

Grain, Cattle and Cheese

Prices of These Products in the Leading Markets are Here Recorded

Breadstuffs.

Toronto, Dec. 30. Flour, Ontario wheat flour, 90 per cent., \$3.50 to \$3.55, seaboard, and at \$3.50, Toronto. Manitoba—First patents, in jute bags, \$5.30; do., seconds, \$4.80; strong bakers, in jute bags, \$4.60. Manitoba wheat No. 1 Northern, 92 1/2c. Bay ports, and a cent more for storage at Goderich, and No. 2 at 90 1/2c. Bay ports. Ontario wheat No. 2 wheat at 84 to 85c, outside. Oats—No. 2 Ontario oats, 34 1/2 to 35c, outside, and at 38 to 39 1/2c, on track, Toronto. Western Canada old oats, 40 1/2c for No. 2 and 39 for No. 3. Bay ports. Peas—\$1 to \$1.05 outside. Barley—Good malting barley, 55 to 56c, outside. Corn—New No. 3 American, 73 1/2c, all rail, Toronto. Bye—No. 2 at 65 to 66c, outside. Buckwheat—70c, outside. Bran—Manitoba bran, \$27 to \$28.50 a ton, in bags, Toronto freight. Shorts, \$22.50, Toronto.

Country Produce.

Butter—Choice dairy, 25 to 26c; inferior, 20 to 22c; farmers' separator prints, 24 to 25c; creamery prints, 20 to 21c; solids, 23 to 25c; storage prints, 27 to 28c; do., solids, 24 to 26 1/2c. Eggs—Case lots of new-laid, 45 to 48c per dozen; select, 37 to 38c, and storage, 32 to 35c per dozen. Cheese—New cheese, 14 1/2 to 15 3/4c for large, and 15c for twins. Beans—Hand-picked, \$2.50 to \$2.25 per bushel; primes, \$2 to \$2.10. Honey—Extracted, in time, 11 to 12c per lb. for No. 1 combs, \$3 to \$3.25 per dozen for No. 1 and \$2.40 to \$2.50 for No. 2. Poultry—Fowl, 11 to 12c per lb.; chickens, 15 to 17c; ducks, 13 to 15c; geese, 12 to 15c; turkeys, 19 to 22c. Potatoes—Ontario, 80 to 85c per bag, on track, and Delawares at 90c.

Provisions.

Bacon—Long clear, 16c per lb. in case lots. Pork—Short cut, \$2.50; do., mess, \$24.50. Hams—Medium to light, 19 1/2 to 20c; heavy, 19c; rolls, 15 1/2 to 16c; breakfast bacon, 19 to 20c; backs, 22 to 24c. Lard—Tierce, 13 3/4 to 14c; tubs, 14 to 14 1/4c; pails, 14 1/4 to 14 1/2c.

Baled Hay and Straw.

Baled hay—No. 1 at \$14.50 to \$15 a ton, on track here; No. 2 at \$13 to \$13.50, and mixed at \$12 to \$12.50. Baled straw—Car lots, \$8.50 to \$8.75, on track, Toronto.

Winnipeg Grain.

Winnipeg, Dec. 30. Cash—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 82 1/2c; No. 2 Northern, 79 1/4c; No. 3 Northern, 77c; No. 4, 77 1/4c; No. 5, 66 1/2c; No. 6, 62 1/2c; No. 1 rejected grade, 75 1/2c; No. 2 rejected grade, 74 1/2c; No. 1 smutty, 75 1/2c; No. 2 smutty, 74 1/2c; No. 1 red winter, 82 1/4c; No. 2 red winter, 80c; No. 3 red winter, 78c. Oats—No. 1 C.W., 33 5/8c; No. 2 feed, 30c. Barley—No. 3, 41 1/2c; No. 4, 39 1/2c; rejected, 37 1/2c; feed, 37c. Flax—No. 1 N.W.C., \$1.22 1/4; No. 2 N.W.C., \$1.20 1/2.

Montreal Markets.

