ROBBERIES AT WINNIPEG

Two Cases of Embezzlement Discovered at the City Hall

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Rumors of petty embezzlements in the City Hall, which have been carefully withheld from the public for some time, were confirmed on Wednesday, when it was officially stated in the Board of Control that Walter Magee, clerk in the solicitor's office, had absconded with about $170, which he had secured in money coming into the department. He had forged the solicitor's signature to papers, and had cashed a check through this means. Magee afterwards made his escape. This is the second defalcation in the City Hall discovered within a month.

The other was in the tax office, where a man named Forbes is accused of having misappropriated about a thousand dollars or more, by means of destroying stubs for receipts for tax payments. The defalcation was not discovered for a long time, until some parcels of land were offered for sale for non-payment of taxes, when the receipts were produced which indicated the guilt of the clerk. Others are said to be implicated and an effort is being made to hush the matter up on account of Forbes' relations.

ON THE UP GRADE STILL.

Dominion's Financial Statement For Nine Months.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The total Dominion's revenue for December was $8,733,571, an increase of $1,550,216, or over twenty per cent., compared with December of 1908. For the nine months the revenue has been $73,390,080, an increase of $11,091,497. The increase in the Customs revenue has been $9,361,421. The expenditure, on the other hand, shows for the nine months a decrease of $3,034,492 on consolidated fund account, and of $2,290,206 on capital account. The total expenditure on consolidated fund account was $47,398,129, and on capital account $24,026,137, of which about seventeen millions was on the National Transcontinental Railway. During December the net debt of the Dominion decreased by $690,658, and now stands at $322,284,079.

APPLE SHIPMENTS.

A New Record is Likely to be Made This Week.

A despatch from Halifax says: Apple shipments from Halifax will be very heavy this week, and a new record for the week's export may be made. The present indications are that about 50,000 barrels will go forward. The Furness Liner Shenandoah, which sailed for London on Wednesday afternoon, took 23,000 barrels. This is the second largest cargo that has left Halifax this season. The C. P. R. Liner Mount Temple will take over 10,000 barrels. The Allan Liner Grampian, which sails for Liverpool on Saturday, will have four or five thousand barrels on board, and the Furness Liner Ulunda will carry about 1,000 barrels on board.

LORD STRATHCONA'S GIFT.

Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars Cabled to Montreal.

A despatch from Montreal says: LordS trathcona on Thursday afternoon cabled $25,000 to the committee in charge of the funds for the Emergency Typhoid Hospital, which has just been created out of a disused factory by the activity of a number of citizens, and has offered a further $100,000 to start a fund for whatever steps are deemed essential to prevent further outbreaks.

A HUNDRED-MILE CHASE.

Two Half-breeds Caught After a Long Chase.

A despatch from Portage la Prairie, Man., says: H. Sioux and Jeff Sioux, French halfbreeds of the Giswold reservation, who are accused of selling liquor that resulted in Charlie Hall's death here a few days ago, were brought into the city on Wednesday, having been arrested at Clandeboye by Detective Guertin and Constable Garrioch, after a hundred-mile chase. The men may be tried for manslaughter. The officers had their faces frozen on the trip.

BRAKEMEN STAY ON TOP.

Railways Say it Would be Dangerous to Order Otherwise.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Representatives of all the big railway corporations before the railway commission on Wednesday opposed the proposition of the board to do away with brakemen on top of freight cars, thus reducing the necessity of high bridges and lessening the cost of grade separations. The present system, it was argued, is a guarantee against brakemen going to sleep. They give certain signals to the engineer, and on grades must operate the pressure retaining valve to make the air brakes effective. The board decided to make no change.

FEWER DEER WERE KILLED.

Hunters Were Not so Successful During Last Season.

A despatch from Toronto says: Although more hunting licenses were issued last year, the number of deer brought out of the woods was smaller than in the previous year. Last year's kill totalled 3,923 deer, as compared with 4,387 in the 1908 season. Besides the deer, there were also 24 moose killed. One reason of the smaller number killed during the last season was that no settlers' licenses were issued.

WHEAT CROP $141,320,000.

Is an Increase of $50,000,000 Over That of 1908.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Department of Agriculture reports that the total wheat crop of Canada last year was 166,744,000 bushels, averaging 21½ bushels per acre, with an average market value of 84 4-5 cents per bushel, thus aggregating for the whole crop $141,320,000. In 1908 the crop was 112,434,000 bushels, averaging 17 bushels per acre, with an average market value of 81 1-10 cents per bushel, aggregating for the whole crop $91,228,000.

FELL THROUGH A MAN-HOLE.

