# WHAT BIRMINGHAM DID

UNDER YOUNG MAYOR JOS EPH CHAMBERLAIN Reclamation of an Area of Squa

lid Houses-Now a Source of Wealth. In 1875 the most squalid district in Faciand lay like a festering sor adjacent to the business centre Birthingham. It was thus describe Connector White in an eloquen

on before the town council for zit is not easy to imagine the find conditions: reary isolation which acre after acre very heart of the town pre-to these who will take the could to visit it. Little else is to been but howing roofs, tottering tumble-down and dissused ops. books of bricks, broken, winand coarse rough pavements,

and sloppy. In one case I and a house of only and rooms, chart 9 het squere and 61 feet high, the in this Eovels lived husband, wite and four children. Amid such radide conditions 12,660 of ion-townsmen are spending their with ro bright thing about hem, and nothing of joy or gladness

Joseph Chamberlain was then Mayof Birmingham and the city had yet attained the proud distincof the metropolis of midland inglorid, nor had that brilliant young nan climbed far toward his present ame, says the Brooklyn Eagle He ad evinced marked talents in munited affairs and was an enthusiantic vocate of public ownership, 80 he so, in fact, that his political mies declared him a socialist. It

. the to his efforts and energy it harringham had purchased the plers and the waterworks from gale owners, and the success which wed these ventures gave him a no of which he was not slow take advantage. The desolate populated with thousands of rable persons aroused his sympaout he was more than a social ner, he was one of the shrewdburiners men in Great Britain, He d the field as a general does plan one so startling in its nality, so redical in its scope constinendous in its magnitude, his friends and supporters hesi-

when he proposed it to them. Chainberlain urged that Biriam proceed to purchase every of land in this contaminated and he included in it fifty or arres practically in the centre He proposed to ignore existing street lines, and to de a large percentage of the land to denotish every house in district; to lease part of the site repailable Ludlords who would er-Mellings under the supervision of city authorities and to lease the nder of the land for business Ale admitted that for this after ment would impose urderson the taxepayers, but coned that in the end it would prove noid investment. More than the eradication of the slum

would increase the value of foot of property in the city. future statesman formally need / the matter to the town cil, and in one of the most mesmonths of his career urged its en. He claimed that Birmingcould haver aspire to the comal supremery of its natural teris of its townspeople to live

an errense of \$8,500,000 the purchased about forty-five acres offer and proceeded to transform regular strip, having an extreme of about a mile. Starting at gired, one of the best business highfares, it surveyed a broad through the centre of its new wange property. Having laid lew strepts in every direction the icipality offered the frontage to e who were willing to build in ideration of seventy-five year There was a demand from erial, interests that the leaseholds Stended to ninety-nine years, but Chamberlain was firm in his rethat Birmingham should come full possession of its reward at end of the shorter term. He ind that it would be possible to every square foot of the land ter forms specified and his judgwas accurate. He also predict-

not the average annual charge

if the taxes would not exceed

vio. This would meet the inter-

the bonds and make up the after allowing for rents and revenues. In brief he estimated he eventual tost of the investwould not exceed \$4,500,000. scheme has been greatly ensince its inception, but when est payulout is made in 1950, agian will own in fee simply post valuable tract of real estate world, and the price paid will elow that set by the "boy may-The has a chance to live to see ertial irnition of his "audacious ay." If offered for sale in the surket to-day, the former elum

would realize \$15,000,000. Its vement did more than any one to make Birmingham the 'Metof the Midland Counties." It exaggeration to assert that the red offices of doubling the value ry square foot of land in the as district, and it would be imle to put a money value on the ngs which have come with a d death rate, diminished crime, oused local pride and the presthich comes from a great camvaliantly and successfully push-Success.

sibly this may help to explain oseph Chamberlain recently car-Birmingham election by an edented majority.

e men are so meek and lowly hey are even willing to do sn day's work.

## labs Drive the Enemy From Their Positions.

HEAVY FIGHTING.

