

ONTARIO CENTRAL PRISON

After Careful Consideration Will Be Located Near Guelph.

A despatch from Toronto says: After years of patient enquiry and the examination of in the neighborhood of 50 sites, the Ontario Government has at last settled on a location for the new Central Prison. It is to be about three miles east of Guelph. The properties secured are four in number, of 210, 50, 130 and 123 acres respectively, making a total area of 513 acres. The government considers that it was very fortunate in securing a site which combines almost everything which is required. The transportation facilities are unexcelled. The C. P. R. runs through the property and the G. T. R. skirts it. There are six trains a day each way to Toronto.

The situation is almost at the centre of the criminal population of Ontario, which is placed at about 25 miles west of Toronto. This will involve a minimum cost of transportation of prisoners to the prison. The River Speed flows through the property, giving ample water supply.

The 210 and 123 acre properties contain limestone, which will be useful in the construction of the prison, and will also be utilized for the

employment of the prisoners in supplying crushed stone for the improvement of the roads of the province. The 130 acre property contains sand and gravel in abundance and an admirable building site. The other block is good land for farming, vegetable gardening and dairy purposes.

The properties purchased are:—The Walsh farm, 130 acres, with an inexhaustible deposit of rock and white and grey limestone, fronting on the C. P. R. The balance of the farm is good agricultural land. The Farr farm, 83 acres; good pasture and agricultural land, suitable for dairying. The Matthews farm, 210 acres, with large deposit of rock and dolomitic limestone, on the C. P. R. Also a large acreage of farm land and a site for buildings. The Meyers farm, 50 acres, with big gravel and sand deposit, contiguous to the G. T. R. Also fine farm land and a site for buildings. The Fleming farm, 130 acres, two-thirds fine farm land, with deposit of blue clay suitable for manufacturing bricks.

Two other adjacent properties are under consideration, but the price so far asked is greater than the Government is ready to pay.

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, Dec. 28.—Flour—Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents, \$4.30 to \$4.35 in buyers' sacks on track, Toronto, and \$4.20 to \$4.25 outside in buyers' sacks. Manitoba flour, first patents, \$5.60 on track, Toronto; second patents, \$5.10 to \$5.20, and strong bakers', \$4.90 to \$5 on track, Toronto.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.09, Bay ports, and No. 2 Northern, \$1.07, Bay ports.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 mixed, \$1.06 outside, and No. 2 white and red \$1.06 to \$1.07 outside.

Barley—No. 2, 60 to 62c outside, and No. 3 extra, 58 to 59c outside.

Oats—No. 2 Ontario white 35½ to 36c outside, and 38½ to 39c on track, Toronto. Canada West oats 40c for No. 2, and 39c for No. 3, Bay ports.

Peas—85 to 87c outside.
Rye—No. 2, 70 to 71c outside.
Buckwheat—52 to 52½c high freights, and 53 to 54c low freights.

Corn—New No. 2 yellow 71 to 71½c, Toronto, and selected No. 3 67½ to 68c, Toronto.

Bran—\$21 in bags, Toronto, and shorts, \$22.50 to \$23 in bags, Toronto.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—\$2 to \$3.50 per barrel, according to quality.

Beans—Car lots outside, \$1.55 to \$1.65, and small lots here, \$1.75 to \$1.90.

Honey—Combs, dozen, \$2.25 to \$3; extracted, 10½c per lb.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$14 to \$14.50, and No. 2 \$12.50 to \$13 on track, Toronto.

Straw—\$7.50 to \$8 on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—50c per bag on track, for Ontario.

Poultry—Chickens, dressed, 13 to 15c per lb.; fowl, 10 to 11c; turkeys, 19 to 20c per lb.; ducks, lb., 14 to 15c; geese, 12 to 13c.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 23 to 25c; lubs and large rolls, 21 to 23c; inferior, 19 to 20c; creamery, 27 to 28c, and solids, 26 to 26½c per lb.

Eggs—Case lots of fresh gathered, 16 to 37c per dozen, and storage, 16c.

Cheese—12½c per lb. for large, and 12c for twins.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 14½ to 14¾c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$26 to \$27; short cut, \$28 to \$29.

