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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 16, 1895.

Manitoba.

F. D. Stewart, furniture, Carman, has sold out to the Elliott Furniture Co.

R. Kerr, of Lake Francis, is about to open a store at Lundyville.

Schultz & Hansen, general merchants, of Grotna and Morden, have closed out their Morden branch.

W. H. Sparling, of Portage la Prairie, contemplates entering into business with Mr. Boyd, hardware dealer of Minnedosa.

Kilgour, Rimer & Co., boots and shoes, Campbell Bros., hardware, and A. B. Christie, grocer, have moved into the new block on the corner of Main and James streets, Winnipeg, where they all have improved accommodations.

Mackay Bros, of Rat Portage, and J. Norris, of Winnipeg, have formed a partnership and purchased the dry goods stock and business of J. Armington & Co., Winnipeg.

Alberta.

J. H. Cavanah, general merchant of Calgary and Medicine Hat, has assigned in trust to S. A. D. Bertrand, of Winnipeg.

An experimental irrigation farm is talked of for Alberta. While at Ottawa recently Mr. Orr, of Calgary, interviewed the government on the subject and Prof. Saunders was asked to make a special investigation and report on the advisability of establishing such a farm on the Sarcee Indian reserve, near Calgary. It is understood that Prof. Saunders will make a favorable report.

It is claimed that coal suitable for coking exists at Sheep Creek and also on the upper waters of the Red Deer river. It is proposed to send a car east to experiment with as to its adaptability for coking. It will be a great thing for Alberta if good coking coal can be found in paying quantities, as there is no coal suitable for that purpose anywhere in the west, and it will come in fine for the proposed British Columbia smelters. It is said that Montana smelters bring their coke all the way from Virginia.

E. Frank Mosely & Co., leather merchants and tanners, Montreal, and St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, one of the largest and oldest firms of the kind in Canada, is said to be in financial difficulties and a demand of assignment has been made. The liabilities are said to be in the vicinity of 400,000.

Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Sept. 7, 1895, shows an increase of 1,816,000 bushels, against an increase of only 46,000 for the corresponding week last year and an increase of 1,191,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat at the end of the first week in each month on the dates named for four years, as compiled by the Chicago board of trade:

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 2...	83,581,000	80,228,000	81,238,000	45,907,000
Feb. 5...	83,376,000	79,883,000	81,393,000	43,161,000
Mar. 4...	78,765,000	75,569,000	79,089,000	41,558,000
April 1..	74,308,000	71,463,000	77,654,000	41,039,000
" 8 ..	72,705,000	70,762,000	77,294,000	41,177,000
" 15 ..	70,487,000	69,217,000	70,096,000	42,055,000
" 22 ..	68,626,000	68,425,000	74,869,000	39,149,000
" 29 ..	65,770,000	66,583,000	75,027,000	37,930,000
May, 6 ..	62,196,000	65,156,000	73,069,000	36,100,000
" 13 ..	59,625,000	63,510,000	72,082,000	35,100,000
" 20 ..	56,484,000	62,044,000	71,392,000	30,677,000
" 27 ..	54,244,000	61,329,000	70,159,000	29,622,000
June 3 ..	52,229,000	59,324,000	71,080,000	27,910,000
" 10 ..	49,739,000	58,211,000	63,662,000	26,950,000
" 17 ..	47,717,000	57,005,000	66,375,000	25,006,000
" 24 ..	46,225,000	55,832,000	63,091,000	24,501,000
July 1 ..	44,610,000	54,657,000	62,316,000	24,262,000
" 8 ..	43,350,000	51,114,000	61,819,000	23,130,000
" 15 ..	41,237,000	53,154,000	59,328,000	22,439,000
" 22 ..	40,487,000	53,771,000	58,901,000	23,088,000
" 29 ..	39,233,000	57,144,000	59,319,000	23,992,000
Aug. 3 ..	38,517,000	60,010,000	59,424,000	28,079,000
" 10 ..	37,839,000	63,321,000	58,869,000	28,253,000
" 17 ..	36,892,000	63,900,000	57,812,000	31,775,000
" 24 ..	35,088,000	61,771,000	57,240,000	31,050,000
" 31 ..	35,438,000	66,949,000	56,881,000	3,360,000
Sept. 7 ..	36,764,000	69,168,000	56,140,000	38,760,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on Sept. 2 is as follows:

	bushels.
Montreal.....	77,000
Toronto.....	4,000
Kingston.....	16,000
Winnipeg.....	170,000
Manitoba elevators.....	950,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keowatin.....	475,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on Sept 2, 1895:

