

OPERATIONS PLANNED IN NORTHERN CANADA OIL FIELDS

Three Big Companies Send Experts Into Great Slave Lake Country to Complete Exploration by Next Autumn of Vast Oil-Bearing Areas.

A despatch from Ottawa says—When navigation opens on the Athabasca River and Great Slave Lake next spring three parties of men, representing as many companies, will push into the oil-bearing areas of the north, where preliminary investigations by prospectors, surveyors and geologists have led them to expect another untapped reservoir to add to those already supplying the world.

These companies are the Standard Oil Co., the Shell Oil Company, and the Anglo-Canadian Oil Co. Mr. A. E. Coyne and Mr. W. R. Martin of Medicine Hat and five others are now in Ottawa on their way to London for consultation with British directors of the Anglo-Canadian Oil Co. This company's survey parties have been in Northern Alberta for four years, and they have made contracts for development work to extend over five years on the 240,000 acres which they have leased. The company expects to spend a million dollars to locate definitely the oil-bearing strata on its area.

The Shell Oil Co., the great British company, which attracted general attention in Canada by its attempt to get exclusive rights for a large area of oil lands in the West, has evidently not lost heart as a result of the Hon. Arthur Meighen's refusal to entertain its application. It is stated that it has three or more survey parties in the north.

The Standard Oil Co. is reported to be sending two outfits into the areas it has leased on Great Slave Lake in order to make a thorough test of them. Contiguous to this property are several thousand acres which were located by a Canadian-American syndicate, which also plans to send an outfit for testing purposes next spring.

Other smaller companies have secured areas in the north as well, and in addition to the testing parties being sent by the three large companies mentioned there will be a flock of prospectors and experts to make further search for strata which might be oil-bearing. By next autumn the areas reputed so rich in oil will be thoroughly tested.

FARMERS FORM RAILWAY CO'Y.

A Co-operative Enterprise in Lake St. John Region, N. Quebec.

A despatch from Quebec says—A railroad built and operated by a group of farmers, in a remote region of Quebec Province is the latest in co-operative news. The district of Lake St. John, in Upper Quebec, is the scene of this novel enterprise. The company will apply to the Quebec Legislature at its session next week for a charter.

Another railway to develop countries in Quebec Province close to leading to the Ontario border is proposed by a recently organized company which will apply to the Quebec Legislature next week for incorporation.

This latter company's firm name will be the Quebec Colonization Railway Company, and it proposes to operate a railway line from a point at or near Mont Laurier, in the county of Labelle, in a southwesterly direction to a point on the Canadian Pacific Railway at or near Maniwaki, in the county of Ottawa, and running westerly in the direction of Lake Expansive and Lac des Quinze to a point on the Canadian Pacific Railway at or near Temiscamingue, and further to build and operate a railway line from a point at or near the Colonge River, in the county of Pontiac, in a northerly direction to a point on the National Transcontinental Railway at or near Nottaway to a point at or near Bell River, north of Lake Simons. The whole, with the necessary connecting lines and branches, such railway line to be operated wholly or partly by steam or electricity.

The Legislature will be asked to authorize such company to own and operate ships and boats, to acquire, develop and operate water and electric powers, timber limits, fishing rights, licenses and patents, saw-mills, mines, ores and clay products, and to carry on all trades and businesses in connection therewith and for other objects.

The other railway company seeking incorporation at the session of the Legislature that opens here on Wednesday next is the Farmers' Railroad Co. of Normandie, in the Lake St. John region. It will build and operate a railway line as far as Peribonk, and from there as far as the Sagouey River at St. Fulgence, or near that place, at despatcher, and will also ask for all the necessary powers for the accomplishment of the above purposes.

Only Two-thirds Wheat Has Been Moved East

A despatch from Winnipeg says—It is estimated that not more than two-thirds of the season's grain has been shipped out from the West. To date 70,000,000 bushels have passed over the Canadian Pacific Railway lines, and it is said that between 30,000,000 and 35,000,000 bushels will yet be shipped out. The early cold spell is responsible in part for the slow movement, all available cars on railway lines having to be used for the transportation of coal.



