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**A GREAT BUILDING BOOM**

Month of March Shows Total of \$9,805,560 Permits in Canadian Cities

A despatch from Toronto says: In the May number of Construction, the building situation in Canadian cities is reported to show an average gain for March of 8 per cent. over the corresponding period last year.

Apart from Winnipeg, where a decrease of 60 per cent. is noted, Ottawa, with a set-back of 38 per cent., and Lethbridge and London, with declines of 32 and 53 per cent. respectively, the situation is regarded as satisfactory.

Toronto's investment of \$2,210,170, netting a gain of 39 per cent., reflects a state of enormous activity. In Vancouver, the work projected amounts to \$2,147,798, as against \$1,806,106 in the same period last year. Calgary, with \$1,012,260, is 143 per cent. better than her previous corresponding month. Edmonton has a gain of 3 per cent., while

Medicine Hat, in the same province, by an advance of 1,700 per cent., has the biggest proportionate increase noted in the list. Other Western gains are: Victoria, 14 per cent.; Moose Jaw, 25 per cent.; and Regina, 65 per cent., the investment in the latter place amounting to over half a million dollars.

In the province of Quebec, Montreal shows the same unremitting progress that has characterized her remarkable development during the past two years. Permits were issued for new work amounting to 1,107,577, as against \$676,804 in the same period last year, the total noted being the third highest amount recorded for the month. East of these points, Halifax and Sydney are respectively in the arrears to the extent of 49 and 30 per cent., and St. John again fails to report.

**TRIED TO WRECK BUILDING**

Dynamiters Attempt to Blow Up a Vancouver Apartment House

A despatch from Vancouver says: That an attempt to blow up with dynamite early on Wednesday morning a hundred thousand dollar four-story brick apartment house under construction, corner of Seymour and Smythe streets, was the work of striking union carpenters, is the allegation made by Contractor E. J. Ryan, who offers a reward of \$500 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the dynamiters. Night watchman Tom Willit was lurching next door when the dynamiting occurred. Rushing back he saw no-

body. Ryan says the dynamite was placed on the first floor of the building at the base of the central supporting column. The building would have collapsed if the full force of the explosion had been directed at the column. The damage done was slight. In order to deaden the noise the dynamiters had placed several sacks of plaster over the explosive. This caused the force to spread on a horizontal plane instead of straight down.

Union officials declare that Mr. Ryan's allegation is mere grand stand play.

**GREAT LONDON DOCKS.**

The First Will be Constructed at a Cost of \$12,000,000.

The first instalment of the work for the improvement of the Port of London, under the act by which the Government took over all the great docks and vested them in the control of the Port of London authority, is about to be taken in hand. The whole undertaking will occupy years and is destined to place London on an equality with Liverpool, Southampton and other ports in respect to modern equipment.

A commencement is to be made with the construction of the South Albert Dock at an expense of nearly \$12,000,000. This dock is designed to accommodate the largest ships afloat or projected. The entrance lock will have a maximum length of 1,000 feet, a width of 110 feet and a depth of 48 feet. The entrance will be 850 feet long and will be

possible of extension by a caisson. The water area of the dock will be 65 acres.

There will be a new dry dock 1,000 feet long, 110 feet wide and 38 feet deep corresponding practically in accommodation with the entrance lock.

Under the complete plan it is proposed to straighten the Thames River just below the Pool by moving some of the present docks from the north to the south side of the river, thus shortening the river passage.

**APPALLING DEATH LIST.**

Victims of Plague in India During March Numbered 45,884.

A despatch from London says: The official figures of the ravages of the bubonic plague in the Central provinces of India, show the appalling total of 45,884 deaths from the disease in March. The fatalities during February were 43,508.

**CORONATION CONTINGENT**

All the Members Must Assemble For Seven Days Drill and Instruction

A despatch from Ottawa says: Orders were issued on Wednesday regarding the Coronation contingent. The men will be paid in accordance with the rank they hold on the contingent, not the rank they hold in their own regiment. They will also be granted efficiency pay and field allowance. All the members of the contingent must assemble for seven days' drill and instruction at the depot of the arm of the service to which they belong, and for three days further at Quebec prior to embarkment for England.

The cavalry will assemble at Winnipeg, Toronto and St. John's, Que., on May 22. The field and horse artillery assemble at King-

ston and the garrison artillery at Quebec. They assemble at Kingston on May 22 and at Quebec on May 23. All the dismounted corps will assemble at Quebec on May 23.

