WHEAT OUTLOOK IS CHANGED, BRITISH EXPERT GIVES REASON

Shortage in the United States, Smaller Crops in Argentina and Australia and Russia Out of Market Are Given As Causes.

Associated Press Despatch.

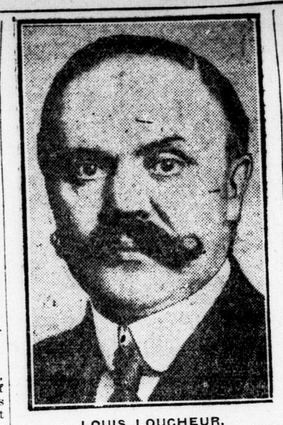
London, Dec. 15.—Reports published in London newspapers last week to the effect that Russian speculators acting on the Winnipeg and Chicago wheat markets were responsible for the 25 per cent increase in flour prices here during the last six weeks, were not borne out today at the government's food council hearing. The North American markets were mentioned only incidentally during the hearing.

Sir Herbert Robson and other grain dealers gave it as their opinion that the rise in wheat prices was due chiefly to adverse crop reports from Canada, Russia, Argentina and Australia.

A. H. Hobley of the Wholesale Co-operative Society, Limited, said the United States statistics on wheat conditions caused the English buyers to be very skeptical about the reported deficiency in the United States crop for 1925, when the June estimate was 661,000,000 bushels and the September estimate 700,000,000. Buyers, not having confidence in the United States figures, felt that they were understated, and, knowing the Canadian crop was good, there was general expectation of lower prices.

Situation Has Changed.

This position, Mr. Hobley continued, was emphasized by the indications of Russia's return to the world market as a wheat exporter, and the excellent prospects, with increased acreage for growing Argentine crops. He said it would be realized that, with Russia now out of the market, with a shortage in the United States and smaller crops in Argentina and Australia, the entire situation has assumed a new outlook.



LOUIS LOUCHEUR,
minister of finance in the Briand cabinet, who has resigned because of the rejection of his financial proposals by the French chamber.

HolidayRum Worth $20,000 Unloaded At Port Lambton

Railway Sleuth Keeps Eye On Record Shipment From Vancouver To St. Clair Liquor Scow—Prepare For Big Christmas Rush.

Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, Dec. 15.—The largest shipment of liquor to this district for some time was unloaded at Port Lambton yesterday, when a carload of whiskey containing 800 cases, valued at $20,000, arrived in charge of Detective Gonyeau of the Pere Marquette Railway, who kept his eye on the shipment until unloaded.

The shipment was billed from Vancouver to the owners of an export scow on the St. Clair river. The unloading of the whiskey was delayed owing to the non-arrival of the shipping bills, which did not come until late Friday, and it was unloaded on Saturday. All liquor scows here are carrying heavy stocks of cheer for the Christmas trade.

CANADIAN PRESS IN DAMAGE SUIT

Publisher of Edmonton Bulletin Alleges Conspiracy To Refuse Him Membership.

OTHER SIDE OF CASE

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—The Canadian Press was today served with a writ issued by Charles E. Campbell, publisher of the Edmonton Bulletin, claiming damages totalling $110,000, service being made in Calgary on its president, J. H. Woods, as he stepped off the train on his return from the east, according to a message received tonight at the head office of the Canadian Press here. The basis of the claim purports to be that the Canadian Press became party to a conspiracy whereby Mr. Campbell, having purchased the Edmonton Bulletin on October 10 last, had been wrongfully refused a membership in the Canadian Press and refused also its news service. Mr. Campbell claims that owing to these alleged illegal acts he was unable to commence publication of the Bulletin on October 15 last, that he thus lost large revenues he would otherwise have received, and was put to heavy expense in wages, salaries and rent, for which he had contracted.

