

# THE NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

## THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

### CANADA.

Major-General Hutton has gone to New Brunswick cariboo hunting. The new Imperial penny postage stamps are now on sale at Ottawa.

The Northern Pacific Railway Co. will further extend their system in Manitoba next season.

The Northwest Land Company reports that their sales have doubled themselves during the past eleven months.

Judge MacDougall has declined to relieve Massey Hall, Toronto, from taxation.

It is feared that the bubonic plague has broken out in Chinatown, San Francisco.

The corporation of McGill University has decided to confer the honorary degree of LL.D., upon Lord Minto.

Ald. Davies of Toronto, purposes getting after the departmental stores again on the question of taxation.

The Governors of McGill University, Montreal, have passed a resolution affiliating Vancouver College with the university.

The marine section of the Toronto Board of Trade is urging such improvements to Toronto harbour as would make it an ocean port.

It is said that the trustees of Emerald Street Methodist Church, Hamilton, contemplate suing delinquent subscribers to the building fund.

A C.P.R. official at Montreal denies the statement that the company is not amply equipped and prepared to handle the western grain business.

The Quebec Harbor Commissioners have decided to grant exemption from harbor dues to any line of trans-Atlantic steamers making that port its western terminus.

The report is revived at Vancouver that the Great Northern Railway is to bridge the Fraser River at New Westminster, and extend its system into Vancouver City.

The London City Council and the Bell Telephone Company have made a new agreement for five years and the People's Telephone Company has withdrawn from the field.

Whether the Government supplies them or not the Toronto Public School Cadets who are now being selected to visit Florida will be supplied with a uniform. They will cost \$500.

A large petition is being circulated through Northern British Columbia asking for wagon roads from Ashcroft, through Cariboo and Omenica, which is being opened up very fast.

A Norway whaler, who owns a fleet of whalers on Norway's coast, is in Vancouver for the purpose of establishing a whaling fleet for the Pacific, with Victoria or Vancouver as a home port.

Customs receipts from the 1st of May to the close of navigation last year at Montreal were \$3,708,345, and \$4,842,695 for the same period this year.

Exports of grain from Montreal during the season of navigation just closed show an increase of nearly 20,000,000 bushels compared with last year.

During the 13 years from 1885 to 1898 108 persons have been condemned to death in Canada for murder. Of these 60 were executed, and 48 sentences were commuted.

The Manitoba Elevator Company, which owned thirty-seven elevators, has sold out to the Northern Dominion Elevator Company and Bready, Love & Tryon. The Northern Elevator Co., now own 117 elevators.

It is reported that Judge Dugas, who went to the Klondike a couple of months ago to succeed Judge Maguire, is troubled with his eyes, and finds the climate so trying to them that he may have to resign.

Harry Morgan, at present in Vancouver, claims to have discovered a huge body of ore, a very mountain of mineral, on the north-east coast of Vancouver island. The deposit, he says, strikingly resembles the Treadwell mine.

In view of the approach of the Christmas season, attention is directed to the fact that no parcel can be sent from Canada to any other country by parcel post unless it bears a customs declaration setting forth the nature of its contents and its value.

It is reported that the Canadian Pacific has purchased a large block of land in the centre of Winnipeg, fronting on the Red River, upon which a handsome union depot will be erected next year, the present depot to be utilized as freight offices.

C. P. R. land sales for the month of November amount to 27,000 acres, for which \$85,000 was realized. This is a substantial increase over the showing made in October, when 17,000 acres were sold for \$56,000.

The Toronto city commissioner reports that the total value of the building permits issued during the month of November is \$109,000, and the total value for the past eleven months of the year, \$1,611,480. This is an increase of almost 100 per cent.

Mr. Douglas, Superintendent of the Banff National Park, suggests that the size of the park should be increased by taking in the watershed of the Bow River. The extension would be used as a game preserve, and would be under the park management.

