NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

Finlander Blown to Pieces in Porcupine District.

Marshall Field Co. After Montreal Property.

Carpenter in West Found Frozen to Death.

Sir Charles Tupper is slightly better.

John Fair was elected chairman of the Brantford water commissioners.

Cornelius Bowen, a Mason of high degree, is dying at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto.

Struck by a car at the corner of Euclid and Grover streets, Winnipeg, L. Silversberg, 767 Manitoba avenue, may die.

Thomas Boyd, a carpenter, who had been drinking, was found frozen to death in the Canadian Pacific Railway freight shed at Virden, Man.

The Royal Colonial Institute of Freemasonry was consecrated with the Duke of Connaught first Master, from whom a cabled greeting was received.

In the London high court the jury gave Roy Corea a verdict of $700 for the loss of three fingers while operating a machine at McClary's, London.

Ottawa's first French-Canadian Conservative Association had been formed. Messrs. Monk, Pelletier, Nantel and Renaume are among the honorary patrons.

Fire occurred in the Union Bank, Belleville. A blaze originating in a rear room was confined to that part of the building. The bank department proper was not damaged.

The management committee of the Toronto Board of Education received a complaint from E. T. Malone, K. C., because he had been listed as a separate school supporter.

John E. Robinson, foreman carpenter at the prison farm, Guelph, dropped dead after having eaten toast and pork for breakfast. The provincial authorities ordered an inquest.

About $4,000 was realized at the Toronto Customs House sale of unclaimed goods in the King's warehouse. The lots, to the number of about 700, comprised unclaimed freight.

A year ago Frank Lobinski, the aged miner of Wellesley township, was murdered by robbers. A county official yesterday obtained what he considers a splendid clue, which will be followed up.

William Underwood was found dead at the Kingston, Ont., barracks. He was likely suffocated in his bedclothes. He was 28, unmarried, and had been in "A" Battery, R. C. H. A., but a short time.

The German steamer Phoebus, which sailed from Hamburg on Jan. 8 for New York, passed Scilly Islands returning, having in tow the British steamer Antigua, which had lost her propeller blades.

That Thomas Brady, 34 years, who was found dead in bed in his rooming house, 94½ King street east, Toronto, met his death through natural causes, was the verdict of Coroner Dr. George B. Smith's jury.

At the annual meeting of Fort Frances Board of Trade all towns from the "Soo" to the Manitoba border were called upon to attend a convention for the purpose of forming a new province to embrace that part of Ontario.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, in view of the inclement season, and as many are suffering more or less privation, have contributed a generous donation to the charity officers to assist deserving cases.

William Hamilton, High Constable of Carleton County, has been appointed to the position of Provincial License Inspector, made vacant by the recent resignation of the Rev. John Ayearst, who accepted a position in the west.

It is understood that Winston Churchill, the new first Lord of the Admiralty, will forego the use of Admiralty House as his official residence, to which he is entitled, and will turn it over to the new naval war office.

That the residents of Puslinch Township appreciated the services of ex-Reeve Sergt. John Wilkinson, was shown at a gathering held at Morriston, when an address was read and he was presented with a gold locket and chain.

At St. John, N. B., the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty in the case against Harry B. Clark, the former manager of the St. John branch of the Bank of New Brunswick, who was charged with having appropriated $2,472.

Another death was added to the list of killed in the St. Vincent de Paul wreck. Albert Boulet, fifteen years of age, from Quebec, died at the Notre Dame Hospital, Montreal. He was the only first-class passenger seriously injured.

The Winnipeg, Man., Social and Reform Council will shortly approach the new police commission with the demand that the law of Canada for the suppression of vice be put into force in that city, and that the segregated area be wiped out.

"AUSTRALIAN MAC."

New York, Jan. 13.—There was an interesting gathering of detectives at the arraignment to-day before United States Commissioner Shields of John McNamara, alias "Australian Mac," who is charged with having on Sept. 15 last been one of the gang of burglars which looted the vaults of a branch of the Bank if Montreal at New Westminster, B. C. McNamara was committed to the Tombs prison.

DROWNED IN MINE SHAFT.