The officers will provide themselves with uniforms of the branch of service to which they belong. The non-commissioned officers and men will take theirs with them to the point of mobilization. All warrant officers and non-commissioned officers and men will receive a free issue of one suit of service clothing and two pairs of ankle boots.

The contingent will embark on June 2 on the S.S. Empress of Ireland from Quebec, and will leave Liverpool on the return trip on July 2 per S. S. Empress of Britain.

**THE NEWS IN A PARAGRAPH**

**HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE IN A NUTSHELL.**

Canada, the Empire and the World in General Before Your Eyes.

**CANADA.**

An appeal has been entered on behalf of Mrs. Hebert in the famous marriage case.

The Management Committee of the Toronto Board of Education decided to abolish the public drinking cup in the schools.

Several buildings of the Canada Car & Foundry Company at Amherst, N.S., were burned on Thursday.

Mrs. H. S. Coulson was fatally hurt while driving in an automobile with her husband in Montreal, on Thursday.

The Grand Trunk will put four new trains into service in Western Ontario, including an early morning newspaper train out of Toronto.

The Nova Scotia Steel Company will establish a plant for turning out the heaviest forgings required for the new Canadian naval vessels.

The attempt of the Montreal Street Railway employees to form a union was met by the company discharging twenty-five conductors and motormen.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**

British Freemasons presented an address to the Duke of Connaught.

Arrests were made in connection with the Charing Cross Bank failure in London.

A non-party deputation urged on Premier Asquith the creation of an Imperial Council.

Mr. Asquith and Mr. Balfour will speak at a meeting in support of arbitration treaty.

**GENERAL.**

The Fez relief column is in desperate straits.

The Australian Labor Ministry has sustained a serious defeat.

**SUCCESSFUL YEAR.**

Advantages of Consolidation Strikingly Shown in Results of Maple Leaf Milling Company.

A special despatch from Toronto says: The success attending upon consolidation when carried out on sound business lines is strikingly shown by the results obtained by the Maple Leaf Milling Company during its first year. This company represents a consolidation of the Maple Leaf Flour Mills Company, Limited, and the Hedley Shaw Milling Company, and its first annual report to be issued shortly will, it is said, show that the company on its present mills has earned well beyond the avid requirements of its preferred stock. This would leave the entire earnings from the new 6,000 barrel mill now nearing completion at Port Colborne to go towards the accumulation of a strong reserve fund and dividends on the common stock.

**THE LAKE SHORE LINE.**

Orders Given by C. P. R. for Work to Start at Once.

A despatch from Montreal says: Mr. D. McNeill, Vice-President of the C. P. R., gave orders on Thursday to the engineering department to begin work at once on the new lake shore line to Toronto. A single track will be laid first, and a double track will be added as soon as business warrants it. At least that is the proposal at present, though there is a possibility that a double track may be built at the outset. In order to expedite the work, one party of engineers will work east from Toronto and another west from Glentay.

**EMIGRATION TO CANADA.**

Increase for Last Fiscal Year Was 49 Per Cent.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The total immigration into Canada for the fiscal year ending March 31 last was 311,084. The immigration from the United States was 121,451, and by ocean ports 189,633. The total immigration for the previous fiscal year was 208,794; 103,798 being from the United States and 104,996 entered by ocean ports. The increase for the last fiscal year was 49 per cent.

**HOBBLE SKIRT BARRED.**

Women Thus Attired Not Allowed at Coronation Functions.

A despatch from London says: It is reported that Earl Spencer, Lord Chamberlain, has decreed that women attired in hobble skirts will not be allowed at any of the court functions of the Coronation of King George. Fashionable dressmakers have been notified to tell their customers of the prohibition.

**PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS**

**REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.**

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

**BREADSTUFFS.**

Toronto, May 2.—Flour—Winter wheat 90 per cent. patents, \$3.40 to \$3.45. Montreal freight. Manitoba flours—First patents, \$5.10; second patents, \$4.60, and strong bakers', \$4.40, on track, Toronto.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 98½¢ cash, Bay ports; No. 2 at 96¢, and No. 3 at 93½¢; No. 4 quoted at 97½¢ to 98¢. May delivery, Bay ports.

Ontario Wheat—No. 2 red and white, 83 to 85¢, outside.

