

AN INCREASE IN SMALLPOX

What the Comparative Figures of the Province of Ontario Show.

A despatch from Toronto says: In the annual report to the Ontario Board of Health Dr. Hodggets, Secretary of the board, draws attention to the fact that during 1907 there was an increase of smallpox compared with 1906. Commenting upon the position, he says that the total of 833 cases reported fails to represent the actual number of cases. As the result of inquiries made by the officers of the board it has been found that large numbers of cases of smallpox have occurred without medical attendance being called in owing to ignorance of the true nature of the disease from which the patients were suffering. In other instances cases had been concealed on account of fear of quarantine. This has resulted in the spread of the disease. In many municipalities the disease was not recognized, but was diagnosed as chickenpox or impetigo. Local health authorities

were therefore again cautioned that when a case of eruptive disease is known to exist no time should be lost in ascertaining its true character. Diphtheria shows little difference as compared with 1906, and 283 deaths resulted. Only about half the number of cases of enteric were reported last year as in the previous twelve months, but the disease was of a more severe type, and it was responsible for 425 deaths, as against 697 for the preceding year. Dr. Hodggets remarks with satisfaction that the increased interest shown by local authorities in health questions is evidenced by the fact that the returns made to his department report on 92 per cent. of the estimated population of the Province. There has been an increase in the number of cases of measles and scarletina notified, but the outbreaks were of a mild type.

THE LANCASTER BILL.

The Measure to Regulate Speed at Crossings Amended.

A despatch from Ottawa says: In the Senate Railway Committee on Thursday morning the Lancaster Bill for the protection of railway level crossings in the thickly settled portions of cities, towns and villages was amended by the adoption of an amendment proposed by Senator Beique. The bill in its new form provides that "no train shall pass over any highway crossing, at rail level, in any thickly populated portion of any city, town, or village at a greater speed than 10 miles an hour, unless such crossing is constructed and thereafter duly maintained in accordance with the orders, regulations, and directions of the Railway Committee of the Privy Council, or of the Board in force, with respect thereto, or unless such crossing is properly protected in accordance with such orders, regulations, and directions, or unless permission is given by some regulation or order of the board. The board may, from time to time, fix the speed in any case, at any rate that it deems proper. "The company shall have until the first day of January, 1909, to comply with the provisions of this section."

DEAD AGED 108.

Former Peterborough County Woman Passes Away in West.

A despatch from Peterborough says: Information has been received here of the death at Nesbitt, Manitoba, of Mrs. Argue, a former resident of Peterborough County, who passed away at the age of 108 years. Her maiden name was Margaret Jameson, and she was born in Ireland on Aug. 15th, 1800. She came to Canada in the early part of the century and settled in Caven Township, Peterborough County. She moved to Manitoba with her grandson in 1886 and had resided there since. The family records showed that she would have been 108 years of age next August. Some of her relatives claim that Mrs. Argue was 111 years old.

HIS LOST HAND AND EYE.

Thomas Leroy Badly Injured in Cobalt Explosion.

A despatch from Cobalt says: Whilst making an upraise to connect with the surface from the east drift, Thomas Leroy, a Frenchman, aged 56, and a native of Buckingham, fell into the Kendall shaft on Tuesday. In some manner not yet explained he caused some loose powder to explode. He had one arm badly lacerated, lost two fingers and a thumb and had to have an eye removed. Leroy, who is a married man with a large family, now lies in a precarious condition at the local hospital.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA ACT

Will Be Disallowed By the Dominion Government.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Canadian Government have sent instructions to the agent of the Justice Department in British Columbia to promptly take legal action either by habeas corpus proceedings or otherwise to restrain the Provincial authorities from any attempt to enforce against Japanese immigrants the penalties imposed in the Natal act, just passed at Durban. Under the act the Province is empowered to allow Japanese immigrants who land in Natal to be educated. As the act

is clearly ultra vires, the courts can at once grant the release of any immigrant whom the Province attempts to penalize, and recourse for damages for illegal arrest may be had against the Province. As soon as an official copy of the act reaches Ottawa it will promptly be disallowed. Meanwhile assurances have been sent by cable to the Japanese Government that the action of the British Columbia Legislature will not be allowed in any way to interfere with the rights of Japanese subjects in Canada, as guaranteed by treaty.

