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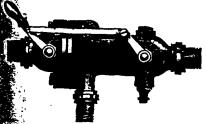
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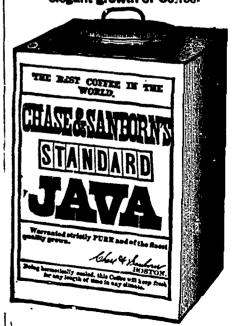


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#### WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 10, 1885

Mr. EMBREE, store-keeper, Mountain City, is dead.

PAULINE & WARD, confectioners, Winnipeg, have assigned in trust.

A GENERAL store has been opened at Neepawa, by Geo. Brownell.

Nobler & Johnson have succeeded McLean Bros., grocers, Winnipeg.

THE COMMERCIAL Hotel, Neepawa, has been leased by John McKenzie.

Ir is reported that a cheese factory will be started at Nelson in the spring.

R. G. Bisserr, photographer, Manitou, has sold out his business to James Weidman.

PARKER & DICKSON, general store-keepers, Oaklake, have assigned in trust.

J. KROKER, general store-keeper, Rhineland, has sold out to E. Penner & Co.

A. TURNER, hardware merchant, St. Boniface, bas been burned out. Insured.

Owive to want of patronage, the Rapid City Standard has ceased publication.

John Pollock, hotel-keeper, Maniton, has sold out his husiness to Mr. South.

ARRANGEMENTS have been completed to start a paper at Lithbridge in the spring.

THE PORTAGE MILLING Co. has declared a dividend of sixteen percent, on last year's operations.

MESSIS. NAT MACLEAN & Co., wholesale grocers and liquor dealers, Winnipeg, have assigned in trust.

MR. D. P. McLaurin, lumber merchant, Brandon, has sold out his business to Messrs. Hughes & Patrick.

JAMES GORE, Rat Portage, who recently disposed of his general store and hotel businesses, has assigned in trust.

BEDFORD BROS., of the Mountain City mills, have dissolved partnership. The business will be conducted by F. H. Bedford.

THE STEAMER Alpha, now lying at Brandon, is to be thoroughly refitted, and as soon as navigation opens will ply on the Red River and Lake Winnipeg.

THE FIRM of Woods, Ovens, & Co., biscuit manufacturers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnersrip. The business will in future be conducted by Woods & Co.

THE GOVERNMENT has decided to grant lands to the Qu'Appelle, Longlake, & Saskatchewan Railway on the same terms as to the Southwestern & Northwestern.

THE Stonewall News reports an improvement ir business during the past week, and also states that the difficulty in making collections has to a great extent disappeared.

FRANK BURNETT, of Millford, has been uppointed by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario as a commissioner in Manitoba, for taking affidavits to be used in Ontario courts.

LAST NIGHT & very interesting and instructive lecture was delivered at the Young Men's Christian Association rooms, by Mr. Duncan MacArthur, on the subject of "Success in Business." We regret that our space will not allow of a lengthy report, as the lecture was one containing a great amount of valuable information for young besiness men.

MULTHORP & DADE, hotel-keepers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. The business will now be continued by Hobbs & Dade.

A CONTRACT to deliver 26,000 ties at High Bluff station, for the Manitoba & Northwestern Railway, has been awarded to Mr. David Wark.

A BY-LAW has been passed by the Town Council of East Selkirk, granting a bonus of \$50,000, payable in twenty years, conditional upon the building and maintaining of a fortyton blast furnace, and a steff sufficient to keep it in continual operation. The company to whom this has been granted have at present a gang of men working at their docks, and other buildings near the mines on Big Island, in Lake Winnipeg, preparatory to commencing work at East Selkirk in the spring.

THE MONTH of February has been fruitful in birth of monthly periodicals in Winnipeg, two having made their first appearance during that The first, the Manitoba and Northwest Monthly, is a thirty-two-page journal, about the same size as the COMMERCIAL, and is devoted to the immigration interests of Manitoba and the Northwest, and is intended to be freely circulated in the eastern provinces and Europe. It is published under the management of Mr. J. M. Leet. The second is the Winnipeg Real Estate Register, a twenty-page, pamphlet-sized publication, and is devoted to the real estate interests of the city. It is published by Mr. S. A. Rowbotham. We wish both publications success.

THE TWENTY-SECOND annual meeting of the Western Canada Loan and Investment Co. was held in Toronto on Wednesday last. The report presented by Mr. Walter S. Lee, the company's manager, showed that or a capital of \$1,200,000 the company has a rest of \$600,-000, and contingent and guarantee funds of nearly \$40,000, while the repayments on mortgage loans amounted to \$938,346.36, Among the other arrangements of the company is the setting aside of the profits earned in Manitoba as a guarantee fund, against depreciation of property here. The report is altogether a very satisfactory one, and speaks well for the management of the company, both in Outario and Manitoba,

#### Business East.

ONTARIO.

John Kemp, hotel, Toronto, has sold out. Robert Abel, hotel, Paisley, has assigned.

M. R. Micke, saddler, Omemee, has assigned.

S. Stewart, hotel, Leamington, has sold out.

John Hamer, tins, Kingston, has assigned in trust.

Thomas F. Walker, saloon, Mamilton, is dead.

T. L. L. Lewis, dry goods, Chatham, has assigned.

George McLean, shocs, Hespeler, has assigned.

C. B. Smith, fish, etc., Peterboro, has assigned.

Wm. Cross, baskets, Grimsby. Bailiff in possession.

Isaac Shannon, tens, Tara, is offering 50c on dollar.

McCurdy Bros., tinsmiths, Toronto, have dissolved.

D. A. Johnston, harness, Ridgetown, has sold out.

Robert Carner, general store, Thorndale, has sold out

Thomas Webb, general store, Brighton, has sold out.

Mrs. McMillan, millinery, Orillia, has been burned out.

C. W. Youmans, books, etc., has sold out to J. Cranston.

Huton Scap Company, Goderich, are offering 40c on dollar.

Austin Bros., groceries, etc., Essex Centre,

have sold out.

D. W. Milne, general store, Ethel. Stock

sold at auction.

Donald Bethune, general store, Nairn, is

away to Forest.
S. McCabe, boots and shoes, Hamilton. Bail-

S. McCabe, boots and shoes, Hamilton. Bailiff in possession.

H. T. McGill, publisher, Learnington, has been barned out.

Magloire Ribardic, general store, Stony Point, has assigned.

D. W. Lamont, shoes, Chatham, has called a meeting of creditors.

Cattle & Porter, harness, Simcoe, has removed to Ridgetown.

Wm. Hoig & Son, tailors, Chatham, are offering 60c on dollar.

W. H. McGaw, general store, Maple Hill, has moved to Hanover.

Oscar A. Brennan, groceries and liquors, Ridgetown, has sold out.

D. O. Campbell, general store, Ayton. Style now is Campbell & Meyer.

David Roddy, of the firm of Roddy & Son, hardware, Norwich, is dead.

Joseph Peltier, hotel, Tilbury Centre, has sold out to Luck & Campbell.

John Hogg & Son, dry goods, Guelph. Style changed to D. N. Hogg & Co.

Hogarth Bros., hakers, etc., Thamesville, have moved to Northville, Mich.

John D. Scarlett, agricultural implements, Oakville, has been sold out by bailiff.

Clinton E. Bruch & Bro., wholosale notions, Toronto, has sold out to G. G. Moore. Woodroofe Bros., jewelers, Woodstock, have dissolved. S. J. Woodroofe continues.

Norton & Knight, stationery and fruit, Port Arthur, have sold out stationery branch.

A. M. Vandusen, grocery, stationery, etc., Tweed, has sold out his stationery business.

Dickenson & Cinnston, books, etc., Wood-stock, have dissolved. H. Dickenson continues.

Bartley & Walsh, general store, Tilbury Centre, have dissolved. John Bartley continues alone.

Coulthardt, Scott & Co., manufacturers agricultural implements, Oshawa. Sheriff in possession.

M. McGillivray & Roy McDonald & Co., general store, Listowel, have amalgamated businesses, and style is now Rigge, McGillivray & Co.

J. H. Vandusen, hardware, and J. A. Mc-Donald, tinz, etc., Tara, have amalgamated businesses under style of Vandusen & Mc-Donald.

#### QUEBEC.

Phidine Caille, grocer, Montreal, has assigned in trust.

Jos. C. Poitevin, physician, St. Jean Baptiste, is dead.

Isidore Lavoque, hotel, Valleyfield, advertises to sell out.

J. Bigaouette, hotel, Lake Beauport, has been burned out.

W. Hood & Co., books, etc., Montreal, has assigned in trust.

L. A. Laurier, music, etc., Montreal, has assigned in trust.

Mrs, Moisan, dry goods, St. Hyacinthe, has assigned in trust.

John Fevers, Laroche, drugs, Quebec, has assigned in trust.

Nap. Pelletier, general store, St. Raymond, has assigned in trust.

Philippe Corbeille, hotel, Longue Pointe, has sold out to C. Charbonneau.

Joseph Paquet, general store, St. Lambert de Levic, has assigned in trust.