Mr. Campbell further claims that on November 23 last the Canadian Press illegally cancelled the Edmonton morning paper membership to which he claims he was entitled. Joined with the Canadian Press as defendants are J.H. Woods, president of the Canadian Press, and John Imrie, managing director of the Edmonton Journal, who are both alleged to be parties to the conspiracy. Mr. Campbell further claims that Mr. Woods, acting as president of the Canadian Press, discussed with him the question of an interim morning paper news service and presented to him terms which were unreasonable and which were presented with the hope and in the expectation that he, Mr. Campbell, would refuse to accept them. Mr. Campbell further alleges that Mr. Woods and Mr. Imrie conspired with each other and with the Canadian Press to prevent him receiving from the Canadian Press the membership and service to which he claims he was entitled.

Mr. Livesay's Statement.

J. F. B. Livesay, general manager of the Canadian Press, tonight stated that a reply would be filed by the solicitor of the corporation in due course. With reference to the contents of Mr. Campbell's statement of claim, as published by him in his paper, Mr. Livesay said that the former membership of the Edmonton Bulletin had been in the name of G. B. O'Connor. Mr. Campbell had not at any time applied for a transfer of the membership to himself nor had he at any time made application for a new membership in the corporation. Mr. Campbell had appeared before the board of directors of the Canadian Press in Montreal on November 23 last, and had expressed his intention of making application for a morning paper membership in Edmonton, and had asked that he be furnished with an interim morning paper news service pending the review of his application. The board had considered favorably permitting such a service, having particularly in view the need of a morning paper to the citizens of Edmonton, and a preliminary discussion had been held with Mr. Campbell concerning the basis upon which this would be done.

An appointment had been made and agreed to by Mr. Campbell for a further discussion, to be held in Toronto on Monday, November 30, with a view to concluding such arrangement. Mr. Campbell did not keep the appointment nor did he reply to a telegram that had been sent to him at Edmonton on that day intimating that the interim news service he had requested could be secured by him.

Mr. Campbell, on December 3, started publication of an evening newspaper in Edmonton, and subsequently issued the writ.

Mr. Livesay further stated that the Edmonton Bulletin had ceased publication on or about June 19, 1925, and its membership had automatically lapsed under the bylaws of the corporation.

NEW PLAN FOR SETTLERS OUTLINED BY GOVERNMENT

Remarkable Reductions Are Made in Ocean Passage For Immigrants Between Britain and Canada—To Place Within Reach of All—Cost Is Shared.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Details of the new empire settlement agreement "which will offer to agriculturists and houseworkers from the United Kingdom transportation to destinations in Canada at a lower rate than has been known for a generation," according to the department of immigration and colonization, were made public this evening. That the agreement had been concluded was announced yesterday, but details were meagre. A comparison between the regular rates from ports in the United Kingdom with the rates available to empire settlement passengers shows remarkable reductions.

The following are given as illustrations in the statement handed out this evening, the rates being applicable from any port in the United Kingdom:

To Halifax, St. John, or Quebec, regular rate £18 15s., new empire settlement rate, £3.

To Montreal, via Quebec, regular rate £18 15s. 5d., and to Montreal, via St. John or Halifax, regular rate £20 15s., new rate £4.

To Toronto, via Quebec, regular rate £21 17s. 1d., and to Toronto, via St. John or Halifax, regular rate £22 17s. 11d., new rate £4 10s.

To Regina, regular rate £24 14s. 2d; new rate £5 10s.

To Regina, regular rate £24 19s. 2d; to Moose Jaw, regular rate £24 15s. 10d; to Saskatoon, regular rate £25 1s. 8d.; new rate to these points, £6.

To Calgary or Edmonton, regular rate £25 4s. 2d; new rate £6 10s.

To Vancouver, regular rate £28 7s. 9d new rate, £9.

How Cost Is Shared.

The new rates payable by the emigrant are possible through a three-way sharing of the cost of transportation, according to the statement. The cost is borne by:

(a) The Canadian government.
(b) The British government.
(c) The steamship lines.

Canada's share in the cost of migrants under the empire settlement scheme remains unchanged, regardless of the destination of the immigrant, but the larger part to be contributed by the dominion under the new agreement is in regard to the after-care of the immigrant for a period of five years, which cost is shared entirely by Canada without any tax upon the British government, it is stated.

Cost Within Reach of All.

The department of immigration expressed the belief that the new agreement will have the following results:

It will virtually mean the abolition of passage loans. While such loans will still be available to heads of families and, under certain circumstances, to houseworkers, they will not be available to other classes.

