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Review Of The Crops

Report on the Harvest in Manitoba and the North West.

Railways Have Broken All Records in Moving the Grain East.

Over Seventeen Thousand Cars Shipped to Beginning of November.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 20.—The railways are doing great work in carrying the Manitoba wheat crop. From September 1 to November 16 no less than 17,680 cars of grain were loaded and shipped East carrying in the neighborhood of fifteen to sixteen million bushels. The total amount of grain shipped East last year from September 1, 1900, to September 1, 1901, was only a trifle over 13,000,000 bushels. At present all records for grain shipments have been broken, and it is expected that the total amount exported this fall will reach 22,000,000 or 23,000,0000 bushels.

The North West Farmer, Western Canada's farm journal, in its issue today publishes an exhaustive review of the Western crop yields for the past year, gathered from correspondents of the paper in Manitoba and the Territories who were asked to furnish reliable information as to the returns from this year's crop, and the conditions during the past season, as well as to ascertain the amount of land in readiness for next year's work. Introducing the reports the North West Farmer says:

"Striking an average of the yields reported, we obtain the following results:

Manitoba—Wheat, 23.76 bushels to the acre; oats, 44.44; barley, 35.43; flax, 13.60.

In Assinaboia—Wheat, 39.31 bushels to the acre; oats, 56.69; barley, 39.63; flax, 17.50.

Alberta—Wheat, 30.29 bushels to the acre; oats, 54.13; barley, 37.17.

Saskatchewan—Wheat, 28.50 bushels to the acre; oats, 50.75; barley, 38.33.

"We think these averages represent pretty accurately the actual crop returns for the divisions of the country which they represent.

The estimated yield from the crops in the Territories has never been prepared during the growing season by the Territorial Department of Agriculture, but it is interesting to compare the figures obtained from our correspondents with the August crop bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture for Manitoba. That report gave estimates made from the standing crops as follows:

Wheat, 24.28 bushels to the acre; oats, 43.78; barley, 33.68 bushels. With the more actual information which threshing results have enabled our correspondents to gather, it will be noticed that the average for the wheat crop has been slightly lowered, while those of oats and barley have been raised. It will be noticed that the best yields as a rule are reported from the parts of Manitoba lying to the north, a fact which may be more or less due to the greater percentage of newer lands being brought into cultivation in these districts and which also suggests that perhaps the productiveness of the land in what we have all along called our best wheat growing sections may already be becoming impaired by too close and too continuous cropping. The returns from crops in the territories show a considerably higher average than do those from Manitoba, but this is only in keeping with conditions as they have existed throughout the entire growing season.

"We do not think the reports have anything of the boom character about them; in fact, in some cases it may be that rather below than above the actual returns. The general tendency of reports seems to indicate a loss, sometimes of one or two grades, on wheat on account of the wetness of the fall, although some correspondents do not report much detriment from this cause. It is gratifying to observe the general immunity from damage by frosts; and in contrast to the season of 1900, there seems to have been almost an entire freedom from loss by winds and hail. From some Manitoba points considerable complaint is made of damage by rust. The only damage sustained through winds has been that which has resulted from crops being blown down late in the season, in a few cases being shelled late in the fall where over-ripe grain was left standing too long before being cut.

"Delay and lateness in threshing is complained of from every quarter. The amount of land under summer fallow seems in most parts to be on the increase, and no doubt the adverse conditions for fall plowing of this season will act as a strong factor in impressing upon the farmers the advantages of having under fallow a large part of the land intended for early seeding. Not only this, but with the large amount of land left this fall for spring plowing, it is almost certain that after spring work has been carried as far as the season will allow, a good deal of land will of necessity be held over for fallow. The amount of damage done by invasion of insects does not seem to have been very great. In the central part of Manitoba, about and south of Douglas, a few of the lighter lands were invaded by grasshoppers, and from a few points complaint is made of the ravages of wire worms and cutworms, while from one point (Gladstone) the report mentions an attack of Hessian fly. Multiplying the average obtained for Manitoba by the acreage of 2,011,835 acres reported in the Manitoba June bulletin as being sown to wheat, we obtain a total wheat yield for the province of 47,802,049 bushels.

"Taken altogether, the whole trend of the report gives testimony to an unusually satisfactory crop and one the reflection over which will furnish good sance for our Thanksgiving dinner."

DIPHTHERIA.

