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COMMERCIAL MATTERS. What is Going on in the Business World - The Market News. Chicago wheat prices declined two cents a bushel on Saturday. Crop news to-day was generally favourable, especially from Kansas. Some serious floods were reported in the south and north-west. Twin City earnings for the third week in March amounted to \$61,237, against \$54,900, while from January 1st to date the earnings total \$695,614 as against \$699,377 a year ago. The visible supply statement this week shows a falling off in the visible supply of wheat of 1,333,000 bushels. The corn visible decrease 309,000 bushels, and the oats visible decrease 73,000 bushels. During the week Le Roi increased its output to 6,260 tons, the Centre Star 720 tons, and the Roseland Great Western 450 tons, making a total of 8,430 tons for the week. Receipts from one-half of the Kansas wheat belt collected by the Kansas millers' association show that seventy-five per cent. of a full average crop will be raised in the state. The average crop is fixed at seventy million bushels.

TO BE MADE CARDINAL.

Rumor That Office Is To Go To Archbishop's Begin. Quebec, April 2.-It is stated by a well-informed correspondent from that city, that his grace, archbishop Begin, of Quebec, is to be appointed cardinal during the papal jubilee. The two brothers, Cleary, from Montreal, two inveterate pouchers, were condemned this morning by the police magistrate to the payment of a fine of \$13 and costs each for having killed four beavers in the national park of the Laurentides. It has been decided to send the Japanese cruisers Asama and Takasago to attend the British King's coronation ceremonies on June 26th. This is in recognition of the new alliance. While the Mirgorod regiment was parading on the barracks square at Kiel, Russia, yesterday, Capt. Sedro, non shot and killed Lieut. Grodski, for malbehaviour of the former's family. The German emperor's American-built yacht Meteor III sailed from New York for Southampton, yesterday. It is stated that the C.P.R. has made an appropriation of \$30,000 for a new hotel at Port Arthur.

WILL BE THREE REGIMENTS HOW THE NEW FORCE WILL BE MADE UP.

Death In Japan Of A Venerable Missionary - The C.P.R. Will Not Build a Big Hotel In Toronto. Toronto, April 2.-An Ottawa special to the Mail and Empire states that the war office has not yet advised the government concerning the details of the proposed South African contingent. It is likely, however, that the force will be divided into three regiments of about 600 men each, one to be recruited in the west, a second in Ontario, and a third in Quebec, and the maritime provinces. As to the commanding officers, Col. Borden said he had not yet considered the matter. It seems likely, however, that Col. Lessard will be allotted the command of one. Word has been received in the city of the death in Japan of the venerable archbishop Shaw, a widely known Church of England missionary. The archbishop was born in Toronto in 1816, and was, therefore, aged fifty-six. He was the son of the late Maj. Alexander Shaw, and was educated at Upper Canada college and Trinity university, obtaining from the latter, the degree of B.A. and M.A. In 1870 he was ordained by the then bishop of Toronto. Three years later he was accepted as a missionary to the Archdiocese of Eastern Japan, and in 1875 he married Miss May Cattel, of London, England. Sir William Van Horne, in the city, says there is truth in the report that the C.P.R. propose to build a hotel in this city. The report had it that the site of hotel would be that on which government house now stands. The World says: "The provincial secretary, Hon. J. R. Stratton, said yesterday afternoon that the date of the general elections would not be May 25th, as was announced by members of the cabinet. Mr. Stratton, however, refused to say whether they would be held before or after the date mentioned." Several small-pox cases are reported from Alfred township in Prescott, one from the vicinity of Carleton Place, and one in Roxboro township. The situation has so improved that where as there were 600 cases in January, by the end of April there probably will not be more than ten. Twenty of the locked-out painters to-day went to work for firms whose work was left unfinished when the men quit on Saturday last. Charles A. Hendry, post office clerk, this morning in police court, pleaded guilty to two charges of stealing money from registered letters, and was sentenced to six years imprisonment on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently. The amounts were \$3 and \$17 respectively.

A BIG STRIKE.

Ten Thousand Miners Will Be Involved. Altoona, Pa., April 2.-After a mass meeting of the Rochester & Pittsburgh coal and iron company's miners had been held at Piquette, and Scrabbleville, the threatening strike which is formerly declared. It involves 10,000 miners, and will have the effect of curtailing the employment of nearly as many more railroad men employed by the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh railroad company, whose freight traffic will be nearly paralyzed owing to the strike. Not a miner employed by the Rochester and Pittsburgh company will be at work to-day except the pumpers and track layers, it being agreed to keep these men at work to protect the mines. It is decided by a vote, however, that if general manager L. W. Robinson should attempt to evict the strikers from their homes, the men who are owned by the company, the pumpers and track layers will also be called out and the mines allowed to flood. The strike is ordered not for an advance, but because Lucien B. Robinson, general manager of the Rochester & Pittsburgh coal and iron company has refused to sign the agreement of the miners and operators' conference at Altoona last week.

SUIT OVER MICA MINE.

