Grain, Cattle and Cheese

Prices of These Products in the Leading Markets are Here Recorded

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, July 16.—Flour—Winter wheat, 90 per cent. patents, $4.15 to $4.20, at seaboard, and at $4.20 to $4.25 for home consumption. Manitoba flours—First patents, $5.70; second patents, $5.20, and strong bakers', $5, on track, Toronto.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern, $1.12 1-2. Bay ports; No. 2 at $1.09 1-2, and No. 3 at $1.05, Bay ports. Feed wheat, by sample, 62 to 64c, Bay ports.

Ontario Wheat—No. 2 white, red and mixed, $1.04, outside.

Peas—Purely nominal.

Oats—Car lots of No. 2 Ontario, 46c, and No. 3 at 45c, on track, Toronto. No. 1 extra W. C. feed, 45c, Bay ports, and No. 1 at 47c, Bay ports.

Barley—Prices nominal.

Corn—No. 3 American yellow, 75c, on track, Bay ports, and at 79c, Toronto.

Rye—Prices nominal.

Buckwheat—Prices nominal.

Bran—Manitoba bran, $22, in bags, Toronto freight, shorts, $24.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Beans—Hand-picked, $3 to $3.25 bushel; primes, $2.65 to $2.75.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 11 to 12c per lb. Combs, $2.50 to $2.75 per dozen.

Baled hay—No. 1 at $15 to $16, on track, Toronto; No. 2 at $11 to $12, and mixed clover at $9.

Baled straw—Good straw, $10 to $10.50, on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—Car lots of Ontarios, in bags, $1.40, and Delawares at $1.60.

Poultry—Wholesale prices of choice dressed poultry: Chickens, 19 to 17c per lb.; fowl, 11 to 12c; turkeys, 18 to 19c. Live poultry, about 2c lower than the above.

BUTTER, EGGS, CHEESE.

Butter—Dairy, choice, 23 to 24c; bakers', inferior, 19 to 20; creamery, 27 to 28c for rolls, and 26c for solids.

Eggs—Newlaid, 24c per dozen, and of fresh at 22 to 23c.

Cheese—New cheese, 14 to 14 1-2c per lb.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 14 to 14 1-4c per lb., in case lots. Pork—Short cut, $24 to $25; do., mess, $22.50 to $23. Hams—Medium to light, 17 1-2 to 18c; heavy, 16 1-2 to 17c; rolls, 15 1-2 to 16c; breakfast bacon, 18 1-2c; backs, 20 to 21c.

Lard—Tierces, 13 3-4c; tubs, 15c; pails, 14 1-2c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, July 16.—Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 48 to 48 1-2c; do., No. 3, 47 to 47 1-2c; do., extra No. 1 feed, 48 to 48 1-2c. Barley—Man. feed, 64 1-2 to 65c; do., malting, $1.05 to $1.07. Flour—Spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.80; do., seconds, $5.30; do., strong bakers', $5.10; do., Winter patents, choice, $5.40 to $5.50; do., straight rollers, $4.95 to $5.00; do., straight rollers, bags, $2.40 to $2.45. Rolled oats—Barrels, $4.90; do., bags, 90 lbs., $2.30 1-2. Bran—$21. Shorts—$26. Middlings—$27. Mouillie—$30 to $34. Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, $17 to $18. Cheese—Finest westerns, 13 to 13 1-8c; do., easterns, 12 3-4 to 12 5-8c. Butter—Choicest creamery, 25 1-2 to 25 3-4c; do., seconds, 24 3-4 to 25 1-4c. Eggs—Selected, 25 to 26c. No. 2 potatoes, 15 to 16c. Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, $1.50 to $1.60.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, July 16.—Wheat—July, $1.06 1-2; September, $1.01 1-8 to $1.01 1-4; December, $1.02 1-8; No. 1 hard, $1.09 1-2; No. 1 Northern, $1.08 1-4 to $1.09; No. 2 Northern, $1.07 to $1.07 1-2. No. 3 yellow corn, 70 to 72c. No. 3 white oats, 47 to 47 1-2. No. 2 rye, 68 to 70c. Bran, $20.50 to $21.00. Flour, first patents, $5.20 to $5.45; second patents, $4.90 to $5.15; first clears, $3.60 to $3.65; second clears, $2.50 to $2.80.

