

SIXTY MEN WERE DROWNED

The Christmas Blizzard Brought Woe on Newfoundland's Coast.

A despatch from St. Johns, Nfld., says: Eleven Newfoundland schooners and their crews of 60 men, are believed to have been lost in the Christmas blizzard, while great destruction to property throughout this island colony has resulted. The storm raged for six days. All telegraph lines in the interior of the colony are down and reports from inland points are slow in reaching here.

The town of Placentia was flooded for three days, and the principal

business street of that place resembles an ocean beach, being piled high with flotsam, that was cast up by the unusually high tides. The village of Black Head, three miles from this city, was almost swept away.

December was the stormiest month the Newfoundland coast has experienced in half a century, and it is estimated that its cost to the fisheries and general trade is more than three-quarters of a million dollars.

ROBBERS CONFESS.

Cashier Dobson and P. S. Whistler Tells of Express Robbery.

A despatch from Niagara Falls, Ont., says: The three men under arrest for complicity in the robbery of the Canadian Express Co. last November, on their own confession, are now safely behind prison bars, two in the Welland County jail at Welland, and one in the Niagara County jail, at Lockport, N. Y. William Dobson, the cashier at the office of the Express Company, and Purl S. Whistler, 26 years old, of No. 1121 Pierce Avenue, Niagara Falls, N. Y., are locked up at Welland and Charles J. Flynn, proprietor of the Delevan Cafe, at No. 1913 Main Street, Niagara Falls, N. Y., is locked up at Lockport.

A SAD NEW YEAR.

A Son Finds Himself Bereft of Both Parents.

A despatch from Detroit says: After travelling several hundred miles to be with his aged parents on New Year's Day, Richard Remine, a commercial traveller, reached his old home in Kalamazoo on Saturday morning. Unable to gain admittance to the house, and finally thinking something wrong, he broke in the door and discovered his father lying dead on the floor, and his mother in a dying condition from the effects of escaping coal gas. The old people were living alone and without servants, although in quite wealthy circumstances.

LESS SPIRITS DRUNK.

Drop in British Excise Revenue—Increase in Death Duties.

A despatch from London says: The British Treasury returns for the nine months ending on Friday show a net increase of £1,427,200 in revenue, and the huge increase of £9,967,301 in expenditures. Most notable among the decreased items is the excise receipts, which are £1,810,000 down, owing to the diminished consumption of spirits. The most notable increase is in the death and other estate duties, which went up £2,988,000 owing to the coincidence in the deaths of many of the wealthiest persons in the Kingdom.

RUINED BY CIGARETTES.

Victor Forrest Puts a Bullet Through His Head.

A despatch from Montreal says: After warning his younger brother never to smoke cigarettes, as they ruined his life, Victor Forrest, 19 years old, living at St. Henri, put a bullet through his head on Sunday, and is now lying at the point of death in the hospital. The young man broke into his mother's trunk

to secure the revolver, and announced his intention of ending his life. The police were summoned, but before they put in an appearance Forrest locked himself in his room and shot himself.

RUSH FOR CANADIAN NAVY.

Over 100 Applications for Positions Already Received.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Over a hundred applications have been received at the Marine Department for positions in the proposed Canadian navy. Included in the number are applications from several men who have served in the British navy and are now on the reserve. It is not likely, however, that any large proportion of these will be engaged, but younger men sought. The wages of the officers will be similar to those which obtain in the British navy, but the scale for the crew will be higher, and more along the line of what is paid in the United States. It is expected that the cruiser Rainbow will arrive in Canada early in June.

WIRELESS IN THE PACIFIC.

Conclusion Reached at Conference in Australia.

A despatch from Melbourne says: The conclusions reached at the recent conference on the subject of a wireless system in the Pacific were made known on Wednesday. Representatives of the British Admiralty, of Australia, New Zealand and the Fiji Islands shared in the discussion, the result of which was a recommendation that high power stations be established at Sydney, Doubtless Bay, New Zealand; Suva, capital of the Fiji group, and Ocean Island, and medium power stations in the New Hebrides and Solomon Islands. All these wireless stations will be under the control of the British Government.

