

EVENTS OF THE WORLD.

A son and heir to the Russian throne was born on the 12th inst.

It is announced that the British force will evacuate Thibet as soon as terms are arranged.

The American line has cut the steerage rate from Liverpool to Philadelphia to £1 10s. (about \$7.30).

The Labor Ministry in Australia has been defeated upon a trades arbitration bill, and may resign.

For the past half year the Grand Trunk Company will pay in full four per cent. on guaranteed stock.

A revolution is in progress in Paraguay, and the rebels for the time are victors over the Government forces.

The Canadian Pacific will run part of their Atlantic fleet between New Orleans and Europe during the coming winter.

The Russian torpedo boat destroyer, Ryeshitelni, taken at Chefoo, is being conveyed by her Japanese captors to a Chinese port, and will be handed over to Chinese authorities.

Japan has just ordered two large battleships of 23 knots speed from Vickers Sons & Maxim and Sir W. G. Armstrong, in addition to the battleship already building in England.

From 1891 to 1900 the decrease in the population of Ireland has been steady and unbroken. A Blue Book just issued shows a drop from 4,680,376 in 1891 to 4,468,501 in 1900. One million fifty-five thousand and twenty births were registered in the ten years, as compared with 1,150,463 in the previous decade, and the deaths numbered 836,035, against 883,156.

The scenes of the great drama now being enacted in the East changed last week from land to sea. On the morning of the 10th, the Russian Port Arthur fleet left the protection of the forts and took to open sea, practically uninterrupted by the Japs until well into open sea, when a fierce engagement ensued, resulting disastrously for the Russians. The Russian Rear-Admiral, Withoft, was killed on board his flagship, the Czarevitch, and many other officers met a similar fate or were wounded. The Czarevitch is now a voluntary prisoner in Kai Chou, a neutral port. The Vladivostok squadron has also fallen on evil days. The escape of this fleet and the movement of the Port Arthur squadron to the high seas seems to indicate an intended juncture of the two fleets. Now, however, such a possibility is entirely destroyed. On Sunday last, following upon the defeat of the Port Arthur fleet, the Japanese encountered the Vladivostok in the Korean Straits, sunk the battleship Rurik, and damaged the two other ships. The two victories have made the undemonstrative Japs jubilant, since it is now impossible for the Russians to muster any considerable force upon the seas. . . . The situation on land is stationary, except that the position is becoming more tense.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Blackleg has appeared among cattle at Selkirk, Man. Extensive forest fires are reported in the Kootenay districts.

Ontario immigration officials at the Union Station, Toronto, directed 3,000 male immigrants to farmers needing help.

Hon. Raymond Prefontaine has gone to the Pacific coast, where he will represent the Government in the selection of the Pacific terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

An attempt will be made during the coming winter to keep the regular communication between Fort Churchill and the new post at Fullerton on Hudson's Bay by means of dog teams.

The Superintendent of Printing, Ottawa, has received instructions from the Secretary of State to prepare an atlas showing the boundaries of the Federal constituencies under the redistribution of last session.

It is not improbable that Toronto and Quebec, as Provincial capitals, may each get one of the four captured Boer guns awarded to Canada. The other two will be mounted in front of the Parliament buildings, Ottawa, unless other disposition is made of them.

Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, London, Eng., who has just returned home after an absence of a year, says he notes a great change in Canada since he was there seventeen years ago. At that time the Canadians were part of us, now they are one of us. They have grown up; they are a generation farther on. Although the spirit of independence has developed rapidly, he says he found no weakening of attachment to the British flag.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company has been organized. The officers are: Charles M. Hays, President; Frank W. Morse, Vice-president; Wm. Wainwright, Second Vice-president; Henry Phillips, Secretary; Frank Scott, Treasurer; H. W. Walker, General Auditor. Committee—Charles M. Hays, Hon. Geo. A. Cox, Frank W. Morse, Wm. Wainwright. Mr. Morse, besides having the office of First Vice-president, will be the General Manager. The commission to superintend the construction of the Winnipeg-Moncton division are F. B. Wade, M.P., Halifax, N.S.; James Duffield, London, Ont., and C. A. Young, Winnipeg, Man. Mr. Lumsden, Toronto, will likely be appointed Chief Engineer.

Major Moodie, who is in charge of the Mounted Police detachment in Hudson's Bay, has been designated colloquially as Governor of that region. Major Moodie does not profess to give expert opinion upon the question of navigation of Hudson's Bay, but believes it is feasible for four months in the year, from June 20th to October 20th. The west coast of Hudson's Bay is low, and on the east side it is high. The coldest weather experienced this year was in March, when the mercury dropped to 53 degrees below zero. Last spring was supposed to be late, but navigation was possible on July 18th. According to the American skipper, the ice generally clears about the 8th or 10th of June. All along the coasts of Hudson's Bay there is an abundance of salmon trout, but there are no cod, herring or mackerel in the waters of the Bay.

Improvements at the Central Exhibition.