J. L. Martineau, hardware, Quebec. Stock, etc., advertised for sale by trustee.

T. W. Raphael, of the firm of T. W. Raphael & Co., commissioners, Montreal, is dead.

Eugene St. Charles, butcher, Montreal. Stock, etc., advertised for sale at auction.

St. Denis & Payette (Jacques Cartier Co.), grocers, St. Heari, heve assigned in trust.

Lemny & Cardinal, hotel, Valleyfield, have dissolved. Business continued by Joseph Cardinal.

Genest & Coutu, furniture, Montreal, have dissolved. The business is continued by Alfred Genest, of Montreal, & Joseph Genest, of New York, under style of Genest & Co.

H. Steinson & Co., biscuit manufacturers, Montreal, have dissolved. The business is continued under same style by Henry Steinson as general partner, and Wm. Lang, of Oshawa, Out., as special partner, contributing \$10,000 to January 1st, 1895.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

Arthur Etter, jeweler, Lunenburg, is dead. Thomas Garnet, blacksmith, Halifax, is dead.

James Johnson, general store, Ellerhouse, is dead,

Henry E. Harrison, tailor, Halifax, is as signed.

Caleb Langille, confectioner, Halifax, has failed.

Laurence Wallace, clothing, Halifax, bas assigned.

S. B. Andres, stonecutter, Amherst, has as signed.

Murdoch McDonakl, Roller Rink, New Gost gow, away.

George D. Smith, grocer, Barrington, has been burned out.

Ciement C. Hart, general store, Sheet Harbor, has assigned.

McNeile & Miner, general store, Batton. Bill of Sale given.

Bishop & Smallie, general store, Digly, care dissolved. George Bishop continues.

Edward McDonald, planing mill, North Sed ney, has been burned out. No insurance.

Mr. Peter Paint, of the firm of Peter Paint & Sone, general store, Hawkesbury, is dead.

W. H. Bigelow, of the Spencer's Island (c., general storekeepers and ship builders, Spencer's Island, has withdrawn.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK.

George Hildebrand, Newcastle. Bill of sale given.

Ganong Bros., confectioners, St. Stephen, have dissolved.

Peter F. Dowett, liquors, Bathurst. Bill of sale given.

George T. Miller, provisions, etc., Derby, are essigned.

James E. Dickson, general store, Hopewell. Bill of sale given.

John McAlister, confectioner, Newcastle. Bill of sale given

The failure of the United Kingdom for the week ending Jacuary 10, reported to Kimp's Mercantile Gazette, numbered 89, as compared with 173 and 221 in the corresponding weeks respectively of 1884 and 1883. England and Wales had 70 tailures, as compared with 134 and 213 in the weeks specified; Scotland had 15, as against 15 and 7, and Ireland had 4, as against 1 in the weeks of 1884 and 1883.

#### Shutting America Out.

Bismarck's an and that the duties on Ger mai imports of American wheat and mye be mane just 100 , er cent greater than they are on Russian gram, well illustrates the jealousy which the tottering chancellor bears toward America, and i prompted, no doubt, by the anger with which he views the steady tide of emigration from Germany to the agricultural regions of the country. The wisdom of the demand is questionable, even from the chan cellor's standpoint. Asking the people of Germany to forego the benefits of competitionin their bread name ts by shutting America out and making a discrimination of 50 per cent, ir favor of her can competitor, Russia, may be a popular policy, but, if so, it is because human usture in Germans is not what it is in other parts of the world. It may suit Bismarck to spite America by giving Russia a monopoly of the German grain trade, but it can hardly be a cheering prospect to the bread winners. -Journal of Commerce.

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#### BANKRUPTCY LEGISLATION.

As the winter progresses the necessity for an act for the equal distribution of insolvent estates becomes more apparent to business men in eastern provinces, while in Manitoba our convictions upon the subject were of the most positive character a year ago, and like other intelligent convictions were based upon practical experience. Although our necessity for a Bankruptcy Law is not so pressing now as a year ago yet our business men are preparing to co-operate heartily with those in the east to secure the passing of such a measure during the present session of the Dominion Parliament. It is singular that as unanimity among business men is approached upon this subject the probability of securing the aid of the Dominion Government in such legislation becomes more doubtful; the result of a deputation that recently waited upon Sir John A. Macdonald shows that Right Hon. gentleman has not the slightest intention of burdening himself with the responsibility of the passing of such an Act this winter; and his expression as to the country representative being to strong in the present House to allow the passing of such a bill may be accepted as one of those subterfuges, to which political leaders have often to resort to avoid legislation they do not wish to undertake.

There can be no doubt but the Dominion Premier and his colleagues have quite a load on their hands in the way of legislation. Their great protege the Canadian Pacific Railway will no doubt require considerable of their attention and not a little financial bolstering to enable it to go onward until its construction is completed. They have no doubt fixed in their minds that upon completion of the road depends the credit of Canada as a Government, and to some extent they are correct in this. But they overlook the fact that upon the passing of a bankruptcy measure depends the credit of commercial Canada, and this credit can be very materially injured by the delay of such legislation for another year. Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce throughout Europe and similar institutions in every important city in Canada have made their i mile circuit under cultivation. A city

voices heard in favorof such legislation immediately, and their voices are surely entitled to prompt consideration from our Dominion Government. There never was a time when Canadian trade was in more need of legislation to guide it into safe channels than at present, and the passing of a bil! such as we refer to would accomplish more in this direction than any other act.

#### SUBURBAN SETTLEMENT.

The report upon the trade of the city of Winnipeg for the past year, which will be found in another column, furnishes material for reflection in its various aspects. It is not our intention at present to take a general review of the facts and figures therein contained. We will con-Ane our remarks to the totals in connection with the wholesale and retail trade, which we think contain a lesson of importance to the future welfare of the city.

We find the gross aggregate of sales by wholesale firms during the year amounting to \$14,220,098, but as a per centage of these 75 houses do also a considerable retail trade, it is necessary to make a deduction of about three millions from this total, which sum falls strictly to be added to the retail returns. The retail figures, as represented in the sales of the 408 establishments in this branch for the past year amount to \$5,809,600. When we add the three millions taken from wholesale houses give a total of \$8,809,600. Taken in round figures, the amounts stand thus: Wholesale, eleven millions and a quarter; Retail, eight millions and three quarters.

When we consider the number of houses engaged in retail trade, we see at once that the amount per capita is small; much less than the figures would be in any other city in Canada with the same population. We have made fair progress in manufacturing industry, and the number of families dependent upon such is large, but still the aggregate of sales is small compared with what it ought to be. Why? The reason is not far to seek. The want, the crying want, of a rural population within easy reach of Winnipeg explains all. Imagine any city in Ontario with a twenty mile circuit around it entirely devoid of cultivation. Where would its retail business be? Such, however, is Winnipeg-a population of 20,-000, resident in the midst of fertility, with practically not one acre in the twenty

surrounded by unproductive land, land capable of yielding the highest return, of any on the face of the earth, and yet to all intents and purposes contributing not a solitary item of products for the city's needs, and practically without a settler to help the city's trade.

The wonder is that retail business can exist in Winnipeg. It is simply one part of the population living on the other. Under such a state of matters growth in this branch is impossible. . Let us try to conceive what the settlement of the vacant lands round the city would mean to Winnipeg. We have asked how an Ontario city so situated would be; take London as an example, and let those familiar with the business done in that city, represented by the purchases from and sales to the farming population of the county of Middlesex, make answer. A solid settlement round Winnipeg similar to this would build up our city to double its population, and keep that population prosperous, though there were no Northwest beyond.

A matter so vita! to the best interests of Winnipeg should not be longer allowed to lie dormant. It would pay property. owners in the city to sacrifice for bona fide settlement the speculative acres they hold in its outskirts, in consideration of the value which property would reach under suburban settlement. It would pay our merchants and manufacturers to work up a scheme to bring about the settlement of the adjacent lands, though they did not receive one cent of interest for money invested in the enterprise, the enormous improvement in business in every shape and form would from the outset pay the best of all percentages.

Let Winnipeg bestir itself in this matter. Spring is at hand: no time should be lost. In losing the spring, we lost another year. Get the circle round the city settlerd, closely settled if possible, to bonanza farms, but small holdings, of 160 acres or under, pack the population closely, so that they cultivate thoroughly. Let their eggs, butter, cheese, their beef, motton and pork, the products of the day, the field and the market garden come in Let the farmers' families grow up with heir growing wants to take in exchange for the work of their hands, the wares of our shops and stores. We shall then and not till then, see Winnipeg as she ought to be, a city solid and prosperous mainly

through the business of her smaller trades with a prosperous and numerous suburban population.

#### DISCRIMINATING FREIGHT RATES.

At a meeting of the wholesale merchants of Winnipeg, recently held, the question of freight rates on imported goods was fully discussed. What transpired at that meeting we have no exact information, except that the main point at issue was the discriminating rates given by the Canadian Pacific Railway to shippers in the east for points west of Winnipeg. This hardship has been borne by our city wholesale men for a long period; but the situation has become latterly so grave, that they cannot longer tolerate a freight rate so advantageous to eastern houses and so adverse to themselves. The discrimination against Winnipeg and in favor of eastern cities is so great as to exceed the wholesale profits on such goods as sugars, provisions, heavy hardware, etc., taking the difference of freight from points east to Regina, and that of the rates from the east to Winnipeg, adding local freight to that point. It can easily be seen that there is a limit to the patience of our merchants, when suffering from such a drawback. understand that the wholesale men have presented an ultimatum to the Canadian Pacific Railway, and in case of no redress, the signatories to the paper have bound themselves not to bring a pound of freight over this road during the coming summer. This decision is not the result of a fit of unreasoning stubbornness; it is the outcome of careful consideration of their own interests, and it is backed by an offer from roads to the south, such as the Canadian Pacific Railway has not yet given. It is to be regretted that such a course should be necessary; and it is all the more to be deplored, seeing the demands imply nothing more than the concessions promised by Mr. Van Horne in the spring of 1883.

