

# 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.

Guelph's rate is 21 3-4 mills.

Halifax now has an anti-prohibition Council.

Brockville is to have a pork-packing establishment.

Hull City Council has cut off three liquor licenses.

The Kingsport School of Mining will erect two new buildings.

London has sold \$115,000 worth of debentures at from 31-2 to 4 per cent.

Hamilton claims that the census returns will give it a population of 54,000.

Wm. J. Archer, 97 Brunswick avenue, was fatally burned in his home on Saturday night.

An American syndicate is willing to establish smelters at Ottawa if it is given a big bonus and a free site.

Hull, Que., will pay its corporation labourers 15 cents an hour for twelve hours a day. It is now ten at 14 cents.

Louis G. Evans of the 90th Battalion was fined at the Winnipeg Police Court for neglecting to attend drills.

Over 400 tons of binder twine have been manufactured at the penitentiary at Kingston for the coming season.

The Calgary Board of Trade is moving to have all members of the Dominion House visit the west when the House rises.

Contractor Jamieson, of Montreal, will build a \$300,000 grain elevator at Port Arthur for the Canadian Northern Railway.

The smallpox epidemic at MacLeod Lethbridge, Maple Creek and other places in the North-West Territories is under control.

The Ottawa Electric Light Company threatens to raise the rates if new companies are given a franchise to operate in the city.

Veterans of '66 are applying for land grants the Dominion Government hasn't ordered. Ontario's grants to the South African boys has misled them.

The option on the salt wells of Ontario, granted to the syndicate which are seeking incorporation from Parliament, has been extended from April 30th until May 31st.

At Whitemouth Station, Man., C. W. Blank, a German farmer, shot and killed another German named A. Radke. They had a row over cattle. Blank gave himself up at Winnipeg.

Thomas Brown is suing Hamilton City for \$10,000 for the loss of an eye; the result of an injury from fireworks used in the Laurier demonstration there last November.

Up to the present time census schedules have been received at Ottawa from some 317 enumerators, whereas for the whole month of April in the last census only 52 were received at headquarters.

The Militia Department at Ottawa desires every man who has fought in South Africa and who has changed his address since coming home to notify the Department of his present address so that he may receive the Imperial gratuity of \$25.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

The British War Office will buy Barton's aerial machine.

Five thousand pounds have been raised for the Cork Industrial Exhibition.

At London, Robert Gunter and Wyndham S. Portal have been made baronets.

A youth aged sixteen died at Ardgagh, near Longford, who was 7 feet 1 inch in height.

Louis Godard will make an attempt in a short time to cross the Atlantic in a balloon, starting from London.

At London the annual return of recruiting for 1903 shows a total enlistment of 98,361, against 42,700 in 1899.

British coal exports during 1900 were 44,989,197 tons, an increase of 2,908,897 tons, as compared with the preceding year.

The London County Council proposes to put forty steamers on the Thames for traffic between Hammer-smith and Woolwich.

The census returns so far published of the British Isles show that the movement of population from the country to the cities continues unchecked.

The British patent office has granted a resident of Germany a patent for making glucose by heating sawdust with sulphuric acid, compressing and then boiling it.

Although no official announcement has yet been made, it seems probable that the portion of the Imperial war loan offered to the public has been covered about seven times.

### UNITED STATES.

New York has nine new cases of smallpox.

Every house flooded in Pittsburg will be disinfected to prevent disease or a plague.

Burglars at Anaconda, Montana, stole a \$300-pound safe containing \$10,000 in gold.

The Illinois Legislature has passed a bill prohibiting the sale of cigarettes in the State.

A discovery of ore near Shelbyville, Ill., that assays \$300 a ton, causes much excitement there.

Adelbert Hay, son of the U. S. Secretary of State, has resigned as Consul-General at Pretoria.

Negotiations have been completed in Chicago for the formation of the largest beet sugar concern in the world.

George S. Dobbins, blind for 18 years, has graduated with honors from the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College.

W. J. Bryan has announced that he has no intention of seeking a third nomination for the Presidency of the United States.

Lieut. William Patterson, of the Coast Artillery, formerly a Philadelphia lawyer, is to be tried by court martial at Manila for misappropriating funds.

Besides the heavy loss by flood in the manufacturing and wholesale districts of Ohio many laborers are idle and about 1,000 people have been rendered homeless.

A rogue's gallery of card sharps is to be hung in the card room of each of the big trans-Atlantic liners running out of New York, New York police will provide it.