It will bring the cost of passage to the migrant within the reach of practically all British settlers of the classes sought, and will offer a lower rate than has been available for many years.

It will enable the empire settlement passenger to land in Canada without heavy overhead debt to be paid.

It will do away with the high cost of collection of passage loans and consequent loss in cases of failure to collect.

It is now upwards of three years since the first empire settlement agreement was entered into between Canada and the mother country for the purpose of encouraging British immigration. The first agreement was followed by others more favorable in the way of passage loans, but the department, according to the statement, regards the completion of the present agreement as the most important step yet taken towards encouraging the transfer from Great Britain to Canada of British stock.

NEW FIRE ENGINE MEETS HARD TEST

St. Thomas Committee Has Pump Draw Water From Lake in Pinafore Park.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 15.—The money for the new fire La France triple-combination fire engine, which has been in use here for a few days, was ordered paid immediately, at a special meeting of the city council held this evening, following a special meeting of the fire committee of the council. The new machine successfully passed all tests made by City Engineer Miller. One test, that of drawing water from Lake Pinafore, was stated to be a particularly severe one and one that the machine would never have to be submitted in ordinary use.

The new machine, and also other equipment in the fire hall, will be insured. An effort will be made to distribute the insurance in equal proportions among all agencies in the city, a complaint having been made to the council that in the past some agencies have been overlooked when business was being distributed.

LONDON ALE INVOLVED IN DETROIT LAW CASE

Suit by John Labatt Co. To Recover It—Crossed River by Mistake.

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, Dec. 15.—The Wabash Railroad today appealed to Federal Judge C. C. Simons to set aside his order issued on Dec. 2, calling for the forfeiture and destruction of 1,008 cases of ale seized Aug. 26 on the American side of the Detroit river after it had been ferried across from Lasalle, Ont., by mistake.

The liquor comprises a shipment made by John Labatt of London, Ont., to Albert Calvin of Lasalle, Ont. When it reached its destination it was switched through an error of trainmen to 70 car ferry bound for the American side, according to the plea.

At the time the error was discovered the consignee appealed to the Wabash Railroad to regain possession of the goods, who, in turn admitted their oversight to American officials, but without avail. Today's plea followed.

CROWDS OF THEOSOPHISTS JOURNEYING TO INDIA

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 15.—Thousands of Theosophists are journeying to India in anticipation of the "second coming of Christ," the New York Tribune says today.

They are drawn by the prophecy of their leader, Mrs. Annie Besant, international president of the Theosophical society, that within the next five months the star of Bethlehem will burn over Adyar, India, and Christ will return to the earth in the body of J. Krishnamurti, a 30-year-old Hindu.

There will be no angelical trumpetings and no clouds of glory; instead, the event will have a modern aspect.

Seven persons are being prepared as apostles and the other five will be appointed in India. Modern publicity agents will herald the arrival of the "new Christ" as he and his apostles journey through the world proclaiming his message to humanity.

Although Mrs. Besant has set five months from now as the time of the event, other Theosophists have set it as early as Christmas.

MAN, 104, IS EXCUSED FROM DUTY ON JURY

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, Dec. 15.—Morris Reisen, 100 Trowbridge avenue, age unknown, but believed to be about 104, was excused from jury duty in recorder's court today, but not because of his years.

Reisen was drawn yesterday when the new jury panel was picked. He said at that time that he was willing to serve. Today a thirteen-year-old boy came into the court and declared that he believed his great-grandfather was not able to serve because he is slightly deaf.

"How old is your great-grandfather?" the boy was asked.

"Nobody knows, but mother has figured that he must be either 103 or 104. He was born in Kiel, Russia, and we have tried to figure his age by the rulers of Russia.

Reisen was dismissed from jury duty.

FEWER FAILURES IN CANADA.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Commercial failures in Canada in October numbered 142, as compared with 151 in September and 184 in October, 1924.

In Ontario commercial failures numbered 47, as compared with 54 for September and 60 for October, 1924, a decrease of about 8 per cent in the latter comparison. Liabilities aggregated about $1,423,000.

