

TWO PERISHED IN FLAMES

Steamer Picton Fire-Swept at Her Berth in Toronto Harbor

A despatch from Toronto says: Two lives were lost in a fire which broke out on Saturday afternoon on board of the steamer Picton as she lay at the Scott street slip, and several of the passengers and crew had very narrow escapes. The vessel herself is badly damaged and is now little better than a shell. The two unfortunate persons who lost their lives in the fire are Miss Winnie Hatch, aged nineteen, of Montreal, a passenger, and George Kleskie, a fireman, aged about forty.

The outbreak came with such alarming suddenness that many of the passengers were almost overcome by the smoke and fright before they had time to reach the decks, and one man, the night watchman, who was asleep at the time of the alarm, only saved his life by leaping into the bay. The Picton had booked forty passengers for the trip to Hamilton and carries a crew of forty-five. It was not until the fire had been got under control, half an hour after the arrival of the fire brig-

ade, that the woman was missed, and in searching for her the body of the man was observed.

The body of Miss Hatch was found in her cabin rolled in her bedclothes, as if she had thus endeavored to extinguish the flames. She had been seen to enter the cabin five minutes before the fire broke out. Miss Hatch was engaged to be married to James McMillan, the steamer's cook, and was taking the trip on board his boat.

The body of George Kleskie was recovered from the hold. Kleskie is a German, and shipped on board the steamer at Montreal about four months ago. His body was not burned, but he had apparently died from suffocation, though some of the eyewitnesses thought they detected signs of life as his body was brought ashore. A sad feature of Kleskie's death is that he managed to leave a sick bed and escape from the burning vessel when the alarm sounded, but returned to the boat and lost his life in consequence.

TWO YOUTHS MURDERED.

Brothers are Slain While Hunting on New Brunswick Border.

A despatch from Woodstock, N. B., says: A double murder in which two boys were shot by a boy companion while hunting in the woods, took place on Tuesday afternoon in the woods on the Maine border. The boys all live in this vicinity, and are sons of respectable farmers. Guy and Oscar Downing, brothers, were shot by Guy Tardis, who was with his cousin Fred Tardis. As near as can be learned the particulars are as follows:—The two parties met in the woods three or four times, and each time the quarrels between them grew worse. The dispute was as to the right of each party to hunt in the woods near each other's houses. Finally, Guy Downing stood his rifle against the fence and ordered Fred Tardis to do the same. The former then went up to the latter and seized him by the collar. Oscar Downing started toward Guy Tardis, who fired his gun, the bullet piercing Downing's lung and coming out at the shoulder blade. He dropped dead instantly. Guy Downing then ran, when Guy Tardis fired at him, striking him on the top of the head, the bullet plowing its way through his brain and killing him instantly also. The Tardis boys were arrested and will be arraigned before the magistrate here immediately. The boys were all about 17 or 18 years old.

FATAL NEGLIGENCE OF DUTY.

Eleven Persons Killed and Twelve Hurt by Boiler Explosion.

A despatch from Toluca, Mexico, says: Neglect of duty on the part of an employe resulted in the death of 11 persons, probably mortal injury to three, and serious injury to nine others, on Tuesday, through the explosion of a boiler in the Ferrer factory at Asoradero. The authorities after an investigation declared that the explosion was due to the neglect of an employe in allowing surplus steam to escape.

JAP STEAMER BURNED.

Estimated that One Hundred Persons Lost Their Lives.

A despatch from Shanghai says: The Japanese steamer Tafoo Maru has been burned three miles off Ching Kiang, on the right bank of the Yangtze Kiang, forty-five miles from Nanking. It is reported that one hundred lives were lost. The Tafoo Maru, formerly the Tahung Maru, is of 1,758 tons register, was built in Japan, launched in 1900, and belongs to the Osaka Shosen Kabushiki Kaisha (company) of Osaka, Japan. She is 299 feet long, has 40 feet beam and draws 11½ feet of water.

FATHER AND SON DROWNED

Bodies Were Found Clasped in Each Other's Arms.