With Winnipeg wholesale merchants the fight means a fight for existence, and it will in consequence be all the more determined. It does seem strange, that a road which should see its duty in building up a large wholesale business in the province, should prefer to ignore claims of the leading wholesale centre, and by its rates positively encourage eastern houses without a stake in the country to cut the throats of those estab-

lished here. It seems, however, to be the policy of the Canadian Pacific Railway, since the opening of their through route from the east to the northwest, to throw all the trade advantages possible in the way of eastern houses, to the detriment of Winnipeg.

Under such circumstances, a combined effort of our resident wholesale men becomes necessary; and we are glad to see such a combination formed, Our merchants will have the sympathy of every one who has the prosperity of Winnipeg at heart; and to those our wholesale men may confidently look for assistance in their effort to free themselves and the trade of the city from the thraldom of the east.

In commerce, in railways, in politics, and in everything else, it grows daily clearer that influences are at work to keep us bound hand and foot, for the furtherance of eastern interests. Every attempt to assert our independence, or our right to be heard on any question, must be stifled. Manitoba is slowly waking up to this state of matters, but she need not dream of finding the battle for her rights an easy one. The fight will be a hard one. Every inch of ground will have to be contested, and if we hope to win, it will only be by using every available legitimate weapon with the utmost skill and combined determination.

#### POLITICAL POINTERS.

By the elevation of Mr. Killem, Q.C., M.P.P., to the bench, the seat for south Winnipeg becomes vacant. Already the air is filled with mutterings of the coming contest. The Grits, determined to hold the scat, have secured the grittiest of Grits as their henchman, and in Mr Luxton they have a man whose personal character and clearly defined political erced will make him a hard opponent for the Tory candidate who would hope to win over south Winnipeg to the party in power. The recent split in Conservatve ranks does not indicate unanimity of that parti There is nothing to be said against Mr. Howell the nominee of the "Old Guard" or against Mayor Hamilton, the champion of the junior Conservatives. both are firstrate men So far, all three aspirants would make legislators far above the average, but on this we do not dilate. We wish to look for a moral in the Tory split. The bréak in their ranks, is a break by young bloods. This element

does not mean to be longer tied to the apron strings of its grandmother. Young Tory Manitoba to-day shows that the old party feeling, and the old party principles of older and lesser Canada cannot control the actions of those who are breathing the free air of the western province. They may not want to show it, but they cannot help showing it. Their action simply points to what the future run of politics in the Northwest will be-politics distinctly western and progressive, none the less loyal to the claims of British birthright, but refusing to be trammelled and governed by the fogevism that centres at Otlawa.

We would be glad to see a similar split in the Grit camp. That would we venture to think, be also a blessing; it would more clearly show how the tide was setting in. That will in due time come. The Grit party as represented by young Manitoba, will also refuse to be governed by eastern dictates. A political life, commensurate with the breadth and possibilities of our western heritage will be the outcome. Old Grit and Tory lines will be overleaped, and the fossilized ideas of eastern provinces will ere long be laid on the shelf of the Old Curiosity shop at Ottawa.

The retirement of Mr. Howell, and rally of Conservatism around Mr. Hamilton, does not indicate that unanimity has been reached. Sulkily the Old Guard retire from the standpoint, as might be expected of a party forced out of power. But Mr. Hamilton's nomination clearly indicates that the young blood of Conservatism is in the ascendancy, and in the future must and will rule the party. The indication is a hopeful one: for our province is safe in the hands of either young Tory or young Grit, when it is by no means so under the control of those whose political opinions were formed a score of years ago, and probably a thousand miles from where they now reside. With young blood in power in both of our political parties, we may expect to see elections squarely fought upon politiprinciples, or merits of candidates, and 'e saved in future from having elections. turned into opportunities for fossilized politicians of both parties to fight out their personal quarrels of fifteen or twenty years' standing.

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#### WINKIPEG MONEY WARKET.

There has been considerable activity in monetary circles during the past week, and especialty so in connection with commercial affairs. Wednesday being the 4th of the month, and the quantity of paper falling duc being the heaviest for several months, there was consequently quite a little bustle during the first three days of the week, and demands from parties with regular lines of discount were both numerous and heavy. The results of that day are, on the whole, very satisfactory. At least 30 per cent, of the paper falling due was carried over in part renewals; but the care that was taken to meet the obligations of the 4th, resulted in an almost total absence of protests or other irregularities. Although they may be slow to admit the fact, banks are doubtless well satisfied with the day, and it is probable that their course in trade affairs may be more liberal for the future. There is now a kind of lull after the bustle, and commercial discounts are in rather slow demand. Rutes have not changed, and are: First-class paper, 8 per cent.; ordinary, 9 to 10; and one name paper, 10 to 12. In real estate mortgage loans, afair average business bas been done. The city has contributed very little of this; but loans on farm property are becoming more numerous. Rates of interest still range from 8 to 10 per cent, and due and overdue interest has been reasonably well paid up during the week.

#### WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The past week has been another quiet one in wholesale circles throughout the city, and the only noticeable difference between it and the one preceding is that there has been considerable more effort put forth for the opening up of spring trade. In the majority of season goods lines travellers are now on the road, and in quite a number of them the first orders of the season have been received. As a rule orders given have been light, and, although in no way lacking in variety, quantities have in almost every case been small. The season bids fair to be characterized throughout with the same caution in buying which was mentioned through the fall and winter trade. Still, travellers report matters hopoful throughout the country, and the continued cautious feeling may be accepted as a proof that trade will go onward in a safe channel. In lines of every day consumption the volume of sales has maintained a fair average, although in no branch has there been any rush or bustle. Even those lines are not without their complaints of quietness, but there is an utter absence of unything approaching to a despondent feeling. In lines dependent on building and outdoor contract work, everything is dullness and no improvement is looked for for some time to come. The report from collections is still the most hopeful feature of the wholesale trade, and the past week has shown a continuance of the improved feeling which set in with January. Wednesday was the 4th, and although probably thirty to thirtyfive per cent. of the paper falling due in mercantile lines had to be carried over in the shape of part renewals, the almost total abence of protests or other irregularities give

general satisfaction in wholesale circles, and in some instances a little agreeable surprise. Altogether, collections are in a very satisfactory state considering all surrounding circumstances; and, if sales have not aggregated as high as could be wished, there are evident signs that improvement in this respect is not far distant.

#### AGRICULTURAL MACRINERY.

Efforts are at last being put forth for the opening up of spring business, and quite a few orders from the country have been received. There has not been enough business done yet to cause any real activity, but the little movement going on is a pleasing contrast to the deadness which reigned throughout January. Collections are reported quite as good as stated in our last issue, and the better tone in money matters which set in some three weeks ago is still maintained.

#### BOOTS AND SHOES.

There is very little doing in this although spring orders are beginning to come in, and travellers are on the road with their samples. As yet these operations have only commenced, and as February progresses a steady increase in the volume of sales may be confidently looked for. The report from collections is good in this line, the proportion met on the 4th being considerably above the general average. Altogether, the boot and shoe trade is in a healthy, sound condition at present, and evidently about to enter upon a period of renewed activity.

#### CLOTHING,

In this line the first order from spring samples have, as a rule, been received, and the trade is likely now to have a week or two of a lull previous to entering into that business which is usually held back until nearer the time of demand for immediate wants. Sales from spring samples have certainly been light this season, but both wholesalers and retailers have been satisfied to have them so, and the second spurt of the season may be expected to make up the deficiency. Collections are reported good, and one or two houses are agreeably surprised at the proportion of paper met on the 4th.

#### DRY GOODS.

No activity has shown itself as yet in this line. A better idea, however, can be given by cext week as traders who are all out will have had time to send in their first report. The results of the 4th have been very satisfactory, the amount met having been reasonably good. Collections are reported very fair.

#### FANCY GOODS AND SMALLWARES.

Business during the past week has been very quiet indeed, and scarcely any effort is being made to open spring trade, and it is not expected that suything like activity can be looked for before the end of February. Collections, considering the time of the year, are very encouraging.

#### GROCERIES.

Business in this line still continues quiet, though it cannot be said that it is anything like dull. Collections are reported as rather slow but not altogether unsatisfactory. In sugar another raise has taken place as to price. Sugars are quoted: yellows, 6½ to 7c; granulated, 8 to 8½c; Paris lumps 10c. and a further

advance is still looked for. Coffes and Teas are firm and unchanged quotations being as follows: Rios, 14 to 16c; Javas, 22 to 25c; Jamaiens, 17 to 20c; Mochas, 30 to 34c. Tes, still ranges as follows: Moyune gunpowder, 30 to 75c; new seasons, 65 to 85c; Japans, 25 to 50c, new seasons 40 to 55c; Congous 30 to 75c; new seasons 55 to 90c. Syrups, single crown \$2.50, and triple crown \$2.75 per keg.