Buffalo, July 16.—Spring wheat, No. 1 Northern, carloads, store, $1.13; Winter, No. 2 red, $1.13; No. 3 red, $1.12; No. 2 white, $1.16. Corn, No. 3 yellow, 78c. No. 4 yellow, 76 1-4c; No. 3 corn, 75 1-4 to 76 1-4c; No. 4 corn, 74 1-4 to 74 3-4c, all on track through billed. Oats, No. 2 white, 52 1-2c; No. 3 white, 51 1-2c; No. 4 white, 50 1-2c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, July 16.—The top price for best steers was $7, and the lower grades from that down to $5 per cwt. Prices of butchers' cows ranged from $3.60 to $5.50 per cwt.; bulls sold at $3.00 to $3.50 per cwt. Sheep sold at $4.00 to $4.50 per cwt., and lambs at $6.00 to $6.25 each. Sales of calves were made at from $3.00 to $10.00 each, as to size and quality. Hogs sold at $8.40 to $8.65, and mixed lots as low as $8.25 per cwt., weighed off cars.

Toronto, July 16.—Cattle — Exporters, choice, $7.90 to $8; bulls, $4.50 to $5.25; cows, $5 to $5.25. Butcher—Choice, $7 to $7.50; medium, $6.50 to $6.90; cows, $5 to $5.25. Calves—$7.50 to $7.85. Stockers—$4.50 to $5.75. Sheep—Light ewes are steady at $4 to $4.50; heavy, $3 to $4; spring lambs, steady, at $7.75 to $8.50. Hogs—Selects $7.50 f.o.b., and $7.85 fed and watered.

MAKING SAFE INVESTMENTS

THE EFFECT OF LONDON INVESTORS ON THE CANADIAN MARKET.

The Present Dullness in London Has Made Quite a Noticeable Change in the Price of Several Canadian Municipal Debentures—What London Took From Us Last Year.

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(By "Investor.")

"What difference does it make whether London investors are buying our securities or not?" a man asked one day. "The bond houses in Toronto and Montreal alone appear to buy by far the greater part of Canadian bond offerings. This talk of London market affecting prices appears to me to be all humbug."

Of course, this man didn't know anything about the matter. He was quite correct; or he would have been quite correct had he said that Canadian houses absorbed a large part of the bonds offered here, and left out the rest. He forgot or never knew that during 1911 alone our railroads, steam and electric, sold no less than $25,000,000 of bonds and debentures in England without the intervention of Canadian houses.

This one item, then, is a very good and sufficient reason for watching carefully the tendency of prices in London as a barometer of our own. Last year England bought no less than $208,000,000 of our securities, the greater part of which were bonds.

Unfortunately last year, Canadians didn't take sufficient care in preparing offerings, and as a result some of them disappointed their purchasers. This had the further unfortunate result of making the public cautious until now there is little chance of any Canadian securities being successfully issued in London that have not the backing of some internationally well known Canadian bond house.

Land and particularly timber companies have gone a long way to help discredit Canadian securities in London. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that the British investor has become very skeptical with regard to the extravagant promises of a number of these. More than a few of last year's issues were taken to London, which were in no position to be offered as investments. As a result the underwriters were loaded up with a lot of stuff that they are still vainly trying to unload on the public.

This has, of course, affected the market for high grade Canadian bonds, so that we find very excellent municipal issues falling flat on the market. The effect of this has been marked. A year ago Brandon debentures could be readily sold on a 4 1-2 per cent. basis. Now these may be bought at 4 3-4 or even 4 7-8 per cent. This is just a sample of the effect of the dullness in London on our market here.

What the bond houses and municipalities are hoping for is, of course, a reversal of form in London, and a renewed demand for our municipal debentures. This would mean that many bonds purchased during this year will show a very handsome increase in price of two to four points. It would also make a very good demand for many debentures which city councils have been afraid of issuing owing to the lack of demand from London. For though practically all our municipal debentures are sold to Canadian bond houses, most of these place the greater percentage of the large issues in London.