Outbreak in Charlottetown Closes Public Schools.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Nov. 20—Owing to an outbreak of diphtheria here, the public schools have been closed until it is stamped out.

LAD DROWNED.

Going to Meet His Mother and Broke Through Ice.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 20.—While endeavoring to cross the ice from Norman to Rat Portage today, Jos. Mitchel aged 17, broke through and was drowned. The body was recovered, after being in the water 20 minutes. He was going to Rat Portage to meet his mother.

INTERESTING APPEAL.

Full Court Decision in Richards vs. Bank of B. N. A.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—In the Full court this morning Justice Drake gave judgment dismissing the appeal of the Bank of British North America against the judgment of the court below in Richards, plaintiff (respondent) vs. Bank of British North America, defendants (appellants.)

Messrs. Richards and Riley had an account with the Bank of British North America opened on July 3, 1900. These persons were partners in the Strand hotel and the account was so opened. The partners were both to sign checks in their individual names, and not in the partnership name. Owing to an error in the bank account the partners were allowed to overdraw $190.97. This was transferred from Richards' private account in the same bank. He sued for the amount and devision was against the bank. The bank appealed. The full court held that Richards was not the cause of error, and although he may be responsible in another action, he is not therefore to be deprived of his legal rights; therefore the plaintiff is entitled to the costs of this appeal and the costs of the court below.

The Cabinet Is Determined

Will Not Allow Foreign Vessels to Engage in Canadian Coasting.

Executive Meeting Considers the Question of Another Contingent to Africa.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Nov. 20.—At a meeting of the cabinet this afternoon the petition of Montreal men asking permission for American vessels to transport grain from Port Arthur and Fort William to ports on Georgian bay for the remainder of the season of navigation was refused. Since the announcement was made yesterday that such a request was preferred, the government has been overwhelmed with protests from different points in Canada against granting the request. The Canadian law provides that cargoes may only be carried from one Canadian port to another in British vessels. Some of the ministers today were willing to strain a point holding that the Northwest farmer would suffer if his grain was held back, but the majority were adverse.

The cabinet today wrestled with the question of another contingent for South Africa, but at the conclusion of the meeting the Premier intimated he had nothing to announce. It seems the subject is in the chaotic state in which it has been for some months and the ministers hardly know where they are at. Yesterday it was stated that despatches from the Home government seemed to imply a doubt existed in Downing Street as to whether or not Canada was prepared to furnish more men. In substance the decision of the cabinet today was to tell the Imperial authorities that they can have a mounted contingent if they want it. So that it will require a direct request from England before the Canadian government says the contingent can be raised.

This was Sir Wilfrid Laurier's sixtieth birthday. He received many congratulations.

The attempt to form a Canadian Order of Railway men to take the place of the international organizations fizzled out today owing to strong opposition from the representatives of the existing bodies.

Australia is asking Canada for pointers to establish a military college.

"RECIPROCITY OF TARIFFS"

Sir Charles Tupper Calls to Mind the Old Chief's Saying.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Toronto, Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Sir Charles Tupper is in the city to attend to some business before going to Winnipeg with his wife and daughter to spend the winter. Speaking on the tariff question, Sir Charles said the only motto for Canada is one constructed by the late Sir John Macdonald which John Charlton has revived, "If we cannot have reciprocity of trade, we can have reciprocity of tariffs."

Sir Charles thinks it quite beneath the dignity of Canada to make any trade proposals to the United States before the Alaska boundary question is properly disposed of: i.e., by referring it to an international board of experts. Asked his opinion regarding the sending of another contingent to South Africa, Sir Charles said: "I am very sorry that there is not a Canadian contingent standing alongside Australians and New Zealanders to fight for the Empire to the end of the war. I hope the government will not only allow a regiment to be raised but will also organize and equip it."

TO FIGHT TRUST.

Minnesota Ask Other States to Join Against Great Railway Combine.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 20.—The following statement was given out from Governor Vansant's office today: "Owing to the great interest of the people of the states west of us, and the great desire to see the attempt to consolidate the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific railway lines, resisted Governor Vansant has concluded to invite the governors of the states having anti-consolidation laws similar to those of Minnesota to join in an effort to fight the great railway trust." It is understood that a conference of the governors is to be planned to consider the best method of fighting the Northern Securities company propositions in the courts and by new legislation if necessary.

LAST HOPE GONE.

Peace Arbitration Court Will Not Consider Boer Appeal.

