### UP TO THE AVERAGE Above Statement.

MANITOBA WHEAT CROP

Farm, Now on a Trip West, Gives Brandon, Man., Aug. 8-(Special)-Have

seen the crop east and west of Winnipeg to Brandon. Wheat on summer-fallowed land is very promising. On stubble and fall plowed, east of Portage, the crops seen are below the average, but the grain averages better west of Portage. Earlier sorts of wheat are plump in berry, and hardening, later sorts are still soft. Mr. Bed- ed in his death before the hoat reached ford (superintendent of the experimental farm at Brandon), has just returned from With a long trip through Southern Manitoba. He found grain everywhere fully an average crop. North of the main line of the stopped at Eastport and Mr. Sands landage crop. North of the main line of the stopped at Eastport and Mr. Sands land C. P. R. in Manitoba wheat is said to ed on the wharf for a few minutes and promise fully an average yield. Crop not then started to return to the boat. Whil so well advanced as usual, generally esti-mated about a week late. Weather very was hauled aboard and Mr. Sands was pre-

The foregoing is the text of a telegram received by Mr. O'Halloran, deputy minister of agriculture, from Dr. Saunders, director of experimental farms, who is cared for him. He died on board th

# Semi-Weekly

HIMSELF IN DESPAIR?

COMMANDER KILLED

our land positions, the Bayan, Captain Reitzenstein; the battleship Retvizan, th

Pallada, Askold and Novik, the coast de

gunboat Giliak and twelve torpedo boats

chingsky were ordered to support ou right flank at the demand of Lieut. Gen

"Our ships preceded by mine destroy

"On their return, which they effected

with the same precautions, a mine ex

St. Petersburg, Aug. 8.—The city is ful

of rumors that Port Arthur has fallen due to reports from Chefoo of another as

the combined land and sea forces, thoug

Japs on All Sides of Port Arthur New.

the Japanese lost three warships, includ-

ers steamed toward Lungantan, from where they bombarded the Japanese pos-

ions until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

More Rumors of Port Arthur's Fall.

forces at Port Arthur).

the fortress itself.

least expected.

under the command of Rear Admiral Les

That the Fortress Has Been Taken—Alexieff Reports Two

Jap Cruisers Destroyed-10,000 Sick and Wounded

at Russian Stronghold, and Capture

Seems Near.

London, Aug. 9—According to corre-spondent of the Morning Post at Shanghai, it is reported there that there are 10,000 "On July 27 in view of the Japanese

It is reported, the correspondent says, fense ships Crominschi and Otvashni, th

is reported there that there are 10,000

and that the Russians are negotiating with the Japanese to send the hospital

that Lieut.-General Stoessel (in command

committed suicide and that panie prevails

coceeded north and expects to attack Liao

Che Foo, Aug. 8, 6 p. m.-During the

gust 3. It has been impossible to obtain

confirmation of the report of the sinking

off Port Arthur of a Japanese cruiser but

the vessel is said to have sunk in a place

The refugees report that the Russian

from one of the mines which the Jap-

anese constantly send in toward the har-

bor entrance. The explosion occurred at the spot just previously vacated by the Russian gunboat Gillak, which had been

in that position for months acting

troops are from 10 to 15 versts from the

their trenches nearer the fortress. The Russian resistance to the efforts is con-

lessly harrasses the diggers. The Japanese are said to have 60 guns in position on

A refugee who witnessed the fighting at Wolf's Hill on July 26 and 27 declared

that 4,000 Russian troops defended that portion, all the approaches to which had

rolled rocks down on the enemy with effect more fatal than their bullets. The

Russian mines were cleverly concealed in

an open field. Their composition was as follows: At the bottom was layer of high

explosive, next a layer of rocks and the whole covered with sod. The explosion of

hese mines threw the rocks for a distance

of one or two versts. It is alleged that with the exception of four men who were captured, two squadrons of Japanese cav

alry were wiped out by the explosion of

with their dead. They occupied the hill By the third day the stench from the de-

The Japanese soldiers advanced to Volfe's Hill over ground thickly strewn

risoners are quoted as saying that one of

the narrow streets of a Chinese village which was made the target of the Russian

batteries was packed with dead and

On July 27, two detachments of mar-

uch mines.

Wolf's Hill and vicinity.

where mines have been recently laid

Two French newspaper cor-

emi-circle in front of the harbor.

of the military force at Port Arthur) has

ship Mongolia away full of sick.