Belleville despatch: White Manley Easton, an employee of the Coniferas Mining Company, in Belmont township, fell from a scow in the shaft No. 1 yesterday, he fell into the water in the shaft, which is of great depth, and was drowned. The mining inspector and Coroner were notified and an inquest will be held.

BURNED CAPTIVES

Horrible Atrocities by Tribes in Portuguese Africa.

Lisbon, Jan. 15 (via frontier).—Horrible atrocities have been committed by the tribes in Portuguese Africa during a rising of the natives there, according to a despatch received from Angola by the Seculo. A number of Portuguese officials who were captured by them were burned alive.

The rebellion occurred in the province of Muxima, and the natives captured all the white men who crossed their path. Some of these were immediately burned at the stake.

One British merchant who was seized by the natives and mortally maimed, but later allowed to be taken to his house, where his servants were afterwards murdered.

The Government has decided to send a punitive expedition.

ADVICE TO FARMERS

Meeting of Ontario Agricultural Union.

Prof. Zavitz and Others Give Addresses.

Guelph despatch: The closing sessions of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union were held at the O. A. C. to-day. There was a marked progress made in 1911 in school gardening, there being 34 receiving Government grants, an increase of 20 over 1910. Of these two were in Wellington county. In addition 166 schools not receiving Government grants had been supplied with materials, and 34 other schools report carrying on school gardens, and 16 more report carrying on home gardens. He pointed out that many engaged in this work who did not report the results attained.

Prof. H. L. Hutt, the treasurer, submitted the report, showing the funds to be in good shape, there being $1,200 in the treasury now, and this will be augmented later on with the Government grant of $2,700 and membership fees to the amount of about $3,000.

Prof. S. F. Edwards presented a paper on conclusions from seven years' co-operative experiments in the use of legume bacteria with alfalfa, clover, peas, and other leguminous plants. The experiments carried on showed that about 60 per cent. had resulted favorably.

Prof. C. A. Zavitz told of the profits of Haldimand, Welland and Lincoln county farmers with alfalfa, raising three crops per year; the first hay, the second seed and the third good pasture. One farmer reaped two crops yearly from an alfalfa field grown eleven years ago, while a number of other fields are twenty years old or more.

Prof. J. E. Howitt, of the O. A. C., gave a paper on "The Identification of Weeds and Weed Seeds, and Methods of Eradication," his address being illustrated with lantern slides.

Prof. R. Harcourt presented the report of the committee on the importation and distribution of weed seeds in noxious screenings. The committee will again take up the matter and will urge some Government control, to stop the bringing of weed seeds to Ontario in the screenings of the western provinces, as well as the sale of screenings in Ontario, with the weeds not taken out.

Prof. E. J. Zavitz, of the forestry department of the O. A. C., gave an address on "Co-operative Forestry in Ontario," also illustrated with lantern slides. He told how the department sent out seedling forest trees for replanting the farm wood lots, and for reforesting the sand dunes of the provinces, and urged that the township councils take action towards reforesting the vacant lots under their control.

At the afternoon session the discussion on alfalfa was again taken up, Prof. C. A. Zavitz recommending the variegated strains, and Mr. Lewis Toole, Port Albert, recommended the elimination of common clover, replaced by alfalfa.

Prof. Warren contributed another paper in the evening, when the closing session was held. He spoke on "Ways of Getting Started in Farming with a Small Capital." Studies of 2,500 farms in New York State led to the conclusion that the average farmer has $5,000 invested, but is not making as much as he would if he leaned his capital and went to work as a hired man. Intensive farming with a small acreage requires as much capital as a large general farm. The only way for a young man to get a start is to work out, then when he has $1,000 to rent a farm and when he has made sufficient purchase it, but not before he has $5,000 or can borrow that amount. Tenant farmers paying cash make more than those on shares. He advocated beginners to raise largely grain at first and not go into live stock. Speaking on the "back to the land" cry, he said that what was needed was larger farms so the boys could be profitably employed thereon and not be driven to the city to find work.

Hon. Adam Beck gave an address on "Electricity on the Farm."

WIFE IN SHAFTS

She Dropped Dead Moving the Furniture.

