

stock, 3/4 to 4c. Stockers, yearlings, \$12 to \$16 per head; two year olds, \$18 to \$22.

**HEEP**—Market nominal.

**HOGS**—Best hogs are worth \$5.50 per 100 pounds, inferior lots are ruling at \$4.50 to \$5.25.

**MILK COWS**—The demand for cows has improved. Prices range from \$30 to \$40.

**HORSES**—Medium weight horses for working purposes are in demand at from \$125 to \$200 each, according to weight and quality. Drivers are selling at from \$100 to \$175.

London Fur Sales

The annual March fur sales of the Hudson's Bay Company and C. M. Lampson & Company were held this week in London, England, commencing Monday. Following were the results so far as they have been cabled up to the time of writing:

HUDSON'S BAY CO.

Otter, dark, same as last March.  
Otter, pale, 10 per cent. lower than last March.  
Otter, thirds, 25 per cent. lower than last March.  
Fisher, 22 per cent. lower than last March.  
Cross Fox, 35 per cent. lower than last March.  
Silver Fox 60 per cent. lower than last March.  
Marten, 12 per cent. lower than last March.  
Red Fox, 45 per cent. lower than last March.  
Wolverine, same as last March.  
Beaver, 10 per cent. higher than in January.  
Mink, 10 per cent. lower than last March.  
Lynx, 40 per cent. lower than last March.  
Wolf, 50 per cent. lower than last March.

C. M. LAMPSON & CO.

Cross Fox, 40 per cent. lower than last March.

COMMERCIAL MEN.

The following commercial travellers registered at the Leland hotel, Winnipeg, this week: A. L. Mallus, London, England; W. Dunlop and Harry Kite, Hamilton, Ont.; F. C. Shorey, Walter Sadler, Jas. R. Miller and A. R. Shewan, Montreal; Miss G. Sexton, New York; F. W. Clomes, A. W. Lasher, J. A. Brady, C. F. Jeffrey and Frank Green, Toronto; Geo. H. Grillis, Quebec; J. E. Williams, Kingston.

Harry Kite, of Hamilton, and A. W. Lasher of Toronto, arrived from the east this week and registered at the Leland. This is Mr. Lasher's forty second trip to Winnipeg. Mr. Kite has been coming to the city since 1881. Only one traveller on the road at present has a more historic record—John Glass, of London.

Western Business Items.

O. Burdett has purchased the Star bakery business at Birnie.

W. F. Young has leased the World newspaper of Moonsonin.

Cooper & Taylor, barrister, Portage, have opened a branch office in MacGregor.

Geo. Howard has bought out the steam dye works of Crittendon & Co., at Curman.

The Manitoba Farmers' Hedge and Wire Fence Company, Limited, is applying for incorporation.

J. M. Marshall has secured the agency for the Frost & Wood Co.'s line of implements for the Regina district.

Tenders will be received by D. McLean, Carberry, for a frame church to be erected on the S. E. corner of N. E. 1/4, S. 16, T. 11, R. 15.

The Neepawa Club, Limited of Neepawa is applying for incorporation.

W. Mumberson has bought out the livery business of Darcy Jones at Roland.

R. Davidson for the past five years manager at Prince Albert of the Imperial Bank has been appointed to succeed W. Bell as manager at Portage la Prairie.

A. Macdonald, wholesale merchant, Winnipeg, will build a three storey brick warehouse on Market street, on the site of the old Thistle rink. Its dimensions will be 50 by 140 feet.

Macab- and White, proprietors of the saloon in connection with the Wilson hotel, at Victoria, have purchased the Commercial hotel, in that city, and are refitting it.

About \$10,000 or \$12,000 damage was done by fire at Roland last Wednesday, the places burned being James Lawson & Co., hardware; C. F. Boardman, bakery and confectionery, and W. H. Nesbitt, private bank.

The stock of general merchandise, book accounts and fixtures of the Neepawa Trading Company, of Neepawa, Man., will be sold by auction at a rate on the dollar by Newton & Davidson, Winnipeg, on the 27th inst. The total value is \$16,878.97.

The formation of an option market for Winnipeg is progressing favorably. A meeting of the grain exchange will be held shortly to make the necessary amendments and revisions of the constitution of the exchange authorizing the new form of trading.

The matter of having perishable imports examined after the arrival of steamers from Kootenay landing has been arranged. The Nelson business men who import perishable goods have forwarded their powers of attorney to the Canadian collector at Ryker's who will pass the goods, thus doing away with the necessity of an examination at the port of Nelson.—Nelson Miner.

