

# 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.

Guelph's rate is 21 3/4 mills. Halifax now has an anti-prohibition Council.

Iroquoisville is to have a pork-packing establishment.

Hull City Council has cut off three liquor licenses.

The Kingston School of Mining will erect two new buildings.

London has sold \$115,000 worth of debentures at from 31-2 to 4 percent.

Hamilton claims that the census returns will give it a population of 54,000.

Wm. J. Archer, 97 Brunswick avenue, was fatally burned in his home on Saturday night.

An American syndicate is willing to establish smelters at Ottawa if it is given a big bonus and a free site.

Hull, Que., will pay its corporation labourers 15 cents an hour for twelve hours a day. It is now ten at 14 cents.

Louis G. Evans of the 90th Battalion was fined at the Winnipeg Police Court for neglecting to attend drills.

Over 400 tons of binder twine have been manufactured at the penitentiary at Kingston for the coming season.

The Calgary Board of Trade is moving to have all members of the Dominion House visit the west when the House rises.

Contractor Jameson, of Montreal, will build a \$300,000 grain elevator at Port Arthur for the Canadian Northern Railway.

The smallpox epidemic at MacLeod Lethbridge, Maple Creek and other places in the North-West Territories is under control.

The Ottawa Electric Light Company threatens to raise the rates if new companies are given a franchise to operate in the city.

Veterans of '66 are applying for land grants the Dominion Government hasn't ordered.

The City Council of Amsterdam has voted \$2,412,000 for an electric plant which is to furnish power for street cars, lighting, etc.

The Czar and Zarina will privately visit England and London during the coming season and will attend the Glasgow Exhibition.

China's average annual revenue has been \$8,000,000 (taels), while the average annual expenditure has been 101,000,000 taels.

Considerable excitement exists among the population of Teheran because of the heavy taxes recently imposed upon meat and other food-stuffs.

At Bromberg, Prussian Poland, nine persons have just been fined by the local court for singing a Polish song without having previously informed the police of their intention.

**FIVE BURNED TO DEATH.**

Family of Joseph Parton, of Hurdville, burned to death.

A despatch from Parry Sound, Ont., says: "A disastrous fire occurred near the village of Hurdville on Monday night, in which five persons, members of the family of Joseph Parton, were burned to death. The fire broke out in the middle of the night. Mr. Parton and his wife were asleep in a room downstairs, and both suddenly waking up found the place in flames. The stairs being on fire, they were unable to escape. Those upstairs, and in fact, with difficulty, themselves escaped from the burning building. Of the six who occupied rooms upstairs, only one escaped. This was a boy, who jumped from a window. The unfortunate ones that perished were of age from seven to eighteen years."

**GREAT BRITAIN.**

The British War Office will buy Barton's aerial machine.

Five thousand pounds have been raised for the Cork Industrial Exhibition.

At London, Robert Gunter and Wyndham S. Portal have been made baronets.

A young man, aged sixteen, died at Ardagh, near Londonderry, who was 7 feet 1 inch in height.

Louis Godard will make an attempt in a short time to cross the Atlantic in a balloon, starting from London.

At London the annual return of recruiting for 1902 shows a total enlistment of 99,301, against 92,700 in 1901.

British coal exports during 1900 were 44,989,197 tons, an increase of 2,908,897 tons, as compared with the preceding year.

The London County Council proposes to put forty steamers on the Thames for traffic between Hammer-smith and Woolwich.

The census returns so far published of the British Isles show that the movement of population from the country to the cities continues unchecked.

The British patent office has granted a resident of Germany a patent for making glucose by heating sawdust with sulphuric acid, compressing and then boiling it.

Although no official announcement has yet been made, it seems probable that the portion of the Imperial war loan offered to the public has been covered about seven times.

**UNITED STATES.**

New York has nine new cases of smallpox.

Every house flooded in Pittsburgh will be disinfectant to prevent disease or a plague.

Burglars at Anacosta, Montana, stole a 300-pound sack containing \$10,000 in gold.

The Illinois Legislature has passed a bill prohibiting the sale of cigarettes in the State.

