Grocery Trade Notes.

meeting of the Broom Manufac-rs' Association will be held Feb. at Chicago. A general advance of cents per dozen in the price of oms, it is said, will be put into ef-

fect. Montreal advices say the market for camed salmon is strong. Liverpole advices note an advance of 3d to 6d per case in the price of Alaska and sate that choice qualities of such are in very short supply for which there is a big demand.

Hartman Tonda Mater

copper bottoris advanced 1-2c ound in Toronto last week. A

Paris green declined 2c in eastern larkets las' week, due to importations om Grat Britain and the United

There was a decline of 5c per roll dry sheating building paper, tar eathing, dry fibre, tarred fibre, O K d I X L, at Toronto last week.

The stove manufacturers of The stove manufacturers of the western States have advanced the price of steel ranges 10 per cent, and of east ranges 5 per cent. No advance is positive of on heaters as the present sensors trade is over so far or factorists are concerned, and before another comes around there may be further changes in the situation.

Lumber Trade Notes

The Rat Portage Lumber Co, will all an addition to their mill at tainy River to meet the demand for amber from Canadian Northern Railpoints in Manitoha

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Graham & Horn, of Fort William of the Rat Portage Lumber Company are parchased all the lumber and imber of Seaman & Co., along the ne of the Canadian Northern Railagy. It includes about sixteen milion feet of lumber and logs at Cash wint and Turtie Lab. It includes about sixteen mi fest of lumber and logs at Cas and Turtle Lake, and a sa at the latter place. Hughes of Brandon, also secured mill at the latter place. Hughes & Co., of Brandon, also secured a quantum of lumber from Seaman & Co.

THE IMPLEMENT TRADE

Flax Binder Twine.

The Farm Implement News, of Chi-ago, comments as follows in its last use on an item upon the above sub-ect which recently appeared in this

in the Winnipeg Commercial reports that the provincial government of Ontairo will undertake a series of experiments at prison twine mills with Canadian flux with a view to testing its value for the manufacture of binder twin. An appropriation will be asked from the legislature for the purasked from the legislature for the pur-pose. This indicates that Canadian officials, like those of Kansas, are either ignorant of the binder twine conditions of their own country or be-long to the same class of cheap poli-ticians who are constantly "four-dushing" to win the farmer vote. A number of Canadian manufacturers have made experiments with flax have made experiments with flax binder twine, but not one was able to produce it at a less cost than about 16 cents per pound. Moreover the flax wine did not do statisfactory service in the binders. Probably the instigain the binders. Probably the instignators of the coming tests have not the remotest idea they will result favorably, but they will prove (?) that the politicious are ever watchful of the dair factoris' interests.

Implement Trade Notes

The National Machine Company, of olumbus, Ohio, is opening a branch its business in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg implement jobbers have had a busy week, with the visiting re-tailers from the country, who were here in force, attending their annual

M. O. Connor, of the Thomas Manu-M. O. Connor, of the Thomas Manufacturing Co., of Springfield, Ohio, was in the city this week attending the implement convention. Mr. O'Connor travelled in this territory years ago, but is now working south of the

boundary.

The Frost & Wood Co. are putting a new cultivator on the market this season, culled the Climax. The feature of this cultivator is independent drag bars and stiff teeth, with spring lifting attachment. A few of these implements were tried last year and gave rood satisfaction.

The Buffalo-Pitts Threshing Ma-

chine Company have decided to estabcame Company have decided to estab-lish a general agency at Winnipeg, with sub-agencies throughout Mani-toba and the Territories. Mr. McAn-drews, who was formerly with the company at Fargo, N. D., will be in charge here

The Cockshutt Plow Co., Brant-ford, Ont., will increase their capital stock from \$250,000 to \$750,000. stock from \$250,000 to \$750,000.

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about double the capacity of their works. New buildings will have to be erected and the number of men employed will be largely increased. This company has worked up a large export trade, and this, with the expansion of the home trade, has made it necessary to build a new factory. The company intend pushing the export contains the company intend pushing the export successful of late years.

Farm Implement News experiments.