Barley—Malting qualities, 67 to 68¢ outside, and feed, 53 to 57¢ outside.

Oats—Ontario grades, 34½ to 35¢ outside, and 36 to 37¢ on track, Toronto. No. 2 W. C. oats, 38½¢, and No. 3, 37½¢, Bay ports.

Corn—No. 3 American yellow 60¢, Toronto, all rail, and at 54 to 54½¢, Bay ports.

Peas—No. 2 at 80 to 81¢, outside.

Rye—Prices purely nominal.

Buckwheat—No. 2 at 52 to 53¢, outside.

Bran—Manitobas, \$22.50 to \$22.75 in bags, Toronto, and shorts, \$24.00 in bags, Toronto. Ontario bran, \$22 to \$22.50, in bags, Toronto.

**COUNTRY PRODUCE.**

Apples—The market is dull.

Beans—Car lots, \$1.70 to \$1.75, and small lots, \$1.90.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 10 to 11¢ per lb.; No. 1 comb, wholesale, \$2 to \$2.50 per dozen; No. 2 comb, wholesale, \$1.75 to \$2 per dozen.

Baled hay—No. 1 at \$12.00 to \$13 on track, and No. 2 at 10.00 to \$11.00.

Baled Straw—\$6.50 to \$7, on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—Car lots, 80 to 85¢ per bag, and New Brunswick at 95¢ to \$1.

Poultry—Wholesale prices of dressed poultry: Chickens, 15 to 16¢ per lb.; turkeys, 19 to 21¢ per lb. Live, 1 to 2¢ less.

**LOCAL DAIRY MARKETS.**

Butter—Dairy prints, 18 to 20¢; inferior, 16 to 17¢. Creamery quoted at 25 to 26¢ per lb. for rolls, 23 to 23½¢ for solids, and 22 to 23¢ for separator prints.

Eggs—Case lots, 17 to 18¢ per dozen.

Cheese—Large, 14¢, and twins, 14½¢. New cheese 12½ to 13¢ in 2 jobbing way.

**HOG PRODUCTS.**

Bacon—Long clear, 10½ to 11¢ per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$20; do., short cut, \$23 to \$23.50; pickled rolls, \$19 to \$20.

Hams—Light to medium, 15¢; do., heavy, 12 to 13¢; rolls, 11 to 11½¢; breakfast bacon, 15½ to 17¢; backs, 18 to 18½¢.

Lard—Tierces, 10½¢; tubs, 10¢; pails, 11½¢.

**BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.**

Montreal, May 2.—The demand from foreign buyers for Manitoba Spring wheat was poor, and bids were 4½¢ per quarter lower. Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 40½ to 40¢, car lots ex store; extra No. 1 feed, 39½ to 40¢; No. 3 C. W., 39½ to 39¢; No. 2 local white, 38½ to 38¢; No. 3 local white, 37½ to 38¢; No. 4 local white, 37½ to 37¢. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.30; do., seconds, \$4.80; Winter wheat patents, \$4.50; strong bakers', \$4.60; straight rollers, \$4 to \$4.25; do., in bags, \$1.75 to \$1.85. Rolled oats—Per barrel, \$4.15; bag of 90 lbs., \$1.95. Corn—American No. 3 yellow, 60 to 60½¢. Millfeed—Bran, Ontario, \$23 to \$24; Manitoba, \$22 to \$23; middlings, Ontario, \$23 to \$24; shorts, Manitoba, \$25; mouillie, \$25 to \$30. Eggs—Fresh, 17 to 18¢. Cheese—Westerns, 11½ to 11.5-8¢. Butter—Choicest, 22¢; seconds, 20 to 21¢.

**MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.**

Minneapolis, May 2.—Wheat—May, 97¢; July, 97.7-8¢; Sept., 90½¢; No. 1 hard, \$1.00½; No. 1 Northern, 89¢ to \$1; No. 2 Northern, 96 to 96½¢; No. 3 wheat, 94 to 97¢. Bran—\$21 to \$22. Flour—First patents, \$4.60 to \$4.90; second patents, \$4.50 to \$4.80; first clears, \$3.10 to \$3.55; second clears, \$2.10 to \$2.75.

