

CANADA'S BUILDING BOOM

Returns For October Show It Is Not Diminishing

A despatch from Toronto says: In the eighteen cities reporting to Construction for October, the total aggregate for permits issued amounted to \$3,683,269, as compared with \$4,570,506 in the same month of last year. Toronto's total which approximates the three million mark, reflects an expansion that is little short of marvelous; but at that, considering the size of the two cities, it is hardly more remarkable than the showing made at Vancouver, where work amounting to \$1,286,955 was undertaken as against \$507,615 in the month of October, 1909.

Peterboro's loss of 11 per cent. was the greatest decrease noted. Ottawa recorded an investment of \$438,925, equivalent to a gain of 8 per cent.; while Hamilton, with a like increase, issued permits aggregating in value, \$318,330. Fort William also made an advancement of 8 per cent., and Kingston's per-

mits amounted to \$23,317. Port Arthur registered an increase of 731 per cent., the largest proportionate gain in the list. Other gains noted are:—Windsor, 82 per cent.; Berlin, 43 per cent.; and London, 2 per cent.

In Winnipeg permits were issued to the extent of \$530,150. Calgary had a total of \$568,290, a gain of 40 per cent., while Victoria and Regina are ahead by 18 and 376 per cent. respectively, the figures in the latter cases amounting to \$247,975, as against \$52,080 last year.

Montreal's great total of \$1,907,140 is the second largest amount noted, and represents an investment of \$1,278,795 more than was made on the same month last year. St. John also records an advance, a gain of 149 per cent.; although Sydney, in the same section, is a trifle behind her corresponding amount.

SHOT DEAD BY YOUNG CHILD.

Strange Accident to Young Hunter in Norfolk County.

A despatch from St. Thomas says: At Beech Lane, Norfolk County, James Pickensgill, aged 16 years, was instantly killed on Wednesday by being shot through the neck by a child four years of age. Pickensgill, with a companion, William Williamson, was out shooting rabbits, after which they went to Williamson's home for dinner. They stood their guns in the corner of the room, when the baby brother of young Williamson took the gun and pointed it at Pickensgill, who was sitting on the floor, and pulled the trigger. The full charge struck the victim in the neck and head, causing instant death. Deceased was a son of William Pickensgill, of Fairground.

Gregor has been addicted to drink, and it is thought he was trying to reach home in an intoxicated condition and was overcome by the intense cold of the night, the temperature registering 10 degrees below zero. McGregor's hands and face were badly cut from his falling and trying to make his way on his hands and knees.

ICE BROKE UNDER HIM.

New Brunswick Man Drowned Crossing Lake on Poles.

A despatch from Fredericton, N. B., says: Word of a drowning accident at Indian Lake, Sudbury County, has reached here. Hedley Holmes, of Lakeville Corner, was returning from a camp in the lumber woods, and had to cross Indian Lake on the ice. He evidently expected that he would have trouble in crossing, for he placed cedar fence poles underneath to support him if the ice gave way, and used a lighter stick to test the ice ahead. In this way he reached within about 30 yards of the western shore, when the ice broke.

King George sent a message on Saturday welcoming the American fleet officers, who were the guests of the British Government at a luncheon in the House of Commons.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

James McGregor, of North Bay, Dying When Found.

A despatch from Parry Sound says: James McGregor, a stone-mason, who has resided here a number of years, was on Friday morning found near his home in a badly frozen condition, and died shortly after being found. Mc-

HUNG BY BELT FROM POLE

A Lineman at Niagara Falls Received 2,200 Volts

A despatch from Niagara Falls, Ont., says: A man dangling in mid-air from a 40-foot pole on a high power line, unconscious and held in suspension by his leather safety belt, with hands bleeding and wearied to the bone from a 2,200 volt shock here on Friday, killed hundreds. The man was John Riddell, lately from Fort William, Ont. He is employed on the city electrical staff. He had been making a connection with a live wire carrying 2,200 volts, when in

some manner he received a shock that carried the full voltage through his body.

The shock hurled him from the cross arm where he had been working and in the fall his belt caught and saved him from being dashed to the ground, nearly 40 feet below. Riddell was assisted down from the pole. He quickly regained consciousness and it was found that the thumb on one hand and the index finger on the other were burned through to the bone.

600 LEFT DEAD ON THE FIELD

5,000 Men Attacked a French Column In West Africa

A despatch from Paris says: An official note issued on Wednesday gives details of the fighting in French West Africa between the combined forces of three Sultans and a body of 300 French troops. The note states that Lieut.-Col. Moll, with a force of 500 men, entered Dridgele, the capital of Massalit, on November 3. On November 9 the Sultans of Massalit, Doudmouch and Wadai, with a combined force of 5,000 men, made a furious attack on the small French column. The tribesmen were driven off after hard fighting. They left 600 dead on the field, including the Sultan of Massalit. The Sultan of Doudmouch was wounded.