J. D. McArthur, contractor, bought the outfit of W. F. Powell, railway contractor of Lac du Bonnet, which was sold on Thursday by Newton & Davidson for 50c on the dollar. His purchase included the general merchandise etc. comprised in the stock of W. Warburton of Lac du Bonnet, which was recently purchased by Powell.

R. P. Rithet & Co., of Victoria, have published their annual report of the salmon pack of British Columbia for the year 1900, which shows the total to have been 355,413 cases, or about 150,000 cases less than in 1899, and 100,000 cases more than in 1898. The Fraser River pack amounted to 316,522 cases, the Skeena River pack to 128,529 cases, the Rivers Inlet pack to 75,413, and the miscellaneous pack to 61,953 cases.

A meeting of the directors of the Manitoba Felt and Yarn Works, Limited, Brandon, was held this week. Jabez Elliott was elected president; R. J. Clark, vice-president; F. H. Hesson, secretary, and President Elliott was appointed manager. The organization of the company was completed. The works will be started in a few days, and will give steady employment to a number of hands.

A largely attended meeting of the business men of Lacombe was held in Puffer's hall on Monday evening last. M. J. Macleod presiding. The organization of the association was completed. The association, in conjunction with similar associations on that branch of railway, are putting forth efforts to secure a daily local mail service. The secretary was instruct-

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ed to write to the representative of the district at Ottawa requesting that steps be taken towards extinguishing a fire that has long been burning in the coal fields southeast of town. The association has now a membership of about twenty.

A delegation of Winnipeg merchants consisting of J. Porter, Geo. Craig and several others representing about 300 dealers in the city waited on the law amendments committee of the Manitoba legislature, on Thursday, in regard to getting legislation to restrict the use of trading stamps by storekeepers. The delegation presented a largely signed petition requesting that an amendment be made to the municipal act regulating the use of trading stamps or abolishing them altogether. The committee listened to the representations of the deputation and promised to give the matter consideration.

Montreal Hardware Market.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 23, 1901

Pig Iron—Canadian pig iron is worth \$17.85, and Sumner's \$22.52.

Bar Iron—Bulking price \$16.65 to \$17.00.

Black Sheets—\$2.80 for 8 to 16 gauge.

Galvanized Iron—No. 28 Queen's Head, \$4.85 to \$5.10. Apollo, 10 1/2 oz., \$4.85 to \$5.10. Comet No. 28, \$4.50, with 25c allowance in cases.

Ingot Tin—Lamb and Flag, \$34.34 per lb.

Lead—\$4.65.

Lead Pipe—7c for ordinary and 7 1/2c for composition waste, with 15 per cent off.

Iron Pipe—Black pipe, 1/2", \$3 per 100 ft. 3/4", \$3.30. 1 in., \$4.50. 1 1/4", \$6.10. 1 1/2", \$7.25. 2 in., \$9.75. Galvanized, 1/2", \$4.00. 3/4", \$5.25. 1 in., \$7.50. 1 1/4", \$9.50. 1 1/2", \$11.75. 2 in., \$16.

Terne Plates—\$8.50 to \$8.75.

Swedish Iron—\$4.25.

Coil Chain—No. 6, 1 1/4c; No. 5, 10c; No. 4, 9 1/2c; No. 3, 8c; 1/2 in., 7 1/2c per pound; 3-16, \$4.60; 5-16 exact, \$5.10; 7/16, \$4.20; 7-16, \$4.75; 9-16, \$5.65; 1 1/8, \$5.35; 3/4, \$3.25; 1/2, \$2.20; 1 in., \$3.15. In carload lots an allowance of 10c is made.

Sheet Zinc—60% 6c.

Antimony—10c.

Tinplates—\$4.50 for coke and \$4.75 for charcoal.

Canada Plate—2 1/2", \$2.90; 60's, \$3; 7 1/4", \$3.10; full polished, \$3.75; and galvanized, \$4.00.

Tool Steel—Black Diamond, 5c; Jessup's, 13c.

Steel—We quote: Sleighshoe, \$1.55. 1 1/2", \$1.95; spring, \$2.75; machinery, \$2.75; and toe-calk, \$2.50.

Barb Wire—\$3.05 f.o.b. Montreal in less than carlots.

Horseshoes—Iron shoes, light and medium pattern, No. 2 and larger, \$3.20; No. 1 and smaller, \$3.75; snow shoes, No. 2 and larger, \$3.75; No. 1 and smaller, \$4; X L steel shoes, all sizes, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4 and larger, \$3.60; No. 1 and smaller, \$3.65; featherweight, all sizes, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

Horse Nails—Discount 50, 10 and 5 per cent on oval head, and 50, 10 and 10 per cent on countersunk heads; C brands, discount 20 and 7 1/2 per cent.

