



Insurance Items.

Nixon & Waugh, agents of the Commercial Union Assurance Co., Winnipeg, are moving their office one door further north.

It is rumored that the Temperance and General, and the Manufacturers' Life Insurance companies will be amalgamated. This report follows on another to the effect that G. W. Gooderham has obtained control of the stock of the former company.

Did you ever look at it in this light? Between two days you become unassurable.—One day you are assurable—the next you cannot secure assurance at any price. This is true, not alone of you, but of every man. There comes a time in his life when, between two days, he becomes unassurable. Do you know when your day will come? Do you know that it isn't to-day? It is easy to allow a policy to lapse. It is sometimes impossible to replace it afterwards. As the boy said: "The time to get cake is when it is passing," so the time to take life assurance is when you can get it, and the time to hold on to it is when you have it.—From Equitable Life Assurance Society leaflet.

A new company is in the field for business in the fire insurance line with headquarters at Winnipeg. This is the Central Canada Fire Insurance company, incorporated by special act of parliament, 1898. The company has an authorized capital of \$500,000, of which \$50,000 is already subscribed for and paid up to the extent of 20 per cent. It is proposed to accept all classes of insurance. The board of management is composed as follows: R. P. Roblin, president; John Love, vice do.; H. H. Beck, managing director; G. V. Hastings, Hon. J. D. Cameron, Hugh J. Macdonald, Q. C. D. B. Hanna, W. Barclay Stephens, W. J. Tupper, J. A. Thompson, A. J. Adamson and J. T. Gordon, directors. Agents will be appointed in all business centres of this country, and no doubt the new company will soon succeed in winning a place wherever it seeks to do business. The manager would be glad to hear from any persons who would be willing to act as agents of the company.

Mining Notes.

The annual meeting of the War Eagle company was held in Toronto on Nov. 15th.

The sheriff has sold the Idler mineral claim, Kootenay, British Columbia, at auction to satisfy a judgment. It realized \$300.

President McKinnon and Director William Munroe, of Golden Cache mines, limited, British Columbia, have resigned.

J. M. McIntosh, of London, Ont., has secured a development bond on the Porpoise and Iron Hill group of two claims and the Eagle cliff, near to Golden, British Columbia.

The value of the first gold brick produced from thirty-three tons of ore from the Treasure mine, situated eight miles to the southeast of Rat Portage, was \$529.25.

J. R. Gifford, manager of the Boulder Mining company, which is operating in Northwestern Ontario, states that his company expects to put a compressor plant in operation at once.

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

Prices as to size and color, for prime skins; skins taken out of season range much lower:

Badger.....	\$.25	\$.50
Bear black	5.00	25.00
Bear brown	4.50	20.00
Bear, black yearlings.	5.00	7.00
Bear, brown yearlings ..	3.00	4.50
Bear, grizzly.....	4.50	20.00
Beaver large.....	5.00	8.75
Beaver, medium	3.00	4.75
Beaver, small	1.50	2.50
Beaver, culs.....	.50	1.00
Beaver, castors, lb.....	2.50	5.50
Fisher, dark	6.00	8.00
Fisher, pale	3.00	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large	5.00	10.00
Fox, cross pale	2.50	5.00
Fox, kitt .....	.25	.75
Fox, red	1.00	1.60
Fox, silver dark	30.00	75.00
Fox, pale	25.00	60.00
Lynx, large	1.50	2.25
Lynx, medium	1.00	1.50
Lynx, small .....	.50	.75
Marten, dark	3.00	5.50
Marten, pale or brown	2.50	4.25
Marten, light pale.....	1.00	3.00
Mink, dark .....	.50	2.00
Mink, pale .....	.75	1.50
Musquash, winter .....	.04	.12
Otter, dark	6.00	10.00
Otter, pale	5.00	8.00
Skunk .....	.25	.75
Wolf, timber	2.00	3.00
Wolf, prairie .....	.40	.75
Wolverine, dark	3.00	3.50
Wolverine, pale	1.25	2.00

Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Nov. 14.

