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THE LOOK FOR COAL IS NOT ENCOURAGING

Little Doubt That Prices Will Be Higher Next Winter Springhill Strike Has Caused a Serious Shortage--Demand for Hard and Soft Coal Larger Than Usual--What the C. P. R. Will Do.

Leading coal merchants when asked this morning relative to the price of coal this coming winter declined to say whether prices would be higher or lower than last year. The present retail prices have been unchanged since July last and are about the same as this time last year.

The springhill strike, however, brings forcibly to mind the actual position in the coal market at the present. The tying up of these mines, which when working turn out 2,000 or more tons a day, soon makes a big difference in the supply of coal all over the maritime provinces and to Montreal as well.

The shortage is being felt very strongly by the I. C. R., and it is stated that the C. P. R. had made preparations for handling about 150,000 tons of Springhill coal at St. John this year. It is estimated that at the time of the strike the C. P. R. had considerable less than 50,000 tons of this coal in their bank at Carleton. They were loading Springhill coal at the west side at the rate of about 1,000 tons a day, previous to the strike and when the supply was cut off they threw a large number of men out of employment, who were discharging the coal from barges and work on the stock pile back of Carleton.

In order to provide for the big shortage, the C. P. R. has arranged to bring big quantities of coal from Philadelphia. One steamer has already arrived and the Springhill barges are also bringing this coal here. It is also said the C. P. R. will bring a number of steamer loads here from the old country, as besides the large amounts used on the railway they require considerable for their big steamers.

The very severe weather last winter played up all the large coal stocks that had been laid in, both in hard and soft coals and the result is that the demand for both appears in most cases to have exceeded the supply so that prices have kept very firm.

American hard coal prices have been increased by the present situation with the plan to increase the price ten cents a ton per month. The brokers, who have been handling anthracite, have been selling at the advance all through the season. Other years there was a slack-up in the demand in July or August, so that frequently dealers were able to buy below the circular rate.

It is said in regard to Nova Scotia and Cape Breton coal supplies that the weather, however dark the night or wintry the track, the traveler, as a rule, goes to his berth with a sense of perfect security, assured that the men in whose hands he will bring the train safely to its destination.

Canadians who have grown grey in occupations that require them to be almost constantly on the road will tell you that they have never been through a railway accident. A lifetime may be spent in commercial traveling without any serious misadventure on a railway.

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LUSITANIA POUNDING ALONG AT FULL SPEED

She is Expected at Nantucket Light-ship Friday Morning Practically Certain Now That She Will Make the Trip in Less Than Five Days, and Completely Eclipse All Previous Records.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12--The turbine Lusitania of the Cunard Line entered today on the final stretch of her maiden voyage which may break all trans-Atlantic records. The newest greyhound of the sea was reported 150 miles east of Sable Island at 11:20 last night and no further reports of her may be received until tonight, when the big Cunarder will enter the Nantucket wireless zone. With eight hundred miles to be sailed at 11:20 o'clock last night the Lusitania will have to make 24 knots or better until Sable Hook light is passed in order to extend the wireless record of 23.15 knots held by the Deutschland of the Hamburg-American line. The Lusitania will have fair weather for her last day's run and every ounce of her propulsive power will be used to make up the time lost when she was in the Grand Banks. Driven at her top speed, the giant Cunarder may be expected at the lightship shortly before seven o'clock Friday morning, making the time for the trip a steady five days and establishing the Lusitania as a four day ship.

Wireless despatches from the Lusitania show that the ship is running smoothly and that her machinery has been shaken down and her run from Sable Island to this port can be made at her highest speed. Officials of the Cunard line planned to have the Lusitania at the end of the Atlantic run in five days, tomorrow morning, and despite the fog they believe she will be found at the lightship here at the time the wireless zone is expected at the gateway of the port at sunrise tomorrow she will not come through the narrows until several hours later, when the tide serves full in the Ambrose channel. The Lusitania will be the first ocean liner to enter through the new Narrows.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11--An unofficial press report from the wireless telegraph station at Sable Island received here early this morning stated that the Lusitania was 150 miles east of that point at 11:20 o'clock, eastern time, last night.

