

BUSINESS BOOM NEXT YEAR

Railway Men Are Expecting the Briskest Time in Many Years.

A despatch from Pittsburg, Penn., says: That the revival of business and general confidence has taken a new grip on shippers and manufacturers is indicated here by orders that have been placed for cars and locomotives by various railroad companies.

Railroad men say that the great volume of business that has been booked for manufacturers will necessitate an enormous outlay by the railroads for new equipment. Orders for cars and locomotives aggregating \$8,650,000 have been placed within the last week.

The Baltimore and Ohio, the Erie and Norfolk and Western railroads

have arranged for a total of 310 new locomotives. The New York Central system has placed orders here for four thousand steel cars of the Gondola type. Orders for 100,000 steel cars and 1,100 locomotives had been placed previous to the latest orders. The largest order for locomotives ever placed at one time by a railroad became known Tuesday, when it was learned that the Baltimore and Ohio will place orders for 250 engines of various types among different locomotive works over the country.

Railroad men expect the heaviest freight traffic in years, starting the first of the year, and all lines are placing orders for additional cars.

CANADA GETS THE GRAIN.

American Wheat Being Carried Over Our Water Route.

A despatch from Montreal says: Over 2,500,000 bushels of grain have arrived in Montreal through the Lachine canal during the first half of October. Full October reports of past years have never shown more than two millions, and the fact that nearly three million bushels of wheat are scheduled to reach Montreal before the month's end bears out the recent statements to the effect that the American wheat is being carried from the American rail route to the water route of Canada.

A HARVEST IN FINES.

\$18,887 Has Been Collected in Cobalt Court.

A despatch from Cobalt says: According to a report prepared by Magistrate Atkinson \$18,887 has been collected in fines in the Cobalt Provincial Court in the year ending Sept. 1st, 1909. This does not include blind pig raids or the total for the district would be easily \$30,000. Three hundred and ninety-four cases have been fined, 87 cases dismissed and 22 persons sent down.

DIES AT DAUGHTER'S GRAVE.

Montreal Policeman Ends His Life—Was Melancholy.

A despatch from Montreal says: Wandering to his daughter's grave in Mount Royal Cemetery, on Thursday, Constable McGuire of the West St. Catherine-street police station, shot and killed himself. While wandering through the cemetery he had met an employe trimming the graves, and borrowed a pencil with which he scribbled a farewell note. He had grieved over the death of his daughter.

FOUND DEAD IN BUGGY.

Sewing Machine Agent Expires Near Cobalt.

A despatch from Cobalt says: While driving by the Buckingham Hotel, at North Cobalt, a gentleman on Tuesday night met a buggy, apparently without a driver. On making an examination he discovered the body of James McGee, a sewing machine agent, who had left Cobalt for Haileybury about a half-hour previous.

SCENE IN BRITISH HOUSE

Labor Member's Hope for Those Who Signed Ferrer's Death Warrant.

A despatch from London says: An unusual scene was created in the House of Commons on Tuesday night by the Socialist member for Yorkshire, Albert Victor Grayson, and William J. Thorne, labor member for South-west Ham. The Socialist members tried to adjourn the House to discuss the execution at Barcelona of Prof. Ferrer, but of Labor and Radical members present only sixteen would vote. Grayson and Thorne then anathematized their colleagues, calling them "shameful cowards."

Thorne shouted out that it was his pious hope that "those who signed Ferrer's death warrant will be sent to heaven by the chemical parcel post."

Grayson made an attempt to move for the expulsion of the Spanish Ambassador, but this was prevented by the Speaker, while the protest of the Socialist forces against the killing of Grayson's motion was quickly silenced by the majority.

Arthur Henderson, a leading Labor member of the House, opened the discussion by questioning the Foreign Secretary on Britain's attitude toward the Ferrer incident. The Secretary responded that the Government at no time was in possession of special information regarding the Ferrer case, and that the proper policy of non-interference with the internal affairs of a foreign country had been followed.

THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

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

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Oct. 26.—Flour—Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents \$4.15 to \$4.25 in buyers' sacks on track, Toronto, and \$4 to \$4.10 outside in buyers' sacks. Manitoba flour, first patents, \$5.60 on track, Toronto; second patents, \$5.10, and strong bakers', \$4.90 to \$5 on track, Toronto.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern \$1.02½, Bay ports, and No. 2 Northern at \$1.01, Bay ports.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 mixed \$1 outside, and No. 2 white and red Winter, \$1 to \$1.01 outside.

Barley—No. 2, 57 to 58c outside, and No. 3 extra at 56c outside.

Oats—No. 2 Ontario white, new, 36½ to 37½c outside. New Canada West oats, 39c for No. 2, and 35c for No. 3, Bay ports.

Peas—\$4 to 86c outside.

Rye—No. 2 70 to 72c outside.

