

## Dominion News in Brief

Vancouver, B.C.—Two cargoes of wheat were loaded here recently for export, which are of more than usual interest and indicate the increasing importance of Vancouver as a wheat exporter. One of 5,000 tons was for Vladivostok and the other of 1,000 tons went to Callao, Peru.

Edmonton, Alta.—Final arrangements are being made for the provincial incorporation of the Alberta Co-operative Dairy Producers' Association. The promoters hope to enrol one-third of the producers of the province and it is anticipated that the Pool will be in operation early next spring.

Regina, Sask.—The new wheat champion of the world, named at the 1924 International Hay and Grain Show, held at Chicago, is J. C. Mitchell, owner of a homestead quarter section at Dahinda, Sask. His exhibit was selected from 550 specimens from all parts of Canada and the United States. The winning sample, a bushel of hard red variety, gave Canada her thirteenth grand championship in the fourteen years' history of the show.

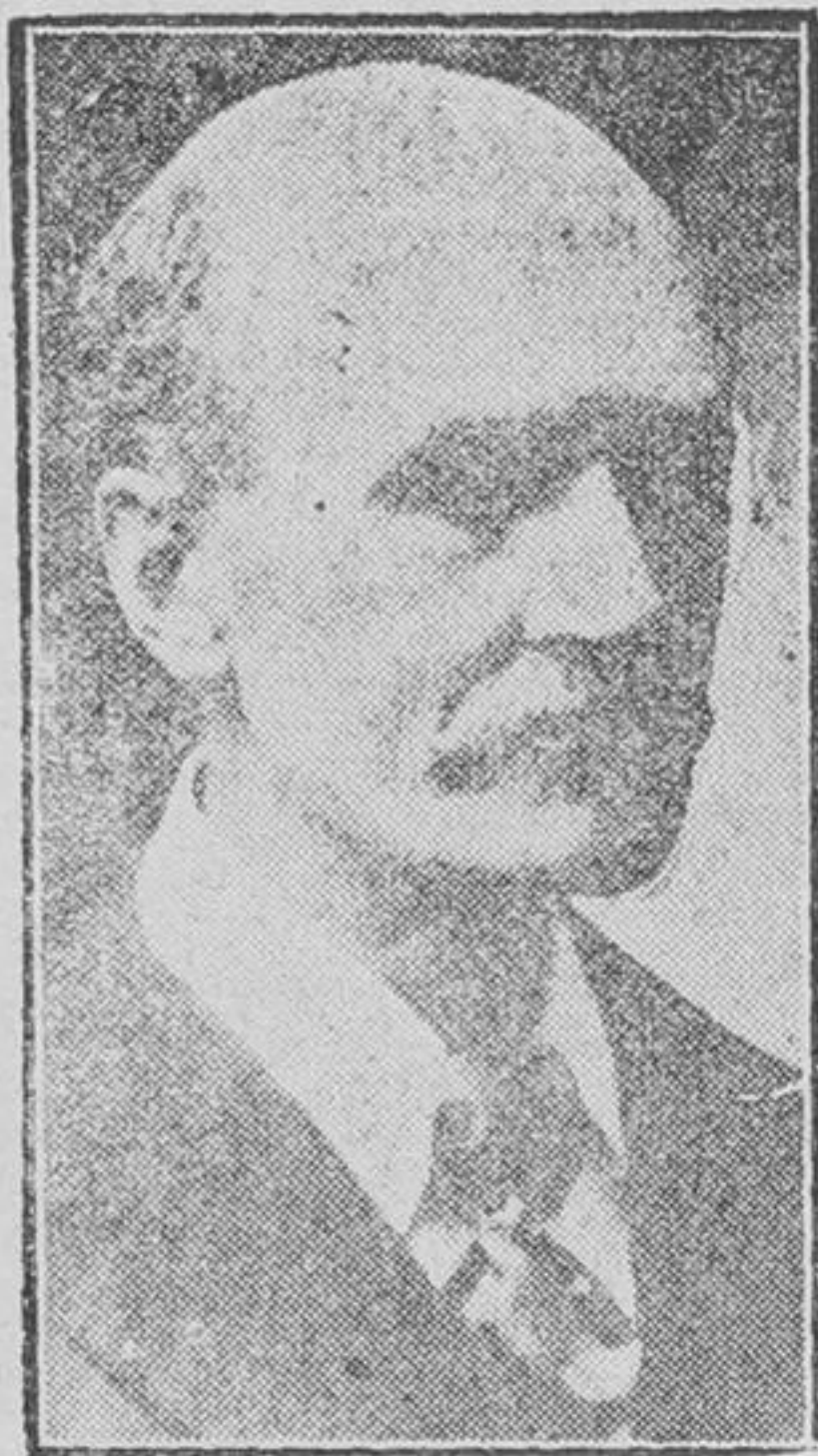
Winnipeg, Man.—Canada was a heavy winner in the hard red winter wheat division at the 1924 Chicago International Hay and Grain Show, taking twenty-five out of thirty places. J. C. Mitchell, of Dahinda, Sask., won the championship. Seager Wheeler, of Rosneath, Sask., was second. The

