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AGREE TO EXCHANGE OF MAILS

Canada's Proposition Formally Accepted by Acting Postmaster-General on Behalf the United States.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The Canadian and the United States governments have agreed to co-operate in augmenting the postal facilities of the Klondike region, and the result will be evidenced in a substantial doubling of the mail service from the coast into that district. Canada made a proposition for exchange of mails at Circle City and Dawson City, agreeing to perform the service from Dawson City to Dyea by means of a contract of her own, with reimbursement to be made by this government for its share of the service.

This differs from this country's proposition in that under the latter the United States was to let the contract and look to Canada for reimbursement for the latter's share. The counter scheme, however, is satisfactory to the postoffice department here.

The Canadian service provides for the exchange of mails at Fort Cudahy and two other stations between Dawson City and Dyea. The exact route is not outlined, but in all probability it will strike off directly southward from Dawson City, which is on the British side of the line, down to Dyea. At present, the district gets the benefit of mails once a month. The new arrangement will furnish an additional service, giving semi-monthly mails, the trips probably being sandwiched between the dates designated in the present contract of the United States.

Canada's proposition for carrying the mails one round trip a month between Dawson City and Dyea was formally accepted this afternoon by Acting Postmaster-General Shallenberger, and the Canadian government notified of the action. In the communication, this government is stated to be ready to assume its share of the responsibility, and Canada is urged to put the service into operation at the earliest possible moment. Dyea, which is 100 miles above Juneau, on Lynn canal, and Dawson City will be declared international postal exchange offices. The British mails will be carried by the United States from Victoria to Dyea. The service will bring about the creation of a postoffice at Dawson City, and also at Fort Cudahy, Forty Mile, and probably at other points, although these mentioned are beyond Dawson City. The service will be under the immediate supervision of the Canadian mounted police, and the carriers will be equipped with dogs and sledges, and will have Indian drivers. The first contract will be at least one year. Wherever the British mails can be expedited by carrying them over the present Circle City route between the dates of the new service this will be done.

Last April an order was issued by the postoffice department discontinuing the steamboat mail service from Seattle to Juneau, beginning April 13. This order has now been modified to read "omit service from that date to the 31st of this month, when the performance of the service is to be resumed."

Queen Will Carry a Hotel.

Seattle, Aug. 23.—At 6:30 tonight, the Al-Ki sailed for Dyea and Skagway. She carried 145 passengers and 600 tons of freight. Among the cattle on board were 25 long-horned steers.

Shortly after the collier Willamette left for Dyea, the passengers organized for police protection, the organization being named the Willamette and Klondike Protective Society. Care was taken to prevent fire and all suspicious characters were watched. Before the boat reached Dyea, eight suspected men had been imprisoned.

Valentine scrip jumped in price to \$35 and \$45 per acre, as the result of the rush to the Klondike gold fields. Large blocks of scrip have been sold in this city, the intention being to locate property at Skagway. Next Sunday the steamer Queen leaves for St. Michaels, with lumber. The A. S. Kerry Lumber Company sends the frame and lumber all fitted to build a hotel there to accommodate 150 people. The Queen will reach there in three weeks.

Deputy Sheriff Calderhead has a letter from ex-Deputy Adam Baker, dated Skagway, August 7. He went on the Rosalie. The passengers formed a company to unload. Trouble ensued by one man assuming to boss. The miners drew guns and then took their individual goods ashore.

The river, but a mile from camp, is 500 feet wide and swift, and there is continued loss of goods by horses falling in the current. Packs must be cut away to save the horses. Several horses were drowned August 6 and 7. Tired men are selling outfits at less than cost. Thirty men are building a bridge half a mile up. It is a private snap. All would be well if the prospectors would work together.

Fell Through a Hatchway to Death.

Port Townsend, Aug. 23.—John Riley, a sailor on the British ship Corduna, which arrived yesterday to load wheat at Tacoma for the United Kingdom, fell through a hatchway of the ship this morning and broke his neck.

Severe Storms in Silesia.

Berlin, Aug. 23.—The greater part of Silesia has been visited by severe storms, and several persons have been killed by lightning.

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

Downing, Hopkins & Company's Review of Trade.

Wheat sold at above \$1 per bushel in all Eastern markets during the past week and there are prospects for much higher prices in the future.

The market and rapid advance in values during the week must be attributed to legitimate influences. Speculation played but a minor part in causing the advance. The export demand has been the principal factor in advancing values. The general position of supplies is considerably stronger than a week ago. The European requirements for American wheat as estimated by Bradstreet are now 192,000,000 bushels as compared with previous estimates of 160,000,000 bushels. Estimates of American exportable surplus have been somewhat reduced owing to general unfavorable thrashing returns from the spring wheat crop of the Northwest. In this connection while America must be congratulated upon having a bounteous crop of wheat with which to meet the increased export requirements, it must not be overlooked that reserves from previous crops of spring and winter wheat are almost entirely exhausted. It will be impossible to meet any such export demand as estimated by European statisticians and also establish normal reserves in America. Conditions of supply and demand therefore apparently warrant still higher values, but the rapidity of the advances has momentarily checked the export demand and some reaction is probable. There are several purely speculative conditions that may upset expectations and result in an unnatural advance. Stocks of wheat are abnormally small. The European shortage has encouraged large speculative purchases. The advance in values has reduced short selling. The result is a congested market, especially for September deliveries. The forward movement of the winter wheat crop has been small considering the large sales for export, and it is now too late for any material accumulation of wheat in this market until after September. We can only conclude after careful consideration that while temporary reaction is naturally to be expected, present values are fully warranted, higher values will obtain later and that wheat should be bought on all recessions.