The Hague, Nov. 20.—The administrative council for the court of arbitration decided today that it was incompetent to consider the Boer appeal for intervention in the war in South Africa.

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Capture Of Colon

Story of Surprise of Town By the Colombian Rebel Forces.

General Patino Commander of Attacking Force Killed in Initial Skirmish.

Issue Now Seems to Rest on Result of Fight at Correra.

Colon, Colombia, Nov. 20.—On receipt of the news that Gen. Alban, the military commander of the Isthmus, had started to attack the Liberals at Correra, near Panama, the Liberals detached 160 men under Gen Patino, to attack Colon. This force embarked on board a train bound from Panama to Colon yesterday evening at Last Cascades station, previously cutting off telegraphic communication across the Isthmus. On arriving at the outskirts of Colon, where the government usually maintained a small guard, the Liberals left the train and in the initial skirmishes which began soon afterwards, Patino was killed. The command of the Liberals then devolved on Col. Frederico Barrera, and they continued their march on Colon, arriving there a few minutes after the train, thus surprising the whole town.

The government troops at Colon were outnumbered by the Liberals. Fighting immediately began at the cuartel (barracks), which was soon taken. There Senor Jaen, a judge of the criminal court, was killed, and Senor Musgus, the district representative of the department of the interior, was mortally wounded. Fighting subsequently occurred at the town hall, which was also taken by the Liberals. Among the prisoners captured there by the Liberals were the prefect guardia and the commandante of police.

Senor Paredes, the mayor, managed to reach the gunboat General Pinzion, which sailed last night for destination unknown, probably Carthagena. The whole affair was over in less than three hours. Communication with Panama was restored today. This reveals that no fighting has occurred there, that everything is quiet and the city is still in the hands of the government.

The issue now entirely depends on the result of the fighting which is doubtless now occurring at Correra, news of which is anxiously awaited here. The Liberals are now busy raising reinforcements locally. They are reported to have several hundred men at railroad stations between here and Panama. The United States gunboat Machias landed a detachment of marines here this morning. They are now guarding the railroad station and other property of the road.

A conference was held this morning between Commander McCrea, of the Machias; United States Consul Malmor; Col. Shaler, superintendent of the Panama railroad, and Col. Barrera, the commander of the Liberals. Col. Barrera was informed that marines had been landed from the Machias and Barrera promised to guard the city with his troops.

Today or tomorrow trains will be crossing the Isthmus as usual and there has been no obstruction of free transit so far.

The news of the capture of Colon, which reached Panama when communication with that city was restored this morning, was a great surprise to the inhabitants of the city on the other side of the Isthmus.

New York, Nov. 20.—Arturo de Brigard, consul-general of Colombia, today received private despatches informing him that the Liberals had surprised and captured the city of Colon last night. His telegrams placed the loss at 12 killed and 30 wounded. Mr. Brigard said that the taking of the town did not amount to much, as it was not a fortified place, and that Gen. Carlos Alban, governor of the department of Panama, was now in the city of Panama with 1,100 trained troops. He says that when Gen. Alban returned to Colon the Liberals would run away.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Today Secretary Hill cabled United States Consul-General Cudger at Panama a direction to notify all parties who are engaged in molesting or interfering with free transit across the Isthmus that such interference must cease. He was also directed to consult freely with Capt. Perry, the commander of the United States battleship Coma, now lying at Panama. Captain Perry was cabled by Secretary Long to land marines if necessary for the free transit across the Isthmus in accordance with the treaty rights and obligations of the United States. At the same time Captain Perry was enjoined to avoid bloodshed if possible. Meanwhile news came that Commander McCrae of the Machias which is now lying at Colon had anticipated this instruction from the Navy department by landing a force of bluejackets at Colon and occupying the railway station. The understanding at the Navy department was that the landing party consisted of about 100 sailors who are employed in lieu of marines, of whom the Machias has an insufficient force.

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MISS EASTWICK SENTENCED.

Woman Forger Gets Six Months in Jail.

London, Nov. 18.—Miss Marie Josephine Eastwick, the young Philadelphia woman who pleaded guilty of having forged a £100,000 railroad certificate, was sentenced today at the Old Bailey to six months' imprisonment as a second-class misdemeanant. The recorder in sentencing Miss Eastwick said he had received documents from the United States embassy showing the accused was mentally unsound, but he could not accept that as a plea, the question of sanity being a matter for the secretary of state to consider.

