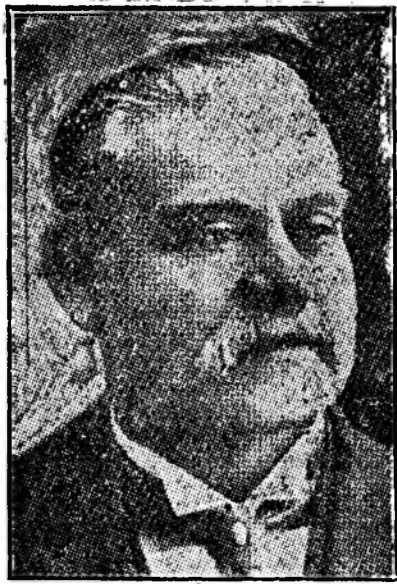


DECEMBER ACCIDENT RECORD

Great Improvement Shown as Compared with the Previous December

A despatch from Ottawa says: Eighty-two fatal and one hundred and ninety-four non-fatal accidents to workpeople were recorded by the Department of Labor during December. This record shows a slight decrease compared with the preceding month, and is much less than in the same month of last year. In November there were 286 accidents, fatal and non-fatal, to individual workmen, and in December, 1910, there were 351 accidents. The chief disasters during the month were the suffocating of three

miners at Middlesboro', B. C., in the chute of a mine, and an explosion in a powder factory at Departure Bay, Vancouver, B. C., in which three men were killed. There were eleven killed in the railway service, and fourteen in mining. The largest number of non-fatal accidents occurred in the metal trades, in which forty-two were injured. Nine men were killed and thirty-one were injured in the building trades, an unusually high number for the month of December. There were twenty-six non-fatal accidents in the railway service.



HON. WM. H. HOYLE.
New Speaker of Ontario Legislature.

BIG FIRE AT TORONTO.

Quarter of a Million Loss in a Down-Town Blaze.

A despatch from Toronto says: A fire which broke out at 7.45 o'clock on Friday evening in the Allen building, 103-107 Simcoe street, gutted the top two stories which were occupied by the R. D. Fairbairn Co., Limited, as stock-rooms. Serious damage by water was done to the lower floors, occupied by the Allen Manufacturing Company, Limited, and the Swiss Laundry. The loss is estimated at \$250,000. Three firemen were injured when a high pressure hose broke away from the men who were holding it as the water was being turned on. William H. Hawkes was thrown against the aerial truck and had his back badly bruised. John Roach, who was holding the hose, was hurt about the head. Edward Courtney, who was in charge of a low pressure stream, was struck by a flying nozzle and had his leg broken.

TWO MEN KILLED.

C. N. R. Construction Gang Drills Into Old Charge.

A despatch from Port Arthur says: Two Finns, John Ranto and O. Henderson, were killed and five others injured at the Canadian Northern Railway construction works on Tuesday, four miles north of Nepigon, by drilling into an unexploded charge. They were employed with Flatt & Timmo, sub-contractors.

53 SAILORS WERE DROWNED

The Steamer Wistow Battered to Pieces on The Scotch Coast

A despatch from Aberdeen, Scotland, says: Fifty-three of the British steamer Wistow Hall were drowned on Thursday morning when the steamer foundered on the Bullers of Buchan, off the coast of Aberdeenshire. Only Capt. Stoddart and three of the crew reached shore. The Wistow Hall had a terrible experience in the gale. Capt. Stoddart, who was resuscitated after a long period of unconsciousness, relates a story of extremely tempestuous weather from the time of leaving the Tyne on Monday. The vessel got into difficulties Wednesday, when two of the crew were mortally injured. The captain himself had his spine hurt and his arm broken, confining him to his cabin. Finally the fires were extinguished and the vessel was at

MINERS VOTE FOR A STRIKE.

Unless They Receive a Fixed Minimum Wage.

