REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese, and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

ket continues to rule steady, al- tra, \$1.65 to \$1.70; rolled oats, \$1.though offerings are more liberal. 80 per bag, \$3.80 per bbl. Feedat 77% to 78c, low freights; No. 2 \$18.50; shorts, \$20 to \$21; Mani-Spring is quoted at 73c east, and toba bran, in bags, \$18; shorts, \$20; toba wheat unchanged. At upper per bush., \$1.40 to \$1.50 in car lake ports No. 1 Northern is quoted lots. Provisions-Heavy Canadian No. 1 hard nominal at 90c lake short cut, \$18 to \$18.50; American ports. For grinding in transit quo- short cut clear, \$17 to \$17.50; Amtations are 6c higher than above. | crican fat backs. \$18 to \$18.50;

freights.

52 to 521c middle freights.

Peas-Trade is dull, and prices unchanged. No. 2 white sold at 61c middle freights, and at 62c east.

Corn-The market is quiet, and prices steady. No. 2 yellow American quoted at 53%c, on track, Toronto; No. 3 yellow at 53c, and No. 8 mixed at 52c, Toronto.

Buckwheat-The market is firm, with fair demand. No. 2 quoted at 42 to 43c middle freights.

Flour-Ninety per cent. patents are steady at \$3.05 middle freights, in buyers' sacks, for export. Straight rollers of special brands, for domestic trade, quoted at \$3.40 to \$3.50 in bbls. Manitoba flours are steady; No. 1 patents, \$4.55 to \$4.60; 2 patents, \$4.25 to \$4.30, strong bakers', \$4.15 to \$4.20 track, Toronto.

Millfeed-Bran steady at \$16.50 and shorts at \$18.50 here. At outside points bran is quoted at \$13.50 to \$14, and shorts at \$17.50. Manitoba bran in sacks, \$18, and shorts at \$20 here.

### COUNTRY PRODUCE.

at \$2 to \$2.50 in small quantities.

Beans-There is a quiet trade, with ted at \$1.65 to \$1.70 per bush.

Dried Apples-The demand is fair, with prices unchanged at 41 to 5c per Ib.

Hops-The market is firm at 29 to

Honey-The market is quiet at 6 to 7s per Ib. for bulk, and at \$1.25 to \$2 for comb. Choice clover honey, 7 to 7½c per Ib.

Hay-Demand is fair, with receipts only moderate. No. 1 timothy quomixed at \$6.50 to \$7.

per ton for car lots on track.

bag for good quality.

Chickens, 81 to 9c per 1b., or 70 to per cwt. 85c per pair; old hens, 50c per pair.

### THE DAIRY MARKETS.

good, but the supplies of choice qualities are limited. Prices generally are firm. We quote'- Finest 1-lb. rolls, 19 to 20c; choice large rolls, 16 to 17½c; selected, dairy tubs, 17 to 17%c; secondary grades, 13 to 14c; creamery prints, 22 to 23c; solids, 19 to 20c.

Eggs-Market firm. We quote:-Strictly new laid, 24 to 25c; fresh store gathered, 21c; cold storage, 19c; limed, 18c.

Cheese-Market quiet but steady. We quote. - Finest, 11 to 111c, the latter for twins; seconds, 101 to 104c.

### HOG PRODUCTS.

Dressed hogs are unchanged, with offerings liberal. Sales at \$6 delivered here. Cured meats unchanged, with a fair demand. We quote:-Bacon, long clear, 10c in ton and case lots. Mess pork, \$17; do. short cut, \$19 to \$19.50.

Smoked meats-Hams, light to medium, 13 to 131c; do., heavy, 12 to 12½c; rolls, 10½ to 11c; shoulders, 91 to 101c; backs, 14 to 15c; breakfast bacon, 14 to 144c.

Lard-The market is quiet, with prices steady. We quote:- Tierces, 81c; tubs 81c; pails, 9c; compound 8 to 9c.

### BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 1.-Manitoba wheat is steady at 79c for No. 1 Northern, Fort William. The local demand for dats is slow, and there is none at all for other grains, so that quota-

714 to 72c affoat here; rye, 53c east and 58c afloat here; buckwheat, 52c afloat; No. 2 oats, 351 to 351c in INVESTIGATION store, 34c affoat; No.3, 1c less; flaxseed, \$1.15 on track here; No. 3 bar-\$4.60; seconds, \$4.30; strong bakers', \$4.05 to \$4.30; Ontario straight rollers, \$3.90 to \$4; in bags, \$1.85 Toronto, Dec. 1 .- Wheat-The mar- to \$1.95; patents, \$4 to \$4.25; ex-Oats-The market is quiet, with the compound lard, 8c; Canadian lard, 8

### UNITED STATES MARKETS.

In bulk, \$13.25.

ber, 77%c; May, 79c.

Buffalo, Dec. 1.—Flour—Steady. Wheat-Unsettled; No. 1 Northern, 85%c; Winter, offerings light; No. red 86c. Corn-Quiet; No. 2 yellow, 521c; No. 2 corn 501c. Oats-No- the nature of the impurities contain- Larvae Covered Rails and Clogged thing doing. Barley-52 to 63c. Rye -No. 1 in store, 59c.

### LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

chers', exporters' and short-keep 90 per cent as second grade; feeders was brisk at the Western samples containing less than 80 per Market to-day, and values were high- cent as low grade. It may er than before. Sheep and lambs pointed out that no sample of Alike Apples-The market is quiet, with were in good demand, and although containing 90 per cent or over prices steady. Winter fruit quoted at the offerings were free all were sold pure and germinable seed was \$1.75 to \$2 per bbl. in car lots, and early. Hogs were weak in price. tained in the province of Qubec. with a lower tendency.

prices steady. Prime beans are quo- readily and prices held strong. Sev- these eighty-four contained 90 per ered with caterpillars, particularly per cwt. Quotations were as fol- able seeds. Seventy-two of those the wheels of the engine and train fair and medium loads, \$3.25 to \$3.- 5,000, and sixteen contained 50; common, \$2.75 to \$3; rough and than 10,000. inferior, \$2 to \$2.50; canners, \$1.75 Out of one hundred and thirty-six to \$2 per cwt.

on light receipts, while common to over of pure and germinable and consequently were all sold early. than 1,000 weed seeds per pound; ted at \$9.50 on track, Toronto, and We quote :- Export cows, 1,200 to sixty-seven contained fewer than 1,300 lbs, \$3.12} to \$3.60; cows. 5,000, and twenty-two contained Straw—The market is quiet at \$5 800 to 1,100 lbs, \$2.40 to \$3.10: more than 10.000. rough cows, \$1.75 up.

firmer, with receipts light. Cars on ers and stockers was the brisk de- dealers and of these eighty samples track are quoted at 58 to 60c per mand for the best descriptions. Quo- contained 90 per cent or over of tations follow :- Heavy feeders, 1,200 pure and germinable seed. Sixty-Poultry-The demand is fair, and to 1,300 lbs, \$4 to \$4.25; feeders, five of them contained fewer than offerings moderate. Turkeys are 950 to 1,100 lbs, \$3.50 to \$4; feed- 1,000 weed seeds per pound, one hunquoted at 10 to 12c per Ib., and ers, 800 to 950 lbs, \$3.25 to \$3.50; dred and twenty-five contain fewer geese at 7 to 8c per Ib.; ducks, 9 to stockers, 600 to 800 lbs, \$2.50 to than 5,000, and forty-four contained tan of Turkey recently instituted 10c per 1b., or 85 to 90c per pair. \$3; stock calves, 400 lbs up, \$2.25 more than 10,000.

\$2 to \$3 each.

and 34 to 51c per lb.

