

The Commercial Men.

W. G. Rickert, of Montreal, representing Jns. Cristino & Co., furs, arrived in the city this week.

D. K. Book, Geo. Hilton and J. A. McLean, representing Donald Fraser & Co., wholesale clothing, Winnipeg, are now out with their spring samples.

Alex. Fraser, of London, Ont., dealer in furs and hats, has arrived on one of his frequent western trips with his spring samples of hats.

R. R. Gallagher, western representative of Greenshields, Son & Co., returned to the city this week, after visiting Montreal and Toronto.

A. W. Lasher, western representative of W. R. Johnston & Co., wholesale clothing, Toronto, has arrived from the east with his spring samples.

E. M. Kalimeyer, of Toronto, representing the R. Greene Manufacturing company, went west this week with spring samples of clothing.

A. L. Gilpin has located in Winnipeg as manufacturers' agent, representing Flett, Lounds & Co., Toronto, Dominion Brussels Carpet Co., Galt Knitting company and other concerns.

Thos. Foster, western representative of E. A. Small & Co., Montreal, who has made his headquarters in Winnipeg for some years, is moving to Vancouver, where he will open a branch store for the sale of Fit Reform clothing.

J. H. Wallace has arrived in Winnipeg as representative of The Merchants Dyeing and Finishing Co., of Toronto, successors to Caldecott, Burton and Spence, and will make his permanent headquarters here, representing the Toronto Feather and Down Co., and the Toronto Cloak Manufacturing company.

Grocery Trade Notes.

A plug tobacco combination is reported from the United States.

A cable received from Greece quoted an advance of 1s in the price of fine currants.

Refined sugar in United States markets last week was easier as a result of the approaching close of the canning season and the inauguration of the so-called sugar war between the trust and the new refineries.

The estimates of the fig crop are being continually reduced, and some shippers estimate that the crop will not exceed one-third of last season. Market in Smyrna has been very much excited and prices advanced to prohibitory figures.

An easier feeling has developed in the molasses market during the past week, says the Montreal Gazette, as compared with previous seasons and prices for round lots of Barbadoes have declined a full cent and even at this reduction buyers are not very anxious to operate.

Reports from the coast continue to speak of a very strong market for canned salmon, owing to the partial failure of the sockeye pack. The coho pack is also said to be turning out poor, and some of the canneries are closed. Some Winnipeg orders have not been filled, while other orders have been filled or partially filled. A telegram received here from the coast on Wednesday said that an offer of \$5 per case for salmon had been refused by a coast holder, \$5.25 being asked. Some brands, however, were

selling at \$5. This shows a big advance over prices made early in the season, when orders were booked as low as \$3.50 f.o.b. coast for red fish.

Lake of the Woods Milling Co.

The annual general meeting of the Lake of the Woods Milling company's shareholders was held at the head office of the company, 27 Board of Trade building, Montreal, on Oct. 5. The statement of the year's business was placed before the shareholders and the report of the directors was unanimously adopted, and a dividend of 8 per cent was declared on the capital stock of the company for the year ending August 31, 1898. The following directors were elected: Robert Meighen, W. A. Hastings, R. B. Angus, John Turnbull, Montreal; and John Mather, Ottawa. At a subsequent meeting of the directors Robt. Meighen was elected president and managing director; W. A. Hastings, vice-president and general manager; Geo. V. Hastings, manager of Winnipeg and general superintendent; F. E. Bray, secretary; and Frank S. Meighen, treasurer.

Souris Coal.

D. E. Adams, Winnipeg, agent for the Souris coal, reports that they have everything in readiness at the mines for a large output this season. Some new plant has been put in, and new roads through the mine have been opened up or extended in readiness for the rush for the fall and winter trade. This coal is meeting with a steadily growing demand throughout the country. As this coal is produced at home, it represents money invested and labor employed in our own community.

Freight Rates.

