

GIGANTIC POWER SCHEME UP SASKATCHEWAN RIVER

The Surveys Are Nearly Completed For Hydro-Electric Power Plant Which is Proposed to Erect in Near Future.

INITIAL COST OF PROJECT ESTIMATED AT \$1,500,000.

Money For the Project Will be Furnished by Eastern Capitalists Who Already Are Interested in the Proposition.

Hydraulic Engineers Have Been Making Preliminary Surveys for Some Months. Past a Fall of Twenty Five Feet at the Lower End and Will Produce a Minimum of 20,000 Horse Power.

An immense electric power proposition, the biggest of its kind brought forward in Alberta, is now being investigated by a group of hydraulic engineers, and the next few weeks will see development which will bring Edmonton into a prominent position from a hydraulic power standpoint.

Local capitalists are now behind the scheme, but at the same time the sympathy of eastern capital is being enlisted and already several wealthy promoters are identified with the project.

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Power up the Saskatchewan. The proposal is to secure the power from the Saskatchewan, and after a thorough investigation of the upper stretches of the river a point one hundred and ten miles from Edmonton has been decided upon. At this point the river, where there is a pronounced elbow, and over a mile of rapids, it is said the possibilities for a magnificent power plant exist.

It is proposed to build a diversion canal, slightly over a mile in length, to turn the water from the main channel into a smaller one, where it will give a fall of twenty-five feet from the point of diversion. At the lower end the power plant will be placed.

Will Construct a Lock. At this point a lock will be constructed, it is proposed, which will make the river navigable over the present rapids.

For some time past engineers have been at work on the project, those engaged being Chas. Tupper, B.Sc., of McGill university, a son of Sir Chas. Tupper, and Chas. H. Colgrove, M.E. Mr. Colgrove is an expert, particularly in hydraulics, and has been connected with large plants in Colorado, New Mexico and Idaho.

Cost a Million and a Half. The estimated cost of the project will be about a million and a half dollars. The money will come largely from the Saskatchewan, and after a study that it is already assured. The minimum now being estimated is estimated at 20,000 h.p., and the maximum is considerably larger.

Will Mean Much to Edmonton. This power plant will mean much to the city of Edmonton as it will place within the city the cheapest available power for manufacturing purposes. It is estimated that power can be furnished for \$25 per horse power per year, which is an immense reduction over that generated by steam.

The legal basis of the connection with the undertaking is being looked after by M. W. Eager. He had been contacted with the applications to the Federal government and has arranged the legal details of the scheme.

PARIS POLICE HAVE CLUE. Think Murder of Madame Guoin had Connection With Steinhilf Case. Paris, Dec. 18.—In an effort to solve the mystery of the terrible murder of Madame Guoin, the police are working on the amazing theory that she was killed as an aftermath of the recent trial of Madame Steinhilf. It is claimed that the latest crime reached back into the Dreyfus case and involves secrets of utmost importance.

W. C. Guin was to be a silent but nevertheless a prominent figure in the Dreyfus case. It is suggested that he thus acquired secrets which he had revealed to his wife.

CALGARY'S BIG ISSUE OF BONDS. Clairvoyant Arrested on a Charge of False Pretences. Calgary, Dec. 17.—The city clerk is preparing debentures to the extent of \$1,500,000 for local improvements and general bonds to reach the London market by January first.

Mme. DeGrant, clairvoyant, was arrested last night, charged with obtaining money by false pretences from Mrs. Mansfield.

Train Crew Exonerated. Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 17.—The coroner's jury in the case of the twenty-two Japanese killed in the Great Northern wreck four weeks ago at Kilby Creek, near New Westminster, decided today that the train crew was not to blame.

VISITED CANADA INCOGNITO.

Did Heir to Belgian Throne, to Study Conditions Here. Montreal, Dec. 17.—That the appointment of Crown Prince Albert to the throne of Belgium following the death this morning of King Leopold, will result in closer trade relations between that country and Canada, is the belief of Clarence D. Deane, the Belgian consul at Montreal, who has met the Prince and also the deceased king.

Deane said that some time or ten years ago the heir to the Belgian throne travelled incognito through this country, studying conditions here, and it was during this time that his leanings in favor of reciprocity trade were founded out.

"Belgium can find good use for many Canadian products," said the consul, "principally lumber. On the other hand, a number of Belgian exports could find a market in Canada, without conflicting with our own products. The existing tariff prevents this reciprocity."