A despatch from Clarke's Harbor, Nova Scotia, says: One of the saddest accidents in the history of this place occurred after sundown on Wednesday night, when Jason Nickerson and his ten-year-old boy were drowned by the capsizing of a boat in the harbor, not far from their home. Nickerson, who was employed in building a wharf for the Dogfish Reduction Works here, left for home with other hands at 6 o'clock, but went back after supper to the wharf in his skill to get some log ends. As evening was fine, he took his little boy with him for a row across the har-

bor. As they did not return, some neighbors went to look for them a few hours later and found the boat drifting bottom up, not far from shore, but found no trace of the missing ones. Thursday morning a search was begun by a large number of people, and in a short time both bodies were discovered close to the landing, in about five feet of water. It was an affecting sight when the bodies of father and son were brought to the surface, clasped so tightly in each other's arms that it required an effort to separate them. No other person was within a mile of the spot when the accident happened.

LEADING MARKETS

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Sept. 24.—Wheat—Manitoba—Steady; No. 1 northern, \$1.07; No. 2 northern, \$1.04½.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, 73½c to 74c, to arrive; No. 3 mixed, 72½c; American feed corn, 65c, lake and rail freights.

Barley—No. 2, 57c to 60c; No. 3 extra, 55c to 56c; No. 3, 52c to 53c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 46½c to 47c for Manitoba; No. 2 white, 50c to 51c; No. 3 white, 49c to 50c, lake ports.

Peas—No. 2, 78c to 79c.

Rye—No. 2 nominally 70c to 75c.

Flour—Ontario very strong, 90 per cent, patents in demand at \$3.55; Manitoba, first patents, \$5.25 to \$5.40; seconds, \$4.60 to \$4.80; strong bakers', \$4.60 to \$4.70.

Millfeed—Bran, \$22 to \$25; shorts, \$20 to \$27, outside.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—The demand continues sufficient to take all the offerings of desirable stock.

Creamery, prints 24c to 26c
do solids 22c to 23c

Dairy, prints 21c to 22c
do solids 19c to 20c

Cheese—Large quoted at 13c and twins at 13½c, in job lots here.

Poultry—Live chickens are steady at 11c to 12c, and hens from 9c to 10c; ducks, 8c and turkeys 13c per lb.

Potatoes—Market prices continue at 60c to 70c.

Baled Hay—Prices are unchanged at \$14 to \$15, in car lots on track here.

PROVISIONS.

Dressed Hogs—\$9.25 for lightweights and \$8.75 for heavies.

Pork—Short cut, \$22.75 to \$23 for barrels; mess, \$20 to \$21.

Lard—Firm; tierces, 12c; tubs, 12½c; pails, 12½c.

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, 11c to 11½c for tons and cases; hams, medium and light, 15c to 15½c; heavy, 14½c to 15c; backs, 16½c to 17c; shoulders, 10½c to 11c; rolls, 11½c; out of pickle, 1c less than smoked.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Sept. 24.—Choice spring wheat patents, \$5.75; seconds, \$5.15; winter wheat patents, \$4.65 to \$4.75; straight rollers, \$4.25 to \$4.35; do in bags, \$2 to \$2.10; extras, \$1.65 to \$1.75.

Butter—The butter market is very firm on account of the recent sharp advance in the country, and to-day holders are demanding 24c to 25½c, and sales were made at these prices.

Eggs—Sales of selected stocks were made at 22c to 23c; No. 1 at 18c to 19c, seconds at 14c to 16c, and straight gathered at 17c to 18c.

Cheese—Quebecs, 12½c to 12¾c; townships, 12½c to 12¾c; Ontarios, 12½c to 12¾c, with some holders asking a fraction more for colored. The local receipts were 14,976 boxes.

BUFFALO MARKETS.

Buffalo, Sept. 24.—Wheat—Spring, limits on the market; Winter, firm; No. 2 red, \$1. Corn—Strong; No. 2 yellow, 60½c; No. 2 white, 66½c. Oats—Firm; No. 2 white, 54 to 54½c; No. 2 mixed, 50c. Barley—Nominal. Rye—North-Western, No. 2 rye, 89c.