third and fifth places went to the U.S. Other Canadian winners in this division were: A. E. Dowling, Luseland, Sask.; S. Larcombe, Birtle, Man.; H. G. L. Strange, Fenn, Alta.; Nick Taitinger, of Claresholm, Alta.

Toronto, Ont.—Canadian sheepmen were generally triumphant at the fifth International Live Stock Exposition held in Chicago. The blue ribbon for a breeders' entry went to the Champion South Down wether produced by Cecil Stobbs, Wheatley, Ont. First honors in the Cotswold class went to H. M. Lee, Highgate, Ont., one of whose yearlings was picked for the international championship; F. B. Gaspell, Hampton, Ont., took off the big award for a pen of Cotswold lambs.

Montreal, Que.—With the close of Montreal's 1924 season of ocean traffic on December 3rd, the Harbor Master announced that 1,222 ocean and coasting ships had arrived in Montreal in 1924, as against 1,114 in 1923 and 1,194 in 1922, the best previous season. It is believed that a new record has also been established in the number of lake vessels visiting the port.

Perth, N.B.—Potatoes are being shipped at the rate of 5,000 barrels weekly to England from the sheds of a local agency. The prospects are that 1,000,000 barrels will be shipped before the season closes. Messages from England are most complimentary as regards the quality of the shipments.



Prof. Gilbert Murray, of Glasgow University, recently proved his telegraphic powers to an audience at his London home. Sitting in one room, he successfully read the thoughts of two people of a group in a room 36 feet distant.

## The Week's Markets

### TORONTO.

Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.86¼; No. 2 North, \$1.85¼; No. 3 North, \$1.75¼; No. 4 wheat, \$1.65¼.  
Man. oats—No. 2 CW, 71½c; No. 3 CW, 69c; extra No. 1 feed, 70c; No. 1 feed, 68c; No. 2 feed, 65c.  
All the above c.i.f. bay ports.  
Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, \$1.41½.  
Millfeed—Del. Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$35.25; shorts, per ton, \$37.25; middlings, \$42.25; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.45.  
Ont. oats—No. 3 white, 48 to 50c.  
Ont. wheat—No. 2 winter, \$1.41 to \$1.43; No. 3 winter, \$1.39 to \$1.41; No. 1 commercial, \$1.37 to \$1.39, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.  
Barley—Malt, 84 to 89c.  
Buckwheat—No. 2, 80 to 83c.  
Rye—No. 2, \$1.16 to \$1.19.  
Man. flour—First pats., in jute sacks, \$9.60, Toronto; do, 2nd pats., \$9.10, Toronto.  
Ont. flour—90 per cent. pat., \$7, in bags, Montreal or Toronto; do, export, 45s, cotton bags, c.i.f.  
Hay—No. 2 timothy, per ton, track, Toronto, \$14.50; No. 3, \$12.50.  
Straw—Carlots, per ton, \$9.  
Screenings—Standard, cleaned, f.o.b. bay ports, per ton, \$27.  
Cheese—New, large, 19c; twins, 19½ to 20c; triplets, 21c; Stiltons, 22c. Old, large, 23 to 24c; twins, 24 to 25c; triplets, 25 to 26c.  
Butter—Finest creamery prints, 39 to 40c; No. 1 creamery, 37 to 38c; No. 2, 35 to 36c; dairy prints, 28 to 30c.  
Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 68 to 70c; loose, 65 to 66c; storage extras, in cartons, 48 to 49c; loose, 47 to 48c; storage firsts, 44 to 45c; storage seconds, 38 to 39c.  
Live poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 20c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 18c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 13c; spring chickens, 2 lbs. and over, 23c; roosters, 12c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 18c; geese, 20c; turkeys, 35c.  
Dressed poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 26c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 23c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 16c; spring chickens, 2 lbs. and over, 28c; roosters, 18c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 25c; geese, 21c; turkeys, 37c.  
Beans—Can. hand-picked, lb., 6½c; primes, 6c.  
Maple products—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.40; per 5-gal. tin, \$2.30 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c.  
Honey—60-lb. tins, 13½c per lb.; 10-lb. tins, 13½c; 5-lb. tins, 14c; 2½-lb. tins, 15½ to 16c.  
Smoked meats—Hams, med., 25 to 26c; cooked hams, 37 to 38c; smoked rolls, 18 to 20c; cottage rolls, 21 to 23c; breakfast bacon, 23 to 27c; special brand breakfast bacon, 29 to 31c; backs, boneless, 29 to 36c.