A despatch to the London Daily Telegraph from New-Chwang states that Japanese scouts discovered the enemy in strength at Tationling, 35 outset.

miles northwest of Feng-Wang-Cheng, on Saturday. When their exact postien was ascertained the Japanese ent a dying column from Siuyen, which made at strong demonstration on the enemy's front, and at dayight on Sunday engaged the Rus-Meanwhile the main force, accompanied by mountain guns, advanced westward droin tile Feng-Wangtheng road, turning the Russians' left flank and entitleding their trench-The Rusions retreated haatily to the Tatingling Pass, losing over a thousand killed, wounded and capared. The depanese losses were

The division which outflanked the Bassians free the troops who according to the St. Petersburg reports: retired from Feng-Wang-Cheng, their stirement being part of the Japanes tactics in Sunday's battle. The Japan se now occupy Tatungling. The Shah-Li. -Kwan Correspondent of the Chromicle says that he hears that 15,000 Lassions were surprised in the Tatungling Hass by 30,000 lays 3 The Russian casualties was 1,000, and more than a thouand singentered.

JAPS LOSE BOATS: Admiral Alexief, in a despatch to Witgert and Chagerovitch report, that and as it appeared from the shore, ere taken up by the Russians between May 18 and May 21. Boats belonging to the merchant steamer Amer, a dredger, and a steam hand have been brought to Port Arthur from Daing.

IMPRESS HOSPITAL TRAIN. Among those at the station to vitners its departure, were Grand beir presumptive, and Duke Peter of Chierbarg, the Lameron's brother-insats of two sections, the first composed or described ambulance cars itted with away appliance for the tondoctable transportation of the ill The second section

desiring two elerating cars, supthe operating room, tiled interiors Russians, after the engagement with and the proposal to arrange the fairs believe store instruments, ban- May 19th, burned; the sprines and

lionery, challed, and bathrooms, ineleding a special electric bath, an "x" ray the win dynamos, and all apparates, and a kitchen car from which all the patients are fed. There ate also cars containing a dispenpaterias, a water distilling plant and ice-hamming much nery. There cent out with the train three doctors, four sisters of mercy, and

The Empress not only furnished the entire trains for farmishes \$500 mon- destatch from a Russian correspond- An Original Plan Is In Operation taries for the sick.

2.000,000 troops in European Busia. The mobilization will be car-Powers sively. The corresponding property of the contest to go to The road of the road of the contest to go to The road of the road of the road of the contest to go to The road of the road of the contest to go to The road of the ried and processively. The corres-

d patch, has been reached by Rus- the woods. end of the war, with a view of pre- the war. the assembling of another Berlin Congress.

## CLOOM IN RUSSIA.

Th. Petersburg correspondent of the Leadon Standard dwells, at length mon the stagnation of finanunercial and industrial life. The constating item of the black acbelow stickling, while in the remaining an envisees the best description
is above middling. Nowhere is it
known the writer winds up by saying the practically irresponsible
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is not too much to say that the bureaucracy is now on its trial before, the enlightened public opinion of the empire, and the evidence has been dead against that from the

### RUSSIAN ARTILLERY.

That the Russian artillery in Manness comes as a disconcerting sur-Of the 280 guns at Gen. prise.

BLAME JAPS AND NATURE.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Express says that the officials energetically deny that any mines were laid outside territorial If any gro affoot beyond waters. thereby risk their own vessels and render Russia liable for the Payment of indemnities for accidents to neuwere no Russian mines at the entrance of the harbor, for the recent Perry on June 16th, 1904. night the tried to block the road- has created surprise and indignation, excellent animals to the first some stand beinghes and two torpedo from accidental explosions. It is or pigs may obtain particulars from bosts, were cook. Eleven mines sown still believed that the Russian bat- the Secretary, Mr. J. H. Brown, by the January to block the harbor theship Petropavlovsk was destroyed Port Perry. A number of buyers by one of these explosions.

