# Western Business Items.

seamen & Co., railway contractors, are opening a lumber yard at Fort Francis, Ont.

D. W. Micewicz is organizing a company to erect a flaxseed mill at Edmenton this year.

Mr. Lavery has purchased the gen-cial store stock of G. W. Ray, at New-dale, Man., and will continue the busi-ness.

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John M. Campbell has opened a harness shop in the south end of Winnings; and will do a general retail trade:

A telegram received on Friday from Pachland, B. C., announced the death of J. B. Somerset, formerly manager of the Winnipog Free Press.

A. F. Lauder has bought out the gents' furnishings establishment of Hopkins & McLean at Kamloops, B: C., and will conduct it in future.

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If Hooper, of Shoal Lake, has opened a harness shop at Foxwarren, Man, where he has rented the premises formerly occupied by W. D. Leavens.

F L. Newman has taken possession of premises at Portage in Prairie and is putting in a stock of groceries. He will also open in the wholesale liquor

trade.

The B. C. Trade Budget is the name of a new commercial and financial workly which has made its appearance in Vancouver. It is being managed by J. J. Randolph.

Notice is given that May Howard, milliner and fancy goods merchant, of Portage is Prairie, in Manttobu, has made an assignment of her estate and effects for the benefit of her creditors, to A. C. Willian s:

A movement is on foot in the Winnipeg grain exchange to open an option mask-t here similar to those now be-ing operated in Minneapolis, Duluth and other United States cities.

The contract for the improvements to St Andrew's rapids had been awarded to Thomas Kelly & Co., at \$400,000, the lowest tender. This was for the masonry. The balance of the work will cost jabout \$198,000.

Frank & Co., general merchants. Minto, bought the assets of Grout & Co., of that town, which were offered for sale by auction on Tuesday. The rate was 61% to for the stock and the for the book accounts.

T. N. Hilben & Co., books and stationery, Victoria, B. C., have bought out the business in the same line of the B. C. Stationery Company at Vancourer, and will continue it as a

branch:
The contract for a large new brick and stone warehouse for G. F. Stephens & Co., on Banntayne street east, Winnipeg, was let this week. The building will be a large one and will cost upwards of \$20,000.

T I. Liee, cigar manufacturer. Windings, states that his orders from Dawson City and Atlin have grown to very large proportions. He is now shipping an order for 75,000 clear Havana cigars to Dawson and 30,000 lo Allin

Wadlinger & Finkieman, of Seikirk, bought the estate of Morrison & Co., general merchants. Bolssevain, Man., which was offered for sale by the assignes on Tuesday. The cate paid for the stock was 124c on the dollar and We on the dollar for the books.

Tenders for breaking and backsetting 200 acres of land, at Osborne Station, are asked for by John Schwartz, of Altona, Man.

Tenders will be received up to 6 p. m. on Saturday, lith March, for the erection of a parochial hall on the sroumls of the Church of Ascension, Stonewall, Man; Tenders to include all materials and workmanship; also the building of two brick chimneys.

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HOGS AND HOG PRODUCTS.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto; March 9:

Dressed hogs are easier in sympathy with live. Kor cars here \$7.25 to \$7.50 has been bid, but none offered. Hog products are meeting with more enquiry. Large sales are expected for Easter. All-lines are firm.

Fork—Canada short cut, \$20: heavy mess, \$0: shoulder moss, \$16.50.

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear, tons and cases, 10c; breakfast bacon, 14c; hams, 124c to 13c; rolls, 10t to 10t; steen, 14t to 15c; green; meats out of pickle are guoted at 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Tierrose; 10t/c; tubs, 10t/c; and palls, 10t/c.

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Montreal Hardware Market.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 9, 1901. Linseed oil has declined 4c. Turpenthu to up 3c. These are the principal changes, within the week.

Pig Iron-Camadian pig Iron is worth \$18- and Summerice \$226[\$23].

Bar Iron-Rulling price, \$1.696[\$1.65].

Black Sheets=\$2.80 for 8 to 16 gauge. Gafvantzed fron=No. 28 Queen's Head. \$56(\$5.10. Apollo. 10% oz., \$56(\$5.10. Comet No. 23, \$4.50. with 25c allowance in case

Ingot Tin-Lamb and Flag, 33634c per

Lead-\$4.65.