Montreal Mayor Mere Figurehead

Duquette Claims Office Merely Social—Has No Authority Attached.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—"I do not intend to run at the next election," Mayor Duquette told the men's club of the Church of St. James the Apostle last night. "I am not canvassing, therefore I am at ease to talk about these matters."

His worship described "the tragedy of the mayor of the greatest city of Canada, with power to preside, but powerless to voice an opinion; with authority over none but a secretary and a stenographer—in short, the mayor of Montreal as a social necessity, but an administrative figurehead."

RANEY SEES ELECTION IN ONTARIO IN JUNE

Thinks Government Will Present Program For Sale of Liquor.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The probability of a provincial general election next June depends largely on the dominion situation, in the opinion of Hon. W. E. Raney, former attorney-general in the late Farmer-Labor government of Ontario. Hon. Mr. Raney was in the city today as a member of the delegation to see the minister of justice regarding clemency being exercised to Peter Smith, former provincial treasurer.

Mr. Raney stated that it appeared as if proposals for some form of government sale of liquor would be before the electors whenever the provincial elections were held. Whether it will be out-and-out government sale throughout the province or only in those districts voting for it on the local option principle remained to be seen. Hon. Mr. Raney inclined to the opinion that, if the dominion government were sustained next year an election in the province is likely in June.

WELLINGTON LIBERALS TO PREPARE FOR ELECTIONS

Special to The Advertiser.

Arthur, Dec. 15.—A convention of the Liberals of Northeast Wellington and North Wellington will be held in Arthur on Monday, December 21 at 1:30 o'clock, for the purpose of selecting candidates for the next general elections and for the transaction of other business. The Hon. N. E. Sinclair, leader of the Liberal party in Ontario, and the Hon. Nelson Parliament, Liberal organizer in Ontario, will be present.

STREET CAR SUFFERS IN COLLISION WITH BUS

The street railway and the bus company locked horns again last night on Richmond street near York. A Hamilton road bus was going south on Richmond when, according to witnesses, the bus swung onto the tracks and was hit and carried by a street car for a distance of about 30 feet.

M. Fisher, the driver of the bus, states that he was ahead of the street car all the way from Dundas street, and that the car hit him from behind before he was aware that it was near him.

The bus was not damaged. The street car was smashed on the front.

Conductor Art. Rask and Motorman S. Chapman were in charge of the street car.

OVERCOME BY GAS

Southampton Woman Takes Baby and Stumbles to Safety.

Special to The Advertiser.

Southampton, Dec. 15.—Overcome by gas fumes from a coal stove while performing her household duties at her home here this morning, Mrs. Robert Gibbon had a narrow escape from death by asphyxiation. Mrs. Gibbon felt herself getting weak, and, suspecting the cause, she took her baby into her arms, but scarcely reached the steps leading from the veranda when she collapsed and fell unconscious in a snowbank. A lady passing on the street a few minutes later heard a person moaning, and on investigation she found Mrs. Gibbon lying unconscious and the baby creeping around in the snow.

URGE NON-PARTICIPATION

Woodsworth Gives Notice of Motion to Keep Canada Free.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—A resolution stating that "Canada should refuse to accept responsibility for complications arising from the foreign policy of the United Kingdom" will be proposed in the commons by J. S. Woodsworth, Labor member for Winnipeg North Center, during the approaching session. Notice of the motion is now on the order paper of the house.

WILL DISENTANGLE C. N. R. FINANCES

Conference Arranged With Dissatisfied G. T. R. and G. T. P. Shareholders.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—Returning from a trip to Great Britain today, Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, announced that while in London he had devoted considerable time to discussing the situation with respect to the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific debenture and share holders. A large amount of interest is owing on these securities, and Canada has been subjected to somewhat savage attacks in British financial papers because of it, he said. Sir Henry invited the debenture and share holders to send their representatives, together with their solicitors, to Montreal early in January, when an endeavor will be made to reach a solution of the problems. The meetings will consist of a number of round-table conferences, at which it is hoped that the spirit of conciliation will prevail.