#### FISH.

The shipping demand during the past week has been rather light owing to the American markets being for the present fally supplied. Receipts, however, continues to be very liberal, white fish taking the lead. Quotations are as follows: Jack tish in car lots 2½ to 2½c, and in small lots 3c. White, in car lots 5½c and small lots 6c. The quotations given last week for cysters are unchanged, being 30 to 35c for Standards, and 40 to 45c for Selects.

#### FUEL.

This article is still in good demand and owing to the continued cold weather has been steadily on the increase, wood is still without change in regard to price, though the demand cannot be said to have kept pace with that of coal. Quotatious are as follows. Tamarae in round lots from \$3 to \$4, and poplar at \$2.75 to \$3.25 on track. Coal delivered; anthracite, \$12; bituminous, \$10.50, and Saskatchewan lignite, \$7.50 per ton.

#### FRUIT

The impresement in this line noticed in our last has been well sustained during the past week, and the drop in lemons mentioned has taken place. Quotrions are still without any change. Collections are reported very fair. Prices are as follows: Prime winter apples, \$4 to 4.50 a bbl. Palermo oranges, \$5 to 5.50 a box, and Palermo lemons at \$5 to 5.50; grapes, \$8.50 to 9 a bbl; Eleme figs in boxes, 16 to 20c, and in kegs 13c; Malagas 11 to 13c; prunes, in 100 lb kegs, \$7.50, and in 50 lb boxes \$8 to 8.50. Raisins and currants remain unchanged in price.

#### FURNITURE.

Business is still dull in this line, and it is expected that activity will not set in until spring business is general in other lines. Sales of the past week reached a very small aggregate, and have gone out in very small lots.

#### HARDWARE AND METALS.

There is no improvement in this trade since our last report. Shelf heavy goods and metals are all selling very slowly and only for immediate use. The stove trade is closed for the season. Collections have ranged from fair to good, but are yet capable of improvement. Quotations have not changed and are nominal in a great measure: Tin plate I.C., 14x20, \$6.25 to \$6.50 a box; I.C., 20x28, \$12.50 to \$13.00; Canada plates \$4.00 to \$4.25; sheet iron, 28 G, \$4.75 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs; iron pipe, from 40 to 50 per cent, off list price; ingot tiu, 25 to 30 per lb; pig lead, 6 to 64c; galvanized iron, 7 to 74c per lb; bar iron, \$2.75 to 3.25 per 100 lbs; cut nails, \$3.55 to **\$**3.75.

#### LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

There is a steady but limited trade doing in this line, and the week, although not an active one, was free from actual duliness. Collections weremoderately good. Quotation vare as follows: Spanish sole, 33c to 35c; slaughter sole, 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.40 to 1.50; demestic, 85c; BZ calf, \$1 to 1.25; French kip, \$1.00 to 1.10; BZ kip, 85c to 90c; slaughter kip, 65c to 75c; No. 1 wax upper, 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33c to 36c for plumb stock; English oak sole, 65c.

#### LUMBER.

Very little can be said about this business at present. So little has been done during the past week that no report can be given. The trade is practically at a standstill and must remain so until there is some talk of spring operations.

#### PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

All is quietness in this trade yet, and last week has been one of the dullest on record. There is no hope of any material improvement taking place until the close of the present month. Linseed oils have fallen about 3e. The quotations given below are nominal. Linseed oil raw, 69c per gul.; hoiled, 72c; seal oil, steam refined, \$1.10; no pale or straw seal in the market; castor, 15c per lb; lard, No. 1 \$1.30 per gal.; olive, \$1.50 to \$2, according to quality; machine oils, black 30c; oleine 50c; fine qualities 650 to \$1. Coal oils, headlight 270; water white 33c. Calcined plaster, \$4.00 per bbl.; Portland cement, \$6; white lead, genuine, \$\$.00; No. 1, \$7.50; No 2, \$7. Window glass, first break, are quoted at \$2.50.

#### SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

No change to report in state of this trade. Business is slow but there has been a small scattered trade which has kept dullness away. Sales, although small for the week, are satisfactory for this time of the year, and collections still hold good.

#### STATIONERY AND PAPER.

Business can still be considered quiet in this line, and no real activity can be looked for during the remainder of this month. Collections are reported fair to good.

#### WINES AND SPIRITS,

This trade is in a very unsatisfactory state at present. The number of prominent houses which have gone out of business during the past few months has demoralized the trade to some extent. It is impossible therefore to give reliable quotations of imported and fancy goods owing to the quantity thrown on the market. Domestic goods are unchanged in price. Whiskies, Gooderham & Wort's, n wood, \$1.55 to 2.25 per gal'on; 65 o. p. rectified, in wood, \$2.50; W.F.L. five year old, \$2.50 per gallon cases, quarts, \$7.50; flasks \$4.50.

#### THE MARKETS.

#### WINNIPEG.

#### OBAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The movement in grain has shown a slight falling-off during the part week, but the supply has allowed scope for quite extensive shipment over and above the local demand. Mills in the city are all running, and have no diffisalty ju procuring a liberal supply of wheat, the street receipts being sufficient to fill a large

share of the demand. Eastern shipments still go to Port Arthur for storage, the southern as yet having carried none. In both wheat and oats the tendency has been downwards, although there is no change in the latter, and only a slight decline has taken place in the tormer. Provisions have been rather weak for some time past, and in dairy products there has been a ve.y marked decline since our last report. Local products in these lines are beginning to take high grades now, and crowd eastern imports out of the market. The competition between the two may cause further breaks, and the market must remain unreliable until we are dependent wholly upon local resources. Meats have also been weak generally and the movement during the week has been light. In this line also a struggle between local and imported goods is going on, and promises to terminate in favor of the former.

#### WHEAT.

Receipts during the week have not been as large as was expected by buyers, and all grades fit for milling purposes find a ready sale. A slight change has taken place in prices in sympathy with the fall in castern markets, and prices are as follows: No. 1 Hard, 72c; No. 2 Hrid, 67c; No. 1 Regular, 67c; No. 2 Regular, 62c; No. 3 Regular, 57c.

#### OATS.

The receipts in this article have been very light, but it has not caused an upward tendency in prices, as the visible supply is thought to be much larger than at first supposed, Carlots se now quoted at 37 to 40c.

#### BARLEY.

All receipts during the past week as to quality have shown no improvement over that reported last week, and still continues very poor, and as feed has been selling at from 30 to 35c plump bright lots wou'd bring 45 to 47c.

#### FLOUR.

There have been no eastern shipments, and the western demand is very limited. Prices are unchanged, and quotations are as follows: strong bekers', \$2.00; XXXX, \$1.60; superfine \$1.25.

#### BRAN AND SHORTS.

There is very little to be had, and prices are still firm at \$11 per tou for bran f.o.c., and \$13 for shorts.

#### POTATOES.

The receipts for the week have been very light, but have been quite sufficient to supply the demand. No car lots have been received. Prices on the street are from 40 to 45c.

#### EGGS.

Still very scarce, and fresh laid are almost impossible to get. Prices are unchanged at from 26 to 28c.

#### BUTTER.

This market, like those east, is glutted. Prime Manitoba is now considered by buyers to be equal to the best eastern dairy. Stocks on hand are still very beavy. Prime eastern dairy now ranges from 20 to 22c, prime Manitoba the same, and medium grades at from 15 to 18c, with no demand for inferior grades.

#### CHEESE.

There is no change in the market from that noted in our last, quotations still being from 14 to 15c for from good to choice,

#### HAMS.

Prices during the week were unchanged and are as follows: Fastern smoked, 15½c; green, although scarce, are to be had at 12½; and local amoked, 12½ to 13½c.

#### BACON.

In dry salt a still further reduction hat taken place during the week, it being now quoted at from 9½ to 10½c. Other pices are unchanged and as follow: Rolls, 12½ to 13c, and breakfast bacon, local cured, 13½c.

#### MESS PORK,

Prices have during the past week held very steady, and have, if anything, shown a firmer feeling, though the demand has been high. Chicago is still quoted at \$19.50, and local packed, \$18.

#### LA 3D.

The decrease in imported stock is more noticeable this week, and an increased demand for local. Quotations are still \$2.50 in 20% peils.

#### DRESSED HOOS.

Receipts during the week have been remlight, and have been insufficient to meet the demand. Prices still range from \$6 to \$6.50.

#### MINNEAPOLIS.

The wheat market has been on the dom grade all the week, but at the close stiffened up a little and reacted, closing a cent above the lowest figures for hard grades. The light co-cumption of our mills, the heavy visible supply, fairly large receipts and the light demand from outside, as well as weak markets elsewhere combined to bear prices here for cash what There has been but little change in the My option, dealers appearing to think that what will be wheat when May comes, and there we many evidences that their confidence is based on good grounds. The lightness of speculating trading fairly illustrates the uncertainty which all here feel as to the future of the market.