INTERNAL ELEVATORS GOVERNMENT OWNED

Manitoba Grain Growers Association Oppose Bill. Manitoba, Dec. 17.—The Manitoba Grain Growers Association has expressed its opposition to the bill for the government ownership of internal elevators.

Brandon, Man. Dec. 17.—After three strenuous days of wrestling with the great problems which confront the agricultural interests of Western Canada, the eighth annual convention of the Manitoba Grain Growers association closed its session shortly before midnight tonight.

The convention has in every respect been the most successful in the history of the association. In attendance, in the enthusiasm for the program displayed, and in the high level which has been reached in the discussions which have taken place, the convention has been far ahead of any similar gathering ever held in the West.

The announcement made, as this convention, that the government will own the internal elevators, marks an epoch in the history of the grain growers' movement and the association has taken on new vitality, as it has realized the responsibility which devolves upon it in preparing and submitting to the government a detailed scheme for the compulsory ownership of these elevators.

Many Resolutions Passed. Today a large list of resolutions has been passed and the amount of business transacted speaks volumes for the skill and energy of the convention. The subjects discussed included direct legislation, education, government ownership of terminal elevators, the marketing of farming products, the admission of ladies to the membership of the association and a scheme of life membership of the association. All these questions were thoroughly discussed and decisions arrived at.

Direct Legislation Advocated. At this morning's session an interesting discussion took place over the question of direct legislation, arising from a resolution introduced by J. W. Scallion, of Virden, to the effect that the members of the association endorse the principle of direct legislation as well as the initiative referendum as a recall, in promoting useful legislation and preventing bad legislation, coupled with a request to the government to pass the necessary enabling legislation.

Mr. Scallion said that under the present party system a member did not represent the views of the people by whom he was elected because he had to please the party game. Direct legislation was also a safeguard against the attacks of corporations.

McCusig Re-Elected President. At the afternoon session D. McCusig was re-elected president of the association, it being pointed out his knowledge of the elevator problem will be of special value since the promise of the provincial administration to erect and operate internal elevators has been received. R. C. Henderson was re-elected vice-president.

Brandon was again chosen for next year's meeting place, with Portage la Prairie a strong contender. Winnipeg polled but two votes.

The live stock committee introduced a recommendation that the convention establish public markets, abattoirs and cold storage, were essential to the province. It was recommended that the executive demand from the proper authorities such redress as will secure more humane treatment of all live stock while in transit.

Deat Meat Industry. The live stock committee's latest recommendation stated that they believed that to secure the best benefit they must ask for the development of the dead meat trade, and that the measure be brought to bear on the Dominion government in the interests of the producers of Canada.

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A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY

Two Children Burned to Death at Fort Rouge; Mother in Hospital. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 17.—A heart-rending tragedy occurred in Fort Rouge this morning when Ida and Thomas Masters, children of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Masters, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the little home of the family 29 Arnold Avenue. The mother had left the house to call on a neighbor and after an absence of only five minutes, returned to find the cottage which was a storey and a half structure, in flames.

Realizing at once the danger to the children she rushed madly toward the front door, but collapsing from fright, she dropped before she reached the house. She was in the hospital in a critical condition. In addition to the shocking bereavement the parents were left with a family of five children, the youngest of the house has been entirely grieved. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is believed to have been caused by a gas stove which was about to be fixed.

John Masi, Who Wiped Out the Thoburn Family, Takes His Sentence With a Smile—Other Criminal Cases at the Saskatoon Sitting of the Supreme Court.

Saskatoon, Dec. 17.—Fritz Braun was charged with manslaughter, arising from the death of his daughter, Mary, in September last, by giving her an illegitimate child. Many witnesses were called who told of the condition under which the child was born, and the day of his daughter's death. Braun had given no doctor and the girl was very young.

The most important evidence was given by Dr. Barry. Dr. Barry was called to the house late in the evening of the death of the young woman. He examined the girl and noted a condition similar to a normal woman after childbirth. Questioned further as to the whereabouts of the child, the father denied any knowledge of the child's whereabouts and said that the child was positive "child-birth" had occurred and that the child was dead.

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BIG INCREASE IN CANADIAN TRADE.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Trade figures of the Dominion for the month of November show another jump both in imports and exports, as compared with November of last year, the imports increasing by no less than \$10,727,690, or nearly 40 per cent. over last year.