That is one reason why the London market is so important. Another reason is that the English investor is satisfied with a lower yield than the Canadian and so most of our low yield bonds are sold there.

Moreover, our railroads do practically all their financing in London. Last December the Canadian Northern sold no less than $35,000,000 of bonds in one block in London at a comparatively low rate. It would have taken years to have placed those bonds in Canada. The railroads need more money to keep up to the great expenditures they are making on new construction. The pessimist referred to in the first sentence had better talk to some of our railroad presidents before he persuades himself as to the accuracy of his statements.

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THREE NEW LEPERS.

Now 22 Inmates of the Lazaretto in New Brunswick.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Director-General of Public Health, Dr. F. Montizambert, reports that three new cases of leprosy were admitted to the Leper Lazaretto at Tracadia, N.B., during the year, and one death occurred. According to him there are at this date twenty-two patients there, twelve males and ten females. Eighteen are of French Acadian origin, two of English, one of Icelandic and one of Russian origin. The Minister of Agriculture sanctioned the gift of a small organ for the use of the patients to relieve the monotony of their lives. The Leper Lazaretto at Darcy Island, B. C., has not been occupied by any leper since the last one was deported, previous to this year.

REAR-END SMASH.

Thirteen Killed in Chicago Railway Wreck.

A despatch from Chicago says: Thirteen persons were killed and fifteen to twenty were injured in a wreck on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad at Western Springs, a suburb of Chicago, at 6.30 a.m. on Sunday. Coming through a fog with supposedly a clear track ahead, train No. 8, a fast mail, ran at full speed into the rear of train No. 2, known as the Overland Express, from Denver, which was standing still on the track, telescoping two of the Overland Pullman cars. Mrs. F. A. Wilcox, who was in charge of the tower from which the block signals were controlled, said she was certain the block was thrown against both trains. She collapsed after the accident, and still is in a highly nervous condition.

OLD WOMAN'S FATAL SMOKE.

Ashes From Pipe Started Fire That Burned Her to Death.

A despatch from Montreal says: Ashes from her pipe on Thursday night set fire to the clothes of Mrs. Elizabeth Boudreau, an aged French-Canadian woman, residing at 500 Stours Street. St. Henry, and before neighbors could extinguish the flames she was so badly burned that her life is despaired of at the Western Hospital.

DOMINION IS BUILDING UP.

Six Months' Record in 27 Cities—Gain of 28 Per Cent.

A despatch from Toronto says: According to reports from official sources compiled by The Contract Record the building operations in twenty-seven Canadian cities for the first half of 1912 aggregated $69,583,674, twenty-eight per cent. more than for the same period in 1911. As illustrating the steady growth of the country the journal points to the fact that the buildings erected in 1911 exceeded in value those of 1910 by 20 per cent. The buildings for the month of June alone represented an expenditure of $17,645,709, as compared with $12,346,906 in June, 1911.

Toronto is in the lead with a six-months' record of $13,195,271. Winnipeg's figures are $11,205,600. Vancouver, with an expenditure of $8,132,720, is $65,000 ahead of Montreal, and Edmonton is not far behind with $7,725,622. Edmonton's expenditure shows the remarkable gain of 376 per cent. Stratford showed a gain of 275 per cent., Brantford 133, Fort William 132, Port Arthur 124, Nelson 118.

The building returns for six months of 1912 and the same period of 1911 are as follows:—

	1912	1911
Toronto	$13,195,271	$11,939,953
Winnipeg	11,205,600	9,058,150
Vancouver	8,132,720	9,191,524
Montreal	8,065,993	7,306,136
Edmonton	7,725,622	1,620,431
Saskatoon	4,685,618	2,574,441
Hamilton	3,145,600	2,246,789
Regina	2,549,770	2,936,930
Ottawa	2,120,000	1,393,370
Fort William	1,745,425	750,075
Maisonneuve	817,428	748,990
New Westminster	785,578	613,560
Lethbridge	719,343	528,950
Port Arthur	700,994	312,985
Brantford	657,230	282,228
London	609,598	458,423
Windsor	433,830	396,795
St. Boniface	395,850	467,280
Berlin	335,950	242,585
St. John	315,950	211,700
Sydney	254,616	282,092
Kingston	224,059	133,223
Galt	204,032	163,920
Nelson	198,015	90,705
Stratford	202,791	53,590
Peterborough	188,858	186,786
Welland	124,186	.....

