

CANADIAN NEWS.

The Latest Happenings In The Dominion.

MORE FACTORIES FOR CANADA.

The president of the Pressed Steel Car Company, who visited the West along with the directors of the Grand Trunk Pacific, has returned east apparently well satisfied with the character of the country through which the new road will run. It is learned that his company has arranged with the Grand Trunk Pacific and the parent line itself whereby a construction company will be formed in Canada, and the patents owned by the Pressed Steel Car Co. will be used in the Canadian company. Recently it was announced that the American Locomotive interests recently acquired a plant in Montreal, in which locomotives will be constructed for the Canadian railways. Both these factories will constitute a very large addition to the industries of Canada.

INCREASE IN CANADA'S CLEARINGS.

Following are some of the weekly clearings as compiled by Bradstreet's for the week ending Sept. 22, with percentages of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year: Montreal, \$23,806,292, increase 11.7; Toronto, \$17,244,340, increase 27.8; Winnipeg, \$4,729,382, increase 6.2; Ottawa, \$2,297,548, increase 2.4; Halifax, \$1,793,151, increase 8.7; Quebec, \$1,541,957, increase 6; Vancouver, B. C., \$1,128,017, increase 13.7; Hamilton, \$1,128,017, increase 11.9; London, Ont., \$840,100, increase 11.1; St. John, N. B., \$1,051,891, decrease 7.8; Victoria, B. C., \$565,650, decrease 5.9.

BETWEEN 55 AND 60 MILLION BUSHELS.

Hon. Clifford Sifton, Minister of Interior, a few days ago cabled Lord Strathcona, Canada's High Commissioner in London, respecting the crop conditions in the following terms: "I am now to state definitely that under conditions of unusual difficulty in the Northwest a fair average crop of wheat of good quality has been reaped, and is now secure from substantial damage. The reports of injury by frost and rust were grossly exaggerated. The wheat of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories will aggregate from 55 to 60 million bushels. Quality is good and the price is ranging around one dollar per bushel."

VERVILLE IS PRESIDENT OF TRADES CONGRESS.

At the recent annual session of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress held at Montreal, Alphonse Verville of Montreal was elected president for the ensuing year. John A. Flett, who held the office for three years, declined re-nomination, Toronto was selected as the next place of meeting in preference to St. John, Guelph and Windsor, which sent invitations. The Congress decided to send an agent to England to work against the Government immigration agents. The Manitoba executive was chosen as follows: Harry Albert, Winnipeg; A. W. Puttee, M. P., W. R. Western, and J. P. Grassick.

The organization of the Northern Iron & Steel Company, Limited, was held a few days ago in Toronto. This is the new corporation formed to take over the rolling mills and steel furnaces belonging to the Cramp Steel Company, Ltd., of Colliwood, and is a reorganization of the latter company. The following officers were elected: Major J. A. Currie, president; Duncan Donald, secretary-treasurer; F. A. Hall, J. T. Duguid, and W. J. Lindsay, directors. The plant will be formally turned over to the new corporation at once.

AMES & CO. ISSUE CIRCULAR.

A. E. Ames & Co. have issued a circular to their creditors, offering the assets of the company for their claims on the securities company formed in February rather than a few creditors. The company now states that encumbered and unencumbered stock is available for the creditors in proportion to their claims. In their circular, Ames & Co. state that since the Securities Holding Company was formed, the liquidation of the liabilities to secure creditors has taken place.

C. P. R. STEAMER SEIZED.

A Montreal despatch says that Hon. Clifford Sifton, for the Department of the Interior, has made a seizure on the Canadian Pacific steamship, Lake Simcoe, for \$26,000, the amount incurred by the company through the escape of the Syrian immigrants who were committed to the charge of officers.

DROVE OVER HILL TO DEATH.

While driving home on the night of Sept. 23, writes a Binscarth correspondent, John Ledoux, a half-breed, was killed. It is supposed that he drove over a steep hill, having taken the wrong trail. The body was found near the trail. Ledoux was under the influence of liquor at the time of the fatality.

STOLE TRAY OF DIAMONDS.

A. McMillan, a jeweller on Sparks street, Ottawa, was robbed of \$2,000 worth of diamond rings Thursday afternoon. The thief went away with a tray of gold diamond rings while the clerk was going to the window to reach for a small bag which cost 35 cents, and which the thief paid for.

RUSHING RAILS INTO CANADA.

