

BUILDING STILL CONTINUES ACTIVE

RETURNS FOR OCTOBER FROM EIGHTEEN CITIES

Volume of Work Shows Large Increase Over Same Month Last Year

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

It is quite evident from the extent of operations that are now being carried on that the lateness of the season has had but little effect on building activities as far as Canada is concerned. While the total investment possibly does not equal that attained certain of the spring and summer months, no similar period in the past was witnessed in general a more marked and consistent development.

In the sixteen cities reporting to the construction department for the month of October, the total aggregate for permits issued amounted to \$5,638,269, as compared with \$4,570,418 in the same month of last year. But three cities in all reported a decrease, and in two of these the loss (less than 1 per cent) is so infinitesimally small as to be hardly worth mentioning in consideration. On the whole, the country marched forward at a most substantial clip. Toronto's total in itself, approximately \$1,286,955, was an increase of \$507,615 in the month of October, 1909.

Aside from Peterboro's loss of 11 per cent, the greatest decrease noted, and which in itself, considering the comparative amounts, is not of very serious proportions, all points in Ontario progressed in the most gratifying manner. Ottawa reversed the less favorable condition existing in the two previous months by recording an increase of 44.9 per cent, which is equivalent to a gain of 28 per cent; while Hamilton, at a like increase, issued permits aggregating in value to \$318,330. Fort William also topped its corresponding month by an advancement of 8 per cent, and Kingston, which does not limit comparative figures, reports an increase of 22.31 per cent. Port Arthur, which was practically dead during this month last year, registers an increase of 731 per cent, the largest proportionate gain in the list. Other cities noted are: Windsor, 82 per cent; Berlin, 43 per cent; and London, 2 per cent.

In the western section of the Dominion the strides made exceeded all expectations. Although Victoria had but a fraction of equalling her previous record for the month, permits were issued to the extent of \$59,150, which an excellent showing in view of the very month immediately preceding. Calgary expelleed a marked state of activity as is evidenced by her total of \$68,290, which represents a gain of 10 per cent, while Edmonton and Regina are ahead by 18 and 17.7 per cent, respectively, the figures in the latter cases amounting to \$247,975, as against \$2,080 last year.

Montreal's greatest total of \$1,907,440 is the second largest amount noted, and represents an investment of \$1,788,795 more than was made on the same month last year. These figures reflect a tremendous growth, and especially so when one takes into account that at this season of the year considerable work is abandoned owing to inclement weather conditions. St. John also records an advance, a gain of 143 per cent; although Sydney, in the same section, is a trifle behind her corresponding amount.

Reports from the various other points throughout the country indicate an activity equally as pronounced as that shown by the cities included in the list, but in the other cases the respective totals for the month do not attain the prospect in every respect are anything but discouraging, and it looks very much as though the building fraternity in general will find much to do during the winter season.

Permits issued for October, 1910, compared with the same month last year, follow:

Table with 4 columns: City, 1910, 1909, Inc. Dec. P.C. Rows include Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, St. John, etc.

FALLS TO DEATH

Portland, Ore., Dec. 12.—The top of the new Selby building, Oscar Kay, foreman of the scaffold crew, waved a greeting to his brother Charles working on the top of the new fifteen story Yeon building a block distant, and a moment later he was hurling through the air to his death on the pavement 22 feet below. The body of Oscar, reaching out to grasp a hanging chain, missed it and plunged to his death.

An observatory to be devoted to meridian measurements of fundamental stars is to be built in Argentina, by the Argentine government.

RUSSIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS FLOGGED

Government Accused of Taking Brutal Revenge on Its Opponents

(St. Petersburg, Dec. 12.—Opposition parties in the Duma have united in addressing an interpellation to ministers of the interior and justice regarding the reported floggings of political prisoners in Siberia.

It is charged that the government is taking a brutal revenge on its political opponents and by so doing is disgracing Russia.

It is reported that Sasonoff, the assassin of Von Plehve, has died in Serapoul prison as a result of flogging or of self-inflicted injuries.

AUTO CAPSIZES

Two Men Sustain Serious Injuries—Companions Disappear After Accident

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 13.—Two men are near death, the result of an automobile accident on the Elmore road near Alhambra. The driver of the wrecked car and two other passengers disappeared after the accident and, according to the police, made no effort to aid their friends, who were imprisoned beneath the tonneau.

