

The News Briefly Told

THE WORLD'S EVENTS OF INTEREST CHRONICLED IN SHORT ORDER.

Interesting Happenings of Recent Date—The Latest News of Our Own Country—Doings in the Mother Land—What is Going on in the United States—Notes From the World Over.

CANADA.

Hamilton's death rate was only 20 per thousand.

There is a move to establish a tourist association for Quebec.

The estate of the late F. S. Rathbun, Deseronto, amounts to \$89,000.

Losses by fire in London, Ont., during the past year amounted to \$45,000.

The Ontario Legislature has been called for Feb. 1st for the despatch of business.

During the past six months London has had 294 births, 169 marriages and 196 deaths.

Individual communion cups were introduced in Centenary Church, Hamilton last night.

T. J. McNamara reports at Vancouver the finding of a skeleton of a mastodon on his claim in Alaska.

Six cases of smallpox have broken out a short distance from Montreal, in the vicinity of Coteau du Lac.

Archbishop Bruchési, in a pastoral letter to the clergy of the Diocese of Montreal, interdicts church bazaars.

There are now three law suits pending against London in connection with its City Hall disaster of a year ago.

The quantity of lumber imported into Manitoba during the past year was over 30,000,000 feet, all from United States mills.

During the past year the Catholic parishes of Quebec city have had 362 marriages, 2,235 baptisms and 1,541 deaths.

Harry Cole of Ottawa, who accidentally shot Wm. Hubbell of Havelock near Dauphin last week, has been committed for trial.

It is reported in Winnipeg that the Local Legislature will meet on February 2nd, and that a redistribution bill will be introduced.

Proceedings have been taken to extradite P. F. Rollinson, the Ottawa insurance agent arrested at Adrian, Mich., for forgery.

It is reported that the Government will shortly order an investigation into the conduct of affairs at St. Paul's, Man., Indian School.

"Indian Jim," who hacked a Chinese storekeeper to death with an axe and was sentenced to life imprisonment, will have a new trial at Nanaimo.

A guest at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, registered as Frank Langdon, Brooklyn, is missing since Dec. 4. His belongings, left behind, indicate a man of means.

Mr. J. Christie, of Greenwood, has tendered his resignation as Dominion veterinary inspector, for the southern portion of Yale District, B.C.

The Hamilton Board of trade has appointed a committee to consider what improvements can be made in the unsatisfactory assessment in that city.

Guards in Kingston penitentiary are being subjected to a rigid examination as to physical condition. Those considered unfit for service will be dismissed.

At the opening of the British Columbia Legislature the Lieutenant-Governor announced that a bill would be brought in for the exclusion of aliens in Atlin district.

The Crow's Nest Railway is now working under order, and three passenger trains are sent over it each way every week. The regular freight traffic is steadily increasing.

Bridget Blaisdell of Lynden has been released from the penitentiary at Kingston. She had been sentenced for life, but after nineteen years' imprisonment a pardon was granted her.

At Baldur, Man., two men entered the office of Mr. John Hanover, Treasurer of Argyle municipality, covered him with revolvers and took \$700 from the safe and made their escape.

Hamilton city council has passed a by-law granting the T. H. & B. Railway a rebate of \$1,000 a year on its taxes, the company to extend a branch to the northern section of the city.

Fred. W. Johnson, the colored man who, with his colored lady companion, was refused orchestra seats at the Academy of Music, Montreal, and sued Sparrow & Jacobs for damages, has been awarded \$50 damages and all costs.

Suit has been entered at Victoria, B.C., against D. A. Stoddart, ex-M.P.P. for E. T. Lalonde, in the British Columbia Legislature, for \$2,600,000, being the penalty at \$500 a day for having, as alleged, sat during the last session without qualification.

The Midland Board of Trade endorses the proposition of constructing a loop line railway from a point between Alandale and Collingwood on the Northern Railway to Bradford on the same line, and a resolution to that end was ordered to be sent to the Board of Trade of Toronto.

The will of the late Robert Thomson, lumberman, has been filed for probate at Hamilton, Ont. The personal estate is about \$100,000 and real estate \$100,000. After a legacy of \$3,000 to a niece and \$10,000 to a sister of deceased, the balance of the estate goes to the widow and the son, J. J. Charreux Thomson.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Zola is writing of his flight from France.

An English vicar just sent to goal for forgery had published a book entitled "Resist not evil."

It has been computed that more than 100,000 inhabitants of London are employed at night work.

Sir Alfred Milner, Governor of South Africa, will sail from London for Cape Town on January 28th.