A despatch from Ogdenburg, N. Y., says: Heavy shipments of American steel rails are now being rushed through this port into Canada, as

the Canadian Government has given American manufacturers until November 1 to complete delivery under existing contracts. After that date a \$7 duty becomes operative.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT DAWSON.

A despatch from Dawson, Yukon, says: Fire broke out at midnight of the 24th in the Cecil Hotel, formerly the Hotel McDonald. The flames raced up through the shaft so swiftly that some of the guests had to leap from the windows. Mr. N. A. Fuller, manager of the telephone company, broke his leg by leaping, and Mrs. Card was seriously injured. The fire spread swiftly and caused intense heat. The water was slow in coming on and the pressure poor, and the result was that the whole block immediately adjoining the three-story building of the Hotel Cecil was destroyed, also the opposite side of Queen street between Second and Third avenues. The losses will aggregate \$200,000. The principal sufferers are: Alex. McDonald, Putnam, Mercereau and Clark, the Flannery hotel, owned by Mr. Vernon; Butler's grocery, the Donovan saloon, Pacific Cold Storage Company, the branch market building, the Klondike Thawing Machine Company's premises, the Stockholm hotel, the McDonald Trading Company, Shoff, druggist; the Central hotel, C. W. C. Taber, Dr. Roberts and other guests of the Hotel Cecil suffered heavily in the loss of effects. It looked for a time as if the fire would sweep both sides of the Second and Third avenues. Great loss resulted from the removal of goods along the avenue.

OTTAWA TEACHER SUICIDES.

An Ottawa despatch says: The body of Miss A. M. Harmon, principal of the Harmon Ladies' school, on Elgin street, was discovered on the morning of the 20th floating in the Ottawa river below the Inter-provincial bridge. She was seen the night before by the watchman of the bridge acting in a strange manner, and Mr. Harry LeCompte, of Hull, saw a woman jump from the bridge into the river. He reported it to the Hull police. Miss Harmon had been suffering from nervous prostration for some time past. The Harmon school is known all over Canada. In a purse in the pocket of the skirt on the body was found a piece of brown paper on which was written: "Dr. MacCarthy has killed me with his theory of keeping boards. Send my body to Mr. Rogers' morgue, Rideau street, and from there to Montreal to Kate." On the inside of half an envelope was her name and address. Dr. MacCarthy says that Miss Harmon was suffering from nervous prostration and mental depression. He advised her to give up teaching and go looking after boards. She promised to do so, but would always go back to work. She had no financial troubles, but had a dread of becoming bankrupt. Deceased was 63 years of age.

CANADIAN ARTIST TO PAINT KING'S PORTRAIT.

The Colonial Secretary, in reply to a petition from members of the House of Commons, says an Ottawa despatch, expressing a hope that the Canadian Government will entrust a commission to J. C. Forbes, R. C. A., of Montreal, to paint a portrait of his majesty the King, to be placed in the chamber of the House of Commons, says: "I have laid your despatch before the King, and I have it in command to desire you to inform your ministers that his majesty will with great pleasure give Mr. Forbes a sitting for the portrait. As his majesty's time in London is fully occupied, it would be well for Mr. Forbes to communicate with Lord Knollys, G. C. V. O., private secretary to his majesty, with a view to ascertaining what time would be most convenient for the sitting." (Signed) Alfred Lyttleton.

THOMPSON-SETON TO WRITE AN INDIAN DRAMA.

In an interview in Montreal, Mr. Thompson-Seton, the naturalist and author, announced that he intended to write an Indian drama. During the past summer Mr. Thompson-Seton spent considerable time in the wilds of New Ontario, studying animal life. While there he saw "Hiawatha" presented by Ojibwa Indians, and was so impressed with the simplicity and beauty of the play that he and the famous novelist, Mr. Hamlin Garland, have decided to write another play along the same lines as Longfellow's masterpiece. Their proposed drama will have Indian scenes for its settings and an Indian love story or legend for its theme. When completed it will be presented, it is intended, by the players who give Hiawatha. These two performances will form entertainment for those who go to New Ontario for canoe trips, hunting, fishing and camping life.

TWO PORT ARTHUR FISHERMEN DROWN.