Arthur's Desperate Plight

# Telegraph.

### HAS PORT ARTHUR'S PARLIAMENT

Fielding Makes Slight Amendment to Clause - Wholesale Price to Be Basis of Valuation--Invoice Must Contain Sale Price and Home Price--- Criticism of Railway Subsidies.

the house met today, gave an answer to the complaint of Dr. Daniel over the fishermen in Bay des Chaleurs not lifting their nets on Sunday. At the suggestion of the fishery overseer the fishermen lifted their nets a certain height. Proceedings were taken against one of them, Mr. Ronald, and he was fined \$30 and costs. The matdepartment, when it was found that i there was an illegality it was the fault of the officer of the department, and the fine was remitted. An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court of New Brunswick

Mr. Fowler said that the count was divided and a judgment was not given as stated by the minister.

The matter then dropped.

The railway subsidy resolution was discussed in the house today. They were all reported, that is, parliament had passe upon them already and they were being renewed. Mr. Barker, Conservative member for Hamilton, called on the govern ment to strike out the proposed subsidy of from a quarter to half a million dollars for the Nipigon railway, which, he said, was promoted by James Conmee, M. P., to connect the west end of Lake Superior with the Grand Trunk Pacific by way of Lake Nipigon. He declared it a disgrace to parliament for the minister of railways to bring down a proposal like went on to observe that this Nipigon rail-way charter was granted to Jas. Conmee, a couple of Americans, Mr. Conmee's sor in-law and his solicitor.

The minister of railways said it was no necessary to look into the personnel of the company until the subsidy contract was being prepared. All the resolutions were adopted and a bill read a first time.

After the railway resolutions had been adopted, Mr. Fielding moved the anti-dumping amendment to the customs act. The minister said that he had explained the proposition in his budget speech and afterwards upon introducing the resolution. To make the act more workable he wanted to introduce another amendment.

The first amendment was that in cases where the duty on an article was 50 per cent or more, the dumping clause would not give one invoice for the customs offinet be put in operation. The duty in that cer and another for the importer, as cercase was a protective one, and no additable tain European houses would. Neither tion to it was necessary. In cases where the difference between the entry price dumping clause would not apply. There was no doubt the carrying out of the act would cause considerable work to the of-

ficials and it was thought not necessary

Ottawa, Ang. 8-Mr. Prefontaine, when to add to their work in cases where the difference was small. In reply to Mr. Brock, Mr. Paterson was the general selling price in the coun

Wholesale Price Would be the Value.

said that the wholesale price would be taken as the fair market price. The present act provided for the treatment of roices. The customs officials would do in to others; that was to treat all cases that came before them intelligently. In the opinion of Mr. Brock there were

many ways of avoiding the dumping clause. Mr. Fielding said that devices at times Marquis Oyama (commander-in-chief of the Japanese forces in Manchuria) has Mr. Brock was afraid that one collector Yang August 20. might put one interpretation on what was Refugees Tell of Port

fair market value and another another iterpretation upon it. Mr. Fielding answered that the custom last 24 hours 200 Chinese and 50 Russian refugees have arrived here from Port Ar-thur. They almost all left there on Au-Mr. Paterson said the board of customs

carrying out the law and had refraine in the past invoices would be required which the exporter would have to certify. In future there would have to be a double column. In one would be placed the home price and in the other the price at which be imposed. This was a fine equal to the value of the goods and \$200 for each false entry made. The importers knew the

rholesale evasions being attempted. Mr. Brock said that the large houses to evade the tariff obligations.

Mr. Fielding hoped that prorogatio would take place at noon on Wednesday

### ST. STEPHEN MAN

Dr. Saunders of the Experimental George B. Sands Fell 25 Feet While Was on It.

76 years of age, a retired dry goods mer chant of St. Stephen (N.B.), received injuries by a fall from the steamer Henry Eaton, at Eastport tonight, which result-

With a party of Foresters Mr. Sands pitated into the water 25 feet below, nead striking on the steamer's guard as he fell. He was taken from the water and carried into the cabin where a physicia

#### HALIFAX DESPERADO BREAKS PRISON.

"Chip" Seeley, Who Was Recently Sent to Dorchester for Twelve Years, Made a Sensational Escape Saturday.

"Chip" Seeley, the Halifax desperado and hour before he was missed. The staff was quickly placed at different places throughprize fighter, who was recently brought to the prison here for a period of twelve will succeed in evading his pursuers. years, made good his escape on Saturday. under sensational circumstances.

