

CANADA AT CHICAGO SHOW

Two of the Highest Honors Go to Ontario Breeders.

A despatch from Chicago says: Two of the highest honors awarded on Wednesday night at the International Live Stock Show went to Graham Brothers, of Claremont, Canada, whose stallions, Colorado and Dalton King, won the four-year-old and three-year-old hackney stallion contests. The former defeated the famous Prickwillow Connaught, an imported stallion, owned by the Truman Pirner Stock Farm, of Bushnell, Ill., which won a blue ribbon at the recent Chicago Horse Show.

Right Forward, a four-year-old, belonging to Graham Brothers, of Claremont, Ont., won the stallion championship among the Clydesdales, from a field which comprised some of the best-known breeders in the United States and Canada.

Another Canadian entry, Lanark Queen, won the mare championship. This animal is also a four-year-old, and is the property of Graham, Renfrew Company, Limited, Bedford Park, Ontario.

The world's prize hog, weighing 600 pounds, which was awarded the blue ribbon on Wednesday at the International Exposition, was so fat that it could not walk. Just after the "porker" had been awarded the honors it was started on its way to Morris and Company's plant to be slaughtered. It was bred in Minnesota.

King Edward VII. of England, as an exhibitor, captured a first prize, when his shire stallion Prem on Thursday won from Lord Rothschild's stallion, Girton Charming.

STUDENTS BURNED TO DEATH.

Four Perished in Destruction of Cornell Chapter House.

A despatch from Ithaca, N. Y., says: Seven persons met a tragic death on Friday morning in the most disastrous holocaust which ever visited Cornell University. Three of the victims were volunteer firemen of the City of Ithaca, and four of them were students of Cornell University. The firemen were all prominent in this city. They were A. S. Robinson, attorney; John Rumsey, hardware merchant, and Esty Landon, a salesman. The students were O. L. Schmuck, of Hanover, Pa.; F. W. Greele, of South Orange, N. J.; H. W. Nichols, of Chicago, and J. M. McCutcheon, of Pittsburg. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The entire first floor of the Chi Psi Chapter House raged with flames under the strong north-west wind, and the students were trapped in the dormitory on the third floor. Many of the boys jumped to safety, while those who hesitated were carried to the ground by the falling walls. The money loss is nearly \$200,000.

The firemen killed were manipulating a hose on the north side of the building when the wall collapsed on them and pinned them to slowly roast under the burning debris. When the fire department arrived on the scene the screams of two men appearing in the windows of the south-west tower, over the main entrance, were heard. For some reason the men hesitated to jump from their burning prison, and while the firemen watched the scene, almost paralyzed with horror, the tower collapsed, and the men were buried beneath the ruins.

The university is paralyzed by the catastrophe. It is the most terrible disaster in its loss of life that has ever taken place at Cornell.

STRIKE OF GOLD AT COBALT.

Blast in Kinler Shaft Disclosed the Precious Metal.

A despatch from New Liskeard says: The keenest excitement prevailed among Temiskaming and Hudson Bay shareholders here on Saturday as the result of a strike of gold on Friday on the company's Cobalt property in what is known as the Kinler shaft. The assays show \$151 to the ton in gold and \$6 in silver in a vein six feet in thickness. A draft was being carried towards the townsite property on the 50-foot level, and had progressed about 80 feet, when a blast carried the men into a soft mud-like substance.

Assays had been showing gold for some time, and when the chance information was reached an assay was at once decided on. In the muddy material could be seen fine pieces of quartz and tiny particles of free gold. The vein is within ten feet of the township property, and on Friday the manager of the Township Company was accorded the privilege of an examination in his neighbor's shaft.

A new cotton mill is to be built at Shawinigan Falls.

In Medicine Hat the hospital ambulance is free for the use of ratepayers.

CARS COLLIDE IN MONTREAL

Several Passengers Were Injured, Two Will Die.

A despatch from Montreal says: A bad street car accident happened on Thursday night on the Bleury Street line, one of the main lines of the city. Two cars crowded with passengers were going north on Bleury Street when the fuse of the first car blew out and the brakes refused to work. The result was that the front car crashed into the rear one and in the collision several people were injured more or less seriously.

Joseph Boucher, a 14-year-old boy, received what are expected to prove fatal injuries, having one leg cut off and the

other leg broken. He is at the hospital and in a critical condition. Several other passengers received serious injuries and a number were injured to a minor extent. A blinding snowstorm was raging at the time, rendering car traffic very difficult.