William Morris's library, recently sold at auction in London, brought nearly \$55,000 for 1,215 lots.

Col. Sir Francis Wingate has been promoted to the position of Adjutant-General of the Egyptian army.

The Duke of Connaught and his son, Prince Arthur, leave Florence for Egypt and Khartoum next week.

Rudyard Kipling, Mrs. Kipling and his family will sail from Liverpool for New York on the steamer Majestic on January 25.

The London Chronicle says a cordial welcome will be extended to Mr. Joseph Hodges Choate, as United States Ambassador to Great Britain.

London is delighted with the novelty of having some of its fire ladders drawn by horses instead of by hand. These are called "horsed fire escapes."

The London, Eng., hospital has asked 365 wealthy persons to send \$1,000 each to that institution on their birthdays.

The Kynoch Company, of Birmingham, Eng., has a contract for 10,000,000 cartridges for the United States Government, 1,000,000 weekly.

Great Britain's revenue for the quarter ending Dec. 31, was \$143,061,670, an increase of \$4,318,000 over the corresponding quarter of last year.

It is rumoured in theatrical circles in London that Sir Henry Irving, owing to illness, may retire from the stage and sell the Lyceum Theatre.

The Board of Trade returns of Great Britain's foreign trade for the month of December show increases over 1897 of \$3,998,100 in imports and \$1,658,300 in exports.

According to official figures, Great Britain expends \$90,000,000 a year on the support of the poor, and Germany \$25,000,000. This does not include private charities.

Aubrey Beardsley's original drawings have made their appearance in London auctions. The first lot sold since the artist's death, brought from \$36.50 to \$38.50 a piece.

An English guide-book makes the curious assertion that a large proportion of those who have made the ascent of Mont Blanc have been persons of unsound mind.

Sir Henry Hawkins, the English judge who resigned last week, has presented Cardinal Vaughan with \$15,000 towards a new Roman Catholic cathedral at Westminster.

The Rev. Mr. Grundy has been vicar of Hey, in Lancashire, for sixty years. He is 92 years of age, and read prayers before the Princess Victoria in William IV's time.

The Duke of Beaufort is one of the few people in England who have carried on extensive experiments in the breeding of the large mules used in Flanders and Spain for light road work.

A cargo of parrots that arrived in Leith, Scotland, was bought up at once by a firm of whiskey manufacturers. The birds were taught to cry "Drink Blank's whiskey," and were then distributed in gilt cages to Liverpool saloon keepers.

At a banquet in Scotland recently, Lord Rosebery lost a ruby out of a favorite ring. He was very much worried about the loss, and when after diligent search one of his Scotch friends found the jewel, he gave a handsome cheque to the finder.

A London plumber is under arrest for stealing two houses. He was two months at work tearing them down and taking away the material without any one interfering with him. It was only when the owner went to look at his houses himself that he found they were gone.

Mr. Thomas Townshend Bucknill, Queen's Counsel and member of Parliament in the Conservative interest for Mid-Surrey, Epsom, has been raised to the Bench of the High Court of Judicature, in succession to Mr. Justice Henry Hawkins, who recently retired.

Jane, Dowager Lady Carew, has just entered upon her 101st year. She dined at the Duchess of Richmond's ball at Brussels on the night before Waterloo. Two other ladies, still living at a very advanced age, were present at the ball, Lady Louisa Tighe and her sister, Lady Sophia Cecil. The latter, a child of six, had been put to bed, but stole out in her nightgown and watched the ball from over the banisters. She was a daughter of the Duchess.

UNITED STATES.

There are about 200,000 Mormons in Utah and the contiguous States and Territories.

Ice dealers at Syracuse, N. Y., have formed a combine with a capital of \$600,000.

Shipments of iron ore from Lake Superior are about 1,200,000 tons greater than in 1897.

The present population of New Mexico is estimated at 285,000, including about 26,000 Indians.

New York Superior Court judges appeared in black silk gowns on Thursday for the first time.

Raffaelli Ungerto, at Chicago, on his way to St. Cloud, B.C., was robbed of \$565 by a bogus police officer.

George F. Bielmaier, a Buffalo man, has been found wandering in the streets of San Francisco, insane.

During the eleven months ended with November, 516,852 persons visited the Congressional Library at Washington.

Six miners were killed by the fall of a cage down a shaft five hundred feet at the Lake Superior Iron Co.'s mine at Ishpeming, Mich.

The Chicago Chief of Police has instructed his men to "shoot to kill" when necessary in dealing with highwaymen or notorious thugs.