While leaving the cell for the school room, he entered the air shaft of the old believed, by the escaped convert. dome and ascended to the roof of the building and thence descended by a rope

It being the noon hour he quickly scaled by all.

out the country but it is believed that he

# try of production.

Mr. Fielding, also answering Mr. Brock

nad not yet considered the machinery for from drawing up regulations until after the resolution passed. In the future as

who made an attempt to reach Port Arthur by junk saw the Japanese fleet on confirmation of these rumors. It is beho were the goods were sold to the Can buyer. A declaration would have to be signed by the exporting firm that the in-voice was true and honest and that there had been no drawback of any kind. If here was any misstatement the invoice could be imposed. A fraudulent invoice might be passed but the authorities had the power to go back after 100 years and collect the duty on the full value of the articles. Not only this, but any time within three years not only the full duty alty for the violation of the law could

penalties and there was small danger the United States were too honorable to connive at customs evasion. They would tain European houses would. Neither would the large Canadian houses attempt

tions and adjourned at 1 o'clock, making

## KILLED AT EASTPORT

Boarding Steamer H. F. Eaton-Gangplank Withdrawn While He

Calais, Me., Aug. 8-George B. Sands,

nes and sailors numbering 260 men, los very commissioned officer as a result of the first volley fired by the Japanese.

By the night of July 27 the Russian solliers had been fighting 48 hours with a ninimum of rest, food and water. They were then relieved by reserves who arrived at the lines led by bands playing the ational anthem. At the conclusion of the nthem cheers were given along the entire Russian line for the emperor. A pro-clamation published by General Stoessel, commander in chief at Port Arthur thanking the soldiers and declaring that heir work in defense of the fortress never would be forgotten was read to the troops who again cheered. At this time parts o

#### Alexieff Reports Driving Jap Fleet and Pounding Besiegers.

Russians could hear them talking.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 8.-Emperor Nicholas has received the following despatch from Viceroy Alexieff dated at Mukden

"Telegrams received today from Port Arthur and from the Commander of the squadron (Rear Admiral Withoft) state that the cruiser Buyan, Askold, Pallada been by anticles found on the bodies, no and Novik and some gunboats steamed out of the harbor on July 26 for the purpose of bombarding the enemy's positions. They Dorchester, N. B., Aug. 8.-(Special) - the pailsade and was away about half an were attacked by the Japanese battle- Pueblo. ship Chinyen, the protected cruisers Chiyoda, Ituskushima and Matsushima and two second class cruisers with thirty tor-

# London Hears That News, Together With Repeated Rumors DUNDONALD ARRIVES

His Return Not Hastened by the War Office.

Morning Post Says Dismissed G. O. C.'s ment's Farewell to Minto.

London cable says: "The Morning Post

### Aug. 6. They were twice arrested and lieved that the Japanese are still unable turned back. They counted 24 vessels of to capture the outer works, much less

"Lord Dundonald, interviewed at Liver St. Petersburg, Aug. 8.—The report that pool, said it was not advisable to make the Japanese are landing troops in Louisa any statement respecting the cause of his Bay (about nine miles northwest of Port departure from Canada. He decided no Arthur) evokes no surprise at the war of- to say anything until he had reported him fice. The officials there are astonished self at the war office. It was not a fac that the Japanese had neglected to do so that he had expedited his return home at the Japanese and negrected to do so at that he had expected his return home at the outset of the siege of Port Arthur. This enables the besiegers to surround the outer defences and feel out the weakest point and drive home an attack where the best people in the world.

"The St. James Gazette says there is

east expected.

The war office does not confirm the Wilfrid Laurier and R. L. Borden which Chefoo report of an attack on Port Arthur seems to show that the address of fare August fifth and believes the telegram refers to the assault of July 26, 27 and 28. well to Lord Minto is something more than an appeal to convention. The most A private telegram from Chefoo, believed to be from the Russian consul there, reports the loss of the Japanese protected cruisers Chiyoda and Itsukushima by the explosion of mines off Port Arthur.

# IN ENGLAND SILENT

Method of Appealing to Canadian People is Not Approved, But His Insubordination Has Been Condoned-Praise for Parlia-

Montreal, Aug. 8-(Special)-A specia Liberals outside the province of Quebec Frazee, J. H. Balcolm, Fred A. Scrivern,

#### His Return Not Hastened.

nerman, Lloyd George and others whose attitude during the Boer war never has

been forgotten by the vast majority of

### 45 degrees. In many instances the Russian soldiers dropped their rifles and rolled rocks down on the enemy with ef-TAKEN FROM RAILWAY WRECK

World's Fair Flyer Goes Through a Bridge Into a Raging Torrent---Two Cars and Engine Go Down; Others Stay on Brink-Only Four Escaped.

Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 8.-The wreck of the i the gangway. When Engineer Hindman vorld's fair flyer on the Denver and Rio | felt the tremor in the great machine and composing bodies which were not interred Grand Railroad near Eden, seven miles for lack of time became intense. Japanese north of Pueblo, dast evening, proves to have been one of the greatest railroad disasters in the history of the country. - Two crowded passenger cars and a bag gage car were engulfed in the torrent that fore out a trestle spanning Steele's Hol low, otherwise known as Dry Creek, and sa far as known tonight only three of the occupants of these cars escaped death. Fortunately two sleeping cars and a din ner completing the train remained on the track at the edge of the abyss and none of their occupants were killed or injured How many perished probably never will be definitely ascertained for the treacher ous sands are drifting over the bodies Searching for the dead was begun about midnight on an extensive scale and still is in progress tonight. All corpses found were brought to Pueblo and placed in four morgues here.

At 8 o'clock this evening 76 bodies had

been recovered and of these fifty had been identified. During the day bodies were recovered all the way along Fountain At 1 o'clock this afternoon two bodies vere taken from the stream at First street, Pueblo, more than eight miles from

the point where the disaster occurred, and it is believed some may be recovered ever further down stream. None of the bodies is badly mutilated

been by anticles found on the bodies, no persons who viewed them recognizing the features.

The description of the bodies, no pile driving outfits and scores of workmen were hurried from the city.

When dawn came the wonder grew that Almost all the dead and missing are from

Engine and Cars Plunge Down a Chasm.

out the country but it is believed that he will succeed in evading his pursuers.

Last night Seth Bulmer's residence at Frosty Hollow was entered and a large amount of cooked food was taken. it is believed, by the escaped convert.

No attempt to round up the fugitive is seeing made by any of the citizens as his unusual fighting qualities are well known by all.

Engineer Charles Hindman was running further over. The Arroyo had been widen cautiously about fifteen miles an hour as hour as the approached the Arroyo which was summoned and further over. The Arroyo had been widen cautiously about fifteen miles an hour as he approached the Arroyo which was summoned and further over. The Arroyo had been widen cautiously about fifteen miles an hour as he approached the Arroyo which was summoned and further over. The Arroyo had been widen cautiously about fifteen miles an hour as the approached the Arroyo which was summoned and further over. The Arroyo had been widen cautiously about fifteen miles an hour as the approached the Arroyo which was summoned and further over. The Arroyo which was summoned and further over. The Arroyo had been widen cautiously about fifteen miles an hour as the approached the Arroyo which was summoned and further over. The Arroyo which was suruck by lightning.

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caught a glimmer on the water he snouted evidently thinking that in the accident he felt certain was coming the flames would serve to spread fire. But before Hayfield could obey, and while the words were still on the lips of the doomed man and his the air, the bridge gave way as though it had been a stack of kindling wood and the locomotive dropped with the hissing of steam thirty feet to the bottom of the The baggage car, smoking car and chair

car followed the locomotive into the stream and were swept away. All of the occu pants of these cars except three men perished and had not the roof of the chair car burst asunder none would have escaped. The fireman, as the locomotive went over, was thrown out and managing to grasp a piece of wreckage from the bridge floated with that to a curve made by the caving bank and crept out of the water. He ran toward Eden, meeting on the way operator F. M. Jones and his wife who "Notify Pueblo," came the voice of the running man. "The train's gone down and everybody is killed." already had started up the track. Even as he spoke, relates the operator,

there were cries coming from the distance The two men ran to where the bridge had been to search, but in vain, for vic tims of the disaster. When they reached the spot all cries for help had ceased. Relief trains with physicians, wreck and four had been permitted to emerge alive

from the raging torrent.

The end of the Pullman car Wyuta ex-Engine and Cars Plunge Down a Chasm.

Engineer Charles Hindman was running broken timbers and twisted rails hung still

### CANADIAN YACHT WON THE THIRD RACE EASILY

O. O. F. DELEGATES **GATHERING AT FREDERICTON** 

Three Hundred Expected to Attend Grand Lodge Opening Wednesday Morning.

Lightning Destroys Two Barns and Contents and Wrecks Baptist Church in Sunbury County - Another Attempted Robbery -Other News of the Capital.

Fredericton, Aug. 8-(Special)-An in quest over the body of the late Geral Woodward, the young Englishman drowned at St. Mary's last Wednesday, was com Bowder and Charles Shanks, were exam ined, but their evidence was unimportant ing occurred. The inquiry will be resumed on Friday.