In Moffatt Straits about noon on the 21st, a sail boat with three fishermen, Harry Shelly, Thomas Williams and Robert Smith, was suddenly capsized by the wind. Smith was last sight of on the spot; the boat turned on end and Williams and Shelly hung on to the main mast. About two hours later, Williams gave up and was also drowned. Shelly securing his body to the mast. About 4 p. m. James Gerow, who was on his way to Rossport with a tug, picked up Shelly, who was still hanging on to the boat and Williams' body. Williams is single, and has lived in the vicinity of Port Arthur for a number of years. Smith leaves a wife and three children in Port Arthur.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

The meeting of the Presbyterian committee on Foreign Missions concluded at Toronto a few days ago. The estimates for 1905 were beyond the normal revenue of the church, and a committee was appointed to

make reductions. Knox Church, Toronto, contributed \$800 to a new church at Sheki, Macas Province, China, and it will be named Knox church. The committee are looking for another missionary to add those now in Formosa. An urgent appeal to send back Rev. Murdoch McKenzie was read from Honan, China. Mr. McKenzie has been in Toronto on a furlough of two years owing to his wife's illness, and is greatly missed.

AGNES LAUT AT MONTREAL.

Miss Agnes Laut is in Montreal, having been sent there by the Review of Reviews, and a prominent United States magazine, to secure and prepare data for a series of articles on Western Canada. Her western novel, "The Pathfinders," appears early in 1905.

BIG IMPLEMENT FIRM IN RECEIVER'S HANDS.

The Aultman Company, manufacturers of threshing and harvesting machinery, generally, went into receivership a few days ago at Canton, Ohio. The president of the National Bank, Cleveland, was made receiver. The action was taken by heavy creditors upon the insistent demand of smaller creditors.

LOCAL JAIL COULD NOT HOLD DETECTIVE.

Norman P. Collins, member of the American Detective Association, who was arrested recently by the police of Hamilton, Ont., and convicted of burglarizing the Cayuga postoffice, broke jail there a few days ago, and is still at large. He had been sentenced to a long term in the penitentiary. His pal, Percy Doran, did not get away.

MONTREAL PAYING OFFICER'S MISTAKE.

A cable from Havana says: R. A. Hamel, former paying officer of the city of Montreal, who is charged with cashing a forged cheque for \$10,000, and who has been living in Havana, the belief that he could not be extradited, was arrested last week on the request of the British Foreign Office, the Cuban Government complying with the request in lieu of an extradition treaty.

BRUTAL MURDER OF THEIR INFANT BARE.

Alexander Martin, aged 21, a soldier at Stanley barracks, Toronto, and his wife, a waitress, are locked up on a charge of murdering their 10-months' old child. The body of the infant was found in Ashbridge bay three months ago with its head crushed in. After her arrest, Mrs. Martin confessed that her husband had deliberately taken the baby out in a boat and killed it with an oar, because it interfered with her securing employment.

VALUABLE CARGO GOES TO ENGLAND.

One of the most valuable consignments of freight which was ever hauled over the C. N. R., was taken from Winnipeg a few days ago. It consisted of a carload of muskrat pelts, which were being shipped to London, Eng., to the head office of the Hudson's Bay Company. The pelts are all choice furs, and were purchased in the North by the Winnipeg branch of the historic company. The consignments are valued at \$250,000. They are packed in 167 bundles, and the car in which they were taken over the C. N. R. was securely locked. The valuable cargo was loaded into the steamer Wahcondah at Port Arthur, and will be taken into an ocean steamer and taken to its destination.

ALASKA FREIGHT SEASON IS CLOSED.

The Alaska season for 1904 is closed so far as shipments to the north are concerned. The Pacific Coast Steamship Company has received advices from the White Pass and Yukon railroad not to accept any more freight for interior points in Alaska beyond White Horse, as the company will not be able to handle them. All the north coast lines are preparing for the rush of seamen from all points in Alaska to Seattle. They are beginning to arrive in Seattle now, and boats are preparing to leave for the last trip of the season to Nome, St. Michael, Dutch Harbor, Cook's Inlet and other calling points along the south-eastern coast. There are a few shipments of treasure yet to come. On the whole it has been a good season for gold diggers. The gold production of the entire northern district for the present year is estimated as follows: Klondike, \$11,000,000; Nome, \$10,000,000; Tananah, \$2,000,000; all other districts, \$3,000,000.

HAROLD H. GONE LAME.