SHOT IN BACK OF HEAD.

Girl Says George Emmett Did The Shooting.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: George Emmett was charged on Wednesday morning before Magistrate Daly with attempt to murder Bertha McLean, his sweetheart, and afterwards attempted to commit suicide. He was committed for trial at the assizes. The case is a most remarkable one in many respects. The girl was found in a dazed condition with a bullet wound in her temple, while Emmett had three wounds, all in the back of the head. Three doctors declare they could not have been self-inflicted, but the girl maintains that Emmett did the shooting.

Dr. Cook's fake polar record will be placed in the criminal museum at Copenhagen.

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, Jan. 4.—Ontario wheat—No. 2 mixed winter wheat, \$1.06 to \$1.07; No. 2 white, \$1.07 outside. Manitoba wheat—Spot No. 1 northern, \$1.10; No. 2 northern, \$1.08 on track, lake ports. For early January delivery. No. 1 northern, \$1.15½; No. 2, northern, \$1.13, all rail.

Corn—American No. 2 yellow, 73c; new No. 3 yellow, 69c to 69½c; Toronto freights; kiln-dried No. 3 yellow, 72c.

Oats—Canadian western, No. 2, 40½c; No. 3, 39½c on track, lake ports, December shipment, all rail; No. 2 white, 35c to 36c, outside; No. 3 white, 34c outside, 37c to 38c on track, Toronto.

Barley—No. 2, 58 c to 59c; No. 3 extra 57c; No. 3, 51c to 52c; feed barley, at 49c to 50c outside; Manitoba, No. 3, 52c; No. 4, 50c, track, lake ports.

Peas—New, No. 2, 86c to 88c. Rye—No. 2, 70c, outside. Buckwheat—No. 2, 52c to 53c outside.

Manitoba Flour—Quotations at Toronto are:—First patents, \$5.60; second patents, \$5.10; strong bakers', \$4.90; 90 per cents., Glasgow freights, 29s.

Ontario Flour—Winter wheat patents, for export, \$4.20 to \$4.25 in buyers' sacks outside.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, \$21 per ton; shorts, \$23 to \$24, track Toronto; Ontario millfeed, \$22; shorts, \$24, track, Toronto bags included.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—\$2.50 to \$4 per barrel, according to quality.

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

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

Hay—No. 1 timothy at \$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 Ontarios.

Poultry—Chickens, dressed, 13c to 14c per lb.; fowl, 10c; turkeys, 18c to 19c per lb.; ducks, lb., 14c; geese, 12c to 13c.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

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

Eggs—Case lots of fresh gathered, 35 to 36c; new laid, 40c, and storage, 25c per dozen.

Cheese—12½c per lb. for large, and at 12¼c for twins.

HOG PRODUCTS.

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

Hams—Light to medium, 15c to 16c; do., heavy, 14c to 14½c; rolls, 14c to 14½c; shoulders, 13c to 13½c; backs, 19c to 20c; breakfast bacon, 17½c to 18c.

Lard—Fierces, 15½c; tubs, 16c; pails, 16½c.