Montreal, Dec. 30. Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 41 1/2 to 42c; do., No. 3, 40 1/2 to 41c. Barley—Man. feed, 58 to 59c; malting, 63 to 66c. Buckwheat, No. 2, 55 to 57c. Flour—Man. Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.40; seconds, \$4.90; strong bakers, \$4.70; Winter patents, choice, \$4.75 to \$5; straight rollers, \$4.50 to \$4.60; do., bags, \$4.70 to \$4.80. Rolled oats—Barrels, \$4.40 to \$4.50; do., bags, 50 lbs., \$2.10 to \$2.12 1/2. Bran, \$20 to \$22. Shorts, \$22 to \$23. Middlings, \$22 to \$23.60. Meal, \$27 to \$31. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$15.50 to \$16.5. Cheese—Finest westerns, 15 3/4 to 16c; most easterns, 15 1/4 to 15 1/2c. Butter—Choice creamery, 28 1/2 to 29c; seconds, 28 to 28 1/4c. Eggs—Fresh, 55 to 60c; selected, 58c; No. 1 stock, 54c; No. 2 stock, 52c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, 75 to 85c.

United States Markets.

Minneapolis, Dec. 30. Wheat—December, 83 5/8c; May, 87 to 87 1/8c; No. 1 hard, 87 1/8 to 87 5/8c; No. 2 Northern, 84 7/8 to 85 1/8c; No. 3 Northern, 80 7/8 to 81 5/8c. Corn, No. 3 yellow, 59 1/2 to 60c; No. 3 white oats, 36 1/2 to 36 3/4c. Flour—\$2.50 for second clear to \$4.55 for fancy patents. Duluth, Dec. 30. Linsed, \$1.40 1/8; December, \$1.45 5/8; May, \$1.51 1/8. Wheat—No. 1 hard, 85 5/8c; No. 1 Northern, 85 1/8c; No. 2 Northern, 83 5/8 to 84 1/8c; Montana, No. 2 hard, 85 3/8c; December, 83 1/4c; May, 87 5/8 to 87 3/4c.

Live Stock Markets.

Toronto, Dec. 30. Cattle—Choice butchers, \$7.75 to \$8; good medium, \$6.50 to \$7.25; common, \$5 to \$5.50; cows, \$4.50 to \$7.25; common cows, \$3.50 to \$4; butchers' bulls, \$3.75 to \$7.25; canners and others, \$3.50 to \$4. Calves—Good veal, \$6.75 to \$7.25; common, \$4.75 to \$5.10. Steers and leaders—Steers, 910 to 1,050 lbs., \$6 to \$6.75; good quality, 800 lbs., \$4.50 to \$5.25; light, \$3.50 to \$5.50. Sheep and lambs—Light ewes, \$5.50 to \$6; heavy, \$3 to \$3.50; bucks, \$3 to \$3.50; spring lambs, \$8.50 to \$9; but with 75c per head deducted for all the buck lambs. Hogs—\$2 to \$2.50 and \$2.75, \$2.10 off cars, and \$6.40 to \$5.50 l.o.b.

SEVENTY-TWO MET DEATH.

Awful Catastrophe at a Christmas Tree Celebration.

A despatch from Calumet, Michigan, says: On the day which throughout all Christendom is set aside as a day of rejoicing over the birth of the Saviour, Calumet, stricken to the heart by an almost unbelievable catastrophe, stands mourning by the side of its dead, the 72 victims (most of whom were children) of the frightful panic on Christmas eve in the Italian hall. This panic followed a false alarm cry of fire during the progress of a Christmas tree entertainment arranged for families of the copper strikers. To-day the people of Calumet see their neighbors, their brothers, their sisters and their little children staggering under an almost unbearable burden of distress and grief.

The authorities have so far been unable to trace a man who is said to have gone up the stairs of the Italian hall and raised the cry of fire, which is supposed to have started the panic which led to the fearful crush in the stairway and caused the death of the nearly four score men, women and children. There seems to be little hope he will be apprehended. The other theory that the cry of fire originated within the hall was substantiated on Thursday by Matt Sart, a striker, who lost his son in the disaster. He declared the cry came from a group of men and women toward the front of the hall.

A fourteen-year-old girl who died on Thursday morning brought the official list of dead up to 72. All have now been identified. Five injured are in the hospitals, all of whom, it is said, will live. Three little girls in the Calumet and Hecla hospitals were able on Thursday to be up and about, and they pumped around the Christmas tree set up for the patients unaware of the fate which had overtaken some of their brothers and sisters and the father of one of them.