Miss Eastwick, who looked frail and ill, leaned for support on the arm of the prison wardress when leaving the dock.

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Does the doctor who pills
Make his living by pillage?

SABRETASCHE ABOLISHED.

Useless Ornament of Mounted Officers to Go.

Ottawa, Nov. 19.—(Special)—A recent army order abolishes the sabretasche in all branches of the service. It will apply to the Canadian militia.

FOR STEALING LETTERS.

Montreal Post Office Clerk Sentenced to Three Years.

Montreal, Nov. 19.—Maxmilian Monsseau an employee of the post office, was this morning sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for stealing letters.

STEYN'S FAMILY.

Report That They Have Been Deported from South Africa.

Brussels, Nov. 18.—The Petit Bleu asserts that the wife and family of former president Steyn of the Orange Free State have been deported from South Africa.

SMALLPOX IN QUEBEC.

Over Sixty Cases Are Reported in the City.

Quebec, Nov. 19.—There are now over 60 cases of smallpox in the city of Quebec. The authorities are having some difficulty in enforcing vaccination among the ignorant classes.

THE TARTE A SUCCESS.

Trial of the Big Government Dredger at Toronto.

Toronto, Nov. 19.—A successful builder's test was made of the new government dredge, Hon. J. Israel Tarte, today. It is the largest and most powerful hydraulic dredge in the world.

INCREASE FIRE RATES.

In Consequence of Late Heavy Losses at Sydney.

Montreal, Nov. 19.—As a consequence of the recent biz blaze in Sydney, N.S., insurance rates there are to be increased 20 per cent. with a further increase if fire protection is not improved.

MEDAL FROM LONDON.

Toronto Receives Memorial of Raising Imperial Volunteers.

Toronto, Nov. 19.—The city authorities have received one of the solid gold medals struck by the City of London to commemorate the raising of the City of London Imperial volunteers for service in South Africa.

HEART FAILURE.

Sudden Death of Frank Robertson of Toronto.

Toronto, Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Frank Robertson, wholesale fancy goods merchant died early this morning at the Emergency hospital. He was sitting in his office about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon when he was taken suddenly ill of heart failure.

HIS THROAT CUT.

Man Found Dead on Outskirts of Sault St. Marie.

Sault, Ste. Marie, Nov. 19.—(Special.)—The identity of a man found on the outskirts of the town on Saturday with his throat cut almost from ear to ear has been established. His name was Antonine Cotupnelli, a stone mason, of the Soo Michigan.

CANNERS DISAGREE.

Arrangement of Last Year Will Not be Renewed.

Toronto, Nov. 19.—(Special.)—The combination of the canners to limit production of leading lines of goods 25 per cent. which was made last summer, has broken down, and will not be renewed. A number of leading canners found it impossible to limit production.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

It Is Expected to Open About the Middle of January.

London, Nov. 18.—The original intention was to re-open parliament on January 24, the day of the expiration of the mourning of the court for Queen Victoria, so as to enable King Edward to be present with full state ceremony. It is now understood, however, that financial needs will compel an opening a week earlier.

RIOTS AT MADRID.

Students Attack Tramways and Try to Burn Cars.

Madrid, Nov. 19.—Students riots have been renewed in Madrid. Today the tramways were attacked and attempts were made to set the cars on fire. Over 20 persons were injured, including the son of a high official of the ministry of the interior. Student disorders are also reported in Barcelona and Valencia.

BANNERMAN'S SPEECH

Brings Him Some Severe Criticism in England.

London, Nov. 20.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman is the subject of much severe comment for having declared in a speech last night at Plymouth that he dispaired of overcoming the peril now facing the country in South Africa, so long as Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Milner retained their present offices.

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GREAT NORTHERN WRECK.

Twenty-Six Japanese Killed in Montana Collision.

Helena, Nov. 18.—Reports have been received here of a disastrous wreck on the Great Northern near Culbertson station, in the northeastern part of the state. An eastbound freight, extra, collided with a work train, and 25 Japanese are reported to have been killed. The extra was running 25 miles an hour around a sharp curve in the track at the time of the accident. So far as can be learned the Japanese were the only ones injured.

SUNK IN COLLISION.