NEW YORK WHEAT MARKET.

New York, Sept. 24.—Spot steady; No. 2 red, \$1.03½ elevator; No. 2 red, \$1.04½ f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, \$1.18½ f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard winter, \$1.04 f.o.b. afloat.

CATTLE MARKET.

Toronto, Sept. 24.—Prices for all classes remain about the same as at last week's markets.

Butchers' Cattle.—There is a good demand for all choice, which are light in supply. What came showed up well in comparison with recent offerings.

Exporters—There are no heavy shipments arriving here or passing through, the trade being down at its lowest limit.

Stockers—The market saw a few more to-day owing to the pastures having been improved by the heavy rain of the past week. Shippers say there are not many choice in the country.

Hogs—The market in receipts was comparatively light, with demand equal to all desirable shipments. Prices were a little easier.

Sheep and Lambs—Arrived a little more freely, the shipments being above the average even for Thursday's market.

MR. T. C. PATTERSON DEAD

Was Postmaster of Toronto for Twenty-eight Years.

A despatch from Toronto says: Mr. Thomas C. Patterson, Postmaster of the City of Toronto, who had been ill with pneumonia for several days, died at his residence, 114 Dowling Avenue, at midnight Friday. He was 71 years of age.

NINE MONTHS FOR ENGINEER.

Sent to Jail for Breaking Grand Trunk Trunk Rules.

A despatch from Guelph says: Engineer Mark B. Reid, who was in the collision at Gourock, where three men were killed, was found guilty on the charge of breaking the rules of the G.T.R. and was on Thursday morning sentenced to nine months in prison.

CANADA'S TRADE RETURNS

Increases and Decreases for First Five Months.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The trade figures of the Dominion for the five months of the present fiscal year ending August show a total increase in imports, as compared with the corresponding period of last year, amounting to \$30,738,393. While the exports show a slight decrease of \$127,637, exclusive of coin and bullion, the total trade for five months was \$265,867,631. The imports totalled \$165,723,630 and exports \$100,144,001. Exports of the mine increased about two millions, agriculture six millions and manufactures a little over one hundred thousand. On the other hand, exports of animals and their products decreased nearly seven

millions, forest exports decreased about one million, and fisheries about three hundred and fifty thousand. The returns for the month of August show that the falling off in exports noticeable during the earlier months of the year is being rapidly made up. Exports for the month totalled \$27,652,164, an increase of \$1,934,785 over August last year. Imports for August amounted to \$33,919,620, an increase of \$5,716,829. The customs revenue for five months was \$25,970,071, a gain of \$5,252,777, or over one million per month, as compared with last year. For August the increase was \$1,037,342, the total duty collected being \$5,571,337.

OPERATOR DRUNK ON DUTY.

And Was Sentenced to Six Months in Prison.

A despatch from Ottawa says: A prosecution instituted by Mr. H. B. Spencer, divisional superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has resulted in A. J. Ryan, an operator at Vankleek Hill, being sent to jail for six months for being under the influence of liquor when on duty. It appears that a couple of nights ago the station agent found the operator drunk, and immediately reported the matter to headquarters. A detective was sent down and Ryan was taken into custody. He was tried on Thursday before a magistrate at Vankleek Hill, when the sentence above mentioned was imposed. The new law is very strict in its provisions against train hands and operators being under the influence of liquor when on duty, and when many lives are practically in their hands, and the company is enforcing it wherever a violation is reported.

FINED FOR SHORT TWINE.

The Dominion Inspector Was Busy in the West.

A despatch from Ottawa says: J. L. Haycock, Dominion Inspector of Binder Twine, states that while in the West he imposed fines amounting to \$3,600 for short twine. One American firm was fined \$1,400, but as an illustration of the far-reaching results of such a fine, it actually cost the company \$12,000 by being forced to re-tag what was in the hands of the dealers. Some 250 tons had to be re-tagged, reducing its value \$40 per ton, making a loss of about \$10,000. There were other cases somewhat similar, but this was the first.