A boy of seven or eight years of age who was taken to one of the morgues showed signs of life soon after, but no restoratives and no physician were immediately available and death ensued. One couple entered the town hall where all the bodies had been gathered to look for their missing child. Their hopes ran high when they had looked at seventy of the bodies and failed to find their loved one, but the last body they viewed, the seventy-first, was that of the missing one. Members of the Calumet fire department relate many instances of heroic attempts to rescue the panic-stricken people in the hall. Patrick Ryan arrived on the scene a few minutes after the crush occurred at the foot of the stairway. He estimated there were about 100 piled on top of each other when he reached the entrance of the building.

Many tales of the fierceness of the crush during the height of the panic were told. One man was seen to stoop to pick up his little daughter, only to be pushed on and forced to trample her beneath him. A woman who ran to the aid of three small boys was crushed to death with them.

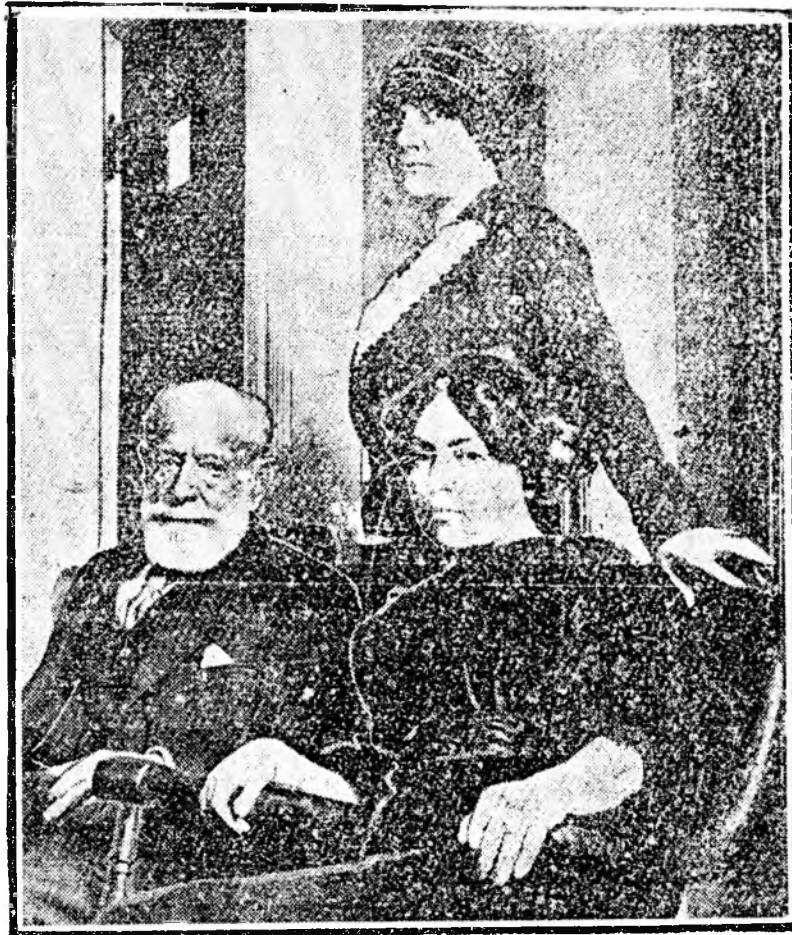
When the rush began a woman went to the piano and began playing. Another woman stood in the centre of the stage, on which the Christmas tree had been erected, and started to sing. Their efforts to quell the panic were futile, as they were not heard above the tumult.

Matti Kotzjarvi, wife and two daughters, were all killed. Christian Klarich and his two daughters were crushed to death, but Mrs. Klarich managed to escape. A large number of families lost two or more children. More than fifty of the dead were under ten years of age.

Mrs. A. Niemela, one of the victims, was suffocated while standing up. John Burrill, a fireman, who witnessed her death, took a six-months-old infant from her arms and carried it to safety. Leonard Wilman, another fireman, pushed his way into the stairway and took out a crying boy of six uninjured. Near him his mother and sister lay dead. An eleven-year-old boy rescued his brother of nine by carrying him down a ladder. Another child, thrown out of a window by a frantic father, was caught in the arms of an onlooker. Another father killed his boy by falling on him, and he, too, perished.

