

# AFRAID PLACE WOULD GO

## Traveller Tells of the Fatal Tillsonburg Fire

A despatch from Toronto says: That there was no fire rope in the room he occupied in the Queen's Hotel, Tillsonburg, was the statement made on Thursday by W. T. A. Proctor, a travelling salesman for Austin & Co., of No. 60 Yonge street.

### ONE FIRE ESCAPE.

"There was no rope in my room, No. 6 and the only fire escape was on the side of the hotel, running from the third to the second storey, then a drop to the street. People stood at their windows as long as they possibly could crying for help and seeking desperately a way down. Miss Gray stood that way for some time before she jumped. I think most of those that did jump had done so before I got out. I was waked up by hearing women screaming. My bedroom floor was hot as I stepped on it. The room was full of smoke, and I could hear the roar of the flame all around me.

### ESCAPE CUT OFF.

"I grabbed my clothes and my grip, and got out in the hallway, thinking to get down the way I came, by the main stairs. But I could see this was impossible as the stairs were in flames. I groped round and finally struck the back stairs, carrying my trousseau coat and other clothes and my grip. It seemed to me when I saw escape cut off by the main stairs that I was going to die right there, and it was not a nice thought at all. Halfway down the back stairs I fell the rest of the flight, and managed to reach the street. I saved my underclothing, but had dropped my trousseau as I fell, and when I went back after them I found a portion of the charred cloth, including the pocket, which had contained \$60. I discovered a corner of the wad of money still there unburned. They say I can have them redeemed at the bank.

"A man that crawled to the roof says that Wheatley must have tried to escape and that he was not in his room when the roof fell. He heard someone coughing underneath him, and he thinks it was Wheatley.

"Besides my trousseau I lost a \$50 gold watch and a number of personal trinkets.

### MRS. GUINNESS' TEETH.

A despatch from South Norfolk, Conn., identifies.

A despatch from Laporte, Ind., says: The upper and lower plates of artificial teeth from the mouth of Mrs. Belle Guinness were found on Tuesday in the ashes of the Guinness home. "This proves beyond the shadow of a doubt," said Sheriff Smutzer, "that Mrs. Guinness was burned to death in the fire." Dr. I. P. Norton, who made the lower plate, positively identified it. He also identified the lower plate, having frequently seen it, although it was made before he became Mrs. Guinness' dentist. The issuing of a certificate of death of Jennie Oisen and the turning over of the body by Coroner Mack to her relatives in Chicago puts the official stamp of identification upon one of the bodies found at the Guinness farm regarding which there has been much controversy.

### THREE COACHES LEFT RAILS.

C. N. R. Flyer Wrecked Near Winnipeg—Fireman Injured.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: The Canadian Northern "Flyer" which left here on Tuesday night for Minneapolis and St. Paul, was wrecked at Carleton Station, 15 miles south of here. The tender of the engine left the rails first throwing the engine on its side. Three coaches left the rails, the express, mail and baggage cars, and second-class coach. Fireman McBride was injured about the shoulders and back. The passengers escaped with only a bad shaking up.

# FRANCHISE FOR THE WOMEN

## British Government Will Not Oppose Amendment to Electoral Reform Bill

A despatch from London says: Prime Minister Asquith, replying on Wednesday to a delegation favoring woman suffrage, said that the Government intended to pass a comprehensive measure of electoral reform, and that should an amendment favoring woman suffrage be introduced the Government would not oppose it, provided the proposed change was upon democratic lines. He pointed out that no change of this kind could be effected unless the women of the country supported it as well as the electors. The Premier was cheerfully neutral respecting woman's suffrage. He admitted that he had not "reached the state of grace which its advocates enjoyed," but he had an open mind. He was aware that about two-thirds of his colleagues favored it.

This declaration means that the Government will not attempt to influence its followers, but will leave all to vote as they please. This stipulation for a democratic basis is held to mean that any proposal, in order to avoid the Government's hostility, must conform approximately with the law governing the male franchise. It is predicted that such a proposal will certainly be carried by a large majority.

