes. The girl had been in the Soo about one month, coming here to act as flower girl at the wedding of her aunt.

THREE YEARS MORE.

Completion of the National Transcontinental Road.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Mr. E. J. Chamberlin, Vice-President and General Manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, stated on Thursday in Ottawa that the road would be completed to the Pacific coast by the end of 1912, and perhaps before. The new joint terminals of the G. T. P. and C. N. R at Winnipeg, he said, would be completed by March, and will only be equalled on this continent by the Pennsylvania in New York and the depot at Washington. The National Transcontinental Commissioners expect to have the Government end of the road, from Moncton to Winnipeg, completed during 1912.

An engagement ring is surely one kind of an exclusive circle.

As an eye-opener what's the matter with an alarm clock?

BATTLE-WORN FLAGS.

Interesting Relics Handed Over to Archives.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Dominion Archives has just come into possession of more interesting relics of the early military history of Canada. Several bullet-torn and blood-stained flags of regiments which went through the campaign of 1812 have been presented to the Archives by the Militia Department, which recently came into possession of them. The flags are those of the 4th and 5th Regiments, 100th Artillery, 1st Canadian Regiment, Quebec Militia and Royal Emigrants. The flags of the 4th and 5th Regiments are of peculiar interest, because of being made of homespun material, evidently the labor of some patriotic women of the time. They are attached to long lances.

THE CANADIAN NAVY.

Third-Class Cruiser Apollo Has Been Purchased.

A despatch from Victoria, B. C., says: H. M. S. Apollo, a third-class cruiser of 3,400 tons, has been purchased by Canada from Great Britain, and is being made ready to proceed to Esquimalt for use as a training ship and fishery protection cruiser in British Columbia waters, forming the nucleus of a Canadian navy for the Pacific. H. M. S. Egeria, an old survey vessel, has been recommissioned until 1911, and will continue hydrographic work, and H. M. S. Algerine will recommission at Esquimalt in March. Numerous applications are being received for places in the Canadian navy.

THE HARRIMAN FORTUNE.

Conservatively Estimated Now at $220,000,000.

A despatch from New York says: Edward H. Harriman was really worth at the time of his death over $200,000,000, although a recent appraisal of his estate placed its value at $149,000,000. The discrepancy between the actual and the appraised value of the Harriman estate, it was learned on trustworthy authority on Thursday, is due to the fact that shortly before his death Mr. Harriman transferred to his wife and his elder son securities valued at over $50,000,000. Since Mr. Harriman's death his estate has profited by a rise in market values, and it is stated that the wealth of Mrs. Harriman may be conservatively estimated at $220,000,000, which would make her probably the richest woman in the world.

Albert Leopold, Belgium's new King, ascended the throne on Thursday.

Recorder Weir of Montreal fined a number of bakers for delivering bread on Sunday, and Recorder Dupius dismissed a number of similar cases shortly after.

WORLD TO TENDER ON BRIDGE

All the Leading Firms Will be Invited to Compete

A despatch from Ottawa says: The leading bridge firms of the world are to be asked to compete for the contract for the construction of the superstructure of the new Quebec bridge, and their representatives will be invited to inspect alternative plans for suspension or cantilever designs at the office of the engineers in charge, at Montreal, on or after Jan. 3. It is expected that the work will take four years to complete, so that it will be 1914 before the new structure is in operation. In the meantime, it is proposed to inaugurate a car ferry service to deal with the National Transcontinental traffic.

Two or three months will be allowed the firms competing to thoroughly examine the plans, owing to the elaborate character of the work involved, and afterwards another two months will be necessary to allow them to prepare their estimates. It will therefore be towards the end of Summer or the early Autumn before tenders can be received and the contract awarded.

The work on the contract for the substructure, which has been awarded to M. P. and J. Davis for $2,500,000, will be proceeded with in the meantime.