

FIFTY PERSONS ARE KILLED

Go Down to Death By An Avalanche on the C. P. R.

A despatch from Revelstoke, B. C., says: At midnight Friday, while a gang of workmen were cleaning a snowslide off the tracks a mile west of Rogers' Pass, a second avalanche swept down the mountain, carrying death and destruction in its wake. The spot where the accident occurred is a very dangerous one, at the summit of the Selkirks at a place known as Rogers' Pass, between Field and Golden. The C. P. R. track at this point passes through a gully, or what is generally known as a "dip." The mountains on either side rise to a height of some eight thousand feet. It was at noon on Friday that the first slide occurred, but it was a comparatively small one. A wrecking train was at once sent out from Revelstoke to clear the track. About 100 men, mostly Japs, were engaged in this work, and while the gang was so employed another avalanche swept down from the mountains, overwhelming between 40 and 50 of the wrecking crew. For a distance of over a quarter of a mile the track was covered with snow and ice to a depth of 30 feet, and the victims were buried beneath huge masses of snow, ice, rocks and timber. As soon as the news of the disaster reached Revelstoke a fire bell sounded,

and within half an hour a relief train conveying physicians and over 200 railroad men and other citizens was enroute to the scene. The relief train had just passed Genogle when a third slide occurred, covering the track for some distance and damming the Wapita River, which runs nearby, but there was no further loss of life. When the relief train arrived at the scene of the disaster no time was lost in the work of rescuing the bodies and clearing the track, a work that was rendered particularly trying by a fierce blizzard.

The bodies of twelve white men have been recovered and identified, all of them living in the vicinity of the avalanche. They were employed in clearing the track when the slide came. The bodies of 37 Japanese have also been recovered, making a total of 51 recovered to date, and it is feared that a number of others yet lie amongst the thousands of tons of snow, ice, trees and rocks piled high in the canyon.

The dead, so far as identified, are as follows:—Assistant Roadmaster Fraser of Revelstoke, Conductor Buckley, Fireman F. Griffiths, Brakesman Mahon, Engineer Phillips, Engineer Portruff, F. Wagner, laborer; H. Martin, laborer.

DIPHTHERIA EPIDEMIC.

One School at Sault Ste. Marie Closed.

A despatch from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., says: The diphtheria epidemic has become so widespread here that one school has been closed and others depleted of pupils. The disease is gradually spreading through the Soo, and the present mild weather, it is believed, has resulted in an increase of cases. Considerable alarm is felt. It was suggested on Wednesday that moving picture shows and other places of amusement be closed. Steelton is also in the grip of the dreaded disease, it being even more prevalent there than in the Soo.

MONTREAL ALARMED.

Fearful Epidemic May Spread to Quebec Province.

A despatch from Montreal says: It is now feared that the epidemic of hydrophobia which prevails among the dogs of Ontario towns and cities has spread to Montreal. Inspector Innes, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, has kept close track of the growth of the outbreak. It has been feared all along that the disease would strike Montreal. For that reason no dog show will be held this year, and all the stray dogs are being collected and destroyed. Their worst fears were realized with the shooting of a mad dog in Westmount by the Westmount police. The society has issued a warning to the public.

PROFITS OF THE MINT.

Over \$60,000 Earned During Fifteen Months' Existence.

A despatch from Ottawa says: According to a return tabled in the House on Friday, the net profits on silver and bronze coinage from the opening of the Ottawa branch of the Royal Mint on Jan. 1st, 1908, till March 31, 1909, has been \$63,857.

IT IS BECOMING A TORRENT

The Stream of Immigration From the United States Is Increasing.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The influx of settlers into the Canadian west this year promises to greatly surpass all previous records. Reports received by the Immigration Department indicate that the arrivals from the American States, particularly from the Northwest, will exceed the one hundred thousand mark. During the first month of the year there has been an increase of over one hundred per cent. in the number of home-

steads taken up. The total number of entries for January was 2,698, as compared with 1,308 in January of last year, an increase of 1,390. Americans led, with 913 homestead entries, and there were, in addition, 42 returning Canadians from the United States. Entries by Canadians totalled 661. English immigrants took 331 homesteads, Scotch 97, and Irish 29. The remaining 415 homesteads taken up during the month were by people from other European countries.

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, Mar. 8.—Flour—Winter wheat 90 per cent. patents, \$4.25 to \$4.30 in buyers' sacks on track, Toronto, and \$4.15 to \$4.20 outside in buyers' sacks. Manitoba flour, first patents, \$5.70; second patents, \$5.20 to \$5.30, and strong bakers', \$5 on track, Toronto.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern \$1.13, Bay ports, and No. 2 Northern, \$1.11, Bay ports.