London, Nov. 18.—Saturday's fog, which was general throughout the United Kingdom, was responsible for many accidents and fatalities. The driver of a London omnibus was found dead in his box while the vehicle was still running. He was a victim of cold fog. Several collisions occurred in the Mersey. The Dominion liner Roman, from Portland November 2, ran down and sank the Sapphire, of the Dundee Gem line. There was no less of life. A Norwegian brigantine has been seen drifting helplessly off Hull, and it is feared that several persons have been drowned.

Position Of the U.S.

Mr. Hay's Remarks at New York Chamber of Commerce Dinner.

Considers Diplomacy Between Nations on Higher Basis Than Believed.

Gives His Views of Course Which His Country Is Taking.

New York, Nov. 19.—At the Chamber of Commerce dinner tonight, Secretary of State Hay said:

"There was a time when diplomacy was a science of intrigue and falsehood, of traps and mines and counter-mines. It may be another instance of that credulity with which I have often been charged by European critics, when I say I really believe the world has moved onward in diplomacy as in many other matters. In my experience of diplomatic life, which now covers more years than I like to look back upon, and in the far greater record of American diplomacy, which I have read and studied, I can say without hesitation that we have generally told squarely what we wanted, announced early in the negotiations what we were willing to give, and allowed the other side to accept or reject our terms During the time in which I have been prominently concerned in our foreign relations, I can also say that we have been met by the representatives of other powers in the same spirit of firmness and sincerity.

"If we are not permitted to boast of what we have done, we can at least say a word about what we have tried to do, and the principles which have guided our actions. The briefest expression of our rule of conduct is, perhaps, the Monroe doctrine and the Golden Rule; with this simple chart we can hardly go far wrong.

"I think I may say that our sister republics to the south are perfectly convinced of the sincerity of our attitude. They know we desire the prosperity of each of them and peace and harmony among them. We no more want their territory than we covet the mountains of the moon. As to what we have tried to do, what we are still trying to do in the general field of diplomacy, there is no sound reason for doubt on the one hand or reticence on the other. President McKinley in his messages during the last four years has made the subject very clear. We have striven, on the lines laid down by Washington, to cultivate friendly relations with all powers, but not to take part in the formation of groups or combinations among them. We have sought, successfully, to induce all the great powers to unite in a recognition of a general principle of equality of commercial access and opportunity in the markets of the Orient. We consider our interests in the Pacific ocean as great now as those of any other power and destined to indefinite development. We have opened our doors to the people of Hawaii; we have accepted the responsibility of the Philippines, which Providence imposed upon us; we have put an end to the embarrassing situation in which we were involved in Samoa; and while abandoning a number of our commercial rights in the entire group, we have established our flag and our authority in Tutuila, which gives us the first harbor in the South seas. Next in order will come a Pacific cable, and an Isthmian canal for the use of well disposed peoples, but under exclusive American ownership and American control; of both of which great enterprises President McKinley and President Roosevelt have been the energetic and constant champions."

Joseph H. Choate, ambassador to the Court of St. James, spoke with his usual eloquence, dwelling mostly on the recent visit of the delegates of the New York Chamber of Commerce to London. He enlarged upon the sympathy that had been shown by the British people at the time of President McKinley's death, and said not only had this sympathy been manifested almost every hour for days after the sad event, by royalty, but by all classes. In view of these facts, Mr. Choate thought the United States government was justified in thinking that Britain's grief was an expression of natural sympathy.

RESORT TO FORCE.

Troops to be Used to Rescue Miss Stone.

Sofia, Nov. 19.—It is reported that Mr. Dickinson, the United States diplomatic agent here, has informed the government of Bulgaria that the abductors of Miss Ellen M. Stone and Madame Tsilka with their captors are concealed in a defile of the Belleritza mountains near Smotchno, district of Dubnotza, and has requested that troops be sent to surround the place and liberate the captives. Both Mr. Dickinson and the Bulgarian foreign office decline to confirm or deny this report. Nevertheless it is believed that Mr. Dickinson, persuaded of the impossibility of coming to terms with the brigands, and relying upon his belief that they will not harm their captives if the troops are employed against them has after consulting with Washington, decided upon this move. Only eight bandits now guard Miss Stone, and some of them are known to be sympathizers with her.

A fortnight ago Mr. Dickinson approached the Foreign office and proposed this same plan, but its carrying out was abandoned because of the uncertainty of the location of the bandits.

RECIPROCITY.

Mr. Charlton Invited to Speak on Subject in Buffalo.

