

THE CROPS ARE A SUCCESS

What the Dominion Interior Department's Agents Report.

A despatch from Ottawa says: According to reports on western conditions sent by the agents of the Department of the Interior to the Superintendent of Immigration, the crops this year are after all a success.

In spite of the very early spring, the long dry spell through the summer, and the late heavy rain, grains, roots and fruit promise to be a paying crop, though not so good as last year. Through the dry summer months it was feared that crops would be a failure, and in some places bush fires raged and caused much alarm. In August, however, heavy rains set in and changed conditions for the better.

Harvest began generally about the first week in August, and has continued favorably, most of the grain now being in stooks, some stacked, and thrashing in progress. The weather just now is rather unfavorable, but rain and frost have done no harm. Some farmers have

begun ploughing and discing for next year's crop.

The demand for farm hands has been good and still continues. In many places men are impossible to get. Wages average \$20 to \$45 per month and board, or \$2 to \$3 per day and board for very good men. Railway men will be required for some time yet at excellent wages.

Market prices are high, and there is a good demand for all produce offered; some new wheat has been sold. Farmers seem to have plenty of money, and no complaints are heard. Transportation conditions are satisfactory, there being plenty of cars to take the grain to the elevators, and roads are good.

All the mines are working double shift, and dealers have plenty of coal and wood on hand. Farmers have not yet begun to lay in their winter supply, but there is absolutely no fear of any shortage, and the outlook for the coming winter is bright and promising in every way.

191,076 CASES, 88,716 DEATHS.

Cholera Taking Fearful Toll in Russian Provinces.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: The figures available at the Sanitary Bureau show that during the present cholera epidemic there have been 191,076 cases, with 88,716 deaths, throughout the country. On Friday Khabarovsk, seat of the General Government of the Amur and capital of Primorskaya Province, Siberia, and Nikolavsk in the same province, were officially declared to be within the cholera zone. In the week ending Sept. 17 there was a total of 4,412 cases and 2,071 deaths. In the last six days there have been 301 new cases and 83 deaths in this city. In the week previous there were 339 cases and 136 deaths.

TRAPPER BLED TO DEATH.

John Sims, a New Brunswick Hermit, Had Feet Shot Off.

A despatch from St. John, N.B., says: To bleed to death far from human habitation was the fate of "John the trapper" a few days ago. John Sims for the past seven years had lived in a small hut near Lepreaux and existed by hunting and trapping. He is said to have a wife and daughter at Liverpool, but he shunned company and no one knew anything of his antecedents. Wednesday a boy who sometimes took him provisions went to the hut, to find him sitting bolt upright with both feet shot off and quite dead, with his long rifle across his knees. He had bled to death, with no chance of summoning aid.

WITH STOLEN GOODS.

Three Men Arrested at Oak Lake Manitoba.

A despatch from Brandon, Man., says: Three men, giving the names of James Carson, John Newton and Dan Welsh, arrested at Oak Lake on Wednesday, had in their possession the greater part of \$4,000 worth of jewellery stolen from a store in Hamiota the previous night. The men are apparently professional burglars, and are believed to be responsible for most of

the numerous burglaries that have terrorized western towns for several weeks past. They were arraigned here and remanded for a week, as other members of the gang are still at large. The men under arrest are heavily shackled and under a special guard.

GIRL BURNED TO DEATH.

Several Guests Barely Escaped With Their Lives in Hotel Fire.

A despatch from Schreiber, Ont., says: A Finnish girl named Patmi was burned to death in her bed and several guests barely escaped with their lives, when the King Edward Hotel here was burned to the ground on Wednesday night. Miss Moore, an elderly woman working in the kitchen as helper, was burned severely and may not recover. A French girl named Cadet was badly hurt when she jumped from the second-story window. The hotel was owned by John King of Fort William, and was fully insured.

SWALLOWED POISON PILLS.

Ottawa Girl Sentenced to Prison for Attempted Suicide.

A despatch from Ottawa says: A case of suicide in the Ottawa police station was averted on Wednesday morning only by an overdose of poison. Rose Eyr, a young domestic, was given nine months for having stolen from her mistress, Mrs. Ogilvie, a \$150 dress and then sending it to a laundry, where it was ruined. As soon as she was sentenced she swallowed three bichloride of mercury pills. The dose was too powerful, and acted as its own antidote.

DREAD DISEASE AT FALLS.

First Victim of Infantile Paralysis Discovered.

A despatch from Niagara Falls, Ont., says: Infantile paralysis was discovered in the city on Friday. Four-year-old Hazel Manley is the first victim. St. Catharines and Chippewa both have cases of infantile paralysis.

FORTY-TWO WERE KILLED

Trolley Cars Crash Together in a Head-On Collision.

A despatch from Fort Wayne, Indiana, says: Forty-two passengers were killed and seven were seriously injured in a head-on collision between two interurban cars on the Fort Wayne & Wabash Valley line on Wednesday. The wreck occurred seven miles north of Bluffton at a sharp curve. The cars in collision were a northbound local car crowded to the steps, and a southbound extra car from Fort Wayne. They met while both were running at high speed.