## FIVE PERISH WHEN LOG HOUSE BURNS

### Indian Boy Sets Fire to Curtains—Woman Not Likely to Recover.

A despatch from Brantford, Ont., says:—A small boy, searching in a dark cupboard at four o'clock Thursday morning, a sudden igniting of the paper curtains in the cupboard, a spread of the flames as the boy, bewildered, fled—and a short time after the blackened bones of five victims. Such was the tragedy recorded on the Six Nations reserve.

In a log house of ancient construction, located on the sixth line, near Caledonia, were sleeping sixteen persons. Of these five are dead. George Smith, 70; Mrs. Thomas Secord, 40; Maggie Secord, 5; Annie Turkey, 8, and Bessie Turkey, 10. Not even a vestige of their clothing remains. In Hamilton Hospital lies Mrs. Levi Turkey, mother of two of the victims, so seriously burned it is not believed that she can recover. Slight burns were inflicted on Joseph Smith, 30; James Turkey, 5, and a nine-months-old baby.

The lad was searching for medicine in the cupboard when the flames caught the paper and spread with great rapidity. No warning was given through his bewilderment, and not until Mrs. Levi Turkey awakened by the smoke and crackling flames, screamed, did the other occupants become aware of their danger. Of the sixteen within the 24x18 house, five were trapped. The others, somehow, got through the door or windows, out into a bitter cold, sleety night. Neighbors were distant, and though they responded when they observed the flames they could do nothing.

Coroner Dr. Davis was called and treated the injured, sending Mrs. Turkey to Hamilton. An inquest will be held. The Indians were all Iroquois of the Six Nations, except the Secords, who were Chippewas.

## BOY'S BODY FOUND IN FT. WILLIAM BUSH

### Whole City Searched for Lad Who Lost His Way in Quest of Christmas Tree.

A despatch from Fort William says:—Responding to Mayor Edmeston's appeal to the citizens of Fort William to help in finding Ernie Elvish, over 300 men and boys massed under the leadership of City Engineer Symes at 9 o'clock Thursday morning for the most thorough search of the area where the 7½-year-old boy perished in a wild snowstorm Monday night.

Penetrating the area near the power line about a mile from the Davidson & Smith's elevator at 4.10 o'clock Thursday afternoon, a party of searchers found the boy's body, half hidden by a mantle of snow.

The report of the discovery was flashed to city headquarters a few minutes later, and was followed by the tolling of the bell in the dome of St. Paul's church. The flag at the masthead of the City Hall was lowered to half-mast.

The distance from the spot where the child's body was found to the place where he and Jackie Saunders separated last Monday evening is nearly a mile, indicating that the child had wandered with the wind at his back, unable to face the storm. Hunters in the search were called together by signals and returned to



Coincident with the official reception in Paris of Leonid Krassin, the first Soviet ambassador to France, the police revealed an attempt to assassinate the Moscow envoy, when a woman was arrested carrying a revolver in front of the embassy.

the city. More than 250 men and boys were engaged in the successful hunt. The finding of the body brings to a close the hunt for a child that had been lost since Monday evening, a quest in which all Fort William participated.

Apart from the mother and father of Ernie Elvish, there is no other who feels the loss more keenly than Ernie's young pal and companion on the hunt for a Christmas tree on that fatal Monday evening.

## 2000 Cossack Families Want to Settle in Canada

Colonel Vladimir Kishinsky, of Manchuria, is a visitor in Winnipeg, his mission in Canada being to obtain sanction for the entry of 2,000 Cossack families that wish to settle on lands in the West. Colonel Kishinsky is proceeding to Ottawa, where he will present a petition from the Cossack colony residing at Harbin, Manchuria, since the revolution in Russia.

