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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 31, 1888.

JOHN FINDLAY has opened a waggon shop at Manitou.

MARTIN BROS., hardware, Calgary, have given up business.

CAPT. DOUGALL has opened a hotel at Duck Lake, Sask. territory.

A MOVEMENT is on foot to establish a cheese factory at Beulah, Man.

CHAS. MAIR, of Prince Albert, has opened a general store at Carlton, Sask.

D. R. FRASER, & Co. grist mill, Edmonton; style changed to Fraser & Co.

WM. FRAME, harness shop, Portage la Prairie, will move to Treherne, Man., where he will open a shop.

A. J. ELLIS has opened an office at Calgary, Alberta, as auctioneer, real estate and general commission and insurance agent.

INGLIS & SMITH, butchers and shippers, Moomin, Assa., have dissolved partnership. Henry Smith will continue the business.

THE balance of the stock of the old Garland estate, Portage la Prairie, was sold the other day by the sheriff for 13½ cents on the dollar.

J. CRAWFORD and J. P. Curran, of the Beautiful Plains Banking Co., Neepawa, have dissolved partnership. Crawford will continue the business.

THE sale of land for arrears of taxes in the town of Portage la Prairie has been adjourned until January 2nd, 1889. About \$10,000 or \$15,000 worth have been disposed of and there still remains a large quantity to be sold.

BATTLEFORD (Sask.) post office has been made a money order office.

Eggs are scarce at 60c. to 75c. a dozen at Battleford, Sask. territory.

THE Winnipeg grain and produce exchange will hold its annual meeting on Jan. 12.

F. BUCHANAN, of Winnipeg, has opened a miscellaneous stock of goods near the mounted police barracks, near Regina.

A. FERLAND & Co., general merchants, Calgary, have moved a portion of their stock to Lethbridge, Alberta, where they have opened a store which may be permanent.

T. C. LIVINGSTON, of the Mutual Insurance Company, of New York, has fitted up handsome offices in the Rowan Block, corner of Main Street and Portage Avenue. Mr. Livingston claims to have the finest offices of any insurance company represented here.

The Arden Dairy Co. gives notice of application for incorporation, for the purpose of manufacturing cheese and butter, at Arden, Man. Capital stock, \$3,000. The applicants are: John McGregor, Lewis McGhie, W. D. Ferg, Noah P. Hutchison, W. Millar, John Hockin, and Maurice Edmund Boughton.

NOTICE of application for incorporation has been given for the Western Canada Printing Co. The applicants are: S. A. D. Bertrand, H. F. Despars, J. Ernest Cyr of St. Boniface, and J. A. Richard and Jacques Burea of Winnipeg. The object of incorporation is to establish and carry on *L'Ouest Canadien*, a weekly newspaper, and to engage in the business of printers, publishers and stationers in Winnipeg and St. Boniface. Capital stock, ten thousand dollars.

MUNSON & ALLAN, of Winnipeg, give notice of application to Parliament to incorporate a company called the "Manitoba & Southeastern Railway Company," with power to construct a railway running from a point at or near Winnipeg in a southerly or southeasterly direction to a point on the international boundary in Manitoba, east of Red River, with branch lines from points to or near Morris and Selkirk, and power to build and operate telegraph lines along the company's lines of railway for railway and commercial purposes, and with power to bridge all navigable rivers on said lines, and the benefits, privileges and powers usually given to railway companies.

CALGARY is apparently going ahead. A correspondent there writes: Owing to the mild weather we have been having, building operations are still being continued. James A. Lougheed is building a \$15,000 business block on Stephen avenue, and the last of the masonry work is being done on the new Alberta hotel. This building is to cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000, and will be the handsomest and best equipped hostelry between the coast and the lakes. Next year quite a building boom is confidently expected. Sir J. L. Kaye has purchased a large lot of land on which he intends to erect a \$75,000 building, and the Government has let the contract for a handsome court house and customs house. All of these buildings are to be of the handsome freestone quarried from the bluffs surrounding the town.

W. J. BROTHERTON has opened a watch making and jewellery business at Regina, Assa.

C. H. STRUTT, dry goods, Port Arthur, will open a store at Vancouver, B.C. He will go to Vancouver in February.

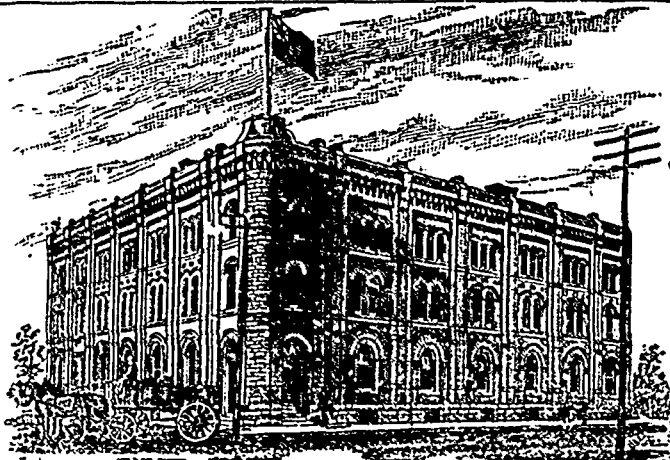
THE Empire Brewing Company has commenced business at Winnipeg. The company has purchased and fitted up the large brewery north of the Assiniboine river, with new machinery.

THE COMMERCIAL has to acknowledge the receipt of several cards and calendars, some of which are very handsome. Those so favoring the office are: Rublee, Riddle & Co., wholesale fruits; W. F. Doll, wholesale jewellery; G. F. Stephens & Co., wholesale paints, etc.; Mackenzie & Mills, wholesale grocers; the Ogilvie Milling Co.; Bryan & Co., cigar manufacturers; Blackwood Bros., aerated water manufacturers; Jas. Hay & Co., furniture. Also from the Winnipeg office of the Portage Milling Co.

J. A. GEMMELL, of Ottawa, gives notice of application to Parliament to incorporate a company to construct a railway from a point at or near Portage la Prairie, running in a northerly or northwesterly direction to a point to reach deep water at the southern boundary of Lake Manitoba, also to improve and connect water communication between lakes Manitoba, Winnipegosis and the North Saskatchewan river by the construction and maintenance of canals; with power to erect and maintain dams for the purposes of said canals; also docks, steam and sailing vessels, scows and boats, and use and navigate the same on any of said waters.

RAT PORTAGE is expecting something in the nature of a boom next season. The decision of the Privy Council in the disputed titles case, has greatly improved the prospects of the place, and now that titles can be secured to mining properties, considerable interest is expected to be taken in the development of the mineral wealth of the region. The by-law to grant a bonus of \$10,000 in aid of the establishment of a smelter, will undoubtedly be carried by a large majority. The lumbering industry is also steadily expanding, and the large new mill in course of erection will add to the importance of the place. A board of trade is being established, which should be of benefit in guarding the interests of the town.

At the annual meeting of the Manitou cheese factory, it was stated that the result of the season was not so satisfactory as last year, owing to the late spring and early fall frosts. The average per 100 lbs. milk for the season was 61 68-100, which is equal to about 18½ cents per lb. cash, for butter, and as good butter was sold here during the summer for 10 and 15 cents per lb., the factory has been a decided advantage. Some of the patrons who were present realised \$23.00 per cow for five months. Following is the statement submitted: lbs. milk received during season, 661,982; los. cheese made therefrom, 65,616; gross value of cheese, \$6190.73; charges for making, etc., \$2107.71; net value of cheese, \$4083.02; average value per 100 lbs. milk, 61 68-100; average lbs. milk to lb. cheese, 10 09-100; average gross price per lb. cheese, 69 43-100; average charges per lb. cheese, 3 21-100; average net price per lb. cheese, 6 22-100.

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The *Courier* wants a board of trade established at Nanaimo.

A fruit growers association for the province will be organized.

Lake Winnipeg whitefish have been shipped to Kamloops recently.

J. J. Cowderoy, general merchant, Vancouver, advertises selling out.

The *Vancouver World* has issued a very creditable Christmas number.

Creighton, Fraser & Co. have commenced business at Vancouver, as ship chandlers.

J. D. Woodhill, a practical tanner, has leased the tannery at Nanaimo and will operate it.

Dobson & Son have commenced the manufacturing of heating appliances and elevating machinery generally at Vancouver.

The steamship *Batavia* sailed on Christmas day from Vancouver for Yokohama with four passengers, 58 Chinese and 1,150 tons of cargo.

While digging a well near Brackman & Ker's mill at Saanich, Vancouver Island, Walter Campbell struck a seam of coal only twenty feet below the surface.

The Victoria council has granted to D. W. Higgins, J. D. Warren and others a franchise for fifty years to lay tracks for street cars and to string wires for electric lighting and other purposes throughout the city.

Donald *Iruth* says: Miss Lena Anderson has purchased a three-year lease of the Gold House, one of Vancouver's best hotels, and leaves Donald to take charge of the business.

G. O. Buchanan has been granted the timber limits he applied for near Nelson, in the Toad Mountain country, and has a saw mill lying at Spokane Falls, which he intends shipping in as soon as transportation can be had in the spring.

Thirteen and a half tons of shell fish, sea weed and other barnacles have been removed from the hull of the steamer *Olympian* in the dry dock at Esquimalt. Relieved of this load, the steamer will make better time than she has of late.

At a meeting of the Victoria Jubilee Hospital committee a resolution to accept the tender of John Elford for the erection of the building for the sum of \$30,500 was duly carried, and the building committee was authorized to proceed at once with the work.

A couple of Chinese girls, disguised as klookchmen (squaws), left Victoria recently for Washington Territory, and reached Tacoma before being discovered. The custom house officer at that port discovered their disguise, and the two women were arrested for trying to evade the Chinese restriction law.

Application will be made to the provincial legislature at the coming session for a charter and land grant for a railway to be built from some point on or near Butte Inlet through the Chilcote and Cariboo districts and Yellowhead Pass, to connect with a probable extension of the Manitoba & Northwestern road from Winnipeg.

