

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

Below is shown the number of cars of wheat inspected at Winnipeg for five weeks ending on the dates given, and compared with the same weeks of last year:—

Grade.	June 10	June 17.	June 21.	July 1.	July 8
Extra Manitoba					
hard	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard	20	5	7	0	2
No. 2 hard	167	80	59	40	22
No. 3 hard	11	25	12	23	27
No. 1 Northern	0	5	2	2	2
No. 2 Northern	0	0	1	0	0
No. 3 Northern	1	1	2	0	0
No. 1 White ftye	2	0	0	1	0
No. 2 White ftye	1	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring	1	1	0	0	0
No. 1 Frosted	11	7	8	0	5
No. 2 Frosted	1	4	2	4	3
No. 3 Frosted	0	0	0	1	0
Rejected	11	10	0	20	12
No Grade	7	3	9	12	11
Feed Wheat	0	0	0	1	0
Total	233	141	103	122	81
Same week last year	269	234	303	354	260

Bank Losses.

An article appeared in *The Commercial* of July 13, under the above head, which stated that The Canadian Bank of Commerce and the Bank of Toronto would likely lose heavily through the failure of the Red River Valley Elevator Company and the Northern Pacific Elevator Company, two concerns operating in the states of Minnesota and Dakota, as the banks were creditors of the elevator companies to the amount of about \$100,000 each. The article referred to was copied from the *Montreal Trade Bulletin*. Mr. Matthewson, manager for the Bank of Commerce at Winnipeg, states that he is in a position to positively deny the assertion that his bank is liable to suffer loss in this matter, as the Bank of Commerce has ample security for its claim against the embarrassed elevator companies.

The British Grain Trade.

The *Mark Lane Express* of July 17 in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: "The wheat harvest is well forward in south-east England. The recent rains came too late to help the cereals there, but they saved the oats and benefited barley elsewhere. Some excellent judges estimate that the yield of wheat will be 28 bu per acre on 2,000,000 acres. Our estimate for the United Kingdom is 2,100,000 acres, the smallest acreage planted for half a century, with an average yield that will possibly be nearly as low as that of 1886—namely, 2,059 bu to the hundred acres. English wheat has declined 1d on the imperial average, but has advanced 6d in London. American red winter was from 6d to 1d dearer on the week. Calcutta wheat was 6d cheaper.

The Silver Situation.

The market for silver has been quiet and relatively steady, the London quotation for bars per ounce varying only 1d from 33d. The New York market has been more irregular, declining from 72 to 71c, with a rally to the first price. The market has been influenced mainly by considerations in regard to the supply and by the limited purchases for the Treasury, which is making no haste in completing its quota for July, only 768,000 ounces having been thus far taken. The mint authorities claim that the current tenders are not at the actual market price, but represent speculative valuations for the metal. Some small amounts of silver were taken for export to the far east. Among the reports of the week is one referring to the probable closing of the Japanese mints to silver. Speculation in silver certificates continued to be active, the price suffering with the general decline of the stock market. Silver prices—July 14, London, 33½d; New York, 72½c; bullion certificates, 73c.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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British Columbia Business Review.

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No change in business to speak of. The principal thing last week was the arrival and departure of the Warrimoo, the second of the Australian liners.

The cargo of the Warrimoo inwards measured 350 tons, and consists of nearly every variety of Australian fruits, wines, cheese, preserved meat, and also a quantity of bananas pineapples, melons, etc., from Honolulu. She also brought some exhibits for Chicago, and a sample shipment of N. S. W. shale. The Warrimoo, too, had some live stock on board, including 10 horses, 60 cockatoos, 2 galahs, and 2 monkeys.

Her freight was for points as far east as New York, Chicago and Toronto. For Seattle she brought 44 cases of pineapples and 320 bunches of bananas, and for Portland 997 sacks of rice, which were shipped on the steamer Danube.

Outward she had a full cargo, some freight having been refused. She had in all over 1,000 tons aboard, the cargo for the different ports consisted of the following: For Honolulu—50 tons of coal, 500 barrels of lime, 600 bundles of shingles, and a quantity of lumber; for Brisbane—600 bundles shingles, 4 tons dried salmon; for Sydney—4 carloads of agricultural implements, 100,000 feet of lumber, 250,000 lbs. 6 tons of dried salmon, and between 50 and 60 tons of general merchandise. The cold storage chamber is filled with salmon. She also took on at Victoria 100 cases of salmon for Australia. Besides this she has a quantity of samples on board. She took 14 sacks of mail, and had 19 saloon and 9 steerage passengers.

Such success for the new line is most encouraging and greater than was anticipated. For the next inward trip of the Miowera several carloads of fruit have been ordered for Winnipeg direct.