Harold H., "Rod" Mackenzie's great pacing gelding, has been retired for the season. He was shipped to Winnipeg a few days ago from Columbus, Ohio, where he made his last start in the 2:04 pace, being drawn after finishing last in the first heat. John Moyse, who manages Harold H. for Mr. Mackenzie, arrived in Winnipeg from Columbus, in company with James O'Leary of the Troquois Hotel and L. Dingman. Mr. Moyse has been with Harold H. since the meet at the Hamilton track at Minneapolis, when Rob Carnathan was relieved of the charge of the horse, and he brought back the information that the great pacer had developed a lameness in a hind leg that threatens to prove serious unless the horse is given a thorough rest. Harold H. has started in ten races this year and has won seven of them. The other occasions he was third, second and sixth. That is a brilliant record, and it seems unfortunate that the accident necessitates his retirement this early. Besides, Harold H. has lowered his own mark a quarter of a second, having clipped it 2:03 at Galesburg, Ill., over a slow track.

MARKET JOBBING PRICES from THE COMMERCIAL

Winnipeg, October 1, 1904. GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

FLOUR—The market is steady at last week's advance. We quote: No. 1 grade at \$2.00 per sack of 98 lbs., delivered to the trade. No. 2, \$2.70; No. 3, \$2.10 to \$2.40, and No. 4, \$1.50. These prices are subject to the usual trade discounts.

SPELTZ—One or two cars have come in, prices ranging from 36 to 37c, on track Winnipeg.

MILLFEED—Demand holds good, although farmers are pretty well out of the market. We quote: Bran, \$18 per ton in bulk, delivered to the trade; shorts, \$20 per ton.

GROUND FEED—The demand is good. Prices are steady. We quote: Oat chop, \$28 per ton, delivered to the trade; barley, chop, \$22; mixed barley and oats, \$25; oil cake, \$27 per ton.

BARLEY—The new crop is beginning to arrive, opening quotations being 37c for No. 3 and 34c for feed on track, Winnipeg.

HAY—Lighter offerings owing to rainy weather hoisted prices 50c to \$1.00 per ton. We quote: Baled hay, new, in carlots on track here, \$7.50 to \$8 per ton. Loose hay, farmers' loads, \$7.50 to \$8 per ton.

OATS—Receipts continue on the light side. Added to that much old stock in store here has gone bad. The market is 1c to 2c firmer for old grain, while new oats, No. 2, are quoted at 35c to 37c. We quote: No. 2 white, old, on track, Winnipeg, 40c to 41c; No. 3, white, 38c to 39c; new No. 2, 35c to 37c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes are 5c lower. Turnips are decidedly easier. Beets have declined 5c per bushel. Cucumbers and gherkins are out of the market. We quote: New potatoes, farmers' loads, 40c per bush; Swede turnips, 20c to 25c per bush; parsley, 20c per doz.; onions, 2c per lb.; pickling onions, 5c per lb.; Spanish onions, \$1.50 per crate; pieplant 1c per lb.; carrots, 45c per bush; parsnips, 1 1/2c per lb.; cauliflower, 75c to 90c per doz.; beets, 40c per bush; celery, 30c per doz.; Ontario tomatoes, 65c per basket; vegetable marrow, 75c per doz.; pumpkins, 1c per lb.; green corn, 15c per doz.; green tomatoes, 1 1/2c per lb.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef is easy, but quotations unchanged. Veal is scarce and 2c higher. Spring lamb is scarce off 1c per lb. Dressed hogs are firm at 8c. We quote: Beef, 5 1/2c to 5 1/2c per lb. for city dressed, 1c less for country; veal, 10c for choice weights; mutton, 8c; spring lamb, 10c per lb.; hogs, 8c, delivered to the trade here.

POULTRY—Spring chickens are slightly easier. The duck season is on and dealers are paying 15c to 40c per pair for mallards. We quote: Fowl, live weight, 10c per lb.; spring chickens, 12 1/2c to 13c per lb., live weight.

CHEESE—There is a slightly firmer feeling evident, but prices are unchanged. We quote, 8c to 8 1/2c factory.

BUTTER—Creamery—The market is steady to firm, the top price being 1c higher. We quote 17 1/2c to 18 1/2c, f. o. b. factory, being about the prevailing figure paid by local jobbers for assorted boxes.

BUTTER—Dairy—Offerings only fair, market firm. We quote prices paid by jobbers, Winnipeg, as follows: No. 1, 14c; No. 2, 9c to 10c pound bricks, 17c. Price for round lots, Winnipeg, is 11c to 12c, and from 1c to 2c more for special selected shipments by express.

