CAUSE OF WEBBWOOD WRECK

Derailment Through Truck of First-Class Car Leaving Track.

A despatch from Sudbury says: The jury investigating the Webbwood wreck on Friday night returned the following verdict and recommendations:—

"We find, according to the evidence, that Jacob Rysynszyk came to his death as a result of the derailment of part of train No. 7, on Jan. 21st, 1910, at a point on the 'Soo' branch of the C. P. R., where the railway crosses the Spanish River, and on the easterly approach to the bridge.

"Said derailment being caused by the forward truck of the first-class car leaving the track, and plunging over the embankment, followed by the dining and sleeping car, also causing derailment of the second-class car. But this jury is unable to determine the cause for the truck of the said first-class car leaving the track.

"We would recommend that the following be thoroughly investigated by the Railway Commission for Canada:—

"(1) Are three sectionmen sufficient to keep an eight-mile section in proper condition during the winter time, in the rigorous climate of Northern Ontario?

"(2) Should openings be placed in the roof of cars, capable of being opened from either inside or outside of the car, suitable for the escape of passengers in case of overturned cars?

"(3) Should emergency tools be carried at convenient places outside of cars as well as inside?

"(Signed)

"J. M. McLEOD, Foreman."

COMET SCARES INDIANS. ..

Oldest Chief Says Disaster Has Always Followed Them.

A despatch from St. Peter's Reserve, Manitoba, says: Indians throughout the Canadian North-West are much excited over the appearance of the comet, and their old men predict dire disaster. Old "White Owl," the centenarian and dean of the Indian chiefs, asserts that he remembers many comets, and his people always suffered. They were unsuccessful in war and the fish and game disappeared, and famine and fever raged. The appearance of the comet lest week has resulted in many pow-wows.

PATIENT STABS HIMSELF.

While Delirious in Hospital Took His Own Life.

A despatch from Toronto says: Suffering from delirium, brought on by a bad case of typhoid fever, George Bones, an Euglishman, 20 years of age, committed suicide in the General Hospital on Sunday afternoon by stabbing himself in the heart with a pair of scissors while his attendant nurse had her back turned. He died a short while afterwards, despite the efforts of the doctors to save his life.

TRAVELLERS OBJECT.

Closing Winnipeg Postoffice on Sundays May Cause Trouble.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Commercial travellers who make this city their headquarters on Sundays are up in arms over the decision of the Government to close the Postoffice on Sunday at the request of the Lord's Day Alliance and most strenuous opposition is going to be offered to the innovation. A delegation may go to Ottawa to fight it.

JAPAN'S NEW NAVY.

Twenty-One Warships are Being Added to the Fleet.

A despatch from Victoria, B. C., says: Twenty-one warships are to be built for addition to the Japanese navy by 1917, under the new programme, according to advices brought by the Awa Maru on Wednesday. Eleven, including four Dreadnoughts, are practically complete. The others are five cruisers and two despatch boats. The rest are about to be laid down.

LEFT $6,000,000 ESTATE.

Sir George Drummond's Will—Divided Between Family.

A despatch from Montreal says: The will of the late Sir George Drummond has not yet been admitted to probate, but it is understood that he leaves an estate of about $6,000,000, which will be divided between Lady Drummond and his three sons.

STILL ON THE UP GRADE.

Increase in Dominion Revenue for January.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The financial statement of the Dominion for the month of January, and for the first ten months of the fiscal year, shows an increase of revenue for the month of $',481,388, and for the ten months of $12,572,-886, as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year. The total revenue for the month was $8,120,441, and for the ten months $81,510,522. Of the total increases in revenue $10,203,-449 is credited to customs. Total expenditures on consolidated fund account for the ten months show on the other hand, a decrease of $3,362,743, and on capital account of $9,556,334. The total expenditure on consolidated fund account for the ten months was $59,678,472, or $21,832,050 less than the revenue. The total expenditure on capital account has been $27,259,215. The total net debt of the Dominion at the end of the month was $329,-869,970, an increase of $21,643,943, for the year.