Buckwheat—55 to 56c outside.

Corn—No. 2 American yellow, 69½ to 70c on track, Toronto.

Bran—\$21 in bags, and shorts, \$23.50 in bags.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—\$1.25 to \$2.75 per barrel, according to quality.

Beans—\$1.50 to \$1.60 per bushel at outside points.

Honey—Combs, dozen, \$2.25 to \$3; extracted, 10c per lb.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$15.50 to \$16 a ton on track here, and No. 2 at \$14 to \$14.50.

Straw—\$8.75 to \$9.50.

Potatoes—47 to 50c per bag on track for Ontarios.

Poultry—Chickens, dressed, 12 to 13c per lb.; fowl 9 to 10c; turkeys, 17 to 18c per lb.; ducks, lb., 12 to 13c; geese, 10 to 12c per lb.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 21 to 22c; tubs and large rolls, 19 to 20c; inferior, 17 to 18c; creamery, 25 to 26c, and solids, 23 to 24c per lb.

Eggs—Case lots, 25c per dozen for fresh, and 27 to 28c for new laid.

Cheese—12½c per lb. for large and at 12½c for twins.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 15 to 15½c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$25; short cut, \$27.50 to \$28.

Hams—Light to medium, 15½ to 16½c; do., heavy, 14½ to 15c; rolls, 14½ to 15c; shoulders, 12½ to 13c; backs, 18½ to 19c; breakfast bacon, 17c.

Lard—Tierces, 15½c; tubs, 15½c; pails, 15½c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Oct. 26.—Old crop oats, No. 2 Canadian Western, 42½ to 43c; new crop oats, No. 2 Canadian Western, 41½ to 42c. Barley—No. 2 66 to 67c; Manitoba feed barley, 52 to 53c. Buckwheat—57c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, \$5.70; Manitoba spring wheat patents, seconds, \$5.20; Winter wheat patents, \$5.50; Manitoba strong bakers', \$5; straight rollers, \$3 to \$3.25; straight rollers in bags, \$2.35 to \$2.50. Feed—Ontario bran, \$21 to \$22; Ontario middlings, \$23.50 to \$24; Manitoba bran, \$21; Manitoba shorts, \$23 to \$24; pure grain mouille, \$33 to \$35; mixed mouille, \$25 to \$27. Cheese—Westerns, 11½ to 11¾c, and easterns at 11 to 11¼c. Butter—Finest creamery, 24 to 24½c. Eggs—Selected stock, 27 to 28c; No. 1 candled at 25 to 26c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, Oct. 26.—Wheat—Spring wheat, steady; No. 1 Northern, carloads, store, \$1.09¼; Winter, firm. Corn—Higher; No. 3 yellow, 66½c; No. 4 yellow, 66c; No. 3 corn, 65c; No. 4 corn, 64½c; No. 3 white, 66½c. Oats—Higher; No. 2 white, 44½c; No. 3 white, 43½c; No. 4 white, 42½c. Barley—Feed to malting, 60 to 70c.

Chicago, Oct. 26.—Wheat—Cash No. 2 red, \$1.20 to \$1.22; No. 3 red, \$1.16 to \$1.20; No. 2 hard, \$1.10 to \$1.12; No. 3 hard, \$1.06 to \$1.10; No. 1 Northern, \$1.06 to \$1.08½; No. 2 Northern, \$1.04 to \$1.08; No. 3 Spring, \$1.03 to \$1.06. Corn—No. 2, 61½c; No. 2 white, 61½ to 61¾c; No. 2 yellow, 61½ to 61¾c; No. 3, 61 to 61½c; No. 3 yellow, 61¼ to 61½c. Oats—No. 2, 40c; No. 3, 39¾c; No. 3 white, 40 to 41c; No. 4 white, 38½ to 40c; standard, 41 to 41½c.

BANK ROBBERY IN QUEBEC

Thieves Held Up Teller and Fired at His Wife.

A despatch from Montreal says: Another bank robbery has been reported from Ste. Anne, a small village near St. Hyacinthe. Six masked men blew open the safe in the Banque Nationale at Ste. Anne's, on Wednesday night, and secured about \$2,000. Mr. A. Cadoret, the teller, was awakened at 1 a.m. by a noise in the bank, and went down to investigate. He was held up at the point of a revolver. His wife tried to escape from the house by a window, but was fired at twice by the gang. After blowing open the safe, they took a hand-car and went

in the direction of St. Hyacinthe, but near the town took to the woods. They seemed to be experts at their work and to be absolutely fearless. A large dog which kept guard at the bank was chloroformed and then the attack on the safe was made. It required five shots to blow it open, but while some of the party worked the others kept guard. The police are trying to effect their capture. The opinion is expressed at detective headquarters that this gang is the same that has operated so actively throughout the Province during the year.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, Oct. 26.—Good cattle were scarce and higher priced. Six Northwest heifers sold at 4¼c per pound and from that down to 3½c per pound for pretty good animals. Common and lean stock sold from 1½c to 3¼c per pound. Bulls from 2c to 3c per pound. Milch cows, \$30 to \$60 each. Calves from 2¼c to 4c per pound; good veals, 5c to 5½c per pound. Sheep about 3c

EXPLOSION AT CHATEAU.