BUSINESS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—Oats—No. 2 Canada Western, 42½c to 42¾c; No. 3 oats, 41½c to 41¾c. Barley—No. 2, 66c to 67c; Manitoba feed barley, 52 to 53c. Flour—Manitoba spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.70; do., seconds, \$5.20; winter wheat patents, \$5.50 to \$5.60; Manitoba strong bakers', \$5; straight rollers, \$5.10 to \$5.25; do., in bags, \$2.40 to \$2.50. Feed—Ontario bran, \$21.50 to \$22; Ontario middlings, \$23 to \$23.50; Manitoba shorts, \$22 to \$23; pure grain mouillie, \$32 to \$33; mixed mouillie, \$25 to \$27. Cheese—September make westerns 11½c to 11¾c; Oct. make at 11½c to 11¾c, and easterns, 11¼ to 11½c. Butter—Choicest creamery, 25½c to 26c, and fresh made, 24½c to 25c. Eggs—Strictly new laid, 40c to 42c; selected No. 1 stock, 29c to 30c, and No. 1 candled, 26 to 27c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, Jan. 4.—Wheat December, \$1.10½; May, \$1.10½ to \$1.11; cash wheat, No. 1 hard, \$1.11½ to \$1.12½; No. 1 northern, \$1.11½ to \$1.12½; No. 2 northern, \$1.09½ to \$1.10½; No. 3 northern, \$1.07½ to \$1.09½. Bran—in 100-lb. sacks, \$21. Flour—First patents, \$5.50 to \$5.70; second patents, \$5.30 to \$5.50; first clears, \$4.45 to

FARMERS WITH THE CASH

Over Ninety Thousand Americans Estimated to Have Gone Into the West.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Immigration from the United States during the past year has far exceeded all estimates or anticipations. More than fifteen thousand have come in in excess of the highest calculations. Early in the year it was thought by sanguine officials that seventy-five thousand might be expected, but there have actually been 90,148. The immigration Commissioner estimates that the average wealth of each of these is one thousand dollars, which means ninety million dollars in cash added to the wealth of Western

Canada. In addition to this, there has been realized from the great wheat crop another \$120,000,000, which means a total of \$210,000,000 of new wealth last year, not calculating the proceeds of the dairy, the ranch, and coarse grains. The Americans have taken up in homesteads and pre-emptions 2,400,000 acres of land, which at the lowest estimate means half a million acres added to the crop next year. Immigration from Great Britain and the continent of Europe was slightly in excess of the American, amounting to 92,522.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Wheat, cash,

No. 2 red, \$1.24 to \$1.26½; No. 3 red, \$1.17 to \$1.24; No. 2 hard, \$1.16 to \$1.17; No. 3 hard, \$1.10 to \$1.14; No. 1 northern, \$1.16½ to \$1.20; No. 2 northern, \$1.15 to \$1.17½; No. 3 spring, \$1.12 to \$1.17. Corn—No. 3 white, 61c; No. 3 yellow, 60½c to 61c; No. 4, 58½c to 59c; No. 4 yellow, 59c to 59½c. Oats—No. 2 white, 45½c; No. 3 white, 44½c to 45c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—Prime beefs, 4½c to 5½c per lb.; pretty good animals, 3½c to 4½c and the common stock, 2½c to 3½c per lb. Milch cows, \$30 to \$60 each. Calves, from 3 to near 6c per lb. heep, about 4½c per lb.; lambs, 6c to 6½c. Good lots of fat hogs, from 8½c to 9c per lb.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—The best butcher cattle brought from \$5.25 to \$5.50, while medium and common stock range from \$3.75 to \$4.50 per cwt. Good cows sold as high as \$1.75 to-day, with medium and common cows and canners bringing all the way from \$1 to \$3.75 and \$4 per cwt. One load of Manitoba feeders was sold at \$4.35 per cwt. Sheep and lambs are scarce, and prices paid by butcher buyers for choice lamb and mutton are firmer than ever. Live hogs are steady and firm at \$7.75 to \$8.00.

HIT BY FLYING ROCK.

Edward Burley Fatally Injured at Cobalt.

A despatch from Cobalt says:—Edward Burley, an Englishman, formerly employed at the British American mine, but for the last month at the Rochester, died on Wednesday afternoon from injuries received at the mine. Burley and his brother were working at the 75-foot level. Preparation had been made for blasting. Burley had lighted the fuse and was walking away to a place of safety when an explosion, supposed to be premature, and possibly from a defective fuse, took place. Burley's body was badly broken up by flying rock. He was thrown on his face and his left shoulder was very badly crushed. Dr. Melbourne was called in, and removed the victim to the Red Cross Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries just after noon.

BULK THROUGH CANADA.

