

PARLIAMENT OF CANADA

Speech of His Excellency the Governor General at the Opening.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Old timers cannot recall a more brilliant scene than that which the Senate Chambers presented on Thursday afternoon on the occasion of the opening of the fourth session of the tenth Parliament of Canada. Outside the Parliament Buildings the crowd was not as large as usual, this being due to the fact that from early morning snow had steadily fallen. So large was the attendance of ladies, in the Senate Chamber, especially from outside points, that seats usually set apart for the Senators were this year gallantly surrendered to the fair. Even in the centre of the floor, the places reserved for the diplomatic representatives, clergy, Deputy Ministers and other important personages, were occupied by the ladies. Over thirty Senators had to stand below the bar in the reservation set apart for this day for Commons.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

The speech from the throne was as follows:

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate:
Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In again meeting you at a period of the year most convenient for the despatch of business, it gives me great pleasure to be able to congratulate you on the remarkable expansion of the trade of Canada with other countries, the total trade of the past year far exceeding that of any of its predecessors. A gratifying result of this expansion was that the revenue of the last fiscal period of nine months was more than sufficient to meet expenses on consolidated fund, National Transcontinental Railway, capital and special outlays, all expenses of the Dominion of every kind, and leave a balance of over three million dollars to be applied in reduction of the public debt.

The stream of immigrants coming to Canada continues to increase in volume, the year drawing to a close showing a larger number than any preceding year, and it is gratifying to observe the many coming from the British Isles.

The Dominion has been blessed by a large series of prosperous years, and though at the present moment its business is being restricted by the financial stringency which prevails throughout the world, I feel assured that this unfavorable condition will be temporary, and that the illimitable resources of Canada and the world-wide recognition of them give us ample guarantee of continued material progress.

THE COLONIAL CONFERENCE.

The conference held in London in the months of April and May last between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Governments of the British Dominions beyond the seas satisfactorily dealt with many subjects in which the Empire at large is interested. A copy of the minutes of the proceedings will be laid before you.

Two of my Ministers, duly authorized by his Majesty for the purpose, and acting in conjunction with his Majesty's Ambassadors at Paris, have recently negotiated a convention with the Government of the French Republic respecting the commercial relations between France and Canada, subject however, to the approval of the French Chambers and the Canadian Parliament. A copy of this convention will be submitted to you immediately, and you will be asked to give it your sanction.

THE FISHERIES QUESTION.

The Government of Newfoundland having become involved in a controversy with the Government of the United States as to the true meaning of Article 1 of the convention respecting fisheries, concluded in the year 1818 between the United Kingdom and the United States, and Canada being also interested in the question at issue, my Government has joined with the Government of Newfoundland in an agreement to refer all matters of difference arising under said Article 1 to The Hague tribunal.

The difficulty of obtaining labor and materials at a time of great business activity has somewhat retarded the construction of the National Transcontinental Railway. Nevertheless, great progress has been made, both on the eastern division and on the prairie section of the western division. A section of the latter of about 250 miles has been available for handling the traffic of the present season. Contracts for the portion of the prairie section west of Edmonton are about to be let, and immediate steps will be taken for the commencement of work at both the eastern and western ends of the mountain division. Thus, in a very short time, the whole work from Moncton to the Pacific Ocean will be under vigorous construction.

ORIENTAL IMMIGRATION.

The unexpected influx of immigration of Oriental countries into British Columbia aroused a strong feeling of opposition. A member of my Government has been deputed to proceed to Japan to confer with the Japanese Government on this subject.

The sudden and unexpected collapse of the great cantilever bridge in course of construction across the St. Lawrence, in the vicinity of Quebec, may be regarded as a national calamity, and the event has evoked much sorrow for the lives which were lost on that occasion.

A commission has been appointed to enquire into the causes which led to the disaster. When received, the report of the commission will be laid before you. It will be necessary to devise means for the completion of the bridge within a reasonable time.

It is most gratifying to find that, notwithstanding the large reductions of postal rates which have been made, the revenue of the Post-office Department has continued to increase rapidly. The large receipts of this branch of the Government business will enable the department to make still more liberal provision for the extension of postal facilities throughout the Dominion.

WIDE GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

The time has arrived when the public interest requires that telegraph and telephone companies holding Federal charters should be placed under Government control. A bill will be introduced for that purpose. Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The public accounts for the nine months ending 31st March last will be laid before you without delay.

The estimates for the coming fiscal year will be submitted for your approval at an early day.

