



The government superintendent of the Ontario timber agencies reports that the cut this winter is likely to be small, owing to the falling demand in the British market.

Ruby Ferguson, a 15 year old girl, committed suicide at the home of her halfsister, Mrs. John Connors, St. John, west, Tuesday.

The Halifax September exhibition exhibition cost \$8,230 more than the receipts.

Frank Good, of Kingsclear, was convicted on a charge of assaulting and wounding Paul Boutaugh, and sentenced to five months imprisonment in the county jail.

Flora Ross, wife of Wm. Ross, living at St. George's Channel, St. Peter's, C. B., hanged herself Sunday while the family was at church.

In Charlottetown, P. E. I., Friday, fire gutted part of the Daily Examiner office and injured the press and other printing apparatus.

A Fernie, B. C., despatch says fourteen miners were killed at the Carbando mines near Morrissey, Friday, as a result of a teriffic explosion of coal gas.

It is said that this year's lumber out on the upper St. John will not be more than one-third that of last season.

At the iron mines, Londonderry, N. S., Tuesday, Willie Chisholm, aged 20, was killed by the fall of a heavy stone.

The mill of J. D. Sowerby & Co. at Oak Bay, P. Q., across the river from Campbellton, was burned to the ground Ma: day.

A new company has been formed to operate the Valley Woollen Mills at Southampton, N. S. Water power has been replaced by steam.

A large sawdust bank caved in at Marysville, Saturday morning and William Scott, Fred Smith and Albert Pine were buried beneath it. A large force of men from the cotton mill set to work with shovels, and were able to effect a rescue in the nick of time.

A great agricultural college is to be established on the island of Montreal. Sir William Macdonald has undertaken to provide the money for the institution, and Professor Robertson has resigned the commissionership of agriculture to establish the college and organize the staff. The farm of Robert Redford and several adjoining farms at St. Anne's have been purchased at the site of the institution.

On the Inverness railway by a washout on Long Beach, C. B., an engine plunged into the opening, killing Frank Gordon, the conductor, and injuring the engineer.

It is reported that the Diminion Atlantic Railway has purchased the Midland Railway, formerly owned by the Midland Railway Co., 87 miles long, ning from Windsor to Truro.

A fatal shooting accident occurred in Dufferin, Ch. Co., a faw days ago. Geo. McBean and Earle Avery were out with a gun. McBean had his leg shattered by the discharge of the gun and died a few hours later.

Thomas Ham, blacksmith, of Fairville, was killed by an accidental discharge of his gun while out shooting Thursday.

The pressing mill of the Hamilton Powder Co., at Windsor Mills, Que., blew up Thursday. Two men were blown to pieces, portions of their remains being found a hundred yards away. The shock was felt distinctly at Sherbrooke, 13 miles away.

Twenty-two years ago there were just 12 log buildings at Edmonton. Last week Edmonton was made a city. Its proportionate growth has been greater than that of any other community in Canada.

In Halifax, Thursday night, an artillery man escaped from the guard room on the Queen's wharf and sliding down the wharf spile, was drowned. He was in custody for drinking.

In Toronto, Thursday, a street car was struck by a train at the Queen street crossing and three were killed. An infant in the arms of its mother had one of its legs torn off and will die. The mother escaped with slight injuries.

In Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dr. Geo. E. F. Moore, dentist, has been sent to the Supreme Court to stand trial for bigamy.

Halifax City Council voted to have a Boston engineering firm report on the city's water works system. Mayor Crosby vetoed the action of the council, on the ground that the engineer engaged is a resident of the United States, that an equally competent engineer can be found at home, and that a resident of Canada would not be engaged to do such work in the United States.

Charles W. Lenanhan, aged two years and ten months, Halifax, backed into a bucket of hot water and was so badly scalded that he died.

The Bank of Montreal earned a net profit of \$1,609,207.95 in the year ending Oct. 31. Two dividends of five per cent. were paid. The balance carried forward was \$583,196.01, compared with balance last year of \$372,988.

At Glace Bay N. S., Mr. Atkinson was preparing his rifle for a shooting match when it was accidentally discharged and killed his wife.

THE EMPIRE.

The inquiry by Great Britain into the North Sea incident began at Hull, Eng., last week. Vice-Admiral Bridge and Butler Aspinwait represented Great Britain. Dr. Herbert Woodhouse represented Russia. The Russian consul was present and occasionally asked questions of witnesses. "Vice-Admiral" Carr, in charge of the fishing fleet testified that no Japanese trawlers or no Japanese were with the fishing fleet. It would be impossible for them to have screened torpedo boats. Witnesses denied that any arms, ammunition, or contraband was on board the trawlers, and there was no room to carry torpedos.

--FOREIGN.

The largest sailing vessel in the world has nearly been finished at Bremerhaven. Ger. It will be 1,000 tons larger than the Preussen, which is now the largest and fastest sailing vessel in the

Four persons were killed and a score of others were injured by gas explosions that completely destroyed the Pyle Electric Headlight Company in South Chicago, Friday.

The people in the vicinity of Adrianopolis in Macedonia are suffering terrible distress, death by freezing and starvation staring them in the face.

Losses of half a million dollars through shop-lifting have been suffered during the past year by twenty-one department stores in New York, whose proprietors, because of such losses, have formed an alliance to fight petty pilfering.

With a capital stock of \$25,000,000 a company has been incorporated for the purpose of building an oriental city on the Bay Shore at South San Francisco and to transplant the Chinese quarters to that place, and, further, to transform the present district known as Chinatown into a residential neighborhood.

At Springfield, O., Thursday, three hundred cottages on the Urbana Chautauquay Company grounds were destroy-

ed by fire. Loss, \$199,000, and no insurance.

The London pier and shed of the Warren Line in Charlestown, Mass., filled with oil, pulp wood and other inflammable material was completely consumed by fire Thursday.

In Sweden visiting commercial travellers from other countries are taxed at the rate of \$24 a month. The tax is especially aimed at the German commercial travellers, and the Swedish manufacturers want it increased.

Eleven persons were killed and ten or fifteen injured in a head-on collision between a Union Pacific passenger train and an extra freight train near Azusa, Wyoming.

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coast. The scheme for ridding the sea of these menacing waifs is to have American gunboats at New York and Eastport and British gunboats at Hallfax and St. John's Nfld., which would act in harmony and by the interchange of information between themselves, the Marconi stations along the coast and the ocean liners employing the same agency could accurately fix the movements of these vagrants and soon effect their destruction. The four gunboats would thoroughly patrol the coast and the offing as far as the Gulf Tream, which mysterious current sooner or later sucks all these derelicts into itself. The destruction of the masterless hulks by dynamite or cannon balls would be accomplished to a very large extent, if not altogether, and ocean shipping in these waters rid of one of the worst dangers to safe navigation that exists.