The injured men are J. H. Walsh and Stanley Gamble. They were taken to a hospital where it was ascertained they had little chance to recover. H. Malpas sustained less serious injuries.

The accident occurred late Sunday night, when the car was running approximately 60 miles an hour. The machine was the property of O. H. Kiefer, whose chauffeur, Carl Michel, is believed to have been driving. Kiefer is in San Francisco and had left the machine in Michel's charge.

"DISGRACE TO CIVILIZATION"

New York, Dec. 13.—Speaking last night at a meeting of the New York Society of Medical Jurisprudence, Dr. William A. White, president of the government hospital for the insane at Washington, D. C., said the discharging of lunatics in habeas corpus proceedings was practically dead in modern civilization.

John Brooks Leavitt, a New York attorney, said the people should appreciate the necessity of a law similar to that in force in England, which provides that the insane criminal shall be committed for safe keeping "until His Majesty's pleasure to release him shall be made known."

A committee was appointed to investigate the advisability of recommending a law.

GRANTS CONCESSIONS

St. Petersburg, Dec. 13.—An imperial order has been published confirming a resolution recently adopted by the cabinet permitting Jewish merchants of the First Guild to reside in the city and province of Moscow.

Emperor Nicholas on November 1, approved the opening of new sections for Jews. Heretofore the legal residence of Jews had been restricted to that section of the Polish province and the Ukraine limited by the original Jewish segregation law and the new sections embrace twelve districts in the provinces of Vitbeik, Volhynia, Minsk, Pultava and Kherson and the town of Yekaterodar.

The action of the government restricts the permanent residence of the inhabitants of the newly opened localities who desired the admission of Jewish residents as a means of improving local business conditions.

MUST GO TO PENITENTIARY

Sentence of Twenty-five Years Passed on Woman for Kidnapping Boy is Confirmed.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 13.—Helen Boyle must serve 25 years in the penitentiary for kidnapping Willie Whittle from Sharon, Pa., according to a decision of the supreme court here yesterday. The decision was made on an appeal brought by attorneys for the woman, protesting against the decision of the lower court. The court was sustained and the sentence confirmed.

The Whittle kidnapping case was one of the most sensational in the history of the country. He was found in Cleveland.

DESTROYERS WELCOMED

Melbourne, Dec. 12.—The new Australian destroyers Tarra and Parramatta have arrived at Melbourne, which has aroused great public enthusiasm.

The Earl of Dudley, governor-general, speaking on the occasion said the presence of a local navy was the surest means of upholding the integrity of the empire.

MILLIONAIRE ATTACKS METHODS OF RAILWAYS

Declares They Are to Blame for the Present High Cost of Living

Akron, Ohio, Dec. 12.—"Why has the seat of government been transferred from Washington to Wall street?" asks a letter written to every congressman and United States senator demanding that the railways be investigated.

C. Barber, a millionaire match manufacturer, is the writer. In his letter he charges that the railways levy a far higher tribute on the average family in America than does the tariff.

The tariff, he estimates, costs the average family in the United States \$15 annually. The railways, through freight rates, collect a toll of \$87 from the average family. It is alleged that freight rates plus the other earnings of the railroads, increase the cost to approximately \$127, the letter says.

Barber contends that the railroads, having over-capitalized until their stock represents far greater value than their actual worth, forfeit the right of levying a tax on the American people, based on the face value of the capitalization. The people, it is charged, are asked to pay the dividends on this watered stock on the ground that the railroads are entitled to a "fair profit" on their capitalization.

In the office of over-capitalization the railroads, Barber says, have always set the pace. As a matter of fact, he asserts, \$9,000,000,000 of the \$18,000,000,000 of railroad securities is pure and simple water. In spite of this enormous percentage of water he points out, the net earnings of the railroads have advanced steadily, and the average dividend has more than doubled in the last 25 years.

The railroads, it was pointed out, are even now gravely arguing that the increased cost of operation has made it necessary for them to advance freight rates in order to insure the "fair profit" which they allege is their due. This, the letter intimates, is simply another plea to get more money to increase the profits on the paper value of the railroads.

