

INCREASE IN ESTIMATES

One Hundred and Thirty-nine Million Dollars Looked For

A despatch from Ottawa says: The main estimates for the next fiscal year, ending March 31, 1912, which were tabled in the House on Friday, provide for expenditures amounting to \$138,863,200, of which \$28,180,200 are to be spent under the provisions of various statutes. The sum to be voted for the year is \$110,682,330, as compared with \$100,468,173 called for in the main estimates for 1910-11. For the naval service the appropriation asked is \$3,831,500, as compared with 3,676,500 in the previous year. Of the vote, \$3,000,000 is for the purchase and maintenance of ships, the upkeep of dockyards at Halifax and Esquimalt, and the establishment of training schools. To meet the cost of taking the decennial census \$1,000,000 will be appropriated. For the preliminary work in 1910-11 \$50,000 has already been provided.

For the annual drill of the militia \$1,325,000 will be voted in-

stead of \$1,175,000 as in 1910-11, and a new appropriation of \$50,000 is to be made for paying instructors, expenses of teachers qualifying at military schools and for the purchase of equipment of cadet corps. For the National Transcontinental \$27,000,000 will be voted, the same amount as for 1910-11, and for the construction of the Quebec bridge \$2,000,000, of which \$500,000 was voted last session, but not expended.

That the Government has still some idea of carrying out the plan of a canal from Edmonton to Winnipeg by the Saskatchewan River is indicated by the fact that the surveys begun last year are continued, and the appropriation increased from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Votes are asked for two new monuments. For a memorial to the late King Edward \$20,000 will be voted and for one to Madeleine de Vercheres, to be erected at Vercheres, \$15,000 will be provided.

SOME DISEASES DECREASE.

Report of Provincial Board of Health for Week.

A despatch from Toronto says: According to the report issued on Friday by the Provincial Board of Health, the weekly returns of contagious diseases totalled 1,077 from 709 municipalities. The returns show 1,077 cases and 181 deaths for the month, as compared with 1,292 cases and 248 deaths in November, 1909. The cases are apportioned as follows:—Infantile paralysis 21, cerebro-spinal meningitis 5, small-pox 28, scarlet fever 240, diphtheria 224, measles 65, whooping cough 23, typhoid fever 266 and tuberculosis 105.

RELATIVE RESPONSIBILITY.

In the Protection of Level Railway Crossings.

A despatch from Montreal says: Chairman Mabee of the railway commission spoke out on Friday with no uncertain sound as to the relative responsibility as to level crossings. The chairman said it would be absolutely ruin to saddle the companies with the whole cost of safety appliances, and that the municipalities will have to pay their share. In fact, it was no use for them to try to get out of this responsibility. It would be decided, concluded the chairman, whether a third is too much for the municipalities to pay.

PORCUPINE MINE IS SOLD

Said to Be Very Rich, and the Sale Has Stimulated Other Owners

A despatch from Cobalt says: One of the biggest of recent Porcupine deals was consummated here on Thursday. Mr. Thomas Reilly sold the Gode-Burns group of claims in Shaw township to buyers representing strong Toronto financial interests, although the purchasers' names have not been disclosed. The price, which was close to one hundred thousand dollars, is spread over a period of ten months. Unusual local interest attaches to this deal. About three months ago the discoveries were made known, and

considerable attention has since been given to Shaw, Langmuir, Deloro and other townships in the reserve, stimulated through the Gode-Burns finds, in which a dyke some fifty feet in width is shown with rich vein matter, with free gold some three feet in width.

Thomas Burns was formerly employed at the Buffalo mine, while George Gode was an orderly at the mines hospital, and they decided to try prospecting, with the result of a sale at one hundred thousand dollars the first year in spite of their lack of experience.

