# ON ANNUAL TOUR OF INSPECTION

## MANAGER OF C. P. R. WIRE SYSTEM HERE

### Waited on By Newspaper Delegation With Respect to Increased Press Rates.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Within a very short time the C. P. R. will have completed its two copper wire telegraph system from Winnipeg through to the coast. James Kent, manager of the telegraph system, with headquarters at Montreal, was in the city yesterday and he states that 500 miles of copper wiring is now being placed between Ashcroft and Revelstoke, and this when complete will link up the second copper wire from Winnipeg to Vancouver.

Mr. Kent was accompanied by B. S. Jenkins, general superintendent at Winnipeg, W. J. Camp, the electrical engineer of the company, and J. Wilson, Pacific Coast superintendent. He is on his usual tour of inspection and intended paying a visit to Bamfield yesterday, only the short time at his disposal would not permit of his going. On his return journey he will make a detour through the mountain district where a special telephone system is to be installed for railway purposes only.

When in Victoria Superintendent Kent was waited on by representatives from the newspapers with reference to the increase in telegraphic tolls. On August 1st a new schedule was put into force by which the service given to the newspapers by the Associated Press would be increased in price by upwards of 200 per cent. The newspapers were of the opinion that this charge was excessive, and representations have been made asking for a modification in the rates.

In reply to the representations made by the delegation Mr. Kent stated that he could not hold out any hope of a reduction. The new service he stated was better than that previously provided.

Under the new service the newspapers in Victoria and to the west of Winnipeg get a full Associated Press service, the same as provided in Minneapolis and St. Paul. This service is carried by leased wire of the C. P. R. to Winnipeg and thence over the C. P. R. lines westwards. By this means a much larger amount of western and middle western news will be available. On this account Canadian newspapers which lie to the west of Winnipeg will be able to dispense to some extent with the special services which have been maintained in Seattle and Portland.

In addition to this the C. P. R. has established for the first time a regular Canadian service. In the case of the Victoria Times a regular service of at least 800 words a day is guaranteed. In this service the eastern news will be distributed out of Montreal, and the territorial news from Winnipeg. This service will fill a long felt want, as it has been necessary for papers in the western section, and on the Pacific Coast, to maintain correspondents in Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto and the other large eastern cities.

The whole service of the Associated Press, apart from the Canadian news section, has increased in efficiency about 100 per cent. Just at the present time it is difficult to estimate the value of the latter.

It was pointed out to Superintendent Kent that while the newspapers were quite willing to pay extra for an augmentation in service, the C. P. R. was increasing the cost by about 200 per cent., whereas the efficiency had only increased by about 100 per cent. The officials gave no assurance of an abatement in the cost, but asked that the new service be given a fair trial, and promised that the views of the newspapers should be given consideration.

### FOUR MEN KILLED.

Fatal Fight Between Japanese and Mexicans in a Construction Camp —Seven Also Wounded.

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 9.—A special to the Express from Mazatlan, Mex., says:

"A telegram received late last night announced that at Elfueste, a construction camp on the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railway, a pitched battle took place yesterday between gangs of Japanese and Mexican workmen, in which three Japs were killed and three seriously injured. Three Mexicans were mortally wounded, and one killed.

"The trouble is said to have started several days ago when a dispute arose between a Japanese and a Mexican."

### GROUPING OF POWERS.

Paris Paper Says Meeting of the Czar and Kaiser Will Not Alter French Policy.

Paris, Aug. 9.—The semi-official Temps, which hitherto has carefully abstained from comment on the recent interview at Swinemunde between Emperor Nicholas and Emperor William, published an editorial this morning, evidently inspired, in which the opinion is expressed that the meeting of their Majesties has not changed in the slightest the grouping of powers, adding: "In spite of little misunderstandings and suspicions on the side of both Russia and France, the dual alliance, coupled with the British entente, remains the basis of France's foreign policy. The Swinemunde interview does not cause us any anxiety. On the contrary, it only leads to the maintenance of peace. We are glad it occurred."

### MECHANICS IDLE.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 9.—As a result of a general strike of the building trades union yesterday morning more than 150 union mechanics failed to report for work to-day on buildings being constructed by contractors affiliated with the Employers' Association.

### EXPLOSION DURING FIRE.

Nearly One Hundred Persons Injured While Watching Blaze at Railway Depot in Colorado.