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Farm Implement News says: Some of the harvester comranies who handle but do not manufacture twine, are soliciting business or the basis of 11 cents shal, carloads and guarantee-entis shal, carloads and guarantee-entis shal, carloads and guarantee-entis shal, carloads and guarantee-entis shall carload the shall be sha

ket price would be 10½ cents, carloads.

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The Building Trades.

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There is quite a will make a proper to the prospect of a general demand for higher wages from the men in various trades. Last year the carpenters struck for an advance, but the carpenters struck for an advance, but the carpenters of the process again making similar demands for this season. They want '12 1-2c an hour and a nine hour's day. Pre-hours' day. Next come the brick-layers and mason, who, it is said, will make a demand for better terms. At this rate, building will come high the season has glet opened yet, contractors will likely-tify and come to terms with they will have to flagure on cost of wages in submitting estimates on buildings.

Prohibition in Ontario.

The proposed prohibition bill has been submitted in the Ontario legislature. The bill is said to be a close copy of the Manitoba act. The policy ised thus: On the second Tuesday of October, namely October 14, the electors of Ontario will be called on to say whether the measure shall become law. The question will be desay whether the measure shall be-come law. The question will be de-cided by a majority of the electorate, but to validate the act the majority total number of votes polled at the general provincial elections, which will take place earlier in the year. There is no provincial colors, which will take place earlier in the year. There is no provincial elections, which will take place earlier in the year. There is no provincial to the provincial properties of the cast at the referendum in favor of prohibition. The question of compen-sation will be left over for subsequent settlement.

Work has been started on a new steamer for the United Canneries, Limited, at Wallace's boat building yard on False Creek, Vancouver.

yard on Faise Creek, valueduer.

The Calgary Malting and Brewing
Co. is doing a thriving trade throughout the West and as far easi as Vinnipeg, where it is sold in most of the
public houses. A keg delivery will
be started in the spring in the city.

FINANCIAL.

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

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

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Week ending Feb. 13, 1902...
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			1901.	1900.	1899.
Jan.		. 8	9.623,466.\$	9,906,607 \$	7,683,05
Feb.			7,158,276	6,702,646	6,209,47
Mar			7,839,692	7,320,962	6,756,12
Apr.		101	7,634,294	7,091,519	6,916,43
May			8,681,057	9,762,579	7,472,85
June			8,547,908	9,612,084	8,211,71
July			9,213,186	9,395,425	8,169,59
Aug.			9,324,765	8,173,036	7,995,29
Sep.			10,314,335	7,320,147	8,281,10
Oct.			5,174,895	9,183,477	12,659,00
Nov	,	-12	21,532,461	11,618,985	14,435,21

Total \$197.771 158(\$100.050.709(\$10), 780.814

Financial Nutes

The Bank of Montreal are offering for subscription at par \$2,000,000 first mortgage six per cent. ten year cou-pon bonds of the Canadian Colored Cotton Mills Co., Limited.

H. R. Belt, who has been accountant in the Merchants Bank, Portage la reairle, Man, for the past two years, has been appointed manager of the Carberry branch of that bank.

Alex. Lowe, accountant in the Union Alex. Lowe, accountant in the Union Bank at Neepawa, Man., has been promoted to the position of manager of the Hamiota branch. Mr. Fisher, of the Winnipeg office, takes Mr. Hamiota branch. Mr. F Winnipeg office, takes place in Neepawa.

INSURANCE

Canadian Fire Insurance Co.

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The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Fire Insurance company, whose head office is in this city, was held on Wednesday aftermon, at which there was a large amount of start cores was most satisfactory, showing that the total assets of the company had now reached the sum of over a quarter of a million of dollars. The premium-income for the amount of the company had now reached the sum of over a quarter of a million of a million of a million of the same of the company had now reached the sum of ever a quarter of a million of a million of a million of the same of the same and the losses amounted to \$76,098.20. The balance in the revenue account was increased by \$41,98.85, and now amounts to the sum of \$411,398.35.

From this it will be seen that the company has just passed a most successful year, and the shareholders present unanimously expressed their entire satisfaction with the state of affairs. The company has now over 10,000 policies in force, representing an amount of over \$12,000,000. The growth imount of over \$11,200,000. The growth of the company, since its commencement, nearly seven years ago, has been very steady, and there has not been a year in which a substantial amount has not been added to the balance of the revenue account.

