

Brandon Farmers' Markets.

Wheat has taken a considerable raise being now quoted at 68c. The grain buyers are not very anxious to buy at that price. Oats are steady. Barley is scarce, there being very little offering. The market is overstocked with beef. There is a good demand for pork, with a slight upward tendency. Mutton is holding steady at 7 to 8c. per lb. Chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys are coming in in great quantities and the price in consequence is varied as a number of stores are buying in trade for goods, each man having his own price. Butter is plentiful. Wheat, 68c.; oats, 45c.; barley, 45c.; flour, \$2 25 to \$2.75; bran per ton, \$14; shorts per ton, \$15; chop per ton, \$22 to \$25; potatoes per bushel, 65 to 70c.; hay (bulk) per ton, \$9; hay (baled) per ton, \$12; beef dressed, 4 to 5c.; pork, \$5 to \$5.25; mutton carcass, 7 to 8c.; chickens, 6 to 9c.; turkeys, 10 to 12½c.; geese, 10 to 11c.; ducks, 10c.; butter, 15 to 17c.; eggs, 18 to 20c.; cordwood, \$2 50 to \$4.50.—*Times*, Dec. 5.

Grain and Milling Matters.

The grist mill at Emerson, says the *Times*, is proving a veritable bonanza for farmers, and is being taxed to its utmost capacity day and night.

The receipts of Manitoba wheat at the Lake Superior elevators for the week ended November 30 were 69,683 bushels, the shipments 131,924 bushels and the quantity in store 429,269 bushels.

The new flour mill erected at Gretna, Man., by D. Peters & Co., commenced operations last week. It has a capacity of 100 barrels per day. The mill is furnished with the latest improved machinery, and will be a great accommodation to the farmers of this locality.

The Ontario department of Agriculture says in its recent report: "The yield of all wheat was small, but fair; barley above the average, affected with smut and rust, very little of it will be first class; oats above the average, have suffered extensively from rust; rye below the average, good; peas above the average, fair; roots below the average, fair."

Beerholm says: According to last postal advices from Russia, Odessa holders are very tenacious, and apparently confident of better prices in the future owing to their short harvests this year; they were consequently warehousing their wheat, so that stocks were increasing, and probably amounted to nearly 1,000,000 qrs. against 1,600,000 qrs. at this time last year the fresh supplies being fair.

A deputation from the Winnipeg Grain Exchange on Monday last waited upon the council of the Winnipeg Board of Trade and urged co-operation in securing an increased import duty on flour. A committee was appointed to secure all possible information regarding the millers' claim for an increased duty, the committee to lay such information before a full meeting of the board for the information of the members.

Edmonton Bulletin: The new mill at St. Albert, Northern Alberta, belonging to Hutton & Maloney, is about completed. The machinery is all in the mill, except the boiler which is expected in at any time. The building is 28x40 feet and 34 feet high. There are two sets of four feet stones, and a double stand of 9x

18 inch rollers, so that this "strict will have, what has long been required, a mill to manufacture roller process flour. The mill will be run by a 45 horse power engine, and will be able to turn out from 76 to 100 sacks of flour per day. It will be ready for work about the beginning of the new year.

Following are the returns made of wheat inspected at Winnipeg for the week ending November 30:

Eatca Manitoba hard.....	3 cars
No. 1 hard.....	38 cars
No. 2 hard.....	43 cars
No. 1 Northern.....	1 car
No. 2 Northern.....	17 cars
No. 3 Northern.....	4 cars
No. 1 White Fyfe.....	1 car
No. 1 rejected.....	7 cars
Rejected.....	8 cars
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Total.....	123 cars

Insurance Briefs.

One of the orators at the last convention of the Underwriters' Association of the United States Northwest said that "Fire Insurance Companies are probably making more criminals, and doing more to debauch society by the methods of writing policies and adjusting losses, than any other industry in which capital is engaged."

We learn, says the *Liberal*, of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, that a number of local men interested in live stock held a meeting in Foote's office this week, and agreed upon a plan of organizing a joint stock company with an authorized capital of \$200,000, to carry on a system of live stock insurance similar to that carried on in Ontario and England. We understand the necessary amount of stock has been subscribed, and application will be made for a charter as soon as the Local House meets.

The Cincinnati *Price Current* does not count much on the night watchman, as witness the following from that journal: "Another case has come to our knowledge where the bursting, breaking or overturning of a watchman's lantern set fire to a valuable property which was wholly destroyed. We again repeat our often stated opinion that private watchmen destroy more property by fire than they save. A watchman outside the building is much better than one inside. While outside or inside he cannot do any good, outside he is not likely to do any harm."

The *Budget* says: "While we are not sticklers for state or government supervision, we think that the system in this country is better than that in vogue among our neighbors. While every province of the Dominion, has its own insurance laws and insurance department to authorize and regulate its own, the local companies, there is also a Dominion insurance department at Ottawa, which authorizes and regulates all companies, native or foreign doing business throughout the Dominion. Under this system foreign companies must be licensed through the Dominion insurance department at Ottawa, before they can legally transact business in the Dominion. But a company thus licensed may spread itself over every province in the Dominion, or select a province, or provinces, in which only it will operate. Native companies having only provincial authority, cannot legally do business outside that

province. Thus it will be seen that our government system of insurance supervision is more flexible, and less oppressive towards the companies, than is the system, or systems of the United States. It also distinguishes between Dominion and provincial authority, and conserves the rights of each government, local or general. To put it in few words,—a license from the insurance department at Ottawa, covers the whole Dominion, but a license from a provincial department covers only the province issuing it."

FOLLOWING is a statement showing the value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption, with duty collected thereon at Winnipeg, during the month of November, 1889, and compared with the same month of 1888:

	Value, 1888.	Value, 1889
Exported.....	\$105,524 00	\$ 38,927 00
Goods imported, dutiable.....	102,516 00	186,529 00
Goods, imported, free.....	18,732 00	73,025 00
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Total imported.....	\$121,248 00	\$259,554 00
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Entered for consumption—		
Dutiable.....	\$108,009 00	\$186,486 00
Entered for consumption—		
Free.....	18,732 00	73,025 00
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Total entered for consumption.....	\$126,741 00	\$259,511 00
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Duty collected.....	\$ 36,088 73	\$60,158 45
The Inland Revenue collections at Winnipeg for November were as follows:		
Spirits.....	\$12,075 81	
Malt.....	1,507 35	
Tobacco.....	9,346 60	
Cigars.....	642 15	
Petroleum.....	254 78	
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Total.....	\$22,826 72	
The transactions at the Dominion Government Savings Bank, Winnipeg, during November were:		
Deposits.....	\$19,822 00	
Withdrawals.....	26 260 22	
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Excess of withdrawals over deposits.....	\$6,438 22	

General Notes.

H. E. Hamilton, boot and shoe manufacturer, Toronto, has assigned. Liabilities \$40,000, assets \$55,000.

William Thompson & Co., wholesale hardware, Toronto, have assigned. Liabilities are \$60,000; nominal surplus, \$30,000.

Immigration into the United States in October was 39,032, against 40,365 for same month in 1888, according to preliminary reports. For four months since July 1 the total is 141,839, against 156,964 last year. For ten months since January 1, 378,140, against 473,172 last year.

Cable advices from primary markets report a very strong temper to the wool market, a despatch from London, England, stating that the sales on Wednesday showed a large volume of business at an advance in prices of fully ten per cent, with a strong upward tendency. Here values are firm and several sales of Greasy Cape were made this week at 18 to 18½c per pound, the finer qualities being quoted at 18½ to 19c.—*Montreal Trade Bulletin*.