

FREIGHT RATES.

Continued from page 270.

satisfaction if the Canadian Pacific could see its way clear to make a substantial reduction in the rates, if only for the balance of this season. Every cent knocked off the carrying charges would go directly to the farmer. It appears that rates are higher from Minnesota and Dakota points just south of the boundary, than in Manitoba; but notwithstanding that its rates are already lower than corresponding lines south of the boundary, a further reduction would be a genuine blessing to the farmers at this time.

TARIFF REFORM IN THE UNITED STATES.

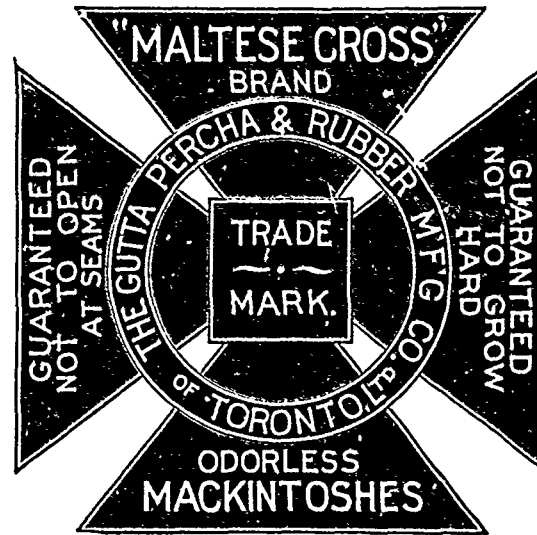
The new tariff bill was announced at Washington on Monday. It indicates that the administration will abundantly fulfill its pledges regarding tariff reform. The bill will be very satisfactory to Canada, and reduces or abolishes the duty upon a great many commodities which we export. Breadstuffs are made free. This is a good feature for Manitoba, as it will free our exporters from annoying bonding regulations, and we may also expect Minneapolis millers to come into this market to buy wheat. Vegetables, fruits, eggs and many other food products are made free. Wool is free. Barley is reduced from 30 to about 12 cents per bushel. Agricultural implements are made free. The duty upon live animals is largely reduced, all of which, with other features, will be of great advantage to Canada. There is a considerable reduction in the duty upon many lines of manufactures. Lumber is made free, and the sugar duty is reduced one-half. The fact that binder twine and agricultural implements are made free, will force a similar action upon the government of this country. Specific duties have been generally dispensed with, which is a feature we must fight for in Canada. Coal is made free, which will be a great boon to our maritime districts and western coal centres. The bill, of course, has to be passed by Congress before it becomes law, but there is every reason to believe that it will go through with only minor changes. THE COMMERCIAL will deal with the proposed tariff changes more fully next week, by which time the full text of the bill will be before us.

HISTORICAL WINNIPEG.

Mr. Alexandre Begg, whose name is familiar in connection with the early history of the Red River settlement and Manitoba, has undertaken to prepare a book to be entitled "Reminiscences of Winnipeg." There is no person more capable of undertaking this work than Mr. Begg. He may be termed the historian of Winnipeg and Manitoba. Mr. Begg's writings gave to many eastern Canadians and others their first information about the new West. In the early days of the history of the province he prepared several works upon the country, and his early publications were the best known at that time, showing literary ability as well as intimate knowledge of the subjects handled. His early writings did much to assist in the settlement of the country. His intimate iden-

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The Chicago Daily Trade Bulletin of Nov. 25 in its weekly review says:—"The business with the railroads continues light, but as lake navigation is about closed, it is expected that the eastbound roads will soon be enabled to increase their shipments. Rates to New York were unchanged at 25c per 100 lbs for flour and grain, and at 30c for provisions. Through rates to Liverpool were firmer at \$25.66 to 27.66 by lake and rail on flour; 28c per 100 lbs on wheat, and 26c on corn. Provisions ranged from 41 to 47c per 100 lbs. The lake and rail lines made a rate of 10c on corn to New England, 8c to 9c on wheat, 8c on corn and 7c on oats to New York. The lake navigation is nearly over for the season, but a moderate business was transacted, and rates advanced to 2c on wheat, and 2c on corn to Buffalo.



SUPPORT HOME INDUSTRY.



SPEND your money in the country and aid in its progress.



Toronto
Type Foundry

Supplies everything required for Printing. Guaranteed best in the world. Latest designs and most complete assortment in Canada.

Head Office and Foundry Toronto, 44 Bay Street, J. T. Johnston General Manager.

Western Branch: 286 Portage Ave., WINNIPEG, H. C. Stovel, Manager.

tification with the early history of the country, combined with his well known literary ability, fits him peculiarly to undertake such a work. Experience is better than hearsay, and no one, however great his ability, would be able to prepare such a work, equal to the one who has participated in the events with which the book will deal. The proposed work will portray the rise and progress of Winnipeg, from the dawn of its history to the present time. An effort will be made to make the book a creditable one, and one that will be preserved as the link between the past and the present.

Should Mr. Begg succeed in securing the assurances of support which he requires before undertaking the work, there is no doubt but that he will bring out a publication which will do himself and the city credit.

The British Grain Trade.

The London cable of Nov. 27 says: Stormy weather and heavy snows in many places is the weather record for the week. The season hitherto has been favorable to the crops, which are looking well. In wheat there was no selling pressure or demand, and small prices were quoted in the buyers' favor. The fluctuations in American markets have but little influence. The Russian crop estimates are considered inflated. There was a good demand for Russian wheat at low prices. Californians were prompt at 27s, 9d; Ly Plata sailor's afloat 24s to 25s. Crimean and Girka Nov and Dec. 23: 6d to 26s. Parcels slow; red winter Dec. 25s 3d. Flour was dull, very low and very quiet. First patents 22s to 24s. Maize was 3d cheaper to arrive, with poor demand; spot scarce and firm.

Grain and Milling.

W. W. Ogilvie, of the Ogilvie Milling Co., and W. A. Hastings, of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., have been nominated as delegates to the Flour Standard's meeting, at Montreal, by the Winnipeg board of trade and the Winnipeg grain exchange, respectively.

A. McLeod, an implement and furniture dealer of Souris, Man., offers to allow 50 cents per bushel for No. 1 hard wheat, delivered to him in payment of open accounts, for ten days, a price considerably above the market value, about 40 cents being the market price when the offer was made.

The propeller Tilley, with grain from Fort William to Kingston, went ashore at Nine Mile Point, Lake Ontario, on Nov. 29. A tug and floating elevator were sent to her assistance and after lightening about 8,000 bushels the Tilley came off and arrived at Kingston the same day. It is not supposed the vessel or cargo is much damaged.