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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 25, 1895.

Manitoba.

Wm. Irwin will open a lumber yard at Newdale.

Wm. Odgen will open a general store at Basswood.

C. Robinson, livery stable, Winnipeg, has sold out.

The Hartney Star newspaper has been revived.

Harvey & McRao, carriage dealers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. Alex. McRao will continue the business.

The office of the daily Nor'-Wester, Winnipeg, was damaged about \$2,000 by fire, caused by the explosion of an oil stove.

Rublee, Riddell & Co., wholesale fruits, Winnipeg, have moved to new quarters on the corner of Bannatyne and Rorie streets.

The public school building at Birtle was destroyed by fire on Nov. 20, caused by overheated furnace pipes. Loss \$2,000, insured.

C. R. Gordon is giving up business in the mercantile line at Mavitou, and is taking a partnership in the firm of Gordon & Ironsides, live stock and grain exporters.

Application is being made for the incorporation of The Reid & Tate Fish Company, Limited, of Selkirk. Daniel Reid, James Tait and Roderick Smith are to be the first directors of the company. The chief place of business of the company will be at the town of Selkirk, and the operations of the said company will be carried on in the town and on Lake Winnipeg and the Red River. The objects of seeking incorporation are to acquire real estate, erect buildings, ice houses and freezers thereon, and to acquire steamboats, steam barges, sailboats, fishing tackles and general fishing plant for the catching, curing and shipping of fish. The company is to have a capital stock of \$60,000, divided into 600 shares of \$100 each.

Northwest Ontario.

The reduction works at Rat Portage were started on Nov. 19. These works will undoubtedly be a great benefit to the Lake of the Woods mining country.

Assiniboia.

W. Anderson, general merchant, Carievale, has sold out to H. J. Elliott.

McAirey has purchased the bakery business carried on at Moosomin by Mr. Widde, amalgamating it with his own business.

Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Flour.—There is a good demand for Manitoba flour on the basis of \$9.90 here for best brands of strong bakers. There is also an inquiry for English account, a large quantity of strong bakers being placed a few days ago for London. In Ontario flour there has also been new business, but at lower prices than the advanced rates of last week. The volume of business on the whole has been large. In one instance a lot of straight rollers sold in the west at \$3.15 Toronto freight.

Oatmeal.—Car lots of rolled oats are offered from the west at \$3 laid down here, and some it is said, can be bought at a shade lower. We quote prices here in a jobbing way. In bags granulated and rolled are quoted at \$1.50 to \$1.55, and standard at \$1.50 to \$1.55.

Wheat.—In the west an easier feeling is noted and red and white winter wheat are now quoted at points west of Toronto at 70c. No. 1 Manitoba hard is quoted here nominally at 69 to 70c.

Bran, etc.—Western bran is steady at \$15, and Manitoba bran in sacks \$15. Shorts \$16 up to \$17.50, as to grade.

Oats.—Sales of car lots were made at the beginning of the week at 31c; but since then a sale was made at 30½c, and to-day a lot was placed at 30½c for No. 2 white. No. 3 are quoted at 29½ to 30c per 34 lbs.

Barley.—The market is quiet for malting grades at from 49 to 52c, but for choice heavy bright samples 53c and probably more would have to be paid. Feed barley is quoted at 39 to 41c.

Butter.—The market has dropped about 1c to 1½c since our last report, owing to the sudden collapse of the export demand. Sales are reported of 450 tubs of creamery this week at 22 to 22½c for last half of September and beginning of October make, and at 23c for 100 tubs of last half of October. Earlier makes are quoted at 20½ to 21½c. Rolls are arriving more freely and selling at 16 to 18c in boxes and tubs.

Cheese.—Finest Western 9½ to 9½c; Finest Eastern 9½ to 9½c; Undergrades 8½ to 9c; Cold storage goods 8½ to 9c.

Eggs.—Held fresh stock ordinary has sold slowly at 13 to 13½c, but there was more enquiry for choice candled stock, which has been placed at 14 to 15c. Montreal limed are quoted at 14½ to 15c. Strictly new laid have sold at 2½c.