Timothy Dorsey Killed in a Winnipeg Fire Hall.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Timothy Dorsey of Lucan, Ont., was instantly killed here on Wednesday afternoon in a most peculiar accident. With an acquaintance he had gone to No. 2 fire hall to call on a mutual friend, who is a member of the brigade, and while inspecting the hall and equipment Dorsey fell through a man-hole in the engineer's sleeping apartments and broke his neck.

OTTAWA'S DEATH RATE.

Averaged Less Than 16 Per Thousand of Population.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The death rate of Ottawa during 1909 was 15.7 per thousand, or a total of 1307, the lowest on record. In 1908 the rate was 17.5 per thousand. The population of Ottawa is now 83,360.

RUSHING IN THE CREAM

Farmers of Quebec Taking Advantage of Tariff Mistake.

A despatch from Ottawa says: As a result of a mistake in the new American tariff, making the duty on cream five cents per gallon instead of five cents per pound, as was the evident intention of the framers of the Payne-Aldrich bill, Canadian farmers, especially in the Province of Quebec, have been doing a rushing business in respect to marketing cream intended for manufacture into butter in the United States. It is estimated that during November alone cream from the Province of Quebec equivalent to 250,000 lbs. of butter was shipped into the United States. Cream is also being shipped from Brockville district and from points in western Ontario in considerable quantities. As a result of the loophole provided in the American tariff the Canadian farmers have shipped during the past four months probably two hundred thousand dollars' worth of cream into the United States, which, under the old tariff of five cents per lb., would have been kept out.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

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

CANADA.

Edmonton proposes to hold an Interprovincial Exposition in 1912.

Fire at North Bay destroyed a number of buildings on Oak street, on Friday.

The gross earnings of the C. P. R. last year will exceed one hundred million dollars.

Montreal is gradually getting the better of the epidemic of typhoid that has raged there recently.

Mr. Franklin Stiver was caught in the machinery of his elevator at Stouffville and killed on Friday.

Mrs. C. W. McLean, youngest daughter of the late Senator Fulford, died at Brockville, on Friday.

Mrs. Smith of Northumberland street, Guelph, was found drowned in the cistern by her daughter, on Thursday.

Efferson Lambert was killed in his sawmill near Welland, on Thursday, having had both legs taken off by a saw.

The Roman Catholic church at St. Catherines parish, Portneuf, Quebec, was burned, with most of the contents, on Thursday.

Vice-President Whyte of the C. P. R. has ordered that doctors attending patients be allowed to ride on freight trains, as it is often difficult to secure medical attention for patients in the western districts in emergency.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The British Conservatives are complaining of rowdyism at their meetings, especially in London.

The British Government has promised $100,000 toward the expenses of Captain Scott's Antarctic expedition.

Mr. Winston Churchill, speaking at Dundee, declared for the payment of members of Parliament and the nationalization of railways.

Mr. John Burns, President of the British Local Government Board, was assaulted by an unidentified man while leaving a political meeting in London.

Lord Lansdowne, speaking at Liverpool, opposed an elective House of Lords, but indicated that he was prepared to accept the proposals of the Rosebery commission.

UNITED STATES.

Detroit streets will be patrolled by 150 plainclothes policemen.

Eleven persons are dead in California from ptomaine poison in fruit.

J. P. Morgan and his associates may form further trust company mergers in the near future.

Governor Hughes of New York has advised the State Legislature to pass an act prohibiting oral betting.

Three men were killed by the explosion of a gas oven in an enamel plant at Jamestown, N. Y., on Thursday.

Gifford Pinchot has been dismissed by order of President Taft from his position as Chief Forester of the United States.

Frank Pabst, head of an Alabama brewery, committed suicide because prohibition robbed him of his means of livelihood.

The body of Isaac Finkelstein was found in a tunnel which he was driving under a New York street toward a bank he hoped to rob.

GENERAL.

The Roosevelt expedition in Africa has discovered a new animal.

De La Grange, the famous aviator, was killed by the falling of his machine during a flight at Bordeaux.

Fire caused by the illuminations on a Christmas tree did great damage in the royal Grecian palace at Tatoi.

Hubert Latham reached a height of between 3,400 and 3,600 feet in his aeroplane at Mourmelon, France, on Friday.

ATE WHOLE BOX FULL.

Child Near "Soo" Died of Overdose of Patent Medicine.

A despatch from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., says: The four-year-old daughter of John Edwards is dead in a lumber camp back of Searchmont. A few days ago Edwards came to town to do some shopping, and among his purchases was a box of a certain patent medicine. This was sent to the camp for his wife, but fell into the hands of the little girl, who ate the box full, with fatal results.

TOUR OF THE EMPIRE.

May be Made by British Princes Next Year.