The Montreal Transportation company has contracted to carry about 100,000 bushels of wheat from Fort William. The rate is quoted from Fort William to Montreal at 51-c per bushel.

There is no prospect of any change in lake coal freights, remarks an exchange. They will remain at 20c to Lake Superior and 25c to Lake Michigan points, from Buffalo.

Tenders.

More tenders will be called for Winnipeg city street improvements.

Tenders for the construction of a bridge over the Little Saskatchewan river, north of Kemnay, Man., will be received up to Oct. 21st.

Tenders will be received up to Monday, Oct. 10, for six tons of hard coal, and one hundred cords of green body wood, birch, tamarac, and jack pine, to be delivered at the court house, Rat Portage, during the coming winter.

Flour Frauds.

A case is now before the criminal courts of New South Wales, Australia, which will certainly prove interesting to the readers of the Free Press. The defendant in this case procured some "Lake of the Woods" Milling company's bags, filled them with an inferior brand of flour and palmed them off on the public as the company's product, which is the highest priced flour in the Australian markets. It appears that this practice of using

"Lake of the Woods" bags in order to foist on the public an inferior brand of flour is quite common in Eastern Canada and in order to protect itself and the public from deception the company has taken steps to bring the guilty parties to justice. Following is an account of the case at Sydney, N. S. W.

At the central police court yesterday, Claud Henry Tietjens, 30, commission agent, was charged with obtaining the sum of £10 10s from Felix Greenwood by means of a false pretense, to wit, that one ton of flour sold by the said Claud Henry Tietjens was "Lake of the Woods" Milling company's brand, and was in good order and condition, which statements were false, with intent to defraud. Detective Goulder stated that he saw the accused yesterday in a cart with a man named Arthur Solomon. He called them both, and asked Solomon what he had to do with the flour which was sold to Greenwood. He replied: "I bought half of it back from him for what he paid for it." He said, in reply to questions, that he paid about £3 a ton for it, and that he knew it was damaged, and only fit for paste. Solomon said that he assisted Tietjens to robag the flour. Witness then arrested the accused, and charged him. Felix Greenwood, a baker, carrying on business at 757 George street, said that on July 18 accused came to his place of business, and said he had a ton of "Blue Manitoba" flour for sale cheap for £11 cash. Witness asked where he got it, and was told he bought it from a man who wanted the money. He guaranteed it sound and in good condition. He showed a sample of the flour. Next day he brought a bag of flour. It was used, and was all right. On July 20 accused came and asked how the flour turned out. Witness said all right, and when the balance of the flour came, said that he sold him the "blue" brand, but bought the "red." Witness, anyway, bought it, and paid 10s less, giving him a cheque for £10 10s for the flour, and receiving ten bags in all. He purchased it on the assurance that it was "Lake of the Woods," which is the highest priced in the market. He knew that the price of Blue Manitoba was £13 a ton, and "Red" £12 10s, and one of the reasons he bought it was because it was cheaper than current rates. Two bags he used were all right. The next three he used—mixed with seventeen other bags—when baked were such that the people would not take the bread. Solomon took five bags away, and paid £5 5s for them. Witness lost his bread, his customers, and his reputation, as the flour had carbolic acid in it. Charles Miller Terry stated that he was the attorney under power of R. W. Cameron and Company, New York. His firm were the Australasian agents of the "Lake of the Woods" Milling company. Witness detailed an interview he had with accused on August 6. Tietjens stated that the bags came from Sussex street, and that he bought ten. Witness said to him, "You quite well knew that it was not 'Lake of the Woods' flour that you were bagging," and accused replied, "Yes, but when I bought the bags I did not know they were 'Lake of the Woods' brand." This brand of flour brings the highest price in the market. John Degenhart, a baker in the employ of Mr. Greenwood, said that he undid three bags of the red Manitoba flour, and mixed it into the trough, and he noticed little lumps of carbolic in it. He called Mr. Greenwood when he found the carbolic in it. The man who mixed it got the