

# THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Revenue and Expenditure of the Dominion for Eight Months.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The statement of public revenue and expenditures for the first eight months of the present fiscal year, as reported to the Finance Department up to the end of the month, shows a total revenue of \$55,115,227, a total expenditure on consolidated fund account of \$45,378,957, and a total expenditure on capital account of \$22,156,394. The great bulk of the latter was, of course,

on the National Transcontinental Railway. As compared with the corresponding period of last year there is a decrease of \$11,547,200 in revenue, an increase of \$3,632,501 in expenditure on consolidated fund account, and an increase of \$5,501,907 in capital expenditure. The decrease in revenue is accounted for mainly by the falling off of \$10,178,378 in the customs receipts, and \$480,796 in excise. The Post-office revenue increased by \$77,000.

### \$150,000 FIRE AT KINGSTON.

#### Piano Factory and Wholesale Grocery Destroyed.

A despatch from Kingston, says: The Wormwith Piano Company and W. G. Craig and Company, wholesale grocers, suffered losses by fire early Sunday morning totalling over \$120,000. The fire broke out in the varnish room in the piano factory about two o'clock and spread so rapidly that the three floors were soon in flames, and the rescue of the pianos, some 200 of them in course of construction, was impossible. The safe of the company was saved, battery-men rolling it out of the building. It contained notes and agreements to the value of \$40,000.

### THREE-YEAR-OLD SHOT.

#### Little Brother Pulled a Rifle From the Table.

A despatch from Walkerville, says: A loaded rifle and childish curiosity on the part of Albert Cecil's five-year-old son, Isadore, resulted in the accidental killing of three-year-old Bernedette Cecil at the family home in Sandwich East on Saturday. Isadore pulled a loaded rifle from the table, where it had been placed by an older brother, and pulled the trigger. There was a report and his little sister dropped to the floor, shot through the brain.

### STRUCK BY A CAR.

#### Mrs. Flanders of Brantford May be Fatally Injured.

A despatch from Brantford, says: Mrs. Flanders, thirteen Oak street, received probably fatal injuries on Sunday afternoon at Cainsville while about to board a Brantford and Hamilton Radial car. She misjudged the clearance of the car, the front end striking her and inflicting several injuries to her head. She was removed to the hospital.

### ARE THESE DIAMONDS?

#### Mr. Fred. Dane Brings Precious Stones From North.

A despatch from Toronto, says: Will Ontario's big clay belt develop into a diamond field? That is the question some people are asking, since Mr. Fred. Dane, T. & N. O. Commissioner, returned from the north with a few stones that look like diamonds. These stones have been submitted to an expert, who declines to express any definite opinion as yet. They were found east of the new town of Cochrane. Peculiar as it may seem, some few years ago a geologist reported that the blue clay of that particular region closely resembled that in the vicinity of Bloemfontein, in the diamond fields of South Africa. It is said there is already some excitement in the north country over the find.

# OLD AGE ANNUITIES NOW

## The Government Is Prepared to Deal With Applications.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Government of Canada is now prepared to actively begin business as issuers of old-age annuities. The final order in Council approving the actuarial rates adopted has been passed. Literature explaining the advantages of the system as a guarantee against penury in old age and detailing its investment features has been sent out for distribution by postmasters throughout

the country, and applications for annuities received from intending purchasers will be promptly dealt with by the office in charge of Mr. S. T. Bastedo in Ottawa. A staff of lecturers to explain and popularize the scheme will hold public meetings in all districts of Canada during the winter. Dr. Sampson of Windsor, Ont., will be at the head of the lecturing staff, and will begin a series of meetings in Ontario in a few days.

# THE WORLD'S MARKETS

## REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

### Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

#### BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—Ontario wheat—No. 2 white or red, outside, 93c. to 94c.; No. 2 mixed, 93c. to 93½c. No. 2 goose wheat, 90c. outside.

Manitoba wheat—Spot, No. 1 northern, \$1.08½ to \$1.09; No. 2 northern, \$1.08½ to \$1.09; No. 3 northern, \$1.03½ to \$1.04 on track, lake ports.

Oats—Ontario No. 2 white, 39c. to 40c. outside; No. 2 mixed, 37c. to 38c. outside. Manitoba No. 2 western Canada, 43c. to 43½c. on track, lake ports; extra No. 1 feed, 41½c.; No. 1 feed, 41c., on track, lake ports.