The colonel said his compatriots in China all had been land owners under the Czar's regime; that they were accustomed to this life and sought to prosper in Canada. The colony at Harbin has organized a governmental group of its own, with a president and legislative body, and from them Colonel Kishinsky carried a power of attorney to the Canadian Government.

"We were driven out to look for peaceful homes; we fear God; we will never disobey your government, and all the Cossacks have a high opinion of your national history," the colonel said.

## Dominion Parliament to Open on February 5

A despatch from Ottawa says:—Parliament will open on Thursday, February 5th, Premier King announced. The date of opening is almost a month earlier than last year, when Parliament was summoned on the last day of February. The coming session will be the fourth of the present Government, which is the fourteenth Parliament since Confederation.

The man who can't see a joke is not so annoying as the fellow who sees one where there ain't any.

It doesn't do to be too finicky. Be willing to try new foods. There are many good foods used and enjoyed in one section of this country that are almost unknown in other sections. Try the new things and have a variety on your table.

## A NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Do you remember the story of Pandora and how curiosity got the better of her? She just had to know what was in that little box that had been left in her care, so she opened the lid just a wee bit and before she knew it, all the troubles in the world had flown out and have been pestering folks ever since. Luckily she closed the lid before Hope escaped! And now all we have to do is to "hope the crowd will have a bully good time at our house," slyly open Pandora's box and before we realize it, a couple of ideas have popped out to help make the hope come true. Let's try it!

Let's have a Salmagundi party? Here's one which young folk, old folk and medium folk can all join and in the midst of the fun, the Bewitching Hour will arrive and the little New Year be ushered in.

### SALMAGUNDI PARTY.

There should be half as many stunts as there are guests. For instance, if there are twenty guests, there will be ten tables, numbered consecutively and distinctly from 1 to 10. Seat two guests at each table and explain carefully, in order to avoid confusion, that, at the end of each interval the winner at each table is to advance to the second table ahead, the loser to the first table ahead. This will give each guest a chance at each table and will avoid the monotony of being stuck at the same table for several plays. If five minutes are to be allowed for each play, when all are ready at their respective tables ring a bell for all to begin; at the end of five minutes the bell should ring again and all should stop playing, the tally for the winner at each table should be punched, and the winners advance two tables, the losers one.

It is suggested that the hostess have some one assist her in deciding the winner at the various tables in order not to lose too much time between plays. After ten moves, the guest with the highest score wins and the prizes are distributed. A calendar might prove a fitting prize for a New Year party.

The following suggestions are offered for the stunts at the different tables:

1. Draw pictures of the following: dog, cat, horse, monkey, chicken, mouse, kangaroo, elephant, goose, pig. The results will be laughable and the hostess will have to decide which is the better set of animals.
2. Write a telegram of seven words, the words to appear consecutively with the letters N-E-W Y-E-A-R.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$17.50; 70 to 90 lbs., \$16.80; 90 lbs. and up, \$15.50; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$33; heavyweight rolls, \$27.

Lard—Pure, tierces, 18 to 18½c; tubs, 18½ to 19c; pails, 18½ to 19½c; prints, 21 to 22c; shortening, tierces, 14½ to 15c; tubs, 14½ to 15½c; pails, 15½ to 16c; prints, 17 to 17½c.

Heavy beef steers, \$6 to \$8; butcher steers, choice, \$6.50 to \$7; do, fair to good, \$5 to \$6; do, com., \$4 to \$4.75; butcher heifers, good to choice, \$6 to \$6.75; do, fair to good, \$4.50 to \$5.75; do, com., \$3.50 to \$3.75; butcher cows, choice, \$4.25 to \$4.75; do, fair to good, \$3.50 to \$4; canners and cutters, \$1.50 to \$2.50; butcher bulls, good, \$4 to \$5; do, fair, \$3.75 to \$4; bologna, \$2 to \$2.75; feeding steers, good, \$5 to \$5.50; do, fair, \$4 to \$5; stockers, good, \$4 to \$4.75; do, fair, \$3.50 to \$4; calves, choice, \$10.50 to \$11.50; do, med., \$8 to \$9.50; do, grassers, \$3 to \$4; milch cows, choice, \$70 to \$75; fair cows, \$45 to \$50; springers, choice, \$80 to \$100; good light sheep, \$6.50 to \$7.50; heavies and bucks, \$4.50 to \$6.25; culls, \$3 to \$4.50; good ewe lambs, \$11.50 to \$12.50; bucks, \$9.50 to \$10; do, med., \$9.50 to \$10; do, culls, \$8 to \$9; hogs, thick smooths, fed and watered, \$9.60 to \$9.85; do,

The hostess will decide the winning telegram.