	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	4,732,000
Pacific Coast.....	8,799,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	
East of the Mountains.....	9,826,000
Pacific Coast.....	8,532,000

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at *Winnipeg for the weeks of ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:—

Grade.	Extra Manitoba				
	Aug. 10	Aug. 17	Aug. 24	Aug. 31	Sept. 7
hard.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard.....	3	47	23	22	20
No. 2 hard.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 North'n.....	0	10	3	0	0
No. 2 North'n.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 white fyte	0	0	0	2	1
No. 2 white fyte	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Rejected.....	0	1	0	0	1
No. 2 Rejected.....	0	1	1	0	1
No Grade.....	0	0	0	0	1
Total.....	3	60	32	24	24
Same week last year.....	74	106	126	62	102

*Wheat inspected at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

BRITISH COLUMBIA BUSINESS REVIEW

Vancouver, Sept. 10, 1895.

There was largely increased activity in business circles last week, on the mainland particularly owing to the little army of fishermen laying in their winter supplies. Numerous handsome blocks are going up in Vancouver which proclaim louder than words the faith of Vancouver's citizens in the future of the city. Of late the population of Vancouver has been steadily increasing, but the increase is mainly at the expense of other sections of the province. Local fruit is short owing to shipments to the Territories but there is abundance of fruit coming in from California in excellent shape, thanks to the rigid restrictions placed upon United States shippers by British Columbia authorities. The price of fruit still keeps very low.

British Columbia Business Notes

The members of the Victoria board of trade left on Saturday for the Kootenay country for the purpose of studying the business wants of the people in that district, and to attempt to procure as much of the trade as possible for Victoria. The same facilities were offered the Vancouver board of trade by the Canadian Pacific Ry. but as Victoria happened to be first offered this special inducement and first acted upon the suggestion, Vancouver thought an invitation should come from Victoria to accompany them. They waited in vain for an invitation and now they feel grieved that Victoria has the start of them.

The business of the firm of McFarlane and Mahon has been transferred to a joint stock company with a capital stock of \$100,000. They will deal in farms and real estate.

It is likely that a smelter will be erected in Vancouver at an early date. G. F. Monckton has offered to erect and operate one if the city will give him \$5 a ton bonus for the first 5,000 tons smelted. A mining school will be established in connection with the smelter.

The duty collected in August in Vancouver was \$2,000 more than in the corresponding month last year, and the inland revenue \$2,000 more.

J. A. Thompson, a prominent Sydney, Australia importer who is here, says that in Australia the Fraser River salmon are acknowledged to be the finest salmon in the world.

J. A. Ruddick who is in charge of the Dominion travelling dairy is holding very successful meetings throughout the province. The farmers are enthusiastic over Mr. Ruddick's simple and convincing style of teaching. At all the farming centers Mr. Ruddick is lecturing at public halls, besides giving his advertised lessons in actual butter making so that every moment of his time here is employed. It goes without saying that very great good will result to the province from the tour with the travelling dairy through British Columbia.

Silver.

Nothing has occurred to change the character of the silver market. It continues to absorb the reduced supply, and changes in the quotations are only of a fractional character. Silver prices on Sept 6 were: London 30 9-16d; New York 67c.—Bradstreet's.

A Chicago grain man, writing to The Commercial says: "Not one car in ten of our winter wheat grades No. 2, and much of it not a good No. 3. Three-fourths of the spring wheat marketed here thus far has graded No. 3 or No. 4 on account of smut, of which latter commodity there is a bountiful crop."