# LEADING MARKETS

## BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, May 26.—Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 northern, \$1.16; No. 2, \$1.13; No. 3, \$1.08; feed, practically none offering; nominal quotations are 70c, No. 2 feed 65c, Georgian Bay ports.  
Ontario Wheat—No. 2 white, 94c to 95c outside; No. 2 red, 64c outside; No. 2 mixed, 93c to 94c; goose, 90c.  
Corn—No. 3 yellow, nominal at 80c; Toronto freight; No. 3 mixed, 1c less.  
Flour—Manitoba patents, special brands, \$6; seconds, \$5.40; strong bakers', \$5.30; winter wheat patents, \$5.50.  
Barley—No. 2, 55c to 60c outside.  
Peas—No. 2, 92c to 94c, outside.  
Rye—No. 2, scarce and wanted, 88c.  
Buckwheat—No. 2, 64 1/2c to 65c.  
Oats—No. 2 white, 49c to 50c outside; No. 2 mixed, 47 1/2c outside.  
Bran—\$2.50 to \$2.55 here.  
Shorts—\$2.5 at the mills.

## COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Wholesale quotations are—  
Eggs—New-laid, 17c to 18c.  
Butter—Prices are lower, and further declines are expected.  
Creamery prints ..... 26c to 27c  
do solids ..... 24c to 25c  
Dairy prints ..... 23c to 24c  
do large rolls ..... 21c to 22c  
Inferior ..... 18c to 19c  
Honey—Strained steady at 11c to 12c per pound for 60-pound pails, and 12c to 13c for 5 to 10-pound pails. Combs at \$1.75 to \$2.50 per dozen.  
Potatoes—Ontario, 90c; Delaware, \$1, in car lots on track here.  
Cheese—Firm; 14c for large and 14 1/2c for twins, in job lots here; new make, 12c for large and 12 1/2c for twins.  
Beans—\$1.85 to \$1.90 for primes, and \$1.95 to \$2 for hand-picked.  
Maple Syrup—\$1 to \$1.10 per gallon.  
Baled Straw—\$8 to \$9 per ton  
Baled Hay—Timothy is quoted at \$12 to \$14, in car lots on tracks here.

## PROVISIONS.

Pork—Short cut, \$21 to \$21.50 per barrel; mess, \$17.50 to \$18.  
Lard—Tercos, 11 1/2c; tubs, 11 1/2c; pails, 12c.  
Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, 10 1/2c, tons and cases; hams, medium and light, 12c to 13 1/2c; hams, large, 11 1/2c to 12c; backs, 16c to 16 1/2c; shoulders, 9 1/2c to 10c; rolls, 10c to 10 1/2c; breakfast bacon, 14c to 15c; green meats, out of pickle, 1c less than smoked.

## MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, May 26.—Flour—Manitoba spring wheat patents, \$6.10 to \$6.20; second patents, \$5.50 to \$5.70; winter wheat patents, \$5.25 to \$5.75; straight rollers, \$1.50 to \$5; in bags, \$2.15 to \$2.25; extra, \$1.50 to \$1.90.  
Rolled Oats—\$2.75, in bags of 90 pounds.  
Oats—No. 2, 51 1/2c to 52 1/2c; No. 3, 49c to 50c; No. 4, 47c to 48c; rejected, 45c to 46c; Manitoba rejected, 50c; North Bay, Cornmeal—\$1.60 to \$1.70 per bag.  
Milled—Ontario bran, in bags, \$23 to \$23.50; shorts, \$25 to \$26; Manitoba bran, in bags, \$23; shorts, \$25 to \$26.  
Cheese—Receipts of cheese to-day were 4,850 boxes, as compared with 4,585 boxes for the same date last year.  
Butter—Local market is dull and weak, with western quoted at 11 1/2c and easterns at 11 1/2c.  
Eggs—Fair trade is reported in selected stock at 19c; No. 1, 17 1/2c and No. 2, 16c per dozen.  
Provisions—Barrels short cut mess, \$22.50; half barrels, \$11.50; clear 'at backs, \$23; dry salt long clear backs, 11c; barrels plate beef, \$17.50; half barrels do., \$9; compound lard, 8 1/2c to 9 1/2c; pure lard, 12 1/2c to 13c; kettle rendered, 13c to 13 1/2c; hams, 12 1/2c to 14c, according to size; breakfast bacon, 14c, according to size; breakfast bacon, 14c to 15c; Windsor bacon, 15c to 16c; fresh-killed abattoir-dressed hogs, \$9.50; live, \$6.60 to \$6.75.

## UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, May 26.—Wheat—Spring higher; No. 1 Northern, \$1.07 1/2; carloads; No. 2 red, \$1.02; winter easy. Corn—Higher; No. 2 white, 80c; No. 2 yellow, 80 1/2c. Oats—Easier; No. 2 mixed, 52c; No. 2 white, 51 1/2c. Barley—75 to 85c. Rye—No. 1 on track, 90c.  
Minneapolis, May 26.—Wheat—May, \$1.05 1/2; July, \$1.04 1/2 to \$1.04 3/4; Sept., 90 1/2c; No. 1 hard, \$1.08 1/2 to \$1.09 1/2; No. 1 Northern, \$1.07 1/2; No. 2 Northern, \$1.04 1/2 to \$1.05 1/2; No. 3 Northern, 98 to 99 1/2c. Flour—First patents, \$5.45 to \$5.60; second patents, \$5.30 to \$5.45; first class, \$1.25 to \$1.35; second class, \$3.55 to \$3.65. Bran—in bulk, \$21.75 to \$22.  
Milwaukee, May 26.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.10 to \$1.11; No. 2 Northern, \$1.08 to \$1.09 1/2; July, 80 1/2c asked. Rye—No. 1, 84 to 84 1/2c. Barley—No. 2, 75c; sample, 60 to 60 1/2c. Corn—No. 3, cash, 76 to 76 1/2c; July, 66 1/2c bid.  
Duluth, May 26.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, \$1.09 1/2; No. 1 Northern, \$1.07 1/2; No. 2 Northern, \$1.04 1/2; May, \$1.04 1/2; Sept., \$1.09 1/2.  
New York, May 26.—Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red, \$1.05 elevator; No. 2 red, 99 1/2c late July, f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, \$1.13 1/2; f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard winter, \$1.12 1/2; f.o.b. afloat.

## CATTLE MARKET.

Toronto May 21.—The more abundant supplies of cattle which have been brought forward of late have had the effect of weakening the values.  
Hardly four loads of choice export cattle were brought forward. Their prices ranged from \$5.50 to \$6 per cwt.  
Picked butchers' cattle were selling up to \$5.50 per cwt. Straight loads of choice cattle were worth \$5.20 to \$5.50 per cwt. Medium butchers' cattle sold around \$4.65 to \$5.10. In cows \$3 to \$5 was the range for common to the best.

# KING WILL VISIT THE CZAR

## Two Monarchs Will Meet at Reval, in the Gulf of Finland.

A despatch from London says: King Edward will spend a week shortly with the Emperor and Empress of Russia. It is expected that his Majesty will embark on the royal yacht at Portsmouth on May 29, at the conclusion of President Fallieres' visit to London. The meeting of the two monarchs will take place at Reval, in the Gulf of Finland, where King Edward will arrive on June 9th on board the royal yacht Victoria and Albert, and escorted by two cruisers. Diplomats are greatly interested

in this meeting, which, it is expected, will further strengthen the relations between Great Britain and Russia that have been so much improved by the conclusion of the Anglo-Russian agreement. This will be the first meeting of King Edward and the Czar since the King's accession. It is understood, however, that had it not been for the Russo-Japanese war and the subsequent internal troubles of Russia this meeting between the two rulers would have been arranged much earlier in King Edward's reign.

A few stockers were offered on an active demand. Some of the heavier ones brought \$4.35 per cwt. The range was \$3 to \$4.35.  
A steadily demand was reported for choice milk cows. The range for the best class was \$40 to \$60 per cwt. Common cows were not much wanted.  
Prospects are for lower prices in lambs and sheep. Export ewes, \$4.75 to \$5.50; bucks and culls, \$3.50 to \$4.50; grain-fed lambs, \$7 to \$7.50; common lambs, \$5 to \$6 per cwt. Spring lambs were worth \$3 to \$6.75 each.  
Select hogs were sold at \$6 per cwt. of cars, Toronto, and lights and fats at \$5.75 per cwt.

