

Manitoba.

Robt. Campbell, of the Pilot Mound Sentinel, is dead.

Gordon Co., drugs, Strathclair, have sold out to Mr. Fleming, of Winnipeg.

M. G. Nelly, jeweler, Winnipeg, has announced the sale of his stock at public auction.

The hotel license granted to Louis Gagnon, of the Southern Hotel, of St. Anne, has been cancelled.

The mild weather this week has injured the sleighing, and roads are rather poor in some parts of the province.

Metcalfe & Son, oatmeal millers, Portage la Prairie, Man., have installed a grain drying plant in their premises.

C. Schaefer has bought out the share of Mr. Kelly in the butcher business at Baldur, in which he was a partner, and now has it alone. Mr. Kelly will engage in the purchasing of farm produce for shipment to the Winnipeg market.—Baldur Gazette.

Notice is given that application will be made for letters patent constituting T. A. Burrows, of Dauphin, H. E. Crawford, of Winnipeg; I. Cockburn, of Winnipeg; J. E. Hedderly, of Dauphin, and William J. Osborne, of Dauphin, a body corporate under the name of "The Theo. A. Burrows Lumber Company, Limited."

Taylor Bros., who bought the stock belonging to the estate of the late to abandon their intention of carrying on business there, owing to inability to secure the building or to erect one suitable at this season of the year. Some one else has evidently purchased or leased the building ahead of them. So writes a correspondent.

Notice is given in the Manitoba Gazette that application will be made under the provisions of "The Manitoba Joint Stock Companies' Act," that letters patent may issue constituting G. F. Stephens, wholesale merchant; Alice M. Stephens, William Hargreaves, traveller; M. F. Christie, accountant, and F. W. Stephens, clerk, and such other persons as may become shareholders of the company, a body corporate, under the name of "G. F. Stephens & Co., Limited," to take over the business of G. F. Stephens & Co., wholesale manufacturers of paints, etc., Winnipeg.

Assiniboia.

J. Laird, late manager for J. E. Howson, Grenfell, has bought the wholesale liquor business of C. Reed & Co., of the same place.

The plaining mill belonging to W. F. Lawrence, at Maple Creek, was destroyed by fire on Nov. 25th. Only a few pieces of machinery were saved. The loss is estimated at \$2,500. Insurance, \$500.

Alberta.

Mr. Taylor photographer, formerly of Bozoverain, Man., is opening a studio at Lethbridge.

Robert, James and Lemuel Martin have purchased the coal mines on the Doucette estate, near Edmonton, lately operated by E. D. Martin.

Vogel & Tomlinson have purchased the meat business of H. Carreau, at Edmonton. Mr. Vogel still continues his business in Strathcona.

The St. Mary River railway, running from Lethbridge to Sterling and Spring Coulee, was formally opened on Nov. 28. The new railway, which is a colonization one, runs parallel with the irrigation canal.

W. Johnstone Walker, Edmonton, is moving from his old stand to his new brick block. Mr. Walker's new block is one of the handsomest and most commodious business blocks in town, being solid brick, two stories high and finished throughout in the most modern fashion.—Edmonton Bulletin.

Grain deliveries, particularly oats, have been very heavy this week in Strathcona, says the Post newspaper, and the quality is proving very satisfactory. Buyers have been agreeably surprised to find so great a percentage of there is of excellent grain, both wheat and oats. The price of oats in consequence of the rush has dropped a little, but is still very good. Wheat is bought at the mills above export price, hence shippers are not doing much business yet.

Saskatchewan.

Harder & Doerksen have started a butchery business at Hague.

Another store has been built in Hague, says the Prince Albert Advocate, and is called the "Consolidated Jew's Co."

Northwest Ontario.

Port Arthur butchers have agreed among themselves to do business after December 1 on a cash basis only.

The Armstrong Bros. are building a store at Keewatin, where they will open in the meat and provision business.

G. A. Kobold, one of the oldest and a highly esteemed business man of Rat Portage, was presented with a gold cane by the members of the Old Timers' Association, previous to his departure for Winnipeg, where he will take an interest in the business of Kobold & Co., butchers.

Manitoba Cheese.