The French also suffered severely. Lieut.-Col. Moll, a lieutenant, two adjutants, three sergeants and twenty privates were killed, while twelve others are missing; and one officer, three non-commissioned officers and fifty-nine privates were wounded.

Lieut. Maillard, who has taken command of the French column, telegraphs that all is quiet at Abcher, where he is strongly entrenched. The place, he says, is still well garrisoned.

The Government has ordered reinforcements sent, but it will be six weeks before they can reach the scene.

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. 13.—Flour—Winter wheat 90 per cent. patents, \$3.45 to \$3.50 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, 98½c, Bay ports; No. 2 Northern, 95½c, Bay ports, and No. 3 at 93½c, Bay ports.

Ontario Wheat—85 to 86½c outside for No. 2 white and red Winter.

Barley—Malting qualities, 56 to 58c outside, and feed, 48 to 50c outside.

Oats—No. 2 white, 36, on track, Toronto, and at 33c outside; No. 2 W. C. oats, 38c, Bay ports, and No. 3 at 36½c, Bay ports.

Corn—New No. 2 American, 54c, prompt shipment, Toronto freights, and 51½ to 52c, Bay ports.

Peas—No. 2 shipping, 79 to 80c outside.

Rye—No. 2 at 59 to 60c outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2 at 47c outside.

Bran—Manitobas, \$19, 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, 10½ to 11c 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, 70 to 75c per bag.

Poultry—Wholesale prices of dressed poultry—Chickens, 12½ to 14c per lb.; fowl, 9 to 11c per lb.; ducks, 13 to 14c per lb.; turkeys, 17 to 19c per lb., and geese, 12 to 12½c per lb. Live, 1 to 2c less.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Dairy prints, 22 to 23c; choice dairy solids, 21 to 22c; inferior, 18 to 19c. Creamery, 27 to 28c per lb. for rolls, 25c for solids and 24 to 24½c for separator prints.

Eggs—Case lots of pickled being 27c; cold storage, 27 to 28c; selected, 30 to 31c, and strictly new laid, 35 to 37c per dozen.

HOG PRODUCTS.

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

Hams—Light to medium, 16c; do., heavy, 15c; rolls, 12½c; shoulders, 12c; breakfast bacon, 18c; backs (pea meal) 18½c.

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

BUSINESS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—Oats—No. 2 Canadian Western, 39½ to 39¾c; extra No. 1 feed, 38¼ to 39c; No. 3 Canadian Western, 38¼ to 38½c; No. 2 local white, 38¾c; No. 3 local white, 37¾c; No. 4 local white, 37 to 37½c. Barley—Manitoba No. 4, 48 to 48½c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.60; do., seconds, \$5.10; Winter wheat patents, \$4.75 to \$5; Manitoba strong bakers', \$4.90; straight rollers, \$4.35 to \$4.50; do., 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 11½c, and easterns, 11¼ to 11½c. Butter—Choicest fall make creamery, 25½ to 25¾c, and eastern 24½ to 24¾c. Eggs—Selected stock, 29 to 30c; No. 1 stock, 25 to 26c, and No. 2 at 19 to 20c.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, Dec. 13.—Spring wheat—No. 1 Northern, carloads, store, \$1.13¼; Winter nominal. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 53c; No. 4 yellow, 51c, all on track, through billed. Oats—No. 4 white, 35c. Barley—Malting, 90c. Rye—No. 2, track, 86½c.

GOING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

The Steamers Leaving Canada Carry a Great Many Passengers

A despatch from St. John, N. B., says: While a very large number of people are on their way to the Old Country to spend the Christmas season at home, the number leaving England to spend the holiday on this side of the Atlantic is not small. About 2,000 newcomers are en route to St. John in four steamers, the Allan liner Grampian, the C. P. R. liner Empress of Britain, the C. P. R. liner Lake Manitoba from Liverpool, and the C. P. R. liner Montreal of the London and Antwerp service. All have heavy passenger lists.

including those who sailed on the Allan liner Victorian on Thursday, is 4,357, in five steamers. The Allan turbine Victorian, which sailed on Friday, took away about 1,200. The Lake Manitoba sailed on Monday, and the Empress of Britain on the 16th, are the C. P. R. Christmas sailings, while the Victorian sailing on Friday, and the Grampian on the 15th, are the Allan's Christmas sailings, as are the Athenia that sailed on Thursday and the Cassandra, on Tuesday. While it is not possible yet to give any figures it is anticipated that all these steamers will carry a great many passengers.