Bristol, Conn., Jan. 15.—Mrs. John Smith, a Polish woman, is dying here today of exposure and exhaustion. She and her husband began moving yesterday to a new home on South street. The police allege that Smith procured a wagon, and after loading it full, put his wife between the shafts and thus moved his household goods. Several loads were moved in this way, until finally, the police declare, the woman dropped of exhaustion. Her husband, it is charged, left her lying in the snow. A passerby took her in and summoned medical attendance.

CHEESE AND BUTTER

Several Addresses Before Dairymen's Association.

Creameries of Western Ontario's Output of Butter.

Ingersoll, Ont., despatch: The concluding sessions of the convention of the Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario were held to-day. The attendance was large. An excellent exhibit of cheese and butter added greatly to the value of the proceedings.

Mr. Frank Herns, London, presented his report as chief dairy instructor and sanitary inspector for Western Ontario. In 1910 Western Ontario cheese factories produced 420,223 boxes of cheese of 60 pounds each. This was 26,951 boxes less than in 1909. Although full returns for 1911 are not yet compiled, they indicate a still further decrease. The quality on the whole was satisfactory.

Experiments with over-ripe and grassy milk, as compared with normal milk, were conducted. Results show that cooled milk made a greater quantity and a better quality of cheese than the uncooled milk delivered by the same patrons the previous day. The cooled milk arrived at the factory with less acidity, was not grassy, and there was a less loss of fat in the whey; the greater yield of cheese from the cooled milk increased the value about three cents per 100 lbs. of milk.

The following resolution was passed: "That the night's milk for daily delivery be cooled immediately after milking to a temperature of 65 degrees or under, and that the temperature of this milk should not be higher than 70 degrees when delivered at the factory. If for any reason it is found necessary to mix the night's and morning's milk under these conditions should be cooled to a temperature of 60 degrees Fahr. or uncooled immediately after milking to a milk so mixed should be delivered at the factory at a temperature not higher than 75 degrees Fahr. To keep milk over Sunday for Monday morning delivery it is recommended that the milk be cooled immediately after filking to a temperature of 60 degrees or under, and held at this temperature until delivered at the factory."

Twenty patrons were prosecuted during the year for adulteration of milk. This is the smallest number of cases of deterioration of milk found since this work of inspection began.

The report on creamery inspection indicated that there has been a steady improvement of quality from year to year. The output of the creameries of Western Ontario in the past season was 11,310,000 lbs. of butter, an increase over 1910 of 1,758,000 lbs. Most of the creameries are being kept in sanitary condition.

The present value of cow testing was discussed by Mr. C. F. Whitly, of the Dairy branch, Ottawa. The aim of the work is to determine the profit-producing power of each individual cow in the herd, and, by weeding out the poor animals to raise the general standard of the herd.

"Milk Casein and Its Relation to the Manufacture of Cheese," was the subject of an address by Professor H. H. Dean, of the Ontario Agricultural College. Casein is the chief nitrogenous compound found in milk. Without casein it is impossible to make Cheddar cheese. It is quite as valuable pound for pound as is milk fat for the making of cheese.

Professor R. Harcourt, of the Ontario Agricultural College, gave an address on "What is Milk?" "A palatable, easy-digested, and a very nutritous food, but complex in its composition." At 8 or 10 cents a quart milk is cheaper than meat or eggs, but not as cheap as the cereals. When freshly drawn from the cow it is practically free of bacteria, but, being an excellent media for their growth, it soon becomes contaminated unless properly handled. The fats of milk readily take up odors. The practice of using baking soda in milk to prevent souring is a bar practice, as it aids in the development of organisms, including those that cause diseases. Milk should be considered a solid food, and not as a liquid, because when taken into the stomach, where it is acted upon by acids, it assumes the solid form, and must be digested like a solid.

WOMEN VOTE

The Suffragists and the Toronto Aldermen.

Toronto despatch: An attendance of women garbed in beautiful gowns, costly furs and "modish" hats was a feature of the meeting of the Civic Legislation and Reception Committee yesterday afternoon. Thirty suffragettes called on the committee and urged the influence of that body in support of the women's claim to the municipal franchise, and their mission was a gratifying success, from their standpoint. Only one member of the committee did not capitulate, Ald. George McMurrich. "Dare to be a Daniel," said Ald. McMurrich, as he voted alone against the resolution to ask the Legislature to grant the ladies' demand for a vote.