Boulder, Colo., Aug. 10.—Fire broke out in the Colorado & Southern freight depot early to-day. While a large crowd was watching the volunteer firemen four tons of dynamite loaded on a flat car exploded, injuring 50 to 100 persons.

The origin of the fire was incendiary. The fire had progressed a short time when the explosion rendered many senseless. A panic seized the people, and they ran hither and thither over many of the injured who were lying on the ground. The depot is a mass of ruins and a number of houses and freight cars were blown to pieces. No one was killed.

### RIOTOUS SOLDIERS.

Eighteen Negroes Taken Into Custody by the Police in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Aug. 10.—Soldiers of the 25th infantry, the colored organization that figured in the Brownsville riot, created a disturbance on the Barbary coast last night, and at one time it was feared a riot would result. A riot call was sounded for extra police, and 18 negroes were arrested. The 25th, which has been stationed at the Presidio for some months, leave to-day for the Philippines on the transport Crow.

### SAIL FOR CANADA.

Ottawa, Aug. 9.—Among the passengers sailing for Canada to-day by the Empress of Britain were: Mrs. W. S. Fielding, Misses Fielding, Z. Fielding, Gen. J. W. Laurie, Duff Miller, agent-general, New Brunswick, R. W. Perks, M. P., the British rifle team, and several members of the Canadian Bisley team. Sir Charles Tupper did not sail, owing to Lady Tupper not feeling sufficiently strong to take the voyage.

# SACRIFICED AT ALTAR OF GRIEF

## INDIAN CHIEF BURNS HIS BELONGINGS

### Heroic Jacob Chipps Still Weighed Down With the Burden of Sorrow.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Weird, moaning, wailing sounds, long drawn out and heart-thrilling, greeted Chief Jacob as his canoe pulled in from the little steamer to the Indian village at Clo-oose Bay. It will be remembered that Jacob Chipps, chief of the Clo-oose Indians, some weeks ago made a heroic effort to save his daughter and her child from drowning in Straits of Georgia, but was unsuccessful in the attempt. For seven hours he battled with the tide, eventually succeeding in saving his own life. The mother and child, Jacob's daughter and granddaughter, were buried together in the Ross Bay cemetery at Victoria.

A few days latter he and his klootch returned to his village at Clo-oose, and all the inhabitants turned out to meet them, mourning in Indian fashion for the loss of the children of the chief.

Again early the next morning the women of the village assembled on the shore and turning their faces towards the sea wailed for the ones that were gone. The old klootch had cut off her hair as a sign of her grief, and it was she who led the band of mourners.

Chief Jacob was a rich man. He had recently built himself a new house and furnished it with almost everything that money could buy. The furnishings were of modern type. The kitchen range was better than any other Indian on the coast possessed, but he was poor now for he had lost the ones he loved. His canoes, six in number, he piled around his house and everything of value on the premises was placed on top. Then a match was struck and very soon the building and all it contained were ablaze and soon scattered to the winds of heaven, with nothing left but a few handfuls of ashes. Anything that did not burn was smashed to pieces with a hammer or axe. It will further be remembered that Chief Jacob lost $700 when his boat upset in the Straits of Georgia.

Still his grief was not assuaged. He and his wife returned to Victoria, where they now live on the Songhees' reserve, but Jacob spends most of his time by the graveside in the Ross Bay cemetery.

### RAILWAY RATES.

Attitude of Wisconsin Central May Lead to War Between Roads.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—A serious rate war is threatened in Chicago twin cities roads because of the position of the Wisconsin Central on differential questions. Some months ago the Wisconsin Central made an application to be allowed a differential rate between here and St. Paul and Minneapolis. After several meetings of the lines interested the question was left to a committee which will make its report September 1st. It is understood that the report will deny the right of the Wisconsin Central to sell at a lower rate than the other lines. It is also understood that if the commission fails to recognize the claim of the Wisconsin Central, the latter will make a differential of at least $1 and possibly $2. This view of the case is taken because President Bradford took a differential on business between Chicago and Cincinnati when he completed his new line between these two cities. It is understood the Great Western will sell at the same rate as the Wisconsin Central, although the former road is not seeking a differential. The position of the so-called Strong lines in the controversy has not been stated, but it is likely that they will meet whatever rate the Wisconsin Central sees fit to put on.

