

THE NEWS IN A NUTSHELL

THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

CANADA.

Montreal Board of Trade may soon erect a new building.

The Duke of York will open the new G.T.R. building at Montreal.

Mr. P. Laval was run over and killed by a street car at Hamilton on Saturday.

Mayor Morris, of Ottawa, proposes a combination of municipalities to secure cheaper coal.

The government will probably advertise for tenders for a 23-knot Atlantic service.

The smallpox outbreak cost London \$1,800. They had expected it would reach \$5,000.

Mr. V. T. Emerson, of Ottawa, has invented a torpedo boat which he claims for its size will be the fastest boat in the world.

The striking Fraser River fishermen claim to have 47 Japanese marooned on an island in the bay to prevent them from working.

The Hamilton Assessment Department is thinking of increasing the Hamilton Street Railway Company's assessment, following the example of Toronto.

The City of Winnipeg was refused leave to appeal by the Privy Council from a judgment of the Supreme Court exempting C.P.R. property from school taxes.

At Winnipeg the fiftieth anniversary of the pastorate of the late Dr. Black in the Kildonan church will be celebrated on September 28 with great ceremony by city Presbyterians.

Manager Russell, of the Intercolonial, thinks the new ferry boat for transporting trains across the Straits of Canis is the finest in America. It can carry 21 cars or a dozen passenger coaches.

A French-Canadian named Godefroid Malette has been appointed chief mechanic of the Canadian Pacific Railway. He is only 29 years of age, and when he arrived in Montreal fourteen years ago was quite uneducated. His salary will be \$8,000 a year.

GREAT BRITAIN.

London is short of ice.

Carnegie still has £56,000,000 to give away.

King Edward will visit Homburg July 30th.

The foundations of St. Paul's cathedral, at London, are considered unsafe.

The latest contract for 30 locomotives for the Burmah railways has been secured by British builders.

Sir Edwin Arnold, who has lost the use of his legs through paralysis and become totally blind, fears he will never again be able to see.

It is unlikely that a bill will be introduced this session to alter the King's title, although an agreement has been arrived at by the Government.

Losses of more than \$1,000,000 are estimated as the result of the Scottish oil companies' attempt to fight the Standard Oil competition in paraffin wax.

Last month 8,665 Irish emigrants left their country, and a Parliamentary enquiry as to the cause of the constantly increasing emigration is suggested.

For equipping a hospital corps for service in South Africa J. J. Van Alen, an American, is to receive a decoration at the hand of King Edward VII.

It is rumored that the King, who was inclined to a conciliatory policy with regard to the Boers, is bitterly incensed at attacks on the Army, and suggests that the sternest measures be pursued to subdue South Africa.

One of the highest of high prices paid for jewels and works of art in London recently was £20,000 paid by a jeweler for a necklace of 424 graduated pearls, with a clasp set with emeralds, brilliants, and rose diamonds, belonging to a "French lady of rank."

UNITED STATES.

The machinists' strike at Newport News, Va., is declared off.

A Baltimore brewery has been sold at auction for \$3,500,000.

The reason United States Consul Stowe of Cape Colony is returning home is the inadequacy of his salary.

Wm. Nolan shot A. H. Palmer dead at Auding, Miss., for swearing in the presence of a girl whom both loved.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis, widow of the ex-President of the Confederacy, who is ill at Portland, Me., is greatly improved.

Mr. Radford, an ice man of East New York, is ill in a hospital, and Mrs. Radford, his wife, is delivering the ice just as usual.

At Denver, Col., Ether Oliver, four years old, bit into stick of dynamite thinking it was candy. The child's head was blown nearly off.

A striking moulder at York, Pa., for violating the Court's injunction against picketing, was fined \$250 and costs and 30 days' imprisonment.

Drought is causing great damage to the crops in Kansas, in the Red River valley, and in the Northwest. Millions of dollars may be lost to the farmers.

Fifteen thousand acres of wheat went up in flames at Grand Bend. The fire was started by an unknown man throwing a lighted cigar into a field of wheat stubble.

Wm. Burns, a prisoner who was being transferred from the Eastern

MARKETS OF THE WORLD

Prices of Cattle, Cheese, Grain, &c. in the Leading Markets.