The latest comers from Dawson City bring news that Frank Slavin, the

prize fighter, has secured the right to cut the timber for five miles up the Klondike river, beginning at its mouth. Any other man living in this reserve must pay tribute to Mr. Slavin at the rate of \$7 a cord.

Mayor Shaw of Toronto has received a letter from the British War Office stating that the Twenty-First Lancers will not return from Egypt for about a year, and that then they will, in the ordinary course of events, remain at home for several years. Consequently they cannot pass through Canada on their way to India.

Manitoba and North-Western butter will have again to contend in Vancouver with the Australian article. Australian and New Zealand shippers are feeling the market as to prospects for advantageously laying down shipments of butter in British Columbia. Last winter and spring a good price was realized for Australian butter, which took very well.

The Edmonton District Railway Company will ask Parliament for power to build a railway to the coast by way of Yellow Head or Peace River passes, or to connect with the line which the British Pacific Railway Company is authorized to construct; also to build a branch line to the Yukon River, and to change the name to the Edmonton, Yukon and Pacific Railway Company.

The Ontario Provincial Board of Health has adopted a resolution making it obligatory on physicians to report all cases of tuberculosis occurring in their practice. If a physician is not consulted, then this duty should fall upon the householders; that local health boards should provide for the regular and systematic disinfection of the domicile in which the patient lives.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

It is rumoured that Queen Victoria will visit Florence next spring instead of the Riviera.

The British steamer Belluro, at Liverpool from Montevideo, lost 1,194 sheep on the voyage.

The Lancet says the Prince of Wales has entirely recovered from the accident to his knee in July last.

The Colonial Institute of London, Eng., has passed a resolution expressing gratification at the coming Imperial penny postage.

They weigh the Mayor of High Wycombe each year. This year Liverpool's Mayor is the champion heavy-weight of England. His name is Oulton, pronounced "Wholeton."

Mr. William Waldorf Astor has donated, 5,000 toward the fund being raised at the instance of General Lord Kitchener, to found the Gordon Memorial College at Khartoum.

The people in the Channel Islands were so disturbed at the possible consequences of a war between Great Britain and France that they buried their valuables.

Leopold Rothschild won \$150,000 in stakes in the English racing season, which closed this week. The Duke of Westminster made \$80,000, Lord Rosebery \$55,000, and the Prince of Wales \$30,000.

There is some talk in England of sending Lord Kitchener, of Khartoum, to the Cape as the British Governor-General of South Africa, Sir Alfred Milms, the present incumbent, is to succeed Lord Cromer in Egypt.

The Sirdar, Lord Kitchener, of Khartoum, has been "poet struck." He is reported to have told a friend that since his arrival in England he has received more than a hundred laudatory poems.

Lord Salisbury's recent reference in his speech at Guildhall to "decaying empires" has aroused the anger of the Sultan, who hastens to repudiate the phrase if it was meant to refer to Turkey.

### UNITED STATES.

Eight people have been killed and six wounded during the present hunting season in Michigan.

Chicago pork packers have entered a strong protest against Germany's action in excluding U. S. sausages.

Losses to shipping and vessel owners on the great lakes for the year are estimated at \$2,500,000, the largest recorded.

Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, whose health is failing, is about to resign the pastorate of the Plymouth church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. Joseph Choate, of New York, is being talked of as Mr. Hays' successor as Ambassador of the United States to Great Britain.

A gold-headed cane has been recovered from the wreck of the steamer Portland, bearing the inscription: "Nov. 27, Toronto, 1887."

Detroit school trustees are wrought up over the discovery that Canadian female teachers have been offered positions in Detroit schools.

Secretary Long, of the United States navy, in his annual report, made public on Friday, asks for fifteen more warships at a total cost of over \$36,000,000.

Secretary Spaulding at Washington says Canadian commercial travelers do not come within the provisions of the alien labor act, and are free to do business in the United States.

The police of Newark, N.J., have been authorized to offer \$500 reward for the recovery of a watch lost or stolen from a wealthy lady of that city on Wednesday night. The watch is valued at \$1,800.