ST. JOHN HARBOR WORK.

Hon. W. T. White Pressed the Button in Presence of Thousands.

A despatch from St. John, N.B., says: In the presence of thousands of spectators, Hon. W. White, Minister of Finance, on Thursday officially opened the harbor development operations at Courtnay Bay, touching an electric button, which exploded a great charge of dynamite some distance away, tearing off a section of hill which has to be removed. The great crowd cheered when the explosion came, and speeches were made by Hon. Mr. White; Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Customs; Hon. Wm. Pugsley, M.P., ex-Minister of Public Works; Lieut.-Gov. Woods, Premier Fleming, Geo. W. Fowler, M.P.

MANY CHILDREN DIE.

Due to Power Company Refusing to Supply Water.

A despatch from Montreal says: The Mayor of St Cecilie applied to the city for water, which, he said, was necessary to stop the rapid wiping out of the child population of the village, which has about 300 inhabitants all told. He said the village used to get water from a river owned by a power company. This was stopped, and the people had recourse to a well, as a result of which sixty children have died within two weeks. Water was promised the municipality.

WHIRLED TO HIS DEATH.

Cement Mills Employe Caught in Elevator and Killed.

A despatch from Belleville says: Joseph Barnes, who was employed at the cement mills at Point Ann, about five miles east of here, was killed on Sunday evening. He was in some manner caught in a clinker elevator, whirled around and thrown violently to the floor. The victim was a widower, 35 years of age, and the remains were shipped to his former home at Newburgh, Ont., for interment.

DEATHS FROM HEAT.

210 Infants and Over 50 Adults Died in Montreal Last Week.

A despatch from Montreal says: Owing to the hot weather last week the infantile morality returns for Montreal show an increase in deaths from 92 for the week ending July 6 to 210 for the week ended July 13. Of the 119 adults who died here last week it is estimated that probably fifty per cent. owe their deaths directly or indirectly to the heat.

MORTIMER A KINGSTONIAN.

Crack Rifle Shot Learned Marksmanship at Barriefield.

A despatch from Kingston says: Corp. Geo. Mortimer, of Quebec, who made the world's record of 14 bull's-eyes and one magpie out of 15 shots at 1,200 yards at Bisley last week, is a native Kingstonian, and received his rudimentary education as a rifleman on the old Barriefield ranges.

STRATHCONA GIVES $4,000.

Cables Handsome Addition to Berlin's Y.W.C.A. Fund.

A despatch from Berlin, Ont., says: The Young Women's Christian Association on Thursday afternoon, under whose auspices a campaign for $30,000 for the erection of a new building was successfully closed Thursday night, received a cable from Lord Strathcona in England, contributing $4,000 to the fund.

TORONTO CORRESPONDENCE

INTERESTING NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL OF THE PROVINCE.

Lacrosse and Base Ball—A Municipal Abattoir—Toronto's Harbor—The Late Mr. H. P. Dwight.

Something is the matter with Canada's national sport. "Big Four" championship lacrosse games between the best teams in the world that money can hire draw a scant 2,000 spectators, while mediocre base ball between eastern league teams on a Saturday will easily bring together 8,000 to 10,000 persons. Even motor cycle races, a newly established sport, of doubtful staying powers, attracted 15,000 people the other day.

Some critics say that the trouble lies with the "Big Four" organization. Already there are rumors that the N. L. U. will be revivified next season and will get a team in Toronto, probably R. J. Fleming's Torontos, for the Tecumseh management and the N. L. U. officials show no sign yet of burying the hatchet.

ROUGH PLAY THE TROUBLE.