ADMITS MURDER AT INQUEST

Alberta Man Confesses to Killing Another Near Denbow East

A despatch from Calgary says: The inquest on the remains of a man found in Bow River, near Denbow East, on June 29 last, terminated tragically on Wednesday at Okotoks, when Thomas Mitchell Robertson confessed to having shot and killed Tucker Peach, at the same time implicating John Fisk as accomplice. The body when found was headless, but the head was found a couple of weeks ago

and the body exhumed and identified. The police had been watching Robertson, who was a brakeman on the C. P. R., running between Field and Medicine Hat. Peach disappeared since last May, and Robertson claimed to have purchased his ranch. The head was identified by cotton wool in the ear sockets. Robertson broke down while on the stand at the inquest. The police have left for Carbon to arrest Fisk.

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. 6.—Flour—Winter wheat 90 per cent. patents, \$3.40 to \$3.45 outside, in buyers' sacks. Manitoba flours—First patents, \$5.40; second patents, \$4.90, and strong bakers', \$4.70, on track, Toronto.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 97½¢, Bay ports; No. 2 Northern, 95½¢, Bay ports, and No. 3 at 92½¢, Bay ports.

Ontario Wheat—84½ to 85¢ outside for No. 2 white and red winter.

Barley—56 to 58¢ outside, and feed 48 to 49¢ outside.

Oats—No. 2 white, 36¢, on track, Toronto, and at 33¢ outside. No. 2 W. C. oats, 37½¢, Bay ports, and No. 3 at 36½¢, Bay ports.

Corn—Old No. 2 at 59½ to 60¢, Toronto freights. New No. 2 American, 53½ to 54¢, prompt delivery, and 50½ to 51¢, December delivery, Toronto freights.

Peas—Good No. 2, free from bugs, 84 to 85¢ outside.

Rye—No. 2 at 61 to 62¢ outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2 at 47¢ outside.

Bran—Manitobas, \$19, in bags, Toronto, and shorts \$21, in bags, Toronto. Ontario bran, \$19.50, in sacks, Toronto, and shorts, \$22.50, in sacks.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—Spys, \$4.50 to \$5.50; Baldwins, \$4 to \$4.75; Greenings, \$4 to \$4.50; No. 2 assorted, \$3.50 per barrel.

Beans—Car lots, \$1.60 to \$1.70, and small lots, \$1.80 to \$1.90.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 10 to 11¢ per lb.; No. 1 comb, wholesale, \$2 to \$2.25 per dozen; No. 2 comb, wholesale, \$1.75 to \$1.85 per dozen.

Baled Hay—No. 1 at \$12.50 to \$13.50 on track, and No. 2 at \$10 to \$11.

Baled Straw—\$6.50 to \$7, on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—Car lots 65 to 70¢ per bag.

Poultry—The receipts are fairly liberal. Wholesale prices of dressed poultry—Chickens, 12 to 12½¢ per lb.; fowl, 9 to 10¢ per lb.; ducks 13 to 14¢ per lb.; turkeys, 17 to 18¢ per lb., and geese, 12¢ per lb. Live, 1 to 2¢ less.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Dairy prints, 22 to 23¢; do., tubs, 21 to 22¢; inferior, 18 to 19¢. Creamery, 26½ to 27¢ per lb. for rolls, 24½ to 25¢ for solids, and 23 to 24¢ for separator prints.

Eggs—Case lots of pickled, 26 to 27¢; cold storage, 26 to 27¢; selected, 30 to 31¢, and strictly new-laid, 35 to 37¢ per dozen.

Cheese—Large, 12½¢, and twins at 12½¢.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 13 to 13½¢ per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$24 to \$24.50; short cut, \$26 to \$26.50.

Hams—Light to medium, 16 to 16½¢; do., heavy, 15 to 15½¢; rolls, 12½ to 13¢; shoulders, 12¢; breakfast bacon, 18 to 18½¢; backs (pea meal), 19 to 19½¢.

Lard—Tierces, 13½¢; tubs, 14¢; pails, 14½¢.