The character of an entire parish near Montreal has been changed, Jewish agriculturists gradually ousting habitant farmers while the growing of Turkish tobacco has supplanted mixed farming.

RICHEST MEXICAN AND HIS GRANDDAUGHTERS.



May Lose All His Riches.

General Louis Torrazas, whose lands comprise nearly the entire State of Chihuahua. He has 15,000,000 acres. The picture shows him seated with his two granddaughters. General Villa has threatened to confiscate all the Torrazas property.

DISTRICT OFFICER'S WORK.

Sanitary Surveys Completed for Twenty-eight Municipalities.

A despatch from Toronto says: Thirty-five thousand miles of travel in 12 months is the modest record of Dr. R. E. Wodehouse, district officer of health for the great area that makes up Northern Ontario. Dr. Wodehouse's report to the Provincial Board of Health for the year contains striking testimony to the efficient work the new district officers are doing in exercising general supervision over the public health. The territory embraced in district seven, over which Dr. Wodehouse has charge, embraces Manitoulin, Algoma, Thunder Bay, Kenora, Rainy River and Patricia, or half the area of the whole province. The district officer travelled 35,552 miles at an expense of \$1,237.

In carrying out his share of the work of preparing a sanitary survey of the province, Dr. Wodehouse made detailed sanitary survey reports of the 28 organized municipalities in his district and made 120 official visits to various centres of population. He visited all slaughter-houses in the district, made them comply with the strict sanitary provisions of the law, and secured the removal of insanitary buildings at several points.

"One set of open sewers were changed, while three hotels and three railways at five divisional points have been ordered to install sewage treatment plants," says the report.

Chlorination of water has been instituted, upon order, at the "Soo," Port Arthur, Kenora, Fort Frances and Rainy River.

The report states that one camp of the Public Works Road Department was closed, but compliance was so tardy that two cases of typhoid developed.

In addition to their other work, the district officers do a great deal of lecturing upon health matters, Dr. Wodehouse having held 26 public meetings in 16 days, addressing nearly 6,000 people.

\$100 CONSCIENCE MONEY.

Customs Department Gets a Remittance From Niagara Falls.

A despatch from Ottawa says: One of the first letters opened by Customs Collector Fred Journeaux here on Friday morning contained ten \$10 bills, around which was fastened by an elastic band a small piece of paper bearing the words "Please add this to the Customs receipts." No name was given. The envelop in which the conscience money was mailed bore Niagara Falls, Ont., postmark.

BUYS TEN THOUSAND SHEEP.

Will Bring Them From Montana for Breeding Purposes.

A despatch from Regina, Sask., says: W. T. Smith, the alfalfa king, Maple Creek, has purchased 10,000 sheep for breeding purposes. They will enter Canada through Coats, Alberta, from Montana.

DRUGS ARE DANGEROUS.

Inland Revenue Department Issues Warning Against Powders.

A despatch from Ottawa says: A bulletin issued by the Inland Revenue Department on "headache powders" calls public attention to the fact that "there can be no doubt that harm is done by the indiscriminate use of headache powders." After noting that headache is merely a symptom of something wrong, and not in itself a disease that can be treated by a "cure," the bulletin adds:

"The drugs to which the efficiency of these headache powders is due are powerful heart depressants, and are capable under certain conditions of producing fatal results, while under most conditions they must do harm."

Nearly all of the 171 samples analyzed contained acetanilide, or phenacetin, and are so marked under the regulations in regard to the patent medicine act. The amount of acetanilide present in most of the powders exceeds three grains, which is the limit of dosage prescribed by the British pharmacopoeia.

"No doubt," says the bulletin, "serious results would more frequently follow their use were it not that they contain other drugs, usually caffeine, which act as stimulants of the heart. A little reflection should convince the consumer of these powders that he is taking great liberties with his health and life."

OPTIMIST PREDICTION.

G.T.P. Line Across the Continent Next May.

A despatch from Vancouver says: "We expect to have steel laid into Prince George by January 10, and the track linked up right across the continent before the end of next May," announced Mr. Morley Donaldson, vice-president of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway system, who arrived on Tuesday morning en route to the north to conduct an inspection of the line from the Prince Rupert end. "We believe that the new Transcontinental will be ready for operation of through trains early in 1915," said Mr. Donaldson.