MR. LIONEL H. CLARKE
Newly-appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.



MRS. L. H. CLARKE
Wife of the new Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

SETTLEMENT LOANS TOTAL \$50,699,003

5,433 Soldier Grant Entries Reported by Board.

A despatch from Ottawa says—The Soldier Settlement Board has gone over the fifty million mark in loans to returned soldiers settling on the land. The returns are completed to November 15 and show a grand total of \$50,699,003. The number of loans approved is 16,175 and the average loan is \$3,134.

Advances were made for the following purposes:

Land purchase. Amount for purchase, \$28,125,250; improvements, 4,528,325; stock and equipment, \$17,935,537; total, \$41,990,112.

On Dominion lands: Improvements, \$1,375,173; stock and equipment, \$3,882,267. Total, \$5,257,440.

On land owned by settlers: Encumbrances, \$1,726,278; improvements, \$582,294; stock and equipment, \$1,141,518. Total, \$3,450,090.

The board also reports a total of 5,433 soldier grant entries completed up to the 22nd of November.

Demand in South Africa For Canadian Newspaper

A despatch from London says—Robert Muir, representing South African paper importers, will sail for Canada shortly to negotiate for a large export of Canadian newspapers to that country. He hopes Canadian manufacturers will ease their prices, and ocean carriers their rates, as otherwise it will be cheaper for South Africa to obtain supplies from Scandinavia, from which steamship rates are lower.

King and Queen Are Proud of the Prince

A despatch from London says—One who was present at the banquet given by the King at Buckingham Palace in honor of the return of the Prince of Wales says the occasion was the first time the King had heard the Prince make a formal speech. The King himself concluded his own remarks by saying: "His mother and I are proud of him."

Ex-Kaiser's Trial Will Take Place

A despatch from London says—Speaking at Pontypridd, Wales, on Thursday, Sir Gordon Hewart, Attorney-General, said the suggestion was not true that there were any dissensions or waverings with reference to the trial of former Emperor William of Germany. The law officers, he added, were continuing most careful preparations for it. Fifty thousand written statements with reference to the matter of prosecuting criminals for their acts during the course of the war had been examined. From this, the speaker said, the audience could appreciate the magnitude of the task and not be deceived by suggestions that the matter was not receiving the closest attention.

Queen Mary Accepts Indian Women's Name

A despatch from Brantford says—That Queen Mary has been pleased to accept the Indian name of "Ca-non-Roh-Nwa" from the women of the Six Nations Indians, whose reserve is near Brantford, is the information received here from Ottawa. The name given is the Indian name of Mrs. Helen Hill, President of the Six Nations Women's Patriotic League. The Queen also extended her gracious thanks for the address sent to her by the Indian women, and presented to the Prince of Wales on the occasion of the visit of the Prince here on October 20.

Prince Replies to The King's Welcome

A despatch from London says—Although the welcome home dinner to the Prince of Wales at Buckingham Palace Monday night was a private function, King George greeted his son in a set speech, addressing him as "My dear son," and adding, "I wish you a most hearty welcome on your return home, safe and sound."

The King expressed his pleasure at the remarkable enthusiasm with which the Prince had been everywhere received and because he had forged a new link between Canada and the Motherland.

The Prince of Wales, replying to his father, began: "Your Majesty, I feel very diffident in attempting to reply to this toast. When you bid me farewell I felt very proud of the mission you entrusted to me. I was following your footsteps, setting out to see the Empire for myself, and I meant to do my utmost to be worthy of your confidence."

"It is still a prouder moment for me when I hear from your lips that you're pleased with the way in which I carried out my task, and I am deeply grateful for the far too kind words you have used about me. I have had a wonderful journey, a wonderful experience, and can never adequately express my gratitude for the universal kindness and hospitality shown me."

BREAK IN SOLID FRONT OF STRIKE

Coal Miners in West Virginia Accept 14% Increase.

A despatch from Washington says—Reports were received here on Friday that miners in the Fairmont and Fairport fields in West Virginia had agreed to accept the 14 per cent. increase lately suggested by Dr. Garfield, the Federal Fuel Administrator, and would return to work. These reports gratified Federal officials, who hoped that the breaks in the hitherto solid front presented by the miners would lead to a further crumbling of their ranks.