Ontario Wheat—No. 2 mixed red Winter or white, \$1.07 to \$1.08 outside.

Barley—No. 2, 56c outside; No. 3 extra, 53 to 54c; No. 3, 50 to 51c, and feed, 48c outside.

Oats—No. 2 Ontario white, 39 to 39½c outside, and 42 to 42½c on track, Toronto. Canada West oats 42 to 42½c for No. 2, and 41 to 41½c for No. 3, Bay ports.

Peas—No. 2 for shipment, 82 to 83c outside.

Rye—No. 2, 68c outside.

Buckwheat—51 to 52c outside for No. 2.

Corn—Kiln-dried No. 3 American, 72c, and No. 3 yellow, selected, 69 to 69½c, Toronto freights. Canadian corn, 64 to 65c, Toronto freights.

Bran—\$22 to \$22.50 in bags, Toronto, and shorts at \$24, in bags, Toronto.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

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

Beans—Car lots outside, \$1.85 to \$1.95, and small lots, \$2.10 to \$2.20 per bushel.

Honey—Combs, dozen, \$2 to \$2.50, extracted, 10½ to 11c per lb.

Baled hay—No. 1 \$13.50 to \$14.50 on track, and No. 2, \$12 to \$13.

Baled straw—\$7.50 to \$7.75 on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—45 to 50c per bag on track for Ontarios.

Poultry—Turkeys, dressed, 18 to 19c per lb.; ducks, 13 to 15c; geese, 13 to 14c; chickens, 14 to 15c, and fowl, 11 to 12c.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 21 to 23c; tubs and large rolls, 20 to 21c; inferior, 16 to 18c; creamery, 28 to 29c, and solids, 26 to 26½c per lb.

Eggs—Case lots of new laid, 30 to 31c per dozen, and storage, 25c per dozen.

Cheese—13c per lb. for large, and at 13½c for twins.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 14¾ to 15c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$27 to \$27.50; short cut, \$29 to \$29.50.

Hams—Light to medium, 15½ to 16c, do., heavy, 14½ to 15c; rolls, 14 to 14½c; shoulders, 13 to 13½c; breakfast bacon, 18 to 18½c; backs, 19 to 20½c.

Lard—Tierces, 15¾ to 16c; tubs, 16 to 16½c; pails, 16½ to 16¾c.

BUSINESS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, March 8.—Oats—No. 2 Canadian Western, 44¾ to 45c; No. 3, 43¾ to 44c; Ontario, No. 2 white, 44c; Ontario No. 3 white, 42c; Ontario No. 4 white, 42c. Barley—No. 3, 60c; No. 4, 58c; feed barley, 56c. Flour—Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.80; do., seconds, \$5.30; Winter wheat patents, \$5.50 to \$5.60; Manitoba strong bakers', \$5.10; straight rollers, \$5.10 to \$5.25; straight rollers, in bags, \$2.40 to \$2.50. Feed—Ontario bran \$22.50 to \$23; Ontario middlings, \$23.50 to \$24; Manitoba bran, \$22; Manitoba shorts, \$23; pure grain meal, \$31 to \$33; mixed meal, \$27 to \$29. Cheese—Westerns, 12½ to 13; easterns, 12 to 12½c. Butter—Choicest creamery, 25½ to 26c. Eggs—Strictly new laid, 30c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, March 8.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, carloads store, \$1.23½; Winter, nominal. Corn—Weak; No. 3 yellow, 63¾c; No. 4 yellow, 61c, No. 3 corn, 63c; No. 4 corn, 60½c. Oats—No. 2 white, 53c; No. 3 white, 51c; No. 4 white, 50c. Barley—Feed to malting, 71 to 77c. Rye—No. 2 on track, 86c.

Chicago, March 8.—Cash wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.22½; No. 3 red, \$1.18 to \$1.21; No. 2 hard, \$1.15 to \$1.15½; No. 3 hard, \$1.12½ to \$1.15; No. 1 Northern, \$1.17½ to \$1.18½; No. 2 Northern, \$1.15 to \$1.17; No. 3 Spring, \$1.13 to \$1.15½.

100 AVALANCHE VICTIMS

Lying Beneath the Tightly Packed Snow and Debris.