Barley—No. 2, 55½c. to 56c.; No. 3 extra, 54c. to 55c.; No. 3, 53c. to 54c.

Corn—Old, 74½c. to 75c. Toronto freights, for No. 2 or 3 yellow; new No. 3 yellow, 70c. to 70½c., Toronto freights.

Millfeed—Bran, \$20 to \$21 per ton in bags, outside; shorts, \$22 to \$23, in bags outside.

Rye—No. 2, 74c. to 74½c.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 55c. to 56c. outside.

Flour—Manitoba, first patents, \$5.80, seconds, \$5.30; strong bakers, \$5.10; Ontario winter wheat patents, for export, \$3.70 to \$3.75, outside.

#### COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Poultry—Wholesale prices are—Chickens, dressed, choice, 11c. to 12c.; chickens, dressed, 9c. to 10c.; fowl, 8c. to 9c.; turkeys, 12c. to 14c.; ducks, 10c. to 11c.; geese, 9c. to 10c.

Butter—Local wholesale quotations—Creamery, choice, pound, 27c. to 29c.; dairy prints, choice, 25c. to 26c.; dairy store prints and large rolls, 22c. to 24c.; dairy, inferior, 20c. to 21c.

Cheese—Large, 13½c. to 13¾c.; twins, 13¾c. to 13½c.

Eggs—Strictly new-laid, 31c. to 32c.; farmers', 24c. to 25c.; storage, 22c. to 24c. per dozen in case lots.

Apples—\$1.75 to \$3.25 per barrel, according to variety and quality.

Potatoes—Car-lot prices are 60c. to 65c. per bag on track, Toronto.

#### PROVISIONS.

Pork—Short cut, \$22.50 to \$23 per barrel; mess, \$19 to \$19.50.

Lard tierces, 12½c.; tubs, 12½c.; pails, 13c.

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, 11½c. to 11¾c., tons and cases; hams, large, 12½c. to 13c., small, 14c. to 14½c.; backs, 17c. to 17½c.; shoulders, 10c. to 10½c.; rolls, 11c. to 11½c.; breakfast bacon, 14½c. to 15c.; green meats out of pickle, 1c. less than smoked.

#### BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal Dec. 8.—Grain—Canadian Western, No. 2, white oats are selling at 46½c., No. 3 at 45½c., extra No. 1 feed oats at 45c., and No. 1 feed at 45c.; Ontario No. 2 white at 45c., No. 3 at 44c. and No. 4 at 43½c. per bushel, ex. store. Flour—Manitoba spring wheat patents, firsts at \$6; seconds at \$5.50; winter wheat at \$4.60 to \$4.70; do., in bags, \$2.15 to \$2.25; extras, \$1.75 to \$1.85. Feed—There is no change in millfeed, for which the demand continues fairly good. Manitoba bran at \$21; shorts, \$24; Ontario bran, \$21 to \$21.50; middlings, \$24.50 to \$25.50; shorts, \$24.50 to \$25 per ton, including bags; pure grain meal, 30 to \$32; milled grades, \$25 to \$28 per ton. Cheese—The local market continues steady with westerns quoted at 12½c. to 12¾c. Butter—The market is firm, finest creamery being quoted at 27c. in round lots, and 27½c. to 28c. in a jobbing way. Eggs—There were no new developments in the local egg situation, prices being steady, under a fair demand for local consumption. New-laid, 29c. to 30c.; selected stock at 25c. to 25½c.; No. 1 stock, 22c. to 23c., and No. 2 stock at 17½c. per dozen.

#### UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Milwaukee, Dec. 8.—Wheat No. 1 northern, \$1.10 to \$1.11; No. 2 northern, \$1.09 to \$1.09; May, \$1.10½ asked. Rye—No. 1, 75c. Corn—May, 62½c. bid. Barley—Standard, 64c.; samples, 56c. to 63½c.