BUSINESS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—Oats—No. 2 Canadian Western, 39½ to 39½¢; extra No. 1 feed, 38½ to 39¢; No. 3 Canadian Western, 38½ to 38½¢; No. 2 local white, 38½¢; No. 3 local white, 37½¢; No. 4 local white 37 to 37½¢; Manitoba barley, No. 4, 48 to 48½¢; Manitoba feed barley, 47 to 47½¢. Flour—Manitoba spring wheat patents, seconds, \$5.10; Winter wheat patents, \$4.75 to \$5; Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.90; straight rollers, \$4.35 to \$4.50; straight rollers, in bags, \$2 to \$2.05; extras, \$1.65 to \$1.75. Feed—Ontario bran, \$18.50 to \$19; Ontario middling, \$22 to \$22.50; Manitoba shorts, \$21; Manitoba bran, \$18; pure grain mouillie, \$31 to \$32; mixed mouillie, \$25 to \$28.

Cheese—Westerns, 11.5-8 to 11½¢, and easterns, 11.1-8 to 11½¢. Butter—Choicest fall make, 25 to 25½¢, and seconds, 24½ to 25¢. Eggs—Selected stock, 29 to 30¢; No. 1 stock at 25 to 26¢, and No. 2 at 19 to 20¢.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, Dec. 6.—Spring wheat higher; No. 1 Northern, carloads store, \$1.12½; Winter, No. 2 red, 95¢; No. 3 extra red, 91¢; No. 2 white, 93¢; No. 2 mixed, 92¢. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 57½¢; No. 4 yellow,

FOREIGN-BORN CONVICTS

Twenty-five Per Cent. Constitute the Penitentiaries' Population

A despatch from Ottawa says: The report of the penitentiaries branch of the department of justice, tabled in the commons on Thursday by Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, gives the average daily population of the Canadian penitentiaries during the last fiscal year as 1824, as compared with 1625 in the previous year, and 1407 a decade ago. Tables are submitted to show that of the 1859 convicts who constitute the penitentiaries population of the Dominion, 1392 were born in Canada, Great Britain, or other British countries.

Canada heads the list with 1071, the other countries ranking as follows: England 208, Ireland 50, Scotland 39, other countries 24. Of the foreign-born inmates of the penitentiaries, 184 were born in the United States, 98 in Italy, 36 in Austria, 36 in Russia, 32 in Germany, 23 in France, 13 in China, and 45 in other countries.

While the number of foreign-born convicts generally has increased from 14 per cent. in 1900, to 25 per cent. in 1910, those born in the United States have increased less than 2 per cent., and still constitute less than 10 per cent. of the penitentiaries' population.

The creeds of the penitentiaries' inmates are given as follows: Roman Catholic 931, Church of England 344, Methodist 199, Presbyterian 183, Baptist 72, Lutheran 51, other denominations 21, Buddhist 17, Hebrew 17, Unitarian 2, no creed 22.

The report of the parole officers show that 286 paroles and 17 pardons were granted during the year, as compared with 244 paroles and 14 pardons granted in the previous year. It is observed by the parole officer that the result of the parole system continues to be satisfactory.

In this connection the opinion is expressed that the time has arrived when the oversight by the Dominion parole officer should be restricted to those released from federal institutions. Some of the western provinces have already appointed parole officers to look after the interests of prisoners released from provincial jails and reformatories, and the view is taken that it would be but right for the eastern provinces to undertake the supervision of its prisoners.

The gross expenditure on penitentiaries for the year was \$536,325 and the net revenue was \$45,686.

56½¢; No. 3 corn, 56¢; No. 4 corn, 55¢, all on track, through billed. Oats—No. 2 white, 36½¢; No. 3 white, 36¢; No. 4 white, 35¢. Barley—Malting, 81 to 86¢. Minneapolis, Dec. 6.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, \$1.05½; No. 1 Northern, cash, \$1.03½; December, \$1.01½.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—Hogs brought from \$7.25 to \$7.40 a cwt.; steers, 4¢ to 5½¢; cows, 3½¢ to 4¢; bulls, 31-3¢ to 3½¢; sheep, 4½¢; lambs, \$6 to \$6.10, and calves, \$4 to \$9.