LEADING MARKETS

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 northern, \$1.19; No. 2 northern, \$1.15; feed wheat, 66c; No. 2 feed, 61c, lake ports.
Ontario Wheat—No. 2 white, 95c to 96c outside; No. 2 red, 95c to 96c; No. 2 mixed, 95c; goose, 91c to 92c.
Barley—No. 2, nominal around 70c.
Corn—No. 3 yellow American, 63½c to 64c, Toronto freights. Old corn, about 72c; none offering; inferior, 62c to 63½c.
Peas—85c to 86c.
Rye—No. 2, 81c outside.
Buckwheat—No. 2, 65½c to 66c.
Oats—No. 2 white, 51c to 52c outside, 53c to 54c on track Toronto; No. 2 mixed, 49c to 50c outside.
Flour—Prices of the leading Manitoba grades are very firm, as follows: Patents, special brands, \$6; seconds, \$5.40; strong bakers', \$5.30. Winter wheat patents very dull, around \$3.60.
Bran—Full cars, when they can be obtained, are not sold less than \$24 per ton. When part of a car the price ranges from \$22.50 up.
Shorts—The price is now \$24, buyers' bags.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Poultry—
Young turkeys, extra choice . . . 13c to 15c
Young geese 9c to 11c
Young ducks 9c to 11c
Chickens, choice 9c to 11c
Old fowl 6c to 8c
Inferior chicks and fowls . . . 5c to 7c
Butter—
Creamery, prints 30c to 30c
do solids 28c to 30c
Dairy prints 25c to 27c
do large rolls 23c to 24c
do solids 22c to 23c
Inferior 20c to 21c
Eggs—Storage, 21c to 22c per dozen, in case lots; selects, 25c to 26c; new-laid, 29c to 30c.
Cheese—Steady at 13½c for large and 13c for twins, in job lots here.
Beans—\$1.70 to \$1.75 for primes and \$1.80 to \$1.85 for hand-picked.
Potatoes—70c to 75c per bag in car lots on track here.
Honey—Strained steady at 11c to 12c per pound for 60-pound pails, and 12c to 13c for 5 to 10-pound pails. Combs at \$1.75 to \$2.50 per dozen.
Baled Straw—\$10 per ton on track here.
Baled Hay—Timothy, \$16 to \$17 in car lots on track here.

PROVISIONS.

Pork—Short cut, \$22 to \$22.50 per barrel; mess, \$18 to \$18.50.
Lard—Tierces, 11½c; tubs, 12c; pails, 12½c.
Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, 9½c for tons and cases; hams, medium and light, 14c to 15c; hams, large, 12½c to 13c; backs, 16c to 17c; shoulders, 40c; rolls, 40c to 45c; breakfast bacon, 14c; green meats out of pickle, 1c less than smoked.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—Eastern Canada No. 2 white oats, 53c; No. 3, 50c; No. 4, 48c; rejected, 47c, and Manitoba rejected, 49c to 49½c per bushel, ex-store.
A steady volume of trade is being done in flour. Choice spring wheat patents, \$3.10; seconds, \$5.50; winter wheat patents, \$5.75; straight rollers, \$5.50; do., in bags, \$2.67; extra, \$2.05 to \$2.10.
The local millfed market is very active. Manitoba bran, \$23 to \$25.50; middlings, \$27 to \$29 per ton, including bags; milled meal, \$28 to \$32, and pure grain meal \$35 to \$37 per ton.
Rolled Oats and Corn—Rolled oats, \$2.75; corn, \$1.60 to \$1.70 per bag.
The firm undertone in the local cheese market is being well maintained. September westerns are selling at 13c to 13½c for white, and 13½c to 13¾c for colored.
Butter—Grass goods, 29c to 30c; current receipts, 28c to 29c.
Eggs—Newly-laid, 32c to 33c; select, 26c to 27c; No. 1 limed, 20c to 22c; No. 2, 15c to 17c.
Provisions—Barrels short cut-mess, \$22.50 to \$23; half-barrels, \$11.75 to \$12.25, clear fat back, \$23.20 to \$24.50; long cut heavy mess, \$21 to \$24; half-barrels do., \$10.50 to \$11.25; dry salt long clear backs, 10½c to 11½c; barrels plate beef, \$13.50 to \$15; half-barrels do., \$10 to \$11; half-barrels do., \$5.50 to \$6; compound lard, 10c to 11c; pure lard, 12½c to 13c; kettle rendered, 12½c; Windsor bacon, 13c; hams, 12c to 13½c, according to size; breakfast bacon, 14c to 15c; fresh killed abattoir dressed, \$8.50 to \$8.75; alive, \$6.25 to \$6.50.

