

FREIGHT THROUGH CANALS

Practically Almost Every Commodity Except Soft Coal Shows a Great Increase

A despatch from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., says: More than ten million tons greater than the record of 1910, the best previous season, was the volume of freight carried through the canals at the Soo this season, as shown in the statistical report just issued.

While shipments of practically every commodity except soft coal show an increase over the three previous seasons, the movement of iron ore, 46,303,423 tons, was greater by more than 4,699,789 tons than in 1910, the season showing the greatest previous shipments.

The movement of wheat, 174,098,456 bushels, was 60,832,895 bushels greater than in 1909, while the total grain shipments show a gain of 12,505,095 bushels over the record of that year.

Although the movement of hard

coal was delayed in starting by mine difficulties early in the season, the shipments, 2,142,485 tons, were 82,276 tons greater than the previous high record of 1911. The movement of soft coal, amounting to 12,789,109 tons, was 483,558 tons below 1911, due chiefly to delay in getting the product from the mines to the loading docks owing to car shortage.

Lumber shipments were 667,542,000 feet, a gain of 64,441,000 feet over the high record of 1910.

Passenger traffic shows a considerable falling off, the number carried through the canals, 68,877, having been 56 fewer than in 1910, and showing a loss of 13,074, or 16 per cent., compared with 1911. For this, the unseasonable cold weather early in the year is held chiefly responsible.

FIGHT FOR LIFE.

Desperate Battle with Hungry Wolves.

Peterborough Examiner says: A young man named Rodier, employed in one of the camps of the G. B. Lumber Co. at Loring, Ontario, left the camp about seven o'clock a few evenings ago to visit some traps he had set in the woods. He was gone only a few minutes when he was set upon by a pack of eight or ten wolves. Rodier was armed with a revolver, and the report of the weapon together with his cries for help attracted the attention of another lumberman, Honore Auger, who seized his rifle and hastened in the direction of the cries. He reached the scene just as Rodier dropped exhausted. Auger fired and killed one of the wolves. Thereupon the pack abandoned the fallen man and attacked the newcomer. Auger emptied the magazine of his rifle into the pack, killing three more. Then armed only with a pocket knife, he succeeded, after a desperate struggle, in despatching the three that remained. Both men had to be carried into the camp by companions who arrived on the scene a few moments later. Rodier escaped with but a few scratches, while Auger, who had risked his life to save that of his companion, was severely wounded in the shoulder and thigh.

TO BUILD BIG ELEVATOR.

Contract Awarded for Addition to Montreal Structure.

A despatch from Montreal says: The contract for an addition to the Harbor Commissioners' elevator No. 1, whereby 2,600,000 bushels of grain may be handled instead of a million bushels as at present, was let on Friday to the John S. Metcalf Company for \$600,000. Work on the additions will proceed as fast as possible in order to be ready to cope with the grain rush of 1913.

TROLLEY FALLS 39 FEET.

Ten Residents of Cincinnati Will Die as Result of Smash-up.

A despatch from Cincinnati says: Plunging 39 feet, after a wild dash down a grade on the central bridge connecting Cincinnati with the western end of Newport, Ky., Monmouth Street car number five, on Friday evening, crashed into the brick pavement of the street below, injuring ten persons so seriously that little hope is held out for their recovery.

FISH HAS LIGHTS ON SIDES

An Unusual Inhabitant of the Deep is the First Discovered in Canada

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Commissioners of Fisheries have just received interesting specimens of a remarkable little fish never before found in Canada, although rare specimens have been caught in the United States and Europe. It is a small silvery fish not unlike a small herring, but has two rows of pearl organs along the side of the body. The fish were caught by fishermen on Grand Manan, and they are scientifically valuable and interesting. The most wonderful feature is the fact that each of the pearl organs gives out a brilliant light, similar to a small

CANADIAN TRADE.

Total for Present Year Will Amount to a Billion Dollars.

A despatch from Ottawa says: That the year 1912 has been one of unexpected prosperity is shown by figures of Canadian trade for that period. The aggregate will be a billion dollars worth, which creates a record. In January the total was \$63,680,443. February saw an increase of one million, while by March it had jumped by \$23,000,000. The increase throughout the Summer was steady, and October reached the total of \$101,277,409. November figures now being compiled will go three million ahead of this. The grand total to November first was \$821,723,347, and, as stated, the total of the calendar year will be a billion.