# FINANCES OF THE DOMINION

## STATEMENT FOR PAST FOUR MONTHS

### Surplus Over Expenditure on Consolidated and Capital Accounts Exceed $14,000,000.

Ottawa, Aug. 10.—The financial statement of the Dominion for the first quarter of the present fiscal year, shows a total revenue of $32,291,888, with a total expenditure of $17,191,663 on consolidated fund account, and $4,511,641 on capital account.

For the four months ending July 30th the surplus of ordinary revenue over ordinary expenditure is $19,100,223, and the surplus over the total expenditure on both consolidated and capital accounts is $14,538,582.

The customs revenue for four months totals the record amount of $20,451,915.

### GOLD DUST STOLEN.

Taken From Registered Mail Sack Between Eagle and Rampart.

Fairbanks, Alaska, Aug. 10.—Meagre details have been received here of the robbery of 59 pounds of gold dust valued at $12,000, from the registered mail sack between Eagle and Rampart.

The sack originally contained 80 pounds. There is no clue to the thief.

### MAY SUCCEED VON BUELOW.

Berlin, Aug. 10.—It is asserted that Marshal Von Buelow, who was in disgrace ten years ago, is now a serious candidate for the chancellorship. The Kaiser is delighted with the high standing he has attained among the delegates at the peace conference.

### AUTO ACCIDENT.

Machine Ran Into Spectators, Seven of Whom Were Injured—The Endurance Race.

New York, Aug. 10.—A serious accident occurred at Brighton Beach race track at 2:30 this morning during the international Derby for autos contest, which started at 10 o'clock last night, and which is to continue for 24 hours.

The Pillan car, driven by Strong, threw a tire at the turn into the stretch, ran into the fence and knocked down many persons, seven of whom were injured. Four persons sustained broken arms and legs, while others were cut and bruised.

Five thousand people sat in the grandstand far into the night watching cars flash in and out of the darkness into the lighted space in front of the grandstand. An attempt had been made to light the entire course, but there are dark spots through which the cars flash like great grey beetles. The daring drivers despite the many contestants in the race and poor light, kept up a terrific pace, averaging forty and fifty miles an hour. At the end of the fourth hour the Araver Miller car was in the lead, with the Jackson car second.

# THE MYSTERIOUS CHICAGO TRAGEDY

### Woman Who Figured in Case Attempts to Commit Suicide By Inhaling Gas.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—After a remarkable scene in the office of Capt. Stephen Healy at the Warren Avenue station yesterday afternoon, during which Mrs. Laura Nightingale was accused of having masqueraded in male attire with Policeman Edward Smith, who was shot and killed Sunday night by an unidentified assassin, the woman added another sensation to the mysterious case by attempting to commit suicide.

Mrs. Nightingale has figured in the case from the start. Yesterday she was summoned to Capt. Healy's office where she was closely questioned. When asked if she had not masqueraded in male attire, Mrs. Nightingale became highly indignant. After a heated interview, she left the station and went to her home at 525 Park avenue, where she made an attempt on her life by inhaling illuminating gas. Her life was saved by a friend, Mrs. M. Cole, 1984 W. Lake street, who had gone to the victim's home, suspecting that Mrs. Nightingale would make an attempt to end her life.

Mrs. Cole made a determined effort to force entrance into the house but without success. Looking through a rear window, she could see Mrs. Nightingale seated in a chair in a stooping position. Pounding on the door and shouting at the top of her voice, Mrs. Cole managed to induce Mrs. Nightingale to stagger to the door which the half unconscious woman managed to open.

### PASSING OF STAGE COACHES.

New York, Aug. 9.—With the auction sale on Wednesday of all the Fifth Avenue Coach Company's horses, omnibuses, stages and harness, the last of the stage coaches passed away from New York. The electric omnibuses with a ten-cent fare, have now completely replaced the old system on Fifth avenue.

### THE DOUKHOBORS.

C. P. R. Officials Refuse to Allow Pilgrims to Walk Along Track—Held at Whitemouth.

Whitemouth, Man., Aug. 9.—The coming of the Doukhobors was awaited with keen interest here. At 5.30 they marched into Whitemouth and greeted the people here with a chant. Of course, everybody offered them advice, which was rejected, and told the leader some plain facts about transportation. He believed they could walk to Montreal on good roads. They were told so in Winnipeg. However, he was seemingly convinced to the contrary, and said the party would lay up here if work was found for them. This will be a matter of future detail. The most convincing argument, however, came from the officials of the C. P. R. They had a long talk with the leader, and warned him that if he proceeded any further the whole outfit would be arrested. The officials of the C. P. R. told the authorities to hold the party here, as the company positively refused to allow these fanatical persons to take their lives in their hands down among the rock cuts and curves, and they are held here at present awaiting developments.

