

We understand that the wholesale wine and spirit business carried on by Andrew Colquhoun has been sold to Mr. Wood.

The fire record of the past week has been a very light one in Winnipeg, and has been confined to a few false alarms.

The steamer Cheyenne arrived in Winnipeg on Saturday, with about 2,000 bushels of wheat. She will be placed in winter quarters at once.

Miss ANDREW, who has carried on the millinery business at Portage la Prairie for two years, has decided upon closing out in that town.

THERE has been a great scarcity of oat-meal in Winnipeg for some weeks, and at the close of last week scarcely a barrel was to be found at any of the wholesale houses.

WM. STEPHENSON, of the firm of Stephenson & Wells, dealers in stoves and tin-ware, Winnipeg, has formed a partnership with J. S. Stead, in the grocery business, and the new firm will carry on business in this city as Stead & Stephenson.

AMONG the wholesale businesses which are in a growing state is that of the finer class of crockery, china, and glasswares. Porter & Ronald, of this city, may be considered one of the finest representative houses of the Northwest in that line, and their trade has been increasing of late with a rapidity which could hardly be expected in a new country like this.

The managers of the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway have issued new orders regarding passenger travel on freight trains. Passengers are not allowed to travel on freight trains without first procuring a ticket at a ticket office, and agents are allowed to issue tickets only for the division on which they are located. All passengers' baggage will be carried unchecked and at the owners' risk, and will be charged for at freight rates.

THE continued rise in the price of hops may be judged from the excitement which now prevails in the Montreal market, and of which the *Gazette* of the 1st inst. says:—In a recent article on hops we remarked that it "is now clear enough that England is even shorter of supplies than has been represented, and at any price she must have her hops or she cannot have her beer." Since then prices have advanced 15c per lb. in New York, the market there to-day being buoyant at \$1 per lb. for choice qualities. Here the feeling is quite excited, holders asking 90c per lb. for choice grades, and a brewer yesterday stated that he expected prices would go to \$1.

A RAILWAY collision occurred on Friday evening at Marquette Station on the C.P.R., in which William Crawford, D.L.S., got severely, but not dangerously, injured. On the night in question a dense fog prevailed, and an East-bound freight train ran past the water tank at that station without the engineer noticing it. On the mistake being discovered, the train was backed up, and another freight train crashed into the caboose in the rear. Mr. Crawford was thrown out with a portion of the broken caboose, and was picked up insensible, with several severe flesh wounds on his head. No bones were broken, and he is on the fair way of recovery.

LATEST MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Special Despatch to The Commercial.

CHICAGO, Nov. 6.—Markets to-day had a weak tone all round, and in pork the downward movement still continued. No class of grain showed any firmness, and prices all round were a shade lower. Wheat closed, Nov., 92½c; Dec., 93½c. Corn, Nov., 68½c; Dec., 64½c. Oats, Nov., 34½c; Dec., 33½c. Pork, Nov., \$10.02½; Dec., \$18.35. Lard, Nov., \$11.45; Dec., \$11.02½. There will be no markets to-morrow, owing to the national elections taking place.

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MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 6.—Both grain and flour showed considerable weakness, and a decline in flour and wheat took place. Oats were quiet, and corn steady and nominal.

FLOUR was quoted, Patents, \$6.25 to \$6.75; clears, \$5 to \$5.50; low grades, \$2 to \$3.

WHEAT was quoted, No. 1 hard, \$1.02; No. 2 hard, 97c to 98c; No. 1, 97c to 98c.

CORN quotations were No. 2, 60c to 71c; rejected, 60c to 68c.

OATS sold, No. 2 white, 35 to 36; No. 2 mixed, 34c; rejected, 32c to 33c.

BARLEY ranged, No. 2, 70c to 80c; No. 3, 51c to 63c; No. 4, 40c to 45c.

No market to-morrow. Congressional election.