A discovery of ore near Shelbyville, Ill., that assays \$300 a ton, causes much excitement there.

Adelbert Hay, son of the U.S. Secretary of State, has resigned as Consul-General at Pretoria.

Negotiations have been completed in Chicago for the formation of the largest beet sugar concern in the world.

George B. Dobbin, blind for 18

# MARKETS OF THE WORLD

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

Toronto, May 7.—Wheat: The tone of the local market was firm to-day. Prices are as follows:—Red wheat, 68 1/2c; white wheat, 68 1/2c; No. 1 goose wheat, 67 1/2c, low freights to New York; Manitoba No. 1 hard, Toronto and west, 62c; and No. 2, 67 1/2c. Grinding in transit privileges 2c more.

Millfeed—The market is easy, with fair offerings. Ton lots, at the mill door, Western Ontario points, sell as follows:—Bran, 61 1/2c; and shorts, \$15. Corn—Steady. No. 2 yellow, on track here, 50c; No. 3, 49c; and Peas—Strong. No. 2, middle freights, 65 1/2c; and east at 66 1/2c.

Barley—Firm. Cargoes of No. 2, at Lake Ontario ports, 60c; No. 2 east, is quoted at 47c; and No. 3 extra, at 46 1/2c.

Rye—Steady. Car lots, 49c, west, and 50c, east.

Buckwheat—The demand is fair. Car lots, west, are quoted at 52c; and east, at 51c.

The Midland, 31c; No. 1 white, west, are quoted at 60 1/2c.

Flour—Firm. Holders of 90 percent patents, buyers' bags, middle freights, ask \$2.70 per bbl. and \$2.60 is bid.

Oatmeal—Firm. Car lots of rolled oats, in bags, on track, are quoted at \$4.35 per bbl. and in wood at \$3.45.

Chicago, May 7.—10-day's session in the grain pits was a strenuous one. Sharp advances were scored for delivery the present month, while July options showed moderate sympathetic strength. May corn, and oats, were said to be practically cornered and showed at the close gains of 1-4 to 1c respectively. May wheat rose 5-8c, and July 1-8 to 1-4c. July corn closed 3-8 to 1-2c, and July oats, 1-8 to 1-4c improved. The provision market was 7-12 to 10 to 35c improved in prices.

Minneapolis, May 7.—Wheat—Cash, 74 1/8c; May, 73 3/8c; July, 74 5/8c, on track. No. 1 hard, 74 1/8c; No. 1 Northern, 71 1/8c; No. 2 Northern, 71 3/8 to 72 3/8c. Flour and bran unchanged.

Milwaukee, May 7.—Wheat—Higher. No. 2 Northern, 73 1/2 to 74c. Rye—Firm. No. 1, 51 1/2c; No. 2, 51c; No. 2, 57 to 58c, sample 40 to 51 1/2c.

Duluth, May 7.—Close.—Wheat—Cash, No. 1, 74 3/8c; No. 1 Northern, 74 3/8c; No. 2 Northern, 70 1/2c; May, 74 3/8c; July, 75 1/2c; September, 72 3/8c. Corn—43 3/8c; May 43 1/4c; Oats—27 1/4 to 27c.

Toledo, May 7.—Wheat—Cash, 73 3/8c; May, 73 3/8c; July, 75 1/4c. Corn—45 1/4c; Oats—27 1/2c. Rye—52c. Cloverseed—Cash, prime, \$5.30; October, \$5.32 1/2. Oil—Unchanged.

**PRODUCE.**

Toronto, May 7.—Eggs.—The supply is large and prices easier. Sales to-day at 10 1/2 to 11c per dozen.

Poultry.—The market is unchanged. Bright stock is quoted as follows:—Turkeys, 11 to 12c; geese, at 9 1/2 to 1 1/2c; chickens, at 45 to 60c; and ducks, at 50 to 80c.

Potatoes.—Unchanged at 27c for car lots, on track. Offerings fairly large. Sales out of store, are made at 35c.

Field produce, etc.—Turnips, out of store, 25c per bag; onions, \$1 to \$1.10 per bag; carrots, 35c per bag; peas, 10c per bag; apples, per bbl, \$1 to \$2; sweet potatoes, per bbl, \$2.50.

