

Accident to Salvage Wagon.

Eight people were injured, one of them a fireman, fatally by a collision between a salvage wagon and two street cars on McGill Street on Tuesday night. It is hard to say who was to blame, or that anyone was to blame for the unfortunate accident. Fire apparatus and ambulances are driven so rapidly through the streets of Montreal, that it is a wonder more accidents do not occur. Yet upon the whole it is probably safer for human life and limb and for property to take a certain risk in this matter than to give the average fire a few minutes extra start.

His Majesty's Unfaithful Commons.

The freedom with which the Socialist members of the British House of Commons are allowed to talk the highest, that is to say the rankest, of high treason, must be irritating to gentlemen who only need like Professor Ferrer the crown of martyrdom to make them influential and powerful. Trafalgar Square is the great safety valve of British politics. It will strike most people as significant that British Socialists have to go abroad to find a grievance against the British crown.

Bank of Montreal.

Arrangements have been made with the Bank of Montreal to take over the Lake Superior Corporation account, and as already announced the bank will open a branch at Sault Ste. Marie on November 1st.

Captain Bernier's New Commission.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the luncheon given by the Canadian Club at Ottawa to Captain Bernier, made the interesting announcement that the Captain will be commissioned to take the same good ship, the same good crew, and all the provisions he wants on another voyage to the far north, in which he will be absolutely free from restrictions as to where he goes or what he does. Captain Bernier has well earned this mark of confidence; and we cannot imagine any reward for past services more after his own heart than this opportunity to do further good work for Canada and the flag. He can use his own discretion as to whether he attempts to reach the North Pole or not. The advantage he will enjoy in this matter is that whether he reaches the Pole or not, nobody who knows him will ever question the absolute veracity of his reports. There is solid profit as well as glory for Canada in Captain Bernier's voyages.

Mrs. Emmeline Gould Pankhurst, of Manchester, England, leader of the "militant suffragettes" of the Old Land has arrived in New York. Few English women have had a more stormy career. Human life has been compared to a verb, "to do, to be, or to suffer." Mrs. Pankhurst has earned a warm welcome from the women of this continent who think with her (and perhaps even more from those who don't) by what she has done, what she is, and what she has suffered. She justifies militant tactics by saying, "All great movements have been worked out by violence. The American people secured their liberty by violence." She might have added: "And so did the English people." It is easy to be shocked at militant suffragette tactics; but what less or what else, would in a hun-

dred years have made Equal Suffrage the live issue it has become in the course of a few months, by the heroic doing, being, and suffering of English women whose courage and endurance is a reproach to Englishmen.

Wheat Supplies and Prices.

On both sides of the border line farmers and elevator interests are inclined to hold back wheat in the hope of still higher prices. The American market price especially has been ruling well above the export level. In fact Duluth prices for December wheat have been running 6 and 7 cents higher than Fort William prices, and even the latter have been hovering around the export price-limit. To some experts it seems likely that the United States will export comparatively little wheat this year, so that a heavy demand will develop abroad for Canada's 70,000,000 or so bushels available for export, unless Russia and Argentina supply unexpectedly large quantities.

On the other hand, there are experts who say that American and Canadian home demands will soon be supplied and that a great deal of wheat has been bought by millers in anticipation of future requirements, and that the same conditions apply in a large measure to the handlers of flour.

The United States and Canada, with a combined population of nearly one hundred millions, have this year grown over 850,000,000 bushels of wheat. Placing the consumptive demand at six bushels per capita there would remain a surplus of 200,000,000 bushels or more for export.

Winnipeg wheat prices yesterday compared as follows with one week and two weeks ago:

	Oct.	Dec.	May
Oct. 21.....	96½	94	99
Oct. 14.....	99½	96½	1.01½
Oct. 7.....	96½	93½	98½

September Trade Equals Record of 1907 in Volume.

The total foreign trade of Canada for the first half of the current fiscal year has been \$304,390,088, an increase of \$43,221,436, or about seventeen per cent., as compared with the corresponding six months of 1908. Imports, aside from coin and bullion, have totalled \$172,373,148, an increase of \$35,727,931, or over twenty per cent. The increase in customs revenue has been \$5,827,658.

The total of exports of domestic products for the half-year has been \$120,484,255, an increase of \$10,375,204. Exports of foreign produce have totalled \$9,187,371, an increase of \$1,683,464.

For September the imports totalled \$30,339,930, an increase of \$6,161,155 over September of last year. Exports of domestic products for the month totalled \$23,548,330, an increase of \$3,554,960.

Fire Insurance Provisions in the New Bill.

There went to Ottawa yesterday a representative delegation of the All-Canada Fire Insurance Federation—the newly formed association which includes company managers, agents and shareholders from Atlantic to Pacific. The delegation interviewed Hon. W. S. Fielding in order to urge the dropping of the clause from the new bill which would permit insurance to be placed in unlicensed companies when a 15 per cent. premium tax is paid to the Government.