The total trade for November was \$23,157,731, and for the eight months the total trade was \$439,769,217. Imports for November totalled \$35,856,713, or practically equal to the value of the imports, and for eight months \$240,105,491. Exports of domestic products for November totalled \$83,912,504, or practically equal to the value of the imports.

The exports of domestic products for eight months totalled \$181,009,727. The total customs revenue for eight months was \$38,998,476, an increase of \$3,810,969, or practically equal to the increase of customs revenue was \$4,423,617, the largest increase in any one month within the last two years.

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CHECK-MATE FOR ROBLIN'S MOVE

Saskatchewan Legislature Rejects Naval Policy Originating With Manitoba's Strategist. Regina, Dec. 17.—The chief feature of today's sitting of the legislature was the debate on a Dreadnought's motion of D. J. Wylie, of Maple Creek, which was couched in the following terms:— "That this House affirms its belief in the integral relationship of Canada to the British Empire, and that while participating in the great and numerous benefits resulting from such relationship Canada should, for the defence of the empire, assume her rightful responsibility, and this House is of the opinion that the Dominion parliament should without delay defer to the imperial government at least one Dreadnought."

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STRATHCONA NOW MAY CONTRIBUTE \$50,000.00

As a Result of Conference Between Two Mayors This Sum is Agreed on in Return For Single Fare to York and the Completion of the Bridge, Which Will Re-quire a Year. As a result of a conference between Mayor Lee, of Edmonton, and Mayor Duggan, of Strathcona, yesterday afternoon, over the question of the Strathcona contribution to the high-level bridge, Mayor Duggan has agreed to recommend to the Strathcona council that a by-law for \$50,000 be submitted to the burgesses of the southern city. The condition of this grant, being given in the undertaking to complete the bridge, to grant single fares to either city to the far end of the bridge, and two years' free use of the bridge, to grant single fare privileges throughout both cities.

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FED DIAMOND TO TRICK TERRIER

Remarkable Civil Action in District Court—Story of Disappearance of a \$300 Ring. Did a dog walk out of G. F. Watcher's, Jasper avenue jewelry store on Thursday, September 23, with a \$300 diamond ring in its mouth? That was the question which took the District court nearly all day yesterday to decide in the affirmative.

Was a piece of litigation of law what would ordinarily have been a criminal case, was clothed in the garb of a civil action. H. P. Mewhinney, the plaintiff, claimed that the defendant, G. F. Watcher, had taken from him a diamond ring of the value of \$302 for which he had paid cash. He claimed together with \$25 damages for its detention. The defendant entered a counter claim for \$250, the value of a ring alleged to have been taken from his store by the plaintiff and was chasing the ring for which \$262 was paid.

Denied Knowledge of Missing Ring. Mewhinney, placed in the witness box, absolutely denied any knowledge of the whereabouts of the missing ring. In company with two women, one of them his wife, he had visited Mr. Watcher's jewelry store and had examined a number of diamond rings. He had agreed to purchase one for \$282, had paid over \$215 and finding himself short \$50, had left the store to borrow the money from an acquaintance. He returned in five minutes with the money to complete the purchase. The ring was left with Mr. Watcher to be set in a certain fashion but when he called for it Mr. Watcher refused to deliver it to him or to return his money, charging him with having taken another diamond ring, set with three stones, and valued at about \$300, which he had been examining.

Accompanied by Trick Terrier. Mewhinney, who he took into Watcher's jewelry store, was accompanied by a dog, a trick terrier, Mr. Watcher told in court how he had seen the missing ring in Mewhinney's hands. Mewhinney had left it up in a piece of paper to examine it. Then while his women companions were engaged in examining the ring, he had stooped down and thrust the paper in the dog's mouth. Mewhinney's theory was that the ring had been in some sleight of hand wrapped in this paper. When Mewhinney left the store he was followed by his dog. Once outside he had removed the ring from his mouth. Mr. Watcher's suspicions were communicated to the police. Mewhinney's dog, which was a valuable animal, was seized and experimented with. First it was discovered that it would hold articles in its mouth for a long time. Then it was discovered that it would hold a diamond ring in its mouth. The dog died and its stomach was examined. No diamond ring was found.

