

**Rainy River Gold Mine.**

L. A. Morrison, manager of the above company, has spent four months visiting the districts where the company's properties are located, and is now thoroughly familiar with the locations. Jas. E. Harrison, mining engineer, has been appointed to the charge of the field work. The company now owns seven properties, four at Andrew Bay, two three miles west of Keewatin, and mining location No. 289P, near the Scramble mine, close to the C. P. R. Operations have begun on the latter property. The property has been termed the Winor.

The company is capitalized at \$1,000,000 in \$1 shares, of which \$16,000 shares are still held, and of this \$1,000 shares are being offered at 10 cents. Some 12,000 shares have been exchanged for properties, 22,000 have been sold at 10 cents, and 150,000 are retained by the promoters. It is not proposed to sell more than the \$50,000 stock at present. The company will also handle prospects and mines, after they are reported on by the engineer. At a recent meeting of the directors the following officers were elected: C. E. Neads, president; J. G. Murdoch, vice; Jas. Weldon, secretary-treasurer; Llewellyn A. Morrison, managing director. A very favorable report has been received from the mine since operations began, and it is hoped to soon have some shipments of ore for the Keewatin Reduction works.

**Freight Rates.**

Ocean rates are stronger and higher at 21-4d from New York to Liverpool.

Grain is moving: 17 1-2c on corn and 18c on flour and other grains from Chicago to New York.

Through rates from Chicago to Liverpool are 10c per bushel on wheat and 10c on corn. Flour is 22 1-2 to 23 1-4c per 100 lbs.

Lake rates from Chicago to Buffalo quoted at 11-4 to 13-8c on wheat, 11-3c on corn and 1c on oats. Corn to Kingston at 21-2c.

It is reported from St. Paul that the Great Northern will make sharp reductions in freight rates in its territory, which includes Minnesota and the Dakotas.

The railway rate war is practically settled by consent of the Canadian Pacific to abide by the decision of the Interstate commerce commission, which decided that the company was not entitled to a preferential.

**Dry Goods Trade.**

Canadian manufacturers' agents have received their samples of Macos prints for the spring of 1899, and the wholesale traders are having a look at them, and so far have been much pleased with their appearance.

The Riverside cotton mill at Montmorency, Que., is to be enlarged considerably. Three new flats are being added to the old building, which will make a splendid structure. The Montmorency Cotton Company's mill is also being extended by some ninety feet.

By arrangement between the Montmorency and the Riverside cotton factories at Quebec, which recently amalgamated, and the Dominion cotton company, Montreal, the latter company will not meet with any competition in future in grey cotton from the former in the home market. Prac-

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**Boots and Shoes.**

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says. Boot and shoe manufacturers here and in Quebec are receiving very little new business, and very little improvement is expected before October. Travellers will be out on their sorting trips early this year, and some, we are informed, have their spring samples ready to take out at the same time. As one manufacturer said: "Of course, I do not expect to take many orders, but as my spring samples are ready, I may just as well show them." There is not as much change between the fall and spring styles as in former years. Remittances have shown some improvement, although they might be better.

**Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.**

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, in store Fort William, \$1.02½ old wheat spot; 78@82c was being paid to farmers for new wheat.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, 2.60@2.65; Bakers, 2.40@2.45.

Bran—Per ton, \$8.00.

Shorts—Per ton, \$10.00.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 28@29c.

Barley—A load of new sold at 30c here.

Butter—Dairy. Shippers buying at 10@12c, and 18½c paid for creamery at the factory.

Cheese—8½@9c paid to factories.

Eggs—Buyers paying 1½c net.

Beef—City dressed, fresh, 4½@5c.

Mutton—5½@6½c.

Hogs—Dressed, 6½c.

Veal—5@7c.

Lambs—7@8c.

Cattle—Butchers 2@2½; export 3@3½c.

Hogs—Live, off cars, \$4.75 per 100 lbs for best bacon.

Sheep—2½@2½c off cars here; lambs, 3½@4c.

Seneca Root—16c lb.

Hay—\$5.50 to \$6.00 per ton for baled on cars here.

Potatoes—20@25c per bushel.

Hides—No. 1 green, 6½@7c.

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