

PORT ARTHUR TO MANITOBA BOUNDARY IS A HIVE OF ACTIVITY

A despatch from Port Arthur says:—Northwestern Ontario, from Port Arthur to the Manitoba boundary, is a hive of activity. Old-time residents cannot recount a winter so full of business. The soil is covered with snow knee-deep, but still the operations go on, the workers seeming to enjoy the zestful tang of a typical winter in the hinterland.

Along the railway lines, on both sides, are immense piles of pulp and cordwood; the banks of streams are the temporary resting-places of thousands of ties. Men are busy trapping in the bush or hunting for minerals. Engineers are mapping out a route for an immense power line from Big Falls, seven miles north of Atikokan, to Port Frances, where the ultimate electric energy will be used in huge pulp and paper mills.

During the past three winter months building after building has been added to the structures in the hinterland hamlets. Mine Centre, the track headquarters of the British-Canadian Mines Co., developing the Foley gold property, is building up rapidly. New stores are dotting the main street. The mining company

has put up several new structures. All along the Canadian National, Port Arthur to Winnipeg line, bridge and building men are operating where conditions permit. Little station houses, built in Port Arthur and placed on flat cars, are being deposited on a site to mark a new stopping place.

Atikokan is the scene of activity. Here the Backus interests are erecting track buildings in connection with their power development. At Big Falls they have 150 men working. Every train brings in more.

Fort Frances, a frontier town, is leaping ahead of her American neighbor, International Falls. The Canadian town now has a population of 5,500. W. H. Elliott, the Mayor, is prophesying that within the next five years Fort Frances will be applying for a city charter.

Fort Frances is setting apart additional property for a tourist campground. The Mayor and city officials have seen to it that the necessary attractive folders are already off the press and ready for distribution. They look for the greatest tourist trade the northwestern end of the province has ever enjoyed.

CANADA EXPORTS SEED GRAIN TO ARGENTINE

Record Consignment of Fifty Tons Loaded at New York.

A despatch from New York says:—The largest shipment of Canadian seed grain ever shipped to the Argentine was loaded here on the Vestvard, of the Houston-I. F. C. lines. Totalling in all approximately 50 tons, the shipment was made up of 18,000 bushels of pedigreed Marquis wheat and 15,000 bushels of pedigreed Banner oats. It was consigned to the Bunge and Born Corporation of Buenos Aires from the Moose Jaw branch of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association.

The loading of such a large consignment of grain aroused no little interest and the event was marked by a luncheon given by the captain of the carrying vessel. Frederick C. Hudd, Canadian Trade Commissioner of New York, attended, while Harry Lesser, president, and Alfred Meale, vice-president of the lines, were also present.

Moving pictures of the loading activities were taken for public distribution.



John J. Dixon, new president of the Canadian National Exhibition.

MOTHER SAVED BABIES BUT FATALLY BURNED

A despatch from Port Arthur, Ont., says:—Mrs. M. Hotchkoski received fatal burns and her three-year-old daughter is in a critical condition in hospital here following a fire which destroyed their home on Thursday. Mrs. Hotchkoski died in hospital shortly before noon, retaining consciousness until an hour or more before she expired.

Awakened from sleep by heat and smoke, the mother seized her two children and threw them out of a window on to a snow-covered veranda, where they were picked up by neighbors. The eldest child was severely burned, but a baby was unharmed.

Forced from the open window by a rush of flames, Mrs. Hotchkoski fought her way to the rear of her little home, escaping through a doorway. The soles of her feet were burned raw, and her whole body was charred.

Sir Austen Wins French With Smiles and Smokes

A despatch from Paris says:—Sir Austen Chamberlain is one of the most popular British foreign secretaries that France has ever known. His close friendship with Premier Briand seems to delight the people of this country and the press never records the meetings of the two statesmen without frequent allusions to the welcoming smiles in which they are wreathed.

Two factors tend to contribute to this happy state of affairs. In the first place Sir Austen speaks French, and it is noted with enthusiasm that his French is so improving that he now picks the "mot juste" with all the facilities of an old Parisian. And secondly, Sir Austen, and this seems very important, is able to smoke cigarette for cigarette, with the French Premier, who is almost never seen without a "gauloise Maryland" drooping from the corner of his mouth.

On such things the good relations of two countries may often depend.



Robert Hobson, President of the Steel Company of Canada, who died recently at his home in Hamilton.

