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BUSINESS BOOMING

IN PORT OF NEW YORK

Rates Have Had a Corresponding Increase
Quoted for Carrying Grain to the United Kingdom.

November 6.—The shipping business is owners and agents report that their sagerly sought and booked to capacity advance of normal periods for closing

New York reported for one day restum House were \$4,067,065, against a figure for the corresponding day \$2,597,526. Imports were \$4,323,441, approximate figure of \$2,687,834 for the last year.

Rates have jumped accordingly, and advances are reported on prices main to United Kingdom ports, while in lesser degree to Italy, for space, it was reported, are practically at the present time. One of the shipping men, it was said, is that ships now hold there for unusually long stays, six weeks, through inability to command longshoremen and lighterage labor men in France are off to the war and the ports.

As a firm at the high figures set higher, the one encouraging thing to think that the rate on cotton has been tendency to decline because of the fact that cotton shipments to the country would not be interfered with by the sinking of the British steamer Van derluer, bound from South America with \$500,000 of beef aboard as part of new flurry in the insurance rate of shipping.

Eight rate on grain to United Kingdom from 10 to 12 cents a bushel. That of about 2 cents over ration and of ports, including Scandinavian and other rates have advanced for grain and the shipping charge on grain has been from 3 to 5 shillings a quarter of the beginning of the war.

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FIRE IN QUEBEC FACTORY

ENDANGERS MANY LIVES

Blaze Started in the Boiler Room and Quickly Spread
Damage is Estimated at \$30,000.

Quebec, November 6.—Fire breaking out, presumably from the boiler-room, and spreading so quickly that it endangered the lives of scores of factory hands, gutted the entire east wing of Gales Brothers' shoe factory on Valler street here yesterday, shortly after ten o'clock.

Within ten minutes after breaking out, the fire had entirely enveloped the whole structure, a building four stories high, and the firemen did unquestionably fine work in checking the flames, saving every person in the building, and protecting the many surrounding factories in this industrial district.

Such was the danger faced by the various plants in the neighborhood that the whole of Quebec's fire-fighting force was called to the scene, and the outbreak was under control within an hour. The damage, however, caused mostly by water, will easily reach the \$30,000 mark, but it is covered by insurance.

Four hundred hands were employed in the factory, and scores were trapped in the upper stories by the surging flames. Most of them escaped by jumping from the roofs of sheds and adjoining buildings in the rear; others were rescued by firemen.

There is no serious injury reported, save two girls, Mary Chamberland, 21, who was severely cut about the arms, and bruised while jumping through a window on the second story, and Rose Anna Raymond, 14, who was partly suffocated and carried out by fellow-workers. The latter quickly revived.

SHOE FACTORY BURNED

Quebec, November 6.—The entire east wing of Gales Brothers' shoe factory was gutted by fire. The damage will total \$30,000. A score of the employees at one time were in danger of their lives.

PERSONALS

Mr. W. B. Torrance has gone up to Toronto for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Clarence Chown went up to Hamilton this week, where they are the guests of Mrs. Chown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lambert.

Cadet Forbes Hale, of the Royal Military College, Kingston, who has received a commission in the Imperial army, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Amherst Hale, at "Sleepy Hollow," Sherbrooke, before his departure for England.

Among recent arrivals at the Colonial Hotel, Mount Clemens, Michigan, are Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McKim, of Montreal, who are enjoying the mineral baths of the Michigan resort.

Lieutenant Donald Grant, and Lieutenant Clyde Grant, sons of the late Dr. Grant, of Perth, Ont., and grandsons of the late Boyd Caldwell, M.P., of Lanark, are with the 42nd at Kingston.

Mr. Lomer Gouin will address the Women's Canadian Club at half-past four on Monday afternoon, November 9th, in the Assembly Hall of the Royal Victoria College.

Montrealers who spent the past week in New York guests at the McAlpin, include: Mrs. Charles Swager, Mr. H. B. Seybold, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Pearce, Mr. W. W. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. McDonald, Mr. James Peters, Mr. A. Popham, Mr. Joseph Levy, Mr. R. F. Wyler.

Mr. George W. Peck sailed for England by the Virginian on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Dunlop, with Miss Dunlop, have returned from St. Agathe, and are residing at 564 Sherbrooke street west.

Mr. Nathaniel Hutchings and Mrs. Hutchings, who was Miss Florence Shuter, were in town from Toronto the early part of the week, the guests of Mrs. Hutchings' brother, Mr. Geo. Shuter, of St. Luke street, and they have left to spend the winter in Paget West, Bermuda. They will return to Canada in the spring.

AT THE HOTELS.

At the Ritz-Carlton: J. Beverley Robinson, Toronto; F. B. Adams, Greenwick; Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Wurske, Quebec; J. Macintosh, Belo, Almonte; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Borden, New York; Mrs. P. Nichols, Northampton; Albert Kingsbury, Pittsburg.