Honey.—Old extracted 5 to 6c per lb. New 7 to 9c per lb in tins, as to quality. Comb honey 10 to 12c.

Beans.—Western medium beans \$1.10 to \$1.15 in round lots; but small lots are quoted at \$1.20 to \$1.130, as to quality.

Baled Hay.—No. 2 shipping hay is quoted here at \$10.50 to \$11, and No. 1 straight timothy \$11.50 to \$12. At country points \$10 to \$10.50 is quoted for No. 2 and \$10.50 to \$11.50 for No. 1.

Dressed Poultry.—Turkeys have sold at 8c to 8½c for choice, large fancy birds bringing 9c. Some small birds were sold at 7½c. Chickens have sold at 7c, and old hens 5 to 6c, geese 6 to 6½c and ducks 7½ to 8c.

Hides.—The receipts of butchers' hides are liberal and stocks are commencing to accumulate, but dealers are still paying 6 for No. 1 light. We quote prices as follows: Light hides, 6c for No. 1, 5c for No. 2, and 4c for No. 3; Heavy hides 7 to 7½ cents; Calfskins 6c; Lambskins 60c.

Cured Meats.—Canada short cut pork, per bbl., \$14.50 to \$15; Canada thin mess, per

bbl., \$13.50 to \$14, Hams, per lb., 9 to 10c; Lard, pure, in pails, per lb., 8½ to 9c; Lard, compound, in pails, per lb., 6½ to 7c; Bacon, per lb., 9 to 10c; Shoulders, per lb., 7½ to 8½c.

Dressed Hogs.—Receipts are increasing, and the market is fully 50c per 100 lbs. lower than a week ago, car lots being quoted at \$4.85 to \$5.00, with sales reported at within that range. Live hogs have sold during the week at \$3.75 to \$4. Small lots of light hogs for butchers' use have sold at \$5.25, upwards.—Trade Bulletin, Nov. 15.

Winnipeg Markets a Year Ago.

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, c.i.f. Fort William afloat, 59 and 40 to 43c to farmers, Manitoba country points.

Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.50; Bakers, \$1.60.

Bran.—Per ton, \$11.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$13.

Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, 23 to 24c.

Barley.—Per bushel, feed 23c to 30c.

Flax Seed.—

Butter.—Round lots country dairy 10 to 14c.

Cheese.—Small lots 11 to 11½c.

Eggs.—Fresh, 14c, round lots.

Beef.—Fresh, per lb., 3 to 4½c.

Mutton.—Fresh, and lamb, 5½ to 6c.

Hogs.—Dressed, 5c.

Cattle.—Butchers, 2 to 2½c.

Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4c.

Sheep.—\$2.25 to \$2.40 per 100 pounds.

Seneca Root.—19 to 20c.

Chickens.—7 to 8c.

Hides.—No. 1 cows, 2½c.

Potatoes.—45 to 50c per bushel.

Hay.—\$4.50 to \$5.50 per ton, car lots.

Wool.—8 to 9c, unwashed fleece.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week (six days only), ending November 14, were \$1,644,491; balances, \$277,272. For the previous week clearings were \$1,981,395. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$360,555. For the month of October clearings were \$7,911,958, as compared with \$6,786,730 for October last year.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

CLEARINGS,	NOV. 14.
Montreal.....	\$14,803,751
Toronto.....	6,573,750
Halifax.....	1,281,987
Winnipeg.....	1,981,395
Hamilton.....	787,992
Total.....	\$25,378,795

Lower Freight Rates.

Following is the letter from the Canadian Pacific Railway Company announcing a reduction in all rail grain rates:

C. N. Bell, Esq., Secretary, Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

Dear Sir:—I have just received a wire from our general traffic manager at Montreal, wherein I am authorized to establish at once a basing all rail rate on export grain from Fort William to New York and Boston of 30c per 100 lbs., to include lighterage charges at New York, but exclusive of elevator and storage charges there and at Boston; and from Fort William to St. John, N. B., the basing rate is fixed at 33c per 100 lbs., which will cover all terminal charges up to the date of sailing of vessel by which grain is to go forward.

Yours truly,
ROBERT KERR,
General Freight Agent.