EGGS—Offerings moderate, demand fair. Market firm and further advance possible. Jobbers are paying for good stock 19c, f. o. b., Winnipeg, subject to culling.

HIDES—Prices unchanged, except for country cured, although the tone is much easier. Top price for country cured is 1c lower. We quote: Abattoir hides, 7c for No. 1's; 6c for No. 2's. Country cured butchers at 6 1/2c for No. 1 grade; lambs, 30 to 40c, and shearlings, 30 to 40c.

TALLOW—The market is steady. No. 1 tallow is worth 3 1/2c to 4c per lb., delivered at Winnipeg; No. 2, 3c.

SENECA ROOT—The market is easy and prospects lower. Local buyers are paying 60c per lb. for good dry root.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Quotations steady, the market easy. Export stock is worth \$3 to \$3.25, Winnipeg, weighed at point of shipment. We quote: \$3 off cars here for choice butchers down to \$2.40 for inferior grades.

SHEEP—Market steadier at last week's advance. We quote: \$3.25 per cwt., Winnipeg.

HOGS—Offerings are light and quotations 1c per lb. firmer. We quote, 5 1/2c per lb., selected weights.

Winnipeg, Thursday, Sept. 29, 1904. WHEAT: During the past week the wheat markets have shown the same nervous and erratic disposition that has characterized them for some time. On Friday and Saturday last they were quite strong and advanced sharply under ephemeral rumors of France taking off the duty on importing wheat into that country, and the expectation of bullish weekly statistics to be issued on Monday. By Monday it was understood that the French rumor was mere conjecture and an immense increase in the primary receipts in the States over same day last year, took confidence from the bulls and gave the bears courage, so that the result of Monday's trading was a sharp decline in prices running around 3c to 4c, per bushel, and in one instance (Duluth September wheat) the drop was 5 1/2c, per bushel. Since Monday the feeling has been somewhat stronger again, but still the action of the markets exhibits the same nervous and erratic feeling. The dif-

ference in prices on the week is quite irregular in the American markets, the September delivery is 2c, to 2 1/2c, higher in Chicago and New York, but 2 1/2c, to 3 1/2c, lower in Minneapolis and Duluth, while the May delivery is practically unchanged in all markets. During the last two weeks the primary receipts in the States show a large increase over last year, intimating that many farmers are willing to accept present prices for their wheat, and that buyers are willing to take the wheat at present prices. Notwithstanding this larger interior movement, exports continue on a small scale, and visible supply does not increase as compared with last year. The weather over the American and Canadian Northwest during the week has been generally favorable to the progress of threshing and movement, although partly unsettled and showery; but the time has now arrived when such work must be done whenever the weather will allow outdoor work to be done at all. Consequently a considerable movement in spring wheat may be looked for. During the week the most important news as affecting the general situation has been the issue of an official report on the French crop putting this year's yield at 297,000,000 bushels, against 365,000,000 bushels last year, and along with this came a statement from Broomhall saying France would require to import 32,000,000 bushels. Then there has been dry weather in Australia, and Broomhall has put out an estimate that the Australian crop this year will not be over 54,000,000 bushels against 80,000,000 bushels last year. These are very bullish items, and if borne out by ultimate results will have great bearing on the price of wheat after New Year. In other respects there is little change in the week's news. Plowing for and seeding of winter wheat is progressing favorably in both Europe and America, and under the influence of high prices the acreage will tend to increase considerably. Latest reports from the Argentine show favorable progress of the crop. The visible supply increased 1,193,000 bushels last week against an increase of 895,000 bushels, the previous week, and an increase of 1,312,000 bushels last year. The world's shipments were 8,810,000 bushels against 11,392,000 bushels the previous week and 12,138,000 bushels last year. The world's visible supply, according to Bradstreet's, increased 3,058,000 bushels, against an increase of 1,301,000 bushels the previous week and an increase of 7,669,000 bushels last year.

OLD WORLD NEWS

INTERESTING BUDGET FROM BRITAIN

BIRTH OF ROYAL HEIR PUTS AN END TO FEUD.