Wire Nails—\$2.55 for small lots and \$2.75 for carlots, f.o.b. Montreal.

Cut Nails—\$2.35 for small and \$2.25 for carlots; four barrel nails, 25 per cent discount; cooper's nails, 30 per cent discount.

Building paper—Dry sheathing, 70c per roll; cyclone dry, do., 42c per roll; straw do., 30c; heavy straw do., \$1.40 per 100lb; 1 X L, dry sheathing, 65c per roll; cyclone tarred do., 50c per roll; tarred ordinary do., 40c per roll; tarred felt, \$1.70 per 100lb; ready roofing, 2 ply, 50c per roll; 3-ply, \$1.05 per roll.

Porlage—Manila, 13c per lb for 7-16 and larger; sisal, 9c per lb for 7-16 and larger; and Inturcu 10c per lb. In small lots, 1/2c per lb higher is charged.

Glass—First brand, \$2; second, \$2.10 for 30 feet; first break, 100 feet, \$3.80; second, \$4; third, \$4.50. fourth, \$4.75; fifth, \$5.25; sixth, \$5.75; and seventh, \$6.25.

White Lead—Best brands, government standard \$6.37 1/2. No. 1, \$6.00; No. 2, \$5.62 1/2; No. 3, \$5.25; and No. 4, \$4.87 1/2, all f.o.b. Montreal. Terms, 3 per cent cash.

Dry White Lead—\$5.50 in casks; kegs, \$5.75.

Red Lead—Casks, \$5.25; in kegs, \$5.50.

White Zinc Paint—Pure, dry, 8c; No. 1, 6c; in oil pure, 6c; No. 1, 5c.

Putty—Bulk in barrels, \$2 per 100lb; bulk, in less quantity, \$2.15; ladders, in barrels, \$2.20; 5 barrels and over, open kegs or boxes, \$2.25; in tins, \$2.45 to \$2.75; in less than 100lb lots, \$3 f.o.b.

Linseed Oil—Raw, 70c; boiled, 75c; in 5 to 9 barrels, 1c less; 10 to 20 barrel lots.

Turpentine—Single barrels, 60c; 2 to 4 barrels, 50c; 5 barrels and over, open terms.

Mixed paints—\$1.25 to \$1.45 per gal.

Scrap Metals—Heavy copper and wire, 12 1/2c; light copper, 12c; heavy brass, 12c; heavy yellow, 8c; light brass, 8c; lead, 2 1/2c; zinc, 2 1/4c; iron, No. 1 wire, \$1.50; No. 2 wire, \$1.40; No. 1 cast, \$1.35; No. 2 cast, \$1.25; light iron, No. 2, \$4 a ton; malleable and steel, \$4.

Petroleum—Silver Star, 14 1/2c; Imperial, Acme, 16 1/2c; S.C. Acme, 16 1/2c; and Pratt's Astral, 15 1/2c.

FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Returns for the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending Thursday, show as follows:

Week ended March 21, 1901	\$1,640,924
Corresponding week, 1900	1,552,621
Corresponding week, 1899	1,480,260

The monthly totals are as follows:

	1901.	1900.	1899.
Jan.	\$9,623,466	\$9,900,607	\$7,683,052
Feb.	7,158,276	6,702,646	6,291,471
Mar.	7,329,062	6,756,121	6,353,121
Apr.	7,091,519	6,916,431	6,472,833
May	6,702,329	7,472,833	7,472,833
June	6,612,081	8,211,716	8,211,716
July	6,335,425	8,169,535	8,169,535
Aug.	8,173,036	7,995,291	7,995,291
Sept.	7,320,147	8,281,159	8,281,159
Oct.	6,183,477	12,681,000	12,681,000
Nov.	11,618,985	14,435,210	14,435,210
Dec.	10,969,325	12,969,303	12,969,303
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$9,623,466</b>	<b>\$10,956,792</b>	<b>\$10,780,814</b>

The National Biscuit Co. of the United States are offering to sell their employees preferred stock on very favorable terms. This stock last year paid a little over 7 per cent. per annum.

E. C. Traves has received the plant to be placed in the cold storage department of the West Kootenay Butcher company's establishment, Nelson. The apparatus, which is the direct expansion ammonia system, built by the Vulcan Iron Works, of San Francisco, will be placed in position as rapidly as possible. It cost about \$3,000 laid down at Nelson.