FOUR INJURED IN FIRE.

One May Die as Result of Unexplained Blaze in Vancouver.

A despatch from Vancouver says: Four men, one of whom may die from injuries received, had narrow escapes from cremation in a fire which broke out in an unaccountable manner in a house at 668 Powell Street at 3 o'clock on Friday morning. The men are: M. McInnis, Neil McLeod, John McLeod and Malcolm Macdonald. In addition to being most severely burned McInnis had a compound fracture of the thigh and several ribs broken as a result of jumping from a window. He may die.

TAMPER WITH SIGNAL WIRES.

Suffragettes Now Accused of Endangering Public Safety.

A despatch from London says: The Daily Chronicle accuses the suffragettes of endangering the public safety by tampering with the signal wires of the Great Northern Railway near London. The wires, the paper says, were found tied together and a letter was attached which demanded votes for women.

FOR HUDSON BAY RAILWAY.

Half-mile Strip of Land on Each Side of Line to be Set Apart.

A despatch from Ottawa says: An order-in-Council has been passed setting aside for the purposes of the Hudson Bay Railway a half-mile strip of land on each side of the line from Le Pas to Port Nelson.

electric lamp. The fish is called the "pearl sides," and belongs to a group of very rare fish that are luminous. Very little is known about the history of these small fish, but scientific authorities are of the opinion that they inhabit the deepest waters of the ocean and that the light they give out enables them to procure their food, and may also protect them by frightening away their enemies. Prof. Prince is handing these specimens over to the biological body of which he is chairman, but is preparing a technical report for the Royal Society of Canada.

THE NEWS IN A PARAGRAPH

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE IN A NUTSHELL

Canada, the Empire and the World in General Before Your Eyes.

Canada.

Berlin is to have a new Federal building to cost \$200,000.

Quebec Board of Trade favors commission government for the city.

Premier McBride of British Columbia has accepted a life vice-presidency in the British Navy League.

The Donaldson expedition which had been lost track of in the James Bay country, has been reported safe.

Serious complaint against the treatment of miners at Porcupine was laid before the Attorney-General.

Major W. Dunsmore of Bury, Que., will go to Scotland as special immigration agent for the Eastern Townships.

A plan to teach farming by mail is about to be tried by the Manitoba Government, and the C. P. R. is to establish demonstration farm work.

Harry Weese, brakeman on the Central Ontario Railway, was killed at Trenton while engaged in making up a train.

A fourteen-year-old boy, John Galbraith, was accidentally drowned in a well at his home at Camden East while drawing water.

The new Montreal harbor commissioners are W. G. Ross, chairman, Farquhar Robertson and Lt.-Col. A. Labelle. All are prominent business men.

Wm. Todd, formerly of Hamilton, has been arrested in Seattle, Washington, charged with theft of \$2,300 from his employers. He is alleged to have deserted his family for another woman.

Three young children of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Curran of Edwards Station, Carleton county, were burned in a fire that consumed their home, while the parents were harnessing up to drive to the grandparents' for Christmas dinner.

Jos. Schneider of Montreal, has been awarded by Judge Charbonneau, \$789.68 from the Royal Guardians, an insurance company, which, after he joined, passed an amendment excluding liquor dealers from membership. The sum represents the sum he paid in.

Great Britain.

Official returns show a tremendous increase in Britain's trade.

London tradesmen say the holiday trade has eclipsed all records.

The Turks and Balkan allies exhibit no signs of yielding in regard to peace conditions.

Elliott Smith, professor of anatomy in Manchester University, says that the Pharaoh of the Exodus was corpulent and almost bald.

United States.

A three million dollar drydock will be built at South Boston.

Congress will probably meet March 15 to begin work on tariff revision.

Wm. Loeb, jr., collector of customs of New York, will join the Guggenheims.

The U. S. Steel Corporation will increase the wages of unskilled laborers.

Col. Goethals, now in charge of the Panama canal zone, has been offered the Governorship. It means a reduction in salary of \$5,000.