Prince's Latest "Cropper" May Aid Shoulder Droop

A despatch from London says:—The Prince of Wales' latest accident in the hunting field, in which he suffered a broken collar bone, has proved to be one of those blessings which come in disguise, in the opinion of his physicians. They feel that it will tend to correct the slight droop in one of his shoulders, which resulted from the breaking of the other collarbone in 1924.

The prince has been caused very little inconvenience by this accident and has been able to keep all his appointments. It will be some time, however, before he will be able to dance or take part in athletic pastimes.

Australians Invite Canadians to Parley

The four Australian wheat pools have extended an invitation to the Canadian wheat pools to send a delegation to Australia in August to confer with pool representatives there.

J. M. McDonald, of Adelaide, South Australia, who attended the recent International Co-operative Wheat Pool Conference at St. Paul, Minn., says that following the conference at St. Paul he reached the conclusion that the Canadian and Australian wheat pools could work together, provided the four Australian pools came up to the standard of the Canadian pools and, like them, formed a central selling organization. At present the Australian pools compete against each other as regards selling. Mr. McDonald added that he was convinced that the Canadian wheat pools had been instrumental in stabilizing wheat prices during the last six months.

British Naval Estimates for 1926 Are \$281,785,000

A despatch from London says:—The net total of the British navy estimates for 1926 is £258,100,000 (\$281,785,000), which is a reduction of £2,400,100 from that of 1925, notwithstanding that the provision for new construction is increased from £7,235,137 to £9,083,893. This announcement was made to-day by W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty.

The estimates provide for carrying on the new construction program which was presented to Parliament last July. It was originally intended that the floating dock for Singapore, which was included in that program, should be provided by the reconstruction of a former German dock. Experience, however, has shown this to be impracticable, and a new dock is being ordered.



THREE CANADIANS IN HONG KONG
Tom Pyburn, of Toronto (standing), William Daley, of Montreal, and Lorne Saunderson, of Brockville (sitting left to right), who are with the Hong Kong defense corps, attached to the East Surrey Regiment.

CREW OF SIX SAVED FROM SINKING VESSEL

Liner Takes Off Skipper and Men Afloat Since Dec. 17 on Derelict Ship.

A despatch from New York says:—Two wireless messages from the Holland-American liner Volendam were put together to make the probable story that the skipper and five members of the schooner General Smuts had been rescued in mid-Atlantic after spending several weeks on their derelict vessel. In one respect, that of dates, their information received at Halifax and New York did not jibe.

While the Halifax radio said that the General Smuts had been abandoned and set on fire in latitude 44.05 north, longitude 55.27 west, the New York message read:

"Notify Associated Press captain rescued midnight. Skipper and five men afloat since December 17 on sailless, sinking schooner on way Spain, Newfoundland." Shipping records showed that the British schooner left Spain on December 18 bound for St. John's, Nfld.

The Halifax message was received by the Department of Marine and Fisheries. The New York radio was sent by Ossian Lang, a passenger on the Volendam, to Robert J. Kenworthy, grand secretary of the Masonic Order.

Officials of the Holland-American Line said they had received no report of the rescue from Captain de Konig, of the Volendam. Attempts will be made by wireless to reach the boat, which is due to arrive at Plymouth, England, on Monday.

AIR ROUTE IS OPENED TO NEW GOLD FIELD

First Plane Makes Five-Day Journey in Hour and a Half.

A despatch from Hudson, Ont., says:—The aeroplane superseded the dog-sled to-day, and a party, including a prospector and a geologist, took the air route to Red Lake, scene of Ontario's latest gold strike. The arduous five-day journey was cut to an hour and a half. The distance to Red Lake by the air route is 140 miles from this point. The thermometer registered 30 below zero.

The air service has been inaugurated by Jack V. Elliot, Hamilton airman, and three planes, have been stationed at Hudson to carry out a regular schedule of flights.

It was indicated Thursday that the development of the new field would be hastened by the advent of air transportation. Experts who have gone into the field to investigate will be enabled to return with their reports in a fraction of the time required by the dog teams. Supplies and baggage will also be carried by the planes.

March 5th witnessed the inauguration of a mail service to the mining camp. More than a thousand letters awaited delivery.

Payment of Twenty Cents Made by Wheat Pool

A despatch from Winnipeg says:—The Central Selling Agency of the Prairie wheat pools will make its second payment to contract holders this week, it is officially learned here. The payment will amount to 20 cents a bushel, based on No. 1 Northern.

The first payment was \$1 a bushel, made last November. It is understood that a third payment may be made after seeding, and a final settlement early next summer.

On the basis of 20 cents a bushel, the total amount to be paid out this week will reach \$25,000,000.

