

# Shippers . . .

OF DRESSED HOGS, DRESSED POULTRY, DRESSED BEEF, DRESSED MUTTON, BUTTER and FRESH EGGS will profit by shipping all their consignments of this kind to us, as we have the largest outlet for produce in the West.

# Buyers . . .

Let us send you our prices on all kinds of HOG PRODUCTS, BUTTER, EGGS, CHEESE and POULTRY.

**NOTE—We are now occupying our new warehouse at 147 Bannatyne Avenue East, and cordially invite our friends to visit us and see the premises.**

**J. Y. GRIFFIN & CO.** PORK PACKERS  
COMMISSION MERCHANTS

WINNIPEG VANCOUVER VICTORIA NELSON CALGARY RAT PORTAGE



## Prompt Shipment Guaranteed



OUR SORTING STOCK IS STILL COMPLETE. Even after the heavy business of last week, we are still able to ship all kinds and styles in Rubber Footwear same day as order received.

O'SULLIVAN'S RUBBER HEELS carried in stock.

## THE CANADIAN RUBBER COMPANY OF MONTREAL

Winnipeg Branch : Princess Street.

## DAIRY BUTTER

We want fresh made sweet Dairy, in either Tubs or Rolls, and are prepared to pay market prices for all receipts.

### LARGE AND SMALL CHEESE

Can give you anything wanted in this line and at very close figures. Our stock was bought late in the season and at rock bottom prices. We are jobbing it at from 9½ to 10½c per lb., according to quality

### LAKE WINNIPEG WHITE FISH

We quote you finest White Fish at 5½c. per lb. When in want let us look after you.

## R. A. ROGERS & COMPANY

Wholesale Provision Merchants

WINNIPEG

NELSON

VANCOUVER

## INSURANCE MATTERS.

### VICTORIA-MONTREAL FIRE.

The Victoria-Montreal Company has issued the following statement for publication. Thus:

"The company is at present temporarily inconvenienced by a paucity of working capital, but there is no serious difficulty. The company is perfectly solvent, and all demands will be fully paid up. The present difficulty, it is stated, was caused by the fact that the company started operations on too small a paid-up capital. The subscribed capital amounted to \$507,140, while only some \$191,140 of that amount is paid up. Simultaneously with the beginning in Canada, it started business in the United States. Almost immediately heavy claims were received from across the border. Soon afterwards, also, the Hull fire occurred, and the total claims resulting from it alone amounted to \$27,400. All of these except one, which is being contested by every other company, have been paid. This caused a serious decrease in the working capital. In view of this, therefore, the directors of the company have decided to call in the unpaid subscribed capital, which amounts to \$316,000. Two calls have been issued, and it is expected that by the end of December the subscribed capital will have been paid up."

It is added that the outside losses unpaid amount to \$43,000, and so soon as the calls are in this amount will be paid. This is the company's side of the story, which it is hoped will prove correct, though there is liable to be considerable trouble in getting in the "calls" on unpaid capital.

### INSURANCE NOTES.

Winnipeg daily papers have an advertisement of a manager wanted for "a strong old line life company," etc. Communications to Box 245, Free Press office are to be confidential.

### Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 1,372,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Nov. 24. Receipts for the week were 439,000 bushels, and shipments were 346,000 bushels compared with receipts of 962,000 and shipments of 880,000 bushels for the corresponding week last year. A year ago stocks in store at Fort William were 1,719,000 bushels. Stocks in store at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior points were estimated approximately at 3,580,000 bushels, compared with 7,400,000 bushels a year ago, and 6,200,000 bushels two years ago.

### New Gutta-Percha.

The English acting-consul for Zanzibar reports the discovery of a new gutta-percha. This substance is derived from a tree which grows principally at Dunga. When tapped with a knife, a white fluid emanates, which when placed in boiling water, coagulates into a substance which in character bears a very striking resemblance to gutta-percha. As the material cools it becomes exceedingly hard, but while soft it can be moulded into any required shape. The fruit of the tree resembles a peach in shape, but grows to the size of a small melon. Experts have experimented with this new product to see if it in any way possesses the qualities of gutta-percha, and although it is not expected to prove equal to the genuine article, it is considered that it will be quite suitable for some purposes for which gutta-percha is at present utilized, and it will thus become a marketable article. It is said to abound in Zanzibar, and it will be a very cheap product.

The Canadian Northern Elevator Co., are building an elevator at the new town of Gilbert Plains, Man.

The price of oats at Edmonton, Alberta, has been reduced to 25 cents per bushel of 34 pounds for feed and 28 cents for milling grade.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating T. A. Bernier, Thoo. Bertrand, J. A. Senecal, Jos. Bernier, Nor. Bernier, of St. Boniface, as La Compagnie d'Imprimerie de St. Boniface for the purpose of carrying on printing and publishing business at St. Boniface.