**LIVE STOCK MARKETS.**

Montreal, May 2.—Choice steers sold at 6½¢, good at 6 to 6½¢, fairly good at 5½ to 5¾¢, and the lower grades at 5 to 5½¢ per lb. Cows and bulls ranged from 3½ to 5½¢ per lb. as to quality. Sales of selected lots of hogs were made at \$6.75 per 100 lbs., weighed on cars. Sheep brought \$4 to \$6 each, and Spring lambs from \$5 to \$7 each as to quality.

Toronto, May 2.—Heavy steers



**SEEDING WELL UNDER WAY**

Good Progress Has Been Made Along Main Line of C. P. R.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: The Canadian Pacific Railway weekly crop report shows that from 10 to 75 per cent. of seeding has been done according to locality. Good progress has been made all along the main line and in Southern Manitoba. In the Moose Mountain, Portland and Weyburn sections little more than a good start has been made. Fifteen to twenty per cent. has been done in the Moosejaw district, with a higher percentage at Swift Current. In Saskatoon and Battle River district 20 to 30 per cent. has been done. In Alberta a

fair start has been made in Edmonton district, and work is more forward as one goes south, culminating in 70 to 80 per cent. of seeding completed in the McLeod district. On the McLeod, Lethbridge and Crow's Nest divisions seeding done before the recent snowfall is now showing up well, but this is only a small percentage. Winter wheat throughout all Alberta is reported never to have been in better shape. There was very little winter killing, and farmers are very hopeful of a good crop, provided they get plenty of rain during the next six weeks.

**BIG ORDER FOR STEEL RAILS.**

C. N. R. Makes Contracts to Lay Nearly 1,000 Miles.

A despatch from Montreal says: It is announced that the Canadian Northern Railway has just placed orders with the Dominion Steel Corporation and the Soo Company for 105,000 tons of rails. The tonnage represented in these orders alone will lay approximately 975 miles. At Wednesday's quotations on rails the amount of the two contracts represents an expenditure of \$3,250,000. The Sydney Company received a contract for 60,000 tons, leaving 45,000 tons for the Lake Superior Corporation. The order calls for delivery of at least 15,000 tons per month, and all before the close of navigation.

**BOLD ROBBERY IN CHICAGO.**

Armed Men Raid Jewelry Store and Get \$15,000 Plunder.

A despatch from Chicago says: Four armed robbers, who had a limousine car, entered the jewelry store of Edward Alberti, 1246 Milwaukee Avenue, on Wednesday, beat the proprietor and a clerk helpless, and escaped with plunder valued at \$15,000.

**SUSPENSION REVOKED.**

Fifty C. P. R. Conductors Laid Off in Alberta Back at Work.

A despatch from Calgary says: Fifty C. P. R. conductors who were suspended from the Alberta lines of the company for alleged irregularities have been reinstated. The railway men were instructed to report at Montreal for investigation, but refused, and were suspended. The head of the railway conductors took the matter up at C.P.R. headquarters, with the result that all the men are back at work.

**FOUR KILLED IN EXPLOSION**

Drying House of Dominion Explosive Company Blown Up.

A despatch from Sand Point says: As the result of an explosion in the drying house of the Dominion Explosives Company, one and a half miles west of this place, a calamity which in cause and some of its results almost exactly duplicated that of a year ago in that same powder mills, four men were instantly hurled into eternity and about \$700 damage was done to the property of the company. The explosion occurred at 12.10 on Thursday afternoon, and is said by the officials of the company to have been due to the ignition of a quantity of gas in the building where it took place. The dead are: Dominic Bennett, Westport, aged 22; William Brooks, Sand Point, aged 27; Joseph Mills, Popular, North London, England, aged 38; Horace McMillan, Ottawa, aged 23.

The catastrophe was one as sudden as it was terrible in its effects. Without anything that might in any

way have given the unfortunate victims a warning the explosion came. The drying house was disintegrated in an instant and smashed into kindling wood, which strewed the surrounding landscape. William Brooks and Dominic Bennett were inside the building, Joseph Mills and Horace McMillan standing on its platform. The bodies of Bennett and Mills were blown into atoms, no trace of them having been found. Those of Brooks and McMillan were recovered, that of the latter being almost impossible to identify. Almost miraculously none of the other employees were injured, though near by.

Besides the complete destruction of the drying house, the sides of the nitrate rooms were saved in, as were the ends of the ice house and a storeroom. Where the drying house had been, nothing was left but a large hollow in the ground, the result of the downward action of the explosion.