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COMMERCIAL MATTERS.
What is Going on in the Business World—The Market News.
In history certain shades of tan have been in good request.
1,000 acres of forest supply fuel for Paris for barely a week.
There is a great demand for dress goods in Toronto, especially for white goods.
The tendency in the New York market for staple cottons is distinctly against buyers.
Mediterranean oranges and those from Florida come to us in large boxes made in Maine.
An advance of 10 per cent. has been made in the price of denim. This was altogether unexpected.
The price of domestic cottons has advanced 5 to 10 per cent. in grey and tan within the past month.
There is a general scarcity of coarse colored cottons and an upward tendency of the market for them.
A plant for the manufacture of corundum and emery wheels is to be built at Cortland. The company is capitalized at \$15,000.
The world's ships carry 180,000,000 tons of merchandise a year, and of this one-quarter by weight is coal and one-tenth wheat.
The total number of failures in Canada the past week was twenty-nine, against seventeen last week and thirty-one this week last year.
The full grass make of cheese from Canada, New Zealand, and the United States, added to the English home make, is all that can be consumed in a season at profitable prices.
There are renewed rumors in railroad circles of a possible combination of some sort between the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad and the Pennsylvania railroad systems.
President E. H. R. Green, of the Texas Midland railroad, will equip the road with a system of wireless telegraphy of his own patent. This will be the first railroad in the world to use the wireless system.
At the fur sales in London, which are now half finished, Hugo Jacobson, of New York, purchased a black silver fox skin for £450. This is the first time such a skin has been captured by an American. They usually go to Russia or Paris. Several lot skins have been sold for £250 each.
The Montreal produce association again advises Canadian dealers against making deals from luker milk, in the interests of both makers and exporters. They say that if the cheese is to bring remunerative prices during the season of production, no argument is required to show that there should be no large quantity of the previous season's make left over.

CAPT. MALONE EXONERATED
MARINE CITY COMMISSION FINDS HIM BLAMELESS.

The Decision Announced This Morning at the City Hall—Commissioner Harty Dissents—Lack of Discipline on Such Vessels As The India.
At last the suspense has been relieved and the decision in the Marine City disaster investigation declared. That decision exonerates Capt. Malone, of the steamer India, from all blame. A large number of citizens assembled at the city hall this morning to hear the decision read. Promptly at eleven o'clock, commander Spain, chairman of the investigating commission, mounted the platform and in clear, decisive tones announced the finding of the court. He said:
"From the evidence submitted at the investigation into the loss of four lives on the derelict Marine City, the court has come to the following conclusion:
That Capt. Malone did all that was possible to do under the then existing conditions. The chief engineer, who apparently was the only person on the steamer who had any special training at all with the captain, and a man of thirty-five years' experience as engineer on steamboats, says:
"I do not think the loss of life could have been avoided."
It is possible that it would have been better if Capt. Malone had hoisted a flag of distress on his own vessel when he saw that there was one hoisted on the derelict, but the reason he gives for not doing so is reasonable; and in the evidence given by Capt. Craigie—which is very important evidence—it is stated that it would have been impossible to render assistance of any kind from 9 a.m. Thursday.
1. It has been strongly represented, and brought out in the evidence, that no life boat was left on the Marine City for the safety of the men, when the derelict was first taken in tow, but was returned to the India by the captain's orders. The reason the captain gives for doing this is that there was only one davit on the Marine City, and that it was broken. From the evidence produced, apparently, there were no falls on the davit; consequently, it would have been a difficult matter for four men to get such a boat without any appliances, and to have hauled her up on board the derelict, which was stated to be about ten feet out of the water. Under these circumstances, the court is of opinion that it was hardly possible for the boat to have been left on board the Marine City. The first mate was in charge of the men on the derelict, and it is to be presumed if he considered it necessary to leave a boat to be left, that he would have requested the captain to do so. On the mate being asked by the captain from the India, when he was on board the derelict, if everything was all right, he replied, "Yes, it is all right."
2. The derelict was taken in tow about 10 a.m. Wednesday, and from that time until her arrival off Goderich, about 5.30 p.m., no one ever transferred to indicate that there was any danger.
3. On arrival off Goderich the captain gives as his reason for not making the harbor that the coast was in the range lights. This is verified by the wheelman on watch. It is stated by the second mate that he saw the range lights and told the captain so; on being recalled he stated that when abreast of Goderich he could pick up the range and see it occasionally. The wheelman states that he heard the second mate say to the captain that he saw the red light, but did not hear him say the range lights.
The wheelman further states that after 1.30 o'clock he could see them once in a while.
Under these conditions, and when the captain found that the anchorage was not good, he went, very properly, out into deeper water.
4. It is brought out by most of the evidence that up to the time the captain went out into deeper water there was no apprehension of danger on the part of anyone on board. After that time there is, apparently, a diversity of opinion as to the safety of lowering the life boat and going to the succor of the men on the Marine City. The captain maintains most positively that he did not consider it safe, on account of the heavy sea, to do so for the reason that the attempt would only endanger more lives. The chief engineer and the wheelman are of the same opinion; these two men having the most experience on the experience of the balance of the crew being very limited. The second mate having served as second mate for two seasons; one season as wheelman, and four seasons before the mast on a tow barge.
5. It is stated, and no doubt is a fact, that the men on the Marine City hoisted a flag of distress on Thursday morning, and that the captain of the India did very little to render their assistance. In the opinion of the court, the captain did all that was possible under the then existing conditions. His life-boat could not live, and Capt. Craigie, of the life-boat station, and Capt. Ewart, of the steamer Rosalia, clearly illustrated that there was danger of his own ves-

sel getting into the trough of the sea and coming to grief. The captain of the India tried to drag back to the derelict and throw them a line, but he could not accomplish this. Capt. Ewart, of the Rosalia, an experienced steamer mariner, states that it would not have been prudent to go within 800 or 1,000 feet of the Marine City.