At the Windsor: B. F. Uniacke, Ottawa; P. G. Jones, England; E. H. Scaman, New York; C. E. Shepard, Worcester; Mrs. Ed. G. Islam, Burlington; G. McKee, Quebec; Mrs. G. L. Tapley and Miss H. Russell, St. John.

At the Place Viger: Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Dohan, Lewis; H. L. Phillips, New York; F. W. Phillips, New York; S. J. Dobbie, St. Augustin; T. Laurin, Quebec; Dr. C. E. Darach, Three Rivers; Mr. and Mrs. E. Roy, Quebec.

MOVING PICTURE HOUSES

DOING GOOD BUSINESS

Houses are Still Crowded, One Class of Patrons Replaces Other—Dividends as Large as Usual Are Being Paid.

Although the war may have hurt the theatrical business as a whole, as there are fewer people who have a dollar, or a dollar and a half to spend on a seat for the theatre, and yet there are still just as many people to be amused, and now many who used to patronize higher priced theatres have become patrons of the movies.

Although many people who used to frequent the moving picture houses find it hard to get the necessary ten cents, their places are being taken by others to whom ten cents has always seemed a mere nothing. In this way the moving picture business has kept up to normal times, and most of the houses are paying their usual large dividends to their shareholders. Nor is there evidently any anxiety about the future amongst the movie men; they are all equally sure that the business will boom no matter what happens.

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FOREST FIRES DO MUCH HARM

TO SOIL AS WELL AS TO TREES

Experts State That Soils in Forest Countries Where Fires Have Occurred Are Losing Much of Their Fertility.

Experts state that forest soils have lost and are losing much fertility owing to forest fires which, doing apparently little immediate damage, rob the soil of accumulations of humus. In many sections land is being cleared for farming, and where such forest land has not been burned, there is a large percentage of vegetable matter which provides considerable fertility and a good texture. Moreover, as this soil has a greater capacity to absorb and retain moisture, it is less likely to be washed and gullied under heavy rains. For these reasons, in addition to the damage to standing timber, authorities agree that wood lands should be very carefully safeguarded against fire—(Conservation.)

TROUBLE OVER ANNEXATION

Resident of Rosemount Protests Paying Taxes on Property Which He Claims He Was Exempted from When Rosemount was Separate Municipality.

The annexation of the Municipality of Rosemount by the City of Montreal was brought up in the Practice Court yesterday morning, when Mr. Justice Charbonneau gave permission to Ovide Lapierre, represented by Messrs. Pelissier, Wilson and Saint-Pierre, to issue a writ of certiorari against Mr. Recorder Geoffroy and the City of Montreal, mis-en-cause.

The petitioner claims that by a special by-law, passed by the Rosemount municipality, he was exempted from paying taxes on property he owned, and in the annexation agreement, this by-law was to be respected by the city. Subsequently, alleges the petitioner, he was sued by the City of Montreal for \$39 alleged to be for unpaid taxes on his Rosemount property. Mr. Recorder Geoffroy condemned him to pay this amount, and the certiorari proceedings were instituted to upset this judgment.

GOLD AT LONDON.

London, November 6.—Bank of England bought £2,700,000 gold bars.

TROUBLE OVER COTTON

INSURANCE HURTS TRADE

Federal Bureau Can Only Underwrite Cargoes Carried in American Bottoms; Bankers Not Anxious to Make Loans.

Washington, November 6.—Information received here from domestic shippers indicates that some little difficulty is being experienced in obtaining the proper accommodation in foreign shipments of cotton and other commodities. It was learned to-day that this difficulty arises from the fact that the British law stipulates that no war risk insurance is to protect the shippers from seizure by the British. Thus it follows that insurance underwritten by the British companies does not always protect the shippers from confiscation of the shipments by the Allies.

At present, it is said, there are about 20 foreign companies in the United States underwriting risks on hulls and cargoes. There are about 15 other companies which are American. To place all the insurance with the few American companies is almost an impossibility, and the Federal War Risk Insurance Bureau is not permitted to underwrite any risk on cargoes, but those which are carried in American bottoms.

Owing to the restriction in the British policies, it is said, the bankers are not readily accepting the way bills as collateral and are not anxious to make loans on exportations that carry the British insurance.

The peculiar feature of this situation is that it is said to be affecting the shipments of cotton more than any other commodity. This exists in spite of the fact that cotton has been declared to be non-contraband, and England has officially signified her any open port in the world without molestation.

In the case of contraband and conditional contraband the next stipulation in the British policy is a protection to the British interests. This prevents any legal complications arising where the British desire to stop a shipment of such goods when it is feared it may find its way to an enemy.

The complication arising in this connection, it is understood, is being advanced as another argument for the upbuilding of an American merchant marine. All such goods carried on American ships can obtain war insurance from the Federal Government, and there would consequently arise no question as to the safety of the shipment, and vitiate the argument of bankers that the waybills are not worth their face value.