Toronto, July 23.—Wheat—The local market was firmer to-day, with some enquiry for export. No. 2 white and red winter will bring 62½¢ middle freight, and sales were made of a few cars at 63¢. No. 1 No. 2 goose at 62¢ on Midland, and at 65¢ lake port. Manitoba wheat is steady; No. 1 hard sold at 78¢ early in day, and at 79¢ in afternoon, grinding in transit; No. 2 hard quoted at 77¢, and No. 3 hard at 72¢. For Toronto and west 2c lower.

Flour—The market is steady, with offerings small. Bran sold at \$12 middle freight, and shorts firm at \$14.50 middle freight.

Corn—There is very little offering, and prices nominal at 44 to 45¢ west for Canadian.

Rye—The market is quiet, and nominal at 47¢ west.

Buckwheat—Market dull, with prices purely nominal.

Peas—Trade quiet, with sales at 69½¢ to 70¢ middle freight.

Barley—There is nothing doing, and prices are purely nominal.

Oats—The market continues steady with good demand. Sales of No. 2 white at 32¢, north and west, and at 32½¢ middle freight. No. 1 quoted at 33¢ east.

Flour—Trade is quiet, with sales of 90 per cent. patents at \$2.50, middle freight, in buyers' sacks.

Strait rollers in barrels for Ontario Provinces, \$3 to \$3.05, and Manitoba patents, \$4, and strong bakers' \$3.70.

Oatmeal—Market quiet at unchanged prices. Car lots at \$3.65 in bags, and \$3.75 in wood; small lots, 20c extra.

DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound lots are scarce and firmer, with sales of choice qualities to-day 17 to 18c. Large rolls, 14 to 15½c. Dairy tubs, 15 to 16c for the best, and 13 to 14c for medium. Creamery prints, 20 to 21c, and solids, 19 to 19½c.

Eggs—The market is steady, with fine fresh stock selling at 11½ to 12c per dozen in case lots. A lot of culls are offering, and selling at 6 to 7c.

Cheese—Market quiet and prices unchanged. June make is jobbing at 9½ to 10c.

DRESSED HOGS AND PROVISIONS.

Dressed hogs are unchanged here at \$9.25 to \$9.75. Hog products firm, as follows:—Bacon, long clear, and case lots, 10 to 11½c. Pork—Mess, \$19.50; do. short cut, \$21.

Smoked meats—Hams, 13½ to 14c; breakfast bacon, 14 to 15c; rolls, 11½ to 12c; backs, 14½c; and shoulders, 11c.

Lard—Pails, 14½ to 15c; tubs, 11½c; tierces, 11c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, July 23.—The local markets are unchanged, and the situation shows no immediate sign of altering.

Grain—No. 1 Ontario spring wheat, afloat, May, 73c; No. 2 do., afloat, No. 1 oats, 35½c; No. 2 do., 34½c to 35c; buckwheat, 8c; rye, 55c; and No. 2 barley, 58c.

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4; 20; strong bakers, \$3.90 to \$4; straight rollers, \$3.30 to \$3.45; in bags, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Ontario patents, \$3.75 to \$4. Feed—Manitoba bran at \$13.50 to \$14; shorts, \$16; Ontario bran, in bulk, \$15 to \$16; middlings, in bulk \$17 to \$17.50.

Roller Oats—Millers' prices to jobbers, \$3.70 to \$3.80 per bbl.; and \$1.77½ in bags. Provisions—Heavy Canadian short-cut mess pork, \$19.50 to \$20; selected heavy short-cut mess pork, boneless, \$20.50 to \$21; family, short-cut back pork, \$19.50 to \$20; heavy short-cut clear pork, \$19 to \$19.50; pure Canadian lard, in 37½-lb. tierces, 11c parchment-lined, 50-lb. boxes, 11c; parchment-lined pails, 20 lbs., 12c; tin pails, 11c; tins, 3, 5, and 10 lb., 12 to 12½c, compound refined lard, in 57½-lb. tierces, 7c; parchment-lined wood-pails, 20-lbs., 8c; tin pails, 20 lbs., 7c; hams, 12½ to 14c; and bacon, 14 to 15c per lb. Fresh-killed hogs, \$9.50 to \$10 per 100 lbs. Butter—Choice creamery, 19½ to 20c; seconds, 18 to 18½c; dairy, 16 to 16½c. Eggs—Good-sized lots of No. 1, 11c, subject to inspection; No. 2, 8½ to 9c. Cheese—Ontario, 9½ to 9c; Quebec, 9 to 9½c. Maple products—Now syrup at 6½c per lb. Corned, 70 to 75c per tin; sugar, 9 to 10c per lb. Potatoes—Jobbers' prices, 45 to 50c.

