

FEAR THAT MONTREAL

MAY LOSE THE ST. LAWRENCE GRAIN TRADE.

As the Facilities for Handling it are Entirely Inadequate—One Line of Steamships Has Been Taken Off.

Montreal, Aug. 1.—It is freely stated among prominent grain men that Montreal will eventually share the fate of Chicago, which, up to seven years ago, held all the great lakes coal trade, but, being unable to handle it, Milwaukee took it practically away and has kept it. So they believe that Montreal will eventually lose her grain trade unless strenuous measures are adopted at once.

Montreal harbor grain facilities are at present so improperly equipped as to be utterly unable to handle her grain traffic at present coming this way from the northwest. So bad have these conditions become that one line of steamships has been taken off the Great Lakes and Montreal trade entirely since July 2nd. These are the boats of the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Transportation company. This was done only after the Wallace, Keele and Davidson boats of their fleet had lost a total of twenty-seven days waiting to unload their cargoes of grain here in port at a loss of \$135 per day, a total of \$3,445.

There is a Corn Exchange rule which says that \$75 per day demurrage may be charged. But this condition would be rather unjust, and it is seldom charged because of the fact that local consignees have no place to put the grain, and therefore are not liable for the congestion, but very willing to remove grain from the boats whenever storage room can be obtained.

Fort William has now nine grain elevators, and is to build three more next year. A reduction of a half-cent freight rate to Buffalo, and the result will be that Montreal will lose her prestige as a grain port, and the huge Canadian grain crop will be handled through the United States ports.

There is practically no visible chance or hope to have the new harbor commission's elevator equipped in time for the fall grain crop, and, although the grain naturally moves faster near the close of navigation than at present, despite the fact that the present rates are lower, the congestion, it is believed, will be enormous.

The Crewe Bye-Election.

Hamilton Spectator. The result of the British bye-election for Crewe can not be reassuring to the Asquith government. It is not that the government supporters have diminished in numbers, but by a division of forces they have been beaten in a liberal constituency. There were two radical candidates, Harold Murphy, liberal, and James Holmes, laborer. Ernest Craig, unionist, represented the opposition. At the poll on Friday, Craig received 6,260 votes; Murphy, 5,295; Holmes, 2,405. The combined radical vote was, therefore, about 11,500 in excess of that cast for Craig. At the last election, a year and a half ago, when there was no labor candidate, the liberal majority was 1,704. On the surface, the contest was a quiet one, though the fact that out of a total electorate of 15,927 the votes polled numbered 14,940, shows what a strenuous fight it was. Mr. Murphy is a young Dublin man of thirty and came forward as an advanced home ruler and a strong free trader. He has been unhorsed in his first encounter. But our guess is that the Asquith government, with its social legislation, is by way of gaining popular support, and is not likely to be unhorsed in the near future.

The Marriage Question.

Montreal Witness. The judgment of the privy council, as was expected, confirms the finding of the Canadian supreme court, that the Lancaster bill or any other that would undertake a like purpose is beyond the power of parliament. This leaves the conditions of marriage, as we read the despatch, absolutely at the mercy of the provincial legislatures. As requested by the province of Quebec, the court refuses to answer the second question, whether marriages of Roman Catholics in Quebec by other than a Roman Catholic priest are null. This, therefore, remains where the supreme court of Canada left it. The answer of that court was that as between a Roman Catholic and another such a marriage would not be null, as between two Roman Catholics, the majority of that court held the same, though, of the two Roman Catholic members of the court, one held that such a marriage would be null and the other declined to speak. The Hebert case has yet to come before the privy council.

Rowell Can't be Curbed.

Arthur Hawkes, in the British News. "They tell you that Sir James Whitney fumed and threatened when Mr. Rowell kept the legislature sitting long after the government had planned to let their men get away. New rules are said to be a breeding to curb the inquisitive Rowell when next the house meets. Mr. Rowell won't ront. He will use the new rules. If he grows in parliamentary grace as fast next session as he did last winter he will make the other side wish for more rules still—or for something that will shut him up a little quicker than he likes.

"Rowell has parliamentary quality. He has studied the foundations of parliamentary procedure. He not only knows the rules, but why they originally were made. He has the gift of lucid statement. He can handle a subject at length. You know what he has to say. You understand also that he has more where that comes from. Those who know him best speak with the least reserve about him. It is a rare good sign, don't you think?"

J. C. Webster, Smith's Falls, summing up at Charleston Lake, captured an eagle which measured six feet from tip to tip. The G.N.R. has purchased two farms on the outskirts of Smith's Falls, a total of 217 acres, for which \$17,500 was paid.