Governor Odell has signed the bill taxing foreign corporations which do not employ 40 per cent. of their capital in business in New York State on their capital stock so employed.

Frank Fuller and Thomas Smith, Americans, have been sentenced to six months each at Kingston, Jamaica, for making false contracts with Jamaican labourers to work in Cuba.

Diamond jewellery worth \$10,000 was stolen from the home of H. P. Crouse at Utica, N.Y., by two "workmen" who had, of course, been sent by an electric light company to remedy a defect in the wiring.

Neale McPeck, a New York broker, has entered suit against Randolph Surbridge, a Boston lawyer, and Isaac Irwin, a mining operator, of San Diego, Cal., for \$25,000 for conspiracy over the "Fortuna" mine in California, in which shareholders are said to have sunk \$6,000,000.

### GENERAL.

There is a strike of doctors in Leipzig.

At Madrid the street railway employees are out on strike.

All the metal works in South Russia are forming a trust.

A violent dust storm has just visited Mandalay, Burma.

Japan claims indemnities from China amounting to £4,750,000 sterling.

Four hundred factories in Russia are closed on account of commercial depression.

Augusto Cerero, a member of the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies, has invented a steerable balloon.

A despatch from Amsterdam announces that Mr. Kruger will leave for the United States early in June.

Holland and Germany will construct a system of cables to the Far East, rendering them independent of the British lines.

The City Council of Amsterdam has voted \$2,412,000 for an electric plant which is to furnish power for street cars, lighting, etc.

The Czar and Czarina will privately visit England and London during the coming season and will attend the Glasgow Exhibition.

China's average annual revenue has been 88,000,000 taels, while the average annual expenditure has been 101,000,000 taels.

Considerable excitement exists among the population of Teheran because of the heavy taxes recently imposed upon meat and other food-stuffs.

At Bromberg, Prussian Poland, nine persons have just been fined by the local court for singing a Polish song without having previously informed the police of their intention.

### SLAVE-TRADERS DEFEATED

Successful Termination of Campaign in Northern Nigeria.

A despatch from London says:—Brigadier-General Sir Frederick Lugard and Col. G. V. Kennell, with a force of West African frontier troops, have of West African frontier troops, have completed a successful campaign against the powerful, slave-raiding Emirs of Bida and Kontagora, in Northern Nigeria. The British defeated the Emir of Kontagora after heavy fighting, 5,000 natives frequently charging the British squad. The British captured the capitals of both Bida and Kontagora, and released thousands of slaves. The Emirs, who have been the terror of the country for years, killed thousands of natives during the past year. They are now entirely powerless, and this was brought about without the assistance of white troops.

### CZAR TO VISIT ENGLAND.

With Czarina Will be in London During the Summer.

A despatch to the London Daily Mail from St. Petersburg says that the Czar and Czarina will privately visit England and London during the coming season. They will attend the Glasgow Exhibition.

## DOMINION PARLIAMENT

Notes of the Proceedings in the Canadian House of Commons.

### BELLE ISLE TELEGRAPH.

Mr. Tarte, in answer to Mr. Ganong said the telegraph line to Belle Isle would be completed by 1st August next.

### EMPLOYEES DISMISSED.

Dr. Sproule enquired about the dismissal of 70 employees of the department. Mr. Tarte replied that some men had been dismissed. There must be dismissals when there is no work to be done. Dropping into a reminiscent mood, the Minister continued: "When I took office I found there was a secret stair leading from the department. I had it closed up, but I am sorry for it now. I cannot go out of the office without being followed by an army of men looking for work. I repent for having got rid of the stair." (Laughter.)

### PRESENTED IMPERIAL MESSAGE.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier presented the message received by his Excellency from the Colonial Office in answer to the resolution passed by Parliament on the occasion of the death of Queen Victoria.

### MECHANICAL MANAGER.

Mr. Borden was informed by Mr. Blair that E. G. Russell was engaged on Feb. 15th last to take charge of the mechanical department on the Intercolonial railway for a period of five years, at \$7,000 a year. He has been absent since March 15th, from serious illness, and is not drawing his salary while away, but his engagement continues.

### "C" BATTERY PAY.

Mr. Clarke asked whether the Government had ascertained whether the pay of the men of "C" Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery, during the time that they served as part of the Rhodesian Field force, came out of the Imperial or the Rhodesian treasury.