C. N. R. Finances.

Discussing Canadian National Railway's finances, Sir Henry said he was working on a plan whereby recommendations would go forward to the government relative to the debt owed by the railways to the federal treasury. He pointed out that while it had been extremely difficult to co-ordinate the different railways for transportation purposes, it was much more difficult to straighten out the situation presented by the debt. Many of the railways now composing the National system were built in competition with one another, and the tangle caused by the various issues of securities was added to by the system of bookkeeping in vogue in the early years. There was no other financial problem in the world to compare with it, he declared.

It is expected that the necessary study of the issues of the lines comprising the National Railways will be completed within 30 days, and that the recommendations will go forward to Ottawa before March 31, the end of the government's fiscal year.

The Canadian National system, Sir Henry said, had enjoyed a year of progress, and he predicted a net operating profit of some $30,000,000, an amount which, he instanced, would go a long way toward paying the interest due the public on railway issues.

CANADIAN EXHIBITION TRAIN REACHES PARIS

Officials Guests of Municipality of Paris—Felicitations Sent.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Dec. 15.—The municipality of Paris this afternoon received officials of the Canadian Exhibition train, which has toured France, and prominent Frenchmen who contributed to its success, including M. Millerand, M. Poincare, M. Dior le Trocquer, Berard, Bonju, prefect of the Seine, Senator Levy Gerald, Senator Menier and Comte Arnaud. George Guillaumin, president of the municipal council, and M. Bonju, who was recently promoted from the Mantes prefecture, welcomed Senator A. L. Beaubien, who addressed the gathering and read a cable from Premier Mackenzie King of Canada, expressing appreciation of the way France had encouraged Canadian industry. Senator Beaubien said Premier King had named Lenoir, the well-known French artist, to design plaquettes to be struck for the occasion by the French mint and presented to the prominent persons present in recognition of their services.

M. Dal Piaz, president of the French committee, closed the proceedings with a charming speech in which he alluded to the international work of Senator Raoul Dandurand, president of the League of Nations; Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, speaker of the last Canadian house of commons; Philippe Roy, agent-general for Canada in France, and Senator Joseph M. Wilson of Montreal. The band of the Garde Republicaine entertained the thousand people present at the city hall.

SONS OF ENGLAND ELECT.

Special to The Advertiser.

Ingersoll, Dec. 15.—At a regular meeting of Lodge Imperial, Sons of England, the following officers were elected: Past president, W. E. Shipton; president, Hugh Moon; vice-president, T. Coombs; chaplain, R. Latford, Sen.; secretary, L. G. Diggs; committee, 1, George Robinson; 2, A. H. Edmonds; 3, E. Wolstenholme; 4, F. F. Smith; 5, Joseph Bobier; I.G., A. Fuller; O.G., R. Schamberg; trustees, H. Moon, P. L. Langford, A. H. Edmonds; auditors, A. Fuller, R. Latford, W. E. Shipton and F. Brewer; physician, Dr. J. D. MacDonald.

STEAMER ARRIVALS.

Gibraltar, Dec. 14.—Valle Luce, Quebec.

Antwerp, Dec. 12.—Procyon, Montreal.

New York, Dec. 15.—Aurania, Liverpool.

Avonmouth, Dec. 14.—Sheaf Dart, Montreal; Oxonian, Montreal.

TWO MAY BE DEAD IN BOAT ACCIDENT

White Man, Indian Left Port Lambton Dec. 5 For Walpole Island.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent.

Wallaceburg, Dec. 15. — Provincial Constable W. C. Oliver of Wallaceburg was today notified of the mysterious disappearance of two men, Leslie Isaacs, an Indian, of Walpole Island, and Robert Sidwell of Detroit, a white man. Both were employed at the Chris Smith boatworks at Algonac, and left Port Lambton about 7 p.m. in a rowboat on Saturday, Dec. 5, for Walpole Island.

A boat, which is believed to be the one used by the two men, was found on Walpole Island on Sunday morning on the channel bank in front of the Menton residence, and was capsized. The boat belonged to Mr. Smith of Algonac, and it was ascertained that neither Isaacs nor Sidwell had been seen since Saturday night. The boat had been used daily by Isaacs for journeying to and from his work.