Apparently the speed of the ship has been materially reduced and she was then running only a fraction over 20 knots an hour. This being the case, it would require thirty-six and a half hours for the ship to reach Sable Hook Bar, bringing her there at a few minutes before 7 o'clock Friday morning.

In order to beat the Deutschland's record the Lusitania must reach the bay before 8 o'clock Friday morning.

FARMERS TAKE EXTREME STAND Feed Dealers Say Increase in Feed Prices is Not as Great as Farmers Claim.

Among the reasons given for the proposed advance in the price of milk--which was treated at considerable length in yesterday's issue of the Times--is the high figures at which feed is being sold; the statement having been made, that since last season farmers are obliged to pay from six to seven dollars per ton more, thus increasing the cost of the production of milk.

It was learned today, however, from a local firm who regards as authority that the actual advance in price falls considerably short of the figures quoted by farmers. Since last year, corn meal has advanced from \$1.35 to \$1.70 per bag; middlings, from \$25 to \$29 per ton, and other varieties in like proportion. In 1904 the price of feed was somewhat lower than during the succeeding year.

Further inquiry relative to the profits obtained from milk reveals the fact that farmers who sell milk to dealers are a good deal better off than those who use it exclusively for butter making purposes. F. H. Moore, manager of the Maritime Dairy Co., who has had considerable experience in handling milk, both to dealers and for butter making, informed the Times that 100 pounds of average quality milk is required to make 4.12 pounds of butter, and each quart of milk weighs 2.12 pounds.

The following figures will show that the sale of milk at 4c a quart is more profitable than butter at 30c a pound. The 4.12 pounds of butter obtained from 100 pounds of milk, if sold at 30c a pound would be worth \$1.235. Now in 100 pounds of milk there are 40 quarts, which, if sold at 4c a quart, would bring \$1.60, just 25c more than butter produced from the same quantity.

A milk driver and several other articles, valued in all at \$25, were stolen recently from a truck placed in the hallway of a Main street house. The matter is in the hands of the police.

DEATHS McHUGH--On Sept. 12th, Marlon Winfred, infant daughter of Ads and Joseph McHugh, aged five months and six days. PARLEE--In this city, Sept. 11th, after a lingering illness, Ed. L. Parlee, a father, four brothers and two sisters to mourn their loss.

In the city court today Dr. J. H. Seaman, well known Manford Day for his professional services, was fined \$10 for professional services. Day disputed \$11 of the amount, but judgment was given in the plaintiff's favor.

THE PLAYGROUNDS

The supervised playground on the Victoria grounds will be closed next Tuesday afternoon. At a meeting of the Playground Committee of the Woman's Council yesterday satisfaction was expressed at the success of the ground in this regard.

Photographs of the Centennial playgrounds in operation and samples of the work done are a contribution to the playgrounds department at Jamestown exposition.

The last will and testament of the late Wm. T. Bourke was today admitted to probate and letters testamentary were granted to John Aitken and Alice Stegling, the executors named in the will. The estate values at \$2,600 personal property. E. T. C. Knowles, proctor.

A matter that should receive the immediate attention of the police is the actions of an elderly man residing on Elliot Row. What is told is true his gray hairs will protect him from the wrath of angry neighbors or brothers of little girls in the vicinity. It appears that he is in the habit of enticing small girls by means of candy into a hallway for indecent purposes.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

REMARKABLE PHENOMENON. A remarkable phenomenon has been discovered in the basin of Sand Point, between the old and new wharves. The bed of the harbor there is found to be rising at an appreciable rate, and if the movement continues the waters will be displaced by valuable real estate. In that case, of course, the harbor would have to be sought elsewhere.

There has long been a theory that a submarine passage extended from the harbor under Carleton and Lancaster Heights to the Bay of Fundy, and some local scientists express the belief that this channel runs under the Sand Point basin and has in some way got choked up--perhaps by the dredging material dumped from scows--and that the resultant water pressure from below is forcing up in the roof of the channel, which is the bed of the basin.

Whatever may be the cause, the phenomenon is a remarkable one. It was discovered by persons making soundings for the harbor. These soundings have been taken at intervals for a year past, and a comparison of data shows that the depth of water is steadily decreasing.

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