A HUNDRED HOMICIDES.

New York City's Record for the Year Just Closed.

A despatch from New York says: There were more than 2,000 violent deaths in New York city last year, and an even hundred homicides. The exact number of violent deaths, as shown in the coroner's annual report, submitted on Wednesday, was 2,067. Sixty of the homicides were by shooting, 26 were due to stabbing, while blunt instruments and fists were responsible for the other fourteen. Suicides totalled 442. Subway and elevated trains and surface cars killed 89 persons; automobiles and motor cycles, 46; and horse vehicles, 79. Of the automobile victims 23 were children; while 41 children were killed by trucks, waggons, etc., and 22 by surface cars.

C. P. R. IMPROVEMENT.

Company Expected to Spend $30,-000,000 in the West.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: The Canadian Pacific is preparing to expend a huge sum, said to be thirty million dollars, upon construction and betterment work in the west this season. The exact amount and the programme will be finally decided upon at the conference in Montreal within a few days, when Vice-President Whyte and his assistant, C. Dennis, will represent the western system. The double-tracking from Winnipeg to Brandon and the completion of 225 miles of track-laying connecting Moose Jaw with Castor, giving direct communication with Edmonton over the new line, will probably take place, and the Weyburn-Lethbridge line will also be completed.

ANOTHER MINE EXPLOSION

Sixty-Eight Men Killed in Mexico---Others May be Still Below.

A despatch from Mexico City says: At nightfall 68 bodies had been recovered from the Palau mine of the South Coahuila Coal Company, in the State of Coahuila, Mexico, where an explosion occurred on Wednesday. Besides the dead, eight wounded have been brought to the surface. While an accurate estimate of the number at work when the explosion occurred is not yet possible, it is expected that few, if any, are still in the mine.

The Palau mine is considered one of the best equipped of Mexican mines with modern provisions for the safety of the workmen.

A despatch from Primero, Colorado, says: Monday's explosion in the main mine of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co., claimed 75 victims and left 35 widows and 65 fatherless children. These facts were determined late Wednesday afternoon, when the official canvas of the company was completed and the names of the missing men were checked with the payroll.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

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

CANADA.

Mr. Wm. Burton, Toronto's paymaster, died on Thursday.

The C. P. R. line from Winnipeg to Brandon will be double-tracked.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to blow up the T. & N. O. Railway station at Cobalt with dynamite.

The Canadian Northern will spend five million dollars on new terminals at Montreal.

Rev. Thomas Nicholson, a native of Woodburn, Ont., may be appointed President of Boston University.

Charles McGill, formerly Manager of the defunct Ontario Bank, was released from Kingston on Friday.

Seventeen Scotch immigrants are held up at Halifax for not having the amount of money prescribed by the regulations.

Alfred Nevills, who it is alleged was injured by a lamp thrown at him by his wife, died in Hamilton Hospital on Thursday.

Manager Turner of the Canadian Copper Company denies that there is any combine in the nickel industry in Canada.

Provision for a Royal Commission on technical education will be made in the supplementary estimates to be submitted to the House of Commons.

Eleanora Brown, alias Molly Booker, a colored woman, wanted in Bloomington, Ill., for the murder of her mistress, was arrested at Winnipeg.

Fire broke out in Trinity Episcopal Church, Quebec, during Sunday evening service, but the congregation marched out in good order, and little damage was done. Forsythe, Fraser & Weir's wholesale hat and fur warehouse at London, Ont., and Reason & Company's premises were damaged on Saturday. Loss $60,000.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The first of the Australian destroyers was launched on Wednesday.

So great was the rush on the new labor bureau opened in England last week that the police had to be called upon to keep the lines in order.

A lady journalist, who lost a lawsuit against Lord Northcliffe for wrongful dismissal, attempted to commit suicide in the office of The Daily Mail, on Thursday.

UNITED STATES.

An agreement by which a tariff war will be avoided has been reached by the United States and Germany.

Ten miners were killed in an explosion in a mine at Drakesboro', Ky. Seventeen others probably met death also.