But the trouble probably lies deeper than any mere question of league organization. In the writer's opinion it dates back several years, when brutal play was allowed to play a prominent part in the decision of the big league lacrosse contests. Big crowds attended the games, "games" by courtesy, for many of them were graceful exhibitions. It is hard to say why the brutality was permitted. It may have been incompetent officials, or a mistaken idea on the part of the management that the crowds wanted to see a sort of Spanish bull fight, or just a species of depravity on the part of the players themselves, or a combination of all of these. For a period the best player was the man who could lay out the most opponents and not get caught at it. The result was inevitable. A large proportion of the decent public got disgusted and cut out lacrosse. And even those who delight in seeing the core fly want to be in decent company. So the attendance fell off, and when the penalties became more numerous the games became farcical from their one-sidedness. And the attendance dropped some more.

Therein seems to lie the real trouble with Canada's national game in the big leagues. It can be built up again, but it will probably take some years of hard and careful work.

CITY ENTERS BUTCHER TRADE.

The City Council has committed itself to an expenditure of $500,000 for a municipal abattoir; in other words, a municipal wholesale butcher shop, and thus expresses a determination not to let the meat business of Toronto fall into the hands of a meat trust, such as dominates the famous Chicago stock yards, and through them most of the cities of the United States.

It will be interesting to see how the problem works out in Toronto. Toronto has been in the cattle market business for many years; in fact for a long time it had a monopoly in that department. But it did not take full advantage of its opportunity, with the result that now the city cattle yards are altogether too small, are inconveniently situated, and a big proportion of the business is going to the privately-operated union stock yards, which occupy commodious premises at West Toronto.

It is said the Union Stock Yards form a potential nucleus for a Canadian meat trust. One of the most active firms operating there is the Canadian branch of the Swift Co. of Chicago. Recently the two largest Canadian firms, the Harris Abattoir Co. and Gunn's, which formerly bought cattle both at the city yards and the Union Stock yards, announced that in future they would buy only at the latter. And it is said the fourth large firm, Park-Blackwell, will shortly follow suit.

The result is that the city, to save its cattle market, is forced into the abattoir business. A municipal abattoir will enable the small independent wholesale butchers, of whom there are perhaps a score, to kill their animals and distribute to the retail trade economically, and their business, on the other hand, will keep the city cattle yards going.

Without the city abattoir, and with the big firms buying only at the Union Stock Yards the business in the city yards would soon dwindle to insignificant proportions, the independent wholesale butchers would be compelled to go to the big fellows for their supplies, and the whole business would be effectually centralized in, perhaps four firms.

This is what the City Council wants to prevent.

A HARBOR, BUT NO PORT.

Toronto's new harbor Commission has not got much to show for its efforts yet. But, of course, it has not been on the job long enough to have had a chance.

As everyone knows, Toronto has one of the finest harbors, if not the very finest, on the great lakes. And yet the amount of shipping it accommodates is practically negligible. For example, the tonnage of the Sault canals for the month of June was 10,700,000 tons, as compared to 7,400,000 tons in June, 1911. While Toronto harbor's traffic for the month was only 271,000 tons, as against 251,000 in June, 1911.

Relatively, the lake shipping from Toronto has been dwindling year by year for the last generation. It is only citizens well on in years who remember when the waterfront used to be dotted with grain elevators and the docks were always busy.

Perhaps the day of grain traffic by boat from Toronto is past, but there are plans on foot to make Toronto again a great port for other purposes. That's the chief purpose of the new Harbor Commission. The city owns a large acreage on the waterfront, and to this acreage it is hoped to attract large industrial factories. Docks and wharves, whose cost will total many hundred thousands of dollars are being projected. At present when a boat from the Atlantic works its way up through the St. Lawrence canals it cannot find a place to dock. But that is to be quickly changed. The sympathy of the Dominion Government has been enlisted and extensive dredging operations are now under way. But, of course, the great boon will be the new Welland canal and the deepening of the St. Lawrence route. Then Toronto hopes to be a real ocean port and also on the highway from the ocean to the head of the Lakes. If the factory development progresses, as hoped for, Toronto harbor will change from a piece of pretty scenery to the centre of a hive of industry.

THE PASSING OF H. P. DWIGHT.

The passing of Mr. H. P. Dwight, President of the G. N. W. Telegraph Company, removes one of Canada's landmarks. The oldest surviving telegrapher in America, his reminiscences went back to primitive days in Canada. He "discovered" Hon. George A. Cox, took him into the employ of the G. N. W. Co as office boy, and taught him the language of the wire. Senator Cox was a prominent mourner at the graveside.