# CANADIANS ARE SMOKING MORE

## TOBACCO CONSUMPTION LARGEST ON RECORD

### Averaged Nearly Three Pounds Per Head--Over Three Hundred Million Cigarettes Used.

Ottawa, Aug. 10.—Cigarette consumption of Canada for the twelve months ending June last increased over 25 per cent. as compared with the fiscal year 1905-06. The inland revenue returns show the total number entered for consumption during the twelve months was 332,000,000, an increase of 63,000,000 over the preceding twelve months.

The consumption of cigars was 194,000,000, about the same as the preceding year.

The consumption of tobacco of all kinds was 2.95 lbs. per head, the largest on record.

The consumption of beer increased from 5.25 gallons per head to 5.50 gallons per head. The consumption of spirits remained about the same.

# IDEAL CONDITIONS FAVOR GRAIN

## CANADIAN WEST WILL HAVE GOLDEN HARVEST

### Farmers Will Probably Realize Two Dollars Per Acre More Than Last Year.

Ottawa, Aug. 10.—The West is going to have a golden harvest this year in spite of anything that the pessimistics say. The chief warehouse commissioner of Canada, C. C. Castle, sends to the department of trade and commerce from Winnipeg a report on the crop of the three prairie provinces. Mr. Castle discredits the unfavorable reports and says that with the present prospects the farmers will realize two dollars more per acre than last year. In his report he says:

"I am pleased to be able to advise that from all portions of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan reports as to crop conditions are most favorable; in fact during the last four or five weeks the conditions have been almost ideal. Crops which looked poor before that time have recovered wonderfully and should the present favorable weather continue it looks as if harvesting in the three provinces will be general toward the end of the present month.

"The Manitoba wheat crop will average from fourteen to sixteen bushels while some districts will go over twenty, and the Alberta and Saskachewan crops will be heavier. Probably some portions of the late sown wheat crops will not mature in time to escape early frosts, in which case the yield per acre will be reduced.

"The present crop will be much less costly to handle than last season's, as the straw is not so heavy, consequently it will take less twine and labor per acre, and the threshing will be done more expeditiously. In my opinion if present prices hold and the weather conditions continue, the farmers of this country will realize two dollars an acre more than the yield last year, that is to say, taking the average acreage of the whole crop."

### MAY BE YELLOW FEVER.

Cienfugas, Cuba, Aug. 10.—An American soldier here is suffering from what is believed to be yellow fever. This is the first case of a soldier being attacked by the disease since the army of occupation came to the island, and the authorities are somewhat apprehensive.

### BODIES RECOVERED.

Montreal, Aug. 9.—The bodies of Shirley Davidson and Miss Eileen Hingston, the victims of last Sunday's boating accident near Varennos, a short distance from the summer residence of Lady Hingston, were found by searchers to-day. Davidson's body was found four miles down the river from the place of the accident, and that of Miss Hingston a mile further down. The remains will be brought to Montreal for interment.

# ALBERNI MAKING STEADY ADVANCES

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATION IS BEING INCREASED

### Four Hundred Dollars Will Be Spent on Improvements on Sproat Lake River.

Alberni, Aug. 9.—Alberni continues to expand quietly but steadily. On the steamer Tees, which arrived here on the 2nd on her weekly trip, there were over 60 tons of freight for this place. Six months ago it might not have exceeded six tons. Among this freight was the printing press for the Alberni newspaper to be established here by R. Burde. There also happened to be a planer for a local sawmill. Printing presses are not a common item of freight on this route, this being the first one shipped west of Victoria, and in the end the press was loaded on to a scow with the other sawmill freight, leaving the planer as an indifferent substitute for the printing press.

The new proprietor, D. Rogers, has moved into the Alberni hotel, and as soon as he completes the extensive improvements he is now carrying out, will open his house prepared to cater to the best trade. M. Ward, of the Arlington hotel, has completed the addition to his house, giving more and improved accommodation, and has also installed a water system with bath room, etc. G. Drinkwater has commenced building what he intends shall be a first class barber shop with all modern equipment and facilities for hot and cold water baths. His brother, J. Drinkwater, has a commodious residence in course of construction on his farm.