"We would like to know the name of the gentleman who voted against it," said one of the ladies of the delegation.

"I did, George McMurrich," valiantly replied the opposing alderman.

The members who voted in favor of the Legislature granting the right to vote at municipal election to all women having property qualifications, just the same as the men, were Aldermen Maguire, Chairman; Controller McCarthy, Aldermen Hilton, Rowland, Graham, McBrien and Ryding.

COAL FAMINE

Chicago Burning Coal Faster Than It Can Get It.

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Chicago is on the verge of a coal famine. Dealers said last night that if the present cold weather lasts four more days the surplus will be exhausted. Prices in four days have advanced on various grades from ten cents to $1 a ton.

Railroads, besides holding the coal for their own use, have been able to deliver it only one-fifth as fast as Chicago is burning it.

A snowstorm, which started last night and continued early to-day, caused serious delay to traffic, both on steam railroads and street railways. Nearly all trains during the last 24 hours have arrived late and in many cases trains have been unable to leave stations in this city until hours after schedule time.

GREAT LAND DEAL

$5,500,000 is Paid for Canadian Northern Land.

Big Colonization Plan Covering Various Places.

Toronto despatch: In the signing of witnessing of a deed between two men in the Canadian Northern offices at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, what is probably the largest land deal in Canadian history, was completed, and what is certainly the greatest cash transaction ever made in Toronto, was arranged. Five and one-half million dollars is the sum involved, and the land disposed of comprises untold acres in Montreal, Port Mann, and about 70 townsites, present and future, in the Prairie Provinces. Lieut.-Col. A. D. Davidson, land commissioner of the Canadian Northern Railway, acted for Mackenzie, Mann & Company, as vendors of the property, while Mr. John F. Hansen, a Scandinavian citizen of Winnipeg, signed the papers as purchaser, representing a number of British financial houses, of which the British & Overseas Investment Company is perhaps the best known, who propose to form, under his direction, a corporation to exploit and sell the land to be acquired in the deal.

Mr. Hansen is to have what is described as a "first selection" of land in the area acquired recently by the Canadian Northern interests in Montreal, a quantity of inside and waterfront property in the new Port Mann terminal city on the Pacific Coast, and similar privelege of choice in a large number of points in Alberta and Saskatchewan, including most of the railway divisional townsites and practically every other good city location in these provinces. Two proposed townsites in British Columbia, about midway between Edmonton and Vancouver, which have not yet been plotted or even named, are also included in the deed. It is intended that the value of land to be taken up shall be evenly divided, one-third in each of the three districts, and in each district a part of every parcel of ground will be selected, Mr. Hansen not confining his acquirements to any one section of a townsite exclusively. The negotiations which concluded yesterday, have been in progress for over a year, and Mr. Hansen has been in the city for several days, drawing up the terms in co-operation with Col. Davidson.

Mr. Hansen said last night, in discussing the deal: "In some of the prairie towns it is our intention to start colonization work as soon as possible. We shall open a department through which we can give advice of specific business openings as they occur in the various places, and when we find an opportunity, for example, for a hotel, or a doctor, or a store, we can send circulars out to the emigrantion centres in the United States, England and Europe. This is something quite new, as in previous colonization work the farming interests have been looked after mainly, to the exclusion of the artisan classes."

Arrangements will also likely be made with a number of real estate firms in Winnipeg and Montreal, for the retailing of part of the city properties to native purchasers, and the developing and selling of manufacturing and other large industrial sites is another phase of the proposition. Mr. Hansen is no new hand at this kind of enterprise, he having bought a large area of farm lands from the Canadian Northern last year, paying a cash price of $2,000,000. These lands he has since been colonizing with American farmers for the North Saskatchewan Land Company, of Winnipeg, of which he is general manager.

FERRY CREW SAFE.

Conneaut, Ohio, Jan. 12.—Wireless despatches state that the crew of the Marquette and Bessemer car ferry No. 2, which has been stuck in ice floes at the entrance to the harbor of Port Stanley, Ont., since Saturday was safe. The vessel has reached a position two hundred feet from shore and is practically out of danger. The crew consists of 41 man, commanded by Captain Robert Rowan, of Conneaut.

