

### Financial and Insurance Matters.

The supreme recorder of the Select Knights of Canada, a beneficiary order, writes as follows to the official journal of the society: "This month I am collecting from the Legions the first double assessment I have collected since the introduction of the graded scale. I anticipated a larger number of suspensions on this call than I am accustomed to have on a single assessment, but in this I have been mistaken and am glad to be able to state it so. Our members have paid promptly and the suspensions are quite normal. The great difficulty in our order has always been that we have tried to furnish protection at too low a cost. This is an inheritance from our connection with the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

The closing of the Winnipeg branch of the Bank National is contemplated, though no definite announcement to this effect has been yet made. A director of the bank states that the branch will in all likelihood be closed, but not because the directors of the bank had no confidence in the country. The reasons were business arrangements in Quebec necessitated the course.

The annual general statement of the Montreal Bank shows net profits for the year ended September 30, of \$222,827.

The Canadian Bankers' Association has highly commended the action of the Winnipeg sub-section of the association in procuring a crop report of the province, and it has been suggested that the executive consider the advisability of extending a similar system to all the provinces. A motion advising the executive to consider the matter was adopted. The Winnipeg association now have a thorough system of procuring reliable reports from all parts of Manitoba, 123 correspondents having furnished reports this year.

Alexander Duncan, general manager of the Scottish Union and National Insurance Co., of Edinburgh, was in Winnipeg last week on his way home from a pleasure trip to the Pacific coast.

### Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Flour.—In straight rollers sales have been reported to us of over 20,000 barrels, at mills west of Toronto, for Three Rivers, the Eastern Townships, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, at equal to \$3.20 to \$3.35 on track here; but it is said that higher prices would now have to be paid. Two cars of straight rollers ground from old wheat were sold at \$3.42½ delivered here on track. Manitoba strong bakers continues to sell at \$1.00, and medium grades at \$3.50 to \$3.75.

Oatmeal.—In bags granulated and rolled are quoted at \$1.81 to \$1.85, and standard at \$1.75 to \$1.80. Pot barley \$4.25 in barrels and \$2 in bags, and split peas \$3.50.

Wheat.—In the absence of spot business prices are purely nominal.

Bran, etc.—The market continues steady under a fair inquiry and we quote \$14.50 to \$15. Shorts \$15.75 to \$17.50 as to grade.

Oats.—A fair amount of business in No. 2 white at 29½ to 30c, with sales of No. 3 at 28½ to 29c. A cargo of Manitoba oats were received last week, containing about 32,000 bushels for local use.

Barley.—Considerable sales of barley have taken place for account of Montreal brewers at 50 to 52½c. There have also been about 20,000 bushels sold for United States account at higher prices. Sales are also reported in the west of about 100,000 bushels of No. 1 malting at 40 to 43c as to position. Feed barley has sold here at 40c.

Butter.—Shipments have been larger, and will probably reach 12,000 packages for this week and last. The market is strong, with sales reported of 1,500 packages of creamery

at 19½ to 20½c. A lot of 120 packages of August creamery was placed at 19½c. Eastern Townships dairy has sold at 16 to 17½c as to quality, and Western dairy at 18½ to 15c as to quality. Manitoba fresh dairy has also sold at 14 to 15c.

Cheese.—The cheese market has undergone a decided change for the better, actual business having been effected at an advance of ½ to ¾ on our last week's quotations, sales of finest Western Septembers having been made at 8½ to 9c; but to-day 9½ to 9¾ would have to be paid for finest Western white and colored September. The healthy sign is that English buyers have responded to the situation here by advancing their cable limits very materially.

Eggs.—The market continues firm at 14 to 15c for fresh candled stock.

Hides.—Dealers have reduced rates ½c, and so is all they are now paying butchers for No. 1 light. We quote prices as follows: Light hides, 8c for No. 1, 7c for No. 2, and 6c for No. 3; to tanners 9c for No. 1. Heavy hides 8 to 8½c; Calfskins 7c; Lambskins 55c.—Trade Bulletin, Oct. 18.

### Winnipeg Markets a Year Ago.

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, c.i.f. Fort. William afloat, 51 to 55c and 38 to 40c to farmers, Manitoba country points.

Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.50; Bakers, \$1.40.

Bran.—Per ton, \$11.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$13.

Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, 24 to 25c.

Barley.—Per bushel, feed 28c, malting 35 to 38c.

Flax Seed.—\$1.00 to \$1.10.

Butter.—Round lots country dairy 12 to 14c.

Cheese.—9 to 9½c.

Eggs.—Fresh, 14c, round lots.

Beef.—Fresh, per lb., 4 to 5c.

Mutton.—Fresh, and lamb, 6 to 7c.

Hogs.—Dressed, 5½ to 6c.

Cattle.—Butchers, 2 to 2½c.

Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4½ to 4¾c.

Sheep.—Car sold at \$2.35 per 100 pounds.

Seneca Root.—19 to 20c.

Chickens.—8 to 9c a lb.

Hides.—No. 1 cows, 2½c.

Potatoes.—30 to 40c per bushel.

Hay.—\$1.50 to \$5.50 per ton, car lots.

Wool.—8 to 8½c, unwashed fleece.

### Silver.

The strength displayed by the silver market has not been retained, prices showing a decided sagging tendency. Transactions in silver bullion certificates at New York quoted down, the total sales having been for 19,000 ounces at from 68½ down to 67½. Silver on Oct. 18 were: London, 80 18-16d, New York, 67½c.

Col. Scoble and Mr. Wright, of Winnipeg, have returned from their trip of exploration along the Nelson River. They undertook the expedition for the purpose of ascertaining the feasibility of a barge route from Winnipeg to Hudson's Bay, and went down the Nelson until they had passed all the falls and rapids that impeded navigation. They report that the engineering obstacles are not as serious as has been generally supposed, and that continuous navigation to Fort Nelson could be established at a reasonable cost.

Greene & Sons Co., wholesale manufacturing furriers, Montreal, have issued a very handsome illustrated catalogue showing some of the goods they are manufacturing for the fall and winter trade. In their introductory they say: "We are only able, through this medium, of illustrating but a few of the many styles and kinds of furs we manufacture, but trust, with the ideas given, our customers

will be able to select anything in our line of business they may require. We might say, that all lines shown by us are our own manufacture, and are made up from the best skins that the largest fur markets in the world can supply. They are selected carefully, each season by experienced members of our firm, and our aim has always been to secure the best of each kind offered, so as to give our customers the benefit of our long experience." The catalogue shows ladies' coats, capes, jackets and circulars, caps, gauntlets, muffs, ruffs, collars, and men's coats, caps, etc., in great variety.

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