On the 2nd inst. Mr. and Mrs. Thomson returned to Alberni after their honeymoon trip. The bride was Miss Olive Pigatt, who formerly resided here. Mr. Thomson conducts a general merchant's business in the town.

Fishery Inspector Taylor visited the district last week and arranged for the outlay of about $400 on the Sproat Lake river to make certain improvements at the falls to facilitate the passage of salmon into the lake, which is one of the finest natural spawning grounds on the coast. The matter was brought to the attention of W. Sloan, M. P. who exerted himself to get the money necessary voted at the last session.

John Orr has been appointed warden by the local government, a[illegible] has been busy about his duties. Bu[illegible]fires are reported near Cameron Lak[illegible] but the last few days of cold and ra[illegible] may help to hold them in check.

There have been a number of more or less serious accidents within the last few days. W. Thomson was somewhat severely kicked by a colt and will be laid up for some little time. On Saturday the Pacific Whaling Company's steam whaler Orion arrived here from the Sechart station with F. Prior, who had cut the tendons of his knee rather badly with one of the huge shafted knives used for cutting up the whales. A sudden movement of the portion of the body on which he was standing caused his foot to slip and the blow he was in the act of delivering, glanced on to his leg. He was attended by Dr. A. D. Morgan.

# CAR SHORTAGE WILL SOON BE RELIEVED

### Surperintendent of E. & N. States Lumber Transportation Difficulties Are to Be Remided

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The car shortage on the E. & N. railway which has considerably hampered the local wood and other dealers for some weeks past, will be remedied within a few weeks time, according to a statement by D. W. McIntyre, superintendent of the road, to the Times Saturday.

Mr. McIntyre said that the shortage of cars had been caused by a pressure of business necessitating the dispatch of a large number of cars to Vancouver with freight. Another reason for the transportation difficulty was that nearly fifty full car-loads of merchandise and general freight, which had been shipped through from the East to Victoria, accumulated in Vancouver a short time ago, and the local depot has been heavily pressed in disposing of these carloads. Two barges were recently put into commission between Vancouver and Nanaimo to ease the pressure of freight, and for a few weeks past the E. & N. has been conveying the cars to Victoria. As some of the through freight was of a perishable nature its early delivery was imperative, and naturally took precedent to lumber and goods, the delivery of which was much less urgent.

Now that the rush of through freight is nearly over, and shipments from the mainland are resuming a normal number, more attention can be given to the lumber and cord-wood, etc., awaiting delivery in Victoria from points up the line. The scarcity of yard space at the E. & N. terminals besides the heavy calls on the railroad's equipment which is occasioned during busy seasons, calls for an increase in both directions, and it is stated upon good authority that the C. P. R., which controls the local road, is at present contemplating considerable changes which will facilitate the transportation of all classes of freight over the line.

The roads, paths and walks of Central park, New York, are forty-six miles long.

Ex-President Morales, of San Domingo, who was virtually forced out of power last fall by Caceres, is now a homeless wanderer.

### MORGAN'S ART TREASURES.

London, Aug. 9.—The Daily Mail today publishes an interview with one of the foreign delegates who are attending the International Congress, who, with a dozen other delegates, was permitted to view the art treasures contained in the Princess Gate mansion of J. Pierpont Morgan. In describing the wonders he saw the delegate said: "We traversed a series of beautiful rooms in which articles of fabulous worth were strewn about broadcast. I saw in the course of a brief half hour's visit in this house marvels of art from every corner of the world, which must have represented a total value of close upon $10,000,000."

### CHILD LABOR.

Governor of Tennessee Issues Call for Convention to be Held in October.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 9.—Governor Patterson to-day issued a call for a conference of textile manufacturers and labor representatives in all Southern States to be held in Nashville on October 14th, to consider the question of child labor and female labor in shops and factories, with a view of adopting uniform laws that will be agreeable and just to the respective parties interested.

### UNCLE SAM'S BATTLESHIPS.

Contracts Awarded for Two Vessels of Twenty Thousand Tons Each.

Washington, Aug. 8.—The final papers in the contracts for the construction of two battleships of 20,000 tons each of the Delaware class, which were awarded by the navy department a month ago, have been signed by Acting Secretary Newberry, representing the government; President Orcutt, of the New York Shipbuilding Company; and a representative of the Foreshore Shipbuilding Company, each of which obtained a contract for building one vessel. Work on them will begin promptly.

# THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST TRUSTS

## NO ESCAPE FOR THE LAW-BREAKERS

### United States Attorney-General Says Next Month May See Important Developments

[illegible] orney-Gen[illegible] President [illegible] yesterday, [illegible] in this city before going to his home in Baltimore. While here he talked more freely of his conference with the president, and intimated that next month might bring out further developments of importance in the campaign against alleged law-breaking corporations.

"I do not wish to make any secret of the fact that the talk between the president and myself was in reference to the fine imposed by Judge Landis against the Standard Oil Company of Indiana," said Mr. Bonaparte. "We discussed that and also what steps would be taken as a result of the investigation of the interstate commerce commission of the Harriman railway system. What will be done in regard to both these questions I cannot tell at the present time."

Mr. Bonaparte was asked if there would be any prosecutions of individuals. He replied: "I will say that if we get what the doctors call a good case these higher up will come in for their share of the investigation. The cases will be pushed to the limit. So far as the smaller fry are concerned, I do not think there is any use in going after them. I refer to the men who are at present holding positions in the companies."

"Will the Standard Oil Company of Indiana be forced to pay the fine if its appeals fail?" he was asked.

"That is a question the answer to which can only be found in the future," said Mr. Bonaparte, smiling.

"The president and I talked over the amount of fine imposed by the courts, and we both sympathized very much with the company," added the attorney-general, and his smile broadened.

"But how can the Standard Oil pay a fine of over $29,000,000 on a capitalization of only $1,000,000?" he was asked.

"If the decision just obtained is affirmed by the Court of Appeals, then we will go after our money and get it," answered Mr. Bonaparte. "It is true that a stone has no blood," he added, "but a stone may be ground up. This one case against the company of the Standard Oil does not insure immunity for their branches. In all probability other cases will be taken up by the department of justice."

In speaking about the Harriman report which he had discussed with the president, the attorney-general said there was nothing to be said at this time, but that developments may be expected within the next few weeks."

Among other things discussed by the president and Mr. Bonaparte, according to the latter, was the prevalence of "land frauds" in the west. There are a great many of these, it was said, and the president is very much interested in having them brought to light and the offenders criminally prosecuted. This is being done as fast as the cases come up for consideration.

### HON. EDWARD BLAKE.

Leaves England for Canada—Doctors Hope He Will Shortly Be Restored to Health.

Ottawa, Aug. 9.—A London cable says: Hon. Edward Blake left for Canada today. The doctors now hold out hopes for his restoration to health within a few months. Mr. Blake had to be carried from a motor car to a special saloon carriage attached to the C. P. R. steamship express at Euston station. He was accompanied by Mrs. Blake and his son, Samuel V. In spite of weakness, he was in excellent spirits, and spoke cheerfully of the good results which he hoped would accrue from his Canadian trip.

# YORK COUNTY LOAN AFFAIRS

## LIQUIDATORS REALIZE ON REAL ESTATE

### Method of Distributing Dividends Will Be Decided at Meeting Next Month.

Winnipeg, Aug. 10.—There will be nothing further doing in connection with the York Loan affairs until September 17th. Matters are tied up tight at present by the legal vacation, said Mr. R. Smith, who has charge of the winding up for the National Trust Company. On September 17th a meeting will be held to decide what is to be done. In the meantime the liquidators are disposing of the real estate and turning these assets into money as rapidly as possible. The liquidators were unable to determine how the various classes of shareholders should participate in the division of assets or whether some should be debarred, whether some are entitled to preference or others. An amendment to the winding up act may well be sought in order that each class should be represented by counsel instead of each individual shareholder being present as required by the old act. After the legal vacation this matter will be settled and upon the settlement naturally depends the division of the assets, but the liquidators expect to have enough funds on hand to pay the dividend. The statement issued by the liquidatrs in December last, indicated a dividend of about 20 cents on the dollar. The assets included $900,000 worth of vacant land and $90,000 worth of improved property.

### On Way to Coast.

Winnipeg, Aug. 10.—A. H. Edwards, well known in Ottawa as a lumberman, arrived in the city to-day on his way to the Coast. He is a brother of Senator Edwards. He is accompanied by Mrs. Edwards.