Hams—Light to medium, 15 to 16c; do., heavy, 14 to 14½c; rolls, 14 to 14½c; shoulders, 13 to 13½c; backs, 10 to 20c; breakfast bacon, 11½ to 18c.

Lard—Tierces, 15¾c; tubs, 16c; pails, 16¼c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Oats—No. 2 Canada Western, 42½ to 43½c; No. 3, 41½ to 41¾c. Barley—No. 2, 67c; Manitoba feed barley, 52 to 53c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.70; Manitoba Spring wheat patents, seconds, \$5.20; winter wheat patents, \$5.50 to \$5.60; Manitoba strong bakers', \$5; straight rollers, \$5.10 to \$5.25; straight rollers, in bags, \$2.40 to \$2.50. Feed—Ontario bran, \$21.50 to \$22; Ontario middlings, \$23 to \$23.50; Manitoba bran, \$21; Manitoba shorts, \$22 to \$23; pure grain mouille, \$32 to \$33; mixed mouille, \$25 to \$27. Cheese—September make western, 11½ to 11¾c; October make, 11½ to 11¾c, and eastern, 11¼ to 11½c. Butter—choicest creamery, 25½ to 26c, current receipts, 24½ to 25c, and dairy 19 to 22c. Eggs—Selected stock, in round lots, 28 to 28½c, and in single cases 29c; while No. 1 candled sold at 24½ to 25c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Cash wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.25 to \$1.26½; No. 3 red, \$1.18 to \$1.24; No. 2 hard, \$1.16 to \$1.17; No. 3 hard, \$1.10 to \$1.16; No. 1 Northern, \$1.17 to \$1.19; No. 2 Northern, \$1.14 to \$1.17; No. 3 Spring, \$1.10 to \$1.15. Corn—No. 3 white, 61c; No. 3 yellow, 61¼c; No. 4, 58½c; No. 4 yellow, 58½ to 59c. Oats—No. 2 white, 45½c; No. 3 white, 44 to 45c; No. 4 white, 43¼ to 44c; standard, 45 to 45½c.

Buffalo, Dec. 28.—Spring wheat, No. 1 Northern, carloads store, \$1.17½; winter, easier; No. 2 red \$1.27; No. 2 white, \$1.26. Corn—Steady. Oats—Easier; No. 2 white 48c; No. 3 white, 47c; No. 4 white, 45½ to 46¼c. Barley—Feed to malting, 62 to 75c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—None of the sales exceeded 5½c per lb., and from that down to 4¾c per lb. for prime heaves; pretty good cattle 3½ to 4½c; common stock, 2½ to 3½c per lb; cows and springers, \$55 to \$65 each; the others bringing from \$30 to \$50 each. Calves \$3 to \$12 each. Sheep, 4½c per lb.; lambs, 6 to 6½c per lb. Good lots of fat hogs, 8¾c per lb.

FIRE'S FATAL FREAK.

Hotel Burned One Day. Stables Next, with Loss of Life.

A despatch from Gloversville, N. Y., says: Following the practical destruction of the Keystone Hotel late on Wednesday, when there were several narrow escapes from death by occupants jumping from upper storey windows, three lives were lost in a fire which destroyed the Keystone stables late on Thursday. The three men had remained up all night guarding the ruins of the hotel, and about noon on Thursday went to the stables to sleep. At 3.30 the building was in flames. The men were smothered.

WEST SPENDS FREELY.

Christmas Trade in All Lines Makes A Record.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: As a result of the bountiful harvest in Western Canada and the great prosperity of the people in consequence, Christmas was celebrated in a more lavish manner than ever before. All points report the Christmas trade as unprecedented in the history of the West. The large departmental stores in Winnipeg report an increase of from 20 to 30 per cent. over any previous year. Money was plentiful, and it was spent with a lavish hand, the purchases being of a more substantial nature than any previous season. The jewelry trade especially report a very large increase in business, while the smaller traders express themselves as being well satisfied with the business done, which, they say, was away beyond anything they had ever anticipated.

ATTACKED WITH KNIFE.

Murderous Affair in a Vancouver Hotel.