### DALNY DOCKS INTACT.

The attempt made about a fortnight ago to destroy the docks and piers at Dalny was not successful, and after the receipt of the of the loss of the Japanese battlethe Campiess' hospital train start- ship. Fatsuse, Liest.-Gen. Stoessel. ed from St. Depositions on the long commander of the military forces at journey to the Fur Lust on Thurs- Port Arthur; ordered that the docks and piers be not destroyed.

Date Michael Alexandrovitch, the fired on by a Japanese cruiser in tar. The track is the finest railway Swedien steamer Karin also was fired on during last night while of Liao-Tishin Promontory, but it is not known whence this fire came.

RUSSIANS BURN SHRINES. A telegram has been received at Scoul from Gensau, saying that the operating the royal mausoleum, which were er- tional addresses in the ring was con-Lacre cars are intended to ected there by the founder of the presidered impracticable by many, Still be desired from the train and sent sent Corean dynasty in the year the project was taken up in an exofferings small. Cured meats are free carriage of their Governmental way and the results have in good demand at unchanged prices. ent wanton desecration of tombs in it is expected that about 170 agri- 81c per lb., in case lots. Mess pork, The remainder of the frain contains a land imbued with the spirit of ancestor worship has caused excited de-

### Ham-Houng is on the coast Corea, and about 50 miles Gensan.

### MANY RUSSIANS HANGED. Alarming Story Published by London Newspaper.

The London Standard publishes this to aid in the purchase of deli- ent, in whom the paper says it placics great confidence, containing most sensational statements regarding the

Customs to the have been virtually statement under all reserve, but it concluded. It is islated that Russia thinks there are many indications. s made concessions that will en- such; for instance, as the sinking of able Chartellor you Buelow to sat- the battleship Orel, that the normal sky ale agracians, while Germany disaffection of the population of Ruspromises to support Russia at the sia has been greatly stimulated by

## BURNED 200 PIANOS.

Piano-Dealers' Novel Method Advertising.

to the black action of the been cremated, to mark what the inonument to the late Lord Salisbury

# DAID THE FAIR AT WINNIPEG THE WORLD'S MARKETS!

-Making the Fairs Educational.

Advance sheets of the Winnipeg churia is admitted by correspondents \$700 and \$800, ponies \$190, speed.

at the front to be inadequate against the Japanese, who exceed therein both as regards efficiency and new ness comes as a disconcenting suc.

Boykeking \$200 and \$300 been the different with demand moderate. No. 2 white preds will average about \$175 each, quoted at \$1½ to \$1½ west, and at \$2½ to \$1½ Borkshires \$300 each, the American breeds about \$200 each. Good priz- cts. east. Kouropatkin's disposal fewer than es are also offered in the bacon classhalf are of later make than 1809. es. Prizes of \$100, \$60 and \$40 are offered for carload lots of cattle. freight rates from Ontario and the East will be paid on all exhibits that

are returned to the original point of shipment. AUCTION SALE SYSTEM The auction system of marketing these waters they are Japanese, or live stock advocated by the Live adrift by accident. Russian Stock Commissioner, Ottawa, seems naval officers, they add, would never to be gaining ground steadily and think of strewing mines at son, as surely. This month at Calgay nearthey are well aware that they would by four hundred head of purebred cattle have gone under the hammer at the sale conducted by the Territorial Breeders' Associations, and several tral vessels. Moreover, despite their district sales are being established in uccess in destroying the Japanese Ontario. The Scogog Agricultural battleship Hatsuse, the officials at Society and the Port Perry Board Port Arthur would be glad if there of Trade are now arranging for an important sale to be held at Port inactivity of their own ships has sales will be held at intervals, and been largely due to their not, know- if sufficient encouragement is extending accurately the positions of the ed to them, they will probably be St. Petersjarre, dated on Thursday, mines, owing to their shitting in the held monthly to sell by auction of ports as follows: - Bear-Admirals rough sea. If any power protests, all kinds of farm animals, including Russia is confident of her ability to stockers, fat stock, dairy cows, pigs, the enemy half bombarded Inchentse refute the charge of wilful malign in-thy with gambarded. The following tent. The foreign criticism, indeed, ers of purebred stock are consigning 50f and stead at Port Arthur with mines, especially in view of the fact that and porsons desiring to contribute at \$19 here. Russia has been the chief sufferer either purobreds, stockers, milch cows It is or pigs may obtain particulars from

> from the Toronto Stock Yards will be on hand. This will be a great convenience to the farmers and stock raisers of the district, bringing the buyers and sellers together for disposing of surplus stock. In England and Scotland nearly all, stock is sold in this way in the market towns on stated days, which proves a great advantage to the seller and convenience to the buyer.