It is a matter for regret that so much has to be said about the quality of Manitoba cheese. However, as we have previously remarked, the recognition of the situation augurs more hope for the future than if the trouble were ignored. Following are two letters about our cheese, which The Commercial has been requested to publish by Mr. Barre, who received the same:

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 9, 1900.
S. M. Barre, Esq.,
Winnipeg.

Dear Sir,—We enclose article which recently appeared in the "Winnipeg Commercial," which just sizes up the condition of Manitoba cheese. A full car containing 400 drums of Ontario cheese arrived here this week, which cost laid down about 13 1/2 cents, and the dealers here prefer to pay that price for Ontario September cheese rather than buy the Manitoba product at 12 cents. This is the best evidence of the poor reputation in which the Manitoba cheese is held.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN, ROBERTSON.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 16, 1900.
S. M. Barre, President,
Butter and Cheese Makers' Union,
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Sir,—I have examined several lots of cheese in Winnipeg to-day and find most lots defective in the make, the cheese are too acid, thus causing the colors to mix and affecting the value of cheese from 1c to 2c per lb., or the cheese are porous or full of holes, and very unsuitable for shipping purposes. I believe that Manitoba is well adapted for the making of cheese as well as butter, and there is no reason that with better instruction and care that fine cheese could not be made in Manitoba as well as in any other part of Canada.

I would recommend that the government of Manitoba give special attention to this department, and I have no doubt that if petitions are sent to Professor Robertson that he will be able to supply instructions, who will remedy the difficulties above referred to.

Yours truly,
A. A. AYER & CO., LIMITED,
Montreal, Que.

Business in North-Western Manitoba.

A Commercial representative who is visiting points along the Northwest railway writes as follows:—

Since the winter has set in plowing and other fall work on the farm has been stopped and grain is now moving quite freely, resulting in a marked improvement in business. At many points the wheat crops this year will average in the neighborhood of ten bushels to the acre. The grade, of course, is low, being mostly No. 3 hard, but on the other hand the buyers, especially the millers, are paying good prices, which will to a certain extent make up for the light yield and poor quality. At many points along this line oats form the principal crop and these have not turned out well this year, and it will be necessary to import a large quantity for seed. With the marketing of grain, collections have improved, although there is not yet nearly the amount of money moving that there should be. The farmers will not be able to meet all their accounts this year, still they should be able to pay a good proportion of them as in addition to their

grain they will have some stock to dispose of. The prospects are that the collection season will be extended over many months, and while many of the merchants are expecting a fair business the general tone of the country is one of retrenchment, and very little buying is being done outside of the more staple lines.

Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:

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| Montreal | 422,000 |
| Toronto | 73,000 |
| Coteau, Que. | 84,000 |
| Depot Harbor, Ont. | 80,000 |
| Kingston | 60,000 |
| Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin | 1,369,000 |
| Winnipeg | 310,000 |
| Manitoba elevators | 1,900,000 |

Total Nov. 17.....4,305,000
Total previous week.....4,462,000
Total a year ago.....7,850,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's, Nov. 17, were \$2,230,000 bushels.
Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were \$1,039,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.
Stocks of wheat at Pacific coast ports on Nov. 17 were 3,537,000 bushels.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Nov. 21, was 62,331,000 bushels, being a decrease of 100,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 55,850,000 bushels, two years ago 25,572,000 bushels, three years ago 25,050,000 bushels, and four years ago 33,314,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 12,832,000 bushels, compared with 5,317,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 3,704,000 bushels, compared with 11,572,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in America and Europe and about for Europe Nov. 1 in each year, for a series of years, were as follows — Bradstreet's report:

| | Bushels. |
|------|-------------|
| 1900 | 166,621,000 |
| 1899 | 159,880,000 |
| 1898 | 88,551,000 |
| 1897 | 111,630,000 |
| 1896 | 102,330,000 |
| 1895 | 178,449,000 |

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year.

| | This Crop. | Last Crop |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| Minneapolis | 31,852,200 | 33,261,200 |
| Milwaukee | 8,222,200 | 4,370,000 |
| Omaha | 9,022,200 | 28,277,100 |
| Chicago | 24,733,300 | 12,917,000 |
| Total | 63,830,000 | 79,825,300 |

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year.