Milch cows were firm at \$30 to \$71 J. Armstrong for an extra fine cow Hogs were unchanged, but the prospects were that prices would go lower. We quote :- Selects, 160 to 200 lbs. of prime bacon quality, per cwt.

### PORTABLE HOUSES.

Panama Firm Expects to Them in Canada.

portable houses. This is evidently foreign seeds. an indication that active operations upon the Panama Canal will shortly be resumed. During the De Lesseps regime many portable houses were required for the officers and men on slightly lower in per cent of purity the different sections. These are rethan those which were said to have ported to be in ruins, and Canada is been grown in England and Chile. being appealed to for new houses The average per cent. of purity of to take the place of the old ones. the five Canadian grown samples The accommodation required is for was 96.7 and the average per cent. some twenty to fifty men in each of vitality 93.6. bouse.

### AN ALL-CANADIAN RAILWAY

B. C. Government Favors a Line to the Yukon.

Poultry is still scarce, and the de-the adverse decision on the Alaska for t'e home trade.

# mand continues good. Grain-Peas, RESULTS ARE SURPRISING

SEEDS FOR 1903.

ley, 50c. Flour-Manitoba patents, Secured From Merchants and Tested in the Seed Laboratory, Ottawa.

The continued investigation into the conditions under which agricultural seeds are sold in Canada has No. 2 white and red Winter quoted Ontario bran, in bulk, \$17.50 to been given a rather extensive scope during 1903. The report of the work done by the Seed Division dur-No. 2 goose at 70 to 71c east. Mani- beans, choice primes, \$1.50 to \$1.55 ing 1902 was published in Bulletin, No. 8. In the spring of the current year, one thousand one hundred at 85c, and No. 2 Northern at 821c. short cut pork, \$19.50 to \$20; light and twelve samples of grass, clover, flax, cereal, root crop and garden vegetables seeds were secured from merchants in all parts of Canada teaming between the camp and Kamand tested in the Seed Laboratory, Ottawa. In addition to these, one They were without shees and apparfeeling easier. No. 2 white is quot- to 81c; kettle rendered, 101c; hams, hundred and twenty-five samples of ently demented. Their clothing was ed at 281c west, and at 29c low 111 to 13c; bacon, 14c; fresh killed grass and clover seeds were analysed torn, and when discovered they yellfreights to New York. No. 1 white abattoir hogs, \$7.25; country dress- for farmers and seed merchants. ed like Indians, and made off into ed hogs, \$6.50; live hogs, \$5. Eggs With each sample obtained for in- the woods. Barley-The market is dull, with -Candled selected; 24 to 25c; vestigation, information was enthe prices steady. No. 2 quoted at straight receipts, 21c; Montreal lim- closed giving the name of the dealer telegraphed for, and went out, but 43c middle freights. No. 3 extra at ed, 19c. Cheese-Ontario, 10 to 11c; and the place where it was sold, the returned without doing anything to 40c, and No. 3 at 38 to 39c middle Townships, 101 to 108c; Quebec, 91c. price per pound or per bushel and locate them, and they were left Butter-Townships creamery, 211 to the origin of the seed. In this con- running wild in the woods without Rye-The market is quiet, with 211c; Quebec, 201 to 21c; Western nection it is interesting to note that clothing in zero weather. Searching prices steady. Cars are quoted at dairy, 15 to 17c; Western rolls, 17 the prices paid by farmers for grass parties from the camps were deand clover seeds were no guide to spatched, and one of the men found the actual value of the samples. The badly frozen but still alive. Though average prices per one hundred in a terrible condition, and his clothpounds of Timothy, Alsike, and Red ing nearly all gone, he was brought Minneapolis, Dec. 1.-Wheat-De- Clover seeds, as shown by the in- to Fort William, and taken to the cember, 783c; May, 80c; on track, formation cards received with the hospital, where it was ascertained No. 1 hard, 811c; No. 1 Northern, samples, have been calculated, and his named was Burns. But slight 801c; No. 2 Northern, 781c; No. 3 the results are somewhat surprising. hopes are entertained for his recov-Northern, 73 to 751c. Flour-First If these are to be taken as a fair ery. The other man was found on patents, \$4.65 to \$4.75; second, do., average, we find that in Ontario, Wednesday afternoon in the wood, \$4.55 to \$4.65; first clears, \$3.40; first grade Timothy sold for \$5.39 dead. They had apparently second, do., \$2.30 to \$2.40. Bran- per hundred; second grade for \$6.24 their way, and through cold and and lower grades for \$5.52. In Que- hunger, their minds became unbal-Duluth, Dec. 1 .- Wheat-To arrive bec first grade Red Clover averaged anced, though when found they were -No. 1 hard, 79%c; No. 1 Northern, \$15.50; second grade \$12.55, and within a few miles of civilization. 77%c; No. 2 Northern, 75%c; Decem- lower grades \$15.15. In the Mari- The dead man has not yet been identime Provinces Alsike of the best tified. Wm. Burns, who was rescugrade sold for an average of \$17.00; ed, came from Newcastle, Ont. second grade \$16.50, and lower grades \$16.45 per hundred pounds. IN THOSE CALCULATIONS