Mr. Dwight was one of the most likeable men. The bent of his mind was well illustrated by the chief hobby of his later years. It was the Royal Canadian Humane Society which had for its chief purpose the rewarding of deeds of bravery. To hear of a deed of heroism, no matter how unspectacular the circumstances and reward, the hero was a source of pleasure which never lost its power.

He took a keen interest in public affairs up to his last days, but never succumbed to the modern theories of public ownership with which he was always somewhat out of sympathy. He was a frequent correspondent of the newspapers over the signature "Dwe" but he was always moderate in the expression of his views and no newspaper declined to publish his letters, even when they were opposed to the publisher's policy. He was possibly private ownership's sanest advocate.

LIGHTNING KILLED FARMER.

Little Boy, Also Shocked, Conveyed News to Family.

A despatch from Kingston says: Lightning struck William McKenna, a Wolfe Island farmer, 63 years of age, as he was milking a cow at his barn on Sunday. His two children, who were nearby, were also struck, but not fatally. The side of the barn was knocked out and two cows were killed. The little boy when he recovered from the shock crawled to the house and notified the rest of the family.

DISEASE ON EVERY VESSEL.

Quarantine Station Reports a Bad Year Among Immigrants.

A despatch from Ottawa says: In a report to the Minister of Agriculture, Dr. G. G. Martineau, of the quarantine station, Grosse Isle, Quebec, states that the year ended March 31, 1912, has been a bad one as far as quarantinable disease is concerned. Six passenger vessels arrived in quarantine with smallpox on board, two with cholera, and one with typhus fever. Two births and seven deaths occurred in the hospital during the year. The doctor announces that two very uncommon cases have made an appearance, cholera and typhus fever.

Three hundred and sixty-seven vessels underwent quarantine inspection during the year ending March 31, 1912, a decrease of eleven as compared with last year, due to labor strikes in Great Britain during the summer. The total number of passengers examined was 193,313 an increase in the year of 15,146. Infections or contagious diseases was reported or discovered at the quarantine station in every passenger boat sailing to that port on one or more occasions with the exception of two, and the patients transferred from vessels to hospitals were 102.

SMOKING AND DRINKING.

Revenue Returns Show Consumption of Cigarettes is Increasing.

A despatch from Ottawa says: On the basis of head of population, Canadians are drinking more beer and liquor and smoking more cigars, cigarettes and tobacco year by year, according to returns to the Inland revenue department. The increase, however, is not so much as would appear by comparison with last year. This is on account of the "lost half million" in the population. The consumption of liquor and tobacco is based on the population as estimated by the census department. For the fiscal year 1911, the estimate was 7,901,530. The actual population this year, however, turns out to be only 7,423,000.

Consumption of spirits last year equalled 1.030 gallons per head as against .959 gallons in the corresponding year. Of beer the consumption was 6.598 gallons per head, as compared with 5.434, and of wine .114 gallons as against .108.

Heavy growth also is indicated in the tobacco habit. Tht total equalled 3.011 pounds per head of population. Cigarettes entered for consumption aggregated 782,663,841, as against 585,935,370 in the previous year. Cigars consumed were 252,718,242, an increase of twenty-five million.

THE FEDERAL REVENUE.

For First Three Months of Year the Gain Exceeds $8,000,000

A despatch from Ottawa says: The financial statement for the first three months of the fiscal year, closing on June 30, shows total receipts of $37,838,110, as compared with $29,239,646 for the same period last year. For the month of June alone, the receipts were $13,181,174 as compared with $10,666,205 in June, 1911. The big increase is practically all due to increased customs collections. The total expenditure for the three months, so far as accounted for at the end of June, was $12,481,931, as compared with $8,935,732 for the like period in 1911. In addition, there have been expenditures chargeable to capital account, amounting to $1,533,920, as against $2,303,730 for the first three months of 1911. During the first quarter of the fiscal year, the debt has been decreased by $6,021,138, as compared with $3,739,960 for the same period last year.