The adoption of the report was moved and seconded by the president, Mr. J. H. Ashdown, and the vice-president,

J. H. Ashdown, and the vice-president, Mr. F. W. Stobart, respectively, and in doing so they explained some of the eral operations of the company and made some very favorable compari-sons with the reports of other com-sons with the reports of other com-carried unanimously and votes of thanks were also moved to the com-pany's officers and agents for their assistance driving the properties of the assistance driving the properties of the com-tended to the company's officers and agents for their assistance driving the properties of the com-tended to the company's officers and agents for their assistance driving the properties and the company's officers and agents for their assistance driving the company's company to the company's com-tended to the company to th

assistance during the past year.
On ballot, the entire directorate was re-elected, and are as follows: J. H. Ashdown, F. W. Stobart, E. F. Hutchings, R. J. Campbell, John Galt, G. R. Crowe, and R. T. Riley. At the subsequent meeting of the directors, Mr. H. Ashdown was re-elected presint, and Mr. F. W. Stobart, vice dent, and

The Anglo-American Fire.

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The third annual report of the Anglo-American Fire Insurance Co., of Toronto, is given in The Commercial this week. As a result of the year's business the company shows a surplus of \$44,251, bringing the balence to the credit of profit and loss account since organization up to \$55,213. The revenue account of the creament of the proposed of the proposed of the proposed of the great permitted in the creament of the proposed of the great permitted in the creament of the creament of

against \$145,730 for the previous year, a gain of \$83,191. The cash assets of the company now stand at \$140,375, as compared with \$108,399 for year previous, showing a gain in this item of \$31,879. Losses of \$76,070 show a decreased ratio this year. The large sum paid for telmarance shows care in \$100 for telmarance shows care in \$100 to extend its business from Ontario to the other provinces of Canada. F. J. Holland, Winnipeg, was apoointed agent for Manitoba and the Territories, and he has been successful in working up a good connection here.

Equity Fire Insurance Co.

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The Equity Fire Insurance Co., the annual report of which is given this week, is one of the newer Canadian companies, this being the fourth annual meeting. The company has been an experience of the company has been the company has been doing business in the company has been doing business in the West for some time, and is represented by the company has been doing business in the West for some time, and is represented that the company show a good record. The total income for the year was \$125,052Ms, and although the past or granded as an executionally and of the company, including fire losses, The decrease of the control of the company, including five losses, amounted to \$190,976. This leaves a balance of \$25,980.0 From the previous year a balance of \$8,296.19 had been brought forward, so that the been brought forward, so that the company to pay if per cent on the paid up capital of \$50,000, leaving paid up capital of \$50,000, leaving leaves, which is a very good showing.

Kootenay Mining News.

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Rossland, B. C., Feb. 10—The extensive improvements at the Canadian smelting works at Trail, B. C., arcomplete and the plant is now read to resume sampling and smelting. to resume sampling and smelting. A new automatic crusher and sampler, having a capacity of 150 tons per strated to work most satisfactorily in addition a system of electric tramways nas been installed to connect ways in the sample of the sample of the sample of the sample of material. The smelter is to blow in the lead stacks immediately. The formatic depends on shipments from the sample of date of the resumption of the copper furraces depends on shipments from the Centre Star and War Eagle mines, week. Plans of the refinery to treat sliver lead matte are finished and the mragement is waiting a favorable commence building operations.

The shipments of ore from Hossiand camp for the week ending Saturday night are 4,098 tons, a considerable or the control of the cont

arms enipments of ore from Rossiand camp for the week ending Saturdays camp for the week ending Saturdays decrease from previous weeks totals. This is caused by the fact that the Le Rol mine only shipped four days in the control of the control of

prises, made the public announcement Saturday that his company had abandoned its intention of building a line to the mines of Phoenix and a spur to the Granby smelter at leas for the present. Asked for the reason for this decision Mr. Kennedy declin-

for this decision air. Reinedy decined offer any.
Owing to a break in the water fume the Granby smelter only treated 2,611 tons ore during the week ending Saturday. The total tonnage treated to date is 308,610 tons.

Morris Marks, clothing. Victoria, as assigned to Alex. Cook.