The C. P. Ry. Co. has a store at Donald, for the purpose of selling goods to employees, and others not in the employ of the company have also been in the habit of buying goods at the store. The Donald merchants want the store closed up, and they urge, with good reason, that it is unfair that they should be obliged to compete with the C. P. R.

Some years ago the United States Government stocked the Sacramento river, California, with shad, a fish not previously found on the Pacific coast. The fish have increased very rapidly, and are now a great source of wealth to California. The fish have been going north gradually, and have now reached the B. C. coast. Several were caught in the Fraser river the past season.

The *Victoria Standard* of last week mentions that butterflies were flitting about, and adds: New instances of the mildness of the weather crops up in the fact that an apple tree in G. Pottinger's garden is in full bloom, and a gladiolus of this season's growth, fully fifteen inches in height, has been grown in the garden of Thos Partridge, where an apple tree is now putting forth leaves for the second time this year. So far there have been no frosts, and

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DEAR SIR,—In handing you our check for \$1,301.26, in full for balance of your contract for building and enlarging our mill, we without solicitation wish to state, that you have done your work in a manner highly satisfactory to this company. The capacity which you guaranteed at 275 barrels, we find considerably under the mark, as we are at present making over 300 barrels, and the quality of the flour is all that we could wish for. Some of our largest purchasers frankly tell us, it is equal to any flour made in either Minnesota or this province. The yield also we find very satisfactory. We must also bear testimony to your pleasing and gentlemanly manner, and your willingness at all times to meet our wishes. This has made our business relations pleasant and we can honestly say, that we recommend you to any person, requiring anything in the mill building or mill furnishing line. Wishing you the success that straight dealing merits, we are
Yours very truly,

THE PORTAGE MILLING CO.
Jas. MacLenaghan, Managing Director.

evidently the next winter, if there is one, will be the mildest within the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

An Ottawa telegram of Dec. 17, says:—Hon. J. Robson, Provincial Secretary of British Columbia, left for home to-night. During stay he had conference with all the Ministers. The questions discussed were county court judges, Skeena river troubles, Alaska boundary, railway lands, Indian matters. He also urged the Government to provide a revenue cutter for the Pacific coast. Hon. Mr. Bowell promised a remission of duty on machinery imported for mining purposes by the Provincial Government.

The *Victoria Colonist* says: It is very unfortunate that the delicious fish which, as far as known, is peculiar to the waters of the North Pacific, has been called the "black cod." It is not a codfish. It does not resemble the cod in any single particular, except perhaps slightly in its shape. So far from being like the codfish it is strikingly unlike it. The cod is a lean fish, its meat is dry—the skil, as it ought to be called, is an extremely fat fish, its flesh is juicy and its flavor, either fresh or salt, is simply delicious. It would be impossible to cure the skil by drying it. It is altogether too fat and its flesh too delicate. It is a great deal more like a mackerel than a codfish, and any one that tries it will find it for a breakfast relish not only an excellent substitute for that fish, but greatly its superior in delicacy of flavor. We trust that the name "black cod" arbitrarily chosen, and greatly misleading, will fall into disuse and that the fish will be made known to the world by its native name "Skil."

The *Nanaimo Morning Courier*, the new journal published in the "Black Diamond City," has made its appearance. It is a neatly printed and newsy little paper, and its editorials have a sound ring about them. The initial number gives a very full description of the town of Nanaimo, from which we learn that the place has a population of from five to six thousand, exclusive of the adjoining town of Wellington. Coal mining is the principal industry of the place. The mines at present being operated are three in number, and all are

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turning out a great quantity of coal daily. The three companies carrying on mining are the Vancouver Coal Mining and Land Company, Naniamo; East Wellington Coal Company, three miles from the city, and R. Dunsmuir & Sons, Wellington. Between 2,000 and 3,000 miners are employed by the different companies, and the output of coal average about 2,000 tons per day. Great activity exists on all sides, and now shafts are being sunk within a short distance of the city.

Lumber Cuttings.

A sawmill for the Lake Dauphin district is talked of. There is plenty of good spruce timber.

Effort are being made to rebuild the sawmill recently destroyed by fire at New Sweden, Manitoba.

The machinery for the new mill of Ross, Hall & Brown, at the west end of Norman, Rat-Portage, has arrived.

At Tait's camp on the Bird Tail there are now upwards of 40,000 saw logs cut and skidded. The total cut for this winter will be between ninety and one hundred thousand saw logs.

Lumber men and bush men are anxiously awaiting the advent of snow, but the "beautiful" is tardy of coming. Several parties have large quantities of wood in the bush, but cannot get it out until sleighing comes.

A fire broke out in the engine house of Brown & Rutherford's lumber mills, Winnipeg, recently, and damaged the premises to the extent of \$500. The fire originated from the furnace. The brigade turned out, and by working energetically saved the mills from destruction.

The revenue obtained by the Dominion from the sale of timber and mineral leases in the disputed territory claimed by Ontario, was small. The regulations are the same as those in vogue in Manitoba and the Northwest. The Dominion collected a ground rental of \$5 per square mile per annum in addition to a royalty of five per cent. on all lumber sales.

The *Manitoba Colonist* says: In the Thunder Bay district of Lake Superior there are about four hundred million feet of pine, white and red, tributary to the Pine, Arrow and Pigeon rivers, and it was estimated that one hundred millions were burned over last year. This lies in the square from the lake to Savanne, on the Canadian Pacific Railway, and south from that line to the International boundary.

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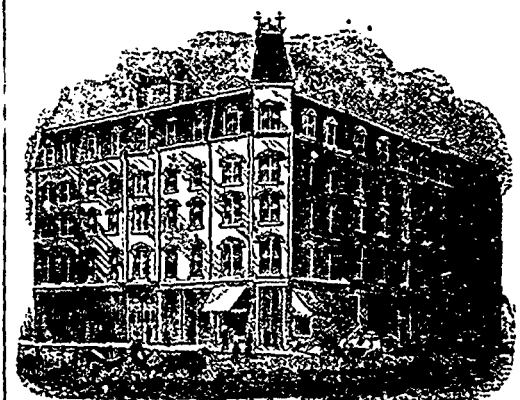
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MANITOBA'S MENNONITE POPULATION.

Many people in Manitoba have an idea the Mennonite settlers are not a desirable acquisition to the population of the country, and not unfrequently remarks of a disparaging nature will be heard regarding these people. These remarks are based on the belief that they are a penurious and non-progressive people, who refuse to become Canadianized, but persist in perpetuating their peculiar Old World customs here, and who subsist on the barest necessities of life. True the Mennonites have some peculiarities, which tend to make them a distinctive people, but some of these peculiarities could be copied by the English speaking residents to the general advantage of the country.

One peculiarity of the Mennonites is, that as a class they are remarkably honest. This is not to be taken as meaning that other residents are notoriously dishonest; but it is the general testimony of business men having dealings with these people, that they are far more reliable than other residents. Of course there are a few black sheep among them, but the number is surprisingly small. The word of a Mennonite can generally be accepted with the utmost confidence, and they are a safe people to credit in trade transactions. A member of a firm in Manitoba which does a large trade with the Mennonites, says that they have lost more from trusting English speaking people than from the Mennonites, though only about one per cent. of their trade is with persons other than Mennonites.

Another peculiarity with the Mennonites is, that they invariably sell their grain early in the fall, as soon as they can get it threshed, and at once pay off their debts. A Mennonite's love of money never prevents him from paying his debts as soon as he gets the money; and he always pays cash for his purchases when he has the money. He does not hold his grain for higher prices, and compel the merchant to wait an unreasonable time for money which the latter may be very much in need of. He does not invest his money with the object of making a profit upon it, as some English speaking farmers are known to do, while accounts with the merchant are allowed to run for years. The first thing he does is to pay

his debts, when he gets the money. Many people will run an account with a merchant for a length of time, and when they get money, will go to a competitor and buy for cash, allowing the account to stand. This is a dishonorable custom which the Mennonite is not guilty of.

The Mennonite has a peculiarity of endeavouring to treat all his creditors alike. If he has \$100, and owes \$200 to several different persons, he will give each creditor his just portion of what he has. He will not pay the \$100 to say an implement agent, who would charge him interest, and "stand off" the merchant who would not be so liable to add interest to the bill.

The Mennonite is a close buyer, and he always wants the best price going for what he has to sell, hence he is sometimes said to be mean or stingy; but he is only doing what he has a perfect right to do. Buying close and selling to the best advantage is the great secret of success in the lives of many great merchants, the world over. Besides, the Mennonite is largely a cash buyer, and he is therefore the more justified in endeavoring to buy close. He does not put his money out at interest, and expect to buy on credit without paying interest.

In the early days of the Mennonite settlements in Manitoba, a good many "sharp tricks" were played upon these people, by unprincipled persons. They were honest themselves and imagined others to be the same, hence they were easy victims to the cupidity of others. They were unacquainted with the customs and requirements of the country, and were led into purchasing articles in farm implements, animals, etc., which were of little use to them. They knew nothing about legal procedure in this country, and frequently had their effects seized on account of disregard of legal papers served upon them. This has led them to be careful in transacting business with strangers, almost to the extent of suspiciousness, but for this they are not much to blame.

The idea that the Mennonites are a non-progressive people, and determined to remain just as they were when they first came to Manitoba, is a very great mistake. A visit to the Mennonite settlements will show that quite the opposite is the case. They are economical in their habits, and very wisely they chose to live frugally during the early years of their settlement in the country. They were starting anew in life, not knowing what

was before them, and it was necessary for them to be careful about their expenditures. But now that they have learned the mode of successful agriculture in this country, and have become established and are getting ahead, they are commencing to spend their money quite freely, not only for the necessities of life, but for some things that may be termed luxuries. If all our immigrants would live frugally until they are in a position to launch out a little, failures would be few indeed. The Mennonites have had splendid crops for three years in succession, and the result is readily noticeable. They have made money, and they are spending it in a way to better their condition. New frame houses are rapidly taking the place of their original habitations, with thatched roofs, and it is said by an authority that next season a great deal of building will be done in the Mennonite settlements. They are also investing freely in better household effects.