Dried fruit.—Dull and easy. Dried apples, 3 to 3 1/2c; evaporated, 5 to 5 1/2c.

Maple syrup—Supplies are moderate and the demand fair. Five-gallon cans are quoted at \$1 per imperial gallon; and gallon tin, at \$1.10 to \$1.15.

Honey—Dealers quote from 10 1/4 to 10 1/2c for 5, 10, or 60 lb tins, according to size of order; comb honey sells at \$2 to \$2.25 for dark; and at \$2.50 to \$2.75 for choice clover, per dozen sections.

Hotspur Quiet. Choice 1900 growth are quoted at 14 to 16c; and yearlings at 8 to 10c.

Beans.—The market is easy. Ordinary white beans bring \$1.40 to \$1.50; choice hand-picked beans are quoted at \$1.60 to \$1.65.

Baled hay—Choice Timothy, on track here, \$10.50; and two-ton lots, delivered, \$11.25.

Straw—Steady. Car lots, on track, \$5.50 to \$6 a ton.

**DRESSED HOGS AND PROVISIONS.**

Toronto, May 7.—The receipts of hogs on the market to-day were small and prices unchanged. They brought \$8.50 to \$8.75. Provisions in demand and firm. Quotations are as follows:—Dry salted shoulders, 8 1/4c; long clear-bacon, loose in car lots, 10c; and in case lots, 10 1/4 to 10 1/2c; short cut, \$20 to \$20.50; heavy mess pork, \$19 to \$19.50.

Smoked meats—Hams, heavy, 12c; medium, 13c; light, 13 1/2c.

Lard—Pails, 10 3/4c; tubs, 10 1/2c; in tierces, 10 1/4c.

**LIVE STOCK MARKETS.**

Toronto, May 7.—There was no change in the general condition of business at the western cattle yards to-day. All told, 65 carloads of live stock, came in. All round prices were well maintained, and business is in a healthy condition.

Hogs are unchanged. Choice heavy hogs, \$11 to \$11.50; and light hogs, at 61-c per lb.

Hogs to fetch the top price must be of prime quality, and scale not below 160 nor above 200 lbs.

Following is the range of quotations:—

Cattle.

Shippers, per cwt, \$1.25 to \$1.25

Butcher, per cwt, \$1.25 to \$1.25

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Butcher, inferior, \$1.25 to \$1.25

Stockers, per cwt, \$2.75 to \$2.75

Export bulls, per cwt, \$3.75 to \$3.75

Sheep and Lambs.

Export ewes, per cwt, \$3.50 to \$3.50

Butcher sheep, each, \$2.00 to \$2.00

Lamb, g.f., per cwt, \$4.75 to \$4.75

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# DOMINION PARLIAMENT

## Notes of the Proceedings in the Canadian House of Commons.

### JUDGES' SALARIES.

In the House, while the question of judges' salaries was in discussion, the Premier made the announcement that the Minister of Justice was considering a scheme of increase based upon the amount of work to be done in the different courts.

The resolution providing that the salary of the senior judge of the Circuit Court of the district of Montreal be raised to \$3,000 per annum was put through committee; so also was the resolution: "That the salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the North-West Territories shall be \$5,000, and of the four puisne judges of the said court each \$4,000 per annum."

"That the salary of an additional judge of the Territorial Court of the Yukon territory, shall be \$5,000 per annum."

"That the salaries of the seventeen puisne judges of the Superior Court of Quebec, whose residences are fixed at Montreal or Quebec, including the judge to whom the district of Terrebonne, is assigned, shall be each \$5,000 per annum."

**IMPORTS FROM U. S.**

Mr. Charlton was told by Mr. Patterson that the total amount of imports for consumption from the United States from July 1, 1900, to April 1, 1901, was \$78,702,440. During the same period the amount of dutiable imports from the United States was \$37,486,308. Mr. Patterson was unable to state the amount of duty collected on these imports but promised to do so later.