It is said that the recent advance in

security market values, has added not less than \$25,000,000 to the personal fortune of William K. Vanderbilt.

The friends of Senator McMillan of Michigan says that when his term as Senator expires, he will return to Detroit and engage in active business.

The enrollment of the Chickasaw nation has been completed by the Dawes Commission, and shows a total of 13,490, of whom 9,938 are Chickasaws and 3,562 Choctaws.

In Buffalo a planer is in operation which at each cut removes a shaving full twelve inches wide from solid cast iron. The knife is between twelve and thirteen inches thick.

Mrs. Lucretia Kent, a widow, has been found dead in her house at Springfield, Ill. The body was found with one hand pinioned under a folding bed. She lived alone.

Thomas Kiely, of Pana, Ill., while making arrangements for the burial of his sister, was killed on a crossing near the burial ground, and the two were buried together.

Lewis Doane, twenty-two years old, died in Lyons, N.Y., on Saturday from convulsions produced by a fright he was given by an alleged "ghost" at a Halloween party.

The Town of Pullman is to be annexed to Chicago, and the Pullman Company will sell all their property in the place not required for their business to the highest bidder.

Irishmen of New York city have organized the United States Independent League. A Canadian branch is proposed. All opposed to Anglo-Saxon alliance are invited to join the league.

The railroad bill and the bill taxing insurance companies 2 per cent. on their gross premiums, as passed by the extra session of the Kansas Legislature, have been signed by Governor Leedy.

The citizens of Eagle City, Alaska, waited on Jack Jolly and his gang of gamblers and toughs, giving them 48 hours to leave the city. Jolly refused to go and was hanged by a vigilance committee.

The Assabet Manufacturing Company, of Boston, with woolen mills at Maynard, has made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. The liabilities, according to the July statement, amounted to \$3,018,161, including \$1,000,000 capital stock.

At Cincinnati, Ohio, Judge Holister has reversed the police court ruling in the Christian Science case of Harriet Evans and freed her. The court holds that the rites she performed were religious and not medical, and therefore not within the jurisdiction of the law under which she was prosecuted.

Perry Jones, cashier of the First National Bank of Phillipsburg, Pa., one of the most extensive coal operators in that section, and largely interested in manufacturing enterprises in that vicinity, committed suicide at his residence on Friday night. It is supposed that recent hard work and anxiety were the causes.

When Mr. Calvin S. Brice of New York died, it was said he had left a fortune of \$10,000,000. A petition for letters of administration filed in the Surrogate's office declares he left no real estate, and that his personal property is valued at \$600,000. It is said Mr. Brice lived at the rate of \$200,000 a year.

GENERAL.

Sarah Bernhardt is learning to play golf.

The betrothal of Queen Welhelmina of Holland is denied.

Emperor William is ill. His old ear troubles has returned.

The German weavers' strike is spreading and 6,000 men are out.

It is proposed to make Roma a seaport. Estimated cost \$12,000,000.

Berlin police are measuring and photographing all known Anarchists.

The chief eunuch of the Sultan of Turkey is dead. He was worth \$200,000.

A congress for the annihilation of tuberculosis will convene in Berlin on May 23.

The Vatican will not be represented at the forthcoming disarmament conference.

Spain has lost about 300 war-vessels by battle and wreck since the sixteenth century.

New silver, hardly yet in circulation in Paris, has already been counterfeited.

Emperor William has conferred the order of the Black Eagle upon Herr Adolph Menzel, the noted German.

Floods in Chinese provinces have destroyed the crops and famine has resulted in many parts of the Empire.

Emperor William himself designed the costumes in which the Empress was arrayed during her visit in Palestine.

France is burdened with 400,000 public officials, costing the state \$15,000,000 francs a year, according to the estimate of Le Temps.

Since 1875 Hamburg has added to its population twice as many persons as Boston, and Leipzig has overtaken St. Louis.

The Queen of Greece has bestowed the Medal of Valour on 100 women who served as nurses in the late war between Turkey and Greece.

The first narrow gauge railway train run by electricity in Europe was given a trial on a short road between Dusseldorf and Krefeld Germany.

Of the thirty-eight Sultans who have reigned over the Ottoman Empire since the conquest of Constantinople, thirty-four have died violent deaths.

General Lord Kitchener, the Sirdar, has decided to send a strong expedition against Khalifa Abdullah, who is now in Darfur with a large force of Dervishes.

Forty harbour engineers commissioned by the Russian Government have left St. Petersburg for Tientsin, China, to carry out harbour works there.

MARKETS OF THE WORLD.

