

WHOLESALE MEN'S FURNISHINGS,

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**NECKWEAR, UNDERWEAR,
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CORNELL, SPERA & COMPANY,

Corner Princess and Bannatyne Streets, WINNIPEG.

an effort will be made to buy up all the Burrard Inlet saw mills and run them under one management. Potatoes are going up in price and all classes of feed and produce have an upward tendency. Strong opposition has been developed by the owners of land affected on the south side of the Fraser to the lands being reclaimed by the Sumas Dyking Co. The most serious objection is the diverting of two streams, which will be certainly hard to overcome. Some of the settlers wish to do the work themselves with the assistance of the government. It is doubtful, however, if any but a strong company could do it to advantage. Certainly if the promoters do not ask too much from the settlers, the work can be done more cheaply, if practicable, by a comprehensive scheme, than in sections. Wholesale prices are:—

Flour, grain and feed— Manitoba Patents, \$6.00; Manitoba Bakers, \$5.55; Oregon flour, \$5 to \$5.25; Rolled oats \$3.50 per sack; cornmeal, higher \$2.69; oatmeal, \$3 to \$3.50; Oil cake, firm at \$40 per ton. Feed shows an upward tendency. Shorts, \$26 per ton; bran, \$21; wheat, \$35 to \$40. Oats are firm at \$35 per ton, hay is also firm at \$17 to \$18.

Butter—Creamery, scarce at 28 to 29c. Good dairy butter at 24 and 25c per lb; medium, 15 to 20c; poor 10 to 16c.

Eggs—Best Ontario pickled eggs, 20 to 28c. Fresh very scarce at a bout 35c per doz.

Vegetables—Potatoes firm at \$25.00 per ton, and some are asking more. Carrots and turnips \$10 to \$15 per ton; onions, native very scarce, and firm at \$4 to \$5 per box.

Fruits,—Oranges 25c lower. Choice Washington Navels, \$4.75 per box; best Riverside seedlings, \$3.; second quality seedling,

\$2.75. Apples have advanced, Oregon apples being held at \$2 per box. Sicilian lemons are quoted at from \$7 to \$8 per box, and California at \$4 to \$5.

Fish—salt Salmon, \$9 per 200 lb barrel, canned salmon, \$4.50 to \$5.50 per case.

Sugar—B. C. refined held at 7½c for granulated and 6½c for yellow.

Strychnine.

It may be a surprise to our readers to know that the Winnipeg wholesale drug house of Dawson, Bole & Co. is one of the largest handlers of the deadly drug strychnine in the world—perhaps the very largest. The consumption of this drug in Manitoba and our western territories is very large, and this makes Winnipeg a great strychnine market. The use of the drug, both as a poison and in medicine, is very wide, but it is so exceedingly powerful in its nature, that an infinitesimally small quantity will do great execution. Thus notwithstanding its wide use, the quantity of the commodity annually consumed in the world, expressed in pounds, will not appear very great. Manufacturers who put up annually tons of tonic elixirs and other medicines containing strychnine, will use but a very small quantity of this drug in a year expressed in pound and ounces.

The Winnipeg firm referred to has handled eighty pounds of strychnine within the last few weeks, which is an enormous quantity of this article. The relation of this quantity to the entire consumption of the drug may be imagined when it is stated that when the Winnipeg orders were sent in to the English dealers, the effect was to immediately advance the value of the commodity ten per cent. The heavy demand for strychnine here is in the spring of the

year, and it is required for poisoning gophers very largely. In southern Manitoba and the territory of Assiniboia it is used most extensively. Of course a great deal of the drug is wasted, as the quantity sold is sufficient to poison every living creature in the country many times over. Dawson, Bole & Co.'s first order for their spring trade was sixty pounds, but they were obliged to increase this by cable very materially, and their sales for the season will be well up to 100 pounds. An order by a retail drug store for strychnine usually does not exceed one ounce, and this will further show what an enormous quantity the Winnipeg wholesale house referred to has handled this season.

Strychnine is now steadily advancing in price in first hands, though it was \$2 to \$3 per pound lower at the opening of the season. The wholesale price in this market has been advanced 5 per cent.

Northwest States Wheat Stocks.

Stocks of wheat in store in the northwest country elevators amounted to 6,814,000 bushels, showing decrease of 450,000 bushels for the week. The stock of wheat in Minneapolis public elevators is 5,970,028 bushels, showing decrease of 120,473. The stock in Duluth is 4,067,549 bushels an increase of 59,178 bushels. The Minneapolis private stocks as computed by reliable authority are, 4,456,000 bushels, showing decrease of 31,000 bushels for the week. The total supply in Minnesota and Dakota elevators amounts to 21,337,575 bushels, showing a decrease of 551,295 bushels. The total a year ago was 21,604,731 bushels. Minneapolis Market Record, March 9.