IMPROVEMENT OF FAIRS. Three years ago when Mr. F. W. Hodson, Live Stock Commissioner, pointed out to the annual meeting of the Association of Fairs and Exhibitions the utter inefficienty of many of the agricultural societies of Ontario, and unfolded a systematic plan of improvement, he was looked upon by many of the delegates as a dangerous iconoclast. The fact that fairs which received government grants were intended to be education-Corean troops at fram-Heing on in convenient circuits and send them per lb. for fresh killed. expert judges who would give cducabeen so satisfactory that this , year We quote :- Bacon, long clear, 8 to it is expected that about 170 agri-cultural societies in Cutario will ar-cultural societies in Cutario will ar-sit, do., short cut. \$18.50. Smoked meats—Hams, light to Smoked meats—Hams, light to Steamer Sails From Montreal nunciation of the Russians on the of Agriculture for the services of ex- medium, 124c; do., heavy; 115 in that province were supplied with backs, 121 to 14c; breakfast bacon, north of judges, while in the other provinces. 131c. and the Territories many of the fairs had expert judges furnished by the local and Dominion Departments of Agriculture.

### A TRAMP ERADICATOR

at Raleigh, N. C. The New York Herald has the fol-Sensational statements regarding the lowing from Raieign, N. C. — inc — rinest 1-10. Folis, 10 to 12 diarming condition of Russia as the Town of Selma has discovered an ordinary large rolls, 11 to 120 outcome of the war. The corresponding way of getting rid of tramps, itum and low grades, 9 to 15 to 16 to of the Ledis the Paris says that Rus- ious cities have been followed by the town, and along the track is a 15 to 16c. the var, becide the mobilization if trial. It is stated that 600 per upon arrest are allowed by the May- prices are unchanged at 15c per dozsons have been hanged in Warsaw or to race for freedom, the last man alone, and that many others have of the contest to go to "the road" watching policeman captures the last She mid the regard. The negotiations it Sublishes this correspondent's is said that tramps go near the between them, with negard to the statement under all reserve, but it town only once, and that the device original.

## A large number of agriculturists in

become more aggressive.

Auction Sale System Spreading Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese, and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

Advance sheets of the Winnipeg Dominion Fair prize list for 1904 show that the prizes offered for the principal classes of live stock are about as follows—Shortkers and reeders—Market steady.

Toronto, May 31.—Wheat—The dy to firm for good quality light stockers and feeders. Calves—Market dull.

Shortkers and reeders—Market steady. about as follows:- Shorthorns \$2,- to 95 c outside. Spring wheat is 565, Herefords \$1,125, Polled Angus nominal at 90 to 91c cast, and and Galloways about \$600 each, Ayr- goose at 81 to 82c east. Manitober shires, Holsteins and Jerseys about wheat is unchanged. No. 1 North-\$500 each. Clydesdales, \$993, Shires ern, 93c Georgian Bay ports; No. 2 TEN MINERS SUFFOCATED.

8456, draft and general purpose horsNorthern at 90c and No. 3 Northern es \$350 and \$450 each, light harness 88c. No. 1 hard is nominal at 94c. horses and thoroughbreds nearly Grinding in transit prices are 6c \$500 each, hunters and saidle horses above those quoted.

> 1 white. 331c east and No, 2 at 321 Barloy-The market is quiet, with

middle freights.