There are several changes in the wholesale markets this week. Dairy butter remains the same at 18 and 19 cents, but new creamery has advanced. It is a regrettable fact that so called government butter, manufactured under the supervision of government inspectors in the territories, is selling at two cents a pound cheaper than butter from creameries not enjoying that privilege. This statement is made on the report of numerous produce commission merchants interviewed recently. This state of affairs is injuring the butter trade of the Territories, and the jobbers in British Columbia are anxious for the credit of the government that the matter should be made public and rectified. This so-called government butter is not sold subject to inspection and must be purchased with the understanding that it cannot be returned in any event. In consequence a prominent firm recently was obliged to pay in the neighborhood of 20 cents per pound for a carload of mouldy butter. Among the retailers it is stated that government butter is being sent back by customers with the message that cooking butter has been sent in mistake for table butter. The best butter in the market is now coming from Montreal and is selling at 24 1-2 wholesale. Inferior grades, including government butter, are selling at 22 1-2c. Eastern eggs are still scarce, the wholesale price now being 18 and 19 cents. Pickled eggs, the same price. Local eggs are getting somewhat cheaper, being in great supply. Cheese still remains at 11 and 11 1-4c, owing

to early makes being largely held. In the flour and feed market oats have dropped \$2 per ton. This is the only change. Hay is largely in demand for winter camps. Food stuffs will rule low for some time to come.

The Commercial Men.

A. W. Lasher, of Toronto, representing W. R. Johnston & Co., was in the city this week.

A. S. Bluns, who has been in the old country, on a purchasing trip for R. J. Whitla & Co., returned on Wednesday.

Alex. Fraser, a London, Ont., wholesale merchant, was in Winnipeg this week, returning from a trip to the Pacific coast.

A. A. McKenzie, of Rossland, B. C., formerly of the wholesale grocery firm of McKenzie & Mills, Winnipeg, was in Winnipeg this week.

Dry Goods Trade.

This is stock-taking time with the wholesale dry goods houses. As usual, efforts are being made to reduce stocks as much as possible until this event is over.

The following list of prices has just been issued by one American carpet manufacturer, for spring 1899: Wiltons, \$1.10; velvets, 72 1-2c; XX tapestries, 60c; X tapestries, 55c; Comets, 50c; and Red Stars, 45c.

Freight Rates.

Lake rates from Chicago to Buffalo were held at 2 1-2c on wheat, 2 1-8 to 2 1-4c on corn, and 2c for corn to Midland.

East-bound rates were ordered restored on Nov. 10 to the old tariff of 20c on flour and grains and 30c on provisions from Chicago to New York.

The through rate on wheat from Chicago to Liverpool is 18 1-8c per bushel. Flour 32.69 to 34.69c per 100 pounds.

British Cattle Markets.

London, Nov. 14.—Owing to short supplies there was a much stronger feeling in the trade, and prices for both Canadian cattle and sheep advanced 1c, as compared with a week ago. Best States cattle were 1 1-4c higher at 12c; choice Canadian sold at 11c, and Argentine at 10 1-2c. Canadian sheep sold at 11 1-2c.

Liverpool, Nov. 12.—Trade was firmer, and prices slightly higher. Choice Canadian cattle sold at 9 1-2c to 10c, and sheep at 11 1-2c.

W. J. Guest, fish and game dealer, Winnipeg, has received a shipment of a ton or two of choice turkeys from Ontario, for the Thanksgiving trade.

Mr. Kinsella, of the government creamery staff, in the territories, called on the Commercial this week. He reports that three of the Alberta creameries, located at Red Deer, Innisfail and Olds, are still in operation and may be kept working all winter. The new creamery started late in the season at Churchbridge, on the Manitoba and Northwestern railway in Assiniboia, has done remarkably well, and promises to become one of the most productive. A number of Icelanders, who are good live stock farmers, are located in that district. Mr. Kinsella went to Yorkton this week, to look after the erection of ice houses, etc., at the Yorkton and Saltcoats creameries.