Dr. Borden replied that the Government had no doubt that the money came from the Imperial treasury. About fifty of the men received pay from the Canadian Government prior to the time the Imperial pay commenced. The rest have thus far received Imperial pay only. The department is awaiting returns as to what the men drew from the Imperial Government, and as soon as this is known their pay will be issued to them.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA FISHERIES.

Mr. Morrison was told by Sir Louis Davies that the Government is not advised that the Provincial Government of British Columbia contemplates exercising jurisdiction over the fisheries in that province. The Dominion Government has not relinquished any of that jurisdiction, unless it may be with respect to oyster beds and other fisheries below low-water mark.

### C. P. R. TAXATION.

Mr. Richardson, of Lisgar, was told by Mr. Sifton that in submitting a case regarding taxation of C. P. R. lands in the North-West, the Government would endeavour to establish the view most favourable to the interest of the settlers in the North-West, and would be guided by its legal advisers in attaining that object.

### ORIENTAL IMMIGRATION.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, replying to Mr. Morrison, said that the Government did not expect that the report of the commission now taking evidence in British Columbia touching Oriental immigration would be received before the close of this session of Parliament. As soon as the report is received it will be printed and distributed.

### BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Mr. Morrison was told by Mr. Fisher that the Government has not received any official report of the existence of bubonic plague in Australia, but had heard of it through vessel captains. By way of precaution against its coming to Canada all Asiatics arriving here are disinfected, as are also their effects. Articles liable to carry contagion are disinfected unless accompanied by a satisfactory certificate from the port of shipment. In addition a bacteriological laboratory has been established, with a trained bacteriologist in charge. All quarantine officers on the Pacific coast have been instructed to keep in view the possibility of this disease reaching Canada, and to take necessary precautions.

### CLERGUE CONTRACT.

In Supply Mr. Blair's estimates were taken up, and some further discussion ensued with reference to the Clergue contract. The item of \$500,000 for steel rails for the Intercolonial railway this year was finally allowed to pass with the understanding that the whole subject may be re-opened if desired when the other railway estimates come up for consideration.

### GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

In Committee of Supply Mr. Sifton told Mr. LaRiviere that the programme of the geological survey this season would be as follows:—

In the Yukon, territory, Mr. R. G. McConnell, with Mr. Joseph Keele, will survey the gold district of 60 miles, Thistle creek, and South Forks of Big Salmon river; also possibly the coast west of White Pass railway, and south of White Horse.

In British Columbia Mr. R. W.

Brock, with W. W. Leach as assistant, will be in the Boundary district. Mr. James McEvoy, and Mr. T. Denis, as assistant, in the Crow's Nest Pass coal fields. Mr. Lawrence Lambe will collect cretaceous fossils in the Red Deer country, N.W.T.

In Ontario Dr. A. E. Barlow will make lithological investigations in the Sudbury district. Prof. John Macoun will collect botanical specimens along the north shore of Lake Erie and the east shore of Lake Huron to Cape Hurd; he will also explore Temagami lake park. Dr. Ellis, with two assistants, will finish the Kingston district. Mr. Robert Chalmers will go to the St. Lawrence valley, and westward to Lake Huron, to investigate wells and borings, for water gas, and petroleum. It is also intended to explore the region between Lake Nepigon and Lake St. Joe, the north shore of Lake Superior, north of Jackfish Bay, and Muskoka district. Mr. W. J. Wilson will go to the Valley of Abitibi river, and Mr. Frank Johnson, will go round Lake Abitibi and northward and eastward in conjunction with Mr. Wilson. Dr. Ami in the valley of the St. Lawrence west of Lake St. Francis, and the Ottawa valley west of Mattawa.

### WILL VISIT HUDSON'S BAY.

Mr. D. B. Dowling and Mr. James Macoun, will visit the district of Keewatin, in the region south-west of Cape Henrietta Marie, and will make a track survey of the Opazotika river. Mr. A. P. Low will visit the east coast of Hudson's bay, and the outside chain of islands in the eastern part of the bay. Prof. Bailey will continue his work in the south-west portion of New Brunswick, Dr. Hugh Fletcher, with Mr. McLeod and Mr. A. McKinnon, will be engaged in Annapolis, King's, and Cumberland counties, N. S., Dr. G. Matthews will collect fossils at Bras d'Or, while Mr. E. R. Fairbairn will survey in Halifax, Lunenburg, and King's counties.