An unknown woman of Los Angeles, Cal., with a revolver forced a number of drunken Austrians to cease tramping in American flag.

Guy de Villepion, a former teacher at a San Francisco academy, has returned from the west coast of South America, and told a tale of having been fattened for a feast by cannibals while attempting to cross from Ciudad to Buenos Ayres. He escaped after many adventures.

General.

Greece has contracted for a super-Dreadnought.

The Paris police will arrest vehicle drivers who splash mud.

The French Premier, M. Poincare, decided to contest the Presidency.

A vigorous campaign is in progress for the French Presidency.

Servia and Montenegro are growing restive, fearing the designs of Austria in the Balkans.

China has declined to negotiate a new treaty with Britain concerning Tibet.

Six Italian anarchists are under arrest, charged with plotting an attack on the King.

The Chinese Government has is-

sued a manifesto towards suppressing the opium industry.

Chas. Borseul, who discovered the principle of telephoning, which Graham Bell perfected, died poor and unknown in Paris, aged 83.

The German penal code is to be revised. Every sixth man and every 25th woman in Germany has been punished for violating it in some way.

The present demands of the Balkan league are scouted by the Young Turks as being arrogant and impossible. The newspapers take the same view.

"The Man of Fifty" was the subject of a Christmas symposium in the Berlin Tageblatt, and medical experts, business men and artists agree that a man of fifty is no older than a man of forty, and in numerous instances decidedly more useful.

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PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Cream Produce at Home and Abroad

Breadstuffs.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Flour—Ontario wheat flour. Domestic lots, \$4 to \$4.15 at mills. Manitoba. First patents, in 48 lb. bags, \$3.95; second patents, in 48 lb. bags, \$3.85; strong bakers, in 48 lb. bags, \$4.60.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 northern quoted at 93-1-2c. Bay ports: No. 2, 92-1-2c; and No. 3, 90c. Bay ports. Feed wheat, 65 to 67c, Bay ports.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 new white and red wheat, 90 to 91c, outside, and sprouted, 75 to 80c.

Oats—Ontario oats, 35 to 37-1-2c, outside, and 35-1-2 to 36c, on track, Toronto. Western Canada oats, 41-1-2c for No. 2, and at 4c for No. 3, Bay ports.

Peas—No. 2 at \$1.20 to \$1.25.

Beans—Forty-eight lb. barley of good quality, 60 to 65c, outside. Feed, 40 to 60c.

Corn—New No. 3 American corn, 50c, all-rail.

Rye—No. 2 at 75 to 76c, outside.

Buckwheat—48 to 49c, outside.

Bran—Manitoba bran, \$20, in bags, Toronto freight. Shorts are quoted at \$23 to \$25.50.

Country Produce.

Butter—Rolls, choice, 26 to 27c; bakers', inferior, 22 to 23c; choice dairy, tubs, 25c; creamery, 31 to 32c for rolls and 29c for tubs.

Eggs—Case lots of fresh, 32 to 33c per dozen, and of cold storage, 27 to 28c; strictly new-laid, 45c per dozen.

Cheese—14-1-2c for large, and at 14-3-4c for twins.

Beans—Hand-picked, \$3 per bushel; primes, \$2.90, in a jobbing way.

Honey—Extracted, in tubs, 12-1-2 to 12-3-4c per pound for No. 1, wholesale; comb, \$2.50 to \$3 per dozen for No. 1, and \$2.40 for No. 2.

Poultry—Well-fatted, clean, dry-picked stock. Chickens, 15 to 16c per lb.; fowl, 11 to 12c; ducks, 15 to 16c; geese, 15 to 17c; turkeys, 20 to 22c. Live poultry, about 25 lower than the above.

Potatoes—Good Ontario stock, 75 to 80c per bag on track, and New Brunswick, 90 to 92-1-2c per bag.

Provisions.

Bacon, long clear, 15-1-4 to 15-1-2c per lb. in case lots. Pork—Short cut, 26 to 27 1/2c, mess, \$21.50 to \$22. Ham—Medium to light, 17 to 17-1-2c; heavy, 15-1-2 to 16c; rolls, 14-1-2 to 14-3-4c; breakfast bacon, 18c; backs, 21-1-2c.