FUNERAL OF VICTIMS OF MINE EXPLOSION

Coroner's Inquest Expected to Throw Light on Alberta Accident

Fernie, Dec. 12.—The final count of dead at Bellevue remains at thirty, but it is possible that this list may be increased to as it is not certain there is not one more man to account for.

Six of the six victims were buried in one grave at Passburg today, and the body of Fred, Alderson will be laid to rest at Homer tomorrow.

As complete information is obtained, it becomes more and more evident that the Draeger system is a distinct step in advance upon methods of lifesaving apparatus heretofore in use. The want of proper establishment, which had not been perfected, and the lack of knowledge in the handling of the apparatus, were the first two factors in the tragedy.

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WOMEN'S COUNCIL DO MUCH BUSINESS

The Carleton Lee Lectures—Mrs. Cooper Resigns Presidency of Body

(From Tuesday's Daily.) An interesting meeting of the Women's Local Council was held yesterday afternoon in the committee room of the city hall.

Mrs. Preston, deputy commander of the Ladies of the Maccabees, and Mrs. Livingston, provincial field worker for the W. C. T. U., were presented to the council by Mrs. Spofford and were given a standing welcome.

Among other present were: Madam Cooper, Spofford, Jenkins, W. S. Day, Macfarlane, Hay, Cook, Gordon, Herd, Christie, Van Sant, Perrin, Gordon Grant and others.

Mrs. Gordon reported on the establishment in Victoria of the Victorian Order of Nurses and her report was accepted by the council by a most complimentary comment by Mrs. Cooper, who said the forming of such a society marked an epoch in the city and would undoubtedly be a great boon.

Mrs. Gordon reported on technical education, and a most appreciative vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Cleland and her supporters for the exceedingly able manner in which she had presented a report on the matter before the royal commissioners in the Parliament buildings during their recent visit to the city. Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Cooper both commented in the most favorable terms on the clear and admirable way in which the report had been compiled and presented.

Mrs. Day submitted a report on the Hindu petition, which had been laid before the legislature. The petition had been returned as it was not in the form required by the Dominion parliament. It was recommended that the ministerial board of the city should be approached on the subject of the petition. On this subject Mrs. Day also reported on the instruction to the Hindus, and the corresponding secretary was requested to write to the ministerial board with regard to the matter.

Mrs. Spofford reported on the following report to the Guy Carleton, Lee lecture course: "The sub-executive begs to submit the following report of the above-named course of lectures given under the auspices of the Local Council of Women in co-operation with the National Society of Broader Education, on November 30 and December 1, in the Broadview hall."

"The chief object of putting on this course of lectures was because of their educational value, it being thought that the subject of the course, in the hands of a man of Professor Guy Carleton Lee's stature and place before the people of our city as only a specialist could be so important a subject as this. The course was well received, and was selected. The Psychology of Life, which was most admirably dealt with in three lectures, 'The Soul of a Man,' 'The Heart of a Child,' 'The Mind of a Man.'"

"The arrangement of the course was as follows: To secure a patrons' list of those who were desirous of aiding in the recovery of the \$50,000 worth of gold, and advertising, 50 per cent of the net proceeds to be given to the Local Council. Should the patrons' list not reach the sum of \$50, the sum of not less than \$50, and in the event of the Local Council providing a hall, a sum of not less than \$75, should be received.

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ASKS DAMAGES FOR LOSS OF BIG TOE

John Boon, Injured in Hold of Vessel, Suing Brown and McCaba

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Before Mr. Justice Gregory and a jury in the Supreme court this morning was commenced an action in which John Boon, longshoreman and miner, claims damages from the stevedoring company of Brown & McCaba for loss of his big toe and injuries received about the body, in July last, which kept him in hospital for a month, and owing to which he has been unable to earn his livelihood since.

The injuries were received while the plaintiff was working on the ship Elginstar at the Michigan-Puget Sound wharf loading lumber. Boon was standing in the lower hold when a sling of heavy lumber was sent down, and because it was not properly slung together, as alleged by the plaintiff, he was struck on the foot, his big toe crushed, his side, from chest to waist, was skinned, his knee injured and his ankle sprained.