Following were the highest and lowest what prices by grade on 'change during the untending to-day, together with to-day's close; prices and the prices one year ago:

Wreat. Highest. Lowest. Closing 1884: Feb. 6

| No. 1 hard | 81 |     | 80  | <br>SI | 99 |
|------------|----|-----|-----|--------|----|
| 5          | 79 |     | 773 | 78     | 96 |
| "1         | 74 |     | 72  | 73     | 91 |
| "2         | 68 | • • | 66  | 67     | Si |

Futures have been quite firm, No.1 kd. May, opening at 874c and closing at 864c, 2d No. 2 hard, May, opening at 834c and closing at 83c.

MILLSTUFF—Has been in lighter demanded weal;, bulk bran closing at \$7.75 to 8 and show at \$9 to 10 per ton.

FLOUR. - The flour market is generally quick buyers and sellers being alike indifferent, ik latter because the output is light, and the for, ir because of the uncertain course of the wheat market. The export demand is at active and domestic trade is slow. Pricar held up very well, but if water was pleased and the mills all running, concessions would doubtedly be necessary to keep the flour most ing. Everything considered our millers and very good shape, St. Louis advices beingth there is no life in the trade, and Milwais alone reporting a show of activity Aside ins those who have steam or are putting it in, the is little talk of an increased production, it len believed that water will be very scatte 122 about April 1.

Quotations at the mills for car or mail lots are as follows: Patents, \$4.90 to \$5;

straights, \$4.60 to 4.90; first bakers', \$3.60 to 4; second bakers', \$3.40 to 3.50; best low grades, \$2 to 2.25 in bags; red dog, \$1.50 to 1.70, in bags.

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There is no improvement to report of the situation on the Falls, it being more complicated if anything. Several of the water mills trying to run last week could do nothing at all on account of the low water, and none could run full, while many turned out only about one-half their usual output. The steam mills, of course, are independent, and in most cases are not endeavoring to do much with water power-using it whenever available, and when not, running with steam alone. The water in the river averaged very low last week, and a reduced flour production is the result. The output was 83,-.300 bbls-averaging 11,900 bbls daily for seven days-against 97,000 Lbls the preceding week, and 59,583 bbls the corresponding time in 1884. This is the lightest work done since the mills actually began on this crop. Three of the mills are using steam power, and at least one-quarter of last week's production was owing to this fact. The current week opened with the lowest water yet this season, notwithstanding that the weather was quite mild and soft, and up to the present writing (Wednesday) remained very much the same, coming up at times, but remaining only a short time. One other mill, of 1.500 bbls capacity, was started up Monday with steam power, making four in operation with that kind of motive power. As but a small proportion of the water mills can do much under the present circumstances, the output is likely to still further decline, and that manufactured will be made largely through the medium of steam nower.

The following were the receipts at and shipments from Minneapolis for the weeks ending at the dates given:

|                  | RECEIPT | 8.                   |                     |
|------------------|---------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Wheat, bush      | 647,130 | Jan. 27.<br>591,000  | Jan. 20.<br>762,600 |
| Flour, bbls      | 500     | 274                  | 245                 |
| Millstuff, tons. | 81      | -                    | _                   |
|                  | SHIPMEN | TS.                  |                     |
| Wheat, bush .    |         | Jan. 27.<br>0 62,500 |                     |

Wheat, bush . 103,800 62,500 116,000 Flour, bbls . 89,372 \$4,631 101,341 Millstuff, tons. . 1,863 2,600 2,567 The wheat in store in Minneapolis elevators, as well as the stock at St. Paul and Duluth, is

## shown in the appended table:

|               | MINNEA    | POLIS.     |           |  |
|---------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--|
|               |           | Feb. 2.    | Jan. 26.  |  |
| No. 1 hard    |           | 1,223,632  | 1,213,392 |  |
| No. 2 hard    |           | 94,218     | 110,599   |  |
| No. 1         |           | 1,759,383  | 1,763,604 |  |
| No. 2         |           | 183,600    | 175,380   |  |
| Rejected      |           | 18,326     | 17,257    |  |
| Special bins  | ••        | 686,094    | 621,037   |  |
| Total         |           | .3,965,253 | 3,891,969 |  |
|               | ST. PA    | VL.        |           |  |
| In elevators, | Feb. 2    | . Jan. 28. | Jan. 21.  |  |
| bus           | 1,218,000 | 1,252,000  | 1,250,000 |  |
|               | מונומ     | TH.        |           |  |
| In elevators, | Feb. 1.   | Jan., 27.  | Jan. 20.  |  |

bus..... 5,420,944 5,236,598 4,866,000

-Northwestern Miller.

#### CHICAGO.

On Monday there was a fairly active business done in the wheat market; but the feeling was generally weak, and prices lower, and at the close seller February was, one cent lower than it closed Saturday. Receipts of corn, 612 cars. The speculation business was only moderate, and the feeling was generally weak, caused by the heavy receipts. Continued heavy receipts nave had a tendency to depress prices, and there was a break of ‡ to §c from Saturday, for all months. Pork—This article averaged a shade higher, and closed 2½ to 5c over Saturday. Lard.—Quiet, but steady and strong, and no change to speak of.

| Wheat |     |     |     |     | \$0.769            | \$0.763 |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------------|---------|
| Corn  | ••  | •   | • • |     | 36                 | 363     |
| Oats  | • • | • • | ••  | ••  |                    | 27      |
|       | • • | • • | • • | • • | 267                |         |
| Pork  | • • |     | ••  | ٠.  | $12.22\frac{1}{2}$ | 12.30   |
| Lard  | ••  | ••  | •   | • • | 6.85               | 6.90    |

On Tuesday there was moderately active business done in the wheat market, and prices were nervous and unsettled, closing about the same as it did on the previous night. Receipts of corn, 650 cars. There was but little business done in the way of speculation, and prices were quite steady; but the heavy receipts caused a feeling of weakness toward the close. Oats was somewhat steadier for all months for futures, and a slight speculation for all months was realized at the close. Pork.—The day's advance in this article was 5c, and quite a fair business was transacted. Lard.—Trading was more active and fair, and closed 5 to 10c higher than the day before.

| Wheat |     |     |     | Feb.<br>\$0.763 | Mar.<br>\$0.77 <del>1</del> |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Corn  | ••  |     |     | 36              | 364                         |
| Oats  | ••  | ••  | • • | 274             | 271                         |
| Pork  | • • | • • | • • | 12.30           | $12.37\frac{1}{2}$          |
| Lord  | • • | ••  | • • | 6.95            | $6.97\frac{1}{2}$           |

On Wednesday the feeling in the wheat market, although unsettled, was strong, and after censiderable fluctuation, closed about 1½c higher than the closing figures of Tucsday. Receipts of coru, 473 cars. Speculative trading more active, and the feeling developed stronger, accompanied by an advance in price. Oats opened quiet, but towards the close improved somewhat, closing quite steady. In pork trading was comparatively light, and the shipping demand moderate. Lard offerings were comparatively light, the demand limited, and prices without change.

| Wheat | <br>    |    |     | Feb.<br>\$7.783    | Mar.<br>\$0.783   |
|-------|---------|----|-----|--------------------|-------------------|
| Corn  | <br>    |    |     | 363                | 373               |
| Oats  | <br>    |    | ••  | 27 <u>i</u>        | 27 1              |
| Pork: | <br>• • | •• |     | $12.42\frac{1}{2}$ | 12.45             |
| Lard  | <br>••  |    | • • | $6.92\frac{1}{3}$  | $6.97\frac{1}{2}$ |

On Thursday in wheat the market was fairly active and irregular, and at the close March was fe lower than the close of the night previous, Receipts of corn, 478 cars. A fair business was done in speculative futures, and fluctuations were only moderate. Oats was quieter, and easier prices ruled for the day. Pork sold 10c higher than the preceding day, and closed at an advance of 5c. In the land market the day's actual advance was 2½c, and fluctuations were limited.

|       |         |     |    | Feb.    | Mar.    |
|-------|---------|-----|----|---------|---------|
| Wheat | <br>    | • . |    | \$0.773 | \$0.781 |
| Corn  | <br>    |     |    | 369     | 367     |
| Oats  | <br>    | ••  | •• | 271     | 271     |
| Pork  | <br>• • | ••  | •• | 12.45   | 12.50   |
| Lard  |         |     |    | 6.95    | 7.00    |

On Friday there was a moderately fair business done in the wheat market, although the feeling was somewhat unsettled. In corn the receipts were smaller and the shipping demand was fair, with speculative trading more active. In oats speculative trading was of a very limited order, at Thursday's prices. In pork offerings were not very large, and the demand limited. In lard the demand on shipping and refining accounts was moderate.

| Whea | t., | •• |      | Feb.<br><b>\$</b> 0.781 | Mar.<br>\$0.779 |
|------|-----|----|------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Corn |     |    | <br> | 364                     | 368             |
| Oats |     |    | <br> | 27                      | 273             |
| Pork |     |    | <br> | 12.40                   | 12,424          |
| Lard |     |    | <br> | $6.91\frac{1}{2}$       | 6.95            |

On Saturday the wheat market opened unsettled, with first sales at nearly Friday's closing figures, and closed at about the same. In corn the receipts were fair, and a fair business was transacted, shipping being the principal business. In oats speculation was nearly lifeless, the market closing casier, but firm. In pork there was no activity to speak of. The lard market ruled steady on moderate prices.