OTHER NEW BILLS.

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate:
Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Among the measures to be submitted to you is a bill for the extension of the boundaries of Manitoba and of other provinces, also a bill to provide for the issue of Government annuities for old age, a bill respecting insurance and bills to amend the Election Act and the Dominion Lands Act.

I commend to your thoughtful consideration the several subjects to which I have referred, and I trust that in your deliberation you may be guided by Divine light.

The Marine Department has arranged to have lighthouses on the lakes kept open as long as the Soo Canal can be operated.

LEADING MARKETS

Toronto, Dec. 3.—Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 hard, nominal; No. 1 northern, \$1.15; No. 2, \$1.10; No. 3 northern, \$1.05½.

Ontario Wheat—No. 2 white, red or mixed, 95c to 96c, outside.

Barley—No. 2, 65c to 67c, outside; No. 3 extra, 63c to 65c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 48c to 48½c outside; mixed, 47c to 47½c, outside.

Rye—82c to 82½c, outside.

Peas—88c, outside.

Corn—No. 3 yellow American, 67½c, Toronto freights.

Buckwheat—60c to 64c, outside.

Bran—\$19 to \$20, in bulk outside; shorts \$21 to \$22.

Flour—Ontario winter wheat, \$3.80 bid; Manitoba patents, special brand, \$5.80; seconds, \$5.20; strong bakers', \$5.10.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Supplies are a little heavier, but prices are unchanged.

Creamery, prints 29c to 30c

do solids 26c to 27c

Dairy prints 26c to 27c

do solids 23c to 24c

Cheese—13½c for large and 13¼c for twins.

Eggs—Storage are 23c per dozen in case lots; select, 26c to 27c; new-laid, about nominal at 30c.

Poultry—Choice chickens, 7c to 9c; inferior, 5c to 6c; choice ducks and geese steady at 7c to 9c; fat, clean, dry-picked turkeys, 12c to 13c; thin turkeys, 8c to 10c.

Potatoes—85c to 90c per bag in car lots on track here.

Beans—\$1.75 to \$1.85 for primes and \$1.85 to \$1.95 for hand-picked.

Honey—Strained steady at 11c to 12c per lb. for 60-lb. pails, and 12c to 13c for 5 to 10 lb. pails. Combs at \$1.75 to \$2.50 per dozen.

Venison—Hindquarters, 11c to 12½c; frontquarters dull at 4c to 5c; carcasses, 8c to 9c.

Baled Hay—Timothy is quoted at \$18 to \$18.50.

Baled Straw—\$10 to \$10.50 per ton on track here.

PROVISIONS.

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, 10½c to 11c for lons and cases; hams, medium and light, 15c to 15½c; heavy, 13½c to 14c; backs, 16½c to 17c; shoulders, 10c to 10½c; rolls, 10½c to 11c; breakfast bacon, 15c to 15½c; green meats out of pickle, 1c less than smoked.

Pork—Short cut, \$22.75 to \$23 for barrels; mess, \$19 to \$20.

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

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Dec. 3.—Manitoba No. 3 white oats on spot, 59c; Ontario and Quebec No. 2 white, 58c to 58½c; No. 3 57c to 57½c; No. 4, 55½c to 56c; Manitoba rejected, 56c, and Quebec 55c per bushel, ex-store. Flour—Choice spring wheat patents, \$6.10; seconds, \$5.50; winter wheat patents, \$5.75; straight rollers, \$5.50; do., in bags, \$2.60 to \$2.65; extra, \$2.05 to \$2.10. Manitoba bran, \$23; shorts, \$25; Ontario bran, \$23.50 to \$24; middlings, \$27 to \$29 per ton, including bags. Milled mouille, \$28 to \$32, and pure grain mouille \$25 to \$37 per ton. The demand for hay is active, No. 1, \$17.50 to \$18; No. 2, \$16.50 to \$17; mixed, \$15 to \$15.50; clover, \$14 to \$14.50 per ton in car lots.

Provisions—Barrels short cut mess, \$22.50 to \$23; half barrels, \$11.75 to \$12.25; clear fat backs, \$23.50 to \$24.50; long cut heavy mess, \$21 to \$23; half barrels do., \$10.50 to \$11.25; dry salt long clear bacon, 10½c to 11½c; barrels plate beef, \$13.50 to \$15; half barrels do. \$7.25 to \$7.75; barrels heavy mess beef, \$10 to \$11; half barrels do., \$5.50 to \$6; compound lard, 10c to 11c; pure lard, 12½c to 13c; kettle rendered, 13½c to 14c; hams, 12½c to 13½c, according to size; breakfast bacon, 14c to 15c; Windsor bacon, 14½c to 15½c; fresh killed abattoir-dressed hogs, \$8.50 to \$8.75; alive, \$5.50 to \$5.85.