INDUCTION AT GUELPH.

Guelph, Ont., despatch: The induction of Rev. H. A. Abraham, formerly of Port Hope, into the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, took place this evening. Rev. J. C. Wilson, of Acton, moderator of the presbytery, presided, and conducted the induction. Rev. Dr. Dickson, of Galt, addressed the congregation, Rev. G. W. Arnold narrated the steps leading up to the settlement, and addressed the minister, and Rev. Mr. Bradley, of Erin, preached.

And the more some people expect the more surprised they are if their expectations are realized.—Chicago News.

TWO BOYS DROWN

Swept Beneath Ice By Monongahela Current

Brother's Plucky Attempt at Rescue.

Brownsville, Pa., Jan. 15.—Two young brothers were drowned, one in a heroic effort to save the other, when they ventured too far out on ice on the Monongahela river at West Brownsville at 4 o'clock. The bodies were recovered.

The dead are: Edward Grimm, 12 years old; Wilbur Grimm, 11 years old.

The boys were sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grimm, of West Brownsville. With two companions, Robrt Newkirk and James Jones, on their way home from school, they stopped to play on the ice where many were skating along the shore. The skaters warned the four against going out too far, as the ice was firm only near the river banks.

Suddenly came the ominous sound of cracking ice, a cry of terror and a splash, when Edward Grimm, who was ahead of the others, broke through. Newkirk and Jones, who were in the rear, had time to scramble back to safety. Little Wilbur also could have saved himself, but instead he crawled toward the opening where his brother was clinging to the edge of the ice.

Skaters and others, horror-stricken, watched the little hero as he crept closer and closer. They saw him extend a hand and grasp his brother's coat-sleeve. As he began to tug in an effort to help Edward to clamber from the icy water there was another crash. The terrified spectators saw the brothers, in each other's arms, swept beneath the ice.

Seven skiffs, each manned by men with grappling hooks, were put out in an effort to recover the bodies. At 5.45 o'clock Charles Shutterly and Matthew Thompson drew them from the water a few yards from where the accident had occurred.

FRUIT GROWERS

Niagara District Grievances Against Express Co's.

Think That Two Fruit Specials Should be Run.

A St. Catharines despatch: The annual meeting of the Niagara District Fruit Growers' Association this afternoon was very largely attended, members being present in large numbers from all parts of the district. There was a long discussion over the failure to secure better terms from the different express companies for fruit shipped to all parts of the Dominion. A delegation, consisting of W. C. McCalla, Major Roberts, A. E. Kimmins and F. G. Stewart, was named as delegates to the Dominion Fruit Conference to be held in Ottawa February 14th.

The following officers were elected: President, Robert Thompson, St. Catharines; Vice-Presidents, Major Roberts, Winona; Geo. R. Brown, Fonthill; W. C. McCalla, St. Catharines; Robert Dewer, Stoney Creek; Secretary-Treasurer, C. E. Fisher, St. Catharines.

It was decided to tender a complimentary banquet to Hon. Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture, during the annual meeting of the institute early in March.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of a little over three hundred dollars to credit of association.

Considerable feeling was expressed over the failure of the Dominion Railway Commission to give the demands of the fruit growers better consideration. It was suggested that a delegation wait upon the Canadian Express Co. asking that two fruit specials be run from this district instead of one, as the question of quick service was as important as that of rates.

ESCAPING GAS

Nearly Asphyxiated Six Girls in Galt Hotel.

Galt report: Six of the hotel girls at the Imperial Hotel were nearly asphyxiated by escaping gas this evening. Before retiring last night the girls took a gas stove and put it in the hall near their rooms. They connected the stove with the gas pipe and lit it. The girls left their bedroom doors open to get the benefit of the heat. During the night one of the girls awoke and was very sick She could detect the odor of escaping gas, and turned off the stove in the hall. She then went back to her bed, and when the girls awoke this morning they were all sick from the escaping gas, and a doctor had to be called.

QUEEN'S PRAYER BOOK.