Coldest November Since Away Back in 1896

A despatch from Winnipeg says—November, 1919, has been the coldest on record since 1896, according to the official observer at St. John's College Observatory. The lowest for the month was recorded November 30, when 18.9 below was reached.

Lloyd George Thinks Pact to be Ratified This Month

A despatch from London says—Premier Lloyd George, speaking in the House of Commons on Thursday, expressed the hope that the peace treaty would be ratified before the end of the month. He thought Parliament would rise Dec. 23 until February.

60,000 Names on Walls of Church.

A church will be erected in Notre Dame de Grace, a suburb of Montreal, upon the walls of which will be inscribed the names of every man who died for Canada in the great war. The church will be used by the combined congregations of the Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd and Trinity Church. Sixty thousand Canadians were killed.

Weekly Market Report

Breadstuffs.
Toronto, Dec. 9.—Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$2.30; No. 2 Northern, \$2.27; No. 3 Northern, \$2.25, in store Fort William.
Manitoba oats—No. 3 CW, 88½¢; No. 3 CW, 86½¢; extra No. 1 feed, 84½¢; No. 1 feed, 81½¢; No. 2 feed, 80½¢, in store Fort William.
Man. barley—No. 3 CW, \$1.49½; No. 3 CW, \$1.32, in store Fort William.
American corn—No. 2 yellow, \$1.70; No. 3 yellow, \$1.60, track, Toronto, prompt shipments.
Ontario oats—No. 3 white, 88 to 90¢, according to weights outside.
Ontario wheat—No. 1 Winter, per car lot, \$2 to \$2.01; No. 2 do, \$1.97 to \$2.08; No. 3 do, \$1.93 to \$1.99, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freight.
Ontario wheat—No. 1 Spring, \$2.42 to \$2.68; No. 2 Spring, \$1.98 to \$2.08; No. 3 Spring, \$1.95 to \$2.01, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freight.
Peas—No. 2, \$2.60.
Barley—Malt, \$1.50 to \$1.55, according to freight outside.
Buckwheat—\$1.30 to \$1.32, according to freight outside.
Rye—No. 2, \$1.37 to \$1.40, according to freight outside.
Manitoba flour—Government standard, \$1.11, Toronto.
Ontario flour—Government standard, \$1.50 to \$1.60, Montreal and Toronto, in store, prompt shipment.
Milled—Oat, delivered Montreal freight, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$4.50; shorts, per ton, \$5.00; good feed flour, \$8.15 to \$8.50.
Hay—No. 1, per ton, \$28; mixed, per ton, \$21 to \$23, track, Toronto.

Country Produce—Wholesale.
Butter—Dairy, tubs and rolls, 48 to 44¢; prints, 48 to 50¢; creamery, fresh made solids, 62 to 63¢; prints, 63 to 64¢.
Eggs—Held, 52 to 54¢; new laid, 75 to 80¢.
Dressed poultry—Spring chickens, 26 to 30¢; roasters, 25¢; fowl, 20 to 25¢; geese, 22¢; ducks, 25 to 30¢; turkeys, 35 to 40¢; squabs, doz., \$4.50.
Live poultry—Spring chickens, 19 to 20¢; roasters, 20¢; fowl, 18 to 22¢; geese, 17¢; ducks, 22¢; turkeys, 68¢; creamery prints, 66 to 68¢.
Marjoram—\$3 to 35¢.
Eggs—No. 1, 99 to 81¢; selects, 64 to 65¢; new laid, 85 to 90¢.
Dressed poultry—Spring chickens, 30 to 33¢; roasters, 23 to 25¢; fowl, 30 to 32¢; turkeys, 45¢; ducks, 34 to 35¢; geese, 24 to 27¢; squabs, doz., \$6.00.
Live poultry—Spring chickens, 22 to 26¢; fowls, 23 to 25¢; ducks, 22 to 25¢; geese, 19¢.