On the calling of the jury panel Henry B. Young failed to answer his name, and Mr. Justice Gregory, when a jury had finally been obtained, told the sheriff to see that Mr. Young was present at the adjourned sitting of the court. Included in the jury panel was John Arbuthnot, Rockland avenue, who, on being called, informed his lordship that he had arranged to take his family to England on Thursday and had looked passages. Between today and Thursday he had a lot to do and he asked to be excused. His lordship said he could not be excused. J. Arbuthnot, who was subsequently replaced by J. H. Gibb, F. B. E. Harris, G. N. Gowen, J. D. Hallen, W. H. Bone.

The plaintiff alleges negligence on the part of his employers, and claims damages under the Workmen's Compensation Act. In his evidence he said the sling of lumber was not properly slung and bound with battens or packing to prevent slipping, that the sling was loaded by the foreman on the job; that one man instead of two were stationed at the top of the hatch, and also that no warning was given to get out of the way. The sling was working in the lower hold and receiving \$4 per day of 10 hours. After the accident he was taken to the hospital, where the big toe of his right foot was amputated. From the hospital he went to his home and remained there a month and was then two weeks on crutches. He is not yet able to work, but expects to get to work again next month.

His Lordship—When this action is over? Mr. Alkman—I beg your Lordship's pardon? His Lordship—Well, the action will be over by next month.

The case is being continued this afternoon. W. J. Taylor, K. C., and C. H. Hanington are appearing for the defendants.

On the court resuming this afternoon the name of Henry B. Young, the absent juror, was called. He was present and when asked by his Lordship why he had not attended in the morning he replied: "I have no excuse whatever. I simply forgot all about it."

He was fined \$15.

BULLION RECOVERED

Fifty Thousand Dollars Worth of Stolen Gold Found in San Francisco—Seven Arrests.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 13.—The round-up of six men and one woman arrested yesterday for the recovery of \$50,000 worth of gold bars here promises to result in clearing up the mystery surrounding the robbery of a shipment of gold from Fairbanks to Seattle taken aboard the steamship Humboldt at Skagway on September 8 last.

One hundred and seventy thousand dollars' worth of the precious metal had been taken aboard the Humboldt, the boat of gold were opened, bars of the metal extracted, and pig lead was substituted for it. The robbery was not discovered until the shipment arrived at the United States assay office in Seattle.

Since then the United States secret service officers have worked night and day on the case, finally making the round-up here Friday night. The officers kept the arrests a secret for two days, hoping to catch others implicated in the theft. The woman arrested gives the name of Mrs. E. C. Smith. Her husband also is held. The gold bars were found in their rooms.

A number of letters, which the officers say will explain the theft, were also taken from the Smiths' apartment.

GEORGIAN BAY CANAL

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 12.—The big delusion which will wait upon the government tomorrow and ask for the deepening of the Welland canal, was beaten out to-day by a deputation of representatives of commercial interests from Montreal to North Bay, and four days ago in London, Ontario, and his colleagues the prior claim of the Georgian Bay canal.

Sir Wilfrid in his reply said the government had long been convinced of the practicability of the Georgian Bay canal, and the financial difficulties which stand in the way alone have prevented its construction before this.

He promised to again lay the matter before Mr. Fielding at the earliest possible moment.

CURFEW BY-LAW

Prince Rupert, Dec. 12.—Children under the age of fourteen must be off the streets and snug at home by 8.30 p. m. in winter and 9 to 10 p. m. in summer. The curfew months are October to March, the summer months April to September.

So says the curfew-by-law considered by the city council for the first time at the age of the "children" was altered from eighteen to fourteen years.

HEALTH SHATTERED BY TROUBLE IN MEXICO

Report That General Reyes Will Be Understudy for the Presidency

(Times Leased Wire.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—General Bernardo Reyes, practically banished from Mexico because his name was mentioned in connection with the vice-presidency a little more than a year ago, is returning to his own country. Reports here, coming from reliable sources, say that President Diaz has summoned him back and has decided to make him the understudy for the presidency.

President Diaz, according to reports here, is on the verge of a complete breakdown. His health is shattered, the strenuous times of the recent election, the anti-American riots in Mexico City and other of the larger Mexican towns and the revolutionary uprising that is still alive, having proved too much of a strain for him to bear. Although Diaz has insisted on personally directing the government's efforts to crush the revolution, the work has proved too heavy a task for him, according to close friends of the president here.