Every year in the past the public has noticed changes and additions to the grounds of the Central Canada Exhibition Ass'n at Ottawa. This year sees more than ever before. The grounds have been enlarged by many acres, new buildings erected, others repaired, and the main entrance on Bank street much improved. One of the new buildings is that for fat stock and poultry, etc., which cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000. It will be utilized at the fair this year for the first time. Another new building is for the dogs, so that exhibitors in the implement building will not be annoyed by the noise and barking. The Aberdeen pavilion has undergone extensive improvement; a new concrete floor has been placed therein, the roof made water-tight, and otherwise improved. The center of the horticultural hall has been reconstructed and made more attractive to the eye, and water taps put in for the convenience of visitors. Yet another improvement is a new judging-ring, constructed to the south of the race-track, so that no matter what is going on upon the track judging may not be delayed, and animals will not have to be taken across the track. All together, many changes have been made in the interests of the exhibitor and visitor.

Regret has been expressed by exhibitors, however, at the inability to secure a new dairy building. In referring to the need for one, a Western Ontario exhibitor spoke of the present dairy building as "a shack." Both Toronto and London fairs have new dairy buildings, so that it is now due to Ottawa to receive a suitable grant for this purpose.

Beats Them All.

Gentlemen,—Find enclosed \$1.50, my subscription for one year to the Farmer's Advocate and Home Magazine. Must say it is the best and most instructive publication that I have any knowledge of.

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Fall Fairs.

Eastern, Sherbrooke, Que.	Aug. 27 to Sept. 3
Toronto Industrial	Aug. 29 to Sept. 10
Dundas, Morrisburg	Aug. 31 to Sept. 2
East Elgin, Aylmer	Sept. 5 to 9
New York State, Syracuse	Sept. 5 to 10
Winchester Fair	Sept. 6 to 7
Nova Scotia Provincial, Halifax	Sept. 7 to 14
Grenville Agri. Fair, Prescott	Sept. 8 to 10
Kingston Dis. Fair, Kingston	Sept. 8 to 11
Western Fair, London	Sept. 9 to 17
Brome, Brome Centre, Que.	Sept. 6 to 7
Northern Exhibition, Walkerton	Sept. 14 to 15
Western Michigan, Grand Rapids	Sept. 14 to 18
Eldon, Woodville	Sept. 15 to 16
Hamilton	Sept. 15 to 17
Ontario and Durham, Whitby	Sept. 15 to 17
Can. Canada Exhibition, Ottawa	Sept. 16 to 24
East Simcoe, Orillia	Sept. 17 to 19
Canada's International, St. John, N. B.	Sept. 17 to 24
Strathroy	Sept. 19 to 21
N. Victoria, Victoria Road	Sept. 20 to 21
Central, Guelph	Sept. 20 to 22
N. York Co. Fair, Newmarket	Sept. 20 to 22
Port Carling	Sept. 20 to 21
Northern, Collingwood	Sept. 20 to 23
Emsdale	Sept. 21 to 22
N. R. of Oxford, Woodstock	Sept. 21 to 22
Peel County, Brampton	Sept. 22 to 23
Peterboro' Industrial, Peterboro	Sept. 22 to 24
Petrolia	Sept. 22 to 24
Rosseau	Sept. 22 to 23
Lindsay Central, Lindsay	Sept. 22 to 24
W. Middlesex Union, Strathroy	Sept. 23 to 25
Halton, Milton	Sept. 24 to 25
Sprucedale	Sept. 27 to 28
G. N. W. Exhibition, Goderich	Sept. 27 to 28
Huntsville	Sept. 27 to 28
Glencoe, Glencoe	Sept. 27 to 28
Wyoming, Wyoming	Sept. 27 to 28
Essex Co., Essex	Sept. 27 to 29
P. E. I. Industrial, Charlottetown	Sept. 27 to 30
West Kent, Chatham	Sept. 27 to 29
Durham, Whitby	Sept. 28 to 30
Carleton County, Richmond	Sept. 28 to 30
Renfrew	Sept. 28 to 30
Bracebridge	Sept. 29 to 30
Centre Wellington, Fergus	Sept. 29 to 30
Watford	Sept. 29 to 30
North Brant Fair, Paris	Sept. 29 to 30
Illinois State Fair, Springfield	Sept. 29 to Oct. 7
Galt	Sept. 30 to Oct. 1
Hungerford, Tweed	Sept. 30 to Oct. 1
Brigden	Oct. 4
Magnetawan	Oct. 4
Alvinston	Oct. 4 to 5
Elma, Atwood	Oct. 4 to 5
Arran, Tara	Oct. 4 to 5
Utterson	Oct. 4 to 5
Gravenhurst	Oct. 5 to 6
Yarmouth, Yarmouth, N. S.	Oct. 5 to 6
Burk's Falls	Oct. 6 to 7
Sarnia	Oct. 6 to 7
Kirkton	Oct. 6 to 7
Cardwell, Beeton	Oct. 11 to 12
Forest	Oct. 11 to 12
Caledonia	Oct. 13 to 14
Thedford	Oct. 13 to 14
Norfolk Union, Simcoe	Oct. 18 to 20



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