Prices of Grain, Cattle, Cheese, &c. in the Leading Markets.

LIVE STOCK MARKET

Toronto, Jan. 9.—We had a market here to-day of rather unexpected proportions; there were, all told, 30 loads of offerings here, and most of it sold at fairly steady prices.

We had no export cattle worth specializing here, and prices are nominal, at from \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt. The Mail and Empire special cable quotes cattle unchanged and steady at the recent slight advance.

Butcher cattle are quoted at from \$1-2 to \$3-4 to 4c per pound; of course the latter price is for choice selections; medium and common stuff sells down to 3c per pound.

The market has not yet recovered from its holiday character, and sales are mostly in small mixed lots. Here are some of the larger transactions to-day:—

A load of 22 cattle, averaging 1,050 lbs., sold at \$4 per cwt.

Sixteen cattle, averaging 1,150 lbs., sold at \$3.25 each.

A load of 20 cattle, averaging 1,075 lbs., sold at 4c per pound.

A lot of ten cattle, averaging 975 lbs., sold at \$1-4c per pound.

Seventeen cattle, averaging 1,060 lbs., sold at \$3.65 per cwt.

Milkers are quiet, few coming in, and an easy demand; but a few choice cows will sell at from \$40 to \$50 each.

Shipments bulls are worth from \$3.40 to \$4 per cwt.

Stockers are worth from \$3.75 to \$3.40 per cwt.

Sheep are unchanged; lambs are firmer at 4 to 4 1/4c per pound.

A few choice veals will sell.

Nine hundred hogs came in, and prices are a shade better. For the very best selection 41-2c was paid to-day; light hogs fetch 41-8c; and thick fat hogs are dull at 33-4c per pound. Store hogs will not sell.

Following is the range of prices to-day:

CATTLE.

Shipping, per cwt. \$ 4.00 \$4.50

Butcher, choice, do 3.50 4.00

Butcher, medium to good 3.25 3.50

Butcher, inferior 3.00 3.25

Sheep and Lambs.

Ewes, per cwt. 3.00 3.50

Bucks, per cwt. 2.50 2.75

Lambs, per cwt. 4.00 4.25

Milkers and Calves.

Cows, each 25.00 50.00

Calves, each 2.00 6.00

Hogs.

Choice hogs, per cwt. 4.25 4.50

Light hogs, per cwt. 4.00 4.12-1/2

Heavy, do., per cwt. 4.00 3.75

DRESSED HOGS AND PROVISIONS.

With the lapse of the holidays and the renewal of colder weather, the offerings of dressed hogs have increased, especially in the heavy lines. Western hogs were quoted, on track, in car lots, at about \$5 to \$5.10, mixed weights; and Northern at about \$5.10 to \$5.15 for select lots. On the street farmers' loads were quoted at from \$5.25 to \$5.40, according to quality.

Market for provisions dull.

Quotations are as follows:—Dry salted shoulders, 7 1/2; long clear bacon, car lots, 7 1/2c; ton lots and case lots, 7 3/4c; or backs, 8 1/2 to 8 3/4c.

Smoked Meats—Hams, heavy, 9 1/2 to 10c; medium, 10 to 10 1/2c; light, 11c; breakfast bacon, 10 1/2 to 11c; picnic hams, 7 3/4 to 8c. All meats out of pickle 1c less than prices quoted for smoked meats.

Lard—Tierces, 7c; tubs, 7 1/2 to 7 3/4c; pails, 7 3/4 to 8c; compound, 6 to 6 1/2c.

BREADSTUFFS ETC.

Wheat—The Chicago market opened strong, but closed at about 1c, decline from best prices. Local trade was quiet.

Red wheat sold at 69c, north and west, and white at 69 1/2c; goosa wheat, outside, was quoted at 70 to 71c; Manitoba was easier, at 80c, asked for No. 1 hard, and 77c, asked for No. 2 hard and No. 1 Northern, Toronto and west.

Flour—Dull; straight roller is held at \$3.20, middle freights, and \$3.10 is bid.

Milfeed—Continues scarce; demand is good; ton lots of bran at the local mills bring \$14, and of shorts \$16; car lots, middle freights, are quoted at \$13 for bran, and \$15 for shorts.

Oatmeal—Firm. Car lots of rolled oats, in bags, on track here, are quoted at \$3.40 per bbl, and in bbls., at \$3.50.

Peas—Firm. Car lots, north and west are quoted at 66c, and east at 67c.

Oats—Firm tone. White oats, north and west, in car lots, sold at 29c, and there is firm bidding at 29c, for large quantities.