Lead Pipe—7c for ordinary and 73ce for composition waste, with 15 per cent off.

Iron Pipe—Black pipe, ¼, \$3 per 100 ft.;
½, \$3; ½, \$4; ¾, \$3.15, 1 in., \$4.50; 1¼,
\$0.10, 1½, \$7.25, 2 in., \$0.75 Gaivantzed,
½, \$4.60; ¾, \$2.55; 1 in., \$7.50; 1¼, \$9.80;
1½, \$11.75; 2 in., \$10.

Terne Plates-\$8.25.

Swedish fron-\$4.25.

Swedish Iron-\$4.25.
Coll Chain-No. 6, 111<sub>2</sub>C. No. 5, 10C. No. 4, 91<sub>2</sub>C: No. 5, 90; ½ in., 74<sub>2</sub>C per pound; 5.16, \$4.60; 5-16 exact, \$5.10; %, \$4.20; 7-10. \$4; ½, \$3.75; 9-10, \$3.05; %, \$3.5; %, \$3.25; %, \$3.25; 1 in., \$3.15. in carioad fots an allowance of 10C is mader—Sheet Zinc-\$6,01½C.
Antiuony-10C.
Triplates-\$4.50 for coke and \$4.75 for charcoal.

Tripintes—\$4.00 for code and \$4.00 for charcoal.
Canada Plate—\$28, \$2.90; 60's, \$3; 77's, \$3.10; full polished, \$2.75; and gatvanized, \$4.00.
Tool Steel—Black Diamond; \$0: less op. 13c.

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Steel- We quote: Sleighshoe, \$1.83.

Stre. \$1.93: sprang, \$2.75: machinery, \$2.75, and toe-calk \$2.50.

Barb Wire-\$3.20 f.o.o. ontical iz less than carlots.

Horseshoes -Iron stoes, agint and medium pattern, No. 2 and arger, \$3.50; No. 1 and smaller, \$3.75; show shoe, No. 2 and smaller, \$3.75; show shoe, No. 2 and smaller, \$4.75.

X L steel shoes, all sazes, \$1.5, \$2.5, toe we ght steel shoes, all sazes, \$2.5, to mand on percent on oval head, and 50, 10 and 10 percent on countersank head; C brands new, discount 50 and 72 per cent.

Wire Nails-\$2.55 for small one and \$2.75 for carlots, floar barrel male, \$2.5 per \$2.5 for carlots, \$2.5 per \$2.5 for carlots, \$2.5 per \$2.5 for carlots, \$2.5 per \$2.5 per

Bry White Lead - 5.50 in casks; kegs. \$5.75.

Red Lead - Casks, \$5.25; in kegs, \$5.50.
White Zine Falnt - Pure, dry, 8c; No. 1, 6kc; in oil, pure, 9c; No. 1, 7kc.
Putty - liulk, in barrels, \$2 per 10076.; bulk, in less quantity, \$2.15; biadders, in larrels, 58c; 5 barrels, and over, open kegs or boxes, \$2.35; in thus, \$2.45\$\;\superscript{2.55}\;\superscript{2.55}\;\superscript{1.55}\;\superscript{2.55}\;\superscript{1.55}\;\superscript{2.55}\;\superscript{1.55}\;\superscript{1.55}\;\superscript{2.55}\;\superscript{1.55}

harrels and over, open terms.

Mixed paints—\$1.25(\$1.45 per gal.)

Scrap Metals—Heavy copper and wire, Scrap Metals—Heavy copper and wire, 12(13)46 per Br. light copper, 12c; heavy lurass, 12c; heavy yellow; 8\(\)40c; light hirss, 6\(\)40c; light copper Br. light, 12c; light term, 13(\$12; stove plate, 2\(\)40c; light tron, No. 2, 4n ton; malleable and steel, \$4.

Petrolevin—Sliver Star, 14\(\)40c; limperial, Aeme, 16\(\)41fc; S.C. Aeme, 18\(\)40c; limperial, 16\(\)40c; limpe

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Special to The Commercial:
Nelson, March 9.
Trade is quiet. Choice fresh eggs are down 2c, and ranch eggs are also down 2c. Fall cheese is 1/2c lower.

Denter—Creamery, 2414, to 201/4c.