There is a very firm tone to the local cheese market. November tail-ends are selling at 11½c to 11¾c, and October at 12c to 12½c.

A moderate and steady demand prevails for butter. Grass goods, 28c to 28½c; current receipts, 27c to 27½c.

BUFFALO MARKET.

Buffalo, Dec. 3.—Wheat—Spring firmer, No. 1 Northern, \$1.15½ on track; No. 2 red, \$1; winter firm. Corn—Higher; No. 2 white, 64½c; No. 2 yellow, 67c. Oats—Unsettled; No. 2 white, track, 55c; No. 2 mixed, 47½c. Barley—95c to \$1.10. Rye—No. 2, 87c steady.

NEW YORK WHEAT MARKET.

New York, Dec. 3.—Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red, \$1.04½, elevator; No. 2 red, \$1.05½ f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, \$1.19½ f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard winter, \$1.11½ f.o.b. afloat.

CATTLE MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—Good loads of butchers' cattle, \$4 to \$4.25; medium to fair, \$3.50 to \$3.75; cows, good, \$3 to \$3.25; cows, common, \$2.25 to \$2.50; canners, 50c to \$1.50 per cwt.

Trade in feeders and stockers was dull. Feeders, best, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., \$3.25 to \$3.75; fair feeders, \$2.75 to \$3; stockers, 650 to 850 lbs., \$2.40 to \$2.75; common stockers, \$2.25 to \$2.50; stock calves, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per cwt.

Sheep, lambs and calves were steady.

THREE CHILDREN PERISH

Were Burned to Death in a Fire at Winnipeg.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Three little children, William, Dora, and Joseph Denaburg, aged thirteen, nine and six, respectively, met a horrible death in a fire which destroyed their home on McGregor Street at midnight on Wednesday. Three others were saved from the same fate by the narrowest margin. The fire broke out around the stove just after the family had retired, and the smoke which poured up the narrow stairway practically cut off those upstairs from escape. Denaburg was awakened by the smell of smoke, and rushed down stairs. He then called to

his wife to bring out the children. His wife seized the baby and ran down stairs. Samuel Mety, who lived with them, picked up the next child, a little boy, and brought him down. The body of the boy Joe was found afterwards at the foot of the stairs. A fifteen-year-old daughter, Lena, followed the mother down, but has suffered so much from shock that she may not recover. The fire was put out by the firemen. In the upper storey were found the bodies of William and Dora. Both had fallen from their bed, but the dense smoke caused them to lose all sense of direction, and they could not find the stairway.

A THIRD DISFRANCHISED.

Montreal Citizens Do Not Pay Taxes Promptly.

A despatch from Montreal says: An agitation has been started here for the abolition of the disfranchising custom which has been in vogue for the past few years. According to the present law, all who do not pay their taxes by December 1 are deprived of their franchise at the next election. Last year no less than 22,155 persons were disfranchised, and as the total city vote is only 60,000, over one-third of the voters are debarred from marking their ballots.

An effort is to be made by which some other form of punishment will be inflicted other than disfranchising voters for the non-payment of their water taxes. As the water tax is 7½ per cent. of the annual rental, it is a serious burden on many of the poor. Hence their inability or refusal to pay.

DISTRIBUTING FLAGS.

Union Jacks Being Sent Out to Various Rural Schools.

A despatch from Toronto says: The first consignment of flags purchased by the Ontario Government has been received by the Department of Education. The staff is now engaged in sending them out to the various counties in alphabetical order. In all about 6,000 schools are to have the new flags, and it is expected that before Christmas they will have received them, with a letter suggesting plans for their use. The Union Jacks are 6 feet by 3 feet in size, and are of the finest and strongest material.

KICKED WIFE TO DEATH.

Husband Murdered Her Because Supper Was Not Ready.

A despatch from Jersey City says: Matthew Olwell, a stevedore, 37 years of age, entered a saloon on Tuesday night and announced to friends that he had killed his wife. He had returned home to find no supper awaiting him, he said, had accused his wife of drinking and neglecting his home and finally murdered her. In the hallway of the Olwell home the police found the woman's body. Gathered about her were four little children making pitiful efforts to restore life.