A despatch from Melbourne says: The Argue states that a private letter received here indicates that the Princes Edward and Albert will tour the Empire in 1911, probably accompanied by a fleet of warships.

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, Jan. 11.—Flour—Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents, $1.30 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 $1.13, Bay ports, and No. 2 Northern, $1.11, Bay ports.

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

Barley—No. 2, 58c outside; No. 3 extra, 55 to 56c; No. 3 50 to 52c, and feed, 48c outside.

Oats—No. 2 Ontario white, 36½ to 37c outside, and 39 to 40c on track, Toronto. Canada West oats, 40½c for No. 2, and 39½c for No. 3, Bay ports.

Peas—85 to 86c outside.

Rye—No. 2, 68c outside.

Buckwheat—52c high freights, and 53c low freights.

Corn—New No. 2 yellow, 72½ to 73c, Toronto, and selected No. 3 at 69c, Toronto.

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

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—$2.50 to $4 per barrel, according to quality.

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

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

Hay—No. 1 timothy,, $13.50 to $14, and No. 2 at $12 to $12.75 on track, Toronto.

Straw—$7.50 to $8 on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—50c per bag on track for Ontarios.

Poultry—Chickens, dressed, 11 to 12c per lb.; fowl, 9c; turkeys, 16 to 18c per lb.; ducks, lb., 13 to 14c; 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 new laid 37 to 38c per dozen, and storage, 25c per dozen.

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 IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Jan. 11.—Oats, No. 2 Canadian Western, 43¼ to 43½c; No. 3, 42¼ to 42½c; barley, No. 2, 68 to 69c; Manitoba feed barley, 53 to 55c. 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 $5.20; 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, $30 to $32; mixed mouille, $26 to $28. Cheese—September and October make, 11⅞c, and November make, 11c. Butter—choicest creamery, 25½ to 28c. Eggs—strictly new-laid, 40 to 42c; selected No. 1 stock, 29 to 30c, and No. 1 candled, 26 to 27c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, Jan. 11.—Spring wheat, No. 1 Northern, carloads store, $1.23¼; Winter firm. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 67½c; No. 4 yellow, 66½c; No. 3 corn, 66½ to 67c; No. 4 corn, 65 to 65½c; No. 3 white, 67½c. Oats—No. 2 white, 51c; No. 3 white, 50c; No. 4 white, 48¾ to 49¼c. Barley—Feed to malting, 69 to 76c. Rye—No. 2, track, 84c.

Minneapolis, Jan. 11. — Wheat—May, $1.13⅛; July, $1.12⅝; cash wheat, No. 2 hard, $1.14½ to $1.15½; No. 1 Northern, $1.14 to $1.15; No. 2 Northern, $1.12 to $1.13. Bran—In 100-lb. sacks, $22 to $22.50 Flour—First patents, $5.60 to $5.80; second patents, $5.40 to $5.60; first clears, $4.35 to $4.55; second clears, $3.30 to $3.60.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, Jan. 11—Pretty good animals sold at 4 to 5c, and the common stock at 3 to 3¾c per lb. Milch cows from $30 to $55 each; calves from 3 to 5½c per lb.; sheep about 4½c per lb.; lambs, 6 to 6½c per lb. Good lots of fat hogs, 9 to 9¼c per lb.

Toronto, Jan. 11.—Choice well finished butchers' sold up to $5.60, whilst $5 to $5.50 were common prices; common to medium quality butchers' were firm at $3.75 to $4.90; cows sold all the way from $3 to $4.50. Milkers and springers were slightly easier. Sheep and lambs steady and unchanged at last quotations. Hogs firm at $8.15 f.o.b. and $8.40 fed and watered for selects.

PORCUPINE GOLD FIELDS

Mr. J. F. Whitson Reports That New Gold Mining District Is Promising.

A despatch from Toronto says: "It is far more promising than anything in Ontario except Cobalt," said Mr. J. F. Whitson, assistant chief of the surveys branch of the Ontario Government, on his return from the Porcupine gold district on Thursday afternoon. "There is scarcely anything like it in Ontario."

Ten days ago Mr. Whitson went to northern Ontario for the purpose of investigating the possibilities of the district so far as gold production was concerned, and he returned with a most optimistic report for the Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines.

"Two thousand claims have been staked in four townships," said Mr. Whitson. "All of Whitney and Tisdale Townships, except that owned by veterans, has been staked; about two-thirds of Shaw Township, south of Whitney, and two-thirds of the unnamed township south of Tisdale. Several hundred prospectors are in the woods doing development work on the claims which were staked in the last two months.