During the past fiscal year the gross revenue of the United States Post Office Department was \$89,012,678. The gross expenditure was \$98,933,523. This is nearly two-thirds more business than was done by the department in 1880.

Mrs. Wynn, the richest resident of Brooklyn, Ill., and owner of half the town, which lies across the river from St. Louis, Mo., was murdered Friday or early Saturday morning by robbers, who cut her throat and left her dead in the front yard after ransacking the house.

Two east-bound freight trains running together on the Fitchburg rail-

road collided near Athol, Mass., and Brakesman Knight, of Williams-town, was caught in the wreck by the legs, and burned to death, in spite of the efforts of his comrades to release him.

The famous old Indian, Pete Wademan, of Prescott, Mich., aged 113, who was married twice to squaws, and whose second wife died only two months ago, was again married Thursday to a Polish girl named Emma Jane Swanstephanski, aged 56, who emigrated recently from Montreal.

By direction of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York its committee on foreign commerce called on President McKinley and presented the memorial urging him to convene an international congress at Washington to consider the question of making private property on the sea free from capture in time of war.

A Missouri Pacific passenger train was held up four miles west of Sedalia, Mo., Tuesday night by three masked men. One of the men, Jim West, an engineer of the company, was captured. The others escaped. The hold-up was to have taken place Friday, but one of the men weakened, and it was fixed for Tuesday. The company was aware of this and the train hands were prepared. Fully twenty shots were exchanged.

### GENERAL.

The Spanish authorities are seriously alarmed at the indications of an imminent rising.

The German Emperor is reported to be planning a tour of England and Scotland next June.

Emperor William, it is rumoured, intends to write for publication an account of his Palestine tour.

It is expected that the Khedive of Egypt will next year visit England to pay his respects to the Queen.

The New South Wales wheat harvest for this year will be 1,590,000 bushels, in excess of that of last year.

A plot to assassinate Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria has been discovered at Sofia and numerous arrests have been made.

The Journal Official on Tuesday, in Paris, publishes a decree forbidding admittance into France of fruit and plants from the United States.

Four Hungarians have been playing chess with bottles of wine. When one moved he emptied the particular bottle. A few moves saw all the players fast asleep.

Thirty-seven people on board the British steamer Clan Drummond, from Clyde for the Cape of Good Hope, wrecked in the Bay of Biscay, were drowned.

Details of the new German army bill show that the Prussian peace contingent will be increased by 11,424 men and 2,850 horses, and the Saxony contingent by 2,073 men.

It is decided that the Russian garrisons in China and on the Chinese frontier are to be largely increased next year, and constitute a virtual Russian occupation of Manchuria.

The Bank of Spain has made a fresh advance to the Government of 60,000,000 pesetas (\$12,000,000) to cover the expenses of repatriating the Spanish troops in the Philippines and the Antilles.

A new star has appeared in the firmament of musical art in Italy. It is the Abbe Perosi, over whose latest composition, "The Resurrection of Lazarus," the Italian papers are profuse in their eulogies.

The French Government has decided to make Noumea, capital of the French colony of New Caledonia its naval headquarters in the Pacific. A large dock and naval works will be erected there.

A bomb cartridge containing 140 grammes of powder and nails, capable of doing terrible damage was found in the Bourse at Marseilles, France, on Tuesday. The fuse had been lighted, but it did not burn.

Lieut.-General Correa, Spanish Minister of War, declares that the Government has 140,000 troops in readiness to combat a Carlist rising, and will soon have 200,000 available. He does not believe the Carlists intend to move.

The interior of the Royal Palace at Amsterdam is to be entirely renovated, and the young Queen has ordered that the entrance, the vestibules, the doors and the passages are to be painted a light colour. The work will not begin until the spring.

Leroy Beaulieu, an eminent French scientist, is forming a French syndicate for the construction of a railroad across the desert of Sahara. He argues that Britain could not have checked French progress in Africa if this railway had been built some years ago, when it was first proposed.