### \$1,000,000 FOR RIFLES.

In the debate on the militia estimates, Dr. Borden stated that a million dollars had already been spent in purchasing 40,000 rifles for the militia, and as much more would still have to be spent for the same purpose. Under such circumstances he thought that care should be taken in distributing the rifles. The intention of the Government was that when rifle associations were formed, ten rifles should be distributed to each association. It was thought that this would be enough to meet all needs.

## MARKETS OF THE WORLD

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

Toronto, April 30.—Wheat—There was a good market here to-day. Exporters bought red and white Ontarios readily at 68c, low freights to New York. Quotations are as follows:—Red wheat, 68c; white wheat, 68c; No. 1 goose wheat, 67c, low freights to New York; Manitoba, No. 1 hard, old, g.i.t., 95c; No. 2, 91c; No. 1 hard, North Bay, 94c; and No. 2 hard, 90c. Millfeed—Tone easy. Ton lots, at the mill door, Western Ontario points sell as follows:—Bran, \$14; and shorts, \$15.

Corn—Strong. American No. 2 yellow, on track here, 50c; No. 3, 49c. Peas—In good demand, and higher; No. 2 middle freights, at 65 1-2c; and east at 66 1-2c.

Barley—A boom to-day. Cargoes of No. 2, at lake Ontario ports, would be taken at 49c. This is equal to 46 to 46 1-2c, east.

Rye—Steady. Car lots, 49c, west, and 50c east.

Buckwheat—Firm and scarce. Car lots, west, are quoted at 52c; and east at 54c.

Oats—Higher. No. 1 white oats, on the Midland, 31c; No. 1 white, west, are quoted at 30 1-2c.

Flour—Firm. Holders of 90 per cent. patents, buyers' bags, middle freights, ask \$2.65 per bbl. Exporters were bidding \$2.60.

Oatmeal—Firm. Car lots of rolled oats, in bags, on track, are quoted at \$3.35 per bbl; and in wood at \$3.45.

### PRODUCE.

Toronto, April 30.—Eggs. Situation unchanged. Demand is active, supplies large, and prices easy. Fresh continues to sell at 11c.

Poultry—Receipts light. Bright stock is quoted as follows:—Turkeys, 11 to 12c; geese at 8 to 8 1-2c; chickens, at 40 to 50c; and ducks, at 60 to 80c.

Potatoes—Easy at 27c for car lots, on track. Sales out of store are made at 35c.

Field produce, etc.—Turnips, out of store, 25c per bag; onions, \$1 to \$1.10 per bag; carrots, 35c per bag; parsnips, per bag, 35c; apples, per bbl., \$1 to \$2; sweet potatoes, per bbl., \$2.50. Dried apples—Dull. Dried apples are easy at 6 1-2c; evaporated at 5c.

Maple syrup—New run maple syrup firm. Receipts light. Five-gallon tins are quoted at \$1 per imperial gallon; and gallon tins at \$1.10 to \$1.15.

Honey—Stocks light. Dealers quote from 10 to 10 1-2c for 5, 10, or 60-lb. tins, according to size of order; comb honey sells at \$2 to \$2.25 for dark, and at \$2.50 to \$2.75 for choice clover, per dozen sections.

Hops—Quiet. Choice 1900 growth are quoted at 14 to 16c; and yearlings at 8 to 10c.

Beans—Quiet. Tone of prices easy. Ordinary white beans bring \$1.55 to \$1.60; choice hand-picked

beans are quoted at \$1.65 to \$1.70. Baled hay—Choice timothy, on track here, \$10.75; two-ton lots, delivered, \$11.50.

Straw—Car lots of straw, on track here, \$5.50 to \$6.

### DRESSED HOGS AND PROVISIONS.

Dressed hogs on the street are firm at \$8.25 to \$8.75. Car lots are quoted nominally at \$8 to \$8.25, on track here. Provisions are firm and in good demand. Dry salted shoulders are firmer. Lard is also firmer. The quotations are as follows:—Dry salted shoulders, 8 1-2c; long clear bacon, loose, in car lots, 10c; and in case lots, 10 1-4 to 10 1-2c; short cut pork, \$20 to \$20.50; heavy mess pork, \$19 to \$19.50.

Smoked meats—Hams, heavy, 12c, medium, 13c; light, 13 1-2c.

Lard—Pails, 10 3-4c; tubs, 10 1-2c; in tierces, 10 1-4c.

### LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Toronto, April 30.—At the western cattle yards this morning only 35 carloads of live stock came in, comprising 300 cattle, 600 hogs, 100 sheep and lambs, 70 calves, and a few milch cows.