Buffalo, Nov. 19.—At a meeting of the flour committee of the Buffalo Merchants' Exchange today, it was decided to invite Mr. John Charlton of Canada to address the exchange on the question of closer relations between this country and Canada, and requesting Mr. Charlton to name the date.

CANNING MACHINE.

Report That Salmon Interest Will Take It Up.

Vancouver, Nov. 19.—(Special.)—It is reported that the salmon interests will consider the advisability of bonusing the patent Brown canning machine to insure clean packed fish.

The very handsome new Methodist church on Georgia street will be opened on Sunday December 22.

GOLD SHIPMENTS.

Athabasca and Cariboo Sending Product of Mines to Coast.

Vancouver, Nov. 19.—Large shipments of gold from Port Athabasca, on the Mackenzie river, and from Cariboo, are being handled by the assay office.

The case of D'Avignon v. Jones before the Full court is adjourned till January to enable papers lost on the Islander to be replaced. Plaintiff appeals from the court in the Yukon, to set aside an alleged bill of sale to property worth possibly a quarter of a million dollars, on Gold Run creek. Plaintiff claims he left a blank deed signed for another purpose and defendant filled in the bill of sale over his signature.

Matthew James Archibald died on Saturday. He was a prominent farmer of Abbottsford, and a native of Truro, N. S. At one time wealthy, he lost heavily in speculation and migrated to British Columbia. His aged wife recently had her leg amputated in the hospital. When told of her husband's death, she said she wished blood poisoning had been allowed to take its course; she would sooner be with her husband.

A new baseball organization has been formed of prominent business men, who have leased Powell street grounds and established an emergency fund.

The Full court has reserved decision in the case of McKay v. Yukon Trading Co. In the Yukon McKay was given judgment on the grounds that the contract for carrying freight was not carried out before the close of navigation. This judgment was appealed against.

To Overcome Obstruction

Imperial Government to Propose Reform in Parliamentary Procedure.

House Will Sit Earlier And Questions Be Deferred Till Evening.

London, Nov. 19.—It is understood that the British government intends to propose a reform of the procedure of parliament to overcome obstruction. The scheme will suggest that the house assemble at 2:30 p.m. instead of 4; that the government business be taken first; that an adjournment from 7:30 until 9 be taken for dinner; that questions then be taken up and ordinary business be carried on until midnight. Under the existing systems questions form the first business of the House of Commons and give rise to much obstruction.

FROM WINNIPEG TO TORONTO

Alliance of Grand Trunk, Wisconsin Central and Canadian Northern.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Winnipeg, Nov. 19.—It is reported here that the Grand Trunk, Wisconsin Central and Canadian Northern roads have formed an alliance, and that through trains will soon be running from Winnipeg to Toronto.

The law firm of Ewart, Fisher & Wilson has received instructions from clients in Carman to apply for an injunction against the Canadian Northern Railway company to restrain them from running their trains and keeping their tracks on South Railway street in that town. The clients of the firm are Messrs. McLeod and Sutherland, two owners of property on that street, who claim that it interferes with their vested interests.

Several grain dealers have stopped buying wheat at outside points owing to the elevators being full. There is a great scarcity of cars, but the railways are doing all in their power to relieve the situation.

MATTHEW BEATTY DEAD.

He Was Senior Member of a Large Manufacturing Firm.

Welland, Ont., Nov. 19.—Matthew Beatty, senior member of M. Beatty & Sons, manufacturers of shovels, etc., is dead, aged 81 years.

CONDUCTOR KILLED.

Result of Trying to Board a Moving Train.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 19.—Daniel Mackenzie, an Intercolonial railway conductor, was instantly killed at West river on Saturday while attempting to board a train.

KILLED BY LOG.

Little Boy Struck by Rolling Timber.

Peterboro, Nov. 19.—John Derocher, 6 years old, was struck and instantly killed by a large pine log, which he was watching being unloaded from a wagon yesterday.

LAKE ST. JOHN.

Another Big Syndicate to Operate There.

Quebec, Nov. 19.—A syndicate of Canadian and United States capitalists is to operate in the Lake St. John district in various industries. The capital of the company is several millions.

FOR THE ORPHANS.

Concert to Be Given at Nanaimo on Thanksgiving.

Nanaimo, Nov. 19.—(Special)—Miriam lodge, No. 3, Sisters of Rebekah, are preparing for a concert in the opera house on Thanksgiving night, the proceeds to be given to the Protestant Orphans' Home, Victoria.