ed in the samples was, of course, not taken into consideration. Samples containing 90 per cent. or over of good seed were rated as first grade; Toronto, Dec. 1 .- Business in but- samples containing between 80 and

Two hundred and six samples Butchers' cattle continued to sell Timothy seed were analysed and of which the mail train passed was coveral choice loads were sold at \$4.25 cent or over of pure and germin- near Cootamundra. lows :- Choice butchers', 1,000 to samples contained fewer than 1,000 became absolutely clogged with the 1,100 lbs., \$4 to \$4.25; good loads, weed seeds per lb., one hundred and crushed bodies of the larvae, and the 950 to 1,050 lbs, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sixty-two contained fewer than train came to a standstill. Though

samples of Alsike that were analysed Trade in export cows was steady only six contained 90 per cent or fair butchers' were not very plentiful Eighteen of them contained fewer

Two hundred and six samples of Potatoes-The market is a trifle The feature of the market for feed- Red Clover were obtained from small

Trade in sheep and lambs was proportion of those samples obtain- ried dismay to the hearts of the brisk, and prices were firm. We quote ed for investigation were purchased beauty experts of Constantinople. -Export ewes, \$3.25 to \$3.40; ex- from irresponsible dealers in villages Abdul Hamid, on learning that port bucks, \$2.50 to \$2.75; lambs, and small towns. The reliable seed great majority of cosmetics and pom-Butter-Trade continues fairly \$3.75 to \$4,25 per cwt., and culls. houses retail large quantities of high ades were mixed with pork and lard, class seeds, but a comparatively immediately put the royal prohibi-Calves sold at \$2 to \$10 each, small number of samples were ob- tion upon the sale of such impurity, tained direct from these large firms. and invoked the command of the The percentage of samples of good Koran, bidding the faithful to each. The latter figure was paid by quality would have been much greater if this had been done.

SEEDS FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

Seven samples of Alsike and fourteen of Red Clover seeds were ob-\$3.25 to \$3.50, and stags \$2 to \$3 tained from retail seedsmen in Great Britain. Of these, three of Alsike and five of Red Clover were said to be Canadian grown. The analyses es. of the Canadian Alsike showed an average of 95.6 per cent of pure and germinable seeds. The average of the three samples of Alsike which An Ottawa despatch says: The De- were said to be English grown was partment of Trade and Commerce 94.27 per cent, and the one German has received a letter from a firm at grown sample included in the lot Colon, Isthmus of Panama, asking contained 84.72 per cent of pure Inland Revenue Department has recto be placed in communication with and germinable seeds. The latter ently concluded the analysis of whissome firm in Canada manufacturing sample contained thirteen species of kies and brandies sold throughout