Minneapolis, Dec. 8.—Wheat—December, \$1.07½ to \$1.08; May, \$1.12; cash No. 1 hard, \$1.12½; No. 1 northern, \$1.11½; No. 2

# FATAL WRECK AT PEMBROKE

## Engineer Rowe, of Ottawa, Killed in Head-on Collision on C. P. R.

A despatch from Pembroke, says: Another fatal wreck took place one and a half miles east of here on Thursday morning. A light engine from Smith's Falls collided with the C.P.R. local leaving here at 7.50, and as a result Fred Rowe, of Ottawa, engineer in charge of the local, was instantly killed, and R. Crawford, Ottawa, fireman; Mail Clerk Purcell, Engineer Nagle, Smith's Falls, and W. C. Both, baggageman, suffered slight injuries. The baggage car of the passenger train was badly damaged, but none of the passengers were hurt. Both train and engine were travelling at high speed and met on a curve. Both engines were badly wrecked. The engines were almost on each other before the danger was noticed. Engineer Rowe reversed immediately, and in doing so warned Fireman Crawford, who jumped, and escaped with a

sprained ankle and minor bruises. Rowe was pinned between the engine and tender. Death was instantaneous. His head and shoulders were above the wreckage, but were scorched. His lower limbs were also burned and scalded. Fireman Patton, of the light engine, was going to jump when he was hurled out of the window and down the bank, sustaining a number of bruises. Engineer Nagle got caught at the tender by the coal, which was piled on him. He was quickly released by the men passengers and was able to walk to the station, as he had only a number of bruises and his leg scalded. The light engine should have stopped at Granges Station, about ten miles east of here. Instead an effort was made to reach Pembroke and the fatal collision was the result. The engineer's watch had stopped, which misled him as to the time he had to make Pembroke.

# STUDENTS AND POLICE FIGHT

## Queens' Men at Kingston Celebrated Alma Mater Elections.

A despatch from Kingston, says: Kingston police had a vigorous battle with 500 Queen's University students on Saturday night. After the Alma Mater Society elections 500 Queen's men set out at 8.30 o'clock for a night of riot, and charged the Grand Opera House, where a play was in progress. The front and rear of the theatre were attacked and extra police help was called. One big student received such a battering from those in charge of the gallery that he was carried out unconscious. From Princess street the students hurled eggs and stones and created wild scenes. Finally two policemen grabbed one of the ringleaders and started down the street for the police station. A big mob of students followed, and there was a running fight for six blocks. The efforts of the collegians to free the prisoners proved ineffectual and

several more fell into the hands of the law. On the market square near the police station the climax occurred. Ten policemen, assisted by several pugilistic citizens and artillerymen, held the mob off, but the police received some cracks with axe handles and pieces of lumber which the crazed students wielded. Three constables were fiercely attacked and had to be rescued. Many collegians also received a clubbing and were knocked off their feet. The police got hold of six ringleaders and held every one of them. At the station house the students tried to storm the place, but the sight of the revolvers in the hands of the constables cowed them. Mayor Ross, himself a professor in Queen's Medical College, and Police Magistrate Farrell, a trustee of the university, refused to liberate the arrested students.

### SWALLOWED RAT POISON.

#### Mistake of Annie Babcock of Brantford Costs Her Life.

A despatch from Brantford, says: Annie Babcock, aged 34 years, is dead as a result of taking rat poison in mistake for headache powder. She was employed as a domestic at A. E. Brown's, Murray street. Being troubled with headache on Sunday morning she took the powder and died in convulsions. Coroner Ashton, on investigating the case, came to the conclusion that she got the powder and the poison confused, as some of the latter was found in her room.

# THE PRESIDENT DEPOSED

## Port au Prince Is In the Hands of an Insurgent Mob.

A despatch from Port au Prince, Hayti, says: President Nord Alexis has been deposed and Port au Prince is in the hands of the revolutionists. The deposed President is now safe on board the French training ship Duguay Trouin, General Antoine Simon, the leader of the insurgents, is marching upon the peninsula with an army of 5,000, and General Legitime has been proclaimed the new President.

At the last moment President Alexis yielded to the urging of those about him and decided to take refuge aboard the French warship. At 5 o'clock on Wednesday a salute of 21 guns announced his departure from the palace under guard of a battalion of infantry and squadron of cavalry, and as he drove down

to the wharf, seated in a carriage with the French Minister and with the French tri-color over his shoulders, the crowd of armed men and women about heaped curses on the head of the aged man. When at last the landing stage was reached the mob lost all restraint and the scene became tragic and shameful. Infuriated women broke through the cordon of troops and shrieked the coarsest insults into the very face of the President, who strove bravely to appear undismayed. They tried to hurl themselves upon him and fought with hands and feet against the soldiers, who found difficulty in forcing them back. One woman did succeed in reaching Nord Alexis just as he was embarking, and made a sweep at him with a murderous knife, but the blow fell short.