Grand encampment of Oddfellows of the naritime provinces will open in Oddfellows Hall here at 10 o'clock tomorrow Black, William Kenny, Amherst; J. C. P. would approve of the step which was really J. A. Laidlaw, Halifax; Alex. Stocker, J. Windsor; P. A. MacGowan, Melvin Mc-

> Keen and J. M. Ross, Moncton, The Grand Lodge of Oddfellows will eet Wednesday morning. About 300 delegates are expected.
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> The local Oddfellows will entertain the sitors to a sail on the steamer Victoria

hursday afternoon. No arrests have yet been made in con nection with yesterday morning's robberies at Hunt & McDonald's and Burchill's Henry Phillips has pleaded guilty in

the police court to the charge of stealing Albert Stillwell's watch and chain. The police magistrate today further remanded nim till Wednesday for sentence. Mrs. Geo. N. Babbitt and daughters Carrie and Bessie, received quite a scare about 1 o'clock this morning. Mr. Babbitt and family have been camping for a few days at Pine Bluff, and last night Mrs. Balblitt and two daughters were the only cupants of the family home on Unive sity street. About I o'clock this morni hey were awakened by hearing footstep on the veranda. Two men were heard quietly talking and moving about and trying the door. Then they were heard working with a key at the keyhole. Mrs. Babbitt telephoned to the gas house office cross the street, and at the sound of the elephone the men made off. They drove the house with a horse and wagon, and idently came with the expectation of inding the house unoccupied. They got out of sight before Mrs. Babbitt could get e gas house watchman to the telephone. Lightning early yesterday morning truck Reuben Bailey's barn at Three Tree Creek, Sunbury county. The barn was ourned to the ground with five tons of chickens. The chimney of the Baptis and broken. Most of the top bricks fel hrough the roof into the church. Ben

had her left thigh broken. New York Butchers to Strike.

Tracy's barn at Tracy Station was also

struck and destroyed, with contents.
Mrs. Thomas Moss, of New Maryland, aged 82, fell from her chair yesterday and

New York, Aug. 8.—The advisory board of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workers Union of North America at a meeting tonight decided to order a strike in New York and vicinity. Between 3,000 and 4,000 men will be called

Toulon Fire Still Spreading. Toulon, France, Aug. 8.—The fire which brances, of Rockland, was sunk off Cape oroke out at the arsenal here at mid-

#### Noorna Won by **Nearly Four** Minutes.

NO. 91.

Defender Outsailed the White Bear Five Out of Six Legs -Wind 15 Miles an Hour-Mishap to Winner After the Race Was Over.

Montreal, Aug. 8.—(Special)—The Noor-na this afternoon on Lake St. Louis cap-tured the third race for the Sewanhaka cup and the score now stands two to one in favor of the Canadian defender. The course was two miles to windward and return three times and the race was sailed in a fifteen knot breeze. The Yankee led ten seconds at the start

but was passed after 300 yards had been covered. From this until the finish the defender showed her stern to the challenger and crossed the line three minutes and forty-five seconds in advance The White Bear lost on all but one of the six legs and this was on the last-the run home, when the challenger gained

In windward work the Canadian showed to best advantage in the race. She stood ing the protected cruisers Chiyoda and a concession to Sir Henry Campbell-Ban- J. A. Laidiaw, Hamax, Alex. Stocker, J. pure well and pointed much higher than the challenger.

Just after crossing the finish line the Noorna met with an accident, which would have lost the race had it happened earlier. The gear for hoisting the mainsail gave way and the sail came tumbling on the

Official time-Start, 1.50.

White Bear. .. .. .. .. ... 2.28.31 

Third Round. 

PROMINENT MONTREAL EXPORTER DROWNED

Montreal, Aug. 8-(Special)-D. A. Mc-Pherson, a prominent produce exporter, was drowned in the Coteau Rapids this mer home, Stanley Island, and was returning to Montreal accompanied by his physician. It is not known whether he jumped or fell overboard. No one saw him go in the water.

12,000 NUNS SEEK EMPLOYMENT.

Closing of French Convents Forces Them to Apply for Employment. Paris, Aug. 8-During the past few

weeks it is estimated that 12,000 nuns have applied at bureaus in various parts pacity. They explain that by the closing of the convents by order of the government they are homeless and penniless.

Rockland, Me., Aug. 8 .- A special from desperate efforts of the firemen, troops and sailors who are encouraged by the presence of generals, admirals and the presence of generals, admirals and the presence of generals.

### ence of generals, admirals and other high | One man was saved and landed at Nor-STEEVES MT. CHURCH.

Young Lady Hurled from Doorway and Rendered Unconscious -Several Others Stunned-People Had Just Gathered for Sunday Service.

Salisbury, Aug. 8-Yesterday morning | the doorway at the time, was hurled sevthe Union church on Steeves Mountain eral feet and picked up unconscious. Dr. Moore, of Salisbury, was summoned and