Lard—Tier: s, 14-1-2c; tubs, 14-3-4c; pails, 15c.

Baled Hay and Straw.

Baled hay—No. 1, \$13.50 to \$14, on track. Toronto; No. 2, \$12. Mixed hay, \$10.50 to \$11.

Baled straw—\$9.50 to \$10, on track, Toronto.

Montreal Markets.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 43 to 43-1-2c; extra No. 1 feed, 42-1-2 to 43c; No. 2 local white, 41c; No. 3, 40c; No. 4, do., 38c. Parley—Manitoba feed, 60 to 61c; malting, 76 to 78c. Buckwheat—No. 2, 57 to 60c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.40; do., seconds, \$4.90; strong bakers, \$4.70; winter patents, choice, \$5.35; straight rollers, \$4.95 to \$5.40, in bps., \$2.35 to \$2.40.

Baked oats—Barrels, \$4.60; bags of 90 lb., \$2.20. Millfeed—Bran, \$21; shorts, \$2; middlings, \$28 to \$30; monillie, \$30 to \$35. Hay—No. 2 per ton, car lots, \$4.50 to \$15. Cheese—Finest westerns, 13 to 13-1-4c; do., easterns, 12-1-4 to 12-3-4c. Butter—Choice creamery, 30-1-4 to 30-1-2c. Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, 75 to 90.

United States.

Minneapolis, Dec. 31.—Wheat—December, 81-1-4 to 81-1-2c; May, 85-3-4 to 85-7-8c; July, 87-1-2c; No. 1 hard, 83-7-8c; No. 1 Northern, 82 to 83-5-8c; No. 2 Northern, 80 to 81-3-8c. No. 3 yellow corn, 41-1-2 to 42c; No. 5 white oats, 30-1-4 to 30-1-2c. No. 2 rye, 64 to 50c. Bran, \$19 to \$19-0. Flour—First patents, \$4.05 to \$4.35; second patents, \$3-90 to \$4-15; first clears, \$2-90 to \$3-20; second clears, \$2-10 to \$2-40.

Duluth, Dec. 31.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 84-1-4c; No. 1 Northern, 83-1-4c; No. 2 Northern, 81-1-4c; July, 87-3-4c; nominal, December, 82-5-8c asked. May, 86-1-4c. Lard on track \$124-3-8; to arrive, \$124-3-8; December, \$124-1-8 bid; January, \$124-1-8 asked; May, \$127-1-8.

Live Stock Markets.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Good to choice butchering steers from \$6 to \$8.25, medium at from \$5 to \$5.75, and common at from \$4.25 to \$5. Cows from \$3.50 to \$4.25, with common grades and canners at \$2.50 to \$3.50. Bulls ranged from \$3.50 to \$4.25. Lambs brought from \$7.65 to \$7.75, light ewes from \$4.50 to \$4.75, and heavy from \$2.25 to \$3.50. Veal calves went at from \$7 to \$9, while roughs changed hands at from \$3 to \$6. Hogs from \$8.25 to \$8.40 per hundredweight, fed and watered.

MILK RAISED AT GALT.

District Supply Goes Largely to Hamilton and Toronto.

A despatch from Galt says: As the result of scarcity of milk in this section producers have raised prices. Chief among reasons given for the limited supply is that the big dairy companies of Hamilton and Toronto are coming into the district to get milk. Wagons from Hamilton are collecting milk within a few miles of Galt, and large quantities are shipped by express to Toronto.

SHEEP BONE OPERATION.

Patient in Hamilton Hospital Is Doing Nicely.

A despatch from Hamilton says: Gibson Race, the young man who underwent an unusual operation at the City Hospital on December 19, when a piece of a bone taken from a sheep was grafted in his arm in place of the human bone, is doing nicely at the institution. Dr. J. P. McGregor, of this city, performed the operation, and it attracted great attention among the local medical men.

Several short courses in agriculture are announced to be given at the Ontario Agricultural College, beginning in January.

Angelo Rugulin, an employee at the Fort William freight sheds, met death on the steamer Strathcona by being caught in a line shaft.



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