New Yoark, Jan. 12.—Thte sale of a copy of "Queen Elizabeth"s prayer book" for $2,700 to George D. Smith was the feature of yesterday's auction of the library of Robert Hoe, which at the close of the bidding had netted $36,444 for a day, bringing the total returns on all the books sold to date to $1,186,243.

TO PLEAD GUILTY.

Los Angeals, Cal., Jan. 12.—A morning paper to-day says that Burt H. Franklin, a detective arrested on a charge of bribery in the murder trial of James B. McNamara, has agreed to enter a plea of guilty.

AWFUL AFFAIR

57 Children Perish in Turkestan School.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 15.—A despatch from Kuldja, in Chinese Turkestan, states that there has been a Republican uprising there, which is headed by a Chinese general. The rebels seized the arsenal and demolished the fortress. All the officials were arrested. Three hundred Manchus, including the Governor, were killed. A school was burned and 57 children who were in it at the time lost their lives. A republic was declared, and a proclamation issued which guarantees that there will be an orderly Government.

TORONTO HORROR

Two Little Children Burned to Death.

Other Three Escaped—Head Almost Burned Off.

Toronto despatch: Two of the five children of Mr. and Mrs. D. Dillon, 31 Bird ave., Earlscourt, were burned to death at noon to-day in a fire which destroyed the frame residence in which they lived. The three children who escaped were older.

The father and mother were both at work at the St. Clair Avenue Separate School, the latter taking the place of the lady caretaker, and the former doing carpenter work. The children were left to their own devices.

The fire started from an oil stove in the hall, and the dead are Aileen, aged 2 years, and Francis, aged 3.

Mary, aged eleven, made an ineffectual attempt to rescue the two who were burned.

It was twenty minutes before the firemen arrived on the scene after the conflagration started as the district is isolated from the fire hall. When they reached the scene of the fire the walls had tumbled in and the frame building adjacent at twenty-nine Bird avenue, was also ablaze, but the occupants succeeded in getting out.

At 12.40 the charred remains of the two children were removed from the ruins.

The head of Francis was burned almost entirely from the body.

THE KING'S TRIP

Hailed as "The Conqueror of Our Hearts".

Bamboy, Jan. 15.—The newspapers here, including those published in the vernacular, print a review of the visit to India of King George and Queen Mary. All the newspapers are eulogistic.

The Jame Jamashed says: "Five weeks ago it was Bombay's proud privilege to welcome King George to the Empire of India. To-day we bid farewell to King George as conqueror of our hearts."

King George and Queen Mary sailed for home yesterday on the Peninsular & Oriental steamer-yacht Medina, and were cheered enthusiastically as they boarded the ship.

HIGHEST HOPES REALIZED

London, Jan. 15.—King George before sailing from Bombay yesterday on his homeward trip sent the following message to Premier Asquith: "I am sure you will be glad to know that my highest hopes have been realized. The success of our visit has exceeded all anticipations."

THE FIRE FIEND

The Halifax Herald Prey to Flames.

Halifax, N. S., despatch: The Halifax Herald was destroyed by fire at 2 o'clock this morning. A disastrous fire broke out at midnight in the building on Barrington street, occupied by W. S. Munny's dry goods store. The fire spread with great rapidity and in five minutes the brick structure was a mass of fire. The flames spread to the Herald Building, a five storey structure in the very heart of the city, and other adjoining buildings took fire at the same time. Half an hour after the alarm was sent in by a member of the Herald staff, the fire was entering that building through the upper windows, and in an hour the chief of the Fire Department expressed the belief that the Herald Building was doomed. The files and correspondence were removed from the Herald as fast as this could be done and not very much of this material was lost. The more important books were in the vault, which is likely to prove intact.

Among the tenants burned out in the Herald Building are the Canada Life Assurance Company and the United States Consulate.

YOUNG MA NKILLED.

Quebec despatch: A young man named Joseph Cadran is dying from an axe blow given by another young man named Octave Godbout, at St. Narce, County of Bellechasse. Godbout was passing with a load of stove-wood off a piece of land, the ownership of which, Mrs. (widow) J. B. Godbout, had forbidden him to trespass. The trespasser had placed some wood on land, young Godbout from trespasser. Cadran was one of these. A quarrel followed, and Cadran was struck on the head with an axe by Godbout.