J. Hogan and Robert Robertson played a game of quoits today for $50 a side. Robertson won by a score of 61 to 25.

BANK FAILS.

Metropolitan Bank of Tacoma Closes Its Doors.

Tacoma, Nov. 19.—The Metropolitan bank failed today as the result of a run which started over a misunderstanding with regard to a suit filed against a defunct bank of a similar name. The deposits amount to $500,000. Dwight Phelps was subsequently appointed receiver.

Another Contingent

Ottawa Cabinet Will Consider the Subject at an Early Date.

Dr. Borden Says There Has Been Correspondence With Imperial Authorities.

But He Is Not at Liberty to Make Its Nature Public.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Nov. 19.—Hon. Dr. Borden, minister of militia, returned from Boston today. Your correspondent had a brief conversation with him this afternoon on the subject of the despatch of another contingent to South Africa. The minister admitted there had been recent correspondence with the Imperial authorities on the subject and said the question would be considered in council at an early date. He remarked that he was not at liberty to mention the nature of these communications beyond the fact that they seemed to point to the existence of doubt on the part of officials in England as to whether Canada's offer of last spring remains good. It is announced semi-officially that the government will permit "recruiting" in Canada for a mounted force. The feeling in military circles is that should the government not outfit the men and then present them to South Africa as was done in the case of previous contingents, it will be a serious blow at the prestige of the Dominion.

The militia department today received cable announcing the death at Kimberley of Abraham Armsden, South African Constabulary, of enteric fever. Armsden's father resides in Melita, Manitoba.

Sir Charles Tupper spent today in the city and left for Toronto tonight.

There is some talk of permitting United States vessels on the Great Lakes to do coasting in Canadian waters for the balance of the season.

Toronto, Nov. 19.—The Evening Telegram's London cable says: "The Under Secretary for War says that Canada's latest offer of mounted infantry for service in South Africa is being considered. The Imperial authorities are in communication with the Colonial and Canadian office, but nothing has yet been definitely decided.

"Inquiry at the Canadian office elicited no information. However, the matter has received most favorable consideration and it is quite probable that on the arrival of Lord Strathcona a decision will be reached.

A DOUBLE CRIME.

Robbers Blow Safe and Murder a Companion.

Hutchison, Kas., Nov. 19.—The safe of the Missouri Pacific railway depot here was blown by robbers early today. A man supposed to have been one of the robbers was found dead with a bullet hole through his heart. The supposition is that the dead man was stunned by the explosion, which was very heavy, and the others thinking he was too badly crippled to get away, shot him. The money left in the safe last night was found under the debris.

CANADIAN STEEL.

Large Sales Being Made in the United States.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—The Chronicle's correspondent at Sydney learns that the Dominion Steel Co. already has sold a large quantity of steel billets to different firms in the United States, although the steel plant is not yet in operation. The billets will be delivered during the winter by rail. Steel men regard the export of Sydney's steel to the United States as significant.

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HAY-PAUNCEFOTE TREATY.

New Instrument Signed and Now Ready For United States Senate.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The new Pauncefote treaty was signed today at 12:05 by Secretary Hay, for the United States, and by Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador, for Great Britain.

This treaty is intended to replace the first Hay-Pauncefote treaty. That convention was amended so extensively by the United States senate at its last session that the British government declined to ratify it. Within a few weeks negotiations began afresh between Mr. Hay and Lord Pauncefote, which has resulted in the signature of a new treaty drawn with special reference to the objections made by Great Britain.

From a due sense of courtesy which must be observed towards the United States senate, where a treaty is concerned, the state department is stopped from making public the text of the new convention, and that will remain secret until the senate shall break the seal of confidence. The principal point of difference between the new and the failed treaty is the withdrawal of Great Britain from the joint guarantee of the neutrality of the canal, thus leaving the United States the sole guarantee.

The section of the old provision respecting the right to fortify the canal leaves that right by inference optional with the United States. All commerce of whatever nationality passing through the canal will fare alike. There will be no discrimination in rates of the United States shipping. Otherwise the new treaty in scope is similar to last year's treaty. It replaces technically the Clayton-Bulwer treaty concluded on April 19, 1850. By the terms of that old convention the United States and Great Britain agreed that neither should seek any advantage in the rights of transit across the Isthmus. By the new convention Great Britain yields her right in favor of the United States, which is thus at liberty to construct a canal.

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