HUBBY HOME FOR VISIT.

He Ousted the Man Who Had Married His Wife.

New York, Aug. 1.—A despatch to the Tribune from Hastings, Neb., says: A new turn was given the old Enoch Arden story yesterday, when W. Baker, after an absence of fourteen years, returned to his home in Hastings and found his wife married to one of his old friends. But instead of turning silently away, Baker walked into the house, claimed his former wife and ousted his successor, who went to boarding in the same block. Baker says he only came home for a two-week visit, and that at the end of that period he will again leave and his successor can come back home. This second husband agreed to do, and all three are happy for the present.

Baker and David Hyatt, the rival husbands, are good friends and are on the best of terms. Baker left home fourteen years ago and was thought to have died. Ten years ago Mrs. Baker married Hyatt. At that time she had six children. Two Hyatt children have since been born. Baker says he just got tired and pulled out. He has been wandering around the country and is fairly well off.

JUMPED FROM EIFFEL TOWER.

Elegantly Dressed Unknown Woman Commits Suicide in Paris.

Paris, Aug. 1.—An elegantly dressed young woman jumped from the top-most platform of the Eiffel tower. Her body struck the iron work as it fell and was almost torn in half. The limbs were severed before the body fell to the second platform, 525 feet below, where it was smashed beyond recognition. Four hundred francs were found in the pocket of a woman where she was not known. The attendants say the woman was weeping before she jumped. She scribbled something in a notebook but afterwards tore this up. The body has not been identified.

What the Burden Will Be.

Weekly Sun. A few years ago it was possible for some Ontario farmers to borrow money on the security of their farms at four per cent. To-day the city of Toronto finds it impossible to float its four per cent. bonds at a discount of nine per cent. on their face value.

The change in conditions is largely due to the fact that our municipal, provincial and dominion governments have been borrowing too freely for the purpose of spending on development works that might have been allowed to wait. If on top of this we are to borrow \$30,000,000, or any such sum, to be absolutely wasted on the more building of war ships, it is easy to see what the effect will be. The result must be to increase the rate of interest payable not only on public loans but on private loans as well. Every farm mortgage renewed in future will bear its direct share of the burden in the form of an increased interest charge. In addition to this there will be the added direct burden due to the increase in public taxation for the purpose of meeting the annual cost of naval armaments.

Converting the Convicts.

Galt Reformer. Singing is the latest innovation introduced by the German prison authorities for the diversion of convicts. In the famous Moabit prison for long term convicts, prisoners who possess musical talent are formed into a class which assembles every night in the centre corridor just before the songs. These songs reverberate through all the galleries of the prison and into the cells, the doors of which are opened for the purpose. On Sunday afternoon all the convicts gather in the prison chapel to join in choral singing. As silence is strictly enforced at the Moabit prison the convicts look forward to the opportunity to sing with almost childish delight.

Brown Bread Cupid's Lure.

New York, Aug. 3.—Announcement is made here of the engagement of Andrew Cole, a wealthy Brooklyn lumber merchant, to Miss Anna Schultz. Mr. Cole is eighty years old and Miss Schultz is thirty-six. Friends said that Mr. Cole fell in love with his neighbor after he had eaten several loaves of homemade brown bread from her oven. Because he thought life would not be worth living unless he could be assured of a continuous supply of that delicious bread, he asked her to become his bride.

Old Love Kills Anger.

Barilleville, Okla., Aug. 3.—After obtaining a divorce two months ago, Oscar P. Travis, aged sixty-five, and his wife, sixty years of age, repented their separation and went to Independence, Kan., where they were re-married. Following their divorce here, the aged couple had asked that they might be married again, but were told by the county judge that under the Oklahoma law they could not re-marry under six months. They did not want to live apart so long and went to another state and were married. "Our married life will be a success this time," said the old couple, after they had been married for the second time.

Death Prediction a Truth.

Altoona, Pa., Aug. 3.—"I'll be dead inside of a week," declared Ezra Kyle, aged sixty-five, a recluse and veteran of the civil war, to Rev. Wilt, an old friend, in Duncansville. Wilt joked about the matter and tried to turn the old man's thoughts away from the subject of death, but he had no effect. When Kyle was not seen about his cabin near the town the next day, an investigation was made and he was found dead, his partially dressed body lying across the bed. Kyle evidently had been preparing to retire and was sitting on the bed removing his clothes when stricken.

When a man feels like making a fool of himself, it's a sign he is in love.

FARM LABORERS' EXCURSION

To Western Canada via Grand Trunk and Chicago.

The Grand Trunk railway system are again, this year, making arrangements to run excursions to Western Canada via Chicago.