Live Stock Markets.
Toronto, Dec. 9.—Choice heavy steers, \$12.25 to \$13.50; good heavy steers, \$12.50 to \$13; butchers' cattle, choice, \$11.75 to \$12.25; do, good, \$10.75 to \$11.50; do, med., \$9 to \$9.75; do, com., \$6.50 to \$7; bulls, choice, \$10 to \$11; do, med., \$9 to \$9.25; do, rough, \$7 to \$7.25; butcher cows, choice, \$10 to \$11; do, good, \$9.25 to \$9.50; do, med., \$8.25 to \$8.50; do, com., \$6.50 to \$7; stockers, \$7.50 to \$10; feeders, \$10 to \$11.50; canners and cutters, \$5.25 to \$6.25; milkers, good to choice, \$10 to \$17.50; do, com. and med., \$6.50 to \$7.50; springers, \$9 to \$17.50; light ewes, \$7 to \$8.50; yearlings, \$9 to \$10.50; spring lambs, per cwt., \$14.75 to \$15.50; calves, good to choice, \$18 to \$20; hogs, fed and watered, \$16.25; do, weighed off cars, \$16.50; do, f.o.b., \$15.25; do, to farmers, \$15.
Montreal, Dec. 9.—Butcher heifers, com., \$4.75 to \$8; butchers' cows, med., \$6 to \$8; canners, \$5; cutters, \$5.25 to \$6; butcher bulls, com., \$5.75 to \$6.50; grass calves, \$7; veal calves, \$15 to \$16; good veal, \$14 to \$16; medium, \$9 to \$11.50; grass, \$7; ewes, \$7 to \$8; lambs, good, \$13.75 to \$14; com., \$12.50 to \$13.25; hogs, off car weights, selects, \$16.50 to \$17; lights, \$14.50 to \$16.50; sows, \$13.75.

Another Record in Exchange Fall

A despatch from New York says—Demand sterling or bills on London fell to \$3.84½ to the pound in this market of Friday, representing a decline of 2½ cents from the recent low level, and a discount of about 21 per cent. from the par rate of \$4.86½. Rates in Paris also made a further decline, the purchasing power of the franc falling to almost 10½ to the dollar, or a discount of slightly more than 50 per cent.

177 Head of Holsteins Fetch Sum of \$51,000

A despatch from Fond du Lac, Wis., says—A total of \$51,000 was obtained for 177 head of registered Holsteins at the annual fall sale of the Holstein Breeders' Sale Company. The average price was \$288. Korndyke Press brought the top price of \$775.

MEXICO RELEASES U.S. AGENT: PRES. WILSON HANDLES SITUATION

Two Senators Who Visit President Find Him Mentally Competent to Direct Affairs of Nation—News of Jenkins' Release Halts War Talk.

A despatch from Washington says—A sharp and sensational turn of optimistic character was given to the Mexican crisis on Friday. Its first phase was official announcement of the release of William O. Jenkins, the United States Consular Agent imprisoned at Puebla.

Its second phase, now more interesting to the country, was the report of a special committee of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, after a personal interview with President Wilson, that he was mentally competent to handle the business of the nation.

It was through this personal interview that the ghost was laid of the strong intimations that President Wilson was in no condition to direct American affairs.

The two Senators who interviewed the President, with the silly-concealed purpose on the part of members of the Foreign Relations Committee to ascertain the truth or falsity of the many rumors that he was in no physical or mental shape to attend to important public business, came away from the White House convinced that his mind was vigorous and active.

British Subjects Only to Give Oaths

A despatch from Regina says—Commissioners for oaths in Saskatchewan will have to be British subjects either by birth or naturalization following the passage of a bill before the Saskatchewan Assembly.

Appointments will, moreover, be subject to annual renewal. This is a question which has been much canvassed by the G. W. V. A. during the past year.

Calgary Horses Bring Big Price in Britain

A despatch from London says—Thirty-four Percheron horses bred by George Lane of Calgary, Alberta, were sold at Easton, Suffolk, and realized £7,018. Lord Minto bought a mare for 650 guineas, and Perfection, a stallion, winner three times in Canada this year, brought 560 guineas.

IRELAND.