The seriously injured are: Joseph Boucher, aged 14, messenger lad, leg cut off at knee and compound fracture of other leg, will die; Joseph Bolvin, conductor of street car, concussion of the brain, serious; Samuel Moren, both legs broken; Manie O'Donnell, back hurt; Florence O'Donnell, ankle hurt; Ethel Williams, bad scalp wound.

ELEVATOR "D" DAMAGED.

The C. P. R. Suffers Heavy Loss at Fort William.

A despatch from Port Arthur, Ont., says: One of the most spectacular fires that has been witnessed on the lake for some time occurred in Fort William on Friday morning, when the working house of elevator "D" of the C. P. R. elevator system, the largest single grain elevator in the world, was burned to the ground. The fire was first discovered a few minutes after eleven by Mr. J. Smith, who has charge of the motors in the building. In a few minutes the whole working house was a mass of flames, and the fire was shooting into the air for a hundred feet.

Both the railway and city fire brigades answered to the alarm turned in at 11, but owing to the fact that there is not a hydrant within several blocks of the elevator the firemen were powerless to cope with the flames, and the building, which was of wood, was reduced to a heap of smouldering debris within one hour after the alarm was sounded. The storage house is entirely of steel, and that saved the main structure. The loss is about \$175,000. The heat was so intense that the row of four large steel tanks abutting the frame workhouse melted down under its influence. The engine-house, of stone and wood, was gutted, and the machinery badly damaged.

There was no wheat whatever in the portion of the elevator burned; in fact, the house at the present time is almost empty of grain, there being but a few thousand bushels in tanks adjacent, and was used largely for the storage of grain sent down from the West to be held. It was to this elevator that the winter wheat was consigned, and while it was used for shipping also, it was not depended upon so much as some of the other houses.

WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH.

Found Partly Charred With Wounds on the Head.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Shortly before midnight on Saturday night the fire department was called out for an alarm of fire at 279 Slater Street, a small shack, occupied by a teamster named George Ladouceur, which was found to be on fire. A few minutes sufficed to extinguish the flames. When Chief Provost entered the building he found the partly charred remains of a woman lying in the hallway. They proved to be those of a Mrs. Blanchet, aged 35, who had been living with Ladouceur. There were two marks upon her head and face, made evidently with a sharp instrument, and Coroner Baple felt warranted in ordering Ladouceur's arrest. From the reports of neighbors it would seem that the couple had been drinking during the evening, and it is said Ladouceur, after a quarrel, struck Mrs. Blanchet, who had a lamp in her hand at the time. As she fell the lamp broke to pieces, setting fire to the house. Ladouceur fled, and the woman was burned to death.

SMALLPOX IS RAGING.

Springhill District, N. S., Is Strictly Quarantined.

A despatch from Halifax says: The smallpox situation in Cumberland county has assumed so serious a phase that a special danger order has been issued by District Superintendent Jarvis of the Intercolonial Railway at the request of the Board of Health of Cumberland county, that no persons will be allowed to leave Springhill without a permit from the Chairman of the Board of Health stating that the traveller has been successfully vaccinated and has not been exposed to the contagion of smallpox. Each person presenting a ticket at Springhill Junction must be in possession of this permit. Doctors will travel on trains between Springhill Junction and Macaan. An accurate estimate of the number of cases of disease in Cumberland is about six hundred, of which one-half are in and near Springhill Mines.

HAMILTON STRIKE SETTLED.

New Schedule, But Same Wages—Both Sides Satisfied.

A despatch from Hamilton says: The members of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, who were arbitrators in the dispute between the street railway company and its employees, made known their award shortly after noon on Thursday. While both the company and the men say that they are satisfied with the award and have signed an agreement based on the board's findings, it is practically the same as the award of the three men who arbitrated on the points in dispute before the strike was ordered. The men were allowed the same wages that they got under the original award, but there is a difference in the schedule of hours, and the men say that it was a new schedule that they were fighting for and that having got it they are perfectly satisfied.

PANIC FOLLOWED EXPLOSION.

Girls Crushed or Burned in Match Factory.

A despatch from Indianapolis says: Eight girls were perhaps fatally burned and crushed in a panic caused by an explosion in a match factory in West Indianapolis on Wednesday.

CAPTAIN FROZEN TO DEATH

Furious Gales and Bad Wrecks in the Bay of Fundy.