The area of territory available for cultivation opened by the Grand Trunk Pacific lines has increased the number of men required to properly harvest the crops, and elaborate arrangements have been made to take care of all harvesters available. The exceptionally low fare of \$10 will be in effect from stations Kingston, Renfrew and east on August 16th, and from stations Toronto, Orillia, Scotia Junction and east on August 28th to Winnipeg, Man., which, as in previous years, will be the distributing point. Harvesters will be carried west of Winnipeg as far as Montreal, Calgary and Edmonton, at rate of one-half cent per mile.

Return holders of farm laborers' certificates, duly completed, will be carried back to Winnipeg at one-half cent per mile plus \$18, Winnipeg to original starting point in Eastern Canada. Consult any G.T.R. agent.

REMOVED FROM OFFICE.

Head of Dominion Parks Dismissed For Alleged Partisanship.

Ottawa, Aug. 2.—Howard Douglas, superintendent of dominion parks since 1905, with headquarters at Edmonton, has, through the minister of the interior, been removed from the service. Mr. Douglas, who was appointed under the Laurier administration in April of the above year, is well known throughout the west, particularly in connection with his work on the National Buffalo Park at Wainwright, Alta.

The dismissal of Mr. Douglas, who has been connected in various capacities with the Dominion park service since 1897, is due to alleged active partisanship on behalf of the liberal party. Certain other changes in the personnel of the service are looked for at an early date.

No successor has yet been appointed to fill the vacancy which will be created by Mr. Douglas' dismissal, though it is probable that the new appointment will be made on the return of Hon. Robert Rogers to the capital next week.

GLADSTONE FUND \$100,000.

One Monument Already Up—Memorial to Lister.

London, Aug. 1.—Memorials to two great men were discussed last week. Gladstone is one. Lister the other. For the Gladstone memorial about £32,000 (\$160,000) has been subscribed. One monument has already been erected in London, and two are approaching completion in Dublin and Edinburgh. The balance of the fund will be employed in the contribution of \$50,000 to St. Deiniol's library and the founding of a Gladstone professorship of political science at Oxford University.

The Lister memorial will take the form of a monument in Westminster Abbey and either the institution of a great prize in surgery, international in character and scope, or the foundation of fellowships in research at recognized scientific centres in England or abroad.

Jones' Falls Tidings.

Jones' Falls, July 31.—Hotel Kenney is blooming with summer tourists this being an ideal place for a Rideau outing. The Sunday school picnic for California school was held here and largely attended. Sports, boating, etc., were indulged in much to the enjoyment of the children. William Chipman has reopened their cottage for the summer. His family is expected this week. Mr. Morton, who has been having an extended trip through the Rideau waters, has returned, much pleased with his trip. Miss Margaret Muldoon and niece, Miss Chella York, from the west, are renewing acquaintances. A son has arrived to stay at the home of E. P. Virtue, and a daughter at Charles Burtel's. Miss Mary Glover is suffering from a severe attack of grippe. Mrs. H. F. Randall and little son, are spending a holiday at Seeley's Bay.

Hartington Happenings.

Hartington, July 31.—Professor Morrison, of B.C., who is the guest of the pastor, preached in the Methodist church Sunday evening. Miss Ruby Sigsworth presided at the organ in the absence of the organist, who is taking her vacation. Quarterly service is to be held here next Sabbath. E. W. Campsie, wife and family, Ottawa, came up on the old boys' excursion to spend the holiday at his birthplace. Miss Hazel Wurtman is here again after an absence of five years. Miss Maggie Howes, Godfrey, is spending the week with Miss Thora Clow. Miss York, Belrock, at E. Sigsworth. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond, Enterprise, spent Sunday at M. Loy's. Mrs. J. Eanning and daughter, at Thomas Sigsworth's. Congratulations are extended to Miss Ada Sigsworth and Messrs. Melbourne Moore and Harold Boyce, of this place, who were among the few successful ones at the normal entrance from Sydenham high school.

Donaldson Doings.

Donaldson, July 30.—The farmers are busy at their hay, which is proving a light crop. The recent rain has improved the grain. William Webb and W. Wilks have returned home, after their prolonged visit in Smith's Falls. A few from around here attended the picnic and social at Snow Road, Tuesday last. John Geddes has purchased the store at Snow Road from D. Crawford. Robert Sargent and sister, Evelyn, spent a week with their grandmother, at Elphin. Daniel Hannah has gone to work for Walter Reid, Lavant. Mr. and Mrs. John King and Mrs. Randall King, visited at G. Paul's. Mrs. Martin McPhee visited at her home here recently.

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