One of Women Gives Evidence. Belle Moore, one of the women who had been in the jewelry store with Mewhinney at the time the ring was alleged to have been taken, gave evidence that the ring had been in Mewhinney's hands and that she had seen him immediately followed by his dog on leaving the store.

One of the police officers told of how in his experience with the dog he had discovered that it would retain a piece of paper in its mouth.

Leaving on a crutch and supported by the court clerk, W. Carr, the keeper of a restaurant on Jasper ave., and formerly on Howard street, entered the court to give evidence against Mewhinney. He had just been released from the hospital, where he had been confined for two months from an attack of pneumonia. His face was haggard and his form emaciated. At the conclusion of his cross-examination by Mr. Coswell, the counsel for the defendant, he was overcome by heat and was taken from the room. He was able to return half an hour later to complete his evidence, which he did sitting on a chair near the door.

Mewhinney Told of Ring. The witness told Mr. Mewhinney had come to his place daily, had spoken generally of rings and finally came to the point where he told where the ring was taken and by his hands. Carr had offered to take it off his watch, but Mewhinney had agreed to sell it to him for \$150. He failed, however, to bring the ring in.

Detective Griffiths, who had been engaged by Mr. Watcher to trace the ring, told of tracking Mewhinney to Calgary, where he discovered him in a room about midnight. Mewhinney had made statements to him in which he admitted having taken the ring. He said he had told only one man in Edmonton about the ring and wanted to know with an oath, if he had been given away.

Mewhinney called in rebuttal by Mr. Watcher, Dec. 17.—Judges Wm. Hogg and Elmer B. Adams, of the supreme court of appeals here, today denied the order granting the Standard Oil company's appeal to the federal court from the recent federal decisions ordering it to dissolve. The assignment errors which with the giving evidence against Mewhinney was merely a desire to do a good turn for Mr. Watcher, his neighbor.

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CALGARY'S BANK CLEARINGS.

Reach Record Total for Week of Over Three Million and a Half. Calgary, Alta., Dec. 17.—Calgary's bank clearings for the week reached the unprecedented sum of \$3,445,000. Business people are not surprised that the volume of business is the greatest on record, for the trade this year has been even in excess of expectations.

With the prospect that Calgary will be served by three transcontinental railway lines before this time next year, the interest over the question of a union depot is very great. The board of trade advocates a union depot as the Canadian Pacific is the only railway which is known at present to have the accommodation, if sent to leave very little behind.

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UNIVERSAL PENNY POSTAGE.

Canadian Postmaster-General Thinks Work About Ready to Adopt System. Montreal, Dec. 17.—Hon. Rudolph Lemieux returned to Montreal today from Europe, when he had been attending the International Postal Conference at Bern. He expressed the conviction that it would not be long before the civilized world would be ready to adopt the penny postage system, which had proved so successful in the British Empire. They had been much struck by the fact that it cost five cents to send a letter from France 30 miles across the channel to England, while from England to go nearly around the world it cost only one cent.

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"this" he was asked by Mr. Wallbridge. "I expected to get some gratitude; I am not mercenary," was the reply. Mr. Cogswell, in summing up the case, submitted that the allegations had been sufficiently proven to give judgment. Authorities varied on how far criminal issues were to be proved in civil cases. Some required absolute proof, others preponderating evidence. The evidence had shown that three parties had examined the ring and that in McWhinney's possession it was had seen. Belle Moore had stated that the dog had been taken out of the store by being called, although the plaintiff positively denied it. The theory was that the dog had taken the ring in its mouth from the store and when outside the plaintiff had removed it and left it with a friend while he returned to the store with the purchase money of the ring he had agreed to buy. As for the character of the plaintiff there was no doubt from the evidence that his so-called wife was in a house of shame and that he assisted his wife in her life of infamy.

**An Honorable Profession.**  
Detective Griffiths was an honest man, his profession was a honorable one; many crimes would go unpunished were it not for the detective. Carr was a sick man, high unto death, and would have no object in lying about the matter. All the evidence went to show the guilt of the plaintiff. Mr. Watcher might have had the case conducted at the expense of the crown, but did it at his own expense.

Mr. Wallbridge submitted that the interest of the detective in the case might bias his story, as might Mr. Watcher's natural anxiety to confirm his suspicions. The character of the other witnesses was to be placed against their evidence.