A despatch from Vancouver says: Engineer Cullity is in jail here charged with attempting to murder Raymond Miller in the Manitoba Hotel early on Saturday morning. The story is that Miller, with two other men, Frank Gates and W. W. Poole, were in a room in the hotel, when Cullity entered and attacked Miller with a knife. He was arrested in the act of washing the blood off his person. Miller is in the hospital in a serious condition. The two witnesses have been held to give evidence.

COLLISION ON THE I.C.R.

Maritime Express and English Mail Special Clash.

A despatch from Quebec says:—A head-on collision occurred on Sunday morning on the I.C.R. at St. Anne de la Pocatiere between the Maritime Express No. 33 and the English mail special running east. Eight persons are reported slightly injured. Both engines are badly smashed, but the coaches are said to be only slightly damaged. It is not known here what was the cause of the accident. The wrecked trains arrived at Levis at 5 p.m.

PANIC AT CHURCH FUNCTION.

Fire Broke Out on the Stage in Sunbridge Town Hall.

A despatch from Sunbridge, Ont., says: While a Christmas entertainment under the auspices of the Methodist Church was in progress here on Saturday evening, fire broke out on the stage, and the crowded town hall was soon in a state of panic. The windows and doors were soon forced, however, and by the heroic work of the ladies in charge the flames were soon extinguished. No injuries were sustained, but the hall was badly damaged.

NAVAL BASE AT VANCOUVER.

Negotiations in Progress With Imperial Authorities.

A despatch from Birmingham, England, says: The London correspondent of the Post says he learns that negotiations are progressing between the Imperial and Dominion Governments which may result in the establishment of a naval base of considerable proportions at Vancouver Island. The present works will be used in the proposed extension. It is understood that the authorities at Ottawa are prepared to provide \$10,000,000 for the purpose of constructing docks and other accommodations.

STRATHCONA IN COLLISION.

Motor Bus was Forced on Top of His Car.

A despatch from London says: Lord Strathcona, the Canadian High Commissioner, had a narrow escape from serious injury on Thursday night. He had just driven up to the Canadian Government office on Victoria Street, when another automobile collided with a motor bus and forced the latter on top of Lord Strathcona's car, which was badly damaged. Lord Strathcona was thrown down, but was not hurt.

The Montreal City Council passed the second reading of the by-law to close all barrooms at 10 o'clock, and at 7 on Saturday evening.

Immigration returns for the last eight months show an increase of sixty-eight per cent. in the number of arrivals from the United States.

NINE HUNDRED WERE KILLED

Graphic Account of the Recent Battle at Rama, Nicaragua

A despatch from Washington says: A graphic report has been received from Consul Moffatt depicting the state of affairs in Bluefields, Nicaragua. He reported that more than 900 men on both sides were killed in the recent battle at Rama. The despatch follows:—

"Two thousand starved, emaciated prisoners have been brought here from Zelava's surrendered army. The sight of the sick and weary tottering through the streets is horrible. Half are mere boys. The emergency hospital established by the Des Moines and Tacoma contains ninety wounded and the city hospital sixty. Few of the surrendered army had shoes or blankets.

Scores were almost naked. All are in a pitiable condition. Estrada is furnishing them with blankets, clothing, shoes and food as best he can. Flour, beans, rice, sugar, coffee and condensed milk are needed instantly to feed the starving Zelava soldiers. Disease and death threaten unless they are properly given best of food and care.

"The great and sudden demand for proper clothing and food for the suffering is a problem for the provisional Government, whose resources are exhausted; their own men, numbering 3,000, are well fed and clothed, but they cannot find means whereby to care for their increased burden."

THE CANADIAN NAVY.

Third-Class Cruiser Appollo Has Been Purchased.

A despatch from Victoria, B. C., says: H. M. S. Appollo, a third-class cruiser of 3,400 tons, has been purchased by Canada from Great Britain, and is being made ready to proceed to Esquimalt for use as a training ship and fishery protection cruiser in British Columbia waters, forming the nucleus of a Canadian navy for the Pacific. H. M. S. Egeria, an old survey vessel, has been recommissioned until 1911, and will continue hydrographic work, and H. M. S. Algerine will recommission at Esquimalt in March. Numerous applications are being received for places in the Canadian navy.