A Persian student at Baltimore shot a lady student who spurned his attentions, and then committed suicide, on Thursday.

A woman at Wabash, Ind., was reunited to her husband whom she had for forty-eight years believed killed in one of the battles of the civil war.

A verdict of $220,000 damages against 200 Connecticut hatmakers, who were held responsible for boycotting a certain factory, was returned by a jury at Hartford.

A proposal is before the New York State Legislature to make the Governor responsible for the appointment of nearly all his executive officers instead of electing them.

GENERAL.

The Japanese, it is reported, have slaughtered millions of birds in the Hawaiian Islands, practically destroying all the bird life on some of the islands.

Witnesses examined by the West Indies Commission at Kingston, Jamaica, stated that Canada's trade with that island could be increased by a subsidized weekly line of steamers.

MR. MATHESON BREAKS ARM.

Provincial Treasurer Meets With Painful Accident.

A despatch from Toronto says: While proceeding down the walk from the Parliament buildings on Thursday evening shortly after the adjournment of the Legislature, Hon. A. J. Matheson slipped and fell, fracturing his left arm just below the shoulder. The accident occurred about one hundred feet from the entrance of the House, at a spot where the walk inclines rather sharply. The Provincial Treasurer, after being assisted to his feet by Col. Hugh Clark, M.P., of Centre Bruce, who was with him, was able to walk back to the rooms of the Hon. Dr. Pyne. The Minister of Education reduced the fracture, and Mr. Matheson was later removed in a private ambulance to the Western Hospital.

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, Feb. 8.—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, $5.70; seconds, $5.20 to $5.30, and strong bakers', $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 red Winter or white $1.07 to $1.08 outside.

Barley—No. 2, 57c outside; No. 3 extra, 55c; No. 3 at 50 to 52c, and feed 48c outside.

Oats—No. 2 Ontario white, 38½ to 39c outside, and 41c on track, Toronto. Canada West oats, 43 to 43½c for No. 2 and 42 to 42½c for No. 3, Bay prts.

Peas—83½ to 84c outside.

Rye—No. 2 68c outside.

Buckwheat—53½ to 55c outside for No. 2.

Corn—New kiln-dried No. 3 74½c, and No. 3 new yellow, selected, 71½c, Toronto freights.

Bran—$22.50 in bags, Toronto, and shorts, $24, in bags, Toronto.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—$1.50 to $3 per barrel, according to quality.

Beans—Car lots outside, $1.75 to $1.90, and small lots at $2 to $2.-15 per bushel.

Honey—Combs, dozen, $2 to $2.-50, extracted, 10½ to 11c per lb.

Baled hay—No. 1 timothy, $13.50 to $14, and No. 2 at $12 to $12.50 on track, Toronto.

Baled straw—$7.50 on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—47 to 50c per bag on track for Ontarios.

Poultry—Turkeys, dressed, 17 to 18c per lb.; ducks, 13 to 15c; geese, 12 to 13c; chickens, 13 to 14c, and fowl, 10 to 11c.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 22 to 23c; tubs and large rolls, 20 to 22c; inferior, 18 to 20c; creamery, 27c, and solids, 24 to 25c per lb.

Eggs—Case lots of new laid, 33 to 34c per dozen, and storage, 25c per dozen.

Cheese—12¾c per lb. for large, and at 13c for twins.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 14¼ to 14¾c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, $26.50 to $27; short cut, $28 to $29.

Hams—Light to medium, 15 to 15½c; do., heavy, 14 to 14½c; rolls, 14 to 14½c; shoulders, 13 to 13¼c; breakfast bacon, 17½ to 18c; backs, 19 to 20c.