**YUKON TELEGRAPH LINE.**

Mr. Ganong was informed that the telegraph line from Dawson to Bennett was commenced in the spring of 1900, and the first part of it was in operation by the 30th of September. He hoped that the through line from Dawson to Ashcroft would be finished by July 1st. Since the line began operating the average number of messages per month has been 2,621, and the average monthly receipts \$3,702.57. The cost of the line as far as finished has been \$430,000. The cost of the through line when finished will be \$460,000.

**DOMINION ELECTIONS ACT.**

The House then went into committee on the bill to amend the Dominion Elections Act.

The Solicitor-General intimated on the third reading of the amendment offered by Mr. Meakins requiring deputy returning officers to enter on the records any objections made to them during voting hours would be accepted, but would be limited to protests made by scrutineers in the polling booths.

The bill was then reported from committee, and now stands for its third reading.

**RAILWAY ESTIMATES.**

The House went into Committee of Supply on the railway estimates.

On the item of \$2,000,000 for rolling stock, Mr. Blair explained that the intention was to purchase 1,470 box and freight cars, 17 refrigerator cars, 20 and sleeping cars, and a coach for the Royal party.

Mr. Borden again urged the desirability of providing better facilities for the rapid transportation of freight from the Maritime Provinces to Montreal and points further west.

Mr. Blair said that a freight express had been put on the Intercolonial within the past month. The discussion developed the fact that the order for cars was given to J. Rhodes and Curry, on November 5th last.

**ST. LAWRENCE LLOYDS.**

The Senate Committee on Banking and Commerce passed the bill to incorporate the St. Lawrence Lloyds, inserting a proviso that before the company enters into the fire insurance business its capital shall be at least \$200,000.

The Algoma Iron and Nickel-Steel Company bill was amended by giving the company power to increase its capital to forty million dollars, and also by the addition of a clause giving the company power to take stock in kindred companies using their water power.

**MAINTENANCE OF MINT.**

Mr. Fielding gave notice of a resolution setting apart \$75,000 per annum for the maintenance of a branch of the Royal Mint in Canada.

**THE 24TH OF MAY.**

The bill respecting Victoria day was read a third time and passed. It makes the 24th of May a public holiday whenever it falls on any day of the week other than Sunday, in which case the following Monday will be the holiday. A clause was inserted making the day a bank holiday also.

**PENSIONS.**

The resolution to provide for pensions to staff officers and officers and men of the permanent militia force and not to the active militia of such officers, was taken up. Dr. Borden said that the resolution proposed to adopt for the first time in Canada the principles of pensions for the officers of the permanent force of this country. It would apply only to the permanent force and the permanent staff, and not to the active militia in the ordinary sense of the word. In every country which had men permanently employed for defensive purposes there was such a pension system, and although Canada was adopting this late in the day, it was a sound principle which he was sure the country would appreciate. The permanent force was not simply organized as the nucleus of an army, but it was an educating force and a military school to supply teaching to the active militia, and therefore it was important to have in it the best class of men to be obtained, and having secured them, to retain them. One of the great difficulties had been to retain good men. The non-commissioned officers

# THROUGH THE BRAIN.

## Unknown Woman Shoots Herself in Halifax Hotel.

A despatch from Halifax, N.S., says:—By Tuesday evening's train from Yarmouth, connecting with the steamer to Boston, there arrived a fine looking woman of about 35 years of age, who gave her name to the Halifax hotel people as "Mrs. Mary D. Eastman, Quebec." Some time between 4 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon she committed suicide by shooting herself through the brain. The woman left no means of identification except the name on the register, and it is probable that this was an assumed name. She could not have come from Quebec. The money in her purse was in American bank notes and the police here think she may have come from Cambridge, Mass., where the Eastman murder trial is now going on. They have wired there for information. She was sumptuous and dressed in the latest style.

The morning was spent by her in bed and at 9 o'clock she arose and asked the maid to put on a fire. The day was warm, and the reason for her request is now apparent, for all her letters were burned in the open grate. After the fire was lighted the woman engaged a cab and told the driver to take her to shops where fishing tackle was for sale. She entered three places, and at each asked for a revolver.