Rye—Firm. Car lots, north and west, 53c, and east, 54c.

Buckwheat—Quiet, but firm. Car lots, outside, 48 to 48 1/2c.

Corn—Lower. Canadian yellow, Chatham, is quoted at 35c. American yellow old, on track here. At 45c; and same new, at 42 1/2c.

Barley—Firm. Car lots of No. 1, outside, are quoted at 48 to 50c.

PRODUCE.

Eggs—No special feature in the market. New-laid stock scarce. Choice boiling stock sells at 20 to 23c; held fresh or cold stored at 16c, and limed at 14 to 15c.

Potatoes—Steady, and plenty here for the present demand. Choice sold to-day on track, car lots, at 55 to 58c. Dealers sell out of store at 55 to 70c; farmers' loads sell at around 50 to 60c.

Poultry—Very quiet. Quotations are:

Chickens, per pair, 25 to 40c; ducks, 40 to 60c; geese, per lb., 5 1/2 to 6c; turkeys, per lb., 8 to 9c.

Beans—Better feeling. Choice hand-picked beans sell at \$1.10 to \$1.25; and common at 60 to 70c per bush.

Dried apples—Very scarce and firm. Dealers pay 4 1/2 for dried stock, delivered here, and small lots resell at 5 to 5 1/2c; evaporated, 8 to 8 1/2c; for small lots.

Honey—Steady. Round lots of choice delivered here, will bring about 5 1/2 to 6c; dealers quote from 6 to 7c per lb., for 10 to 60-lb. tins, and in comb at around \$1.25 to \$1.50 per dozen sections.

Baled hay—Dull and easy. Strictly choice in car lots, is quoted at \$8.50 to \$7.50 per ton; and No. 2, at \$6.

Straw—Unchanged. Car lots are quoted at \$4 to \$4.50, on track.

Hops—Outside holders a little easier in their ideas owing to the falling off of the demand. Dealers here sell at 16 to 20c, and outside holders are asking 18c, for choice.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Not active. Receipts fair, and composed mainly of large dairy rolls. Creamery butter steady. Quotations are as follows:—Dairy, tub, poor to medium, 11 to 12c; choice, 13 to 14 1/2c; large rolls, 14 to 15c; small dairy, lb prints, about 15 to 16c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 19 to 20c; lbs, 20 to 21c.

Cheese—Market, firm, but quiet; choice stock sells at from 10 to 10 1/2c.

Buffalo, Jan. 9.—Spring wheat—Quiet steady; No. 1 hard, 79 1/4c; No. 1, 75 3/4c; No. 2 Northern, 75 1/4c. Winter wheat—Nominal; No. 2, red, 74 1/2c; No. 1 white 74 1/2c. Corn—Demand active; strong; No. 3 yellow, 38c; No. 4, yellow, 38 1/4c to 38 1/2c; No. 3 corn, 38 1/4 to 38 1/2c; No. 4 corn, 38c.

Oats—Fair inquiry; firm, No. 2 white, 33c; No. 3 white 32c; No. 4 white, 31 to 31 1/2c. Barley—Strong. Rye—Nominally 61c in store for No. 2. Flour—Quiet, but steady.

Toledo, Jan. 9.—Wheat—No. 2 cash, 70 1/2c; May, 70c. Corn—No. 2 mixed, 36c. Oats—No. 2 mixed, 28c. Rye—Dull; No. 2 cash, 56c. Cloverseed—Prime cash, \$4.30; March, \$4.62 1/2. Oil—Unchanged.

Milwaukee, Jan. 9.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 68c; No. 2 Northern, 67 to 67 1/4c. Rye—No. 1, 54 3/4 to 55c. Barley—No. 2, 51 to 51 1/2c; sample, 42 1/2 to 51c.

Minneapolis, Jan. 9.—Wheat—January, 67 3/8c; May, 67 3/4 to 67 7/8c; July, 68 3/8c, on track; No. 1 hard, 68 3/8c; No. 1 Northern, 67 3/8c; No. 2 Northern, 65 3/8c. Flour and bran—Unchanged.

Duluth, Jan. 9.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, 68 7/8c; January, 68c; May, 69 7/8c; No. 1 Northern, cash, 66c bid; January, 68c bid; May, 68 7/8c.

Detroit, Jan. 9.—Wheat closed:—No. 1 white, cash, 71c; No. 2 red, cash, and January, 70 1/2c; May 72 7/8c.

New York, Jan. 9.—Coffee—Options close steady; unchanged to five points