Man Sued Out Fails To Establish Misrepresentation. Brockville, Ont., April 2.-The spring assizes opened before chief justice Meredith. In the civil case of Judd vs. MacLaren, the judge held that it was an action for trial without the intervention of a jury, though the plaintiff asked for a jury. The action is one brought by the plaintiff to establish that the defendants misrepresented the quality of mica in a mine near Brockville, which they formerly owned, and that the misrepresentation led to the plaintiff selling out his share in the mine at a low value. The mine is controlled by John MacLaren, a millionaire lumberman, and senator Puffer. His lordship dismissed the action. By consent it was arranged that both parties pay their own costs.

SAN DOMINGO TROUBLE.

A. U. S. Warship To Be Sent To The Scene. Washington, D.C., April 2.-The state department, having been advised by the cable of the revolutionary movement in Santo Domingo, has requested the navy department to send a warship there, and the Machias, now at San Juan, Porto Rico, probably will start across to-day. The trouble is not believed to be serious, but it is deemed well to keep a ship there as a matter of precaution.

SAN CLEMENTE DEAD.

The Republic Of Colombia Loses Its President. Panama, Colombia, April 2.-A private cable from Bogota, which has been officially confirmed, announces the death, March 19th, at Villota, a few miles from Bogota, of former president Manuel San Clemente. The announcement of the death of San Clemente caused surprise and was a blow to his numerous partisans. But, as his demise legitimates the government of vice-president Marroquin, the acting president, it is believed it is a step towards ending the revolution. Though San Clemente was about ninety years of age, he was still very strong and able minded. Dr. Manuel A. San Clemente was elected president of Colombia in November, 1898, and Dr. J. M. Marroquin vice-president. In August, 1900, it was officially announced that Dr. San Clemente, "the titular president of the republic," being physically and mentally unable to exercise the duties of president, and his indefinite absence from the capital on account of his poor health having made impossible the regular process of affairs, which encouraged and prolonged the civil war, the people of Bogota publicly demanded that Dr. Marroquin, the vice-president, should assume the reins of government. President San Clemente had been imprisoned by Dr. Marroquin, and from that time various reports in connection with the president and vice-president have been in circulation, the general belief being that San Clemente was practically a prisoner.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

Investigation Commenced Into the Boodle Charges. Washington, D.C., April 2.-The investigation of the charges made in connection with the Danish West Indies purchase was begun to-day before the special committee appointed by speaker Henderson. Beside the members of the committee there was present Niels Gron, who brought the charges to the attention of representative Richardson, and quite a number of interested spectators. Mr. Gron was the first witness sworn by chairman Dazell. He said that in February last parties in Copenhagen, who opposed the transfer of the Danish West Indies to the United States, conferred with him and brought to his attention the Christiana report. Chairman Dazell asked who these parties were. The witness said they were members of the Danish upper house, but he did not think it proper to give their names. Mr. Gron said he was at present the representative in this country of these parties. He then told of bringing the matter to the attention of representative Gron and secretary Hay. Representative Grosvener, who was examined, said secretary Hay had decided there was nothing in the charges calling for investigation. Mr. Gron, recalled, said in reply to specific questions, that he knew of no senator or representative who had been bribed, nor did he know any one who had attempted bribery. At the state department the only person he had seen personally was Mr. Kasson. Chairman Dazell announced that he had summoned Abner McKinley, Col. Brown and Fischer Hansen, and that they would appear on Thursday.

TRAIL OF DISRUPTED HOMES.

Broken Hearted Wives Plead Vainly With Husbands. Goshen, N.Y., April 2.-Mormonism has made many converts in north-eastern Pennsylvania, and left a trail of disrupted homes and broken-hearted wives. Those who have adopted the belief are chiefly men, and they are preparing to start for Utah, against the prayers and entreaties of their wives and children. In a few cases the women have insisted their husbands to remain, but generally they have been won over again, and will leave for the west with the other converts. Three Mormon elders have been actively at work for several months and in the counties of Susquehanna, Wayne and Lackawanna they have persuaded thirty-two persons to adopt their faith. Carefully worded documents, broadly hinting at polygamy, have been passed in the hands of thousands of the rural folk. These have been supplemented by personal solicitation on the part of the elders. One of the cases is that of John Dugan. For a long time he was undecided, but when the angry waters rushed down the Delaware Valley and his home was swept away, the elders assured him that the hand of Providence could be seen in the return thereof. It is claimed the young wife, with her three small children, will remain behind, and never expect to see husband and father again.

CHARGES OF FRAUD.

Voting Took Place To-day On The Manitoba Referendum. Winnipeg, Man., April 2.-Charges of fraud were brought against several Winnipeg employment agents at a meeting of the board of works last night. The matter principally concerned the receiving of deposits, and the return thereof. It is claimed the agents did not try to place applicants for positions, but, nevertheless, took their fees. A committee will investigate. The referendum campaign closed last night. Competent judges declare that there will not be a very large vote. This declaration is based not only on the lack of general enthusiasm, but also on the fact that owing to the condition of the roads, many will be unable to cast their vote. The liquor interests are well organized, and will do their best. The temperance people have already decided to do nothing in an organized manner. The weather to-day is cool and bright.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

Ottawa, April 2.-His excellency lord Minto will attend the coronation of king Edward in state. The governor-general has engaged apartments on the steamer Parthian and will sail for England on June 7th.