On the facts placed before him Judge Taylor found that the plaintiff had taken the ring from the store and gave judgment for the plaintiff for \$325 and for the defendant for \$250, which he claimed to be the value of the missing ring.

**WITH THE FARMERS**

**FARMERS' MARKETS.**  
**Grain and Feed.**  
Wheat at elevators, 50 to 52c per bus. Wheat to millers, 52 to 55c per bus. New Oats, 25c to 26c per bushel. Oats at Elevators, 25c to 26c per bus. Feed wheat, 60c to 65c per bus. Bran, per cwt., \$1.15. Shorts per cwt., \$1.20. Middlings, 1.10 to 1.15. Upland Hay, \$8 to \$10. Slough Hay, \$8 to \$10. Green feed, \$7 to \$9 per ton. Green feed, \$8 per ton.  
**Dairy Products.**  
Dairy Butter, 20c to 25c per lb. Dairy Butter to dealers, 22c to 25c. Creamery Butter, 25c to 30c per lb. Eggs, 30c to 40c per dozen. Cheese, local, \$1.25 to 1.50 per lb.  
**Live Stock.**  
Choice hogs, 150 to 250 lbs., 7c. Roughs and heavies, 5c to 6c. Good fat steers, 1,200 lbs., 3 1/2 to 3 3/4. Good fat steers, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., 3 1/2 to 3 3/4. Good fat steers, 800 to 1,000 lbs., 3 1/2 to 3 3/4. Extra good fat heifers, 1,000 lbs. and up, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4. Medium quality fat heifers, 900 to 1,000 lbs., 2 1/2 to 2 3/4. Extra good fat cows, 1,000 lbs. and up, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4. Medium quality fat cows, 900 lbs. and up, 2 to 2 1/2. Bulls and Steers, 2 to 2 1/2. Light weight, poor and thin cattle not wanted. Good Calves, 125 to 200 lbs., 3 to 3 1/2. Good Calves, 200 to 300 lbs., 3 to 3 1/2. Choice Killing Lambs, 5 to 5 1/2. Choice Killing sheep, 4 1/2 to 5c. **Poultry and Dressed Meats.**  
Young Turkeys, 20c per lb. Spring Chickens, 12 1/2c per lb. Dressed Geese, 13c per lb. Hindquarters of Beef, 6c per lb. Front quarters, 4c to 5c per lb. Dressed Pork, 8 1/2c per lb. **Vegetables.**  
Potatoes, 45c to 50c per bushel. Carrots, 40c per bushel. Turnips, 40c per bushel.

**VISIBLE WHEAT SUPPLIES.**

Bradstreet's—Despite the large crop of wheat and the high prices ruling, wheat supplies do not increase materially in this country. The gain in the United States and Canada, combined, in November was only 2,400,000 bushels, and the stock held on December 1 was only 64,877,000 bushels, a total over 26,000,000 bushels smaller than a year ago, and the lightest stock held at that date since 1894. European stocks increased only 1,500,000 bushels in November, but the increase in supply over December 1, 1908, is 17,000,000 bushels, and the combined world's supply is 145,500,000 bushels, a decrease of only 3,200,000 bushels from a year ago. Winter-wheat conditions at the outset of winter, as predicted in Bradstreet's and shown by the government report, are excellent, having only been exceeded twice in the past decade. High prices, in addition, have made for the largest area shown, with one exception, in the same period. The condition on December 1 was 5.8, a gain of 16 points over last year, while the area is 2,449,000 acres, larger than the revised estimate of area sown in 1908. Quantitative estimates of year in bushels made at this time are, of course, misleading, but an excellent outlook certainly presents itself.

**THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.**

New York, N.Y., Dec. 17.—Wheat, including flour exports from the United States and Canada, for the week ending December 15th, as reported by telegraph to Bradstreet's, aggregate 3,545,258 bushels, against 3,393,452 bushels last week and 5,646,285 bushels this week last year. For the twenty-four weeks ending December 16, exports are 20,270,245 bushels, against 107,823,467 bushels in the corresponding period last year. Corn exports for the week are 1,067,235 bushels, against 859,924 bushels last week and 1,660,120 bushels in 1908. For the twenty-four weeks ending December 16, corn exports are 6,694,490 bushels against 8,943,330 bushels last year. Holiday trade in Canada is brisk and will continue so until Christmas, wholesale houses are quiet, bringing the inventory season. The year's turnover, so far as can be learned, is satisfactory, but profits in some instances have been small. Real estate is active. Beef hides as well as cat skins are off 1/2 cent and 1 cent per pound respectively at Montreal. Farmers are not anxious to sell beans and as a result prices show a sharp advance. In the northwest, clothing is good and the weather is reasonable, which factors make for better usefulness at country points. Money in that section is easy and collections are good but in the east they are classed as fair.

**CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.**

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 17.—Speculators were again in the hog market today. About 37,000 hogs were on sale. The market opened steady to strong, with weight on an \$8.50 to \$8.65 basis. Packers opposed an advance. The heavy hogs closed higher. Top price \$8.70, back to high point of the year. Little was done in the cattle market for a lack of material. Buyers paid prices 5c to 25c lower than yesterday. Hogs—Receipts 8,000; steady. Mixed and butchers' quality, 7.25 to 8.00; heavy, 8.40 to 8.60; rough heavy, 8.00 to 8.50; light, 7.95 to 8.40; pigs, 6.25 to 7.90; bulk, 8.40 to 8.55. Cattle—Receipts 400; market steady. Steers, 3.90 to 4.60; cows and heifers, 2.00 to 5.85; stockers and feeders, 3.00 to 5.00; calves, 7.50 to 9.75. Pigs, 5.00 to 6.50; westerners, 4.25 to 6.75. Sheep—Receipts 12,000; markets steady. Sheep, 3.25 to 5.65; lambs, 4.50 to 8.50.

**FRIDAY'S GRAIN MARKETS.**

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Liverpool came 1/2 to 3/4 higher, and the trend of all grain markets on an advance. Argentine wheat were light, and this made a better demand for Manitoba parcels. All markets on the American continent opened at an advance over the previous close and the Winnipeg market was a strong one. It was noted that some of the big export houses were profit takers, while others did some buying. There was some covering by shorts, but the markets were mainly a speculative one in sympathy with American markets. Chicago December closed 1 1/2 higher, May 1 1/2, July 1 1/2 to 1 3/4. Minneapolis December closed 1 1/2, May 1 to 1 1/4, and July 1/2 to 3/4 higher; Winnipeg December advanced 1/2 and May 1c. All coarse grains were moderately active and one showed a slight advance. The flax market went up in leaps, December closing 5c and May 5 1/2c higher. Receipts of flax in this market are practically nil. Corn lost ground slightly, December closing unchanged, May 1/2 and July 1/2. Winnipeg cash wheat, No. 1 Northern, 1.02 1/2; No. 2 Northern, 99 1/2; No. 3 Northern, 96; No. 4, 92; No. 5, 87; No. 6, 80; rejected 1 1/2 Northern, 95 1/2; rejected 1 1/2 Northern, 95 1/2; rejected 2 1/2 Northern, 93 1/2; rejected 1 Northern for seeds, 94. Oats—No. 2 white, 34 1/2; No. 3 white, 33. Winnipeg options: Wheat—December 1.02 1/2, 1.02 1/2; May 1.06 1/2, 1.05 1/2; Oats—December 34 1/2, 34 1/2; May 37, 37. Flax—December 1.69 1/2, 1.64 1/2; May 1.67, 1.72 1/2. American options: Chicago—December 1.15 1/2, 1.15 1/2; May 1.12 1/2, 1.12 1/2; July 1.10 1/2. Minneapolis—December 1.12 1/2, 1.13 1/2; May 1.12 1/2, 1.12 1/2; July 1.11 1/2, 1.12 1/2.

**FREE CHURCH PULPITS SUPPORT THE BUDGET**

Ministers of Methodist, Baptist and Congregational Churches Are Behind Lloyd-George in His Social Reform Budget. Situation in Ireland—Unionists Fighting Hard.