Eggs—Choice fresh, 25c: Northwest and Washington, 22c per dozen.
Cheese—New cheese, 1214c.
Oats—Per ton, 228.
Milifeed—Bran, \$20; shorts, \$22 per-Northwest

nn. Flour-Manitoba patent, \$5.40. Hay-Per ton, \$23. Potatoes-Per ton, \$25.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chicago, March 4.—Wheat, Murch open 73%, close 75%c May open 75%, high at 75%, low 75%; close 75%G%, Corn, May open 414%, now 41%, low 41; close 41%c Onte, Tay open, 25%, high 25%, low 25%, close 25%c a. Park, May open, 344,16, high \$14,17, to \$44,16, close \$44,15 a. Lard, May open \$7,45; close \$7,45.

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Chleago, Murch 5.—Wheat, Murch open 73%, close 75%474c. May open 75%, high 75%, low 75%, close 75%4 h. April, close 74%; hilly open 74% n. elose 74% h. Open 74% n. elose 74% h. Open 74% n. elose 74% h. Open 40%, high 411, low 40%, close 40%c. May open 40%03%, close 40%c. Juy open 40%03%, close 40%c. hay open 40%03%, high 54% h. Oats, May open 25%c. elose 25%c n. Pork, May open \$141124, low \$1.45 h. oats, May \$1.50 n. \$7.45 close \$7.45. Flax, May \$1.50 n.

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Chleago, March 0.—Wheat, March open 74%; close 744.

May open 75%; high 76%; low 75%; close 75%; dily open 75%; high 75%; low 75%; close 75%; low 40%; close 74%; high 76%; low 40%; close 40%; dily open 41%; low 40%; close 40%; dily open 25%; high 25%; low 25%; close 25%; Fork. May open \$1.25, low 514.17; high \$14.25, low \$14.17; close \$14.25; low \$14.17; high \$14.25; low \$14.17; high \$7.47; low \$7.45; close \$7.45.

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Chicago, March 7.—Wheat, March 73%, open, close 73%c, May open 75%, high 75%, low 75, close 73%c, a. Corn, May open 49%, high 40%, close 40%, down 40%, close 40%, down 40%, close 24%c, Park, May open \$14.25, high \$14.47, how \$14.25, close \$14.45, Lard, May open \$7.50, high \$7.50, low \$7.50, close \$7.52(\$87.55).

Calcago, March S.—Wheat, March open 73%, close 73%. May open 76614, high 74%, low 75, close 75%46%. Corn. May open 46%, high 414%, low 40%, close 414 July open 40%, high 40½, low 40, close 414 July open 40%, high 40½, low 40, close 414 July open 40%. high 40½, low 40, close 414 July open 40%. Pork, May open \$14.57, high \$14.90, low \$14.57, close \$14.90, Lard. May open \$7.57, close \$7.57 Flax. May \$1.54 a.

Chicago, March 9 .- May wheat open-

Chicago, March 9.—May wheat opened at 75%c and ranged from 75%d to 75%c. Closing prices were — Wheat—March, 74c; May, 75%c. Corn—March, 39%c; May, 40%c. Oats—March, \$14.70, May, \$14.90; Lard—March, \$7.20; May, \$7.27 ftls—March, \$7.20; May, \$7.27

A week ago May wheat closed at 70 hc. A year ago May wheat closed at time: two years ago at 60 hc, three years ago at 70 hc; four years ago at 70 hc; six years ago at 50 hc.

## New York..

New York, March 4.—When, May open. 70% 6%, high 70%, low 70%, cose 60% of New York, Murch 5.—Wheat, May open 70%, high 10%, low 70%, esse 70% on 70%, high 50%, low 70%, cose 70% of New York, March 7.—Wheat, May open 78% high 70%, low 70%, cose 70% of New York, March 7.—Wheat, May 70% %, high 70%, low 70%, cose 70% of %.

New York, March 5.—Wheat, May open 19%, high 70%, tow 70%, close 70% of New York, March 5.—Wheat closed at 49%c for May option.

## Minneapolis Wheat.

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Minneapolis, March S.—Wheat, May open 74: 07. mgn 74%, low 75%, close 74%c.
Minneapolis, March 9.—Wheat closed at 74%-%c for May option. Cash No. 1 hard wheat closed at 75%c; No. 1 northern at 74%c.

Duntin Wheat.

Duntin March 4.—Wheat, May open at 10% b, nigh 70%, low 70%, close 70%c a. No. 1 hard: 75%c. No. 1 horthern 75%c.