A despatch from London, says: The recent ballot taken by the coal miners of Great Britain, the result of which was officially declared on Thursday afternoon, was overwhelmingly in favor of a strike for a fixed minimum wage. The actual figures were: For a strike, 945,901; against a strike, 115,051. Notices to quit work will doubtless promptly be handed in by the miners, and this will bring about a national stoppage of coal-mining on March 1. The intervening weeks, however, give plenty of time for negotiations between the employers and the workers, and efforts for mediation may be expected to avert what would otherwise prove a national calamity.

FIELD CROP COMPETITIONS.

List of Prize-Winners Announced at Ottawa.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The prize winners in the Ontario standing field crop competitions were announced on Wednesday. They are:—Oats—First prize, Geo. Brown, Millbrook; second, George Boyce, Merivale; third, W. G. Wilson, Woodville. Barley—First, S. E. Bonisteel, Frankford; 2nd, D. I. Ross, Frankford. Wheat—First Samuel McMillan, Cobden; 2nd, John Ireton, Queen's Line. Potatoes—First, F. Walker, Royston; 2nd, Jas. Reid, Oxdrift; 3rd, Wm. Jenkin, Emsdale. One hundred and four agricultural societies, 1,800 farmers and 28,000 acres were judged by sixty judges sent out by the Ontario Department of Agriculture for this competition.

SMALLPOX IN A BAKERY.

Neighborhood Is in a State of Excitement.

A despatch from Montreal, says: A baker, who has been making and distributing bread at Matane, Que., for four days, is discovered to have smallpox, and the neighborhood is in a state of excitement and fear. The matter was reported to the Provincial Board of Health Friday by wire, and a full staff of inspectors, consisting of three doctors, has been rushed to the county to take all precautions against the spread of the disease.

Matters have reached a critical stage in Pekin, and Yuan Shi Kai is preparing to leave the capital.

PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Produce at Home and Abroad.

Toronto, Jan. 23.—Flour—Winter wheat, 90 per cent. patents, \$3.55 to \$3.60 at seaboard. Manitoba flours—First patents, \$5.50; second patents, \$5; and strong bakers', \$4.40, on track, Toronto.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern is quoted at \$1.11, Bay ports; No. 2 Northern at \$1.08, and No. 3 at \$1.04, Bay ports. Ontario Wheat—No. 2 white, red and mixed, 91 to 93c, outside.

Peas—Good shipping peas, \$1.10 to \$1.15, outside.

Oats—Car lots of No. 2 Ontario at 43 to 43.1-2c, and No. 3 at 42 to 42.1-2c; on track, Toronto, 46 to 46.1-2c. No. 2 Western Canada oats, 49c, and No. 1 feed, 45 to 45.1-2c, Bay ports.

Barley—47 to 48 lbs. at 85 to 86.1-2c, outside.

Corn—No. 3 American yellow, 70c, Toronto freights.

Rye—94 to 95c for No. 2, outside.

Buckwheat—61 to 52c, outside.

Bran—Manitoba bran, \$23.50, in bags, Toronto freight. Shorts, \$25.50.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—Winter stock, \$2.75 to \$3.50 per barrel.

Beans—Small lots of hand-picked, \$2.35 to \$2.45 per bushel.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 11 to 12c per lb. Combs, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Baled Hay—No. 1 at \$16.50 to \$17.50, on track, and No. 2 at \$14 to \$15.

Baled Straw—\$7.50 to \$8, on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—Car lots, in bags, \$1.25 to \$1.30, and Delawares at \$1.35. Out-of-store, \$1.45 to \$1.50.

Poultry—Wholesale prices of dressed poultry:—Chickens, 13 to 16c per lb; fowl, 10 to 12c; ducks, 15 to 16c; geese, 13 to 15c; turkeys, 20 to 21c. Live poultry, about 2c lower than the above.

BUTTER, EGGS, CHEESE.

Butter—Dairy, choice, in wrappers, 27 to 30c; large rolls, 27c; and inferior, tubs, 18 to 19c. Creamery quoted at 32 to 33.1-2c for rolls, and 30 to 31c for solids, per lb.

Eggs—Strictly new-laid, 35c, delivered here, and fresh at 28c per dozen, in case lots.