SMALLEST MAN IS DEAD.

Kept a Candy Store on the South Coast of England.

A despatch from London, England, says: John White, who is said to have been the smallest man in the world, died on Friday at Margate at the age of 53. He was one foot nine inches tall. He kept a candy store with his two sisters, who are of normal stature.

CARRIED TEN PASSENGERS.

St. Petersburg Inventor Flies with Aeroplane Weighing a Ton.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: Sikorsky, the inventor of an aeroplane capable of carrying ten persons, made a flight on Friday lasting several hours. The ten passengers and machine weighed altogether more than a ton.

CHILDREN'S BALL.

Duchess of Connaught Was Present as Hostess.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Probably the last affair of its kind at Government House during the present regime was the brilliant children's fancy dress ball held at Rideau Hall on Saturday afternoon. It was particularly noteworthy because of the fact that her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught made her first appearance as hostess since her return to the capital, assisting his Royal Highness and the Princess Patricia in receiving the hundreds of little guests and their parents. There were many guests from Montreal and Toronto in addition to those from the capital, and the event proved a wonderful success.

TURNKEY NEARLY KILLED.

Prisoner Strikes Blow With Iron Rod and Escapes.

A despatch from Kenora, Ont., says: Turnkey W. Wood was the victim of a murderous assault on Saturday night at the jail, being struck just below the base of the skull and knocked unconscious by an iron rod in the hands of J. O. Baba, a prisoner. The six or seven prisoners had just completed the evening meal in the corridor outside their cells and, as the turnkey turned to leave, Baba struck him a crushing blow across the back of the neck with the rod. The turnkey dropped to the floor unconscious and Baba dashed to an adjoining room and out through the window, with a portion of the sash. The police are making vigilant efforts for a speedy capture.

ROYAL BANK ROBBED.

More Than Six Thousand Dollars Was Secured.

A despatch from Pensacola, Florida, says: Two former employees of the Havana branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, accused of absconding with about \$6,500 of the bank's funds, are believed by the authorities here to be aboard the American schooner Doris, due here early this week. Government agents will board the Doris when she comes into port and take the suspects into custody.

J. C. Rykert, K.C., ex-M.P., last surviving member of the first Parliament of Ontario, died at St. Catharines on Saturday night, aged 82 years.

LOCOMOTIVE EXPLODED.

Fireman James Thorpe and Gustave Stang Killed.

A despatch from St. Thomas says: Fireman J. Thorpe, of Fort Erie, and an unidentified man were killed on Thursday morning when the boiler of a G.T.R. Wabash engine exploded. The accident happened about six o'clock while the locomotive was returning light to the Buffalo yards. Engineer Nicholas J. Curran, of St. Thomas, had a miraculous escape. He was thrown from the cab, but while severely scalded is expected to be all right again in a few days. F. Clark, brakeman of St. Thomas, and W. R. Cameron, of Windsor, were injured by escaping steam, and W. Lohr, A. Schultz, and W. B. Bartell, switchmen on the Erie Railway, who were close by, were hit by flying debris.

KING AND QUEEN.

Are Planning for a Week's Stay in Paris, It Is Said.

A despatch from London says: If present arrangements hold good, King George and Queen Mary will pay a State visit to Paris next spring, remaining there for a week. It is the intention of their Majesties to take Princess Mary with them. They will make their headquarters at the British Embassy. The function will be a return of the visit paid to London by the French President a few months ago.

NEW ZEALAND SENDS MEAT.

High Cost of Living in Canada Affects Consignments.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The trade and commerce department is advised that the Marama left Auckland, New Zealand, on Nov. 21, the principal items of cargo for Canada being 17,500 boxes of butter, 278 carcasses of veal and 1,250 carcasses of mutton.

INCREASE OF ONE PER CENT.

Railways Undertake to Continue Cartage at An Advance.

A despatch from Montreal says: The existing cartage arrangements in connection with the despatch of freight by the various railroad companies will continue in force, but with an increase over the present rates of one percent. The decision to make this change was definitely decided upon at a meeting of representatives of the railroads and cartage companies held here on Tuesday.