Our Ports Handled 370,000,000 Bushels of Western Grain.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—The proportion in which the Western grain crop has been shipped from Canadian and American ports, is indicated in returns to the Trade and Commerce Department. Shipments to the end of navigation are figured on. The total through Can-

adian ports was 36,964,307 bushels, and through American ports 19,611,216. Of the latter 17,377,154 bushels went by way of Buffalo. The total number of cars inspected to December 14 was 65,483, containing 74,104,680 bushels of grain. The Canadian Pacific handled 40,000 cars, the Canadian Northern 18,271, the Great Northern 2,693, and the Grand Trunk Pacific 3,510.

TRADE IN WOOD PULP.

United States Importing More and Exporting Less.

A despatch from Washington says:—Ninety million dollars was the contribution of the forests to the exports of the United States during the fiscal year of 1908, an increase of twenty-fold since 1851. This is one of the striking facts told in a bulletin covering a period of sixty years, issued by the Department of Agriculture. The forest product imports have grown even more rapidly. From a little more than \$1,000,000 in 1851, they reached more than \$100,000,000 in 1908. Wood pulp shows the greatest increase in import. From a value of \$5,000 in 1880, it has grown to more than \$7,000,000 in 1907. Exports of wood pulp are comparatively small, and are decreasing.

WEIGHING OF COAL.

New Order by Commission in Interests of Dealers.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—In amendment to a former order regarding the weighing of coal at frontier points in Ontario the Railway Commission has issued a new order whereby the coal must be weighed by Customs officials at the points where it is imported. In this way coal dealers will be relieved of the prevailing and much complained of trouble of accepting shippers' weights. The new order affects only Ontario points.

MEANS GOOD SPRING FISHING.

Seals Reported Numerous in the Straits of Belle Isle.

A despatch from St. John's Nfld., says: The steamer Home, which arrived from Labrador on Thursday, reports a pestiferous passage through the Straits of Belle Isle which are now filling with arctic ice. Seals are numerous in the Straits, and 700 have been taken in Battle Harbor this week. This is said to indicate a good spring fishing. The Board of Trade, at a meeting Thursday night, decided to establish a big cold storage plant next spring. Premier Morris attended the meeting.

Two companies of the 187th regiment of German infantry, fought in barracks near Strassburg; five were fatally injured and one killed.

NEW C. P. R. BRANCH LINES

Three New Ones Opened for Passenger Traffic in the West.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: As a result of building operations this year three new branches of the Canadian Pacific last week were opened for passenger traffic. These include the extension of the Lacombe branch from Stettler, Alta., to Castor, the opening of the Weyburn to Forward line and the opening of the new line from Lethbridge to Carmangay. The line running east from Stettler will eventually be built through to Outlook and

will constitute the main line from Moose Jaw direct to Edmonton. The portion now being opened from Stettler to Castor covers a distance of sixty miles. An important strip of new country will be served by this line. On the new line running from Lethbridge north to Carmangay a bi-weekly service will be given. The line runs parallel to the Macleod to Calgary branch, and is built through one of the finest districts in Southern Alberta.

NEW BRUNSWICK'S SURPLUS

Revenue for Year Shows Big Increase ---Some Large Expenditures

A despatch from Fredericton, N. B., says: The provincial financial statement for the past fiscal year was published on Wednesday in the Royal Gazette, and shows ordinary expenditures of \$1,255,381, as compared with \$1,042,198 last year, while receipts show a big increase, and amount to \$1,259,826, leaving a balance of about \$4,000. The largest expenditure was \$204,449 for public works, about \$75,000 more

than last year, while for agriculture the expenditure was \$31,194, or \$10,000 more than last year. Other large expenditures include \$246,677 for education, \$38,176 for Executive Government, and \$43,474 for forest and game protection. Payments in interest amount to \$197,857, while last year it was \$232,944. The receipts include \$621,300 in Dominion subsidies, \$325,225 territorial revenue, \$124,344 in excise duties, \$44,323 liquor