Queen Alexandra has sent a donation of £50 to the funds of St. Ullan's Infant Hospital, Dublin.

The Omagh Guardians have elected James Murnaghan, J.P. as their chairman for the twentieth time.

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, accompanied by Capt. Reford, A.D.C., attended the races at Leopardstown.

The will of the late R. Mitchell, J.P., Dublin, recently probated, leaves personal property valued at \$125,636.

The Sick and Indigent Room-keepers' Society, Dublin, is appealing for aid to help in the coming winter.

A large number of rifles, guns and swords were found by the police in the thatch of an old house near Newry.

The fax mill belonging to James Brownlee, Cullybackey, County Antrim, has been completely destroyed by fire.

A young man who was ascending Blarney Castle, fell from the first floor and received serious injuries to his head.

A fire that broke out in the mills of Messrs. D. O'Brien, Corkery & Co., Kesh, did damage to the extent of £4,000.

The Dublin Corporation held a special meeting to consider a revised scale of charges for the supply of electricity.

Thomas Lunahan, son of the gamekeeper on the Young estate at Lisamore, was found drowned in the Black-water.

Rev. W. Percy Coster, who has been a chaplain to the troops in France, has returned to Kiltbridge parish, Arklow.

A memorial statue has been unveiled at Belfast to R. J. McMorde, M.A., M.P., who was five times Lord Mayor of Belfast.

A meeting of the medical profession was held in Cork to consider the increase of fees by 50 per cent. but took no action.

G. Smith, superintendent of the Belfast Fire Brigade, who recently retired, has been allowed a pension of £275 per annum.

The death took place recently at his home, Churchtown House, Dundrum, County Dublin, of William Seymour Bird, K.C., J.P.

W. H. Kilbey was presented with a handsome tea service at St. Michael's Church rooms, Dublin, on the occasion of his marriage.

The Royal Dublin Fusiliers' Repatriated Prisoners of War Committee have established offices at 66 Lower Mount Street.

The remains of Mrs. Stephen Harrison, Dublin, who died recently at the age of eighty-seven, were interred at St. Jerome's Cemetery.

The residence of John T. Kelly, M.P., Ranelagh Road, Dublin, was broken into and a quantity of silver and other articles stolen.

William Duggan, of Toor, was fined £11 and costs at the Tipperary Sessions for having a gun in his possession without a permit.

R. A. Dawson, headmaster of the Municipal School of Art, Belfast, has been appointed headmaster of the Manchester School of Art.

Rev. Dr. John Morrow Sims, principal chaplain of the British Expeditionary Force in France, was unanimously elected Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

Some Great Flagstuffs.

In the year 1861 British Columbia presented Kew Gardens with the lowering flagstaff which many of us have seen and which was 159 feet high, says a London magazine.

This after a life of more than fifty years, is no more, and the Dominion has replaced it with another, which is even larger. It is 214 feet long, and is actually higher than the Monument in London by a matter of 10 feet.

It is nearly three feet thick at the base and 12 inches at the top, and is a single stick of the splendid Douglas fir which grows in Vancouver Island.

Huge as it is, this staff is not the biggest in existence. At the Panama-Pacific Exhibition, held in San Francisco in 1914 to celebrate the opening of the Panama Canal, a flag floated at the top of a pole which was no less than 246 feet long—half as high again as the Nelson column—and 66 inches in diameter at the base. It weighed over 40 tons, and was cut in the Nehalem Valley of Oregon. It was also a fir, not one of the giant Sequoias of California.

It was impossible to transport it by land, so it was towed from Astoria, Oregon, to San Francisco.

From Australia it would be possible to procure an even longer spar. On the west coast there grows a species of gum tree which reaches 400 feet or about the same height as the spire of Salisbury Cathedral.

These trees are taller even than the giant red woods of California, though not of anything like their circumference. The record redwood is on the Kink River near Visalia. It is 352 feet in height and its circumference at the ground just 100 feet.

Dickens and the

Among the traits of Charles Dickens' ability to prepare could be read with ure by the author assigned to "see Howard, a former printer, house. Dickens' "Elbow" cation recently to the subject.

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