Dominion Rifle Association has ordered a supply of pointed bullets for the Bisley Olympic team. The team is all equipped with Lee-Enfield rifles, newly re-barreled and tested. The association is thus doing everything it can to place the team in as good a position as possible for the great shooting matches in competition with teams from all parts of the world. The Sutherland Sight Co. has donated 20 aperture sights, of the latest model, to the team, and as aperture, or peep sights are allowed both at the Olympic games and at the Bisley meet, these will be the sights used by the Canadians.

## LOSSES BY ONTARIO FIRMS.

Much Produce Went Down with Thomson Liner.

A despatch from London says: The Thomson Line steamer Latona, which left Montreal on May 8th for London, and was sunk off the Lizard in collision with the British steamer Japanic, bound for Montevideo, carried a very valuable cargo of farm produce, mostly from Ontario. The Latona was only three years old, and one of the finest freight boats afloat. She had a refrigerator plant which could give a temperature of 17 below zero. She was valued at \$750,000, and her cargo, which is also a loss, was worth \$340,000. Besides butter and eggs, the Latona carried 18,000 boxes of cheese from C. W. Riley and Co., of Ingersoll, and T. Ballantyne and Son, Stratford, also cheese in crock from the McLaren's Imperial Cheese Company.

## 105 FATAL ACCIDENTS.

Returns for April Show 289 More People Injured.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Industrial accidents occurring to 289 individuals work people of Canada during the month of April, 1908, were reported to the Department of Labor. Of these 105 were fatal, and 184 resulted in serious injuries. In addition, five fatal accidents were reported as having taken place prior to the beginning of the month, information not having been received by the department before April, 1908. The number of fatal accidents reported in April, 1908, was 24 more than in the previous month, and one less than in April, 1907.

## NOT ALLOWED TO LAND.

64 Galician Immigrants to Quebec Had Not Enough Money.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Steamship Montrose, which arrived at Quebec on May 20, had as passengers 64 Galicians booked to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and other cities. They did not have on them the amount of money prescribed by the regulations of the Immigration Department, namely, \$25, and were refused admission to Canada.

## WINNIPEG'S NEW STATION.

Contract Awarded to Peter Lyall & Sons of Montreal.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The contract for the new million-dollar union station at Winnipeg to be used by the C. N. R., G. T. P., and National Transcontinental Railways has been awarded to Peter Lyall & Sons of Montreal. The contract for the building alone, exclusive of furnishings, etc., amounts to \$886,000.

# AN ATTEMPTED MURDER

## Desperate Attack With Club Interrupted By a Neighbor.

A despatch from Brockville says: A murderous assault was made on Wednesday upon Robert Stewart, a 70-year-old farmer, living on the second concession Elizabethtown, near Brockville, by a young man giving the name of McCormick, who had been in Stewart's employ as a farm hand for the past week. The two men started for the fields, and, according to the story told by Stewart, there was no provocation for the crime. They were working away, when McCormick suddenly approached from behind with a club, striking Stewart over the head as he stooped to adjust a seeder. The blow somewhat dazed him, but he turned and faced his assailant, who dealt blow after blow, Stewart protecting himself as best he could with his hands and arms, which show evidence of the combat, for they are battered and bruised. Murder would have undoubtedly been committed had not the assault been witnessed by a neighboring farmer named Kingslane. On seeing him approach McCormick beat a hasty retreat into the woods.

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Stewart says the man carried the club under his coat and that it was bandaged

with a cloth. When he fled he took the club, but in the struggle the cloth came off and it was found close by saturated with blood. The deed was evidently planned, as the man had taken the precaution to tie the farmer's faithful collie to the fence. It is thought that McCormick had robbery as his chief object, as he was aware that the day before Stewart had received considerable money on a big sale of hogs.  
It turns out that McCormick's real name is James Young, and is the son of a former resident of Brockville now living in Oswego, N.Y. He recently returned here after serving several years in the Elmira Reformatory for train wrecking near Ogdensburg and was released on parole.  
After an exciting chase of three days, in which a large section of Leeds County and a part of the State of New York was covered, the police, on Friday, succeeded in capturing James Young, the farm hand who made a murderous assault on Robert Stewart, his employer, on Tuesday last in his mother's house. He made a stout resistance, and when overcome remarked that were he in the possession of his two revolvers he would have shot the constable.  
He appeared before Magistrate Deacon and was remanded for a week. The victim of the assault to-day made an ante-mortem statement to the Crown Attorney, as he is in a critical condition.