Peas-The market is dull at unchanged prices, with No. 2 shipping peas quoted at 61 to 62c west or

prices firm. No. 3 American yellow quoted at 601 to 61c on track, Tor-

prices nominal at 57 to 58c outside. Buckwheat—The market is dull, with prices lower. No. 2 quoted at 75 to 16c outside.
Flour-Ninety per cent. patents are

unchanged at \$3.65 in buyers' hags motive and floated back over them. the risk of encouraging the motive engineer crowded on all steam to protect the trees against the concept, middle freights. Straight and the conceptions man were him. rollers of special brands for domestic trade quoted at \$4.25 to \$4.40 in bbls Manitoba flours are steady. No. 1 patents, \$4.80; No. 2 patents, and strong bakers', \$4.40 on 84.50 track. Poronto.

Millfeed-Bran is steady at \$17 to \$17,50, and shorts, at \$16 here. At outside points bran is quoted at \$15- other victims. shorts at \$16.50. Manitosale, ba bran, in sacks, \$17, and

### OUNTRY PRODUCE

Dried apples-The demand is limited, and prices are steady at 3 to 31c pel lb. Evaporated apples, 61c is issuing a call for tenders for Beans Trade is quiet, with prices

steady. Prime beans are quoted at five years. The Atlantic service will \$1.58 to \$1.60, and hand-picked at \$1.65 to \$1.70. Hops-The market is unchanged at 28 to 32c, according to quality.

Hone —The market is quiet at 6 to

May The market is quiet, with ofmoderate. Timothy quoted

at \$9.30 to \$10.25 a ton, on track, Poronte Stray-The market is quiet, with prices unchanged at \$5.50 to track . Toronto.

Maple syrup-The market is quiet at Si per Imperial gallon. Potatoes-The market is quiet Choice cars are quoted at steady. \$1 to \$1.05 per bag, on track here, and jobbing lots at \$1.10 to \$1.20. Poultry-The demand is unchanged, al seemed to be almost forgotten, with limited offerings. Chickens, 12 subsidy of \$100,000 in Mexican curto 13c per lb.; turkeys, 15 to 17c

### HOG PRODUCTS.

Lard—The demand is fair, with the Capt W. Jones, sailed from this inches in diameter for a district prices inchanged. We quote:—Tierces port on Thirsday afternoon for one-half foot or more. The metal state of the control of the con 74 to 81c.

### THE DAIRY MARKETS.

towing from Raleigh, N. C. :- The -Finest 1-lb. rolls, 13 to 14c; ordinary large rolls, 11 to 12c; med-

Buffalo, May 31.—Flour Firm. Wheat—Dull; offerings light; \$1.01 asked for No. 2 hard Winter. Corn -Easy No. 2 yellow, 60c; No. 2 Barley Medium Western, in store, 55c.

Milwaukee, May 31.-Wheat-No. 1

# Butchers Market was barely stea-PRIZES WHICH WILL BE OF- REPORTS PROM THE LEADING butchers there was no easing off butchers there was no easing off noticeable. Choice cattle sold at

\$4.25 to \$4.50 and some picked light export butchers at \$4.60 to \$4.65. Medium to common cattle sold at \$3.50 to \$4.

Stockers and Feeders-Market stea-

Sheep and Lambs-Market steady. Hogs Market steady at \$5.10 fo selects and \$4.90 fats and lights.

Peculiar Accident in a Mine Williamstown, Pa.

A Wilkesbarre, Pa., despatch says: -A telegram received at the Susque-hanna Coal Company's offices in this city on Wednesday night Istates that miners were suffocated by gas and sulphur fumes from, a small locomotive in the workings of the Summit Branch Coal Company at Wil-Barley—The market is quiet, with mit Branch Cont Company at the demand limited. No. 2 quoted at liamstown. The accident was one liamstown. The accident was one Several correspondents put their less of the most peculiar in the history at 50 per cent. of all trees of three son for it can be assigned by the of years and less. ficials. The tunnel is used to con-