### New Judge.

Winnipeg, Aug. 10.—On Tuesday morning Alexander Dawson, a widely known barrister, and ex-police magistrate for the city of Winnipeg, will be sworn in as county court judge for the eastern judicial district.

### Grain Receipts.

Winnipeg, Aug. 9.—Grain receipts on the point of the line of the C. P. R. on Thursday amounted to 56,000 bushels, 46,000 of wheat and 10,000 bushels of other grain. The total receipts to date this year have amounted to 59,727,000 bushels of wheat and 7,437,000 bushels of other grains.

### BRADSTREET'S TRADE REPORT.

Fall Buying Becomes More Noticeable —The Crops.

New York, Aug. 9.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Cross currents in crop and trade developments render generalization difficult. Dispatches to Bradstreet's point to further favorable progress in leading crops, notably corn, cotton and spring wheat, but excepting oats, reports from which are not favorable. Ideal weather is reported for corn, except in parts of the southwest. Advices from the spring wheat sections are better than for some time, and hot weather benefits crops. Winter wheat yields are also better than earlier reports indicated, but oats are turning out short and light.

In the southwest, northwest and at large eastern centers, sentiment as to fall trade has been helped by these developments, and fall buying is becoming more noticeable, as country merchants are coming in increasing numbers. In some of the large industries, however, there is a quieter trade in some branches with prices easing. Thus pig iron and some finished lines are reported lower on the week. Reports to Bradstreet's show less activity in current building. Demand for shoes, leather and lumber is of a midsummer chartcer, and Bradstreet's price index number shows a drop of $1 in July textile trades. The feature is the marked activity at strengthening prices for cotton goods.

Copper, tin, spelter and antimony are lower, and business conditions quiet. Although copper has finally worked below 20 cents, many in the metal trade look for still lower prices.

Business failures for the week in the United States number 157, against 142 last week, 137 in the like week of 1906, 166 in 1905, 167 in 1904 and 160 in 1903. Failures in Canada number 18, against 16 last week and 19 in the week a year ago.

Wheat, including flour, exports from the United States and Canada for the week ending August 8th, aggregated 3,272,993 bushels, against 2,739,836 last week, 2,262,961 this week last year and 3,831,199 in 1901. For the first six weeks of the fiscal year the exports are 15,963,760 bushels, against 12,109,271 in 1906-07 and 36,294,784 in 1901-02.

Corn reports for the week are 1,107,821 bushels, against 1,608,000 last week and 1,292,638 in 1906. For the fiscal year to date the exports are 9,270,252 bushels, against 4,578,337 in 1906-07.

### PRISON AND PRISONER GONE.

Man Locked Up in Freight Car Which Was Coupled to Train and Taken Away.

Egg Harbor, N. J., Aug. 9.—Robert Filter, of Elwood, a little town near here, is under arrest for attempted murder and suicide. Magistrate Garver decided that for his own protection the man must be locked up. Elwood has no lock-up, so it was decided to secure him over night in an empty frieght car which stood standing at the siding. In the morning the constable who was sent for Filter found not only the prisoner, but the prison itself gone. A freight train had coupled the car up and proceeded down the line with it, prisoner and all. The car and prisoner are still missing.

# EXHIBITS WERE BEST ON REC[ORD]

## SUCCESSFUL WIND UP OF FLOWER

### Many Beautiful Tables Ta[illegible] Decorated--Attendance Cl[illegible] Day Was Not Large.

(From Friday's Daily.)

"What is there in this sho[illegible] you consider particularly merit[illegible] a prominent florist was asked [illegible] day afternoon.

"There are three exhibits he[illegible] answered, "that would attrac[illegible] tion in London, New York, or [illegible] they may happen to be. The[illegible] these is the big maiden hair fe[illegible] of Mrs. Henry Croft's, another [illegible]hibit of sweet peas on the tabl[illegible] left, and the third the three s[illegible] California lily (lilium Humboldt[illegible] by F. B. Pemberton. The li[illegible] common one, but I have nev[illegible] such spikes as those. While th[illegible] Auretum are good specimens [illegible] kind and exceedingly beautif[illegible]ers, they would not attract a[illegible] like the others. People would [illegible] to look at them because they [illegible] larger than are generally gro[illegible] put on exhibition. The gladioli [illegible] good sized flowers and very va[illegible] perfect, but they are ordinary [illegible] There is no place in the worl[illegible] I have been that sweet peas [illegible] size and degree of perfection [illegible] grown. They cannot do it in [illegible] nor in the East of this contin[illegible]