The collision is said to have been made by a misunderstanding of orders for the southbound train extra to take a switch near Kingsland. The motormen of the two cars did not have time to set the

brakes when they sighted each other. The heavily-loaded northbound car was crushed, and the bodies of the dead and injured were strewn on either side of the track amid the wreckage. The screams of the injured men and women following the crash of the cars brought the neighboring farmers to the scene. Conductor Spiller, of the southbound car, was unhurt, and ran back toward Kingsland and flagged a car which was approaching the wreck at full speed and would have plunged into it. Wrecking cars and physicians were rushed from Fort Wayne and Bluffton, and the bodies of the dead and the injured were conveyed to hospitals in the two cities.

THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Dairy Products at

Home and Abroad.

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Sept. 27.—Ontario Wheat—No. 2 winter wheat, 90c to 92c, outside, according to location.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 northern, \$1.06; No. 2 northern, new, \$1.04 1-2; old, No. 2, 1 cent higher; No. 3 northern, \$1.02 1-2 at lake ports for immediate shipment.

Oats—Canada western, No. 2, 39c; No. 3 Canada western, 37c at lake ports, for immediate shipment; Ontario No. 2 white, 33c to 34c outside; No. 3 white, 32c to 33c outside; 35c to 36c on track, Toronto.

Peas—No. 2, 79c to 80c.

Rye—No. 2, new, 67c to 68c outside.

Barley—New at 48c to 52c outside, according to quality.

Manitoba Flour—Quotations at Toronto are—First patents, \$5.90; second patents, \$5.40; strong bakers', \$5.20; 90 per cent., Glasgow freights, 29s.

Ontario Flour—New winter wheat flour, for future delivery, \$3.65 to \$3.70 in buyers' bags, at the mills.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, \$20 per ton; shorts, \$22 per ton, track, Toronto. Ontario bran, \$20 per ton; shorts, \$22 per ton on track, Toronto.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Local wholesale quotations are:—Creamery prints, 25c to 26c; do, solids, 24c to 25c; separator prints, 23c to 24c; dairy prints, 21c to 22c; do, solids, 20c; inferior (bakers'), 18c to 19c.

Eggs—Selects, 24c and 25c per dozen.

Cheese—11 1-4c per pound for large and 11 3-4c per pound for twins.

Beans—\$2 to \$2.10 per bushel for primes, and \$2.15 for hand-picked.

Honey—Strained honey, 9c to 10c per lb. in 60-pound tins; 5 to 10 pound tins at 9 1-2c to 10 1-2c; No. 1 comb honey at \$1.75 to \$2 per dozen; No. 2 at \$1.50 per dozen.

Potatoes—75c per bag out of store and 65c to 70c in car lots.

PROVISIONS.

Wholesale quotations:—

Pork—Short cut, \$30 to \$30.50 per barrel; mess, \$27.50 to \$28.

Lard—Tierces, 14 1-2c; tubs, 14 1-2c; pails, 14 3-4c; stocks steady.

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, tons and cases, 15c to 15 1-2c; backs (plain), 20c to 21c; backs (pea-meal), 20 1-2c to 21 1-2c.

Rolls—Smoked, 15 1-2c; medium and light hams, 19c to 19 1-2c; heavy, 18c to 18 1-2c; bacon, 19c to 20c.

Green meats out of pickle, 1c less than smoked.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Sept. 27.—Oats—No. 2 Canadian Western, 40 to 40 1-2c; No. 3, 38 1-2 to 39c; No. 2 white, 39 1-2c; No. 3 white, 38 1-2c.

Barley—No. 4, 49 1-2c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts \$5.80; do., seconds, \$5.30; Winter wheat patents, \$5.75; Manitoba wheat patents, \$5.30; straight rollers, \$5.25; do., in bags, \$2.50 to \$2.60; extras, \$2.15 to \$2.25. Feed—Ontario bran, \$20.50 to \$21; Ontario middlings, \$22; Manitoba bran, \$20; Manitoba shorts, \$22; pure grain moullie, \$31 to \$32; mixed moullie, \$25 to \$28. Cheese—Western, 11 to 11 1-4c; easterns 10 5-8 to 11c. Butter—Choicest, 24 1-2 to 25c; seconds, 23 1-2 to 24c.

Eggs—Selected stock, 23 1-2 to 24c; No. 4 stock, 19 to 19 1-2c; straight receipts, 19c; No. 2 stock, 13c to 14c.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, Sept. 27.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, \$1.12 1-2; No. 1 Northern, cash, \$1.11 1-4; September, \$1.03 7-8; December, \$1.11 1-2; May, \$1.15 3-8.