Already the influence of Canadian customs is telling upon them, in their mode of living. The system of living together in villages is now breaking up, and now only a few families are left in some of their largest villages. One by one they are dropping out, and going out to live separately, each on his own farm. They are also commencing to take an interest in politics. At the last provincial elections, 170 votes were cast on the Mennonite reserve, which was a larger number than was given in all previous elections. In one direction, however, there is great neglect, and that is in the important matter of education. Many of the schools are of a very inferior character, and it is said the rising generation will not be as well cared for in the matter of education as the parents have been. Religious sentiment is at the bottom of the trouble. A number of the Mennonites, especially several of the leaders in matters of religion, are strongly opposed to the introduction of the public school system, and to a more liberal course of education, on the ground that it will militate to the disadvantage of the Mennonite form of religion. This is a matter very greatly to be regretted, and one which is worthy of special investigation by the government.

Altogether, however, the Manitoba Mennonites have made great advancement since coming to the province, and that advancement has been especially marked during the last two years. They have shown themselves to be an honest,

industrious and progressive people, and a great source of wealth to the country. Those who are familiar with these people, invariably speak most favorably of them, and not a few declare that within a few years the Mennonite district will be the wealthiest portion of Manitoba.

THE CROSSINGS DECISION.

Regarding the rights possessed by Manitoba as a province, the people thereof might well echo the question, "I am weary of conjectures," and the decision of the Supreme Court on the 22nd instant, on the Red River Valley crossings question, while it was welcome news to every friend of the province, has by no means ended their conjectures, and even the cause for congratulation which it brings, is in a great measure counterbalanced by the well grounded fear, that the favorable decision is only another deceptive gleam of hope, preceding some fresh obstruction to the natural progress of Manitoba, which a grasping monopoly, backed by a truculent and time-serving Government may place in the way, and with might against right enforce, until the tedious course of incomprehensible constitutional law clears the way, only for a fresh obstruction to fill the gap.

There can be no doubt but the unanimous decision of the highest court of Canada, declaring the right of Manitoba to construct railways and cross C.P.R. lines within the boundaries of the province, is a cause for great joy to the oppressed and burdened people here, and now that such a decision has been given, it may furnish some grim amusement, although but little instruction and satisfaction, to take a retrospective view of the tortuous course pursued to reach what the judges of the Supreme Court seemed to have no doubts about.

With all other cases involving permission to cross existing lines of railway, whether or not they were considered works for the general good of Canada, the Railway Committee of the Dominion House seem to have considered themselves perfectly competent to decide, and where any such favors were required for the C.P.R. they were promptly granted. But when the Province of Manitoba asked permission to cross a C.P.R. branch line, this Railway Committee with an astounding display of caution doubted whether it had power to grant such a request. Then comes the amusing part of doubt, namely that it was all based upon

certain acts of the Dominion Parliament, which they—the members of the Railway Committee—had within a very few years superintended and engineered through their different stages of legislation. In short these members of the Railway Committee confessed their inability, to interpret the legislation, which but recently they had taken the responsibility of carrying through, and requested the bench of the Supreme Court to interpret for them the incomprehensible syntactical tangle they had themselves framed.

Such an alleged state of doubt as the Railway Committee at Ottawa were in two months ago, may be quite natural to politicians, for in Canadian politics are many things which seem dark to average mortals. To men of ordinary business acumen, however, the matter is inexplicable unless upon one of two theories. The first is that the committee had no doubts more than the Supreme Court had, but they had not the moral courage to follow their judgment by granting the request of Manitoba in opposition to a huge monopoly, in connection with which their brood and following filled many a fat place, to which their brains or ability did not entitle them. The second theory is, that the committee was as ignorant and incapable as it claimed to be. That it was in the same position as the man who wrote a letter and could not read it, or the painter who painted a ship, but was careful to write the letters "SHIP" on the canvass, before laying it aside for the night, in case he might in the morning forget what it was intended for. Which of these theories is correct, matters but little. Either the truculence and moral cowardice or the block-headed ignorance of this Railway Committee has blocked the railway progress of a growing province for a year, for construction cannot now be resumed until the summer comes around, and who knows but the same truculence, moral cowardice or ignorance may furnish a similar block for another year.

As above stated, the fear that some other means of obstruction may be placed in the track of Manitoba's railway progress, is not without foundation, if the experience of the past is to be taken as an index. A progressive people like what we have in Manitoba, can be wearied out by continued obstruction, and goaded into measures other than legislative or legal in asserting their rights. Those who trample on these rights may calculate that a sense of weakness is an effectual barrier

to any forcible action on the part of Manitobans, and so far their calculation is correct. It has long been a question in the minds of the majority here, as to whether slow constitutional efforts, or quick and forcible ones were the proper methods to secure trampled rights, and only a sense of weakness has forced the decision in favor of the constitutional course. But senses can be dulled and deadened, and this sense of weakness is no exception to the rule. Repeated blows on the most sensitive spots bring deadness in time, and it would not take many more blows upon this sensitive point of railway rights, to deaden all sense of weakness in this province, and inaugurate a state of affairs that would sound the death knell of Canadian confederation. It is to be hoped, however, that at Ottawa wiser counsel than that of the past will prevail, and that the danger referred to will soon disappear.

FARMING MUST PAY.

From the number of people who have left Manitoba during the past few weeks, on pleasure trips to their friends in Eastern Canada and the Old Country, one would be led to believe that there can be anything but "hard times" in Manitoba. Every country paper contains items, telling of the departure of parties numbering sometimes 50 to 200 persons, on pleasure trips. It is also noted that a great many of these people are farmers. When so many farmers can go off on expensive pleasure trips, in what has been considered a very unsatisfactory crop year, it would certainly seem that farming in Manitoba must be a very profitable occupation. When so many hundreds of farmers can go east to spend the holiday season, there cannot be much reason for complaint about the scarcity of money. Undoubtedly many farmers suffered very severely from the unseasonable weather of last summer and fall, but taking one year with another, Manitoba farmers as a rule have made money, and made it fast. The majority who suffered last fall will not be put to very great inconvenience, as they are now in a position to stand a loss occasionally without necessitating any great curtailment of expenditure. Of course some will be a little hard up for ready cash, until they can gather another crop, but the fact that there will be a very large increase in the grain area all over Manitoba next spring, shows that the losses of last fall have not impoverished the people. Adding to this the fact that there has been a veritable exodus of farmers this fall and winter, on expensive pleasure trips eastward, it must be taken for granted that there has been a considerable surplus of cash in the country, over the amount required for ordinary expenditure.

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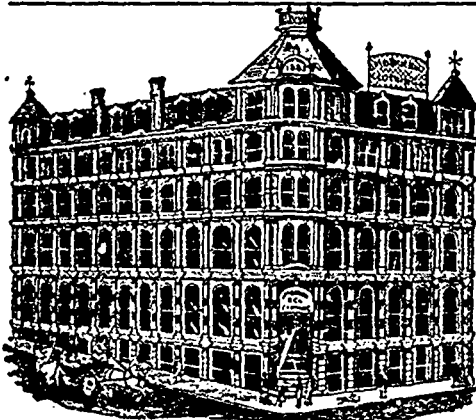
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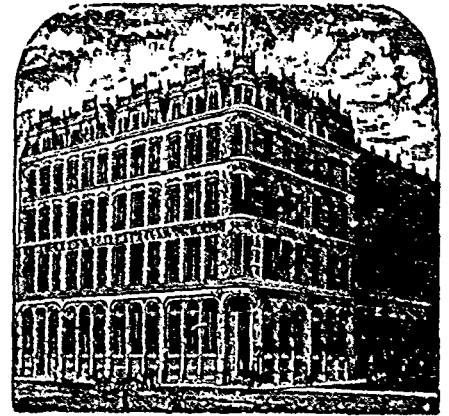
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Monetary affairs, like all other details of business, have worn a holiday appearance during the past week, and a report upon their movement would not furnish much of an index to their general drift. At the banks the stream of trade discounts has for the time dropped off considerably, but in all of these institutions the report of the year is foreshadowed as likely to be very satisfactory, while the outlook for the coming one is equally encouraging. Of course discount rates are unchanged, and there is not enough of keen interest in business generally to develop any change. In real estate mortgage loan business there has been a similar state of rest and leisure, but agents still expect heavy payments from the country, but not till the New Year opens. New applications for loans have been few, but are expected to increase in number next week. Interest rates are unchanged and nominal.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

After Christmas usually comes a lull in business, and this is what has been experienced in many branches of wholesale trade during the past week. In a good many lines trade was very quiet, and some houses have already commenced taking stock. A good many houses will while away the dull season in this way. There is some diversity of opinion as to the extent of the Christmas trade this year, as compared with past years. On the whole, Christmas week was comparatively a quiet one, but as far as can be learned, the city retail stores had a good average holiday trade, and in some lines business aggregated larger than last year. Altogether the season has, therefore, been a fairly profitable one.

DRUGS.

There is little to note in this branch, save an advance of 5c in camphor. Prices of goods are steady, as follows: Howard' quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.75; iodide of potassium, \$1.25 to \$1.75; bromide of potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 45 to 50c; English camphor, 50 to 55c; glycerine, 37 to 40c; tartaric acid, 70 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$8 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$1.50 to \$5; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$1 to \$5; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 7 1/2 to 8 1/2c.

FRUITS.