CATTLE MARKET.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—Not many export cattle were offered; a few picked ones sold as high as \$5.20. Other choice exporters sold for \$4.75 to \$5.15.
There were plenty of good butchers' cattle offered and prices eased off a bit, \$5 being the highest price for picked butchers'. Straight leads of choice cattle brought from \$4.50 to \$4.90, medium \$3.90 to \$4.40 and common from \$3.40 to \$3.70.
Medium and common cows were stronger, medium selling at \$3.25 to \$3.50 and common at \$2.50 to \$3.25. Very few stockers were on the markets. A lot of 50 sold for \$3 to \$3.60.
There was a good supply of calves, and, while prices did not decline, trade was slow. Sheep were steady at former prices, and were in good demand.

POLICE FIRED ON THE MOB

Five Sunnites Killed and Twenty Injured at Bombay.

A despatch from Bombay, India, says: Serious rioting occurred here on Thursday evening during the course of the celebration of the Muharram, the first month of the Mohammedan year, arising from dispute between the Sunnites or orthodox section and the Shi'as, the second great division of Mohammedans. The police arrested several Sunnites and the mob demanded their release, which demand was refused. The mob thereupon stoned the police, injuring two of them. The police

commander and other European officers fired upon the rioters, killing at least five of them and injuring forty, twenty of whom were seriously wounded. It is believed that others were killed and their bodies moved by relatives, for during the course of the afternoon and evening several similar clashes occurred. Eventually the 7 troops were called out and are now camping at night in the streets. The native quarter, however, is abnormally quiet.

EIGHT PERSONS KILLED.

Big Four Passenger Train Struck an Electric Car.

A despatch from Toledo, Ohio, says: Eight people were killed and a dozen injured when a Big Four passenger train struck a Toledo & Western electric car at the Michigan Central crossing in West Toledo on Saturday night. According to an eye-witness, the conductor stopped at the crossing to flag the car across. Seeing the train coming, he motioned to the motorman to stop, but the signal was either misunderstood or not heeded, for the car came ahead and the collision followed.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

Freedom of London to be Conferred on Famous Nurse.

A despatch from London says: The Corporation of the City of London will confer the freedom of the city on Florence Nightingale, the organizer of the nursing in the Crimean War, and who has otherwise made herself beloved by her charities to soldiers. She is now in her 89th year.

GREAT MEETING OF MAYORS.

Earl Grey Will Address Chief Magistrates of Ontario.

A despatch from Toronto says: His Excellency the Governor-General will visit Toronto the first week in March for the purpose of addressing a gathering of all the Mayors of Ontario, who are to be invited here by his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

EIGHTY THOUSAND IDLE.

Distress Becoming Acute in Berlin — Socialists Demand Relief.

A despatch from Berlin, Germany, says: More than 80,000 workmen in this city are without employment, and a Council of Ministers was held a few days ago to provide measures for their relief. The Socialistic party in the Reichstag is very insistent that something shall be done and the Ministry had to face the situation. No practical conclusions were reached.

MEN OVER 65 TO QUIT.

Grand Trunk Issues Orders — Some May be Re-engaged.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Orders have been issued to the heads of the Grand Trunk Railway System instructing them immediately to retire from the service all employees who have reached the age of 65 years. This is in accordance with the new pension rules. Provision is made for any of those who are over 65 but still active. On application for a renewal of their term consideration will be taken of their claim.

A German lawyer asked the court to impose a sentence of 1,461 years in prison on a man found guilty of selling foreign lottery tickets.

A British expedition against the Afridis, on the northwestern frontier of India, has captured the tribe's most important stronghold.

VICTIM MADE GREAT FIGHT

Wounded Ten Lynchers Before He Was Overpowered.

A despatch from Valdosta, Georgia, says: Attacked by a mob of lynchers just across the Florida line on Tuesday, Jack Long, a white man, fought his assailants desperately, wounding ten of them and forcing the others to kill him in the fight. Long was accused of killing James Sapp, a wealthy citizen. A son of Sapp had killed a brother of Long's and escaped.

Long saw the father of the slayer and shot him to death. Long was arrested, and fifty men visited the prison and took the prisoner out to hang him. A spectator says Long fought the mob to a standstill in the prison, but was knocked down with a club as he ran out of the door. Then another fight ensued, in which the combined strength of the men were required to subdue the prisoner. A start to a place four hundred yards distant was made, but Long fought every inch of the way, the path being marked with splashes of blood. It is said he was beaten to death before he was finally hanged. Four of the members of the mob were wounded so badly that they may die.