13muth, March 5.—Wheat, May open at 75% b, high 77%, low 70%, close 70%c, fully open 77, nigh 77, low 70%, close 70%c. No. 1 hand: 75%c. No. 1 horthern 75%c.

13muth, March 6.—Wheat May open 76%, high 76%, low 76%, close 76%c. No. 1 hard 75%c. No. 1 northern 75%c.

13muth, March 7.—Wheat, May open 75%c, low 76%, No. 1 horthern 75%c.

13muth, March 8.—Wheat, May open at 75% b, high 75%, low 75%; close 75%c b. No. 1 horthern 75%c.

Duluth, March 8.—Wheat, May open at 75% b, high 75%; low 75%; close 75%c b. No. 1 horthern 75%c.

Duluth, March 9.—May option closed at 70% for No. 1 northern wheat. Cash No. 1 hard closed to-day at 70% and cash No. 1 northern at 73%.

A. Week ago May option closed at Gifc. A year ago May wheat closed at thirte: two years ago at Gifc; three years ago at Gifc: five years ago at Gifc: six years ago at Gifc: five years ago at Gifc: six years ago at Gifc: six

Wnnineg Closing Wheat.

Market closed dull at 67420 for No. 3 hard Fort William. No. 1 hard is worth 8342c Fort William.

### Chicago Flax Murket.

Chicago, March 9.—May flax closed at \$1.54% per bushel.

## LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

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Liverpool, Mirch 8. Closing — Wheat:
Spot dull; No. 1 Cal. 6s. 25d.; No. 2 red
western winter, 5s. 11d.; futures, May 59
11d.; July 5s. 114d;
Liverpool, March 9.—Wheat closed
to-day 4d higher at 5s 104d per
cental for March wheat.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET Special to The Commercial

London, March 9.

Beet sugar is lower at 95 % for

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, March S.
The cattle market is weak and le
lower. Quotations range from 10%
to 12c per pound; drossed weights;
sheep, 12 to 13c.

## NEW YORK STOCKS

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New York, March 8.—There was a very animated speculation in a few of the most prominent industrials in the markyt deay, and some large operations in one or two railroad stocks. The day's activities were much congested in the quarters indicated. Trading in the general list was in fact small, and rather unimportant, and the movement of prices sluggish.

## OPTION MARKET FAVORED.

The following notice has been posted in the board room of the grain exchange, to which are appended the names of those who have so far signed in favor of an op-tion market:

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"Some members of the grain exchange who have enquired into the matter of organizing a clearing house association in connection; with the proposed option market find it necessary, in order to be able if found advisable to put such organization into effect during this year, a charter must be applied for at once. Members while are also willing to guarantee their share of any expense incurred in securing such charter aprobably \$150 in all will please sign this memo. A meeting of those signing this will be called for Monday to take such preliminary steps as they deem advisable.

C. A. Young, The Winnipeg Elevator Co., per John Love, vice-president, E. O'Relly, Thompson Sons & Co., James Carruthers & Co., per E. Tilt, manager. Dominion Elevator Co., per T. Phillop; R. C. Ennis.

Notice is given that the partnership existing between James Cash and Reuben Elley, carrying on business as hotel keepers, at New Westminster, under the firm, name of Cash & Elley, has been dissolved by mutual consent. The Dominion government has been

asked by the labor members of parliaassed by the labor members of parlia-ment to put a stop to the fraudulent granting of naturalization papers to Japanese on the Pacific coast. It is charged that this is a regular thing in connection with the admission of Japs to this country.

# PIG-IRON PRODUCTION.

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The production of the three great iron-making countries of the world in 1900, two of them from the official returns of the ironmasters and the third closely estimated; is reported by the Engineering and Mining Journal. The couptutor pigriton in these three countries in 1889 and 1900 was as follows, all being reduced to matric tone for purposes of comparison:

1890, 1900,

United States. 13.878.674 18.902.876

Germany 8,022.305 8.351.742

The total represents about 80 per cent, of the pig-iron production of the world, and the comparison shows that in-1900 that production was practically the same as in the previous year. The reaction in the closing months was sufficient to offset the extraordinary activity with which the year opened. The figures indicate that the total output of raw iron in 1900 did not vary much from 40,500,000 metric tons.