Buffalo, Sept. 27.—Wheat—Spring wheat, firmer; Winter stronger. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 57 3-4c; No. 4 yellow, 56 3-4c; No. 3 corn, 56 1-4c; No. 4 corn, 55 1-4c all on track, through billed. Oats—No. 2 white, 38c; No. 3 white, 37 1-4c; No. 4 white, 36 1-4c. Rye—No. 2, on track, 77 1-2c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, Sept. 27.—Steers sold at \$5 to \$5.75 for choice stock; cows, \$4 to \$5.40; bulls, \$3 to \$3.75; sheep, \$3.50 to \$4.25, and lambs \$5.50 to \$6; hogs sold around \$9 to \$9.25, and sows \$8 to \$8.25; calves brought \$3 to \$12.

Toronto, Sept. 27.—Prime butchers', steers and heifers sold at

BRUTAL MURDER OF A GIRL

Found in a Cellar With Her Throat Cut From Ear to Ear.

A despatch from Goderich says: On Tuesday of last week, Elizabeth Anderson, a 16 year old girl, disappeared from her home. On Sunday afternoon her mutilated body was found in the cellar of a deserted house on the outskirts of the town. Wesley Anderson, her father, was one of the party who discovered the body. They have been searching for her continuously since her disappearance. Just who is the perpetrator of the dastardly deed is a mystery, the only clue being that it is remembered that on the day of her disappearance, she was seen in conversation with a strange man. It was a gruesome sight which

greeted the party of searchers, when they entered the open door of the cellar of the deserted house. In one corner lay the nude body of the girl, with the exception of shoes and stockings and one glove. Hat and clothing were scattered about the floor. The body was a terrible sight to look at. The throat was cut from ear to ear, the wound having the appearance of being done with an axe or similar instrument.

The provincial police have been notified and will help the local police in an effort to locate the murderer. They consider the chances of bringing the guilty person to justice very slim.

GIVING UP THE DEAD.

Remains of Victims of Quebec Bridge Disaster Recovered.

A despatch from Quebec says: The Quebec bridge disaster was brought back to the memory of the community very vividly by the tangled debris of the massive steel structure giving up some of the remains of those who perished in the fall. The body of Frank Karley, a Caughnawaga Indian, has been found this week and identified, and the remains have been forwarded to his relatives for interment.

PRINCE OF WALES COMING.

Will Visit Various Overseas Dominions Next Autumn.

A despatch from London says: The Prince of Wales and Prince Albert will probably tour the world next autumn, visiting the principal, over-seas dominions.

PIECE OF RIM BROKE WINDOW

Automobile Tiro Exploded on a Street in Ottawa.

A despatch from Ottawa says: As an automobile belonging to Mr. Edmund D. Shepperd was proceeding down Sparks Street on Wednesday morning, a tire exploded. A part of the rim was hurled across the sidewalk through the plate glass window of a nearby store. Fortunately no one was struck.

APPLE EXPORTERS SCORED

Shipments Have Often Arrived at Montreal in a Rotten Condition.

A despatch from Ottawa says: J. A. Ruddick, dairy and cold storage commissioner, reports as follows concerning apple shipments from Canada:

"Several shipments of early apples have been made to Great Britain during the past month. Our inspectors report some shipments in ordinary cars arriving at Montreal in a heated, over-ripe, and even rotten condition. In view of the arrangement between the department of agriculture and the railways, whereby shippers may obtain iced cars at ordinary rates for the car-

riage of fruit intended for export in cold storage, it is amazing that such a complaint can be founded on fact. Some of the oldest shippers are the worst offenders in this respect. The direct loss for such neglect or ignorance falls on the shipper or owner, but the indirect loss from injury to the reputation of Canadian apples reaches every apple grower in Canada, and it is about time that the careless, slipshod operator should be given to understand that he has no right to jeopardize the interests of an important industry in this irresponsible manner."

ONTARIO PEACHES IN LONDON

Brisk Demand for Fruit from Jordan--Tomatoes Will Sell Well.

A despatch from Toronto says: Having arrived in London in excellent shape, a consignment of Ontario peaches, grown at Jordan Harbor, are now on sale on the Covent Garden Market. The fruit was selected and shipped from the Government Experimental Farm at Jordan Harbor by Mr. P. W. Hodgetts, head of the fruit branch of the Department of Agriculture. On Wednesday Mr. C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, received a cablegram from M. N. B. Colcock, Ontario's agent in London, stating that the peaches had arrived in fine condition, and were being eagerly sampled by dealers. The London newspapers have commented very favorably on

the enterprise of the department, and the excellence of the fruit.

Peaches have been shipped from South Africa to London with great success, and Mr. James is of the opinion that at least five thousand baskets will be shipped from Ontario to London this season.

A representative of one of the leading commission houses of London is now at Jordan Harbor for the purpose of gathering information concerning Ontario's fruit wealth. The tomatoes grown in the Niagara district have been a revelation to him, and he says that if they can be offered for sale in London in the same condition as they are sold on local markets, tomatoes will be in great demand in London.