The men vey coal to the breaker. employed in the mines have made a ture throughout the season. work on the cars that are hauled by by the growth, of weeds, small locomotives. Wednesday after-ation General Inside Foreman Golden increased. Snow provided them onto; No. 3 mixed at 60c. Canadian and about fifty miners boarded a car cellent protection; under whele corn nominal at 4k to 45c west for and about half of the journey was could work on frees, in some and about half of the journey was could work on frees, in some Ryo The market is quiet, with the engineer, who stopped, and it hodges suffered to an equal made when some of the men hailed up to the limbs. Forest trees was found that nearly every man in The loss will probably reach the party in the cars had been over- 25 per cent. of all young trees come by the gas and sulphur which emphated from the stack of the loco- to be to grow the cover crop motive and floated back over them. the risk of encouraging the mice and the unconscious men were hur- attacks. Keering a small tunnel. Here help was at once sum-

mored and the men were taken to the surface, where a corps of physicians made every possible effort to resuscitate them, but aid came too Ont., Mr. A. C. Starr of late for Fortman Golden and nine Point, N. S., and several of

## STEAMSHIPS TO MEXICO.

Dominion, Government Calls for ent to protect their trees Tenders. An Ottawa despatch says :- The Department of Trade and Commerce monthly steamship services between Canada and Mexico for a period of be between Montreal in the summer and Halifax in the winter and the tying it in place with stout Mexican ports of Progreso, Contzncoalcoas, Vera Cruz and Tampico, touching at Nassau, the Bahamas coalcoas. ib. Combequiet at \$1.50 to and Havana, Cuba. The Pacific ser- 6 by 18 inches and held in the vice will be between Vancouver; B. a stout cord. These cost about C., and the Mexican ports of Mazat-dollars per thousand, and will len, San Blas, Manzanillo, Acapuico, many years. The Experiment Puerto Angel, Salina Cruz, Tonlal at Ottawa find these a good and San Benito. Tenders may be tive of sun scald as well as made for either or both services. The and in the end the cheapest vessels employed are to class A1, tion. to run under the British flug, to have a carrying capacity of not less to save their injured trees. than 3,000 tons, with adequate pas- the cambium layer or inner b senger accommodation, to maintain not been completely remove between ports a minimum speed of around the trees it may frequire

ten knots per hour.

The Mexican Government have ex- wood moist until pressed their willingness to give a son. This may be done by erg for the Pacific service, and \$20,000 for the Atlantic service. The Dominion Government will supplement this sum by each subsidy as with burlap, or by simply specific they may deem expedient. The Mexthey may deem expedient. The Mexican Government provides for the is impossible always to tell simple in the carriage of their Government simple in the control of the carriage of their Government simple in the carriage of the carriage of their Government simple in the carriage of the carria

A Montroal despatch says: The Elder-Dempster . steamship Melville, eral cargo, made up of American and boring a hole above and below Canadian manufactured goods and wound to the depth of half ap-Canadian produce. The cargo com- or more with a half-inch bill Butth—The market is quiet, with prised 16,000 busness of No. 1 Normal continue good and are chiefly of indicate the prised 16,000 busness of Canthages in quotations. Receipts there wheat, 5,000 busness of Canthage good and are chiefly of indicate the prised 12,000 busness of Canthage good and are chiefly of indicate the prised 12,000 busness of Canthage good and are chiefly of indicate the prised 12,000 busness of Canthage good and are chiefly of indicate the prised 12,000 busness of Canthage good and are chiefly of indicate the prised 12,000 busness of Canthage good and are chiefly of indicate the prised 12,000 busness of Canthage good and are chiefly of indicate the prised 12,000 busness of Canthage good and are chiefly of indicate the prised 12,000 busness of Canthage good and are chiefly of indicate the prised 12,000 busness of Canthage good and are chiefly of indicate the prised 12,000 busness of Canthage good and are chiefly of indicate the prised 12,000 busness of Canthage good and are chiefly of indicate good and the prised 12,000 busness of Canthage good and the prised 12,000 busn