The sweet pea exhibit this [illegible] far better than ever has bee[illegible] here before. The varied th[illegible] shapes are almost innu[illegible] Throughout a great part of y[illegible] people were passing around, [illegible] in hand, taking down the n[illegible] the choicer kinds with the pu[illegible] growing that sort next year. [illegible] Beaven and Bland must not [illegible] have it all their own way nex[illegible] A number of the younger me[illegible] the society as well as outsid[illegible] expressed their determination [illegible] oust them from their proud [illegible] as champion growers of the [illegible] flower. Rivalry of this ki[illegible] healthy sign of the success o[illegible]ciety in encouraging the gr[illegible] the best kinds and getting t[illegible] of their kind.

One of the finest sweet pea[illegible] show was the white sport of [illegible] Spencer, shown by Mr. Beav[illegible] Helen Lewis which captured [illegible] prize. The salmon-red Henry [illegible] of Mrs. Beavens, and the Phe[illegible] a pale mauve pickatee, grown [illegible] Bland, were much admired b[illegible] one.

W. F. Burton, president of [illegible]ciety, had a number of intere[illegible]hibits, perhaps the greatest [illegible] being the white night-bloomin[illegible] The peculiarity of this flowe[illegible] it begins to open in the eve[illegible] is at its best about midnig[illegible] flower is of a very fine sati[illegible] with the stamens and pist[illegible] prominent as is usually the ca[illegible] cactil. Mr. Burton took sec[illegible] in gladioli, his set of 24 varie[illegible]ing F. B. Pemberton a close [illegible] first place. Some outdoor c[illegible] shown by the same gentlem[illegible] also very fine and carried off [illegible] prize in their class.

No critical mention of t[illegible] would be complete without n[illegible] dahlias shown by J. C. Newb[illegible] again carried off all the first [illegible] his class, even though he lost [illegible] his roots during the severe [illegible] winter. For several years M[illegible]bury has had it all his own w[illegible] dahlia exhibit in class B.

It is as difficult to judge [illegible] tables as it is to judge at a ba[illegible] Tastes vary so much, and frie[illegible] exerts so much influence that [illegible] be quite impossible to satisf[illegible] one. Besides the prize winn[illegible] were a number of very beau[illegible]fects, but there was not much [illegible] Almost every table had a larg[illegible] the centre and four small one[illegible] corner. The water lily decor[illegible] Mrs. Beaven was different in [illegible]spect from many, by having t[illegible] vase to one side of the cent[illegible] Japanese. Miss McMaster's [illegible] was very cleverly constructed [illegible] effect was rather too heavy.

Of the others it is impossible [illegible]tion more than one or two. [illegible] W. Jones obtained a very artis[illegible] with mauve-tinted sweet pea[illegible]trope, and mauve-tinted lark[illegible] in maiden-hair fern. Near it [illegible]ple pink phlox Drummondi a[illegible] of Miss Gaudin's table was [illegible]fective. The deep pink marsh[illegible] and maiden-hair fern also riva[illegible] Gaudin's in simplicity but [illegible] rather gayer color.

A striking table and one wh[illegible] have been a close competitor [illegible] prizes was that of Mrs. B[illegible] Wilson, decorated with pin[illegible] peas, gypsophila, and shasta[illegible] Had the daisies been omitted [illegible] have probably been one of [illegible] three. Something fresh and [illegible] was Mrs. Burton's table [illegible] with montbresia, and yellow s[illegible] tan, set in moss, and with a [illegible] of wild oats. Originality in [illegible]eral scheme as well as in m[illegible] detail is highly desirable in [illegible]oration.

Everyone says the show t[illegible] was the best yet, but the a[illegible] was not everything that co[illegible] been desired. It seems a pi[illegible] could not have been arranged [illegible] two important events, the flo[illegible] and the merchant's picnic s[illegible] clash. It can hardly be supp[illegible] the merchants of the city [illegible]esthetic taste and do not w[illegible] the flowers. Many of them w[illegible] on the first evening but th[illegible] have been more.

Victoria, the musical city, [illegible] to patronize the best music, [illegible]city of flowers does not patr[illegible] flower show, even though it [illegible] the best in Canada, if not t[illegible] all.