A despatch from Tripoli says that a caravan from the Sudan has been attacked by a band of tribesmen near Chat, an oasis in the Sahara to the south of Tripoli and on the border of Cazzan. Twenty persons belonging to the caravan were killed and eighty camel loads of feathers and 380 loads of Sudan skins were lost.

The separation of Corea from the Chinese Empire is already having good results. Ports which have remained hermetically sealed for centuries against the intrusion of suspicious foreign craft are now thrown open to the commerce of the world. RThe Korean Government has notified that it will shortly open four new ports to foreign trade.

### THE CZAR'S CHINA.

The Czar of Russia probably owns a greater quantity of china than any other person in the world. He has the china belonging to all the Russian rulers as far back as Catherine the Great. It is stored in an immense closet in the Winter Palace at St. Petersburg.

### NEW YORK'S BREAD.

Over 8,000,000 loaves of bread are consumed daily in Greater New York.

## MARKETS OF THE WORLD.

### Prices of Grain, Cattle, Cheese, &c. in the Leading Markets.

Toronto, Dec. 6.—Wheat—Values here were about steady to-day. Exporters bid 67c for red and white, north and west and holders asked 68 to 69c. Manitobas fairly steady at 80c for No. 1 hard, Toronto and west, and 81c. g.t.; No. 2 hard and No. 1 Northern, Toronto and west, 77c. Goose wheat, outside, 70c.

Flour—Straight roller, in bbls., north and west, offered at \$3.10, and exporters bid \$3.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, in bags, on track, here, \$3.30 per bbl.; and in bbls., \$3.50.

Millfeed—Stocks at the mills light; demand good. Car lots of bran, middle freights, \$12; and shorts, \$14.

Peas—Scarce and higher. Car lots, north and west, 61 to 61-1-2c, and east, 62-1-2c.

Oats—In good demand and firm. White oats, north and west, sold to-day at 27c, and mixed at 26-1-2c.

Barley—Offerings light and demand quiet. Car lots of No. 1, outside, are quoted nominally at 49c.

Rye—Steady. Car lots, west, are quoted at 50c, and east at 51c.

Buckwheat—Firm. Exporters quote 45 to 46c, for car lots outside.

Corn—Firm. American yellow, track, Toronto, sold to-day at 42c; and mixed at 41-1-2c.

DRESSED HOGS AND PROVISIONS. Dressed hog market holds steady and deliveries both on track and on the street are free. Western hogs sold on track, to-day, car lots, at \$5.30 to \$5.40, and Northern at \$5.40 to \$5.45. On the street farmers' loads sold at \$5.50 to \$5.60 for the better qualities. Provisions are not active and prices remain about steady.

Quotations are as follows:—Dry salted shoulders, 7-1-2c; long clean bacon, car lots, 7-3-4c; ton lots and case lots, 8c; backs, 8-3-4 to 9c.

Smoked meats—Hams, heavy, 10 to 10-1-2c; medium, 10-1-2 to 11c; light, 11c; breakfast bacon, 11 to 12c; rolls, 8-1-2 to 9c; backs, 11 to 11-1-2c; picnic hams, 8c. All meats out of pickle 1c less than prices quoted for smoked meats.

Lard—Tierces, 7c; tubs, 7-1-2 to 7-3-4c; pails, 7-3-4 to 8c; compound, 6 to 6-1-2c.

HIDES, SKINS, AND WOOL. There is no change in any line on the local market. Dealers here quote as follows:—

Hides—Choice steers, 9c; No. 1 cows, 8-1-2; No. 2, 7-1-2; No. 3, 6-1-2c. Cured sell at 3-4c advance on foregoing.

Lamb skins and sheep pelts 75c, and for choice, 80c.

Calfskins—Choice No. 1, 11c; and No. 2, 8c.

Wool—Unwashed, 10c; fleeces, 15c, for small lots, delivered, 18-1-2c for super; and 20 to 21c. for extras.