| | This Crop. | Last Crop |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| Toledo | 6,763,200 | 9,762,200 |
| St. Louis | 13,788,500 | 6,513,400 |
| Detroit | 1,848,000 | 2,717,200 |
| Kansas City | 23,773,300 | 9,237,000 |
| Total | 45,173,000 | 28,230,100 |

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

Following are wholesale prices, delivered at Winnipeg, for pine lumber:

TIMBER AND DIMENSION—Timber, 4x10 and 12, 2x10 and 12, and 3x8 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$30; timber 6x6 to 6x8, 4x4 to 4x8, and 3x6 to 3x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$18; dimension, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$17.50; dimension, 2x4, 10 feet long, \$18; dimension, 2x8 to 2x12, 10 feet long, \$17.50; dimension, 2x6, 10 feet long, \$16.50; dimension, 2x4 to 2x12, 6 and 8 feet long, \$15; coil plank, all widths, \$12; coil plank re-sawn \$12, \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 in. in depth and width, \$1 per M advance on each 2 feet over 16 feet.

BOARDS—First common boards, red pine, 10 to 18 feet, \$23; second common, 10 to 18 feet, \$18; third common, 10 to 18 feet, \$17.50; culls, 10 to 18 feet, \$16; 1/2 inch sheathing, S.L.S., 10 to 18 feet, \$14; second common stock, 12 in. to 18 feet, \$12.50; second common stock, 3 to 10 in. to 18 feet, \$13.50; No. 1 wide box boards, 10 to 18 feet, \$25; No. 2 wide box boards, 10 to 18 feet, \$20.50; \$2 per M less for G and S feet. Re-sawn boards \$1 per M extra.

SHIPPLER—Shipplars, 6 and 10 in., \$10; shipplars, 6 in., \$18; shipplars, culls, 3 and



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10 in. \$16.50; culls, 6 in. \$13.50. \$2 per M less for 8 feet and under.

FLOORING, SIDING AND CEILING—Flooring and siding, 8 and 10 in., \$20.00; flooring and siding, 8 and 10 in. culls, \$16.50; flooring, siding and ceiling, 4, 5 and 6 in., first white pine, \$36; do., second white pine, \$32; do., third white pine, \$28; do., 5 and 6 in. first and second red pine, \$21.50; do., 4 in. first and second red pine, \$20; do., 5 and 6 in. third red pine, \$22.50; do., 4 in. third red pine, \$21.50; do., 5 and 6 in. fourth red and white pine, \$19.50; do., 4 in. fourth red and white pine, \$17.50; do., 4, 5 and 6 in. culls, \$15.50. \$2 per M less for 8 feet and under, \$1 per M advance for dressing two sides, 1 1/2 and 1 3/4 in. flooring, \$1 per M advance over 1 in. bevel siding, No. 1 1/2 in., \$21.50; bevel siding, No. 2 1/2 in., \$18.50.

FINISHING—1 1/2 and 2 in. first, second and third clear white pine, \$45.50; do., select white pine, \$43.50; do., shop \$30.45 \$3 per M advance on 2 1/2 in. and thicker, 1 1/2 and 2 in. clear red pine, \$21.50; do., selected red pine, \$27; 1 in. first and second clear white pine, \$48; do., third clear white pine, \$45; do., 1 in. select white pine, \$30.50; do., C select white pine, \$25.50; No. 1 stock white pine, 12 in., \$42.00; do., 8 and 10 in., \$40; No. 2 stock white pine, 12 in., \$37; do., 8 and 10 in., \$35; No. 3 white and red pine, 12 in., \$30; do., 8 and 10 in., \$28; 1 in. clear red pine, \$21.50; do., select, \$26.50. Selected widths, \$2 per M extra.

MOULDING—Parting strips, per 100 lineal feet, 40c; window sills, do., 50c; door stops, do., 75c; quarter round and cove, do., 50c; 4 in. casing, do., \$1.00; 5 in. casing, do., \$2; 6 in. casing, do., \$2.40; 3 in. base, do., \$2.25; 10 in. base, do., \$4. All other mouldings, 50 per cent disk set off universal moulding list. Lath, per M, \$5.50; pine shingles, 6 in. clear butts, per M, \$1.75.