With the birth of the Prince of Piedmont, the welcome heir to the throne of Italy, whose arrival has been signalized by congratulatory messages from the Pope, most of the sovereigns of Europe, as well as President Roosevelt, ends a feud which, though silent, has been the bitterest experience of Queen Helena's married life. Her disappointment as a mother meant the success of her dreaded rival, that other Helen, the Duchess D'Aosta, whose lusty son was destined for the crown in the event of no son being born to the royal pair. The Montenegro princess, who once was intended for the bride of the Czar of all the Russias, literally had captured a king by the beauty which served her in place of dowry. The daughter of the poorest prince in Europe, she was regarded as a dangerous detriment in the matrimonial market, and her marriage to the Prince of Naples took place when she was 27 years old. When in two years she was still childless, the Duchess D'Aosta, whose union had been notably uncongenial, presented her husband with a son. It was only in 1901 that the Queen of Italy became a mother, and then to a daughter. The second daughter, idolized, as her sister was, by the Italian people, was an added grief. But Queen Helena has been the devoted mother of the two little girls, who meant so much of heartbreak, and the joy in her own children has made her a lover of all children, one of the strongest bonds between her and the Italian people.

"MISSING LINK" FOUND IN JAVA.

The Brussels Solv says a new animal, much resembling a monkey, but much nearer in habits and culture to man has been discovered in Java. A merchant named Van Beuren, happening to be lost in a forest, was obliged to spend the night under a tree on which he discovered a giant nest with a circular opening measuring 18 inches in diameter. This nest was occupied by a family of animals much resembling the ordinary monkeys, except that their heads were covered with long brown hair. On his return to civilization M. Van Beuren told an American scientist, Dr. Wordhouse, of his discovery, and they returned together to the spot, where they spent several months studying the habits of the animals. Contrary to the custom of monkeys, these animals, which the natives call Aesh Perizae, are very fond of bathing, and the females usually adorn their necks with collars made of kernels. They take good care of their little ones, but seem to be little prone to life and near extinction. They eat fruits, birds' eggs and fishes and like to be near a fire, although unable to light one. Dr. Wordhouse, who classified these animals as hitherto unknown, has been unable to capture any of them, and had not the heart to kill one, even in the interest of science. A scientific expedition has been formed to explore the island and capture one of the animals if survive. A later despatch says that it is now believed that Mr. Hamilton came to his death through an accident. Before leaving for his home that day he told a friend he was going to extract some cartridge from a revolver he had at home.

WAR NEWS.

WAR SUMMARY.

A dearth of news from the armies in the far east continues. Reports from Russian sources tell of terrible ravages of disease in the Japanese armies. The Liao river is said to have been dammed abreast of Liao Yang, in case of that flooded country may protect the left flank of the Japanese army threatening Mukden. In St. Petersburg it seems to be the impression that General Kuropatkin will not make a stubborn fight for the possession of Mukden. Vladivostok has heard that the Port Arthur garrison is confident of being able to hold out three months longer.

ENGINE CRASHED INTO C. N. R. CABOOSE.

Four men were injured in a collision at Oak Point on Lake Manitoba Wednesday morning, where the C. N. R. are working on the extension at that point. A couple of work cars, a boarding and sleeping car were standing on the track when a work train coming down the line backed into them at a good rate of speed, doing considerable damage to the train and injuring William Breen, Thomas Marks, Ernest Breen and Joseph Richardson. The injuries are internal and may prove serious. The accident occurred at six o'clock in the morning, when the men were sleeping.

DOMINION EXHIBITION PAID.

The Dominion Exhibition held at Winnipeg this year proved what few enterprises of its kind have—an unqualified financial success. The association has a cash balance after all expenses to date have been covered of \$6,482.38. There is still owing to the association, \$2,678, making a total of \$9,160. In addition, the directors have repaid the Imperial bank an overdraft from last year of \$12,413, have paid other accounts from last year amounting to \$2,600, have refunded \$12,000 to the city for the colonnade, and have further expended \$10,000 on improvements to the grounds and buildings. The receipts amounted to \$168,302.20, and the disbursements to date have been \$146,805.69.

WANTS A PIECE OF LIBERIA.

Sir Harry Johnston, the well-known traveller and former consul-general for the Uganda protectorate, who recently returned to London from a visit to Liberia, is quoted in an interview as saying there is no doubt that France is endeavoring to secure as a result of the boundary dispute a portion of the territory of the Liberian republic.

OFFENDERS WILL APOLOGIZE.

The conflict between Chinese and Italian soldiers at Peking on Sept. 15, during which one of the Italians fired two shots into the residence of General Chiang, the Chinese commander-in-chief, give rise to nothing serious. The incident will be terminated by an apology, which, however, has not yet been tendered.