Toronto, Dec. 6.—Some bulls were bought at \$5 per cwt.; butcher cattle, best heifers about \$5.85 a cwt.; general run, \$5 to \$5.50; common, \$4.50 to \$4.90; medium cows to good cows, all the way from \$3.50 to \$5; bulls, 3.50 to \$4.80. Short-keep feeders \$5.15 to \$5.25; good feeders at \$4.70 to \$4.90, and stockers at \$4 to \$4.65. Milch cows and springers \$65 up. Sheep ewes were quoted at \$4.50 to \$4.60, and rams at \$3 to \$3.50. Hogs selected, fed and watered at the market, were \$6.85 a cwt., the most representative value, and \$6.50 f.o.b. at country points.

RECORDS BROKEN AT THE SOW

Nearly Six Million Tons in Excess of Last Year.

A despatch from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., says: All records for traffic through St. Mary's Falls Canal are already smashed this year, with the season not yet over. The November report brings the grand total for the year to 61,856,900 tons, over three million tons in excess of the record of 1907, and nearly six million tons in excess of the corresponding period last year. The American locks will go out of commission about the middle of next week. The Canadian locks will accommodate the remainder.

STOPPED AT THE FALLS.

Two Chicago Men Forced to Postpone Visit to Toronto.

A despatch from Niagara Falls says: Because they could not pro-

duce \$50 each, Frank Hoffman and Andrew K. Tine of Chicago were on Thursday forced to abandon their visit to Toronto friends, after coming all the way from Chicago. The men were refused admission into Canada by the immigration authorities. They stated they were going to Toronto to spend two weeks with friends.

FARMER BURNED TO DEATH.

Prince Edward County Man Perished When Barn Took Fire.

A despatch from Picton says: A wealthy farmer, Phillip C. Dulmage, a bachelor, of Cherry Valley, five miles from here, was burned to death in his barn early on Thursday morning, along with a number of cattle, horses and the season's crop. Deceased was about 60 years of age.

FISHING FLEET DISASTER.

Supposed Loss of Fifteen Fishermen Off Charleston.

A despatch from Charleston, South Carolina, says: Fifteen fishermen are supposed to have been drowned off Charleston, their smacks having been missing for several days. A report says a smack was sighted floating bottom upward on Wednesday.

TOOK POISON FOR MEDICINE.

Death of Wife of Professor at Agricultural College.

A despatch from Guelph says: Mrs. Harcourt, wife of Prof. R. Harcourt, one of the most popular officials of the Ontario Agricultural College, died suddenly on Sunday morning shortly after 9 o'clock, following quickly the taking of a dose of oxalic acid in mistake for Epsom salts. Mrs. Harcourt had been sick for some time, but was getting better.

Twenty-one candidates passed the examination for entrance to the Royal College at Halifax.

The Lord Mayor of London entertained United States sailors to lunch in the Guildhall on Saturday.

KAISER'S DRINK CRUSADE

Striking Reduction in Consumption of Alcohol in the German Navy

A despatch from Berlin says: Telegraphic inquiries are reaching Berlin from organs representing the American beer and liquor trade as to what effect the Emperor's lately-undertaken temperance crusade is having in Germany.

Statistics published on Thursday indicate that the crusade is having a substantial effect. In the navy, to which the Kaiser's most recent temperance speech was addressed, the consumption of alcohol among the officers and men de-

creased, respectively, in 1906, 1907, 1908 and 1909 by 8, 12, 19 and 30 per cent. The decrease in the army is not believed to have been so marked, but the Kaiser is doing his best to popularize the use of tea and milk, instead of beer, among the troops.

The Emperor's bosom friend, Prince Max Egon Zu Furstenberg, however, continues to sell beer produced at his brewery in the Black Forest under a label bearing the legend, "The table beverage of the Kaiser."