TWIN SISTER DIED.

Since Which Time Survivor Has Been Deaf and Dumb.

A despatch from London, England, says: The relieving officer of the Chertsey Board of Guardians reports a peculiar case. A girl named Beatrice Etherington, the daughter of a laborer, is now in a leading nursing home under treatment. She talked and heard until she was 2 years and 9 months old, when her twin sister died, after which she became deaf and dumb. Since that time not an intelligible word has passed her lips.

PLAGUE AT SANTIAGO.

Steps Taken to Rid the Cuban City of Rats.

A despatch from Washington says: The plague alarm has reached Santiago, Cuba, according to advices to the State Department on Thursday. One case, suspected of being the plague, was found in the business section on Wednesday, and the discovery of the suspect caused great excitement. Energetic measures have been taken for cleaning the entire city and exterminating the rats. A house to house campaign of elimination has been inaugurated.

BOMB-THROWING TUBES.

Also a Machine Gun on Latest German Air Cruiser.

A despatch from Berlin says: The Technical Monthly gives the particulars of the new military air cruiser, Zeppelin III. The ship is fitted with bomb-throwing tubes and an observation turret on top of the frame, for a machine gun, which has been specially constructed for a minimum recoil.

Strike riots broke out at Zurich, Switzerland, and the troops were called out.

Items of News by Wire

Notes of Interest as to What Is Going on All Over the World

CANADA.

The Whitby hospital for the insane will be a model asylum.

Nearly $33,000 was raised for the new Y.W.C.A. building at Berlin.

The crops in Saskatchewan are in splendid condition.

Scores of Americans are flocking to farms in Essex county.

Dr. Hugh Walker, formerly of Belleville, died at Elsinore, Cal.

John W. Bettenson, a Peel county farmer, was instantly killed by lightning.

Miss Amelia Taylor of Scarboro Junction was drowned in two feet of water in Muskoka.

Samuel Bull, a lawyer, in Belleville for sixty years, passed away at the age of eighty-five.

Fort William is to have a car foundry plant to cost a million dollars.

Mr. P. W. Sothman will retire as Chief Engineer of the Hydro-Electric Commission.

A factory watchman at Hanover, Ontario, fell down an elevator shaft and was fatally injured.

A young man named Farley was drowned out of a canoe in the lake near Hamilton Sunday night.

Lambton county farmers are making big strides in scientific agriculture.

The latest crop reports from Western Canada are highly satisfactory.

Three young men were drowned while bathing at St. Eleuthere, Que.

An airship dropped on a crowd of spectators in Winnipeg. No one was seriously injured.

A Cumberland, Que., farmer named Wintele, crazed with jealousy, murdered his wife and then drowned himself.

The Dominion Railway Board approved the Canadian Northern Railway's tunnel scheme in Montreal.

Seven hundred Indians took part in the celebration of Bishop Grandard's golden anniversary in Alberta.

A seven-months'-old girl living near Galt has two grandmothers and four great-grandmothers living.

Traffic through the Sault Ste. Marie Canals in June reached the record figure of more than ten million tons.

Ex-Mayor George Hanna of Niagara Falls, Ont., died after an illness of several months from nervous shock.

Henry Brizell, a well-known building contractor of Windsor, was killed by lightning while standing in a doorway.

The Provincial Government through Hon. I. B. Lucas will investigate public ownership of telephones in Britain.

The steamer Geronia, of the Ontario & Quebec Navigation Company's fleet struck a rock in the Lachine Rapids and had her bottom punched. The passengers were taken off safely.

GREAT BRITAIN

The King went down a coal mine and wielded a pick.

The Wimbledon Cup was won by an Irish marksman.

The King and Queen entertained Premier Borden to lunch.

A male suffragist assaulted Mr. Lloyd George and was arrested under arrest.

Many families of the dock strikers are on the verge of starvation in East London.

Twelve thousand dockers went out on strike in Liverpool and Birkenhead.

Lord Kitchener arrived home from Egypt and has gone to his estate near Canterbury.

It was announced that a Mediterranean fleet will be created for the safeguarding of British interests.

The Canadian team at the contest for the Col. O'Grady Cup, beating the City of London by four points.