Mining Men Are Told of Big Developments

A despatch from Montreal says:—The impetus to the development of Canada which had been given by the discovery of minerals, the preponderance of Canada as a nickel producer, petroleum and gas developments in Alberta, and the benefits of research as an aid to the mining industry were presented to the convention of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy here on Thursday.

The transformation into a populated country which had taken place in hitherto unsettled portions of British Columbia, through the discovery of minerals in the last year, was now being repeated in northern Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. Charles Cansell, Deputy Minister of Mines, Ottawa, said.

The annual pineapple crop of the Hawaiian Islands is worth about \$20,000,000.

FIVE CAUGHT IN STORM ON TRIP FROM PEELE ISLAND TO MAINLAND

A despatch from Windsor says:—All hope was practically abandoned on Thursday for James Phipps; his wife, Melba; and their three children, aged 9, 5 and 4, who started out at 4 o'clock last Monday afternoon from Pelee Island in their sedan to drive across the frozen wastes of Lake Erie to the mainland at Leamington, eighteen miles away, and of whom nothing has since been seen. It is feared the party, overtaken probably by a snow-storm that swept across the lake about that time, lost the trail, and that Phipps, who was at the wheel of the car, drove into an ice-hole concealed beneath a thin veneer of ice and snow.

All day long the mournful hoots of shore whistles at Leamington echoed across the expanse of frozen lake, sounding their warnings at regular intervals, in the vain hope that the travelers might possibly still be alive, and that the whistle signals might guide them to shore.

But as darkness fell and no word came from the numerous searching parties scattered along the shore and far out over the lake, the hope that the little family still might be alive slowly yielded to conviction that they had gone to death at the lake's bottom.

The first news that the party was missing was broadcast Thursday forenoon, when a mail carrier returning from Pelee Island reported to anxious inquirers that the Phippes had left the island a few minutes before 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, expecting to reach the mainland near Leamington before darkness set in. Up to that time friends of the family at Leamington believed they had decided to prolong their visit on the island.

Sum of £30,000 is Donated to Aid Migration to Canada

A despatch from London says:—Leybourne Davidson of Huntly, Aberdeenshire, a pioneer in the rubber industry, and prominent in other industries also has offered to contribute £30,000 to assist in the migration movement from Great Britain to the Dominions. The details of the proposed contribution are unsettled as yet. It appears that Leybourne Davidson's gift, which has aroused widespread interest, was the sequel to a speech made by Sir Robert Horne, M.P., former Chancellor of the Exchequer, at Elgin, Scotland, last November, when he emphasized the advantage of sending young men from Great Britain to the Dominion.



R. F. Gagen, Secretary of the Ontario Society of Artists, who dropped dead on March 2nd while looking over the work of Canadian artists at the Toronto Art Gallery.

Eskimos Face Starvation in the Barren Lands

A despatch from Fort Smith, N.W.T., says:—A detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police left Fort Smith Thursday morning on a long trek into the Barren Lands in an effort to prevent a band of Eskimos from meeting death through starvation.

Word was received here of the plight of the natives and Corporal Blake, a constable from the regular staff, and a special constable left with two Indian dog team drivers. A large quantity of food was carried on the sleds. The location of the band of starving caribou eaters is believed to be 250 miles northeast of here in the Barren Lands.

Eighteenth Child Born in Family III With Smallpox

A despatch from Kitchener says:—The stork defied smallpox placards when it brought the eighteenth child to Mrs. John K. Weber at her home here, 25 Peter St., Wednesday night. The mother is a victim of smallpox, but the child, a boy, was born in a healthy condition. Seventeen of Mrs. Weber's children are living. Nine of the children who are quarantined in the house have smallpox.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS

TORONTO.	
Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.61 1/2;	No. 2 North, \$1.56 1/2; No. 3 North, \$1.53 1/2.
Man. oats—No. 2 CW, nominal;	No. 3, not quoted; No. 1 feed, 47c;
No. 2 feed, 45c; Western grain quotations on c.i.f. bay ports.	
Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, 85 1/2c; No. 3 yellow, 83c.	
Milled—Del. Montreal freight, bags included; Bran, per ton, \$30.25 to \$31.25; shorts, per ton, \$32.25 to \$33.25; middlings, \$39.25 to \$40.25; good feed flour, 1st bag, \$2.80.	
Ont. oats—40 to 42c, f.o.b. shipping points.	
Ont. good milling wheat—\$1.27 to \$1.29, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.	
Barley, malting—62 to 64c.	
Buckwheat—No. 2, 69c.	
Rye—No. 2, 85c.	
Man. flour—First pat., \$8.40, Toronto; do. second pat., \$7.90.	
Ont. flour—Toronto, 90 per cent. pat., per barrel, in carlots, Toronto, \$5.90; seaboard, in bulk, \$5.60.	
Straw—Carlots, per ton, \$9 to \$9.50.	
Screenings—Standard, re-cleaned, 1st, o.b. bay ports, per ton, \$22.50.	
Cheese—New, large, 22c; twins, 22 1/2c; triplets, 23c; Stiltons, 24c. Old, large, 28 to 30c; wins, 29 to 31c; triplets, 30 to 32c.	
Butter—Fine, creamery, prints, 48c; No. 1 creamery, 46 to 47c; No. 2, 45 to 46c. Dairy prints, 41 to 42c.	
Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 40 to 41c; fresh extras, loose, 39 to 40c; fresh firsts, 35 to 36c.	
Dressed poultry—Chickens, spring, lb., 32 to 35c; hens, over 4 to 5 lbs., 30c; do. 3 to 4 lbs., 25c; roasters, 22c; duckings, 5 lbs. and up 20 to 22c; turkeys, 36c.	
Beans—Can. hard-picked, lb., 6c; prices 5 to 6c.	
Maple products—Syrup, per imperial gal., \$2.40; per 5-gal. tin, \$2.30 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c.	
Honey—40 lb. tin, 11 1/2 to 12c per lb.; 10 lb. tins, 11 1/2 to 12c; 5 lb. tins, 12 to 12 1/2c; 2 1/2 lb. tins, 14 to 14 1/2c.	
Smoked meats—Hams, med., 29 to 31c; cooked hams, 43 to 46c; smoked rolls, 22c; cottage, 25 to 27c; breakfast bacon, 32 to 36c; special brand breakfast bacon, 33 to 37c; backs, bonemes, 35 to 43c.	
Cured meats—Long clear hams, 50 to 70 lbs., \$24.25; 70 to 90 lbs., \$23.75; 20 lbs. and up, \$22.24; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$42.50; heavyweight rolls \$39.50 per barrel.	
Lard—Pure lard, 18 1/2 to 19c; tubs, 19 to 19 1/2c; pails, 20 to 20 1/2c; prints, 21 to 21 1/2c; shortening tins, 14 to 14 1/2c; tubs, 14c to 15c; pails, 15 1/2 to 15 3/4c; blocks, 16 1/2 to 17c.	
Heavy steers, choice, \$7.50 to \$8.50; do. good, \$7.25 to \$7.50; butcher steers, choice, \$7 to \$7.50; do. good, \$6.50 to \$7.25; do. medium, \$6.25 to \$6.50; do. fair, \$5.50 to \$6; do. common, \$5 to \$5.50; butchers cows, choice, \$5.50 to \$6; do. fair to good, \$4 to \$5; butcher bulls, good, \$5 to \$6.75; bolognas, \$3.25 to \$3.75; canners and cutters, \$2.25 to \$3; springers, choice, \$85 to \$100; good milk cows, \$70 to \$80; medium cows, \$45 to \$60; feeders, good, \$6.25 to \$6.75; do. fair, \$5 to \$6; stockers, good, \$5 to \$5.50; do. fair, \$4.50 to \$5; calves, choice, \$13 to \$14; do. good, \$11 to \$12.50; do. grassers, \$5.50 to \$6.50; good light sheep, \$7 to \$8; heavies and bucks, \$3.50 to \$8.50; good lambs, \$13.75 to \$14; do. med., \$12 to \$12.50; do. bucks, \$9 to \$11; do. culls, \$10 to \$11; hogs, thick smooth, fed and weighed, \$11.50; do. f.o.b., \$13.25; do. country pigs, \$19; do. off cuts, \$14.25; sweet premium, \$2.70.	
MONTREAL.	
Oats, Can. West, No. 2, 59c; No. 3, 55c; extra No. 1 feed, 53c. Flour, Man. spring wheat, 48c; do. 48c; second, 48c; strong bakers', 47c to 47.50c. Bran, \$30.25. Shorts, \$22.25. Middlings, \$39.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$13 to \$13.50.	
Cheese, finest, 26c; do. finest extra, 19 1/2 to 19 3/4c. Butter, No. 1, pasteurized, 46 to 46 1/2c. Eggs, storage extras, 32c; storage firsts, 30c; storage second, 25c; fresh extras, 42c; fresh firsts, 37c. Potatoes, Quebec, per bag, car lots, \$2.90 to \$2.65.	

Red Lake the Scene of the Big Gold Rush