Regarding the question of the inefficiency of the tow line, the first and second mates, who knew the line perhaps as well—or better—even than the captain, neither raised any question at the time as to its fitness or safety to tow the derelict. The second mate himself made it fast, and the very fact of it having towed the derelict nearly eighty miles, and holding on until the storm became absolutely terrific, does not indicate that the line was an inferior one.
The court inspected this tow line on board the India and was satisfied with it.
It is stated that the captain of the India might have blown his whistle. The captain's reason for not doing so is that no one could have heard it on shore. This is a good reason, and any person conversant with that distance under such conditions of weather.
It is charged that the captain did not raise a flag of distress on the India, and that if he had done so it might have been seen from the shore better than the one that was flying in the rigging of the Marine City. The court considers that it would have been better if the captain had hoisted the flag, but from all the evidence nothing could have been done from the shore, even if a flag had been seen.
After a very careful and earnest consideration of the whole case, and taking into consideration in the first place that all the men who went from the India to the Marine City went of their own free will, and were anxious to render their services, and in the second place, that the court is of the opinion that Capt. Malone should be exonerated in that he did all that was possible for an experienced man to do under the then existing circumstances, and his certificate returned, which is done, herewith: Mr. Harty, one of the assessors, dissenting.
The court desires to point out that there is apparently a lack of discipline on board vessels of the class of the India, as it does not seem correct that the first mate and three men should leave a ship without first receiving direct orders from the captain.
Signed, O. G. V. SPAIN, commissioner, and E. ADAMS, assessor.

DIED FROM THE INJURIES
SAMUEL COOPER. SHOWED SIGNS OF DEMENTIA.

He Tried To Force His Way Into a House To Heal a Woman—A Fight Ensued—Cooper Was Formerly of Toronto.
Parry Sound, Ont., March 15.—A report of a serious affair which occurred near Sequin Falls post office a few days ago has just reached here. Samuel Cooper, a lumberman, who had been working near Sequin Falls, nearly all winter, some time ago showed signs of being demented. He was considered harmless. However, a few days ago, after walking around all night, he went to the home of one Thomas Hooper, with whom it is said he had some little trouble before, and it is alleged, attempted to go up stairs. Hooper told him his wife was ill and wished him to go out of the house. Cooper then said he was God Almighty, and if he but touched the woman she would recover. Persisting in his efforts to get up stairs, Hooper, it is said, thereupon, attacked Cooper with an axe. Two other men who were present, and whose names are given as Clair and Bannister, took part in the fight. It is said that six or seven serious wounds were inflicted on Cooper and that he was also shot in the leg. On the following day he was taken to the hospital at Huntsville, where he died yesterday. District constable Hanna, at the instance of crown attorney Haigh, has been dispatched to Sequin Falls to arrest Hooper and the others who took part in the affair. An inquest is being held at Huntsville to-day.

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PROHIBITION BILL.

It Has Passed The Ontario Legislature.

Toronto, March 15.—The prohibition bill passed its third reading yesterday, by a majority of thirteen, Mr. Marter, North Toronto, voting with the government. Mr. Crawford, member for West Toronto, started the debate with a motion, seconded by Mr. Marter, that the whole of the referendum clauses be struck out of the bill. After a sharp debate the amendment was defeated on a straight party division, the government's majority being eleven. Later, Mr. Marter moved, seconded by Mr. Tucker, West Wellington, that the date of voting be changed to municipal election day. This amendment was defeated by a vote of seventy-six to four. Mr. Marter moved other amendments, both seconded by Mr. Dempsey (Prince Edward), the first being that the question be decided on a straight majority vote, and when this was defeated by seventy-six to four, it be decided by a vote of sixty per cent. in the affirmative, which was defeated by eighty-one to two. Mr. Whitney spoke against both motions. Hon. Mr. Gibbon, minister of agriculture, moved amendments more clearly defining the manner in which the total vote is to be arrived at, namely, the total of votes cast for candidates in the general elections of 1898, excepting Ontario, where the double vote exists, and only one-half will be counted; in cases of untested elections in 1898 the vote cast at the preceding election to be counted. This in no way changes the basis previously announced. The bill was finally carried on a vote of forty-seven to thirty-four.
The amendment made to the electric railway regulation bill passed about two o'clock this morning, entirely satisfied the representatives of the cities who had decided to fight the measure to a finish had the concessions not been made. As passed the act provides for the formation of a railway committee of the government to deal with all questions regarding connection between electric lines crossings and rights of way over tracks of other lines. The powers of the committee, however, are to be exercised in cities and towns only, consent of the councils of these municipalities. This secured what the cities feared would be taken from them, under the original bill, the right to control their own streets.

STRUCK BY AN ENGINE.

Hurled For Some Distance—He Soon Died.

Montreal, March 15.—There was a brisq demand for dominion steel at the opening of the stock exchange and the price advanced to 42 1/2 c., a gain of 2 1/2 points. The only other stock that attracted attention was C.P.R., which was actively at 112.
Matthew Jones, an engineer, thirty-seven years of age, was struck by an engine in the Grand Trunk railway yards, at Point St. Charles, this morning. He was hurled a considerable distance and died on the way to the general hospital.

Funeral On Friday.

The funeral of the late Mrs. O'Shea took place on Friday, at Cataract, under the auspices of the Catholic Apostolic church, and was largely attended. It was owing to the suddenness of her death that the funeral was held so soon. All her children were present, except James, who is practicing law at Nelson, B.C.

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