Tallow—Local dealers buy barrel tallow at 3 to 3-1-2c, for rendered, and resell at 3-1-2 to 3-3-4c.

EGGS.—No new laid coming in. Held fresh are plentiful and slow of sale. Quotations are:—New laid, 19 to 20c; cold storage, 13 to 15c, and limed, 14 to 14-1-2c.

Potatoes—Demand fair and prices steady. Deliveries fair. Car lots, choice Ontario stock, on track, quoted at about 50 to 55c, and dealers sell out of store at 55 to 65c; farmers' loads sold to-day at 50 to 65c.

Poultry—Lots coming forward, but as demand is brisk prices are well maintained. Quotations are:—Chickens, per pair, 25 to 50c; ducks, 40 to 60c; geese, per lb., 5 to 6c; turkeys, per lb., 8 to 8-1-2c.

Beans—Choice hand-picked beans sell at \$1 to \$1.10, and common at 70 to 75c, per bush.

Dried apples—Market unchanged. Dealers pay 4 to 4-1-2c for dried stock, delivered here, and small lots resell at 4-1-2 to 5c. Evaporated, 8 to 8-1-2c for small lots.

Honey—Fair movement in the ordinary way. Round lots of choice, delivered here, will bring about 5-1-2 to 6c; dealers quote from 6 to 7c, per lb. for 10 to 60 lb. tins, and in comb at around \$1.25 to \$1.50 per dozen sections.

Baled hay—Movement here light. Strictly choice, in car lots, is quoted at \$6.50 to \$7.50 per ton; No. 2, at \$6.

Straw—No sales of consequence being made. Car lots are quoted at \$4 to \$4.50, on track.

Hops—Dealers here quote choice Ontario stock to-day at 16 to 18c, and consider this an outside figure, while holders have still higher ideas, and will take nothing less than 20c.

### UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, Dec. 6.—Spring wheat—Dull, but firm; No. 1 hard, spot, 76 5-8c; No. 1 Northern, spot, 72 5-8c; spot, 69 5-8c. Winter wheat—No demand; market easy; No. 1 red, 74c; No. 2 red, 73 1-2c; No. 3 extra red, 72c; No. 3 red, 71c, No. 1 white, 74c. Corn—Quiet, barley steady; No. 2 yellow, 38 1-2c; No. 3 yellow, 38c; No. 4 yellow, 35 1-2c; No. 3 corn, 36c; No. 4 corn, 34 3-4 to 35c. Oats—Little doing; No. 2 white, 32 to 32 1-2c; No. 1 white, 31 1-4 to 31 1-2c; No. 4 white, 30 1-2c. Barley—Offerings light; prices held far above buyers' views. No. 2 rye, in store, 58c. Flour—Steady; unchanged.

Detroit, Dec. 6.—Wheat—Closed—No. 1 white, cash, 69 3-4c; No. 2 red, cash and December, 69 3-4c; May, 69 3-4c. Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 6.—Wheat—December, 62 3-4c; May 64 1-4 to 64 3-8c, on track; No. 1 hard, 64 1-2c; No. 1 Northern, 63 1-4c; No. 2 Northern, 61-1-2c. Flour—First patents, \$3.65 to \$3.75; second patents, \$3.45 to \$3.55; first clears, \$2.60 to \$2.70.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 6.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, 69c; December, 65 1-2c; May, 66 1-4c bid; No. 1 Northern, cash, 65 1-2c; December, 63 1-2c bid; May, 65 1-4c bid; No. 2 Northern, 62 1-2c; No. 3 spring, 59 1-2c.

Toledo, Dec. 6.—Wheat—Cash and December, 70 1-4c bid; May, 70 3-8c. Corn—No. 2 mixed, 34-1-4c. Oats—No. 2 mixed, 27c. Rye—No. 2, cash, 54c bid. Cloverseed—Dull; prime cash, new, \$4.72 1-2. Oil—Unchanged.