Cheese—Large, 15.3-4c, and twins at 16.1-4c per lb.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 11.1-2 to 11.3-4c per lb., in case lots. Pork—Short cut, \$22.50; do., mess, \$19.50 to \$20. Hams—Medium to light, 16 to 16.1-2c; heavy, 14 to 14.1-2c; rolls, 10.3-4 to 11c; breakfast bacon, 16 to 17c; backs, 19 to 20c.

Lard—Tierces, 11.3-4c; tubs, 12c; pails, 12.1-4c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Jan. 23.—Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 47.1-2 to 48c; do., No. 3, 45.1-2c; extra No. 1 feed, 46.1-2c; No. 2 local white, 46c; No. 3 local white, 45c; No. 4 local white, 44c. Barley—Malting, 96 to 98c. Buckwheat—No. 2, 70 to 71c. Flour—Man. Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.30; do., seconds, \$5.10; strong bakers', \$4.90; Winter patents, choice, \$4.75 to \$5; straight rollers, \$4.25 to \$4.40; straight rollers, bags, \$1.95 to \$2.05. Rolled oats—Barrels, \$4.65; do., bags, 90 lbs., \$2.20. Bran—\$23; shorts, \$25; middlings, \$28; mouillie, \$28 to \$34. Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$15 to \$15.50. Cheese—Finest Westerns, 15.1-2 to 15.1-4c; do., finest Easterns, 14.7-8 to 15c. Butter—Choice creamery, 32 to 32.1-2c; do., seconds, 30 to 31c. Eggs—Fresh, 45 to 50c; do., selected, 31.1-2 to 32c; No. 1 stock, 27.1-2 to 28c. Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, \$1.40.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, Jan. 23.—Wheat—May, \$1.05.7-8; July, \$1.06.5-8; No. 4 hard, \$1.06.3-8; No. 1 Northern, \$1.05.7-8; No. 2 Northern, \$1.03.7-8; No. 3 wheat, \$1.01.7-8. No. 3 yellow corn, 61.1-2 to 62c. No. 3 white oats, 47 to 47.1-2c. No. 2 rye 90.1-2 to 91c. Bran, \$24 to \$24.50. Flour—First patents, \$5.10 to \$5.40; second patents, \$4.70 to \$5; first clears, \$3.50 to \$3.85; second clears, \$2.40 to \$2.80.

Buffalo, Jan. 23.—Spring wheat—No. 1 Northern, carloads, store, \$1.13; Winter, No. 2 red, \$1.01; No. 3 red, 98c; No. 2 white, \$1.01. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 68c; No. 4 yellow, 66.1-4c, all on track, through billed. Oats—No. 2 white, 54.1-4c; No. 3 white, 53.1-2c; No. 4 white, 52.3-4c. Barley—Malting, \$1.25 to \$1.35.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, Jan. 23.—Butchers' cattle, choice, \$6.75 to \$7; do., medium, \$4.25 to \$5.50; do., common, \$3 to \$4; canners, \$2.50 to \$3.50; butchers' cows, choice, \$5.25 to \$5.50; do., medium, \$4.75 to \$5; do., bulls, \$5.25 to \$5.50; feeding bulls, \$3.60 to \$3.75; milkers, choice, each \$70 to \$75; do., common and medium, each, \$45 to

GOLD IN TURKEYS' CROPS

How the Minitonas, Manitoba, Gold Fields Were Discovered

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Reports from Minitonas, in the Swan River Valley, give details of the new gold strike, which is said to be phenomenally rich. Just before Christmas a farmer named Murphy, living some nine miles from Minitonas, sold some turkeys. Several flakes of gold were noticed in their crops, and when the contents were properly examined a number of nuggets ranging in weight up to three ounces were found. No one seemed to know where the turkeys had come from, but Murphy heard of it and staked claims along a ridge of black sand where the turkeys had run during

the summer and fall. Other claims have been staked in the vicinity and in all some hundred and twenty locations have been filed. There is too much snow for much prospecting, but a nugget weighing just over an ounce has been found and several smaller ones. When the snow goes there will be an active mining camp, for preliminary prospects show that a rich gold field has been located, with possibilities of finding the mother lode. Geological formations are similar to those of other rich gold mining regions, and two Klondyke miners now at Minitonas predict a wild gold rush in the spring as soon as the value of the deposit becomes known.