Rather a dull week was experienced in fruits, which by contrast with the activity of the previous week, was made to seem all the slower. City retailers were taking very little for the few days following Christmas, as they had plenty of stock left over. The fruit trade for the holiday season, however, has been a very good one, and sales aggregated very much better than last year. The variety of goods now in the market is not very great. Apples are firmer, and quoted 25c per barrel higher. Malaga lemons are out of the market, and stocks of California pears are about exhausted. Quotations are as follows:—Apples, \$3.50 to \$4.00 for choice to fancy stock; Montreal fameuse, \$4.25 per barrel. British

Columbia winter pears are offered in large boxes at \$4 to \$4.25 per box. Messina lemons are quoted at \$6 to \$6.50, Florida oranges, \$3.00 to \$6.50 a box; Malaga grapes in 60 to 65 pound kegs are quoted at \$8 to \$8.50; Cranberries are quoted: bell and cherry, \$10.00; bell and bugle, \$11.50. Southern onions, \$2.50 per 100 pounds; cider, rectified, in barrels, 35c per gallon.

FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Trade in dried fruits will now be quiet for a while. Prices are steady:—Valencia raisins \$2.25 to \$2.35; Malaga \$3.00; London layers \$1.75; Black Basket, 1/4 boxes, \$1.75; Black Crown, \$6.25. New currants 7 1/2c; evaporated apples, 9 1/2c; peaches, 30c; apricots, 22 1/2c; peeled peaches, 24 to 29c; unpeeled peaches, 17 to 19c; prunellas, 19c; dried apples, 6 1/2 to 7c. Elms figs, in 10 to 20 lb. boxes, 18 to 20c per lb; one pound boxes, \$2 per dozen; Fancy golden dates in 50 lb. boxes, 9c per pound; ordinary dates, 7c per lb; walnuts, 18c per lb; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb; Cooanuts, \$10 per 100.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

There is not much in the market in the fresh fish line, but a large lot is on the way from the east. Oysters are unchanged in price. In fresh fish, Lake Winnipeg white are quoted at 7 1/2 to 8c; pickerel, 6c; pike, 3 1/2 to 4c; Lake Superior trout, 10c; boneless cod in crates of small boxes, 3 1/2c per pound; in boxes of from 25 to 40 pounds, 7 1/2c per lb; Labrador herrings, \$10 per barrel, and \$5.25 in half barrels; smoked finnan haddies, 11 cents per pound; smoked red herrings, 30 cents per box; Yarmouth bloaters, boxes of 100, \$3.25; St. John bloaters, \$2.10; fresh smelts, 10c per lb. Oysters quoted in bulk at \$1.80 a gallon for Standard and \$2 for Select. Cans are held at 50c to 55c for the same brands.

FURS.

There has been no recent development of importance in furs, and the highest prices expected are not likely to be realized in some sorts. The wide range of prices is intended to cover the different grades, top prices being for prime skins, and from that downward to poor skins. A fine lot of furs was received from the Lake Superior district last week, including black and silver fox, otter, beaver, fisher, bear, etc. That these furs come to Winnipeg in preference to Montreal, bears out the claim that Winnipeg is the best primary fur market on the continent. Prices are: Black bear, \$2.00 to \$18.00; black bear cubs and yearlings, \$1.00 to \$9.00; brown bear, \$1.50 to \$16.00; brown bear cubs and yearlings, 50c to \$7.00; fisher, per skin, \$1.00 to \$7.00; otter, per skin, \$2.00 to .9.00; beaver, clean and dry, per lb., \$2.00 to \$3.75; silver fox, as to size and beauty, \$20. to \$75. cross fox per skin, \$2.00 to \$8.00; red fox per skin, 25c to \$1.50; grey fox, 25c to 80c; timber wolf, \$1.50 to \$3.50; prairie wolf, 25c to \$1.00; wolverine, \$1.00 to \$6.00; Lynx, 50c to \$3.50; wild cat, 25c to 60c; marten; dark, 50c to \$2.50; marten, brown and pale, 25c to \$1.75; skunk, as to stripe, 15c to 90c; raccoon, 25c to 75c; mink, as to color, 10c to 50c; badger, 10c to 75c; muskrat, fall, 3c to 10c.

GROCERIES.

This branch has experienced the usual quiet spell incident to the season, and business is about at a standstill. Prices are steady at last quotations, as follows: Sugars—yellows 7 to 7 1/2; granulated 9c.; lumps 9 1/2 to 9 3/4. Coffees—Rios, from 21 to 24c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 27 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 28 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 46 1/2c; P. of W. caddies, 47c; Honeyuckle, 7s, 55c; Brior, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette f lace, 12s, 48c. Specials of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; G. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$49; Terrior, \$30 per 1000.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

Receipts have declined, and apparently the bulk of hides from Christmas stock have been sent in. Prices are unchanged as follows: Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 2c. Frozen hides, 3c all round. Calfskins are quoted at 4 to 5c, but few are offering, and most are classed at kip, which are worth 2c. Sheepskins 25 to 50c as to quality. Tallow, 2 1/2c for rough, and 5 1/2c for rendered.

THE MARKETS.

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WHEAT.

Last week being holiday week, the leading wheat markets of the continent were of course not very active. Monday and Tuesday were observed in most markets as a holiday. On Wednesday Chicago opened about 2c lower than the closing price of the previous Saturday, and prices declined during the day from 4 to 6c. Though prices gained someone the following days, yet a feeling of great nervousness has prevailed, and the uncertainty of the future course of prices has been very apparent. The closing prices at Chicago on Wednesday were about 20c under the top prices of this season, reached about two months ago. All continental markets were weak. The visible supply increased 791,000 bushels for the week ended Dec. 22, making the total 38,035,891 bushels, against 44,247,026 bushels a year ago.

Exports of wheat (and flour), from both coasts, for the week ended Dec. 22, aggregate 1,487,720 bushels, against 2,717,473 in the third week in December, 1887. The total wheat (and flour) shipped from the United States from July 1, to December 21, is equivalent to 50,000,000 bushels of wheat, against 73,000,000 bushels in a like portion of 1887. Over 7,870 barrels of flour and 22,800 bushels of wheat were shipped for Australia at San Francisco that week. Minneapolis has 7,753,516 bushels of wheat in store against 3,084,827 bushels a year ago. Duluth has in store 867,176 bushels against 6,166,606 bushels the same time last year. There were in store in country elevators in Minnesota and Dakota, a year ago 20,300,000 bushels, now 8,500,000 bushels, making the aggregate stocks in elevators in Minnesota and Dakota, 17,385,269 bushels now against 34,851,433 bushels a year ago. Receipts of wheat

at the four principal spring wheat markets from the beginning of the crop year, Aug. 1, 1888, to December 24, and for the same time a year ago are:—

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	23,091,115	24,463,658
Milwaukee	3,361,187	5,044,446
Duluth	3,522,383	11,736,826
Chicago	8,112,087	7,903,587
Total	38,086,772	46,148,517

Receipts of wheat at the four principal winter wheat markets from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1888, to December 24, and for the same time a year ago, were:—

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	6,791,219	7,738,704
St. Louis	10,410,780	10,518,300
Detroit	5,814,905	4,963,966
Kansas City	1,542,169	1,002,100
Total	24,559,073	24,223,070

The local situation has been duller than over for the past week. Deliveries were lighter than usual last week, which may be partially accounted for by the holiday season. Estimates are now being made of the quantity of wheat remaining in farmer's hands, but such of course are mere speculation, as there is no way of arriving at a reliable idea of the quantity held. It is noticeable, however, that estimates of the crop are growing smaller every week, and some dealers claim that there is not over 1,000,000 bushels yet to be marketed, which would make the total exports from the crop under 4,000,000 bushels. In view of the weak situation in leading wheat centres, dealers were trying to get prices to farmers down some last week, but with light receipts and the keen competition among country buyers, it was difficult to bear prices. Prices to farmers in provincial markets continue very irregular, and rule from 80 to 85c for No. 1 hard at most points, though in a few markets these prices were exceeded. At the mills in the city, 85c was the top price paid to farmers.

FLOUR.

There has been a further decline of 10c in flour prices to the local trade. The Ogilvie mill resumed operations again on Wednesday last. Prices are unchanged and to the local trade are quoted: Patents, \$2.80; strong bakers, \$2.60; XXX, \$2.00; superfine, \$1.50. Graham flour, \$2.60; middlings, \$2.50.

MILLSTUFFS

Prices to the trade are now quoted \$1 per ton for both bran and shorts, as follows: Bran, \$11, and shorts \$13 per ton.

BARLEY.

There continues very little doing in barley, and prices remain unsatisfactory. Quotations range from 20 to 30c to farmers, at outside points.

OATS.

As high as 27 to 28c was paid for loads on the market on some days, for ordinary, but 27c was the top price paid at the mill for milling oats at the close of the week. At outside points from 20 to 22c was the usual range of prices. There is very little doing in shipping, as eastern markets are very quiet.

OATMEAL.

No change reported, prices are: Standard, \$2.50; granulated, \$2.65; rolled, \$3.

CHEESE.

Dull at 10½ to 11c in jobbing lots.

BUTTER.

The feeling is easier in this market. There is scarcely any demand from any quarter, and the situation is one of great dullness. As this

dullness has set in just as receipts are commencing to increase, it is difficult to maintain prices. Top quotations are now seldom obtained. From 20 to 21c may be quoted as the range for best qualities. The last top quotation of 22c can hardly now be expected for anything.

EGGS.

Limed are still held at 25c and imported strictly fresh at 30c, with fresh of indifferent quality about 27c.

LARD.

Steady at \$2.60 for home packed, \$2.50 for Chicago, per 20 pound pail.

CURED MEATS.

Home cured quoted: Dry salt, 12c; rolls, 13c; breakfast bacon, 14c; hams, 15c. Chicago cured quoted: Dry salt 11½ to 12c; rolls, 14c; breakfast bacon, 15c; hams, 15c; pork sausage quoted at 10c, and bologna 9c per lb.

DRESSED MEATS.