London, Dec. 16.—Ireland is alarmed over the elections. John Redmond, speaking in Dublin last night, was in the highest spirits, though somewhat moderate. What Mr. Asquith is thinking as he reads the Irish leaders words is quite another question. Mr. Redmond said: "This is the best chance Ireland ever had of tearing up and trampling under foot that infamous act of union which has impoverished and depopulated our country. Ireland can never be happy or industrial and contented until she is free. The great obstacle to the concession of home rule in the immediate future is the House of Lords. Asquith's declaration means the coming back of the whole Liberal party to the standard of the Gladstonian home rule." An enthusiastic reception was given at the Dublin meeting by the Irish Parliamentary party yesterday to the resolutions of the London meeting. Hon. Edward Blake and his expression of sympathy at his old colleagues in the presence of the House of Lords. Redmond Fiercely Attacked. Some indications of the difficulty Redmond has to face with the Nationalist party was given by the refusal of Sinn Fein, which says: "By Redmond's resolution the United Irish league unreservedly accepts the Liberal program and denounces the condition of home rule to be deferred until the English Liberal and Socialist parties have altered their English constitution as it has existed since 1801. It asserts that by his action he abandons even a pretence of the Irish party acting as an independent factor in the English parliament and accepts the budget which imposes a new two million tax on Ireland." In the Unionist press the whole affair is frankly labelled "Asquith's bribe." Hot words are also being used to describe the unwritten compact between the ministry and the Socialists. "Labor-Liberal Alliance." The actual results of the alliance negotiations up to the present are Socialist candidates withdrawn 22, the Liberal candidates 22, and the Liberal candidates 46. Head lines in the Unionist papers read: "Financing the red flag." "Liberal funds for Socialist candidates." "Among the Radicals on the other hand the greatest satisfaction is expressed that practically every opponent of the Liberal program is denouncing the condition of home rule to be deferred until the English Liberal and Socialist parties have altered their English constitution as it has existed since 1801. It asserts that by his action he abandons even a pretence of the Irish party acting as an independent factor in the English parliament and accepts the budget which imposes a new two million tax on Ireland." "We mean untidily to draw the Lords' teeth," they declare. Tonight Lloyd George brings the free churches into the fight by a great demonstration in London. On the platform will be the leading ministers by the Radical managing committee and laymen of the Wesleyan Method-

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**G.T.P. STEEL IS PUSHING**

First Rails to be Laid West of Pembina—Completion of Three Bridges

Two great trunk lines passed through the city on the Grand Trunk Pacific morning the first rail on the road west of the city will be laid. With the last steel bridge between the Pembina and the completion of the three bridges, the canyon, and trains on the Pembina river, the obstacle remains to the construction of the line to reach Wolf Creek by 1910. One hundred teams, pending number of men engaged in the work, will be sent to the Pembina and Wolf Creek river, and the construction Co., Ltd., is engaged in the construction of the camp under the direction of Mr. Collins, who left for the morning.

To facilitate the work of contractors, the Grand Trunk will send every day a road ward westward the line. In the meantime, however, any company having a subcontractor to the company's camp by team.

Finished by May. The subcontractors have finished their work next. The bridges will be for the steel superstructure next fall, the grade will be through from Edmonton to the base river, a distance of 66 miles, from the Wolf Creek to the Pembina. There are at the present time with a corresponding amount employed. For Stewart's grading work on the McLeod river, and the rock cuts and sand work on the Grand Trunk Pacific, the heavy graders which will go ahead with a only 420 miles of the road, and must be through a level country, on the Grand Trunk Pacific, 60 miles from Pembina.

Pembina River. The steel bridge on the Pembina river is in an entire system. It is not by length, but by height, feet high and 900 feet long, highest bridge between the heavy graders which will be in a condition to cross, but one well withstanding the severe a tribute to the energy of the bridge department of the party, which has kept up the construction of the highest standard of work.

The two bridges over the McLeod river a middle as well as the Wolf Creek bridge, feet long and the McLeod river 900 feet. Their construction is to be made of the large river pier, water level. In connection with the bridge, the problem of overcoming which results from expansion and contraction. When the outside, naturally, cement is heated when bridge pier expansion is subjected to the variation.

Three Voids in pier there are to be the of the water to the top will be re-inforced, and that by his idea of surface, the cracking will be entirely eliminated.

Candidates in Lunenburg, N.S., Dec. Marshall, of Bowdoin and John D. Satter, of Liberal, were announced in the Federal house by the resignation of A. Lunenburg. The election was Wednesday of next.

The peculiar properties of the steel bridge were fully tested during a heavy rain, and when it was found that it was not only strong, but also very durable.

parents: "Remember November 30, 1909, the House of Lords threw out the budget. They have thus usurped the rights belonging to the House of Commons. For hundreds of years the people's representatives have decided how taxes should be raised. The Lords claim that right now."