THE HARRIMAN FORTUNE.

Conservatively Estimated Now at \$220,000,000.

A despatch from New York says: Edward H. Harriman was really worth at the time of his death over \$200,000,000, although a recent appraisal of his estate placed its value at \$149,000,000. The discrepancy between the actual and the appraised value of the Harriman estate, it was learned on trustworthy authority on Thursday, is due to the fact that shortly before his death Mr. Harriman transferred to his wife and his elder son securities valued at over \$50,000,000. Since Mr. Harriman's death his estate has profited by a rise in market values, and it is stated that the wealth of Mrs. Harriman may be conservatively estimated at \$220,000,000, which would make her probably the richest woman in the world.

THREE YEARS MORE.

Completion of the National Transcontinental Road.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Mr. E. J. Chamberlin, Vice-President and General Manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, stated on Thursday in Ottawa that the road would be completed to the Pacific coast by the end of 1912, and perhaps before. The new joint terminals of the G. T. P. and C. N. R. at Winnipeg, he said, would be completed by March, and will only be equalled on this continent by the Pennsylvania in New York and the depot at Washington. The National Transcontinental Commissioners expect to have the Government end of the road, from Moncton to Winnipeg, completed during 1912.

FATHER AND SON KILLED.

A Peculiar Coincidence Attends Their Death.

A despatch from Ottawa says: In identically the same way, in the same lumber camp, and within a few days of the same time of the year as his father met his death four years ago, Louis Gauvreau of Aylmer, aged 18, was on Tuesday crushed to death by a falling tree at Ritchie's lumber camp, near Mattawa. He did not move far enough out of the danger zone when the choppers brought down the tree.

EIGHT WERE KILLED.

An Explosion in a Coal Mine at Herrin, Illinois.

A despatch from St. Louis, Mo., says: Eight men were killed and 400 others had a narrow escape in an explosion of gas in mine A of the Chicago and Cartersville Coal Company at Herrin, Ill., late on Thursday. Open lamps carried by employees of the mine are believed to have caused the disaster. There were three men and a boy in this party, and all are dead.

DIED ON HORSEBACK.

Wounded Man Was on Way From Shanty to Mattawa.

A despatch from Ottawa says: A youth named Gauvreau, a log hauler, was killed at the Ritchie camps, near Mattawa, by a falling tree. He had stepped aside, but did not move far enough, and was crushed between two logs. The foreman started out on horseback with the wounded man, to ride to Mattawa to the hospital, but the victim died on the way.

OTTAWA GIRL KILLED.

Struck by Freight Car While Releasing Her Sleigh.

A despatch from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., says: Louise Bray, the six-year-old daughter of Mrs. Chas. Bray, Ottawa, was almost instantly killed at the Wellington and John streets crossing at Steelton at 4.30 on Wednesday afternoon. The child was sleighing and her sleigh became caught in the track. Returning to get it, she was struck by a freight car, which was being shunted. She was struck on the temple and lived only twenty-five minutes. The girl had been in the Soo about one month, coming here to act as flower girl at the wedding of her aunt.

WORLD TO TENDER ON BRIDGE

All the Leading Firms Will be Invited to Compete

A despatch from Ottawa says: The leading bridge firms of the world are to be asked to compete for the contract for the construction of the superstructure of the new Quebec bridge, and their representatives will be invited to inspect alternative plans for suspension or cantilever designs at the office of the engineers in charge, at Montreal, on or after Jan. 3. It is expected that the work will take four years to complete, so that it will be 1914 before the new structure is in operation. In the meantime, it is proposed to inaugurate a ferry service to deal with the

National Transcontinental traffic.

Two or three months will be allowed the firms competing to thoroughly examine the plans, owing to the elaborate character of the work involved, and afterwards another two months will be necessary to allow them to prepare their estimates. It will therefore be towards the end of Summer or the early Autumn before tenders can be received and the contract awarded.

The work on the contract for the substructure, which has been awarded to M. P. and J. Davis for \$2,500,000, will be proceeded with in the meantime.