Beef sides or carcasses steady at 5 to 6c for frozen, country dressed. Hogs are still quoted at 7½ to 8c, but the top price has been readily paid for good animals. Butchers are now pretty well stocked with meats, and the feeling is if anything easier. Mutton is quoted at 10c for carcasses, but in large lots may be had for 9c. Veal, 8 to 10c.

POULTRY.

Chickens continue rather scarce, and have brought 10c. Imported turkeys are in good supply, at 13 to 14c, geese and ducks, 11½ to 12½c.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes are firmer and worth 25 to 30 cts. per bushel, the latter price being usually paid for loads on the market. Other prices are: Turnips, 25c per bushel; onions, \$1.50 per bushel; cabbage, \$6 to \$7 per 100; carrots, 60c per bushel; beets, 50c per bushel; celery, 50 to 75c per dozen bunches.

FUEL.

Wood on the market is quoted: Poplar, \$3.50; poplar pc, \$3; tamarac, \$4.75 to \$5; maple, \$6.50 to \$7; oak, \$6.

HAY.

Pleasant, at \$6 to \$6.50 per ton.

The Traveller's Banquet.

On Friday evening the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association held their sixth annual banquet in the Clarendon hotel, Winnipeg, and it is questionable if the spacious dining hall of that house ever presented such a brilliant spectacle as it did on this occasion.

About nine o'clock President W. M. Ronald took the chair, and the company ranged themselves around the tables to the number of about two hundred. A really excellent dinner was served, which reflected credit on the genial host, Mr. Bennet, and those present took full advantage of his efforts.

Ranged each side of the chairman were the Hon. Thos. Greenway, Hon. Joseph Martin, Hon. John Norquay, Mayor elect Ryan, U. S. Consul Taylor, Rev. Dr. Duval, Rev. Archdeacon Fortin, Rev. Mr. Redley, and other prominent gentlemen.

Shortly before eleven o'clock the chairman commenced the programme of the night by calling upon the secretary, Mr. John M. O'Loughlin, who read letters of apology for absence from Lieut.-Governor Schultz, Mr. W. C. Van Home, Lieut.-Col. Taylor, Rev. A. A. Cameron and others, after which the chairman commenced the toast list by proposing "The Queen and the Royal Family," which was drunk with the customary enthusiasm.

The second toast of the "Lieut.-Governor and the Manitoba Legislature," brought out in response pithy response from Premier Greenway and Attorney-General Martin, and a humorous forecast of the Drummer's probable progress towards the Yukon country and the Arctic Circle from the Hon. Mr. Norquay.

The toast of "The President of the United States" was responded to by Consul Taylor in an eloquent speech, and by the Rev. Dr. Duval, who, from a personal acquaintance of President Cleveland, was in a position to speak from knowledge, passed a high tribute to the moral rectitude of the President as a public man.

The "United Service" brought out replies from Lieut.-Col. Boswell and Major Coutlee, and a recitation in good style by Mr. Jas. Porter of "The Charge of the Light Brigade"; and the toast of "The Clergy" was ably responded to by the Rev. Mr. Pedley.

Mayor elect Ryan responded to the toast of "The City Council" in a speech bristling with broad humor.

Mr. Geo. Galt, President of the Board of Trade, responded to the toast of "The Commercial and Manufacturing Interests" in a short speech full of encouragement to those who had settled in this country in business and were determined to stick to it.

Lieut.-Col. McMillan, who responded to the same toast, spoke of the great progress Manitoba had made during the past few years, and gave some interesting facts and figures regarding the development of the grain trade of the province.

The other toasts were "The Railway Interests," "Sister Associations," "Our Customers," "The Ladies," "The Press," and "Our Host," all of which found representatives to respond.

During the night some fine songs were rendered, among which we cannot refrain from specially mentioning "The Pleasant Sunlight of our Home," by Mr. Kelly, and "Out on the Deep," by Mr. Ferte. Altogether the banquet was one of the most enjoyable affairs that has ever occurred in this city.

The Travelling Men.

D. C. McGregor, a well-known Winnipeg travelling man, is now with Tees, Wilson & Co. of Montreal, and will in future represent this house in the west.

The sixth annual meeting of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association was held in the board of trade rooms, Winnipeg, on Wednesday last, President Ronald occupying the chair. There was a good attendance. The election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—President, W. M. Ronald; vice-president, M. R. O'Loughlin; treasurer, A. Strang; secretary, J. M. O'Loughlin. There was a spirited contest for positions on the directorate. About 125 votes were cast altogether, and the dozen or more candidates ran a pretty close race. The five gentlemen heading the poll were declared elected. They were: H. Bell, T. Montgomery, W. S. Alley, M. W. Rublee, and H. Bruce Gordon. The annual reports were read and adopted. Mr. Ronald, in his report, stated that the membership had increased from 190 to 213. Regarding insurance, the president said

"There are at present two Commercial Travelers' Mutual Benefit societies. The membership fee is \$1 per annum, and an assessment is made on the death of a member, which enables the society to pay to their representatives the sum of \$1,000. The average number of such assessments is four per year, and the amount averages about \$1.25. From this it will be seen that insurance may be obtained at about one-third of the cost of a policy in any of the regular insurance companies. Our contract with the London Guarantee and Accident company has been most satisfactory, and we have again arranged with them to insure the association against loss from accidents during the coming year, and we would also remind you of the fact that additional insurance up to \$4,000 can be obtained at specially low rates. As you are all aware, since the last annual meeting the Northern Pacific and Manitoba railway has reached Winnipeg, and we have secured the same privileges from them which we enjoy with other railway companies. We would respectfully urge on all members the importance of rigidly adhering to the conditions imposed by the railways as stated on the certificates. The following financial statement was submitted:

1887	Dr.	
Dec. 15	To cash—	
	Balance on hand.....	\$1531 89
	Surplus dinner fund, 1887...	9 41
1888.		
Dec. 15	Interest account—	
	On \$2200 Prov. Govt. bonds .	132 00
	Discount on same.....	11 00
	Interest bank balance.....	10 45
	Subscriptions—	
	185 active members.....	1850 00
	23 honorary members.....	115 00
	One life to active member....	5 00
	Extra certificate to replace one lost.....	2 00
	Total.....	\$3666 75

Feb. 8	By balance—Cr.	
	Secretary, expenses to Mon- treal.....	10 00
Dec. 15	Postage and telegrams.....	9 00
	Sun Printing Co.....	19 00
	Free Press Co.....	13 50
	W.R. Mulock, solicitor's acct	20 00
	Balance—	
	On dinner to Jos. Campbell, retiring president...\$28 45	
	Engrossing address... 15 00	
		43 45
	London Guarantee & Accident Co., accident policies for members.....	596 62
	Printing and Stationery—	
	Balance 1887 account.....	57 56
	For current year.....	122 99
	Special relief to member's family.....	50 00
	Library Fund—	
	Books purchased.....	27 50
	Secretary's services for 1888	295 80
	Balance—	
	On hand to credit of associa- tion in Commercial Bank..	2401 23
	Total.....	\$3666 75

FITZSIMMONS, of Ontario, offers to start a cheese factory at Neepawa, provided the farmers will take one-fourth stock in the enterprise, and guarantee 400 cows.

THE Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway Co. have prepared plans for a combined hotel and depot building in Winnipeg, which it is said will be a credit to the city.

It is said track-laying on the Portage extension of the N. P. & M. railway may be resumed shortly by the local government. The railway committee of the privy council meets on Jan.

4, when it is expected the plans for the crossing will be approved.

THE Maclaren & Ross lumbering company is seeking incorporation at Ottawa to carry on lumbering, mining and storekeeping throughout the Dominion. The applicants include C. D. Rand, of Vancouver, and W. H. Higgins, of New Westminster.

The Shoe Clerk's Little Hint.

Young Man—(in shoe store, to clerk)—"I say, d'ye know that old gentleman who just went out is the father of my girl?"

Clerk—"Is that so?"

Young Man—Yes. "I don't know him personally, but I expect to meet him soon."

Clerk—"Yes, you probably will. He has just purchased a pair of cowhide boots."—N. Y. Sun.

THE Rising Sun Canning and Pickling Company, (Limited), of Hamilton, has assigned. Liabilities close to \$40,000 and a nominal surplus of \$2,000.

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EASTERN MARKETS.

CHICAGO

Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24 and 25, were holidays, and no sessions of the board were held. On Wednesday January wheat opened at \$1.00½, and ranged from 97½c to \$1.01. May closed 5½c lower than the closing price of the last market day. As prices steadily declined there was almost a panic, and several large lines, as well as innumerable small holdings of wheat were let go. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat	97½	97½	—	1.03
Corn	23½	34½	34½	37
Oats	25½	25½	—	29
Pork	12.90	12.90	13.00	13.30
Lard	8.25	7.72½	7.70	7.80
Short Ribs	—	6.77½	6.80	6.95

Wheat was irregular on Thursday, but notwithstanding the nervous feeling, prices ruled higher than on Wednesday. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat	97½	99½	—	1.05
Corn	23½	34	34½	36½
Oats	25	25½	—	28½
Pork	12.95	12.95	13.05	13.37½
Lard	8.25	7.72½	7.72½	7.82½
Short Ribs	—	6.82½	6.85	6.97½

Wheat was nervous on Friday, but prices averaged higher. May ranged from 1.04½ to 1.05½. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat	99½	1.00	—	1.05½
Corn	23½	34½	34½	37½
Oats	25	25½	—	28½
Pork	12.90	12.90	12.92½	13.27½
Lard	8.22½	7.72½	7.70	7.80
Short Ribs	—	6.75	6.77½	6.95

Wheat was stronger on Saturday. May opened at \$1.05½, and sold up steadily, the close being about the top. Wheat closed as follows: Dec. 1.01½; Jan. 1.01½; May 1.06½.

DULUTH.