The reproduction of historical scenes and pageantry at a coronation in London was a magnificent success.

The British Foreign Office has communicated to the French Government Canada's protest against the Panama Canal regulations.

Sixty-five, including seven Government inspectors, were killed by an explosion in the Cadeby colliery, Yorkshire. It is feared the number of dead may reach 100.

GENERAL

The Federal forces defeated the Mexican insurgents at Tuxpan, Senor Mascagni, the composer, who joined with a chorus of 300 voices, The Royalist forces are advancing on Northern Durango. The rising appears to be spreading. George Goulding of Toronto won the 10,000 metres walking championship in the Olympic games at Stockholm.

WIVES AND BABIES STARVING.

Terrible Results of the London Transport Workers' Strike.

A despatch from London, England, says: The distress due to the transport workers' strike has become keenest in Westham, where there is a population of 187,000, the majority of whom under normal conditions are below the poverty line. In such a district as this the nip of the strike is felt immediately and there are now some hundreds of men, women and children literally starving. Thousands of men are out of work, who have received on an average $6 of strike pay since the strike began. The pawnshops are filled with pledges and the pawnbrokers refuse further advances. The landlords have given up hope of collecting rents. Fortunately the children of school age are supplied with two meals daily, but there is no food for the younger children and the mothers.

OPERATOR'S DEATH.

Tragic End of a Vancouver Telephone Girl.

A despatch from Vancouver says: The second suicide of the week, a young woman occurred early on Thursday morning, when Miss Olive Smith, aged about eighteen, died in the city ambulance on the way to the hospital. She had taken carbolic acid, and her groans were heard by other roomers in the house where she was staying. According to witnesses at the inquest on the body of Miss Maud Harris, who took her life two days ago by gas-poisoning, she was suffering mental torture because a telephone subscriber had sworn at her over the telephone in the Bayview Exchange, where she worked. She felt exceedingly hurt at this incident, and on the same evening took her own life.

FATHER AND CHILD DROWNED

Little Girl Fell Overboard When Trawling Line Caught.

A despatch from Peterboro says: Henry Hayward, aged 35, and his five-year-old daughter were drowned in the Otonabee on Sunday afternoon. The trawling line held by the little girl caught, and she fell in the water, although unable to swim, jumped in and died in an unsuccessful attempt to save her.

SAVED EXCURSION TRAIN.

Man Walking Track Noticed Spread Rail Just in Time.

A despatch from Peterboro says: Albert Reynolds, of Springville, while walking on the C.P.R. track, noticed a spread rail. He hurried to notify a section gang, and repairs were completed just before an excursion train of eight coaches came along on its way to Peterboro.

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NEW NORTHERN RAILWAY.

Edmonton Will Be Given Connection with Hudson Bay.

A despatch from Edmonton says: Financed by British capital and of international repute, the new charter, which provides for 800 miles of new railway, giving Canada a new transcontinental line, with Fort Churchill on the east and Port Essington on the west as terminals, and connecting Edmonton with Lac la Biche, Fort McMurray and Lake Athabasca, the Northern Territories Railway will commence a survey from Edmonton northward in the course of the next few weeks and before the close of the year a start will probably be made on the actual construction of the road. The corporation is capitalized at $30,000,000, and under the charter which was granted by the last session of Parliament at its last session has bonding powers amounting to $30,000 per mile. The terminal at Port Churchill will be the Atlantic port.

ITALY ANXIOUS TO END WAR.

Ready to Pay Cash Indemnity to Turkey for Tripoli.

A despatch from Paris says: The Italian Government, according to information from an authoritative source, recently informed the powers in an unofficial way that it was ready and anxious to end the Franco-Italian war to an early date. The Italian Government expressed itself as willing to pay a heavy cash indemnity to the Turkish Government for the transfer of military rights in Tripoli to Italy, and act in a similar way in regard to the Turkish islands in the Aegean Sea already occupied by Italy.

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Duties.—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres solely owned and occupied by him or his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter section alongside his homestead. Price $3.00 per acre.

Duties.—Must reside upon the homestead or pre-emption six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent), and cultivate fifty acres extra.

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