UNITED STATES' MARKETS.

Toledo, July 23.—Wheat—Cash and July, 68½c; September, 69½c; December, 71c. Corn—Cash and July, 49c; September, 50c. Oats—Cash and July, 31c; September, 31c.

Rye—50c. Cloverseed—Cash, prime, \$6.50; October, \$5.75. Oil—North Lima, 80c; South Lima and Indiana, 75c.

Buffalo, July 23.—Wheat—Quiet; No. 2 red, 72c; do. new, offered at 71c; No. 3 mixed, 71c. Flour—Quiet but steady. Corn—Fairly steady; trade light; No. 2 yellow, 53c; No. 3 yellow, 52c; No. 2 white, 52c; No. 3 do., 52c. Oats—Quiet; No. 2 white, 36c; No. 3 do., 36c. No. 2 mixed, 35c; No. 3 do., 34c. Barley—48 to 54c for store lots. Rye—Dull; No. 1 offered at 55c. Canal freights—Steady; wheat 3½c, corn 2½c, oats 2½c, rye 3c.

Detroit, July 23.—Closed.—Wheat—No. 1 white, cash, 71c; No. 2 red, cash, 69½c; July 69½c.

St. Louis, July 23.—Wheat—Cash, 64½c; July, 64c; September, 66c.

Minneapolis, July 23.—Flour—First patents, \$3.75 to \$3.85; second do., \$3.55 to \$3.65; first clears, \$2.65 to \$2.75; second clears, \$2.05.

Bran—In bulk, \$12 to \$12.50.

MANITOBA'S CROP.

Estimates Vary From Forty to Eighty Million Bushels.

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Butcher, ordinary to good, do., 3.25 3.75

Butcher, inferior, do., 2.75 3.00

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Yearlings, grain-fed, cwt., 4.00 4.50

Culled sheep, each, 2.50 3.00

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Heavy hogs, per cwt., 6.50 6.75

Stags, per cwt., 0.00 2.00

SENSATIONAL SCENE.

Two Canadian Murderers Sentenced to be Hanged.

A despatch from Pittsburg, Pa., says:—Edward and John Biddle, of the gang of crooks that killed Grocer Thos. D. Kahney and Detective P. J. Fitzgerald in April, were sentenced to hang on Thursday. Both came from St. Thomas, Ont. Walter Dorman, of Cleveland, was remanded to jail, and will be sentenced on Friday. He turned State's evidence, and on his testimony John Biddle was convicted. Jennie Seebers and Jessie Bodnye, Milwaukee chorus girls, reputed wives of Dorman and Edward Biddle, were released from custody.

The Biddle brothers, both being under thirty years of age, denied killing Kahney. Each said he did not have a fair trial, and the faces of both blanched when the death sentence was pronounced by Judge Shuman.

Edward Biddle made a sensational statement. He said:—"I could die happy if I could only see Dorman swinging on the end of a rope beside me. I want to see that white-livered scoundrel crossing the line of eternity before I do it myself. May God curse him. Jennie Seebers, who helped him to swear away the lives of my brother and myself, is a thief, and has been a thief, and knew Dorman was one before his arrest. She dressed up in men's attire, and went out in the streets at night robbing people and houses and stores with Dorman. She would pull her hair up like under a soft hat, tie a black handkerchief around her ears, turn up her coat collar, and then would pass for a man anywhere."

Miss Seebers was taken home by her mother. Miss Bodnye will go to an Episcopal Church home in Connecticut.

FACTORY BLOWN UP.

Seven Buildings Wrecked and Many People Killed.

A despatch from Stockholm says:—"There was a terrible explosion on Wednesday at the great gunpowder manufactory at Gyltorp. Seven buildings were completely wrecked. Several were killed, and many others injured."

RUSSIAN CROP PROSPECTS.

Far Less Promising Than They Were a Month Ago.