No sessions on Tuesday and Friday. Prices declined about 1c. from the opening on Wednesday. No. 1 Northern cash was worth about \$1. Closing prices for No. 1 hard on each day of the week were:

	Cash.	Dec.	May	June.
Monday	—	—	—	—
Tuesday	—	—	—	—
Wednesday	—	1.16	1.16	1.23
Thursday	—	1.14½	1.16	1.23½
Friday	—	1.14½	1.15½	1.23½

Closing on Saturday: Cash, 1.16; Dec. 1.16½; May, 1.24; June, 1.23.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Closing quotations on Friday for wheat were from one to three cents lower than a week ago, as follows:—

	Dec.	May.	On track
No. 1 hard	1.10	1.22	1.17
No. 1 northern	1.06	1.10½	1.08-10
No. 2 "	95	1.02	94-96

Closing quotations for flour were: Patents, sacks to local dealers, \$6.35 to \$6.50; patents to ship, sacks car lots, \$6.15 to \$6.30; in barrels, \$6.35 to \$6.50. Delivered at New England points, \$7.10 to \$7.15; bakers, here, \$4.20 to \$5.30; superfine, \$3 to \$4.35; red dog, sacks, \$1.60 to \$1.65; red dog, barrels, 1.09 to \$1.85.

BARLEY.—The barley trade was dull owing to too much poor stock offering for which there was no demand. No. 3 by sample ranged from 40 to 52c.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

The following quotations on Dec. 28 as compared with prices on Dec. 21 will indicate the course of the stock market:

	Dec. 21.		Dec. 28	
	Offered.	Bid.	Offered.	Bid.
Montreal	244	223	225	224½
Ontario	127½	123½	128	125
Toronto	—	208	—	—
Merchants	135½	134½	135½	134½
Commerce	117	116½	117½	116½
Molson's	165	152½	165	—
Union	90	92	—	—
N. W. Land Co.	85	80	—	—
C. P. R.	52	51½	62½	52

CANADIAN SECURITIES IN ENGLAND.

The Canadian Gazette of Dec. 13, gives the following quotations of leading Canadian securities in the London market:

	Price.	Rise.	Fall.
Bank of British Columbia	31½	—	½
Bank of B. N. A.	74	—	—
British Columbia 4½ per cents.	112	—	—
Canada 3½ per cents.	103	—	—
Ditto 3 per cents.	93½	—	½
Canada North-West Land	34	½	—
Canadian Pacific shares (N. Y. register)	53½	—	½
Ditto shares (London register)	52½	—	½
Ditto first mortgage bonds	100½	—	½
Grand Trunk ordinary stock	10½	—	½
Ditto first preference	65½	—	½
Hudson's Bay	18	—	½
Land Corporation of Canada	2	—	—
Manitoba 5 per cents	112	—	—
Manitoba Mortgage	—	—	—
Manitoba Northwestern bonds	101	—	—
Quebec 5 per cents.	107	—	1
Trust and Loan of Canada, £5 paid.	5	—	—
Ditto £3 paid	2½	—	—
Vancouver Coal	6½	—	—
Winnipeg 5 per cents	109	1	—

Montreal Markets.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin speaks of wheat and flour as follows:—"It is almost useless to attempt to quote the price of wheat in this city, owing to the wide difference of opinion between buyers and sellers. Manitoba No. 1 hard is quoted at \$1.23 by some, and at higher prices by others. Present quotations are purely nominal in the absence of business. The flour market is decidedly weak owing to the anxiety on the part of some millers to unload and realize. Consequently prices are being shaded. Sales, however, of Manitoba strong bakers from guaranteed sound wheat are reported at \$5.75, and of straight rollers at from \$5.50 to \$5.75. the latter price for high grades. Prices are so irregular in the present unsettled state of the market that it is difficult to give exact quotations."

Provisions.—Prices were:—Mess pork, western, per bbl., \$16.50 to \$17; hams, 12½ to 13½c; lard, in pails, 10½ to 10¾c; lard, 12 to 13c; tallow, refined, 3½ to 4.

Butter—Some export orders of Eastern Townships were filled at 20 to 22c. Roll butter was worth 17 to 20c, and western dairy, 16 to 18c; creamery, 22 to 25c.

Cheese—Sales of September have been made at 11½c, and of August at 11½c. Quoted—Finest September, 11½ to 12c; finest late August, 10 to 11c; fine, 9 to 10c; medium, 7½ to 9c.

Oatmeal—Standard—In bags, \$2.15 and \$2.30 for granulated; rolled oats, in barrels, \$5.40 to \$5.50.

Millstuffs—Firm at \$17.50 for bran in car lots; shorts, \$19 to \$20.

Oats—Car lots held at 36 to 37c.

Barley—Easy at 65 to 75c for malting, and 55 to 60c for feed.

Eggs—Lined held at 18½ to 20c; fresh, 20 to 22c.

Dressed Hogs—Sales of car lots of choice packing, at \$7.20 per 100 lbs. Several small lots have sold at \$7.10 to \$7.15.

Poultry—Turkeys in good request at 10c; chickens, 8c; geese, 6 to 8c; ducks, 8 to 10c.

Dressed Meats—Frozen beef carcasses, 3½ to 4c, as to quality; mutton carcasses, 5 to 6c.

Fruits—Apples—Green, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per barrel, for sound stock; evaporated, 7½ to 8c; dried, 5 to 5½c; cranberries, \$4 to \$6 per bbl; Valencia raisins, 5 to 5½c; currants, 5½ to 5¾c.

Hides—Green hides bring 5½ to 6c for No. 1; calfskins, green, 5c, salted, 6c; sheepskins, 80 to 90c.

Geo. E. MANCEL & J.S. Steel, blacksmiths and carriage builders, Deloraine, Man., have dissolved partnership. Jas. Steele will continue the business.

Sales of furs by the Hudson's Bay company are advertised to take place at London, Eng., on Wednesday, January 23, Monday, January 28, and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 25, 26, 27 and 28.

STARKEY & Co., proprietors of the New Douglas house, Winnipeg, intend entertaining their patrons and friends to an oyster supper on New Year's Eve. The supper will be served between 22 and 23 o'clock. The invitation extended by Starkey & Co. is general.

A DISASTROUS fire occurred in Deloraine on Friday last, originating in the building occupied by Saunders & McKinnon. Following are the losses, as near as can be ascertained: W. J. Mather's lumber office and store buildings, \$2,000; no insurance; will rebuild at once. A. M. Herron, confectionery, \$1,500; insured in Glasgow and London, \$400; will build. Fred. Barrett, photographer, \$300; no insurance. Sanders & McKinnon, general merchants, \$7,000; no insurance; will build. Alex. Arnett, store buildings, \$1,500; no insurance. A. E. Thompson, butcher store buildings, \$1,000; no insurance. John Temple, store buildings, \$1,200; no insurance. Jas. Temple, barber, \$50. Harden & Graham, butchers, \$200; no insurance. Dr. Woodhull, furniture and instruments, \$150; no insurance. M. O. R. Jarvis, furniture and valuables, \$800; no insurance. W. E. Cowan, drugs and stationery, \$1,000; insurance, \$700; will build. A. J. Falconer, hardware, \$5,000; insurance in the Northwest Insurance Company, \$1,500. will build. S. Jamieson, oyster saloon, \$50; no insurance. R. P. Butchart & Bros., hardware, \$6,000; insured in the Quebec Insurance company, \$2,000. R. Balkwell, groceries, etc., \$2,000; insured in Citizens' Insurance company of Canada, \$1,100. O. C. Smith, dry goods, \$1,000; no insurance. Peter McTavish, Royal hotel building, \$3,900; may build. S. W. Hungerford, furniture of Royal hotel, \$1,900; insured in Glasgow and London Insurance Co., \$500. Minor losses, \$4,000.

Grain and Milling.

The Port William Journal says: It is more than probable that Howland & Co. will erect a large flour mill here in the spring. They require considerable room as the building they intend erecting will be a massive structure. The company owns a large stone flour mill in Thorold, Ont.

The Port Arthur council has voted in favor of submitting a by-law to grant a bonus of \$10,000 in aid of a flour mill to be erected by the Greys, of Toronto. A similar amount will also probably be voted to Hastings Bros. & Co., of Winnipeg, also for the establishment of a flour mill at the Port, the matter having been favorably considered by the council.

At a public meeting held at Neopawa, Man., recently, D. Moore submitted the following propositions: I will guarantee to build a merchant roller flour mill with capacities as follows: If the municipalities interested will grant exemption from taxes for twenty years and a bonus of six thousand dollars in debentures bearing interest at 7 per cent. per annum, I will build a mill with a capacity of not less than one hundred and twenty-five barrels per day. For five thousand dollars in debentures as above I will build a mill with a capacity of one hundred per day. For four thousand dollars in debentures as above I will build a mill with a capacity of seventy-five barrels per day. The offer will receive careful consideration.

W. A. and G. V. Hastings and S. A. McGaw, who recently withdrew from the Ogilvie Milling Company, at Winnipeg, have formed a partnership under the style of Hastings Bros. & Co. They have opened an office in the Clements Block, and are prepared to handle grain, flour, etc., having already transacted some business in this line. Next year they will go into the business more extensively, and will also establish a flour mill next summer at some point not yet decided upon. They have been offered great inducements to build the mill at Port Arthur, the offer including a cash bonus of \$10,000, tax exemption and a free building site. They would prefer to build their mill at Winnipeg, as they are all well known here, and would be sure of a good local trade from the start, besides being near the base of supplies, and convenient for shipping. However, Port Arthur offers certain advantages, including cheap fuel, etc., and the liberal inducements offered by way of bonus is a strong factor in favor of the Lake Superior town, should the Winnipeg council refuse any assistance. It is to be hoped some arrangement may be come to which will lead to the erection of the mill here, as Winnipeg cannot well afford to lose such citizens as Messrs. Hastings and McGaw.