A light run and a brisk demand kept prices steady. The market was a good one.

Export cattle sold well at unchanged prices. Good to choice fetched from 4 3-4 to 5 1-4c per lbs and light stuff from 4 1-4 to 4 5-8c per lb. All here sold.

In butcher cattle prices were firm, especially for the best stuff, which sold quickly at from 3 3-4 to 4 1-4c per lb; medium to good sold at from 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c per lb; and the remainder at from 2 1-2 to 3 1-4c per lb.

There was a fair demand for stockers, at from 2 7-8 to 3 3-8 per lb.

Export bulls were a slow sale to-day at from 3 1-2 to 4 1-4c per lb.

A few good calves are in demand. Very few cows came in, and they were of poor quality. A few good milch cows will sell.

Small stuffs being in unusually small supply, prices were steady and sales brisk.

Export ewes are worth from 3 1-2 to 4c per lb.

Spring lambs are worth from \$2 to \$5 each.

Butcher sheep are worth from \$3 to \$4.50 each.

"Barnyarders" are worth from 4 to 4 1-2c per lb.

Good grain-fed lambs fetch from 4 1-2 to 5 1-2c per lb.

Bucks are worth from 3 to 3 1-2c per lb.

There was no change in hogs.

"Singers" sell at 63-4c per pound thick fat and light hogs, at 61-4c per pound.

Hogs to fetch the top price must be of prime quality, and scale not below 160 nor above 200 pounds.

Following is the range of quotations:

Cattle.	
Shippers, per cwt. ...	\$4.25 \$5.25
Butcher, choice, do. ....	3.75 4.25
Butcher, ord., to good 3.50 3.75	
Butcher, inferior ...	2.75 3.25
Stockers, per cwt. ...	2.87 1-2 3.37 1-2
Export bulls, per cwt. 3.75 4.25	
Sheep and Lambs.	
Export ewes, per cwt. 3.50 4.00	
Butcher sheep, each. 2.00 4.50	
Lambs, g.f., per cwt. 4.50 5.50	
Do., b.y., per cwt. 4.00 4.50	
Do., spring, each. ....	2.00 5.00
Bucks, per cwt. ....	3.00 3.50
Milkers and Cows.	
Cows, each. ....	20.00 45.00
Calves, each. ....	1.00 8.00

Hogs.	
Choice hogs, per cwt. .	6.60 6.75
Light hogs, per cwt. .	6.15 6.25
Heavy hogs, per cwt. 0.00 6.25	
Sows, per cwt. ....	3.75 4.00
Stags, per cwt. ....	0.00 2.00

Chicago, April 30.—May corn scored another record advance to-day, closing 15-8c higher. Wheat closed 3-4c, and oats, 5-8c higher. Provisions at the close were 2 1-2 to 7 1-2c improved.

Buffalo, April 30.—Flour—Quiet but firm. Wheat—Spring, nothing done; spot in small lots held higher; No. 1 Northern, old, carloads, 84 3-4c; do., c.i.f., in store, 82 5-8c. Winter wheat—Offerings light, better enquiry; spot mixed wheat, 78c asked, on track; No. 2 red quoted at 79c. Corn—Dull; No. 2 yellow, 48 to 48 1-4c; No. 3 do., 47 3-4 to 48c; No. 2 corn, 47 3-4 to 48c; No. 3 do., 47 3-4c, through billed. Oats—Strong; No. 2 white clipped, 32c; No. 3 white, 31 3-4 to 32c; No. 2, mixed, 30c asked; No. 3 do., 29c, through billed. Barley—Dull; car good Western, on track, sold at 58c; to arrive lake, quoted at 68 to 63c. Rye—No. 2, on track, sold at 58c; No. 1 quoted at 60c.

## PRIEST'S BODY FOUND.

Mystery of Father Joly's Disappearance Cleared Up.

A despatch from Montreal says:—The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Father Joly has been solved by the finding of the priest's body on Saturday in the Lake of Two Mountains. The missing priest was stationed at St. Emelie, a small place in Joliette county. He disappeared last November, and after his disappearance it was found that he had large sums of money in the Montreal banks, and that shortly before his disappearance he had withdrawn \$2,000. The Archbishop of Montreal placed the case in the hands of Detective McCaskill, of the Quebec Provincial police, and as the result of a diligent search by Detective McCaskill's men, the body of the priest was found on Saturday in the Lake of Two Mountains.

It is generally believed that the priest committed suicide.