Residents on Walpole Island state that the Saturday night in question was the roughest night known in the past four years.

Following are the descriptions of the men: Isaacs is 27 years old, about 5 foot 6 tall, dark eyes and hair, weighs about 150 pounds, lisps when speaking, and wore light coat and cap. Sidwell is aged about 38, 5 foot 8 tall, weight about 155 pounds, dark complexion, wore blue suit, light overcoat and dark cap. Watch is being kept along the banks of the river for the bodies of the men.

UNITED CHURCH WILL JOIN DIVINITY COLLEGE

Join Knox and Theological Faculty of Victoria Under Name of Knox.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Following a meeting of the United church commission on colleges and higher education this afternoon, Principal Alfred Gandier announced tonight that the United church of Canada decided not to support two theological colleges in Toronto, planned to amalgamate Knox college and the theological faculty of Victoria college into one institution, to be known as Knox college. The name Victoria college is to be applied only to the Arts faculty of the old Victoria college.

"There is no doubt whatever that the United church has the charter of Knox college," said Dr. Gandier. "While the present building was given to the continuing Presbyterians, the dominion act makes it clear that the United church has the charter and the right of the name of Knox college. It is possible that the Presbyterians may consider appealing to the property commission for the charter, but, as the matter now stands, the United church has it."

As the United church has three years' joint occupancy of the property given to the continuing Presbyterians the United church is not considering at the present time the erection of a new building for the union of theological colleges.

WARNED AGAINST TOURISTS

Party of Autoists Charged With Evading Hotel Bills.

Special to The Advertiser.

Wallaceburg, Dec. 15.—Hotel proprietors and lodging-house keepers are advised to be on their guard against a party of two men and a woman, accompanied by two children, who are touring the country in a light sedan, at the back of which is attached a large salesman's trunk. These people recently registered at the Tecumseh house, Wallaceburg, as William Tilly and family, of Port Huron, and B. C. Agnew, of Tara. Their occupation appeared to be selling overalls. After staying at the hotel for a few days, they left without settling their account, and it was next reported that they had been in Sarnia, where they had also stayed at an hotel under the names of McDonald, and McGregor and family. Here, they again left without settling their hotel bill.

MAN PAYS SECOND FINE

William Steinhoff, London, Assessed $200 For Having Alcohol.

Special to The Advertiser.

Goderich, Dec. 15.—William Steinhoff of London appeared for the second time in Magistrate C. A. Reid's court, this time charged under the inland revenue act, and was fined $200 and costs. Steinhoff was picked up in Bayfield by Inspector Pellow and Revenue Officer Porter with two gallons of American alcohol, which was confiscated. Steinhoff paid a fine of $100 and costs under the O. T. A. for this offence. Steinhoff's large sedan was also confiscated.

MACHINE-GUN TRAINING ENDS.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Marys, Dec. 15.—A very successful season's training was brought to a close last night, when members of the local machine-gun corps turned in their uniforms. Following this they were the guests of the officers at a theatre party and banquet. About 30 were present, including Major Danard, Capt. Lofft, Lieut. Rice and Lieut. Weldmark.

CANADA'S WHEAT BRINGS HIGH PRICE

Valued at $466,755,000 This Year—Large Increase All Round.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Canada's wheat crop this year has an estimated value of $146,483,000 in excess of the final figures for the wheat crop of 1924. The total value of the whea crop this year as given in the crop report issued today is $466,755,000. Last year the wheat crop was valued at $320,262,000.

For the whole of Canada, the total value of the principal field crops of 1925, as now estimated by the dominion bureau of statistics, is $1,112,691,000. This is an increase of $117,455,100 over the 1924 final estimate of $995,235,990. In 1923, the total value of the principal field crops was $899,226,200.

The report issued today states that the wheat crop of 1925 was the second largest on record, "and the average price of $1.11 per bushel, though less than last year's final average of $1.22, remains still 34 cents per bushel above the low record of 67 cents per bushel in 1923." The total of $1,112,691,000 is the largest value assigned to the field crops of Canada since 1920, when the total was $1,455,244,050. Another feature of the report is the high value assigned to potatoes.