|       |    |     |         | Feb.            | Mar.    |
|-------|----|-----|---------|-----------------|---------|
| Wheat | •  | • • | <br>    | \$0.77 <u>}</u> | \$0.77g |
| Com   | ٠. |     |         | 36g             | 363     |
| Oats  |    | • • | <br>• • | 267             | 27      |
| Pork  | ٠. | • • | <br>• • | 12.41           | 10.42}  |
| Lard  |    |     | <br>    | 6.90            | 7.92    |
|       |    |     |         |                 |         |

## TORONTO.

The stock market of the past week has developed no noticeable or new features, and no changes of prices of leading stocks of a remarkable character. The amount of business done has not been great, and fluctuations in leading stocks, although frequent, have been trifling in their extent. Through this time of trifling and inactivity a firm tone has been maintained. Quite a number of bank stocks have made an advance, and none have suffered any decline- A slight d:op in Northwest land is about the most remarkable point, and even that is trifling. A comparison of the closing bids of January 28th and February 4th will give an indication of the market, which, however, is in no way marked.

| •           | •    |     |     | Jan. 28. F | cb. 4. |
|-------------|------|-----|-----|------------|--------|
| Montreal    |      |     | • • | 1881       | 1891   |
| Ontario     |      |     | ••  | 107        | 1073   |
| Molson's    |      | • • | • • | 112 .:     | 1131   |
| Toronto     |      |     | ••  | 1773       | 1791   |
| Merchants'  |      |     | ••  | 1101       | 1111   |
| Commerce    |      |     | ••  | 1181       | 119    |
| lmperial    |      |     |     | 1241       | 1241   |
| Federal     |      |     | • • | 47 .       | 47     |
| Dominion    |      | • • | • • | 186        | 186    |
| Standard    |      |     | ••  | 111        | 111    |
| Hamilton    |      | • • | ••  | 117        | 118    |
| Northwest 1 | Land |     | ••  | 42] .      | 41     |

#### GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

The grain business of the past week has amounted to very little, and there has been considerablt of a deadlock between buyers and sellers. The former, considering the weaker feeling in other grain centres, have been making demands for concessions; while the latter have been firmly resisting any attempt of that nature, and have been none too auxious to part with stocks even at present figures. This has been specially the case with wheat, and in consequence very little of that cereal has changed hands. Barley is the only grain in which there

has been any real activity; and the scarcity of the higher grades, with a steady, active demand for them, has stiffened prices a little. In provisions there has been a weak feeling. Dairy produce has been offered in abundance, while the demand for it is very slow, prices being, in consequence, easier all round..

#### WHEAT.

Only small lots have changed hands during the week, although there has been a light shipping demand. Prices have changed very little from those in our last report. No. 1 Spring has been steady at 83c; No. 2, 81 to 82c; No. 2 Fall, 83c; No. 3 81c.

#### OATS.

There has been a good demand for lots of fine white for milling purposes, and cars of that have sold up to 332; mixed has ranged from 31 to 314c.

#### BARLEY.

Under a brisk demand for high grades prices have held firm all week. No. 1 has sold as high as 74c; No. 2, 68 to 69c; extra No. 3, 62 to 63c; and No. 3, 58 to 60c.

#### RYF

Very little demand for this grain. Small lots sold at 56c, but the quotation is almost nominal.

#### PEAS

There has been a scarcity in this criticle during the week, receipts being small, and demand reasonably active. Sixty cents has been offered for car lots.

#### POTATOES.

These are abundant at present, and car lots have been freely offered at 35c, but with few purchasers.

#### EGGS

Fresh-packed lots have been plentiful, and in fair demand at 20 to 21c. Limed have been offered at 17c, but are slow in sale,

#### CHEESE.

Holders have been unwilling to sell at present figures, while the demand has been reasonably active. Poor to medium qualities are sold at from 11 to 11½e, and good to choice at 12 to 12c.

#### BUTTER.

The stocks on hand a estill heavy, and there is very little demand. Unless for good qualities at exceedingly low prices, there have been literally no shipping lots asked for. Choice dairy has sold at from 17 to 18c, and other qualities simply unsaleable.

#### PORK.

There is no change to report; inactive and firm at \$16.

#### BACON.

Prices have been reasonably active during the week, although the sales nave been light, and all of small lots. Long clear is offered at 8c; Cumberland is asked for at 74c; and rolls have ranged 10 to 104c.

#### HAMS.

A few small lots have sold at from 111 to 12c. Round lots are offered at 11c, but they are not wanted.

#### LARD

There has been a fairly active demand during the week. Round lots of tins and pails have sold at 9½c; small lots at 10 and 10½c.

#### POULTRY.

Receipts have been light during the week. Turkeys in box lots have sold at from 10 to 11c per lb; geese at 6½ to 7½c, and ducks at 7½ to 9c. Fowls were worth 50 to 60c per pair.

#### APPLES.

There has been an improvement in the shipping demand. Inferior to fair have sold at from \$1 to \$1.50; and good to choice, \$1.75 to \$2.25.

## Commercial Summary. The increased shipments of general merchan-

dise which were noticeable during the earlier

pertion of the week, owing to the general reduction of railway freight rates east and west, were checked again later in the week by the severity of the weather, together with the sudden advance of east-bound railway freight rates. On the whole, as indicated by telegrams to Bradstreet's, the volume of general merchandise moving during the past week is no beavier than during the previous seven days. Advices from Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Clezeland and other western points mention the severity of the weather as having caused traffic to drag heavily. At no prominent point point of distribution bas the amount of business transacted equaled expectations. At Philadelphia tracdrs are reported as hopeful and full of confidence, but buyers are cautious. At Boston, in dry goods circles, manufacturers are reported as losing money at present prices, but are congratulating themselves that they are not producing goods in excess of requirements, as they were one year ago. There has been no gain in the demand there since the opening of the new year. veland reports a growing confidence as to the spring and summer business, while current transactions are quite unsatisfactory. While the general tenor of the advices from St. Louis are unsatisfactory, it is worthy of note that each purchases are heavier than they were one year ago. The industrial situation has improved sufficiently to make good a portion of the unfavorable features. More employees in mining and manufacturing lines have been thrown out of work, but it is noted that about fifty iron works, tube and nail manufacturing establishments, iron and steel mills, structural iron establishments, and stast furances have begun work again, more than one-half of which are in Pennsylvania. The reverse is colored with the statement that wages in almost all instances have been reduced. Wheat has been dull, and speculative and export demand is quiet. Prices have declined, and Indian corn quotations have followed suit, though to a proportionately less extent. The flour market has also been weaker through absence of demand from exporters. No. 2 red closed last night at 92c against 954c last week, and No. 2 mixed corn at 50c as compared with 56% a week ago. The tendency of hog products has been upwards, owing to the decrease of receipts of nogs at the west, though the weakness in grain has exercised a depressing effect. Refined lard closed at 7.45c against 7.45c a week ago. Iron shows no gain in the eastern market. Cincinnati advices report a continued shipment of southern pig to eastern ports at well sustained prices. The production of southern pig is also quite as heavy as it was previously. The advance of 5 to 10c per ton on anthragite coal by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, while helping to stiffen the coal market, cannot be offset against the probable effect of the announced antagonism of anthracite coal combination to the bituminous coal pool. Petroleum has been lower owing to the discovery of a new pool of oil and a liberal flow therefrom. The dry goods market is steady, but wholesale buyers are again operating with conservatism

and the volume of sales is only fair. In textiles both cotton and woolen, prices are still unice munerative, although production is and has been for months far short of the capacity of the fac tories. While print cloths are weakening, my cotton is advancing, the decreased crop more ment of the past week stiffened quotations for the staple still further. Grocery staples have been decidely slow, with lower prices on sugar, mild coffee and Japan tea futures. Darry pro ducts are weak except for choice comments, The wool trade has been moderatively active, and values have been well maintained, especial ly on staple fleeces, which are in small supply There were 349 failures in the United States during the past week reported to Brudstade as compared with 386 in the preceding week. and with 365, 276 and 194 respectively in the corresponding weeks of 1884, 1883 and 1892 About 87 per cent, were those of small trader whose capital was less than \$5,000. Canadalad 41, an increase of 11.

### Winnipeg Board of Trade.

The annual meeting of the Winnipeg Read of Trade was held in the Board Room on Test day last, president Kenneth McKenzie in the chair. There was a large attendance present the meeting being one of the best he'd for long time.

After the reading of the minutes of he meeting, and other preliminaries, the president called upon the secretary who read his report for the past year which was adopted by the meeting unanimously and, a hearty vote of thanks tendered to the secretary

The report of the treasurer as well as there port of the city's trade for the past years also read by the secretary, and heartily plauded by the meeting, and upon rotics of Mr. Luxton, seconded by Mr. Jones, all reas were ordered to be printed in pampilet for We subjoin the three reports.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Your Council beg to submit this themsely report of the proceedings of the Winspeg Board of Trade.

The labors of your Board began 'astyma a time of great agricultural and communiched pression, and of general business anxiety.