One Man Will Die and Three Are Badly Scalded.

A despatch from Quebec says: The Chateau Frontenac was the scene of an explosion on Friday night which, for 20 minutes, plunged the house into total darkness and caused a rumor of loss of life. Four men were seriously scalded, one G. Laurie of the Angus shops, Montreal, fatally, and Jos. MacMaster and S. G. McDermott of the same shops and J. J. Hatton, engineer in chief of the Canada. How the explosion occurred is a mystery. The injured men were employed on the installation of a heating system in the new wing.

MANITOBA APPLES.

Orchards in Neighborhood of Morden Produced Fine Crop.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: For several years past experiments in apple-growing have been consistently carried on in the neighborhood of Morden, Man., and have conclusively proven that apples can be grown in this Province. There are twenty orchards in that district, all bearing well this year, and the products cannot be beaten for size, flavor and general excellence. There are said to be seventy-five varieties of fruit.

DRAWN INTO MACHINERY.

Belleville Youth Terribly Mangled in Factory.

A despatch from Belleville says: Charles Burke, son of Mrs. Thos. Burke, of this city, 17 years of age, was on Friday evening instantly killed at the Belleville Rolling Mills. He was operating what is known as a tire-straightening machine, when, in some manner, he was drawn into the machine. His left arm and side were crushed to a jelly and the left side of the face terribly mutilated.

BOOM TIMES AGAIN.

Railways Carrying as Much Freight as Two Years Ago.

A despatch from Chicago says: The American railways' fortnightly statement, made public here on Friday shows a shortage of 23,431 cars in the east and south, and a surplus of 35,977 in the west and southwest. The report adds: "There seems to be no doubt that the railroads are carrying as much freight as they did in October, 1907, and it is to be noted that the shortages are one-third of what they were then, when there was no surplus at all. The surplus has been reduced 17,411 in the last two weeks."

PERISH IN BURNING HOME.

Father, Mother and Hired Man the Victims.

A despatch from Kingston says: The log cabin home of Robert McIntyre, who owned a small farm near the Village of Calabogie, 89 miles north of here, on the Kingston and Pembroke Railway, was destroyed by fire from some unknown cause early on Friday morning, and Mr. McIntyre, his mother, and John Watts, a farm laborer, perished in the flames. Mrs. McIntyre, who is 80 years of age, was an invalid. McIntyre was aged 52 and unmarried.

SMALLPOX ON VIRGINIAN.

Case Found in the Steerage After Leaving Rimouski.

A despatch from Grosse Isle, Que., says: When the Allan Line steamer Virginian arrived here on Friday with 700 passengers on board en route for Montreal, it was discovered that a case of smallpox had developed in the steerage after the ship had left Rimouski. It is believed that the saloon passengers will at least be sent forward.

OTTAWA'S GROWTH.

Population Over 83,000—Assessment Fifty-three Million.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Ottawa now has a population of 83,360, according to the annual census of the Assessment Commissioner. The increase during the year amounts to 3,076. Taxable property is given a valuation of 53,348,814, which is an increase of \$4,840,000 during the year.

THIS EXPLOSIVE IS SAFE

Can be Hammered, Heated or Shocked by Detonator Without Exploding.

A despatch from Washington says: A new explosive, a British invention which possesses possibilities, it is said, of revolutionizing the blasting work in connection with the construction of the Panama Canal, has been tested on the Isthmus of Panama recently, and as a result the Panama Canal Commission ordered twenty tons of it for trial.

The inventor's exhaustive tests before the members of the Isthmian Canal Commission showed that it is absolutely impossible to explode it by ordinary means. It was hampered with a sledge, shot into by a rifle, burned, and ordinary dynamite detonators were exploded in it both by fuse and by electricity, but the compound was inert. Not until a special detona-

tor was inserted could the substance be exploded; but then, in a few shots that were shot off, it showed itself more powerful than dynamite. It can only be set off by heating a small platinum wire just inside the open end by an electric spark or fuse. It will not explode by concussion.

It is claimed that the new explosive is 50 per cent. stronger than the 60 per cent. grade of dynamite, and that the cost of manufacturing will be more than \$20 per ton cheaper. So confident is the British inventor that he will secure the contract to furnish all the explosives to be used on the canal next year, it is stated that he has organized a company which will at once erect a factory on the Isthmus with a capacity of between 6,000 and 7,000 tons per annum.