She bought a handsome pistol at the third shop and a box of ammunition. After returning to the Halifax hotel she sent for the bill, paid it, and said she would leave at 3 o'clock by the Maritime express. At six o'clock the maid went to the room, thinking the woman had gone, but found her seated in a chair dead, with one chamber of the six-shooter empty. Even the maker's name on her boots and the name of the photographer who had taken a picture of a four-year-old child was removed from it. An umbrella bore the name "Sternes, New York." The following unsigned note was in her purse:—

"I earnestly desire that no effort will be made on the part of the authorities, newspapers, or others, to identify me. Let my death be determined beyond any doubt before burial."

**CLOSE OF THE WAR.**

The War Office hopeful of an Early Termination.

A despatch from London says:—According to the Standard, the War Office is more hopeful of the termination of the war in South Africa than it has been for weeks. The arrangements for food and forage for the army, based on the expectation that hostilities would be prolonged, are likely to be cancelled.

The daily round-up of small commodities and their leaders during the past night has made the captures of the night in the aggregate, and other evidences are many that the end is not by any means as distant as Professor sympathizers have prophesied.

**SPANISH MINERS' STRIKE.**

Mob Fire on Police, Who Execute a Fatal Charge.

A despatch from Murcia, Spain, says:—A thousand men are out on strike at the Aguila mine. The company has refused the men's proposals and there have been serious disturbances. Some of the miners fired on the police guarding the property, and the gendarmes charged the crowd killing one man and wounding several others.

**UNEASINESS IN INDIA.**

Ameer Orders a Battery of Krupp Guns and Will Raise 1,000,000 Men.

A despatch from Calcutta, India, says:—The revolutions in regard to the armed strength of the Afghans has caused uneasiness in India. The Ameer of Afghanistan already has 30,000 magazine rifles, and is boasting of his intention to raise a million soldiers. He has just ordered a battery of Krupp guns, which is to be delivered in August.

**OVER FIFTY CREMATED.**

Two Terrible Fires Reported From India.

A despatch from Bombay says:—Thirty-five out of 42 persons who were working at a cotton press at Amreli, on the Kattywar peninsula, have been burned to death. The remainder were fatally burned.

A similar fire has occurred at Khambangon, Province of Bihar, resulting in the death of 11 persons.

**MORGAN STILL BUYING.**

He is Said to Be Negotiating for Two More Lines.

A despatch from London says:—It is reported that Mr. Morgan is negotiating for two more lines, the first of which is the Dominion and William Johnson lines. The opinion in Liverpool is that the Leyland line shareholders have reason to be well satisfied with the financial aspect of their bargain, the recent prosperity of the shipping industry compelling Mr. Morgan to buy near the top of the market.

# IN SELF-DEFENCE.

## Constable Seriously Wounds a Resisting Prisoner.

A despatch from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., says:—Officer Jerry Dacy shot and seriously wounded a resisting prisoner about nine o'clock on Tuesday evening. The prisoner, who gave his name as Vincent, and his address, 13 Guitard street, Montreal, is now lying in the 800 General Hospital. He has a bullet wound in his left breast, the bullet having lodged in his lung, and there is another wound in the spine, penetrating to the base of the spine. The hospital last night it was stated that the wounds were serious.

Officer Dacy was patrolling the west-end, and about nine o'clock he found Vincent and a woman of the town walking on Spruce street, near Magazine. They were both drunk and disorderly, and the officer arrested Vincent. The latter broke away and shot Dacy in the back, and when the officer laid hands on him, Vincent attempted to gouge Dacy's eyes out. As it was he left furrows from his finger nails in the officer's face, and Dacy shot him with his revolver. Vincent fell, and was taken to the police station.

Here a cursory examination was made by a physician, and the wounded man was taken to the hospital. The woman who was with him at the time of the shooting was arrested later. She gave the name of Purdy. Officer Dacy is at his home on Young street. His face bears marks of Vincent's fingers. Nothing is known of Vincent's antecedents, as he has been here but a short time.

**REMARKABLE DISCOVERY.**

Polish Chemist Discovers Radium Giving Out Light, but No Heat.