WESTERN WHEAT YIELD.

The Crop May Aggregate Seventy Million Bushels.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Department of Trade and Commerce on Friday morning received a letter from Mr. C. C. Castle, Warehouse Commissioner at Winnipeg, stating that the wheat yield this year may possibly aggregate seventy million bushels, and the percentage of grades 4 and under may be as low as forty per cent. He adds, however, that it is yet a little too early to make any accurate estimate.

ENTOMBED IN A MINE.

Over Fifty Miners Imprisoned at Fayette City, Penn.

A despatch from Monongahela, Penn., says: Between fifty and sixty miners are entombed in the Naoml mine of the United Coal Co. at Fayette City as the result of an explosion of black damp on Saturday night. It is thought many are dead behind tons of rock and coal which fell during the concussion and blocked the entrance. The explosion was caused, it is said, when a miner with an open lamp entered one of the old workings. Medical aid has been sent from Monongahela and surrounding towns. Details are meagre owing to defective telephone service. Messengers have been sent out from here.

BOTH FEET FROZEN.

Young Orphan Boy in Bad Condition at Ottawa Hospital.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Felix Leveille, an orphan boy fifteen years of age, was brought to Water Street Hospital on Friday evening from Lake St. Mary, Que., with both hands and both feet frozen. The little fellow, who was living with an uncle, was alleged, turned out of his uncle's house, and as he had nowhere to go he wandered into the bush, where he spent a night and part of a day. When found by some neighbors the lad had his two feet frozen as well as his two hands. Sheriff Wright of Hull will investigate.

PROGRESS SATISFACTORY.

G. T. P. General Manager Returns From Extensive Tour.

A despatch from Montreal says: Frank W. Morse, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, returned to Montreal on Thursday after a three months' trip through Western Canada. During this trip Mr. Morse has made a thorough inspection of every part of the Grand Trunk under construction, and has returned to Montreal thoroughly pleased with the progress that is being made in the work of building.

MADE A GREAT HAUL.

Russian Robbers Steal \$75,000 From Government Pawnshop.

A despatch from Tula, Russia, says: A band of robbers on Tuesday entered the Government pawnshop here, gathered together diamonds and gold to the value of \$75,000 and escaped.

GUELPH STUDENTS WON

Victory For Ontario Agricultural College at Chicago.

A despatch from Chicago says: For the third time in succession the student team from the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph on Saturday won the trophy in the live stock judging contest at the International Live Stock Exposition. Against the students from Ontario were pitted representatives from the State colleges of Indiana, South Dakota, Kansas, Texas, Ohio, Iowa and Missouri. This trophy, which has been presented by the Union Stock Yards, now becomes the property of the college at Guelph.

The animals judged were—Horses, Perchum, German coach and shires; sheep, Rambouillet, Shropshires and Collswolds; swine, Hampshires, Berkshires and Yorkshires; cattle, Short-horns, Angus and fat grade steers. Each student was allowed eighteen minutes to judge each class and two minutes in which to state his reasons for the decision. The Guelph team secured an aggregate of one hundred more points in judging sheep and swine than any other team. The members of the team are: E. S. Archibald, Truro, N. S.; R. T. Arkell, Wellington county; L. A. Bowes, Meaford; D. A. McKenzie, Bruce county, and R. H. Hodson, Myrtle.

While no individual on the Ontario team attained first place in general efficiency, their average was so good that all are included in the first ten. This victory, including the two previous ones, have given the Ontario students a decided prestige. All the members of the team are fourth year men at the college. The trophy is valued at probably \$500.

600 WERE SAVED BY A JOKE

Manager's Ruse to Get Women From Burning Building.

A despatch from London, England, says: Fire heavily damaged a big athletic outfitting establishment in Holborn on Tuesday morning. There were 1,800 employees on the premises at the time, including 600 women and girls, but they all got out safely, thanks to a ruse employed by one of the managers. The fire started in one of the upper stories. It was soon seen to be serious, and, realizing the consequences of a panic, the manager conceived the expedient of emptying the building quickly by announcing to the women that

the firm had decided to let them off to go out and see a passing parade. The manager hurried through the rooms calling out to the girls and women: "This way for the parade; this way to see the show!" He got the women started toward the staircase, down which they were hurried and hustled. By the time they discovered the real cause of the rush they were in safety beyond the reach of the fire. The only person in any way injured was the Secretary of the firm, whose whiskers were burned while saving the books.