> teen samples of Red Clover seeds in Great B itain was 98.6 and the average germination 92.3 per cent. The Canadian grown samples were

Comparing the quality of the Canadian grown seed obtained from retail dealers in Great Britain with that of the samples purchased from retail dealers in Canada, it would seem that much of our best recleaned Alsike and Red Clover seed is Russians Have Completed Survey tions are nominal. The Cheese Mar- A Victoria, B.C., despatch says: exported. While it is desirable that ket continues dull and prices un- The speech from the throne at the the reputation of Canadian grown changed. The Butter 'Market is opening of the British Columbia Leg- seeds be maintained in European

Englishmen Became Demented by He Owns Property Worth Over Cold and Hunger.

A Port Arthur, Ont., despatch says :- A frightful story comes from Kaministique, a station 20 miles west of here on the C. P. R. Four Englishmen arrived there Thursday of Kelly and Close, some 12 miles distant, where they were to get employment. Two of the men, for some reason, returned and took the train to Fort William, the other two had dinner at Charles Greer's camp, some four miles en route to Kelly and Close's. They left there on their way, but never reached their destination. Sunday some men in the employ of Charles Greer, while inistique, saw two men in the bush.

The police of Fort William were

### STOPPED BY CATERPILLARS

Engine's Wheels.

A Sydney despatch says: mail train from the Southern States arrived here the other day an hour late. This delay was due to a most extraordinary cause. It appears that in several parts of New South Wales the caterpillars this year have found such an abundance of food that ob- they have multiplied to an alarming extent, and assumed the proportions of of a plague. Part of the line over At this point the locomotive's sanding-gear was in good order, it was found to be entirely inadequate to counteract the effect caused by this strange obstruction, and the driver, as a last resource, tied some sacking on to the cowcatcher, and after several efforts succeeded in starting the train. For the rest of the journey this device cleared the track of caterpillars as the train proceeded.

## SULTAN'S BAN ON SOAP.

All Toilet Articles Containing Lard is Forbidden.L

reform which was not prompted It is well to note that a large the Austro-Russian scheme. It carjure all things appertaining to pig. The manufacturers of soap and other toilet articles were notified that only such as were exempt from all suspicion would be acceptable. Small merchants trading with other countries are buying up all the exist- el. ing stocks in Turkey at cheap pric-

## NO ADULTERATION.

Analysis of Canada's Brandies and Whiskies.

An Ottawa despatch says: The Canada, and the examination failed The average purity of the four- to show the presence of any poisonous adulteration. The analysists looked especially for alkaloids like morphine and quinine, but have not found that they are used in the liquors either of domestic manufacture or imported from abroad that are consumed in this country. the collection of samples the department officials were instructed to be sure and take those of which they had any suspicion. So the tests include practically all the brands whose quality might be questioned.

of the Line.

quiet, with a fair local demand. The islature on Thursday afternoon re- markets, it is no less important that The survey has been completed for a his cellar to a storehouse in the rear, stocks of butter being held in the commended the pushing forward of Canadian farmers should not be railroad from Kiakhta, Siberia, to and in disconnecting the parts city at present are very light for this an all-Canadian railway from some further contaminated by the weed Pekin, by way of Ougou. The length brought a lamp too close. An extime of year. Western rolls in pack- point on the British Columbia coast seeds remaining in the screenings and of the road will be about 1,000 plosion at once followed. Mr. Webages of about 30 pounds sell at 18c. to the Yukon, this step being due to lower grades of seeds which are left miles. It will give a short cut to er, Mr. J. Tilley, and Mr. Manvert the Chinese capital.

### MEN RAN WILD IN WOODS. FARMER IS PROSPEROUS.

\$1,000,000,000.