HE STUTTERS.

The distinguished English author, Arnold Bennett, who is probably the most charming philosophical writer of the day, has one striking personal peculiarity. This story, told by a New York editor, has to do with this peculiarity:

A critic at the club the other day was listening to an execrable, young novelist. The young man boasted on interminably, but at last

SURPRISED DOCTOR

Illustrating the Effect of Food.

The remarkable adaptability of Grape-Nuts food to stomachs so disordered that they will reject everything else, is illustrated by the case of a woman in Racine, Wis.

"Two years ago," she says, "I was attacked by a stomach trouble so serious that for a long time I could not take much of any sort of food. Even the various kinds prescribed by the doctor produced most acute pain.

"We then got some Grape-Nuts food, and you can imagine my surprise and delight when I found that I could eat it with a relish and without the slightest distress.

"When the doctor heard of it he told me to take several small portions each day, because he feared I would grow tired of it as I had of all other food.

"But to his surprise, (and that of everybody else), I did not tire of Grape-Nuts, and became better day by day, till, after some weeks, my stomach entirely recovered and I was able to eat anything my appetite craved.

"My nerves, which had become so weakened that I feared I would become insane, were also restored by the Grape-Nuts food in connection with Postum, which has become our table beverage. I appreciate most gratefully and thankfully the good that your food preparations have done me, and shall be glad to answer any letters inquiring as to my experience." Name given by Canadian Postum Co., Windsor, Ont.

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Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true and full of human interest.

CANNOT CHECK DISEASE.

Pneumonic Plague Killed Thousands in China.

A despatch from Manila says: The report of the international plague conference, which was held at Mukden, Manchuria, last year, was issued here on Saturday. The conference was convened at the request of the Chinese Government and eleven countries were represented by delegates. The report was prepared by Dr. Richard Pearson Strong, of the Philippines Bureau of Science. It consists of 500 pages and gives data and announces conclusions, which, it is believed, will be of invaluable aid to the scientific world in regard to the pneumonic plague, about which little has heretofore been known. This disease killed 50,000 persons in Manchuria and Northern China last year and some of the best physicians in the world seemed to be unable to do anything to check its spread. Several of the prominent doctors who went to Manchuria at the time succumbed to the disease.

CRUSHED IN GRAVEL PIT.

Wm. Adair, Caradoc Farmer, Was Instantly Killed.

A despatch from London says: Wm. Adair, a farmer of the fifth concession of Caradoc Township, was instantly killed Saturday afternoon in a gravel pit near Delaware. Adair was working with a number of other men in the pit, when a huge piece of frozen earth caved in upon him, crushing his brains out and inflicting other terrible injuries.

TEN YEARS AND LASHES.

Heavy Sentence for Man Who Robbed and Assaulted Woman.

A despatch from Vancouver, B. C., says: The sharpest sentence ever handed out in the Police Court was imposed on Wednesday on F. Renault, convicted of robbery, with violence, from Mrs. May, Richardson. He entered the house and knocked the woman down and stole \$72. The sentence was ten years and twenty lashes.



Mr. Arnold Bennett.
I heard the critic get in the words: "Do you know, you remind me of Arnold Bennett?" "Really?" The novelist blushed and laughed for pleasure. "Really? Come, now, do you really think—" "Yes; you stutter so," said the critic.

DUST EXPLODED IN MINE.

Fifteen Were Killed and Forty Injured.

A despatch from Kemmerer, Wyoming, says: Fifteen miners were reported killed and forty injured in a dust explosion in mine No. 4 of the Kemmerer Coal Company on Saturday afternoon. Of the forty injured it is known that nine, who have been taken to the hospital at Rock Springs, are in a serious condition. There were 112 men in the property at the time of the explosion, and those who were not killed or injured rushed to the aid of their companions. The men on the top quickly organized for rescue work, but despite their most desperate efforts all of the dead and injured were not removed until a few minutes before midnight.