FOURTEEN KILLED IN MINE.

A Cage Full of Men Dropped Down the Shaft.

A despatch from Marquette, Michigan, says: A car filled with men, while being lowered into a mine at Negauce, Mich., fell to the bottom of the shaft on Friday and fourteen men were killed and a number injured. The accident occurred in the rolling mill mine. The steel cable broke and the cage dropped seven hundred feet. The bodies have been taken out and the injured are being cared for.

GREAT FIRES IN RUSSIA.

Incendiaries Destroying the Crown Timber Yards.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: During the past week a number of fires have occurred in the timber yards belonging to the Crown, including the great works in the Busuluk Forest, Province of Samara, two works in the Province of Nijni Novgorod, and the large deposits in the Province of Orel and Olenetz. The fires are reported to have been of incendiary origin, due to dissatisfaction with the intended introduction of reforms in the timber yards, which it has been discovered are gravely mismanaged. It is stated that the facts have so disgusted Prince Vassilichikoff, general director of land organization and agriculture, that he intends to resign.

NEW MILK REGULATIONS.

They Will Form Basis for Future Regulations.

A despatch from Toronto says: The work of drafting a set of regulations for the better handling of milk in Ontario has been entrusted to Dr. Sheard as Chairman of the Provincial Board of Health, and Dr. Hodgkins, Secretary of the board. The regulations are being framed with a view of providing a basis for legislation next session. Among the recommendations that have been made are proposals that no cow-house shall be permitted unless proper drainage is provided; no building used for ordinary purposes shall be within 100 yards of marshy or stagnant water; and no chicken coop, hog pen, privy or water closet shall be within 100 feet of a building used for the keeping or handling of milk. Cleanliness and ventilation are also to be insisted upon. Sick cows must be weeded out from the herd, no feed stuffs that are likely to impart a flavor to the milk must be given, cows must not be permitted to drink from stagnant pools, and pure water must be provided for their use. Cleanliness in respect to the utensils used and on the part of those engaged in the dairy business is also to be insisted upon.

WEST NEEDS MORE POLICE.

Not Enough Men to Supply Demand for New Posts.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Lieut.-Col. Fred White, Comptroller of the Royal North-West Mounted Police, has returned from a tour of inspection in the West. Everything is working satisfactorily in the force, Col. White reports, the only difficulty being to furnish the number of men required by the increase of population in the new provinces, where the settlers are continually petitioning for the establishment of police posts.

HEARTLESS MOTORISTS.

They Frightened a Lad's Horse but Gave No Help.

A despatch from London, Ont., says: Frightened by an auto a horse driven by Robbie Henderson, a 14-year-old boy, ran away throwing the lad out and breaking his leg on Wednesday. In falling his feet became entangled in the reins and he was dragged along the road behind the galloping horse for over 100 feet. The motor party wheeled right away, without stopping to help the boy.

BACHELORS, BEWARE!

Thousand Unmarried Women Sail for Canada on Baltic.

A despatch from Liverpool says: The remarkable exodus of marriageable young women from England to the United States and Canada is emphasized by the departure of a thousand unmarried women on the steamer Baltic, while several hundred more were among the total of 5,000 passengers carried on the three steamers which sailed on Thursday.

FOR THE CALEDON WRECK

Conductor and Driver Have Been Arrested Out on Bail.

A despatch from Toronto says: Conductor Matthew Grimes and Engineer George Hodge, held by the Coroner's Jury criminally responsible for the Caledon wreck, were arrested on Wednesday night on warrants issued by Coroner Johnson at the termination of the inquest. It was hardly an arrest, for as soon as the men were notified that they were wanted, they surrendered themselves at the office of Magistrate Ellis.

The charge, which was one of criminal neglect of duty, resulting in the death of Richard Bell, was read. The men were immediately afterwards released on bail. The conductor furnished \$2,000 personal, and \$2,000 additional security was given by his brother, Thomas Grimes. Engineer Hodge also furnished \$2,000 personal, his bondman being Robert W. Eaton, in \$2,000. Mr. T. C. Robinette appeared for the accused.