A despatch from Halifax says: Two serious wrecks as a result of Tuesday night's furious gale are reported from the Bay of Fundy coast. The American schooner Emma A. Harvey struck at Sloan's Cove, eight miles east of Digby Gut, at 6.30, and immediately went to pieces. Her captain and crew, already frost-bitten, were washed overboard, and with the exception of one seaman, whose body cannot be found, got ashore safely, and are in the woods. The master, Captain Berry, became exhausted, and froze to death before aid could reach him. The second mate finally found a house occupied by colored people, where the remainder of the crew were cared for.

The American schooner Rebecca W. Huddell, Captain Scott, from Salem,

Mass., for St. John, narrowly escaped a similar fate. On Saturday night she encountered a severe gale, with rough weather, and lost a foresail, a new jib, and split the other sails. At the same time one of the anchors was washed off the bow, carrying everything forward. At 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, when the weather cleared, the captain saw Point Prim and the Nova Scotia coast. To be there longer and drag ashore meant destruction of the vessel and sure death for all the crew. Captain Scott therefore slipped his anchors, and fortunately succeeded in getting to Digby Gut, with a piece of the mainsail gaff topsail used as a foresail, and two headsails. His vessel was now unmanageable, and was soon driven ashore, but the crew are safe.

LEADING MARKETS

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—Winter wheat—No. 2 white, 70c bid east of Toronto; No. 2 mixed, 70½c asked outside. Barley—No. 3 extra, 50c asked outside. Oats—No. 2 white, 36½c asked, 6c rate to Toronto; 36c bid, 36½c asked f. o. b. 70 per cent. points; No. 2 mixed, 38c asked to arrive Toronto. Bran—Very firm at \$20; shorts, \$18 to \$19, at the mills. Peas—No. 2, 80c bid, 82c asked, C.P.R. or G. T. R. west; 83c asked, C.P.R. or G.T.R. west. Wheat—Manitoba, No. 1 hard, \$2½c; No. 1 northern, 81c; No. 2 northern, 78½c. Buckwheat—No. 1, 55½c; No. 2, 53c bid. Rye—70c to 71c. Corn—Good demand; No. 2 American (old), 55c, Toronto freight; No. 3 yellow, 51½c, Toronto freight. Flour—Slow; prices unchanged; Ontario \$2.70 asked for 90 per cent. patents, for export; buyers' bags outside, \$2.65 bid, Manitoba, first patents, \$4.50; seconds, \$4; bakers', \$3.90.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Receipts continue easier, especially creameries, but with a very brisk demand prices are holding firm. Creamery ... 25c to 26c do solids ... 23c to 24c Dairy prints ... 22c to 23c do pails ... 19c to 20c do tubs ... 18c to 20c Inferior ... 17c to 18c Cheese—Prices are 13½c for large and 14c for twins. Eggs—New laid, 30c; storage, 23c; limed, 21c to 22c. Poultry—Choice poultry will bring about 1c. per lb. more than prices quoted here. Chickens, dressed ... 8c to 10c Fowl ... 6c to 7c Ducks ... 9c to 11c Geese ... 8c to 10c Turkeys ... 12c to 13c Potatoes—Ontario quoted at 55c to 60c per bag, in car lots here eastern. 63c to 70c. Baled Hay—\$11 for No. 1 timothy and \$8.50 to \$9 for No. 2, in car lots here.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—The local market for oats continues firm in tone and prices are unchanged. Buckwheat—56c to 56½c per bushel ex store. Corn—American No. 2 yellow, 56½c to 57c; No. 3 mixed, 55½c to 56c ex store. Oats—On spot, No. 2 white, 42½c; No. 3 white, 41½c to 42c; No. 4, 40c to 41c per bushel ex store. Peas—Boiling peas, \$1 in carload lots and \$1.10 in jobbing lots. Flour—Manitoba spring wheat, \$4.25 to \$4.60; strong bakers', \$3.90 to \$4.10; winter wheat patents, \$4.10 to \$4.25; straight rollers, \$3.60 to \$3.70; do., in bags, \$1.65 to \$1.75; extras, \$1.50 to \$1.55. Millfeed—Manitoba bran in bags, \$19 to \$20; shorts, \$21.50 to \$22; Ontario bran in bags, \$18.50 to \$19; shorts, \$21.50 to \$22; milled mouille, \$21 to \$25; straight grain, \$28 to \$29 per ton. Rolled Oats—Per bag, \$1.95 to \$2 in car lots and \$2.10 in jobbing lots. Hay—No. 1, \$13 to \$13.50; No. 2, \$12 to \$12.50; No. 3, \$11 to \$11.50; clover