A despatch from Wellington, Washington, says: Eighty-six names are now on the list of dead and missing passengers and railroad and postal employees, who were carried down by the avalanche which destroyed two Great Northern trains on Tuesday morning. Statements of the number of laborers fighting the snow, who were sleeping on the ill-fated trains vary from 20 to 30. An estimate of 100 dead is conservative. All the dead were residents of the northwest. Of the injured, only Rev. Bishop Winget of Chicago was from the east. No one who has seen the wreckage has the slightest hope of finding any of the missing alive. The explorations have uncovered none living, and some of the bodies are shockingly mangled. An avalanche of dry snow might have covered its victims alive, but the gorge at Wellington is packed tight with wet snow, ice, huge trees and glacial boulders of enormous weight.

those of electricians who were living in a cabin at the edge of Wellington, and who were carried three hundred feet down the slope.

All Thursday a stream of men with packs strapped to their backs wound about the mountain path from Skykomish to Scenic and Wellington, carrying food and supplies for the injured. Some are digging for the bodies of friends or relatives. Sightseers were told that they were not wanted.

A laborer was caught taking trinkets from a woman's body, and he was compelled to start down the trail at once. One hundred and fifty men dug for bodies in the debris all day. Among the bodies found on Thursday were those of ex-Prosecuting Attorney R. M. Barnhart of Spokane. Conductor J. L. Pettit, who, after a trip on foot to Skykomish, went back to his post, and Mrs. M. A. Covington of Olympia, who left Spokane to celebrate her golden wedding in Seattle on Thursday.

OUR MINERAL PRODUCTION

\$90,000,000 Worth of Minerals Produced in Canada Last Year.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The total value of the mineral production of Canada during 1909 was a little over ninety million dollars, an increase of nearly five millions as compared with the preceding year. Nearly all metals show an increased output, according to a preliminary estimate contained in a report by the Mines Department. The total production of silver during the year is estimated at 27,873,560 ounces, valued at \$14,358,310, of which nearly thirteen million dollars is credited to the Cobalt mines. There was a slight decrease in gold production, which totalled about nine and a half mil-

lions. The Yukon gold output last year is estimated at \$3,960,000, an increase of \$360,000 over 1908. The total production of nickel from the Sudbury deposits was 28,845 tons, valued at the furnaces at \$3,913,012. An increase of twenty per cent. is shown in production of pig iron in Canada last year as compared with 1908. The total production was 757,162 tons, valued at \$3,581,864, as compared with 630,835 tons, valued at \$8,112,194 in 1908. Coal and coke were produced to the extent of 10,411,955 tons, valued at \$24,431,351, a somewhat smaller production than in 1908, owing to labor troubles at the Nova Scotia mines.

Corn—No. 3, 62c; No. 3 white, 62 to 62½c; No. 3 yellow, 61½ to 62½c; No. 4, 55½ to 57c; No. 4 white, 57 to 58c; No. 4 yellow, 57 to 58c. Oats—No. 2, 46½c; No. 3, 45½c to 46c; No. 3 white, 46 to 47c; No. 4 white, 45 to 46c; standard, 47½c.

90 f.o.b., \$9.15 fed and watered. Some dealers think that hogs will reach the \$10 mark before the month is out.

GOOD ACT LED TO ARREST.

Tramp Found Broken Rail and Flagged Train.

A despatch from Sudbury says: There is a tinge of romance in connection with the arrest here on Wednesday of James Donaldson, wanted on a charge of being an accessory to the murder of John Davis, of Parry Sound, on Monday night. Without funds, Donaldson, after assisting in the arrest of the alleged murderer, fled to Parry Sound, walking the C. P. R. tracks towards Toronto. Fourteen miles from Parry Sound, he discovered a broken rail, the danger of which was plainly apparent. He stood at the spot and flagged the first train that came along and doubtless averted a wreck. The grateful conductor brought him to Sudbury, and the circumstances were reported to the local superintendent, in the hope of getting him work. It was while waiting in the C. P. R. station for some work that he was arrested.

EXPLOSION IN MAGAZINE

Killed Twenty-Three Men in Alaska Mine on Wednesday Night.

A despatch from Juneau, Alaska, says: Twenty-three miners were killed on Wednesday night by an explosion of a powder magazine in the 1,100 foot level of the Mexican mine, one of the group of Treadwell gold properties on Douglas Island. Eight men were seriously injured and four of these may die. The last shots had been fired by the night shift twenty minutes be-

fore the men were assembled at the elevator to go on top. The magazine, which contained 275 pounds of powder was 30 feet from the place where the men were standing, but every man was killed or injured. Most of the miners were foreigners. The man in charge of the magazine had locked the door where the explosives were stored, and was standing with the other men. He was killed.