The average value of potatoes, it is stated, is placed at $195 per cwt., or $1.10 more than in 1924.

By provinces, the total values are, in order, as follows, the values for the last year being within brackets:

Saskatchewan, $363,837,000 ($237,310,000).
Ontario, $236,990,000 ($260,534,000).
Alberta, $171,912,000 ($159,759,700).
Quebec, $148,348,000 ($139,359,000).
Manitoba, $113,919,000 ($133,025,000).
New Brunswick, $5,586,000 ($16,080,000).
Nova Scotia, $19,027,000 ($16,785,800).
British Columbia, $17,197,000 ($17,392,000).
Prince Edward Island, $15,874,000 ($11,990,400).

The value of the apple crop of Nova Scotia is estimated at $2,065,000 by the department of agriculture.

DANISH COLONY PLAN FOR PEACE RIVER AREA

Swamp Land To Be Drained For 800 Colonist Families.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Foundation of a Danish farming colony of some 800 families, with holdings of 400,000 acres in the Peace River district of Alberta is the plan of L. T. Romer of Copenhagen, who is here today on his way west to look over the ground. The proposition involves capitalization of $300,000.

The land to be settled is swamp, and will be drained. It will be bought for $1.20 an acre, and will cost $20 an acre to reclaim. It will be divided into 50-acre farms. Mr. Romer says that Denmark is facing a situation of overpopulation, and that many of the younger people are anxious to come to Canada.

Woman Is Slain; Janitor Held

Body of Detroit Woman Found On Ash Pile in Basement.

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, Dec. 15.—The body of Mrs. Mary Mullen, 45 years old, was found late today on an ash pile in the basement of a rooming house she conducted at 94 Seldon avenue. Beside her lay the blood-covered axe with which she had been slain. Charles Fitzpatrick, 24, negro janitor at the place, is held in connection with the murder.

Robbery is believed to have been the motive. Mrs. Mullen owed $300 on a note, which fell due today. No money was found on the body and only a small amount in victim's rooms.

A roomer, Siegel Keller, 23, entered the house at 5 p.m. He had been in only a few minutes when Fitzpatrick burst in, crying: "Come down. Something has happened to the landlady." Keller viewed the body and then, with Fitzpatrick, notified the police. They were taken into custody, together with five other roomers, and later Fitzpatrick's wife was taken to police headquarters. Half an hour later all were released except Fitzpatrick.

TWO ICEBOUND BOATS BLOCK NEEBISH CHANNEL

Associated Press Despatch.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 15.—Proceeding down river this morning, the steamship Glenlivet became stuck fast in the ice near Sand Island, in West Neebish channel. The Glenbuckie following her, stuck behind her, and the two blocked the channel for the remainder of the downbound fleet, nine in all. The tug Sabin, of the Great Lakes Towing Company, with a representative of the Glen line aboard, was despatched to the scene to break them out and start the fleet moving.

Ice is forming rapidly, and the last boats will have to be broken through by tugs.

According to all prospects, the locks will close tomorrow as originally intended.

ENGLAND KEEPS DUTY ON U. S. SAFETY RAZORS

German, Not American, Competition Feared, Trade Board Official Declares.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 15.—The house of commons, sitting in committee today to consider new proposals for the safeguarding of industries, rejected by a vote of 228 to 123 an amendment offered by H. B. Lees-Smith, Laborite, to exempt safety razors and safety-razor blades from duty.

Mr. Lees-Smith argued that 75 per cent of these articles used in the United Kingdom were imported from the United States, and that there was no proof that a single man was out of employment because of the importation of these United States goods. On the other hand, he said, there was much anxiety lest the imposition of a duty would throw hundreds out of work, because the United States safety-razor manufacturers each year bought enough Sheffield steel to make not only the 40,000,000 blades sold to Great Britain but also for blades sold throughout the world, totaling 280,000,000.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, president of the board of trade, opposing the amendment, said the trade faced almost unlimited German competition. He said it was German, not United States competition, that the government feared.