"There is a road from mileage 222 in to the Porcupine district, which was finished about ten days ago, having been constructed by the prospecters and people owning stopping places on the way. The O'Brien Mining Company and the New York Syndicate have 25 men at work developing properties near the southwest corner of Tisdale Township. One of these, which is managed by Mr. Timmins, of the La Rose Mine, has a quartz dyke passing through it which has been stripped for over 1,300 feet. It is about 20 feet wide, and free gold can be seen across the whole dyke in many places. There is nothing else like it in Ontario. It is far more promising than anything in Ontario except Cobalt."

MONEY IN WOLVTS.

Trapper Near Port Arthur Collects Bounties.

A despatch from Port Arthur says: John Scott came in from Keewene on the Canadian Northern on Thursday with ten wolf skins, collecting a bounty on each of fifteen dollars. He poisoned them all. A short time previously he shot three, so the bounty collected in the last month is about two hundred dollars. Trappers report a large increase in the number of coyotes in the wooded districts of western Ontario, coming off the plains of Manitoba and Minnesota, driven by the increase of population there.

TEN CARS WERE SMASHED.

Accident on the Canadian Pacific at Loon Lake.

A despatch from Fort William says: Ten box cars were demolished in a rear-end collision at Loon Lake, a small C. P. R. station, fifteen miles east of Port Arthur, Monday morning. Two freights were involved, and engine 742 crashed into the caboose of the train drawn by engine 765, throwing ten cars over the embankment. The train crew of the front train had a narrow escape, but fortunately had left the caboose a few moments before the accident occurred. Engine No. 742 was damaged considerable.

LIT A FIRE IN A CAR.

Detroit Man Undertook to Warm Up Passengers.

A despatch from Detroit says: Jerry Yorke, a former league baseball umpire, created some excitement in a Michigan avenue street car on the way down town on Wednesday morning. The car was cold and the passengers complained loudly to the conductor. Suddenly Yorke pulled a bundle of newspapers from his pocket, and, placing them on the floor in the middle of the car, set them on fire "to warm up the car," as he explained. The conductor ejected Yorke from the car, but the passengers enjoyed the experience hugely.

French troops defeated 200 native deserters in a sanguinary battle in Cochin China.

GUESSES AT THE RESULT.

Some Conservatives Confident of a Victory in Britain.

A despatch from London says: The Conservative Weekly Observer prints forecasts of the result of the elections by experts on both sides, showing the most remarkable difference of opinion. One of the Conservatives predicts a Conservative majority of ninety, another forty. Another says that the Government will have a majority of sixteen. A Radical forecast gives the Government a majority of 200. Another Radical places it at 110, while still a third believes that the Conservatives will win by eight. The Observer points out that these estimates show the strongest conflict in expectations ever known on the eve of an election in Great Britain.

HOSPITAL SWALLOWED UP.

Ground Opened and Engulfed it—Seven Persons Perished.

A despatch from Vienna says: An extraordinary accident occurred on Saturday at Raibl, in Carinthia. The sudden collapse of the site of a disused mine completely engulfed a small hospital building. Not a vestige of the hospital remained, and only a huge cavity appeared in the ground. Seven inmates of the hospital, including Surgeon Wesseley and his family, perished.

STUDENTS HAVE HOOKWORM.

A Third of Those at Tulane College Infected.

A despatch from New Orleans, La., says: Consternation prevails among the 100 or more students of Tulane College, following the examination of every student for hookworm. It is now announced that more than a third of the students were found to be infected with the parasite. Practically all said to be thus affected are apparently robust specimens of manhood.

A UNIQUE RECORD.

Elected Reeve for the Forty-first Term.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Charles Mohr of Fitzroy township, Carleton county, has established a unique municipal record. He has just been re-elected Reeve of Fitzroy for the 41st consecutive time. Mr. Mohr is one of the pioneers of the Ottawa Valley, and his standing with the community is evident from the remarkable fact that for 41 years he has been annually elected to the highest municipal office in their gift.

It is officially announced that the Legislature of Ontario has been called to meet on Tuesday, January 25.

AFFRAY AT PHŒNIX MINES

Seventy Men in a Fight in British Columbia Camp.

A despatch from Grand Forks, B. C., says: Reports heretofore carefully guarded and hushed up have reached here and been confirmed that the fight between two sections of miners at Phoenix, B. C., on New Year's Eve was a most serious affair. At least 70 men were on sides in the fight, which took place near one of the hotels, and was the Welsh and English against the Italians. Three men are reported dead, and fifteen are in the hospital as a result of the affair. This is denied at Phoenix, but a miner who arrived from Phoenix on Wednesday confirms the story. He was himself a participant in the fight, as his appearance amply demonstrated.

The row began in a small way, but some bad blood that had been rising for some time between the miners of different nationalities caused a general battle.