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FOOD EXPORTS RECORD INCREASE TO BRITAIN

Wheat Shipments in November Largely Exceed Those of Two Years Ago.

Table with columns for Wheat, Wheatmeal and flour, Barley, Oats, Bacon, Butter, Cheese, Canned Salmon, Canned Lobsters, Spirits, Wool, Pig Iron, Galvanized Sheets, Tin-plated Plates, Steel Bars, Pig Lead, Cutlery, Hardware.

BRITAIN WILL CURB FURTHER ITS EXPORTS TO SWITZERLAND

Virtually Everything That Might Be of Use to Germany Can Be Sent Only Under Iron-Clad Agreement.

LONDON, Dec. 26. (9.10 p.m.)—By a royal proclamation published in the London Gazette, the exportation to Switzerland of virtually everything that might be of service to Germany is prohibited.

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DEVELOPMENT WORK ON NIPISSING MINE

Indicated increases in ore reserves thru the development of the Cobalt Lake fault, which is being undertaken thru shaft 1, is being undertaken thru shaft 1, is being undertaken thru shaft 1.

Table with columns for Duluth-Superior Earnings, Cobalt Shipments.

DIED IN CHICAGO

William T. Johnstone, brother of R. C. Johnstone, 68 East Charles street, Toronto, died in Chicago Friday, Dec. 24. Mr. Johnstone contracted a severe cold which developed into pneumonia.

Passenger Traffic

New Route to the West

Leave Toronto Union Station Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10.45 p.m. for Pary Sound, Sudbury, Port Arthur, Fort William, Winnipeg and Edmonton, with connections at Winnipeg and Vancouver for all Western and Pacific Coast points.

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FRENCH LINE

Compagnie Generale Transatlantique. SAILINGS FROM N.Y. TO BORDEAUX. COCHABEAU, Jan. 4 p.m. LA FAYETTE, Jan. 15, 3 p.m. ESPANIE, Jan. 22, 3 p.m.

TORONTO WILL HAVE TWO MORE BATTALIONS

Official word has just been received from Ottawa, authorizing the formation of two more Toronto battalions. One will be organized of the 190th Regiment. It will be called the 169th and Major Jesse G. Wright of the 84th Battalion has been recommended as its commander by General Leckie.

NICKEL CORPORATION ADDS TO DIRECTORATE

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—The British American Nickel Corporation will ask parliament to authorize increasing the number of directors to twenty, and also providing that the majority of the directors shall be British subjects.

INCREASE IN SALES

ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Business at St. Lawrence Market Could Be Better. However.

PRICES WERE STATIONARY

New Laid Eggs Sold Better—Four Loads of Hay Received.

There was a much larger market on Friday than on Thursday, but it was rather slow. Turkeys kept pretty firm in price, most of the choice hens selling at 32c per lb., a few going at 30c, while the gobblers ranged around 30c and 28c per lb., a few going below those figures.

Table with columns for Wheat, Barley, Oats, Rye, Peas, Hay, Eggs, Butter, Potatoes, Apples, etc.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

BONAVENTURE UNION DEPOT. OCEAN LIMITED. Leaves 7.25 p.m. DAILY. Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

NEW YEAR FARES. SINGLE FARE. Good going Dec. 31st, 1915, and Jan. 1st, 1916. Return limit, January 3rd, 1916.

FRANCE IS CONFIDENT

Eight Billion Francs Subscribed in Cash and in Treasury Bonds. Enemy's Resources Are Described as Showing Signs of Lassitude.

PARIS, Dec. 26. 8 p.m.—Some details of the result of the "Loan of Victory" were given by M. Ribot, minister of finance, during a discussion in the senate today of the appropriation bill for the first three months of 1916.

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MINING SHARES BOUGHT AND SOLD

HERON & CO. Members Toronto Stock Exchange. 16 King Street West, Toronto. Correspondence Invited.

CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Canada Life Assurance Company will be held at the Head Office, Toronto, on Thursday, Jan. 13th, 1916, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors for the past year, the election of Directors, and the transaction of other business.

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CHRISTMAS SEASON BUSIEST IN YEARS

Hamilton Merchants More Than Satisfied With Holiday Trade. STORES EXHAUSTED STOCK

HAMILTON, Dec. 25.—According to several prominent business men, the Christmas season just closed was the busiest in several years, and, judging from the amount of business carried on, Santa Claus had an overabundance of work to do last evening. Everybody had plenty of money and spent freely, with the result that every large store was practically cleared of its Christmas stock by closing time last night.

Business People Experience Little or No Ill-Effects of War. HAMILTON, Dec. 25.—According to several prominent business men, the Christmas season just closed was the busiest in several years, and, judging from the amount of business carried on, Santa Claus had an overabundance of work to do last evening.

The senate adopted a bill which appropriates 7,500,000 francs for the first three months of 1916, with an amendment postponing until 1917 the application of a tax on revenue.

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