Milwaukee, Dec. 6.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 67 to 67-1-2c; No. 2 North-

ern, 65 1-2 to 66c. Rye—No. 1, 53 to 53 1-4c. Barley—No. 2, 49 to 49 1-2c; sample, 40 to 49 1-2c.

### CHEESE MARKETS.

London, Ont., Dec. 6.—At this, the last market of the season, 900 boxes of October and 200 boxes of November were boarded. Sales, 650 October, at 9 1-2c; 200 November, at 9 1-4c. Canton, N. Y., Dec. 6.—Six hundred tubs of butter sold at 18 to 18 1-4c.

### "I'VE NOT QUITE DONE."

Bloody Murder by a Frenchman at New Westminster.

A despatch from New Westminster, B. C., says:—Don Perrier, a young Frenchman murdered his former sweetheart, Jennie Andrews, an English girl here, on Wednesday night. He shadowed her to a place known as the Green house, and was shown to her room. He entered and locked the door. The inmates of the house heard a piercing shriek and attempted to force the door. Perrier called from inside: "I've not quite done the job; just a moment."

Then the door was thrown open by the Frenchman, who was covered with blood from head to foot. Waving his hand, in which he held a dripping knife, he invited the women to enter. Jennie Andrews was lying on the bed, literally cut to pieces, the murderer having deliberately mutilated the girl's body after life was extinct. It is said that he first met the girl in Australia. She discarded him and crossed the ocean to marry another man, who refused to keep his promise, and she drifted into evil ways. Perrier is a sailor, but is well educated, and is reported to belong to an aristocratic family.

### SEARCHERS FOR ANDREE.

The Expedition Was Wrecked in Eastern Siberia.

A special despatch to London from Yeniseisk, on the the River Yenisei, in Eastern Siberia, announces the arrival at the mouth of the Yenisei of an expedition that had gone in search of Herr Andree, the aeronaut. The expedition was wrecked while crossing from the delta of the River Lena to the River Olenek which flows into the Arctic Ocean Southwest of Bennett and Delong Islands, but managed to reach an uninhabited island about 120 miles from the mouth of the Olenek. There the party was icebound for seventeen days before it was succored.

### LIPTON WILL INVEST \$5,000,000.

Mr. Chamberlain Incites Capitalists to Assist in Reviving the West Indies Industry.

A despatch from London says:—In addition to inducing the Treasury to make a substantial grant to the British West Indies, Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, has incited the co-operation of several capitalists of England in reviewing the sugar industry of those islands.

Sir Thomas Lipton is among those who responded to the invitation, declaring a willingness to invest about £1,000,000 if independent investigation warranted it.

### WAR IS OPENLY SUGGESTED.

Tension Between Norway and Sweden Increasing.

A despatch from Christiania, says The tension between Norway and Sweden is increasing. A bitter feeling between the countries was caused by Norway's removal of the emblem of Swedish union from her flag. She is now seeking openly to break the compact between the two countries.

War is openly suggested by the newspapers, which print the comparative armaments of the two nations. There has been a notable increase of forts on both sides of the boundary. The Norwegians claim they must assert their independence.

### GLOOMY OUTLOOK FOR SPAIN.

Former Diplomat Looks for an Absolute Monarchy.

A despatch from Madrid, says:—A former Minister of Spain said to a correspondent on Friday:—"Because Spain has been ruined and has lost her colonial empire through tyrannical rule abroad, clerical fanaticism and Spanish logic demands the re-establishment of an absolute monarchy, the revival of religious intolerance, and the practise of despotism anew. It is hard to realize this, but it is only too true."

### WILL GIVE £30,000 ANNUALLY

Cape Colony's Contribution for the Imperial Navy.

A despatch from Cape Town, says: The House of Assembly has unanimously passed a bill pledging an annual contribution of £30,000 for the Imperial navy.

The features of the proceedings were a strongly patriotic speech by Prime Minister Schreiner, who is the leader of the Afrikaner Bund, and the hope was expressed by some of the Afrikaner members that the Transvaal and the Orange Free State would also contribute to the same object.