The first matter forced upon the constantion of your Board was the question of Holes Bay navigation. Resolutions favorable to be scheme of building a line of realway to be northern see board were unanimously passed view of the impetus which such an entiple would give to the agricultural and commend development, not only of the Canadian Nationest, but to those portions of the neighbody states and territories lying north of the 150 parallel of latitude.

In view of the benefits likely to accrains this scheme to our neighbors in the south, as Board sent a deputation to a convenient Grand Forks, where it was received without token of sympathy and good will, dury showing that the inhabitants of that four consider the scheme to be to them a must the highest commercial importance.

As proving the faith of Minnesota and lib ta in the ultimate success of this enterpied is noteworthy that large sums are being spent to improve the navigation of the Red River from Grand Forks northward to our boundary line.

Your Board, at great expense considering the resources at command, published and largely ci-culated a work on "Northern Waters," compiled, at the request of your Board, by Mr. Chas. N. Bell, vice-president of the Historical and Scientific Society of Manitoba. Your Board was well aware of Mc. Bell's qualifications for the work, and it is grahiving to know that two important organizations in Great Britain have at once shown their interest in the scheme, and their appreciation of Mr. Bell's research, by electing him a Feliow of the Royal Colonial Institute, and a Falon of the Royal Geographical Society.

The necessity for local and branch railways formed another consideration of your Council. Strong representations were made early in the year, through Captain Scott, M.P., to the proper quarter; through that gentleman your Council received an assurance from the Genera' Manager of the C.P.R. that an extension of at least 100 miles of the South Western would be built. This promise, judging from the recent ntterance of President Stephen, is likely soon to be redeemed.

Your Board has had before it the question of elerators for the storage of grain within the city. This matter has been fully discussed. and though the scheme has been deemed to be of great importance both from an agricultural and commercial standpoint, depression through which we have passed rendered the carrying out of the enterprise impossible during the past year. Good hopes are now entertamed that a storage elevator of at least 500,-000 bushels capacity will be erected in the city in time for ne t scaso n's crop.

The matter of the C. P R. Company purchasing all its supplies in eastern markets received the attention of your Board. A deputation from your Council had a satisfactory interview with the ailway enthorities on the subject.

Durof the most troublesome questions largely Meeting our mercantile interests has occupied the attention of the Board-that of the dissimisating freight rates of the C.P.R. against Winnipeg, given to shippers from the east to points west of this city. Your Council has had wasiderable correspondence on the subject with the general manager of the railway. The result of in has not led to any satisfaction.

In connection with the same matter dele-Ates were sent to St. Paul to interview Americon railway managers regarding rates of freight conjunction with a steamboat service from Vincent to this point. Though the arrangements made did not prove quite satisfactory, Bey gave considerable importance to importers theavy goods.

During the summer your Board took up the stion of land grants to ocal railways, and med upon the Government that instead of girg one d Har per acre the lands granted er this arrangement should be given free, as A deans of inducing construction. It is satisgry to note that the Dominion Government since moved in this direction.

The matter of the improvement of river prvigation has also had attention. Your Council presented to Sir Hector Langevin, while here, a memorial on the subject, and received from that Minister the prouise of careful consideration of this very important question.

Your Council had under consideration the necessity of having an inspector of grain at this point. In concert with the grain committee, your Board recommended Mr. Wm Clark to the Department of Inland Revenue, for the appointment to the position. The appointment has not yet been confirmed, as important legislation with reference to gram inspection will early occupy the attention of Parliament. It is believed that the amended act will be highly favorable to the grain interests of the Canadian Northwest. Pending his appointment as Government Inspector, Mr. Clark is acting as grain examiner for the Board.

The necessity for a bank uptcy law, and for clauses therein having special application to the Northwest, has been carefully considered by your Council. A sub-committee appointed for the perpose has drawn up a report on the subject. This committee is working in unison with the Boards of Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton in urging the matter upon the Dominion House.

At the carnest solicitation of many citizens outside its membership, your Board relactantly took up the question of civic representation. A convention under its auspices was held, resulting in the nomination of a "Citizens' Ticket." The outcome has been the election of a City Council composed almost entirely of these nominces, and there is now reason to believe that the city has entered upon an era of civic retrenchment and reform.

Attention has been given to the question of Land Law amendments. Resolutions in favor of the Torren's system of land transfer have been adonted.

Your Board and Council have given attention to numerous minor matters, among which may be mentioned the law regarding the stamping of weights on canned goods, an enactment likely to prove an annoyance and persecution to many of our traders. Through correspondence with the Department of Iuland Revenuc your Council have secured delay in enforcing this act. There is a probability of amendments being introduced during the present session which will do away with its objection, be

The compilation of statistics of the city's trade has been undertaken this year, for the first time. The figures are herewith appended.

The Treasurer's statement appended shows your Board to be in rather a weak position financially. While there has been a large addition of new and active members, a very large number of old members has been struck off the roll. Your Council, however, desire to express the belief that the strength and usefulness of the Winnipeg Board of Trade will steadily in crease, and that this organization will become more and more a power for good not only to the city but to the Province at large.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer's report showed as fellows.

fees, \$\$10; sales of pamphlet, "Our Northern Waters," \$277.50; total, \$1,385.05. By rent of board room, \$100; rent of hall for convention, \$30; door keepers, \$5; punting and publishing "Our Northern Waters," \$535; postage, telegrams, etc., \$43; J. E. Steen, minting, \$62.30; secretary's salary, \$470; delegation expenses, \$112.48; cash on hand, \$23.77. The correctness of the report was certified by A. A. McArthur and Wm. Clark, auditors.

#### REPORT OF THE CITY'S TRADE.

In endeavoring to reach statistics and other facts regarding the trade of the city during the past year two features stand out prominertly to view. The first, that the city is rapidly passing through a state of transition-from an importing to an exporting centre-and second. that caution has been the leading characteristic of the past year's transactions.

On the sarface we find the first proof of this in the customs' returns for 1883 and 1884. In 1883 the value of our imperts amounted to \$4,464,844, while in 1884 imports only reached the value of \$2,239,611. The duty collected in the former year reached \$1,024,142.70, while in the latter it amounted only to \$509,516.81.

On the other hand the crude index which customs' returns furnish as to exports, shews that in 1883 these amounted to \$584,049, while in 1884 they reached a total of \$979,719. The lesson learned by these figures finds verification in almost every branch of the city's trade.

At the close of 1884 we find 912 trading institutions in the city, or about fourteen less than at the close of 1883. Of this number there are about seventy-five which can be considered wholesale or jobbing mercantile houses, and about twenty-five of trese are exclusively wholesale establishments. It has been a comparatively easy matter to reach the figures of the trade done during the past year, as information has been most willingly given in almost every case. Inquiry into the details of the work of the various branches here included shows the following results .- -

First in importance comes the grocery and provision trade, two practically inseparable branches. The thirteen houses in these lines show aggregate sales for the year of \$3,154,346.

Second in importance comes the grain and milling interest. The seven houses representing these branches show an aggregate of business to the amount of \$2,955,522.

Third on the list comes lumber and manufactures in this line. The nine institutions carrying on this business show an aggregate of sales amounting to \$2,559,000.

Next comes dry goods and clothing. The nine houses engaged in this business show an aggregate of sales for the year of \$,389,000.

Following close upon this comes hardware. stoves and metal goods, the ten houses in which show a turning over of \$1.503,600.

Farm machinery ranks next in importance, the seven houses in this branch of trade having done an aggregate business of \$1,103,200

Boots, shoes, harness and leather goods are represented by five houses, whose aggregate business for the year foots up to \$550,500.

Beyond this point there is considerable diffi-Jan. 15, to cash on hand, \$297.55; membership | curty in making a classification. The remaining fifteen houses represents paints, oils and colors, crockery and glassware, stationery, wines and spirits, and other lines, the aggregate sales of these for the past year reaches a total of \$804,600.

The gross aggregate of the wholesale and jobbing trade of the city thus reaches the grand total of \$14,220,098. It must be remembered however, that many of these houses do also an extensive retail business, for which a deduction of nearly three millions must be allowed. The net wholesale business would therefore be something in the neighborhood of eleven millions and a quarter.

#### RETAIL TRADE.

It is impossible to reach absolute facts in connection with retail business. It has, therefore, been necessary to reach figures by careful approximation.

There are in the city 408 purely retail establishments, and of these only 60 could be depended on for exact figures. These 60 houses show an eggregate of sales amounting to \$2,.309,600. The figures approximately of the remaining 348 are very considerable, and it will be below the mark to place the total in this category at \$2,750,000. To this should be added the approximate (the company having refused the information) of the business done by the Hudson's Bay Co. equal at least to \$750,000. This gives a grand aggregate of retail sales in the city for the past year of \$5,809,600.

#### MANUFACTURING INTERESTS.

The manufacturing interests of the city, if not very great are varied, and range from 'he factory employing a hundred hands, down to the blacksmith's shop with its single assistant.

The milling interest is represented by three institutions, having a capacity of 1,100 barrels per day, and employs 105 bands. The figures in this branch are included in the wholesale report.

The lumber manufacturing interest is represented by five institutions, and gives employment to 280 hands. The figures in this branch are included in the wholesale report.

In iron and metallic manufactures there are 69 institutions, large and small, employing 407 hands. The products of this industry exceed \$500,000 for the past year.