LAYING CONCRETE PAVEMENT

GUARANTEED TO LAST

Eastern City Makes Experiment in Road Building Which is Bound to Prove Successful and Be More Generally Adopted.

An innovation in the construction of permanent pavements has been adopted on a section of roadway recently laid in an eastern city. The policy of the city's engineering department had been to lay all underground services—such as sewers and water and gas mains one year previous to the laying of the pavement, to allow the filling in of the excavations to become fully settled and to give a firm foundation.

To provide work for the unemployed it was decided to lay the pavement on a street shortly after the construction of the underground services, which included a sewer in the centre of the street.

In the construction of the new pavement, after the excavation of the full width of the roadway had been completed, a trench six inches deep and four feet wide was taken out in the centre of the roadway. In laying the concrete this centre trench was first filled to the depth of six inches. Laid on top of this was a reinforcement of two layers of concrete with a reinforcement of fence wire of the full width of the lower panel of concrete. This extra depth of reinforced concrete, extending beyond the edges of the sewer excavation, acts as a bridge, and precludes any possibility of the roadway sinking or breaking through, owing to the settling of the earth over the sewer.

It is claimed that the additional cost of the reinforcing was fully offset by the security afforded and also by the work provided for the needy, when other employment was not obtainable.

PROMINENT MONTREAL MAN IN CITY'S HOME GUARD.

UNEMPLOYED GIRLS GIVEN WORK FOR RED CROSS SOCIETY

In Helping Others These Girls Help Themselves—Society Women See Way to Help City's Unemployed and the Same Time Help Soldiers at the Front.

No one can help admiring the way in which the young women of Montreal are working to equip Canada's campaign against the Hun. Every young lady who hitherto spent her afternoon playing bridge and her evenings at dances, is now starting to knit or learn to knit. It is rather hard, no doubt, on some of the soldiers that they are the ones who have to be practised on.

While the young ladies are spending their time knitting, just for something to do, and at the same time showing their patriotism by helping their brothers at the front, they are forgetting the hundreds of young girls in the city, who have been thrown out of employment on account of the war, and who are showing their patriotism by bearing their troubles in silence, and without complaint. Nevertheless, a great deal of this work which is now being done by these young women, and much of it being done very badly, with a waste of good material, could be done better by these girls who are out of employment, and at the same time give them a small living wage.

That the fact that something must be done for the working girl in the city this winter, has been already realized by certain ladies is shown by the fact that Miss Meredith Hodgson and Mrs. Gavin Milroy have been given a room in the old Stroganoff Building, at the corner of St. Catherine and Windsor streets, and soon ten working girls at least will here be enabled to earn a livelihood, doing the sewing which otherwise was done by those to whom the work was so extra a burden.

The fact, however, that now some of this work will be done by the working girl, does not mean that other young ladies can not still show their patriotism. These girls have to be paid for their work, and contributions of money to this end will be most welcome.

PREVENTABLE CAUSES ASSIGNED FOR MOST TORONTO FIRES.

Toronto, Ont., November 6.—Mr. J. Grove Smith, chief statistician of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, says that more than \$18,000,000 damage has been done through fire in this city during the past decade. Seventy-five per cent. of the fires, he said, were from common causes and were preventable.

FUNDS TO INSURE TROOPS.

Quebec, Que., November 6.—Subject to ratification by the Quebec Legislature at its next session, the city of Quebec has decided to vote another sum of five thousand dollars to pay the premiums on one hundred thousand dollars insurance on the lives of the citizens of Quebec, who will enlist for active service in the second overseas contingent from Canada.

This action on the part of the city is subject to ratification by the Quebec Legislature at its next session.

REDUCED ITS ASSESSMENT.

Toronto, Ont., November 6.—The Court of Revision has reduced the assessment on the head office and general plant of the Toronto Railway Company from \$1,712,280 to \$1,302,280, a gross reduction of \$410,000.

REAL ESTATE AND TRUST COMPANIES

Quotations for to-day on the Montreal Real Estate Exchange, Inc., were as follows:

Table with columns: Bid, Asked, Company Name, Price. Includes Aberdeen Estates, Beudin Ltd., Bellevue Land Co., etc.

REAL ESTATE AGENT DEAD.

Hamilton, Ont., November 6.—F. E. Bradbury, who was accidentally killed in Chicago was president of the Scarborough Canadian Company, a real estate firm which handled the C. N. R. right of way for the Toronto-Hamilton-Niagara proposed route.

MUCH NEW BUILDING.

Toronto, Ont., November 6.—More building is going on in the Queen City this season than ever before. Operations on an undiminished scale are expected to proceed throughout the winter. The Board of Education alone has under way twenty-four different pieces of construction which will aggregate in cost \$1,000,000.

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SHAKESPEARE APARTMENTS, 2248 Hutchison—7 rooms, heated, hot water all year round; electric fixtures, gas ranges, refrigerators; janitor service. Apply Janitor or Phone Main 5498; evenings, St. Louis 2513.

PATENT FOR SALE.

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