A mineral radium, which promises to furnish with a permanent light, without heat, is being experimented with in Smithsonian Institute, Washington. The discoverer, Marie Sklodowska Curie, a Polish chemist, sent two hermetically sealed vials containing the luminous substance to Prof. Langley of the institution, not long ago. They contained a substance somewhat resembling starch. In one vial it is powdered, and in the other broken into cubes, with faces a tenth of an inch in length. These two little bottles, each about the size of a little finger, throw out a greenish-white light, by which a printed page may be read by day or by night. The substance emits two distinct sets of rays, one like ordinary daylight, the other resembling X-rays. The experiments prove that it can be used in photography, having the effect of sunlight on a negative, when tried as an X-ray it may be used in the same way, through the cover of a plate holder. It was further determined that in giving off light, no apparent energy is expended. It is believed that an infinite time would be required to exhaust the "light giving property" of the two vials. Further, one-half pound of it, would light an ordinary room. Heretofore, chemists have looked upon the radium as valueless; now it is worth \$100 per ounce. It is found in very small quantities, and only in uranium. What further developments are to follow is a matter of interesting conjecture.

**NIHILIST PLOT IN POLAND.**

Several Highly-Placed Personages Are Involved in the Affair.

A despatch from Berlin says:—The Lokal Anzeiger prints a despatch from Breslau, Silesia, which says:—An extensive nihilist plot has been discovered in Russian Poland. Six hundred arrests were made on Monday, of which number 200 were transported by special train to the Warsaw citadel. The towns of Sosnowice, Silesia, and Dombrowska have been occupied by two companies of Cossacks. Secret correspondents were discovered at Silesia, by which the plot was revealed.

**A NOTABLE PIGEON RACE.**

Once every year, the pigeon-racing clubs of Yorkshire, England, arrange a race from Winchester to their native county, a distance of over a hundred and eighty miles. The race takes place on a Saturday, and late on the previous Friday evening the "pigeon special" leaves Yorkshire. The birds come from almost every town in Yorkshire and they are distributed in three sections. The first embraces the towns in the neighbourhood of Halifax and Huddersfield, while Batley, Leeds, Dewsbury, York and Wakefield, with other places, form another section. The third section, consisting of the pigeons from such places as Sheffield, Doncaster, and Barnsley, is, as a rule, Sheffield and Wakefield, are the two towns that supply the largest number of pigeon racers. On the occasion of the last race there were over six thousand pigeons, and probably half a million people were interested in the race.

# OCEAN CARRYING TRADE.

## BRITISH SHIPOWNSERS AGITATED OVER THE MORGAN DEAL.

They Wait in Awe for the Next Deal—Billet Now That the Atlantic Transport Line Will or Has Been Acquired.

A despatch from London says:—Shipping circles continue to be engrossed with the future of the Leyland line, and what has been dubbed the Morgantic alliance between the billion dollar steel trust and the Atlantic carrying trade. Information on the subject continues to be indefinite, and shipowners would give much to get an insight into Mr. Morgan's plans. It is asserted that the whole Leyland transaction chiefly aims at placing the line in closer touch with the Atlantic Transport line, and that it is likely to result in the latter company practically controlling the Leyland line. In that case the combination would dispose of an aggregate tonnage of 700,000, if the vessels building are included, and this would exceed the tonnage of any other line in the world.

It is recognized that the acquisition of the Leyland line although a big thing, need not in itself cause great uneasiness to shipowners, but persistent rumours of an Anglo-American alliance cause anxiety in certain quarters that amounts to a serious alarm.

These frightened people foresee the British flag driven off the Atlantic and perhaps off the Pacific, and British trade generally frozen out.

It is rumored, on the other hand, that Mr. Morgan has failed in part of his endeavour, namely, to consolidate the Atlantic shipping as he has consolidated the steel trade of the United States. The Canadian and White Star lines, it is said, refused to consider such a proposal, although they offered to sell their vessels outright if Mr. Morgan was prepared to pay their price. The Hamburg-American and North German Lloyds are also supposed to have been approached, but they are said to have replied that they were doing very well and did not care to enter an amalgamation.

Gossip of this sort is freely current, but there is nothing about it that can be substantiated.

**BRITISH SHIPOWNSERS MAY SUFFER.**