Portland Markets.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 88@89c; Valley and Bluneston, 91@92c per bushel. Flour—Best grades, \$4.40; graham, \$3.85; superfine, \$2.50 per barrel. Oats—Choice white, 38@40c; choice gray, 36@38c per bushel. Barley—Feed barley, \$17.50@18; brewing, \$18@19 per ton. Millstuffs—Bran, \$14 per ton; middlings, \$21; shorts, \$15.50. Hay—Timothy, \$12@12.50; clover, \$10@11; California wheat, \$10@11; do oat, \$11; Oregon wild hay, \$9@10 per ton. Eggs—10@12 1/2c per dozen. Butter—Fancy creamery, 40@45c; fair to good, 35c; dairy, 25@35c per roll. Cheese—Oregon, 11 1/2c; Young America, 12 1/2c; California, 9@10c per pound. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.50@4.00 per dozen; broilers, \$1.50@3.00; geese, \$3@4; ducks, \$2.50@3 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@11c per pound. Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 85c@40c per sack; new potatoes, 50c per sack; sweets, \$1.75@2.00 per cental. Onions—California, new, red, \$1.25; yellow, \$1.50 per cental. Hops—10@11 1/2c per pound for new crop; 1896 crop, 4@6c. Wool—Valley, 14@15c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 10@12c; mohair, 20c per pound. Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 2 1/2@2 3/4c; dressed mutton, 4 1/2c; spring lambs, 5 1/2c per pound. Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$4; light and feeders, \$2.50@3; dressed, \$3@4.25 per 100 pounds. Beef—Gross, top steers, \$2.75@3; cows \$2.25; dressed beef, 4@5 1/2c per pound. Veal—Large, 3@3 1/2c; small, 4 1/2c per pound.

Seattle Markets.

Butter—Fancy native creamery, brick; 18c; ranch, 10@12c. Cheese—Native Washington, 10@11c; California, 9 1/2c. Eggs—Fresh ranch, 19@20c. Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 10@11c; spring chickens, \$2@3.50; ducks, \$2.50@3.75. Wheat—Feed wheat, \$23 per ton. Oats—Choice, per ton, \$23. Corn—Whole, \$22; cracked, per ton, \$22; feed meal, \$22 per ton. Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$22; whole, \$21. Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef, steers, 6c; cows, 5 1/2c; mutton sheep, 6c; pork, 7c; veal, small, 6c. Fresh Fish—Halibut, 4 1/2c; salmon, 4@5c; salmon trout, 7@10c; flounders and sole, 3@4c; ling cod, 4@5c; rock cod, 5c; smelt, 2 1/2@4c.

San Francisco Markets.

Wool—Choice foothill, 9@12c; San Joaquin, 6 months' 8@10c; do year's staple, 7@9c; mountain, 11@13c; Oregon, 10@13c per pound. Hops—5@10c per pound. Millstuffs—Middlings, \$18.50@22; California bran, \$14@15 per ton. Onions—New red, 70@80c; do new silverskin, 75c@90c per cental. Potatoes—New, in boxes, 40@60c. Fresh fruit—Apples, 40@55c per large box; apricots, 20@40c; Fontainebleau grapes, 20@30c; muscats, 40@50c; black, 20@30c; tokay, 40@50c; peaches, 25@50c; pears, 20@40 per box; plums, 20@40c; crab apples, 15@30c. Hay—Wheat, \$12@15; wheat and oat, \$11@14; oat, \$10@12; river barley, \$7@8.50; best barley, \$9@12; alfalfa, \$7@8.50 clover, \$7.50@9.50. Cheese—Fancy mild, new, 8c; fair to good, 7 1/2c per pound.

Remarkable Will Power.

The late William S. Groesbeck, of Cincinnati, never took another law case after his defense of President Andrew Johnson. "The brilliant speech which won that case," says the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune, "proved the man's remarkable will and intellectual powers. He had been so ill as to be confined to his bed, and on the day of the trial, while lying in bed, he jotted down on a sheet of foolscap paper the main points of his defense. He was driven to the tribunal in a carriage, unable to walk, and spoke extempore for four hours and a half. At the close of the article XI was voted upon, and the president acquitted of the other articles. Since that time Mr. Groesbeck has lived a life of quiet and retirement. In 1872 he built Elmhurst, a noble house of superb proportions, commanding a river view of unsurpassed beauty.

A bulletin (No. 7) of the division of entomology of the United States department of agriculture says that in France and Pennsylvania an industry has recently sprung up, which consists of the farming of spiders for the purpose of stocking wine cellars, and thus securing almost an immediate coating of cobwebs to new wine bottles, giving them the appearance of great age. This industry is carried on in a little French village in the department of Loire and near Philadelphia, where "Epeira vulgaris" and "Nephila flumipes" are raised in large quantities and sold to the wine merchants at the rate of \$10 per 100. This application of entomology to industry is one which will not be highly commended.

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