This year the Florida orange crop is estimated to be fully 3,000,000 boxes, more than double that of any previous year. Each box holds from 200 to 400. Each freight car carries about 300 boxes. So to move the crop will require five trains of 20 cars each per day for 100 days, and the 900,000,000 oranges will allow nearly 15 each to every inhabitant in the United States.

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The Pembina Mountain Branch.

(Continued from last week.)

We left the reader at Gretna last week. We will now come north to Rosenfeld, and proceed westward on the Pembina Mountain Branch, taking a glance at the rising towns along the line in our course. Rosenfeld takes its name from the Mennonite settlement in the vicinity. The place has not yet commenced to put on airs, and is simply a railway stopping place. There are no business institutions. Westward ten miles is Plum Coulee, also located in the Mennonite country. Here there are indications of a busy little town in the future. E. Penner & Co., of Gretna and Morden, have recently established a branch general store, and the Ogilvie Company have built an elevator during the past season. It is also said that Peter Cruy, who has a general store east of the Red River, will move to Plum Coulee in the spring. A. Fehr and C. Friesen have been located here for some time.

The busy town of Morden, 81 miles from Winnipeg, is the next town reached. Morden is one of the solid towns of Manitoba, and it has an air of thrift and prosperity which is pleasing to note. Everyone is busy, and the appearance of the place puts one in mind of the old boom days. An immense quantity of freight is handled here, both coming in and going out. Wheat of course is the principal export product, but coarse grains, flax seed, butter, eggs, poultry and meats and stock are shipped from Morden in large quantities. The quantity of incoming freight is so large that it cannot be accommodated in the freight sheds, and the prairie along the railway is piled up with freight, as it is dumped out of the cars. The business men of Morden carry larger stocks of goods than is usually found in the provincial towns. The town has a large Mennonite trade, from the Mennonite settlements to the east and south. North and west the country is well settled with Canadian and other English speaking people. The Mennonites are looked upon by the merchants as first-class customers, and they are a great benefit to the town. They are close buyers, but usually have a good deal of cash, which they pay out willingly when they have it. They do not go into debt when they have money, and always pay off their debts as soon as they get the money from their crops. Another feature with the Mennonites is, that they market their grain early in the season, and at once pay off any obligations which they may have contracted during the summer. This is a feature which can be commended to many English speaking farmers, who hold their grain for higher prices, and compel the merchant to wait long for the money due him.

Though the railway was built through Morden, or rather through the place where Morden now stands, in 1882, the town does not date its existence as far back as that year. In fact the town may be said to have had its beginning in the fall and winter of 1884-85. Previous to this time the nucleus of a town was started near Morden, called Stephen, but the C. P. R. authorities finally selected a town site at Morden, and at once the new town commenced to grow rapidly.

Morden received a great impetus in the early

days by the removal of the business places of Nelson, almost in a body, to Morden. All the settlers of Manitoba who date their residence in the province as far back as 1882, will be familiar with the name of Nelsonville, afterwards changed to Nelson. In 1882 Nelson was the thriving town of southern Manitoba, and it was by far the largest place west of the Red and south of the Assiniboine rivers. The Manitoba Southwestern railway, then in course of construction, was expected to tap Nelson and make it one of the future cities of the Prairie Province. With these bright prospects Nelson was a favorite with land speculators, and during the boom days Nelson lots were sold almost nightly by auction and otherwise in Winnipeg. But the Southwestern railway never reached Nelson, through a change in the management of the road, which led to a change in the route of the railway. Then the C. P. R. Co. built the Pembina Mountain Branch, and ran the road three miles south of Nelson. Two such blows as this—the loss of the Southwestern and the construction of the Pembina branch within a few miles of the place—were enough to kill any town, and of course Nelson had to succumb. The people held out till 1885; but in the winter and spring of that year the business men of the place moved almost in a body to the new town of Morden, then commencing to grow up on the Pembina branch, a few miles southeast of Nelson. Nelson has now practically disappeared, the buildings having been moved to Morden, and some to farms in the vicinity of the lost town. In its palmy days Nelson was a bustling little town, with its mayor and council, and its merchants were doing a good trade. Such are the changes which a very few years have made in Manitoba. Nelson is now almost forgotten by the general public, but the many investors in Nelson lots will remember the name with sorrow. Many of the merchants of Nelson are now doing a flourishing trade in the new town of Morden.

The rush from Nelson in 1885 soon made Morden the leading place on the Pembina branch, and it has pretty well maintained its supremacy, though other points westward on the line are not lagging behind. The population of the place is not far from 600, and the business institutions, all told, are in the neighborhood of fifty.

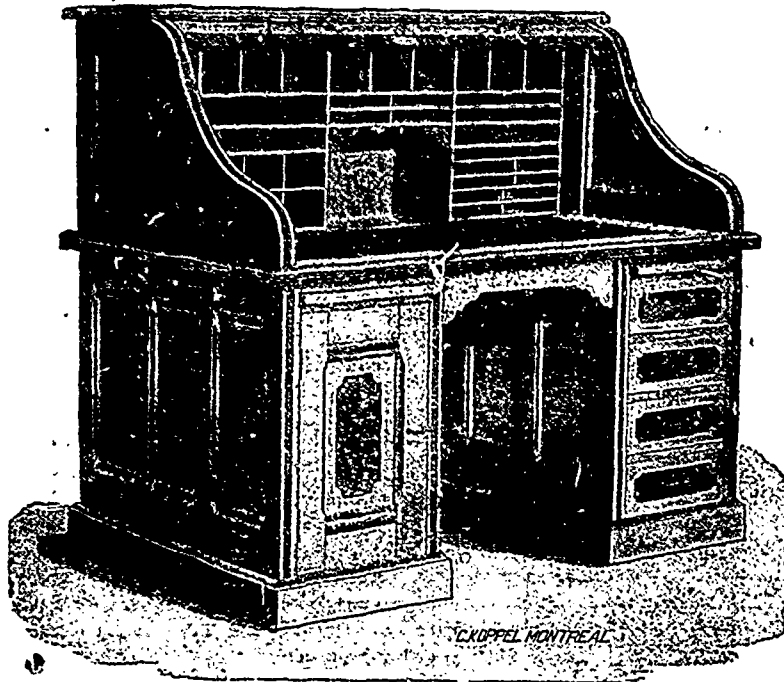
The general store line is well represented in Morden. There is first the large store of E. Penner & Co. The business of this firm was fully dealt with in the report of Gretna, in our last issue, where the firm also carries on business. H. P. Hansen is the resident partner and manager of the business of E. Penner & Co. at Morden. A very large stock of general merchandise is carried, and the business gives employment to eight or ten clerks. The business is the oldest in Morden, and has been in existence since the fall of 1884. The capacity of the store was doubled this year by the erection of a new building, and the size now is 50 feet wide by 70 deep, two storeys. The upper part is used for a tailoring department. The building is fitted with the automatic cash carrier system. A large warehouse, 50 by 25 feet, is used for storing surplus goods. Haley & Sutton do a general store trade, and carry a very large stock, including some fine lines of

goods not usually found in provincial towns. They occupy premises 90 feet deep, 30 feet of which was added last summer. The building is two storeys high, with large warehouse in rear. They also have a tailoring department. This firm started at Nelson in 1878, and moved to Morden in 1885. Meikle and Coppinger also carry a large stock of general merchandise, including about all lines except hardware. The building occupied by this firm is 70 feet deep, with warehouse in rear. A fine trade is done. The Hudson's Bay Company established a general store trade in Morden about three years ago, with Mr. Holloway as manager. T. M. Tobias and Co. do business of a general store nature, handling all kinds of farm produce largely. This firm also buys flax, which is marketed by the Mennonites. About 40,000 bushels of this article will be handled at Morden. Tobias and Co. do not intend going out of business at Morden, as was lately rumored. They find trade too good to think of such a move. The rumor arose from the sale of a building occupied by them.

G. W. McLaren, dealer in drugs and stationery, is one of the old business men of the district, having started at Nelson previous to the construction of the railway. He came down to Morden like the rest of the Nelson people, and has been very successful since. He carries a large stock of drugs, stationery, fancy goods, etc., including many fine lines which one would hardly expect to find in a provincial town of the size of Morden.

In the hardware line Geo. Ashdown carries a large stock of heavy and shelf goods, stoves, tinware, etc., and also has a manufacturing department in tinware, etc. He commenced business in Morden in March last, having succeeded to the business of A. Godfrey & Co. R. McMitchell handles stoves and tinware, in which line he has been doing business for two years, in a successful manner. The furniture line is represented by one establishment, carried on by J. T. Blowey, who carries a very large stock of all classes of furniture, undertaking goods, musical instruments, etc. He has lately erected a large warehouse for the storage of surplus stock. Mr. Blowey was formerly located at Nelson, and moved to Morden in the fall of 1884. Among the more recent additions to the business places is the boot and shoe store of O. H. Dingman, established in August last. Mr. Dingman conceived the idea that a business devoted to the one branch could be made to pay in Morden, and since opening he has found trade fully as good as he could have expected. He has the only business devoted exclusively to this important branch of trade, and he thinks he can give better satisfaction than if handling a number of other lines. In the grocery line there is also a store devoted to this branch exclusively, conducted by W. B. Pennycook, who commenced business in August last, and is pleased with the result of his enterprise. A. Stewart also handles groceries, in connection with which he has a bakery, and handles confectionery, etc. A. E. Sinclair & Co., who make fruits their principal business, commenced business in July last. They also have a bakery and handle confectionery. Snowden & Nelson do a large wholesale and retail trade in meats, poultry, stock, etc., shipping meats and

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stock largely to Winnipeg, in addition to their local butchering business. The lumber line is represented by two dealers, V. Winkler started in this business at Morden with the beginning of the town, in 1884. He handles all kinds of building material. McMillan & Lane handle lumber, sash, doors and general building material, and have been established about three and a half years. A great deal of lumber has been handled at Morden during the past season, trade having been larger in this line than during any previous year. A good deal of building was done in the town, both in residence and business places, and farmers also took large quantities of lumber, for new dwellings, graneries, etc. McMillan & Lane also handle Galt coal, which sells at Morden at \$10 per ton. Oak wood sells for \$5 per cord, though at one time it was as low as \$2 per cord. Farmers, who are now in better circumstances than formerly, will not now haul in the wood at the low prices, hence the advance.