mixed, \$11; pure clover, \$10.50 to \$11 per ton in car lots. Provisions—Barrels short cut mess, \$22 to \$24; half barrels, \$11.75 to \$12.50; clear fat backs, \$23.50; long cut heavy, mess, \$20.50; half barrels do., \$10.75; dry salt long clear bacon, 12½c to 13½c; barrels plate beef, \$12 to \$13; half barrels do., \$6.50 to \$7; barrels heavy mess beef, \$11; half barrels do., \$6; compound lard, 8c to 9½c; pure lard, 12½c to 13c; kettle rendered, 13½c to 14c; hams, 14c to 15½c, according to size; breakfast bacon, 15c to 16c; Windsor bacon, 15c to 16½c; fresh killed spot-dressed hogs, \$5.25; alive, \$6.00 to \$6.80. Eggs—Receipts of eggs were four cases. Market is firm at 25c for selects and 20c to 21c for No. 1 candled and cold-storage.

BUFFALO MARKET.

Buffalo, Dec. 11.—Flour—Steady. Wheat—Spring, light demand; No. 1 Northern, 87½c; Winter firm; No. 2 white, 78½c. Corn—Steady; No. 2 yellow, 52c; No. 2 corn, 50c. Oats—Firm; No. 2 white, 38½c; No. 2 mixed, 36½c. Barley—Firm; 52 to 58c. Rye—Stronger; No. 1 North-Western, 78c.

NEW YORK WHEAT MARKET.

New York, Dec. 11.—Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red, 80½c elevator; No. 2 red, 82½c f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, 84½c c.i.f. Buffalo; No. 2 hard winter, 78½c c.i.f. Buffalo.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—Deliveries of cattle were moderate. Hogs were firmer, and sheep and lambs were unchanged. Some picked lots of heifers sold as high as \$4.65 per cwt. Best butchers', selected lots, \$4.40 to \$4.65; fair to good, \$4.15 to \$4.35; medium to fair, \$3.65 to \$4.10; good cows, \$3.60 to \$4; fair cows, \$3 to \$3.25; common to medium butchers' and cows, \$2.50 to \$2.85; canners, \$1 to \$1.25; canning bulls, \$1.50 to \$1.80 per cwt. The common report of no business doing in exporters' was made by dealers to-day. For fairly good animals, \$4.25 to \$4.35 per cwt. was obtainable. Steady and unchanged values were recorded in sheep and lambs. Lambs, \$5.25 to \$6.10; export ewes, \$4.50 to \$4.75; export bucks and culls, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt. Milch cows were worth \$25 to \$60 each, according to quality. Hogs were sold at \$6.40 for selects, and \$6.15 per cwt. for lights and fats. Shortkeeps, \$3.40 to \$4.10; feeders, \$3.40 to \$3.85; choice stockers, \$2.75 to \$3.25; common stockers and stock calves, \$1.75 to \$2.50 per cwt.

LINE TO BE COMPLETED.

Government Railway Can be Extended Without Further Loans.

A despatch from Toronto says: It has been decided, it is asserted, to proceed without delay with the projected extension of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway and to procure the additional rolling stock and equipment necessary for the road. The line will be constructed to the junction of the Grand Trunk Pacific when that is located. The line has made large profits, and Hon. Col. Matheson has stated that the extension can be undertaken without the flotation of any further loans.

NEW SILVER FIELD FOUND

Discovery Made in District Tributary to Montreal.

A despatch from Montreal says: A new silver field, the first discovered in the Laurentian Ranges, in the district tributary to Montreal, has been brought to light as the result of the active prospecting that has been in progress since the important finds of graphite were made near Labelle a few weeks ago.

Since the snow and frost came the surface testing has been abandoned for the present, but Mr. L. O. Armstrong, colonization agent of the C.P.R., who was all over the Labelle branch of the

C.P.R. on Wednesday, states that this new discovery was the subject of eager discussions among groups of French-Canadians at various stations along the line.

The find was made by a young English-speaking prospector, who came part of the way down the mountains on the same train as Mr. Armstrong. From what he could make out the deposit consists of silver, galena and lead, the silver, according to the assay that has been made, running as high as 62 per cent.