**TRUST BLAMES THE SCALES**  
Sugar Trust Lawyer Says Employees Were Incompetent.  
New York, Dec. 16.—In his opening address for the defense Henry F. Cochrane declared today that the seven teen scales on the Brooklyn dock at which the alleged underweighting was done were of an obsolete style and grossly inaccurate of themselves and that many of the government weighers were incompetent. The line of defense indicated by the statement was that it would be claimed that the shortages in weights were due to the scales and the government employees and not to any manipulation by the sugar company's employees, as the government charges. Oliver Spitzer, the first of the six defendants called to testify, took the stand this afternoon and was still under examination when court adjourned. He denied having tried to bribe a government inspector. He also denied the existence of alleged signal lights on the dock to warn the sugar company employees of government inspectors, as had been testified. A statement was issued today by Henry L. Stimson, the government special prosecutor in charge of the underweighting frauds of sugar refiners in this district. Arbutke Bros., of Brooklyn, had to settle on a basis of \$695,573.19 for duties on raw sugar which they have withheld from their returns to the custom house department from 1898, when the firm began refining sugar, to Nov. 1907 following the discovery of the underweighting frauds by the sugar trust by Richard Parr.

The statement further sets that the shortage was reported to the members of the firm and as soon as they have verified the government's figures they voluntarily offered to pay the

sum without suit into the treasury. The payment was accepted by the secretary of the treasury with the concurrence of the Attorney general, in full of all civil claims against the Arbutkes.

"This settlement is no wise affect the criminal prosecution of any individual who may be shown to have been responsible for the commission of frauds in respect to any of these matters, added Mr. Stimson," and an investigation and prosecution of any such persons would be vigorously pushed.

It is known that within a few days the sugar refinery at Lond Island city is still running in the name of B. H. Hawell and sons, will follow the example of the Arbutke's and pay into the treasury about a half million dollars. This concern is owned by the Sugar Trust.

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—Addressing the Conservative association Premier Roblin announced there would be a considerable provincial surplus and he declared himself in favor of a direct contribution to the British navy.







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CANADIANS IN TROUBLE ABROAD The Canadian trade agent at Cuba reports that a number of Canadians who went there a couple of years ago under the spell of wonderful inducements held out by a land company...

Calgary Herald: "There is no such thing as politics when the members of the Senate legislature get discussing government railways and Hudson's Bay railway. Even if these questions were to be brought up in the Alberta house by the government...

The Parliament of Victoria, Australia, is considering a bill the object of which is to populate the tremendous vacant areas of the state. Much of this land is now held in large estates. Under the bill the government proposes to purchase these, subdivide them and re-sell the smaller holdings on easy terms to settlers.

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wealth is stopped or is even measurably lessened by the fate of those Canadians who have tried the exploitation business in Cuba and Mexico...

ONE ON THE DOCTORS. Down at Seattle they are inquiring into the way King county hospital has been run. One Travers, now under sentence for vagrancy, was a loafer around a saloon belonging to one "Billy the Mug"...

According to Bradstreet's, Canadian figures for the week ending with Thursday, December 9th, numbered 30, which compares with 29 the week before, and 30 in the corresponding week of 1908. Bank clearings for the week aggregated \$126,176,000, a loss of 3.8 per cent. from the former week, but a gain of 23.9 per cent. over last year.

A Russian publisher has been sent to jail for a year for publishing a book by Tolstoy. This will of course commend the book to all the opponents of everybody connected with the government, and will draw public attention to it and excite curiosity as to its character and contents.

The Loede are apparently intending to revive the memories of the Boer war in hope of winning favor by the services they rendered the Empire on that occasion. They may revive the memories, but whether they will get much class credit from the manoeuvres may be doubted.

A POSSIBLE TURNING POINT. Montreal Gazette. The attitude of President Taft towards the ruler of Nicaragua has doubtless awakened various reflections and memories among those who are interested in United States policy towards Central and South America.

The Winnipeg Telegram argues that because the Dominion has spent upwards of 2 million dollars in making exhibits at world's fairs and large exhibitions in other countries during the past ten years, that it would be good policy to put 3 millions into a world's fair at Winnipeg.

There is something lacking in the assurance. From the present prospectus it looks much more like a proposal to hold a kind of exaggerated "Winnipeg fair," with the "world's fair" label attached as an excuse for getting the Dominion to pay for the fun. Cer-



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