BARLUM REACHES PORT

Steamer Feared Lost Was Sheltered Near Whitefish Point.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Fort William, Dec. 15.—After sheltering from a storm for two days behind Whitefish point, the steamer John Barlum of Detroit reached port here at midnight. The storm which she encountered on Lake Superior was one of the worst in the captain's experience, and they drifted backwards for a time in spite of having two anchors to windward and the engines going full steam ahead. When she reached shelter, however, she lay in safety until 2 o'clock yesterday morning, when she came from behind the point and made Fort William by midnight. The Barlum left Buffalo on her way up light, Wednesday night.

LAWYER'S SECRET REVEALED IN SUIT

Story of North York Barrister's Infatuation Disclosed in Will Case.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—The late Frederick John Dignam Smith, former barrister of North York township, was infatuated with a girl in England in 1893 and 1894, and remained there waiting the death of his wife in Canada that he might marry a second time. He did marry in 1896. Such was adduced from letters read today before Mr. Justice Rose, in the non-jury assizes court, where Smith's second wife seeks to have probated the will of her husband, made in August, 1924. She was named sole beneficiary in an estate amounting to $348,000. Eight children of the first wife are contesting the validity of the will.

Letters produced to the present Mrs. Smith while the first Mrs. Smith was alive contained terms of endearment for the former, while the latter was referred to as "the woman" or "the old woman." Several times he mentioned that he was praying for the death of the first Mrs. Smith. He wrote one letter to his son before the death of the first wife, stating that he desired to make the present Mrs. Smith, then in England, his wife. In other letters he expressed the hope that he would be "released from this horrible chain."

The case is proceeding.

MIDDLESEX FARMERS IN INGERSOLL CONTEST

Eight Junior Representatives Will Compete With Nine Other Counties.

Eight junior farmers of Middlesex county will take part in the swine judging competition being held at Ingersoll in the Ingersoll Packing Company's plant on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

The Middlesex county team will be composed of B. Frink, Komoka; C. Trott, W. Clark, Mount Brydges; P. and G. Mathews, Delaware; N. Demary, Dorchester; Lamont Gee, London, and Clifford Gee, Thorndale.

On Wednesday afternoon the educational class in swine judging and breeding will open, with three lectures during the day.

Thursday will be taken up with a judging competition of live hogs, inspection of the packing plant and a lecture and demonstration on lamb carcases.

On Friday afternoon the junior farmers from ten counties will compete in the judging and grading of hog carcases.

Prof. J. C. Steckley of the O. A. C.; J. D. Brien of Ridgetown, and C. F. Wilson of the Ingersoll Packing Company will act as judges in the competitions.

A team of junior farmers from each of the following counties will compete: Essex, Kent, Elgin, Lambton, Middlesex, Oxford, Brant, Norfolk, Perth and Waterloo.

$4,590 FOR BECK FUND

Ingersoll Responds Nobly To Appeal For Memorial Money.

Special to The Advertiser.

Ingersoll, Dec. 15.—In connection with the local campaign on behalf of the Beck memorial fund for Queen Alexandra sanatorium, announcement was made today that $4,588.55 has been raised. This amount includes the sum of $236, raised by the employees and officials of the Beachville White Lime Company.

DE VALERA SHADOWED.

London, Dec. 15.—The Daily Mail says that while Eamon De Valera was stopping at a hotel in Sligo, Ireland, last Sunday night, detectives entered his room, searched his clothing and examined his papers.

SOVIET SNARLS AT PACT OF LOCARNO

Foreign Minister Says It Means Crusade Against Russian Republic.

Paris, Dec. 15.—Foreign Minister Tchitcherin of Soviet Russia, who is visiting France, regards the Locarno security pact as "preparation for a crusade against the Soviet republic," he told the press today.

Asked what the Soviet's attitude would be toward a possible Locarno pact for the east, the foreign minister replied that he did not know what that meant. However, the Moscow government was ready to enter into agreements with each of the Baltic states individually.

The Soviet republic, however, would not enter into any general agreement which might aim at the creation of a barrier from the Baltic to Poland or from the Baltic to the Black Sea, he declared.

Her Liver Was Bad And She Felt Tired and Depressed

Mrs. M. Siefert, Grosswerder, Sask., writes:—"I was greatly disturbed with pains in my liver, and felt tired and depressed most of the time.

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