The Melville is equipped with an low grades, 9 to 10c; up-to-date cold storage, and in this sition by the elasticity of the prints, 17 to 18c; solids, are placed 300 tons of bacon, 350 The points of union were tons of pork, frozen beef and poultry and 75 tons of similar cargo. She is also carrying ,130,000 feet of white mon paint. pine, 100 boxes of first-class cheese, and a number of carriages of Cana-

California.

following despatch from Austin, Tex- ing, Ontario, Spy and Blenheis town only once, and that the device mixed, 55½ to 56c. Oats—Quiet: No. as:

John Boultell, a well-known been killed in places where the original.

white, 47c: No. 2 mixed, 42½c. mining man, who went to the new usually considered hardy. placer gold fields near La Paz, Cali- grafting only very slightly fornia, has cleaned up a fortune of the hardiness of the variety \$80,080 in the few weeks that he of the large apple-producing A large number of agriculturists in the Orkney Islands will immigrate to Canada.

A subscription is being taken up in the Transvall to send a team of Boers to the rifle meet at Bisley.

The Thibetans operating against

Milwaukee, May 31.—Wheat—No. 1 has been there. In a letter received here he says that Juan Mendoza, the has been there. In a letter received here he says that Juan Mendoza, the here he says that Juan Mendoza, the here he says that Juan Mendoza, the discoverer of the field, has made more than \$5,000,000 out of his placer mines in the last four months.

Minneapolis, May 31.—Wheat—May, Many Americans have gone to the trees suffered much has been there.

The Thibetans operating against

Minneapolis, May 31.—Wheat—May, Many Americans have gone to the from frost and more from missingly form of them have grown in sod or cover crop. the British camp at Gyangste have 343c; July, 934c; September, 81c; new fields, and some of them have grown in sod or cover crop. become more aggressive.

On track, No. 1 hard, 974c; No. 1 acquired good claims, and are mak-A despatch from New York says:

The iron industries of Russian PoWhile 150 delegates to the National land are suffering as a result of the Piano Dealers' Convention. in Atlan
War, and thousands of workmen are 10. feet clears 28 fb. second patents, \$5.0; second

# French Government Book on An-district show a damage appropria

several hours.

Sits in part of a wireless receiver and transmitter combined.

Subscription to the amount of \$6.
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## THE FROIT CROP REPORT

DAMAGE BY MICE AND PROST TELLS OF AN INCIDENT IN HIS HAS BEEN SERIOUS

Several Correspondents How Sus cessfully Protected Their Trees.

The Fruit Division at Ottery out a request for information as to he damages by mice and fres du very large number of replies from all parts of the Dominion. The damage from mice has most serious in Ontario and Que of There are, of course isolated gests in

all parts of the Dominion, and there has been a serious increase in number of inice during the The damage to nursery stock was of all stock "heeled in" outdoors . has been destroyed. The young ries in all parts of Ontario, and in the Lawrence and Ottawa Valley

The injury was almost where young orchards had chan con-Corn-The market is quiet, and proctice of riding to and from their protection to the nice was increased The practise of the orchardist se

> rted to the Williamstown end of the about the trees clean is not A SUFFICIENT PROTECTION Mr. J. L. Hilborn of Learnington

> > respondents, have found the t of two or three shovelfuis. earth about the trunks; of the to form a small mound, quite Harold Jones of Maitland, Ola practised successfully the tramping of the snow about trees after f the first heavy s repeating it after a thaw. effective protection is furnish, wrapping building paper about trunk of the tree for one or t A few correspondents have ve light veneer, such as is us making baskets, cut in pieces

Comparatively few have at

saved by keeping the remain mound of fresh earth to con wound, by binding the wound a mixture of clay and cow many half, and half, covering the while simple inspection whether the um layer has been all removed with pay in most cases to try

other of these methods.

Bridging is practised by quite successfully. Mr. W. W. Collingwood has some old triv have never failed to bear good cribe that were girdled when they well below the wound, retaining the with grafting, wax and the bare would about the trunk protected with

THE DAMAGE BY FROS though exceedingly serious tario and Quebec, will not a RICHER THAN KLONDIKE. any great extent the amount put on the market this year. any great extent the amount Stories of the New Gold Fields in Apples and pears were soriously The New York Tribune has the the fruit belt. The Baldwin,

render a heavy crop this yes The reports from the Essex

BUSY CAREER

How He Saved the Life of Man Caught in His Own Burglar Trap.