A Toronto despatch says :- The farmers of Ontario are in an unusually prosperous condition just now, according to the annual report of the Provincial Bureau of Industries. and started to walk to the camp There were 15,684 mortgages recorded last year, valued at \$10,890, 615, to secure existing debts, and 142, valued at \$1,099,158, for future endorsation, whereas seven years ago 21,789 mortgages were registered. The number of chattel mortgages issued against farmers last year was 7,235, the smallest in ten years. The aggregate of these mortgages was \$2,850. In 1895 the mortgages were 12,288, over 5,000 more than last year and represented \$3,767,646.

The total values of farm property in 1902 were :-

Land .....\$604,860,063 Buildings ...... 237,289,668 Implements ... ... 62,199,787 Live Stock ..... 140,544,814

Total ......\$1,044,894,332 The number of cheese factories was 1,127, a decrease of 50, and they manufactured cheese to the value of \$14,792,924 and paid to patrons for milk \$13,153,255.

Farm values and rentals in Ontario were :- Average value of land per acre, \$25.49, and average holdings of improvements and live stock in proportion to acres cleared, \$32.43. The average rental for cleared land was \$2.47 per acre.

The total value of live stock sold In 1902 was \$53,083,396.

The ratios of acres under crop totalled 639.5.

The total acreage of assessed land was 23,727,010, of which 57.2 per cent. was cleared.

# MAY BE EATEN BY WOLVES

F. X. Guertin, an Ottawa Woods. man, Missing.

An Ottawa despatch says: The inference drawn from a letter received in the city on Thursday is that F. X. Guertin of Ottawa, the woodsman who disappeared from a camp above Mattawa some weeks ago, has met a terrible death. The letter was received by Mr. P. Mullin from his brother-in-law, Wm. Burns, who was employed in the same camp as Guertin. Burns and Guertin were members of a gang engaged by Fraser & Co. to work on one of their camps during the winter. Guertin had strange hallucinations and one night he left the camp, presumably to return to his home in Ottawa. He was not seen afterwards, and as he did not arrive at his home a search was made for him. Burns stated in the letter that in company with two Indians he searched the country about the camp for a couple of weeks, but no traces of Guertin could be had. The Indians, who were well acquainted with the country, expressed the belief that Guertin had been run down and devoured by wolves that overrun the district.

### SPREE ENDS IN MURDER.

Finlander Dies of Wound Received

at Michel, B.C. A Fernie, B.C., despatch says: Johnson, a Finlander, died on Monday from the effect of a wound received four weeks ago in a drunken A London despatch says: The Sul- fight at Michel. Edward Heriel is a held on the charge of murder. Johnby son's wound was caused by a stone, evidently thrown with violence, which broke a small hole in the skull above the right eye, exposing the brain. The occasion of the fight was a big spree among a number of Finlanders, in which deceased did not take a prominent part. A number of inmates of the house were knocked out, and when the constable visited the place he found evidence of a genuine drunken fight in broken bottles and unconscious victims lying around. The most injured, however, was the man Johnson. The police secured an ante-mortem statement, fixing the blame upon Edward Heri-

### A STRICKEN TOWN.

Thirteen Hundred Persons Have Typhoid.

A Butler, Pa., despatch says: Since the 15th of September this town has had over 1,300 cases of typhoid and fifteen deaths. One death was reported on Saturday, and new cases continue to develop. The State Board of Health have issued a statement, in which they say the cause is the pollution of the drinking water used in the greater part of the borough. In response to appeals doctors and nurses are arriving on every train, but domestic help to wash the clothes and bedding of the patients is as badly needed as nurses. Three deaths occurred on Sunday from

## GAS EXPLODED.

Three men Burned in Store Cellar at Wiarton.

A Wiarton despatch says: The list of accidents through acctylene gas has increased by an explosion in the store of E. D. Weber, on Thursday. Mr. Weber, with several oth-A St. Petersburg despatch says: ers, was removing the gas plant from were hadly burned.