The big run of sockeye salmon has commenced in the Fraser river, and salmon are very plentiful and cheap. Unfortunately, however, there is a strike among the white fishermen, who have combined with the Indians and Japs. They want 10c a fish, and the cannery only offer 6c. Neither seems inclined to yield, and in the meantime the salmon are flocking up the river in immense numbers. The cannery say that owing to the depressed prices of salmon it is impossible to pay 10c a fish and operate their canneries without loss. The strikers are also working for the exclusion of Chinese. The situation is anything but a pleasant one and trouble is feared.

Advices from Australia and Montreal are to the effect that the fresh salmon shipped there had arrived in good condition and there is now every probability of the fresh fish trade growing to large proportions.

Fruit quotations have been considerably reduced. The market is full of Australian goods.

Vegetables and dairy products are cheapening.

Old hay is very scarce. Fish is very scarce, with the exception of salmon.

Brief Business Notes.

The British ship Gunford, 2,113 tons, has arrived to load lumber at the Hastings mill for Port Pirie.

The American ship Wm. H. Starbuck, 1,272 tons, has arrived to load lumber for London, Eng., at the Hastings mill.

The American barque Sonoma, 998 tons, and the American schooner Puritan, 534 tons, are in port.

A. F. Adams, hotel, Kaslo, sold out to H. Giegerich.

Vaughan & Co., fruits, Vancouver, are giving up business.

Williamson & Campbell, builders, Vancouver, have dissolved.

John T. Pierre, tailor, Victoria, succeeds John T. and T. W. Pierre.

J. W. Fuller, batcher, Vernon, has assigned to G. A. Rendell.

Dudgeon & Bryce, American hotel, Victoria, are succeeded by Bryce & Greaves.

William K. Tullock, Wilson hotel, Victoria, sold restaurant to Mary A. Eisner.

H. F. Hubbard & Marion Aubury, assayers, Kaslo, have dissolved. Marion Aubury continues.

W. H. Pennook has bought the lease and fittings of estate of Jackson & Mylius, jewellers, Victoria.

The money difficulties of the Slocan Hotel Company have been adjusted.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The *Montreal Trade Bulletin* of July 10 says: "No special change can be reported in ocean grain freights, which are firm for Liverpool at 2s 9½ to 3s. To Glasgow, however, the market is weak at 2s 3d to 2s 6d, and London freight is also weak at 2s 9½ to 3s. To the Continent engagements have been made at 3s 3d. Sack flour has been taken at 12s 6d Glasgow and 17s 6d London. Provision freights are steady at 20s London and 15s Liverpool. The butter and cheese going out this week have been booked at 25s to London, Liverpool and Glasgow; but for forward shipment 27s 6d is asked. To Bristol the rate is 30s. Cattle have been taken at 40s London by regular steamer. Deals are steady at 40s to 42s 6d. Hay is quoted at 52s 6d to Havre, 45s to 47s 6d to London, and 40s to 45s Liverpool. Eggs 15s measurement to all ports. There has been a bad break in lake freights, wheat having been chartered from Chicago and Duluth to Kingston at 2½c per bushel, and from Chicago to Buffalo at the low rate of 1c per bushel."

The *Chicago Trade Bulletin* of July 17 says: "The railroads running to the east are having a very light business and rates remain steady at 25c per 100 lbs for flour and grain and 30c for provisions. Through rates to Liverpool were slow on the basis of 31 to 31.56c per 100 lbs for flour, 15½c per bu for wheat and 15½c for corn; 43½ to 47 60c per 100 lbs for p. v. and 45c per 100 lbs for hay to Antwerp. Through rates by lake and rail to New England points were 9c on corn and 6c on oats. Through rates to New York were dull at 7c on wheat and 6½ to 5½c on corn; to Philadelphia 6½c on wheat and 6½c on corn. Lake business was comparatively quiet at 1 to 1½c per bu for wheat, corn and oats to Buffalo, 1c for corn to Port Huron and 2½c for corn to Kingston."

Two by-laws were voted upon by Winnipeg taxpayers on July 21. The Parks by-law, to raise \$74,000 for the purchase of lands for public parks, was carried, but the by-law to issue debentures for \$50,000 for school purposes, was defeated.

Miller & Co., packers of canned fruits, vegetables, etc., Trenton, Ontario, whose establishment is known as the Trent Valley Canning Works, and whose goods carry the well known log cabin trade mark, have placed their western business in the hands of Geo. M. Hayward, commission agent, Winnipeg. Mr. Hayward will now represent the manufacturers of the "Log Cabin" canned goods in this market. An exhibit of these goods was made at the exhibition, which attracted considerable attention. It was intended to have a much finer display at the exhibition, but the goods ordered for this purpose did not reach here in time, and as Mr. Hayward had only recently taken the agency, he had not yet received a full line of samples from which to make an exhibit.