Diaz is so weak that he can scarcely walk. The slightest exertion leaves him exhausted, and he is on the point of nervous collapse, these friends say. Because of his advanced age, it is feared that he would not be able to overcome such an attack.

A most authoritative source it has been learned that Diaz has admitted to one of the members of the Mexican legation in Washington that he intends to resign his office as president here, and that he is on the point of resigning his office as president here, and that he is on the point of resigning his office as president here.

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WINTER SEASON WORK ON THE G. T. P.

Ballasting Stopped by Frost but Bridge Building Will Be Continued

Prince Rupert, Dec. 12.—From the hundred and second mile post, or to be more exact, the Kitsela Canyon, General Superintendent Mehan, of the Grand Trunk Pacific, has returned to town primed with satisfaction at the way in which the line is progressing. His visit to the end of steel was not intended to lead to the formulation of an scheme of working but merely to ascertain the conditions under which the operations are being carried on.

Despite the heavy frost and heavy snow he found everything in ship-shape order and the work progressing as rapidly as the hampering conditions would permit. One thing which he was very much pleased to see was ballasting, but the exclusion of this particular item in the programme, though he was sorry to see it go, gave place to others of almost equal importance.

In the district which is now being operated there are numerous gulleys and in the ordinary course of construction they have been passed by means of pile trestle bridges. The winter season, however, is now being utilized for the building of concrete foundations so that when the time comes the permanent steel bridges can be carried on right through the winter regardless of weather so that much time is being saved in this way.

Although the line is not officially open up to any point yet it is being used for the carrying of provisions up to the settlers in the district of operations. For a new line Mr. Mehan regards it as exceedingly good.

"Yes, it looks like winter up there," says Mr. Mehan. The Skeena is practically frozen and in places is being used for transport purposes.

CASE AGAINST PACKERS

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Counsel for the packers of the federal law appeared yesterday before Judge Carpenter and demanded that the government abandon the petition filed a petition alleging that since the government had filed a civil action covering the same ground, criminal action will be dropped. The petition will be argued.

FEDERAL TROOPS AND INSURGENTS CLASH

Battle Which Began on Sunday Reported to Be Still in Progress

(Times Leased Wire.) El Paso, Texas, Dec. 13.—A battle between federal troops and insurgents 20 miles from Piedras, in the state of Chihuahua, which began Sunday, is reported to have resulted in heavy loss of life on both sides. Both the troops and the insurgents are reported to be still in the field. The battle is reported to be still in progress.

Dispatches to-day indicate that the fight is still in progress, but do not say which side has the advantage. One message states that the insurgents seized two machine guns at San Andres.

Trains are moving northward on the Mexico Northwest railway filled with women and children refugees from the fighting zone.

PORTLAND TRAGEDY

Woman on Trial Charged with Complicity in Murder

Portland, Ore., Dec. 13.—The jury to try Mrs. Carrie Kerah for complicity in the murder of William A. Johnson at the Grand Central hotel in June, was selected yesterday by Judge Morrow's court and Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald made the opening address in behalf of the state.

Fitzgerald outlined the relations which had existed between Mrs. Kerah and Jesse P. Webb, her alleged co-conspirator, who is under sentence of death for having murdered Johnson, Humboldt, the boat of gold were opened, bars of the metal extracted, and pig lead was substituted for it. The robbery was not discovered until the shipment arrived at the United States assay office in Seattle.

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TAKEN TO TASK

(Special to the Times.) London, Dec. 13.—Writing on Lord Aberdeen's message to J. M. Henderson, Liberal candidate in West Aberdeenshire, the Dublin Daily Express says: "I will vote that she be hanged."

"We do not hesitate to say that this is an amazing and unvarnished performance. To represent the King in the highest honor a subject can accept. It is also a sacred trust. Lord Aberdeen has made it subservient to the prospects of a Radical candidate retained in his seat in an obscure Scottish county constituency."

The message referred to according to the Express was as follows: "You are entirely, I believe, quite me as declaring to you that after years of continuous residence in Ireland watching affairs and meeting people of every class and creed, I am profoundly impressed as to the absolute baseness of alarm about the consequences of Home Rule."

KAMLOOPS TO HAVE NEW HOSPITAL

Three Story Structure Will Cost in Neighborhood of \$70,000

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