

buy 2,000 acres of wooded land at \$5 to \$10 an acre, and these, he said, were Mr. Richardson's constituents. Mr. Nairn said the present government was pledged to assist and ought to be held to its promise. The resolution was adopted as follows:

"That this board would again respectfully and strongly urge upon the Dominion government the carrying through at the earliest date, the improvement of the navigation of the Red river at St. Andrew's rapids, as a matter of general interest and paramount importance, and that the city council be requested to act with the board."

THE VACANT LANDS.

Mr. Brock brought up the matter of the settlement of the vacant lands around Winnipeg. He pointed out that one of the principal drawbacks was the want of roads to get out to the lands near the city, and the worst parts of the roads were those within the city. He suggested that the city council should improve Logan ave., Portage ave. and Main street north. It would not be necessary to make the roads very wide, but only so that farmers could get over them in wet weather. It had been said that there was a million acres of good land within twenty miles of Winnipeg—as large an area as that now under cultivation in the whole province—and it was of the best and most desirable land in the whole country.

A resolution on the subject was unanimously adopted by the board, as follows:

Moved by J. H. Brock, seconded by J. H. Ashdown, That the committee in connection with the settlement of the vacant lands near Winnipeg be requested to meet the city council and urge upon that body the improvement of the main highway leading to the different districts requiring settlement and to endeavor to arrange with councils of the municipalities adjoining the city to continue these roads through such municipalities.

BINDER TWINE DUTY.

It was moved by J. H. Ashdown, seconded by R. L. Richardson, and resolved, "That this board notices with regret that an effort is being made to induce the Dominion government to re-impose a duty on binder twine, and would respectfully, but most strongly urge the government to refuse to consider the proposition as being a decidedly retrograde step and one which would be most strongly asserted by the people of this western country."

DUTY ON BICYCLES.

The following motion was introduced, and, after a brief discussion, was referred to the council: Moved by Messrs. Ashdown and Hespeler, "That this board would strongly protest against any increase in duty on bicycles or any other articles in use by our people, believing as we do that the proportion of the financial burdens of the government borne by our people is now more than sufficient."

On motion of Mr. F. W. Thompson, seconded by Mr. R. L. Richardson, the thanks of the board were expressed to Mr. J. H. Ashdown for his very earnest work in Ottawa in connection with the freight rates. Mr. Ashdown in replying stated the position of affairs as he found them, and told, in outline, what he had accomplished there.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday Afternoon, Feb. 6

Owing to the pressure of other matter, and also to the fact that a large number of copies of this issue of The Commercial have been printed for distribution outside of the regular trade channels, we have omitted our price list pages this week. Any important changes will be noticed in the columns following, and for general quotations dealers can refer to the previous issue of this journal.

GROCERIES.

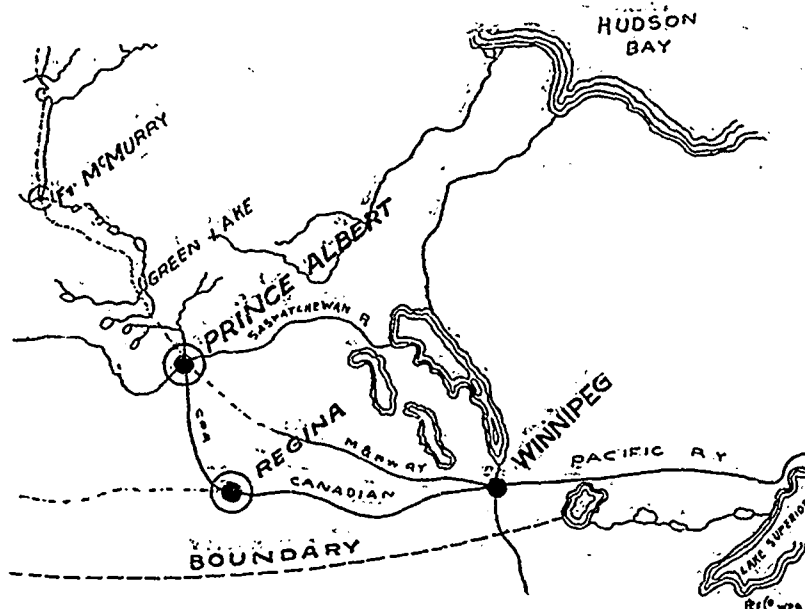
Oatmeal is costing higher to lay down here, but local prices are the same, though firm. Prices have advanced in the East and in the United States. Eastern packers have issued new prices on canned goods, which shows how strong the market is and how much of an advance has taken place. On tomatoes, for instance, the packers' quotation is \$2.50 per case. This is equal to \$3.10 cost laid down in Winnipeg, while jobbers' prices here are quoted at \$2.75 to \$3. On this as on several other staple lines, Win-

get ahead of any possible change in the duty at the present session of Parliament. We believe, however, that there is little danger of a duty being placed on binder twine.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—Wheat has experienced a retrograde movement this week. In consequence of the slump in outside markets, the local market has been very dull. Holders would not make concessions to the extent of the decline in other markets, and buyers and sellers were therefore apart. The highest price realized was 93c for No. 1 hard afloat Fort William basis, on Monday. Yesterday buyers' views were about 92c, though some holders asked higher.

FLOUR—Prices are still more or less irregular. Lake of the Woods advanced prices 5c. on Thursday. Ogilvie's quoted patent \$2.50, and Glenora (2nd grade) \$2.30. Lake of the Woods quoted patent \$2.40, and strong bakers \$2.20. Second bakers' quoted \$1.80 to \$1.90, and XXXX \$1.35 to \$1.40.



OUTLINE MAP SHOWING RAILWAY CONNECTION FROM THE EAST TO PRINCE ALBERT.

nipeg jobbing prices are below cost of laying down here, owing to the advances which have taken place in outside markets. See quotations in last week's issue.

GREEN FRUITS.

Prices are the same as last week. The only new thing in the market is bitter oranges, which are quoted at \$7 per box.

LEATHER.

There is an advance of 1c on all classes of harness leather and also on collar leather. Sole leather is also 1c higher. Otherwise quotations are the same as given last week.

HARDWARE, PAINTS, ETC.

Prices firm and steady. Refined petroleum has advanced a further 1-2c in the east, but prices here are the same. An advance to cover the decline reported a few weeks ago, however, would not cause surprise if it came at any time. There is some little interest in binder twine. A considerable quantity of twine is being brought in from the United States, to

MILLFEED—Bran is firm and is held as high as shorts, in some cases. Ton lots are held at \$10 per ton for bran and \$12 for shorts, and \$1 per ton less in large lots.

GROUND FEED—Pure grain feed is quoted at \$22 to \$24 for oats and barley, the outside price for rolled oat feed. Inferior mixed mill feed, \$18 to \$20 per ton. Ground corn feed is quoted at \$16 to \$17 per ton. Oil cake \$22 per ton.

OATMEAL—The market is firmer. Round lots of imported are held at \$1.65, and smaller lots at \$1.80 to retail dealers. Manitoba meal held at \$1.70 to \$1.75 in round lots for rolled.

OATS—The market is steadier and a trifle firmer, owing to the advance in corn. We quote ear lots on track Winnipeg at 35 to 36c per bushel of 34 pounds. Fancy samples are sometimes held a little higher, but it is hard to get over the prices quoted.

BARLEY—Feed barley is quoted at about 35 to 36c. Malting samples, 38 to 48c as to quality, and 1 to 2c higher for fancy samples.