In addition to the foregoing there are 90 miscellaneous institutions, mostly small, giving employment to about 275 hands. this is exclusive of such branches as tailoring and needlework, in which about 140 hands, male and female, are employed. Neither does it include minting and its coanections, which give employment to 270 people.

To this may be added building and outdoor contracting, the tenders let for which in spring amounted to \$1,500,000, fully one half of which has been carried through during the past year.

The gross aggregate of the above interests not included in the wholesale mercantile statement, represents a turn-over of \$2,550,000.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

There are numerous institutions in the city, such as hotels, restaurants, storage warehouses, etc., which it would be impossible to classify. The gross earnings of which for the year would certainly exceed \$500,000,

The gross business for the past year of the city may be summed up as follows:--

Grand total .. .. \$23,079,698

2,550,000

500,000

The foregoing figures do not include any of the business of the C.P.R. connected with their workshops, round house, or other arrangements, which maintain in the city a working population of nearly 2,000.

During the past year the Canadian Pacific Railway handled from stations or the Western Division 3,000,000 bushels of wheat, 1,500,000 bushels barley and oats, 320,000 sacks flour, and carried for export from the Province, 1,200,000 bushels wheat, 550,000 bushels barley and oats, 50,000 sacks flour.

The record of commercial disaster may fitly close this report, as it will be noted a comparison of figures which clearly show that the city is making steady headway to a high standard of credit. The failures during 1883 numbered 101, with liabilities amounting to \$1,750,000, while the figures for 1884 show the number of failures to be 42, with liabilities amounting to \$504,758.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NEW MEMBERS.

The election of officers for 1885 was then proceeded with with the following results:—Messrs. Kenueth McKenzie, president; S. O. Shorey, vice-president; and James Steen, secretary-treasure, unanimously re-elected, and the following twelve gentlemen chosen\*to constitute the Council:—Messrs. J. H. Ashdown, R. J. Whitla, G. F. Galt, L. M. Jones, W. F. Henderson, James Redmond, G. J. Maulson, W. F. Laxton, G. F. Stephens, Andrew Strang and S. A. D. Bertrand.

The following new members were manimously elected:-

Thomas Ryan, Alfred Pearson, N. Boyd (Boyd & Crowe), — Nanton (Osler, Hammond & Nanton), D. Miller, Merchants' Bunk, E. F. Hutchings, W. N. Johuston, J. A. Carman, C. Roach (Ramsay & Co.), A. G. McBean (McBean Bros.), D. L. McKenzie, — Clark (Reid & Clark), E. Bisset, J. Galt, J. B. Mather, Harry Woods, Archibald Wright, Amos' Rowe, John Marshall, Stephen Naim, W. McCreary.

After some other business of a routine nature the meeting adjourned.

#### l'ankruptcy Legislation.

Strenous efforts are being put forth by the mercratile community all over Canada to secure the passing of a Bankruptey Bill during the present session of the Dominion Parliament.

The following petition is being numerously signed by prominent business men of Toronto, Montreal, and other eastern cities, and copies have been forwarded to the Board of Trade of this city asking for the securing of the signature of the leading business men here. Thus far numerous signatures have been obtained in Winnipeg.

The position is being signed in triplicate, one ance upon a grain "elevator building and being for the Governor-General, one for the ditions" covered a warehouse standing to

Senate, and the third for the House of Com. mons.

"That your petitioners are largely interested in business transactions where credit is ordinarily given:

That justice alike to creditors and debtors requires that means be provided for the equitable distribution of the assets of debtors, after they have become insolvent, and unable to pay their debts in full; and for the restraint of the unjust preferences, which, under the laws of the various Provinces, are so frequently obtained, to the prejudice of others, whose rights are thereby sacrificed;

That the means provided for such distriction should apply to all the Provinces of the Dominion, as well as to the Northwest Territory:

That since the repeal of the Insolvent Iav, in 1880 no such provision as that hereby sought has existed in any of the Provinces, and the experience of the past five years has forcibly established the necessity for providing an excient remedy, in order to prevent a continution of the avoidable losses which have been sustained by creditors, in the absence of the necessary legislation to that end;

That there are substantial grounds for believe ing that similar opinions are becoming reprevalent among Manufacturers and Merchant in the United Kingdom, who declare that is want of such a general law as you. Petitioner have herein in view, applicable to all the Perinces of Canada, the credit of Canadian Mechants is becoming seriously impaired;

That the Executive Council of the Assertion of Commerce of the United Kingdom, in recently placed a Memorial in the hands of the Hon. Sir Charles Tapper, Canadian High & missioner at London, for transmission to the Government at Ottawa, which point out "the ill effects arising to English traders from the went of legislation in "Canada, to secure the proper distribution of Insolvent Estates," all praying for the enactment of such a law without delay:

Wherefore, your Petitioners humby put that a comprehensive measure, having for object the equitable distribution of the cuts of insolvent debtors, shall be enacted dring the present session of Parliament, so that existing grievances may be effectually exact

And your Petitioners, as in duty board, rever pray, etc., etc."

#### Recent Legal Decisions.

CONFLICT OF LAWS—NOTE MADE ON SO DAY.—A note made on Sunday and valid by law of the state where made will be easily the courts of another state by the land, which such contract would be void, according to the decision of the Supreme Court of the sas in the case of Swann vs. Swann, reported the Albany Law Journal.

INSURANCE POLICY CONSTRUCTION.—In case of Cargill et al. vs. The Millers all facturers' Insurance Company, the Sop Court of Minnesota held that a policy of it ance upon a grain "elevator building and ditions" covered a warehouse standing to the court of the court o

a hali feet from the elevator proper and attached to it by boards uniled to both buildings. The warehouse was used only for the storage of grain received into the elevator and conveyed by spouts into the warehouse.

TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGE-FAILURE TO DE-LIVER .- Where, by reason of the failure on the part of a telegraph company to deliver a message directed to a ship broker, he lost a contract, by which he would have made certain commissions had the message been promptly delivered, the Supreme Court of Georgia held that a recovery of the amount of such commissions was not too remote or speculative a measure of damages. Western Union Telegraph Company vs. Farman, decided on the 6th inst.

PARTNERSHIP DISSOLUTION. - Where a partper has retained the rightto dissolve a partnerthip at his pleasure, and on a given day orders the books to be balanced for the purpose of ascertaining the interest of the returng partner, but on the completion of that work fails and neglects to pay the som thus found to be due, and the retiring partner remains in daily attendance, and does in the business of the firm precisely what he had always done without remonstrance or complaint of the dissolving partner, the partnership will be held to have contipued until the latter has abandoned his position, or has been driven from it, or the former by done some overt act signifying that the disidution h s already taken place. So held by the Supreme Court of Louisiana in the case of Dteri vs. Oteri, decided recently.

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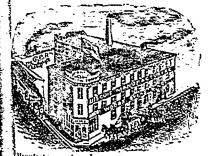
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Commencing Sunday, December 7, and until further notice, Trains will run as follows:

| Going west. |                       | Going East. |
|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 8.30 a.m.   | leave Winnipeg arris  | e 6.30 T.m. |
| 11.05 "     | Portage la Prairie    | 4.00 "      |
| 3.00 p.m.   | Brandon               | 12.30       |
| 11.00       | Broadslew             | 2.00 a.x.   |
| 5.25 a.m.   | Regina                | 8.00 p.m.   |
| 8.00 "      | Moosu Jaw             | 5.30        |
| 3.40 p.m.   | Swift Current         | 8.35 a.m.   |
| 9.40 ''     | Maple Creek           | 1.25 "      |
| 2.15 a.m.   | Medicino Hat          | 9.00 p.n.   |
| 4.30 p.m.   | Calgary               | 6,40 a.m.   |
| 1.10 a.m. a | irrive Laggan - leave | 9 15 p.m.   |

Trains between Winnipeg and Brandon dally, except Sundays. Three trains a week between Winnipeg and Moosejaw, leaving Winnipeg Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, returning 'eavo Moosejaw Sundays, Wedn'sdays and Fridays Once a week between Winnipeg and Laggan, leaving Winnipeg Tuesday; returning leave Laggan Friday. Train between Calgary and Laggan subject to cancellation at any time without notice

| Going Sast  |                       | Going West    |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 7.30 a.m.   | leave Winnipeg arri   | ve 7 20 a.m.  |
| 3,05 p.m.   | Rat Portage           | 10 45 a.m.    |
| 2,00 a.m.   | Darclay '             | 12 30 a.m.    |
| 1.00 p.m. s | arrive Port Athur   l | ca.e 1 30 n m |

Train for Port Arthur leaves Winnipeg Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; returning leaves Port Arthur Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

| Going South.       |                   | Going North          |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| *2.05 p.m. les     | ave Winnipez a    | rrive 7.0J a.m.      |
| 10.50 p.m.         | Emerson           | †4.15 a.m.           |
| 8.40, 9.15 r m.    | lea to Wumipeg av | rive 4.00, 7.00 p.mt |
| 10.30, 11.55 a.m., | Morris"           | 1.20, 5.05 p.ni      |
| 11.40 a.m.,        | Gretua            | 4.00 p m.            |
| 5.00 n m           | Maniton           | C 90 a m             |

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