As a rule," said the retired bur dr. "people do not welcome the ere may be times when they are and to see him, when he can be of no service to them; as I was once. instance, in the case of a man

his own burglar trap. People are always setting trans the burglar; from simple things putting up dishpans on the wi vs to scare him away when he is to get in, to elaborate contrapcalculated to catch him and m after he's got in; like the one, for instance, that I was caught poce, that broke my leg. And it traps like that that the man I'm lling you about was caught. Nice big house, it was, handson

and finely furnished, and promis ng a glance around, when I had was enough to show that. set out at once for the upper At the foot of the main I heard a sound of somebody oaning or groaning.

I went upstairs to see what uld do, and in the doorway of big room opening off the upper ha saw hanging a man; his body outiped plainly against a dim light Burning inside the room Suicide, I thought, of course; and aid changed his mind after hanging finself up; and I looked for the rope at I expected to see running from round his neck up to the crossneed f the door frame under the transom cut it. But there, in place of no rope, appeared what seemed to

### by bo A STICK OF WOOD,

that reached down from the transon the top of the man's head and had at its lower end a curious sort of a wire cage, something like the cages they have around gas jets be kind the scenes in theatres, in which this man's head was completely en-

I got two or three books out of the next room and blocked 'em' up under his feet, so that he could res his weight on his feet, and so take that frightful strain off his neck, and then the man cays to me : 'My friend, I am very much ob-

liged to you.'
T'And then I set about getting bin out of his own trap, set for me or prybody, else in my business that night have come along, and which guld have strangled him in twenty unutes more, sure, if I had not be

ened to drop in. The cage around his head I found to be in two balves, these attached o two wooden arms coming dieva rom the door frame overhead. contrivance worked much like an orinary steel trap, except that it. night your head instead of your

The two alves of the wire cage at their code. scre held apart when the trap was es, and a stout spring held trent together when the trap was spring and it was sprung by stepping on a way and connected with the arm-

Well, he felt easier, as I told you when I had those books under his feet, and then when I had sized up the rap I gently but firmly inserte finmy between the two wooden across that held the cage together, and pried them apart blocking them, as I got them open, with more books until I had got the cage wide enough op n so that the man could get I s head out, and so at last I freed hom,

SLAD HE WAS TO BE FREE. And then we sat down and had a pleasant little chin together above the trap. It was his own invention and he had rigged it up himself in the doorway of his own room. "His idea had been that it would

old a man till he could get at him and he had rigged a bell attached to that would ring when the trao as sprung, to wake him up. And that night he had sat in his library late, reading, and then had gone upsteirs forgetting all about his burglar trap and had walked into it himself, to be caught and held by it, as I found him hanging, when I came along and rescued him.

'As a matter of fact he was still presed with the trap-most of us do Delieve in our own inventions and I'd seen, he said, that it worked all right, and he told me that the hell had gone off all right, too, but night, and when that cage had snapped on his head and the bell had stopped ringing, and he found himself hanging there with only just his toes touching the floor, and with no prospect of help, why, he certainly had realized that he was in a bad Sa; and he had never the told ' me, . seen gladder to see anybody than he

was to see me.
('And I could easily believe him. As a rule, to be sure, people do not, welcome the visits of the dark lantern man, but there have been times in my experience when they were gled to see me, and that was one of

The rate of taxation in Guelph this year is 221 mills. Winnipeg street railway, employees

are demanding increased wages. The Education Department will The Canadian Machine Telephone

Company of Toronto were given a en years' franchise by the Peterboro Council on Friday night, The Executive Council of the Canadign Manufacturers' Association are

planning the extension of Canadian track, especially in Great Britain. is reported that the stories of an Italian Invasion of Canada are groundless, the numbers of Italians Passing through Montreal not being in oxcess of other years.