RUSSIA STILL SCHEMING.

GREAT MILITARY PREPARATIONS UNDER WAY. Pouring Troops Into Manchuria - Fomenting Trouble In Order to Obtain An Excuse - The Views Of One In Authority. Peking, April 2.-The Manchurian convention, the main conditions of which were recently agreed upon by Paul Lessard, Russian minister to China, and prince Ching, president of the Chinese foreign office, permits China to maintain whatever force she may think necessary in Manchuria, after the evacuation of that territory. Official reports received here from Niu-Chwang declare that the Russians are displaying great military activity there. Ten thousand troops have recently been moved to Port Arthur and new drafts are arriving. An extensive and permanent telegraph system is being constructed. Russia's Large Force. Tokio, Japan, April 2.-The Asahi Peking correspondent announces that Gen. Tso, commander-in-chief in Shin King, has advised the Russian government to retain possession of Manchuria. His argument is that China must rely on Russia alone, efficient help from any other power being hopeless. The correspondent further states that Gen. Tso is in correspondence with his brother, who holds high office in Peking; with the object of utilizing the latter's influence to sway the views of the Chinese government and that the court, though anxious to remove Gen. Tso from office, or to transfer him to another post, finds difficulty in taking either step in the face of the heavy drafts being sent to the Russian. The Russians are making strict search for arms in some districts and seizing them when found. Russian forces in Manchuria total: 49,500 infantry, 20,000 cavalry, 19,000 artillery, 2,400 engineers, and 8,000 railway corps, or a grand aggregate of 99,900. To these may be added the Amur army, which is said to consist of 30,000 of all classes, so that the total available Russian force in those regions of Asia is 129,900.

SMALL-POX IN ONTARIO.

These Are Now Only a Few Isolated Cases. Toronto, April 2.-As an epidemic small-pox has ceased to exist in the province, though a few isolated cases are still reported from time to time. Dr. Bryce has the situation well in hand, however, and with the advent of the warm weather it is expected that the disease will altogether disappear. Smith's Falls has no cases now, the last of the ten patients, quarantined in that town, having fully recovered. Three new cases are reported from Almonte, but they are all in one house, and one case is reported from Copper Cliff, where there were nine cases.

NOT FOR SALE.

Offer For Famous New York Church Refused. New York, April 2.-An offer of \$5,000,000 has been made by a European syndicate for the site of St. Paul's church, parish house and cemetery, at Broadway and Fulton streets. The Trinity corporation refused the offer and it was declared by the controller, that no offer for the famous property will be considered, much less accepted. It was the intention of the bidders to erect a "sky scraper" on the site.

NEW YORK MILLIONAIRES.

And the Amounts on Which They Pay Assessments. New York, April 2.-Frederick W. Vanderbilt heads the personal Aq list this year with an assessment on \$2,000,000. Joseph D. Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie, William K. Vanderbilt, Alice G. Vanderbilt and Florence A. Twombly rate in the million dollar class. J. Pierpont Morgan assessed on \$400,000; Russell Sage on \$600,000 and William Rockefeller and John Jacob Astor on \$800,000 each.

UNLIKELY YARN.

Told As Reason For Abandonment Of King's Trip. Rome, April 2.-The Corriere Della Sera asserts that king Edward abandoned his proposed visit to the Riviera on account of the discovery of an anarchist plot against his life. The anarchists, it is said, proposed to give the appearance of Boer revenge to their operations. "At Home" To Their Friends. Edward Koen and E. R. Benn last night conducted a successful "At Home" in Miss McAuley's dancing parlors, foot of Princess street. About forty young people were present, and enjoyed the dancing, for which Crookley and Thornton's orchestra supplied the music. Refreshments were served at midnight. Fred. Hambrook was the caterer and he did his work well. During the evening clever songs were contributed by Mr. Koen and Ed. Barry. The happy event terminated about 2 a.m. "Hats" Oak Hall "Hats." Ask to see a Barrington English hat in any shape, \$2. The H. D. Bibby Co. The east wing of Bertram & Sons' tool works, Dundas, was badly damaged last night by fire, which caught from sparks from the cupola. Chief Knowles, going up a ladder to see if the fire was completely out, fell a distance of twelve feet and received a bad shaking up. Has combined in DR. CO-WAN'S HERBAL OINTMENT, the best medical and curative medicine for curing and healing piles and this disease. Several tests have proved this statement unqualified. It never fails to cure, no matter how severe the disease. Gives immediate relief. One application follows: Carefully follow directions on box, old ones, etc., and kind of pain, etc. For sample, Dr. Coffin & Co., Toronto, Ont.

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