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

BUSINESS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Feb. 8.—Oats—No. 2 Canadian Western, 46 to 46½c; No. 2, 45 to 45½c; Ontario No. 2 white, 44 to 44½c; do., No. 3 white, 43 to 43½c; do., No. 4 white, 42 to 42½c. Barley—No. 2, 59½ to 60c; No. 3, 58½c; No. 4, 56½c; feed barley, 54½c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.80; do., seconds, $5.30; Winter wheat patents, $5.50 to $5.60; Manitoba strong bakers', $5.10; straight rollers $5.10 to $5.25; do., in bags, $2.40 to $2.50. Feed—Ontario bran $22.50 to $23; Ontario middlings, $23.50 to $24; Manitoba bran, $22; Manitoba shorts, $23; pure grain mouille, $31 to $33; mixed mouille, $27 to $29. Cheese—westerns, 12 to 12¼c; easterns, 11¾to 11⅞c. Butter—Choicest creamery, 25 to 26c; fresh receipts at 24 to 25c. Eggs—Selected new laid, 36 to 38c; selected No. 1 stock, 28 to 30c, and No. 1 candled, 25 to 27c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Milwaukee, Feb. 8.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, $1.16½ to $1.17½; No. 2 Northern, $1.14 to $1.15; May, $1.10½. Rye—No. 1, 81c. Corn—May, 66¾c. Barley—Standard, 71 to 71½c.

Buffalo, Feb. 8.—Wheat—Spring wheat steady; No. 1 Northern, carloads, store, $1.19¾; Winter, No. 2 white, $1.28. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 66¾c; No. 4 yellow, 65¾c; No. 3 corn, 65½ to 66c; No. 4 white, 64½ to 65c. Oats—Firm.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, Feb. 8.—There were no choice cattle on the market, and 5½c per lb. was about the top price paid; pretty good animals sold at 4¼ to 5¼c; common stock, 2¾ to 4c per lb.; milch cows from $30 to $60 each. Calves from 4 to 6c per lb. Sheep 4½c per lb; lambs, 6½c per lb. Good lots of fat hogs from 9 to 9¼c per lb.

Toronto, Feb. 8.—Prime butchers' sold at $5 to $5.60, while exporters' were firm at $5.80 to $6. Cows and bulls were in strong demand at from $4 to $5.10. Sheep were weak and 25c lower, but lambs were steady at last quotations. Hogs weak and unchanged at $8.10 f.o.b. and $8.35 fed and watered.

ALL DOGS MUST BE MUZZLED

Spread of Rabies in Ontario May Lead to the Order.

A despatch from Toronto says: Rabies in a very violent form has broken out in several portions of Ontario, particularly the western district, and the provincial and Dominion authorities are now exchanging correspondence and taking steps to prevent the disease from spreading any farther. That the outbreak is a serious one is not doubted, but the provincial authorities prefer not to discuss it. Numerous dogs and cows have been destroyed as a result of the outbreak, and no less than four people have had to go to the Pasteur Institute at New York for treatment, the result of bites by mad dogs.

Investigation has proven that the origin of the outbreak is traceable to an episode which took place three or four weeks ago, when a mad dog ran across the International Bridge at Lewiston, to Queenston, and thence up the stone road to Niagara Falls, Ont., where it bit several dogs on its rampage. It finally fell exhausted in a field and died.

Dr. C. A. Hodgetts, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health and Dr. J. G. Rutherford, Dominion veterinary director-general, are in conference with regard to the situation. The Dominion department has charge of all veterinary and live stock matters, while the provincial authorities look after all questions pertaining to health. Numerous conferences already have taken place at the Parliament Buildings with regard to what action is to be taken to cope with the spread of the disease.

It is altogether probable that a general inspection will be ordered and stringent regulations adopted to prevent the spread of hydrophobia, which has been alarming, to say the least. One order which may be issued is that all dogs in Ontario must be muzzled, and if so special officers will be appointed to enforce the order. The situation is regarded as being most dangerous in the cities. The real danger is from mad dogs running at large. Some owners of cattle have destroyed cows which have been bitten by mad dogs, and in two cases veterinaries were bitten while attending to sick cattle.

VOTED RELATIVES INCREASES

Two Days Before the People Turned Them Out.