A despatch from Moscow says:—"Reports from twenty-seven provinces show that the crop prospects are far less promising than a month ago. The Russian grain harvest is not now expected at the best to exceed the average, while in some districts it has been almost destroyed by the unusual heat and drought. Elsewhere the grain has been washed out of the earth by floods or cut down by hailstorms."

EXHIBIT OF RANGE STOCK.

Canada Will Hold One at Buffalo During September.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—"Mr. E. B. Elderkin, superintendent of the Canadian Live Stock exhibit at the Pan-American, was in the city on Thursday en route to the Northwest. He goes there to arrange for an exhibit of range cattle, sheep and horses at Buffalo during September. A contingent of Mounted Police and cowboys will accompany the exhibit driving, and lassoing in the stadium."

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CORONATION RIGHTS.

Some Quaint Demands Presented to the Privy Council.

A despatch from London says:—"The members of the Privy Council sat as a Court of Claims on Wednesday to consider various hereditary traditional rights and privileges claimed in connection with the forthcoming coronation of the King. A long list of quaint demands was presented. After the registrar had commanded all persons to keep silence on penalty of imprisonment, he read thirty or forty demands, including the following:—

The Duke of Norfolk—"To act as chief butler of England."

The Duke of Newcastle—"To provide a glove to support the King's arm."

The Duke of Durham—"To support the King and Queen."

The Duke of Somerset—"To carry the orb."

The Earl of Erroll—"To have the silver baton tipped with gold."

The Dean of Westminster to instruct the King and Queen in the rights and ceremonies and to have the cloth, etc., for feet.

Lord Grey de Ruthyn—"To carry the golden spurs."

Col. Brown—"To bear the canopy over the King and Queen."

The Earl of Shrewsbury—"To provide the glove for the King's right hand and support the hand whilst holding the sceptre."

Sir Wyndham Anstruthers—"Grand Carver for Scotland."

The Duke of Buccleuch—"To ride by his Majesty's carriage."

The Marquis of Winchester—"To carry the Cap of Maintenance."

The Lord Chancellor announced that all claims must be presented by October 31, and the court then adjourned.

A PAINFUL RIDE.

Engineer With a Broken Hip Bone Remains at His Post.

A despatch from Stockholm says:—"An exhibition of courage seldom equalled has just been made known. Joseph Parry, one of the oldest engineers of the New York Central Railroad, while making his run on the old road from Auburn to the city, fractured his right hip bone while alighting from his train at Seneca Falls for orders. It was impossible to get another engineer to complete the trip on time, and Mr. Parry was helped back into his cab and made the run to this city, arriving only fifteen minutes late. During the run the jarring of the engine was continually grinding the broken ends of the bone against each other, and it seems wonderful that the engineer was able to undergo the great pain and retain consciousness."

A NEW INSECT PEST.

New York Townships Devastated by a Flying Boring Bug.

A despatch from New York says:—"An insect, new to the farmers of Westchester County, and, it is thought, a new pest, has made its appearance. It has become locally known as the flying boring bug, and is doing much damage to fruit and trees. The new insect is described as being as large as a bumble bee, other, hard sting, with which it stabs the younger trees and fruit. The flying bug was first seen in Orange County, and later devastated two Westchester County townships. The bug, it is said, destroys whole fields of grain."

MANGLED BY A REAPER.

Accident Near Guelph by Which Frank Drexler's Son Was Killed.

A despatch from Guelph says:—"An accident occurred in Guelph Township which resulted in the death of the three-year-old son of Mr. Frank Drexler. Mr. John Laidlaw was running a reaper in a field on Mr. Drexler's farm, and the servant girl took the child into the field to see the machine work. She returned to the house a few minutes later, leaving the little fellow sitting in the grain. The driver of the reaper did not observe the boy, and he was caught by the machine. One of his legs and all of his fingers on one hand were cut off, and he was so badly lacerated that the efforts of two physicians failed to save his life. He died in the evening."

PERSONAL POINTERS.

Notes of Interest About Some of the World's Great People.

The Empress of Russia is a typewriter, and assists her husband by taking down many of his letters from dictation.

The best swordsman among European rulers is the Kaiser, who seeks to keep up his skill by fencing for an hour every day.

Among the lucky youngsters who will inherit great wealth is the three-year-old Marquis of Blandford. Some day this little fellow will be twice a prince, a duke