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TORONTO, Nov. 6.—Produce of every description was weak to-day and in a declining way. Flour was neglected, and was offered, superior extra, \$4.70, with almost no buyers. Oatmeal was also lower, and corn-meal was offered \$4.90 to \$5. Fall wheat was weak and lower, and was quoted at 92c to 93c. Spring wheat was in better demand by millers, and sold, No. 2, \$1.01; No. 3, 92c. Oats were inactive and lower, and were quoted 39c to 40c. Barley was lower, but recovered a little near the close; No. 1 sold 78c; No. 2, 77c; No. 3, 72c. Peas were scarce, and quoted, No. 72c. Rye was weak, and little in demand. Butter was firm, choice dairy selling from 19c to 20c. Eggs were scarce and firm, selling at 23c. Meats were very scarce and quiet.

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Stocks were weak all over to-day, and a general decline resulted. Closing bids were: Montreal, 204½, with sales at 204½; Toronto, 179½, sales 180½; Molsons, 125; Merchants, 127½, sales 128; Commerce, 138, sales 138½; Federal, 155, sales 158; Dominion, 198½, sales 200½ to 198; Standard, 111, sales 112; Ontario offered, 126½; Imperial, 140½; North-west Land, 56½; Manitoba Loan, 120.

Winnipeg Money Market.

Notwithstanding the uneasiness which has prevailed in Eastern monetary circles during the past week, there has been nothing of an exciting nature connected with the transactions of this city. The reports of borrowing directors in some banks and the inflation scare so much canvassed by the Eastern press, have made no change in rates of discount, and indeed it has to some extent created a feeling that the Northwest presents an unusually safe field for investment at present. A stringent feeling has certainly prevailed at the banks, but this is a sympathetic feeling, and has its origin in the East. Any difference which has taken place during the week is a little more discrimination, as to borrowers, money being comparatively free at former rates on first-class loans. Loans on real estate mortgage are still being made at from 9

to 10 per cent., but the funds available in that line are not so plentiful as they were a few weeks ago, but it cannot be said that there is any real scarcity. Mercantile paper of a first-class nature is still accepted at 8 to 10 per cent., and ordinary at from 10 to 12. Banks confine their operations almost entirely to regular customers, and are not anxious to undertake any new business, unless of a first-class nature. In short, while there is really no monetary impediment to safe mercantile transactions, there is no disposition on the part of the banks to encourage any undertakings of a speculative nature.

Commercial Travellers' Association.

At the meeting of the above association, held at the Grand Union Hotel, on Saturday, the arrangements of the organization were perfected, so that all is now in thorough working order. Some thirty-nine new members were enrolled, making a total of over sixty. Messrs. R. J. Whittle, N. McKenzie, J. Mulholland, G. F. Galt, J. Campbell, A. McKeand, S. A. D. Bertrand, J. J. Codville and W. L. Langridge were appointed a committee to wait upon the C.P.R. managers to secure special rates of travel over that line; and Messrs. Coblenz, Johnson, Chilcote, Bruce and Wilkinson were also appointed a committee to arrange special rates for members of the association with hotel-keepers and livery-men throughout the Northwest.

The association are now arranging to secure temporary premises to be used as a reading room and library.

LAST week we reported the transfer of the Manitoba South-western Railway to the St. P. M. & M., and the visit of J. J. Hill and A. Manuel, general manager of the latter road, to Winnipeg this week, is looked upon by many as indicating some kind of a bargain. The public will hear of the arrangements soon if any are really being made.

An application is to be made at the coming session of Parliament in Ottawa for a charter for a railway from Prince Arthur's Landing to a point south-east of Arrow Lake.

There is a rumor afloat that the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company are about to commence a system of grain buying on the St. P. M. & M. Railway for shipment to Chicago and Milwaukee. The Minneapolis Millers' Association will not like this, but they need it, as they have had a monopoly of the Northwest wheat trade too long.

The gross earnings of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railway for October were \$545,656.

The C.P.R. have at present some 2,000 men at work on their line between Mattawa and Algoma Mills, and there is talk of the number being increased to 3,000.

The C.P.R. work of construction on their western division will be continued in all probability until the last days of December.