A despatch from Montreal says: There are many curious echoes from the city hall. A faction of the defeated host claim that two of the newly elected controllers may be proceeded against on the ground that they have not property qualifications. It also transpires that at a secret session of the road committee two days before the election, presided over by Chairman Giroux, a general increase was voted to the employes, a son of Giroux, getting an advance of $600, and Gallery's cousin $600.

MERRITON BLOCK BURNED.

Fire Caused by Explosion of Stove in Chinese Laundry.

A despatch from St. Catharines says: The explosion of a gasoline stove in a Chinese laundry in Merriton on Thursday caused a fire which almost completely destroyed the Hough Block, in which are situated Mrs. Hunniford's grocery, Chas. Roantree's barber shop, a Chinese laundry and an Italian fruit store. The Lincoln, Riordan and Merritton hose companies responded to the alarm, and after two hours' work succeeded in getting control of the fire. The loss is estimated at about $5,000, with very little insurance.

HOW TO PAY A CITY DEBT.

Have Somebody Insured for a Sufficient Sum.

A despatch from Bridgeport, Conn., says: Insurance on his life for between $2,000,000 and $3,000,-000, the city to pay the premiums and receive the benefits under the policies at his death, is the novel scheme for paying the city debt, presented by David S. Beach, to the Bridgeport common council. He stipulates in return that the city erect to his memory a monument with a suitable inscription, acclaiming him the originator of municipal life insurance.

MORE CARS INSPECTED.

First Five Months of Last Crop Year Beat the Record.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Department of Trade and Commerce reports that during the past month 1,591 cars more of wheat, and 2,136 cars of all kinds of grain were inspected than during the same month in the previous year. For the first five months of the crop year ending January 31, there were inspected 75,258 cars of all kinds of grain, of which 61,059 cars were wheat. This was the greatest quantity inspected for this period in the history of the West. At the end of January there were in store at terminals in Fort William and Port Arthur 5,041,667 bushels of wheat, compared with 4,369,130 bushels at the same time last year.

CANADA'S AID TO FRANCE.

Fifty Thousand Dollars for Flood Sufferers.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Canada will give $50,000 in aid of the flood sufferers in France. A supplementary estimate providing for this was brought down in the Commons by Hon. Mr. Fielding at the opening of the House on Thursday afternoon. A reply has been received at Paris in response to the Government's query of a few days ago, stating that the French Government would not consider the acceptance of aid from Canada as in any way derogatory to the national dignity. The consent of Parliament to the above grant is, therefore, asked by the Government.

ALL THE BODIES FOUND.

Diver Sure None Were Carried Away by the Current.

A despatch from Sudbury says: At Thursday's session of the inquest on the Webbwood wreck Diver Lepinte said he was sure that he had recovered all the bodies in the river. The current was not strong enough to carry them away. General Superintendent Gutelius said he had not been able to assign any direct cause for the wreck.

Eleven men were killed by an explosion in a mine near Indiana, Pa., on Saturday.

TRAGEDY AND CARNIVAL

Parisians Must Not Block Sewers With Confetti During Celebrations.

A despatch from Paris says: The floods continue to subside. Communications are being restored on all sides, although much still remains to be done.

The telegraph lines are yet in poor shape, and messages are greatly delayed. Except for the distribution of food the distress in the suburbs is still unrelieved. The water there is still deep in the houses and factories. Work cannot be obtained. Access from Paris is also very difficult.

The prefect of police has forbidden the throwing of confetti during the carnival celebrations this week lest it block the sewers. Anybody who has seen the amazing quantities of confetti strewn in fete times in the boulevards and left to be washed in to the drains by scavengers will not wonder at the police order. Some of the newspapers are urging that the carnival celebrations be abandoned and that the money ordinarily spent on them be devoted to the sufferers.

The greatest energy is being shown by the Health Department with the view to forestalling an epidemic. Many tons of disinfectants have been distributed already and the work continues ceaselessly. The Government will apply to Parliament for much larger appropriations. The first grant already has been absorbed. A partial indication of the commercial losses can be obtained from the fact that one wine merchant lost 88,000 gallons of wine, which was washed into the Seine from bonded warehouses at Percy.