

British Columbia Fruit.

The Commercial received a box of Bartlett pears recently from Thos. McNeely, of Ladner's Landing, B. C. The pears were rather too firm for immediate use when they arrived and they were set away for ten days. At the end of that time the pears were found to be in excellent condition and ready for use. Only one pear in the box was spotted. The pears were of the Bartlett variety. This shows that if British Columbia fruit were picked before becoming too ripe, and carefully handled it would ship all right. In this case each pear was wrapped separately in paper, and they evidently had been carefully handled.

Hides, Wool, etc.

Lambskins have advanced 10c at Montreal, to 45c each.
Fleece wools at Toronto are quoted at 19 to 20c washed.

Tanners have advanced the price of slaughter leather 1c at Toronto.

Hides were quoted at 81-2c for No. 1 green at Toronto.

Bradstreet's says of the United States wool market. Manufacturers are buying in large lines at 2c per scoured pound over last week on territory grades. About 5,000,000 pounds of these wools were sold in Boston this week, the market at the close being firm on the basis of 45 to 46c for fine medium and fine scoured, with choice staple up to 50c. Few washed fleeces sold, but the price is 1c higher. Australian wools are higher.

Grain and Milling.

The new steel elevator at Fort William will have a capacity of 1,500,000 bushels.

The Lake of the Woods Milling company have finished work on their new elevator at Bagot and the men have moved on to Qu'Appelle, where the last one will be built. This will make seven new elevators built by the company this season.

The large warehouse of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., in Winnipeg, is being converted into an elevator. The company will buy wheat direct from the farmers, in this market.

Thos. Kellett, of Deloraine, is erecting a grain warehouse at Elm Creek, Man.

Manitoba.

W. C. Van Nostrand has purchased the hardware and lumber business, carried on by Rex Bros. at Elkhorn, and will conduct the business in future.

The Standard Oil company has let a contract for two new warehouses to be built in Winnipeg, to replace the burned buildings.

Labor day was celebrated in Winnipeg by a big parade and general holiday events.

Wm. Hufner, a young man lately engaged in the hardware business at Boissevain, is dead.

Track-laying on the extension of the Dauphin railway is now about completed to Lake Winnipegosis. A new townsite has been surveyed at the terminal.

W. A. Finlay, station agent at Yorkton, Assa., is relinquishing his position and moving to Shoal lake, where

he will go into business in lumber and furniture.

The residence and workshop of Mr. Millmit, mattress maker, Winnipeg, was damaged \$400 by fire last week. The Union bank will open a branch in Minnedosa on Sept. 15.

Carriages Crossing the Frontier

Ottawa, Sept. 7.—The minister of customs has approved of the new regulations respecting carriages of travellers and carriages laden with merchandise crossing the frontier. When teams cross from the United States to the Canadian side they are to be duly reported inwards at the customs frontier port with a description of the horses, carriages and harness, and their valuation, such as will enable the customs officer to identify them on leaving. The horses, harness and carriages must pass outwards within thirty days of passing inwards, and in default will be liable to duty. The exemption from duty prescribed in these regulations will not apply to teams or carriages used in local traffic or employed in Canada, nor to outfits of peddlers with goods for sale nor to goods or samples of commercial value, in all of which cases duty is to be collected. Teams, carriages, etc., of tourists and travellers entering Canada for health or pleasure may be permitted to return and pass outwards free of duty within six months from the time they come in, subject to regulations as to reporting and as to security for due return of outfit across the frontier.

What Higher Wheat Means.

Wheat in the pit has passed the dollar mark, and the fact probably means prosperity for the farmers; but in this great country there are others, and even farmers, who do not raise wheat; general attention is just now drawn to the fact that there are many coal miners who are earning nothing, and for whom dollar wheat has no particular interest; there are also tailors, cloak makers, mill hands and unorganized workers who are not employed. Dollar wheat will necessarily lead to demands for higher wages, and if the higher selling prices are maintained these demands will have to be granted; when labor is generally employed at wages gauged by the cost of living, general prosperity will ensue.—Fur Trade Review.

Clothing for Klondyke.

The rush to Klondyke ought to prove of considerable advantage to the manufacturers of furs of certain grades, and the advantage ought to be quite general as prospectors are starting out for the Klondyke from nearly every city in the country. The fact should be made known that no one ought to attempt to visit that section of the frozen north in search of gold without being provided with a supply of fur clothing and fur blankets. All successful miners who have returned from the Yukon and who intend to again venture into that region advise prospectors to provide themselves with such articles as a necessity. The size of the Yukon blanket is seven by eight feet. A fur robe of these dimensions will be found indispensable. Furriers in various sections of the country may find it to their interests to have these facts communicated to their local papers.—Fur Trade Review.

BIG LEATHER DEAL.

What is said to have been the largest sale of sole leather ever made in Canada was made by Shaw, Cassils & Co., recently to James McCready & Co., wholesale boot and shoe manufacturers, of Montreal. The transaction involved the transfer of 28,900 hides for a consideration of about \$75,000. This looks as though the Montreal shoe firm are aiming for a big business next season.

LABOR DAY.

Monday was observed as a holiday throughout the United States and Canada, consequently the exchanges were closed and there were no markets to report for that day.

THE LABOR MARKET.

There was still considerable demand last week for men for threshing and harvest work, which could not be readily supplied, showing that there has been no over-supply of labor, though there was a temporary over-supply at some points after the arrival of the big harvest excursion party from Ontario, owing to an unequal distribution of the men. This, of course, is practically unavoidable.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

The firm tone of the hide and leather market appears to be keeping boot and shoe manufacturers as a rule stiff on prices. The amount of orders for the fall trade compares very favorably with last year's business at this time; in fact the principal of one large firm states that his orders are considerably ahead of those of a year ago. Remittances are coming in fairly well for the season.—Montreal Trade Bulletin.

FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE NOTES

Thos. Gilroy, manager of the Sun Life, Winnipeg, returned last week with Mrs. Gilroy from a trip to Eastern Canada.

I. E. Bowman, of Berlin, Ont., late president of the Ontario Mutual Life, is dead.

THE CROPS.

It is said that some fields of wheat at Brd's Hill, near Winnipeg, will yield 40 bushels per acre.

W. C. Graham, of Portage la Prairie, says that wheat threshing returns are very disappointing, not averaging fifteen bushels per acre, and some going as low as six bushels per acre. Other reports from the districts are more hopeful, putting the yield at 15 to 20 bushels per acre.

The Cypress River Prairie says: The wheat is yielding about twenty bushels to the acre. In some cases thirty and thirty-five bushels to the acre are obtained and all the grain is an excellent sample.

Tees & Perse, commission brokers, Winnipeg, received information by wire on Wednesday that all California fruits except peaches were advanced 1c.

W. J. K. Osborne, of Winnipeg, has been appointed western representative of A. S. Campbell & Co., wholesale clothing manufacturers of Montreal.

Geo. T. Tuckett, of the Tuckett Tobacco company, of Hamilton, was in Winnipeg last week on his way to the coast.

A daily train service has been established by the C. P. R. on the Macleod and Lethbridge branches, which is a great convenience as compared with the previous service.