3. Pick dried peas out of bowl with tooth pick. Largest number wins.

4. Write the names of as many persons and places connected with the Great War as you can recall. Largest number wins.

5. Ticktacktoe.

6. Make as many words as possible out of the words, New Year's Day.

7. Peanut race. Have two rows of peanuts, preferably on floor. Supply both contestants with a knife. Only one hand to be used. Peanuts to be carried one at a time on knife to basket at end of line. Contestant who first gets all his peanuts in basket is winner.

8. Write a four-line poem to Father Time.

9. Draw picture of partner at table.

10. Write the most discouraging prophecy you can think of for the hostess' coming year.

The telegram, verses to Father Time and prophecies will cause much merriment and can be read aloud while the refreshments are being served.

CONCEALED STATIONERY GOODS.  
Pa's Terrible Girl goes bargain-hunting every January. Next time the "bunch" gets together, see if they can guess what articles she bought at the stationer's.

Mon Cher Frere Dinkinspiel: We bought a perfect bargain in stationery at Stubb and Dubb's bargain sale, so dad gave me a new dress of open cilia goods and the best ring in town. However, I think standard goods are better than a job lot, terribly shop-worn.

We saw in the News a tiptop advertisement saying: "Telegraph, who ever wishes to trade Skye terriers for a bed slat, especially suitable for spanking naughty boys. Signed: 'A Dismal Man.'" Pa interested himself and told me to send as big a message as I could for fifty cents. But we found the dismal man a crank, for he just replied: "You cannot force men to eat oysters when they are not in season." Such jokers are "dismal bumpkins."

Now for the news. Pa persists that he will have no longer a servant who will not work. Bridget refused to scrub Bertha's room, so if we keep her we must pay her ourselves.

Yours truly, Pa's Terrible Girl.  
Answers:—Red ink, paper, pencil, sand, string, ink stand, blotter pad, desk, slates, table, paint, games, cement, toys, album, paper, eraser, rubber, paste.

f.o.b., \$9 to \$9.25; do, country points, \$8.75 to \$9; do, off cars, \$10 to \$10.25; select premium, \$1.83 to \$1.88.

### MONTREAL.

Oats—No. 2 CW, 75c; No. 3 CW, 73c; extra No. 1 feed, 70½c. Flour—Man. spring wheat pats., firsts, \$9.60; seconds, \$9.10; strong bakers, \$8.90; winter pats., choice, \$6.90 to \$7. Rolled oats, 90-lb. bag, \$3.85 to \$3.95. Bran, \$35.25. Shorts, \$37.25. Middlings, \$43.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$14 to \$14.50.

Butter, No. 1, pasteurized, 35½ to 36c; No. 1 creamery, 34½ to 35c; seconds, 33½ to 33¾c. Eggs, storage extras, 48c; storage firsts, 43 to 44c; storage seconds, 39 to 40c; fresh extras, 70c; fresh firsts, 55c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, 60 to 65c.

Good veals, \$10; med., \$8, fairly good lambs, \$12; do, poorer ones, \$11.50; hogs, mixed lots of good quality, \$10.25; poorer quality and lighter hogs, \$10 and \$10.15; selects, \$10.50; sows, \$8 to \$8.25.

## 23 POWERS ACCEPT INVITATIONS BY LEAGUE

### Plans for International Arms Traffic Parley Being Pushed Rapidly.

A despatch from Geneva says:—The acceptance by Germany, Persia, Esthonia, China, India, France and Finland of the League of Nations invitations to the international arms traffic conference, May 4th, brings the total number of nations to accept to 23.

Plans for the conference are being pushed rapidly. The desirability of an American chairman, the United States having accepted some time ago, is also being discussed. The appointment of a chairman will be made at the March session of the League Council.

The active participation of Americans in the opium conference, which would have resulted in the flattest sort of compromise without them, is an additional argument for an American chairman. The arms traffic conference will be of the same nature as the opium gathering—a meeting of plenipotentiaries with the League's only function being to assemble them. Of course the League's statistics will be at the conference's disposal.

### Cork in Life Preserver.

It requires six pounds of good cork to make a trustworthy life preserver.

It is a wise woman who saves the water from cooked rice, macaroni or vegetables and uses it in soups and sauces.



Miss Rosalie Freedman, of New York, is perhaps one of the most unusual artists in the world. When a child she lost both her arms in an accident, but undeterred she has pursued the one vocation for which she has a liking.