The number now en route home

Minneapolis, Dec. 13.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, \$1.04 5-8; No. 1 Northern, cash, \$1.03 1-8; December, \$1.01¼; May, \$1.04 7-8; July, \$1.05 7-8.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—Steers, choice sold for \$5.50 to \$5.75; a few at \$5.75; medium, \$4.75 to \$5; cows, common, \$2.75 to \$3; cows good, \$4 to 4.50; bulls, common, \$3.50; bulls, good, \$4.25. Sheep—\$3.75 to \$4, and lambs, \$6. Hogs, \$7.10 to \$7.25, and sows, \$6.10 to \$6.25. Calves from \$3 to \$12.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—An analysis of some transactions shows the following result:—

	High.	Low.
Butcher cattle, choice...	\$6.00	\$5.70
Butcher cattle, good...	5.65	5.25
Butcher cows	4.55	4.30
Best feeders	5.30	5.20
Lambs	6.00	5.50
Sheep, ewes	4.60	4.30
Hogs, at country points.	6.50	
Hogs, fed and watered,		
Toronto	6.85	

CLEMENCY FOR TWO.

Sentence of McNulty and Mary Dolan Commuted.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Government has decided to recommend the commutation of the sentence of Thomas McNulty and Mary Dolan to life imprisonment. They were sentenced to be hanged on Friday at Barrie.

An engine and seven cars were burned as a result of a collision near Sedgewick, Sask.

BADLY MANGLED.

Fortitude of a Brakeman on a Bridge at the Falls.

A despatch from Niagara Falls, Ont., says: Courtland Harlowe, aged 23, of Manchester, N. Y., head end brakeman on a Michigan Central Railroad freight, fell between the cars one-third of the way out on the Cantilever bridge at 5 o'clock on Wednesday morning. After two trucks had passed over his legs close to the body, he seized the railing of the bridge, and drew himself off the track to the tie ends. There he lay, partly over the water, 200 feet below, till the train had passed. He did not lose consciousness and called for help. His cries were heard in the G. T. R. yards, 300 yards away, and he was taken to the hospital. Both limbs were amputated and he sank steadily and died at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

PLAYED A DOUBLE ROLE.

Set Building on Fire and Took His Place Among Firemen.

A despatch from Halifax says: The trial is on of D. M. Ferguson, charged with setting fire to the big Ferguson Block in Amherst recently, owned by Ferguson himself. Seymour Miner, who is also under arrest in connection with the case, was the star witness on Wednesday. He detailed how, on Oct. 2, at the instigation of Ferguson, he set fire to the premises in three places, and then, escaping from the place, donned the uniform of an Amherst fireman, and hurried to the scene.

DISASTER IN A COAL MINE

Twenty Dead, Eighteen Rescued, Near Fernie, B.C.

A despatch from Fernie, B. C., says: Forty-five miners were entombed on Friday about 9 o'clock in the Bellevue collieries, situated a short distance from Frank, Alberta. Of these eighteen have been rescued alive; twenty dead bodies were recovered. Of the remaining seven in the gas-crammed pits, four are believed to be alive. These four are in the upper workings, which they succeeded in walling off, to prevent the spread of the gas. The other three may be alive, but the supposition is that they are dead. By midnight the mine was sufficiently cleared of smoke so that workmen could enter to rescue

their friends. Appeals for help were sent to Fernie, where the Provincial Government of British Columbia have recently installed a splendid rescue apparatus. A special train was immediately made up by Mr. Uren, superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Two bodies were first found by the rescue party. Then ten men, alive, but some of them in fearful shape, were found at about the same time that two more bodies were recovered. The ten reported that others were still living, and the searchers penetrated further into the workings, where eight more were found in the early hours of the morning.

THE FINANCES OF CANADA

Expenditures and Receipts for Eight Months of the Current Fiscal Year

A despatch from Ottawa says: The financial statement of the Dominion for the first eight months of the current fiscal year shows a total revenue of \$75,875,446, an increase of \$11,218,937, or nearly eighteen per cent., as compared with the corresponding period of last year. For November alone the increase was \$1,312,137. Expenditure on consolidated fund account for the eight months was \$47,638,

\$46, an increase of nearly \$5,000,000. The revenue for the eight months was a little over \$28,000,000 in excess of the expenditure on consolidated fund account. Capital expenditure for the eight months was \$19,123,941, or a million and a half less than the capital expenditure for the corresponding period last year. The total net debt on November 30 was \$327,764,621, a decrease during the month of \$535,356