In the liquor line Hieman & Co., have the only business. They also have a branch at Gretna. Mr. Heiman came from Emerson three years ago, where he was formerly in business. A large jobbing trade is done by this firm in liquors, cigars, etc. Three very good hotels are established at Morden. The Queen's Hotel is kept by G. T. Lundy, who was formerly at Nelson, and later of Manitou. The Queen's is well-known to commercial travellers. A large new sample room, one of the best in the province, has lately been fitted up, and a bus meets all trains. The house is well heated throughout by a furnace, lately put in. The

Commercial Hotel is now kept by A. McLeod, who took the house last summer, and built a large addition to it, including commercial sample rooms. The Commercial is the oldest established hotel of the place. The Morden House is kept by Brown & McCullum, and has been established since the commencement of the town. This house is also patronized by travellers. The Morden hotels all appear to do a large trade, and are often crowded for room "Doubling up" seems to be the rule here.

In the financial line, Dunsford & Co. have heretofore looked after the interests of the business men of Morden. This firm has done a general private banking business for some time, but the business will now cease, and be succeeded by a chartered bank. The Commercial Bank of Manitoba has made arrangements to open a branch at Morden, C. R. Dunsford, of Dunsford & Co., will be manager of the bank.

All the leading implement firms have agencies at Morden, and a very large trade in implements is done with the surrounding country. In this respect Morden is one of the best towns in the province. A. E. Potter, who represents the David Maxwell machinery and implements, and who handles a full line of all kinds of farm implements, wagons, etc., reports that the past season has been a fine one for the dealers. The amount of business done has been very large, and payments this fall remarkably good. Prospects for next season are equally favorable, and already a number of orders have been taken for binders, etc., for delivery next season. The Massey Co. has erected a very fine implement

warehouse at Morden, to replace the one burned last spring.

There are four large shipping elevators at Morden, owned by McBean Bros., McMillan & Co., the Ogilvie Company and Dynes & Cleveland, of Winnipeg. The amount of wheat handled is large, being in the neighborhood of 600,000 bushels from the crop of 1887. This year Morden will be not far from the largest wheat shipping point in Manitoba, as the wheat in this district escaped the damage from frost which so seriously affected some of the best wheat sections in the province. Morden also has a roller flour mill, which is the only mill in a very large section of country, and does a very heavy business. The vicinity of the mill is frequently crowded with the teams of farmers, who are waiting for their grists. The mill is therefore kept going day and night. There is only one other roller mill on the Pembina branch, located near Crystal City, fifty miles further west. The mill is owned by J. H. Fraser & Co., who operated the first mill in the district, at Nelson, eight years ago. The Morden mill was built for Fraser & Co., by the Pray Co., of Minneapolis, three years ago. It has a capacity of 75 barrels daily. In addition to the large gristing trade for farmers, a wholesale trade is done with dealers at points along the Pembina branch. Several other industrial lines are represented. Pound Bros. have a large carriage and blacksmithing business, and turn out a lot of new work, including wagons, sleighs, buggies, cutters, etc. Their new work is mostly of a superior class to the imported goods.

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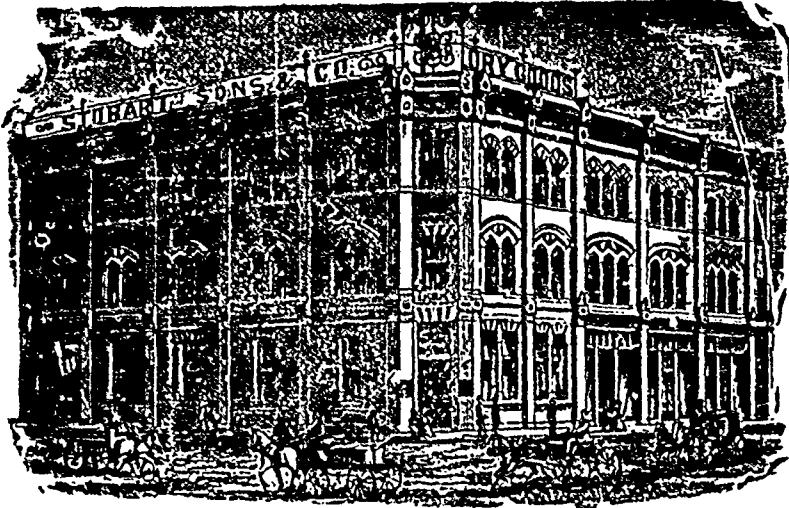

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In addition to the business places mentioned, there are also a number of others, including blacksmiths, liveries, photographers, grain dealers, woodworkers, etc. The learned professions are also well represented. Corbet Locke, lawyer, is one of the leading spirits of the place in local enterprises. The press is represented by the Morden Monitor, published by the Monitor Printing and Publishing Co., J. H. Smith, late of Winnipeg, is editor.

Morden is not an incorporated town, the people believing that they are well enough off and less likely to get into debt the way they are. The town forms a part of the rural municipality, and is allowed a fair proportion of the municipal taxes, for local improvements.

A chemical fire engine has lately been purchased for fire protection, but it would seem that the town requires better facilities for extinguishing fires than now exists, and the business men need a little stirring up on this point.

Business East.

ONTARIO.

James Crampton, grocer, Windsor, has sold out.
C. T. Chauncy, printer, Woodbridge, burned out.
Druillard Bros., grocers, Windsor, were burned out.
R. Elvins, grocer, etc., Belleville, damaged by fire.
S. J. McCutcheon, painter, Port Arthur, has assigned.
E. Sellens, general storekeeper, Lekefield, has assigned.
Miss Fink, dealer in fancy goods, Hanover, has sold out.
Edward Hirst, general storekeeper, Freulton, has sold out.
N. A. Merritt, dealer in wallpaper, Dresden, has sold out.
Michael J. Mannin, saloonkeeper, Windsor, has sold out.
Rice & Co., baskets, Sarnia, have removed to Walkerville.
J. F. Snieder & Co.'s saw mill, Leamington, was burned out.
Ross & Co., dealers in dry goods, Toronto, have assigned.
G. W. Martin, tailor, etc., Woodbridge, has been burned out.
E. M. Trowern, jeweler, Toronto, has settled with his creditors.
Henry Ward, grocer, Stratford, has the sheriff in possession.
John Reinhardt, general storekeeper, Elmwood, has sold out.
Robert Graham, merchant, Peterboro, has made an assignment.
R. B. Morison, general storekeeper, Morris-town, has assigned.
A. McMillan, jeweler, Ottawa, has admitted A. F. McMillan as a partner under the style of A. & A. F. McMillan.

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Callinan & Buckley, grocers, Sarnia, have dissolved partnership.

The Empire Pickle and Preserve Company, Toronto have assigned.

Thomas Glass, harness dealer, Toronto, is offering to compromise.

John Glen, manufacturer of bustles, London, has moved to Toronto.

J. M. Henderson & Co., tailors, Hamilton, J. M. Henderson is dead.

R. H. Peters, general storekeeper, Enterprise, has made an assignment.

G. S. Tickell & Son, dealers in furniture, Belleville, damaged by fire.

T. H. Taylor & Co., jewelers, Listowel, have called a meeting of creditors.

George T. Cosgrove, weekly payment storekeeper, Ottawa, has assigned.

James Fraser, woolen mill, Kincardine, was partial damaged by fire; insured.

William H. Borbridge, harness dealer, St. Thomas, has made an assignment.

Depencier Bros, general storekeepers, Merrickville, are offering to compromise.

Isaac Stratton, livery, Toronto, bailiff has seized and advertised effects for sale.

Dunning Bros. & Co., dealers in canned goods, Toronto, have called a meeting of their creditors.

E. A. McLean & Co., dealers in groceries and produce, Toronto, are selling out by auction and giving up business.

QUEBEC.

L. N. Carle, restaurant, Montreal, has made an assignment.

Ross Bros., general storekeepers, Shawville, have assigned.

Mrs. Joseph Laporte, Milliner, etc., Montreal, has assigned.

Edouard O. Gagnon, general store, Baie St. Paul, has assigned.

Leahy & Co., bags, etc., Montreal, have dissolved partnership.

L. S. Bonin & Co., dealers in furniture, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.

Miss Clara L. Morency, Milliner, Sherbrooke, has made an assignment.

Barbeau & St. Jean, hats and furs, Montreal, have dissolved partnership.

J. F. Therien, general storekeeper, St. Gregoire, is offering to compromise.

Charles Morton & Co., wholesale dry goods, Montreal, in voluntary liquidation.

Thomas Hodgkinson, commission agent, Montreal, has admitted William Hammersley as a partner under the firm name of Hodgkinson & Hammersley.

NOVA SCOTIA.

J. H. Osman, sewing machine dealer, Halifax, is dead.

McKay & Co., general storekeepers, Baddeck, have dissolved.

C. W. Knowles, printer and publisher, Windsor, has sold out.

W. W. Saunders, general storekeeper, Bridgetown, has assigned.

Edward O'Brien, Livery, etc., Halifax, the sheriff is in possession.

H. E. Oakes, general storekeeper and miller, Weymouth, has sold out.

F. W. Cunningham, billiards, Halifax, advertised to sell out by the sheriff.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Victoria Milling Company, saw mills, Fredricton, have sold out.

Archibald Steeves, general storekeeper, Hillsboro, is succeeded in business by T. R. Steeves & Co.

How Gas is Made.

How few people can intelligibly explain some of the most ordinary things in everyday life!

An official of the city gas works was heard to say not long ago that if he might judge by the number of times he was asked for information not more than two people in ten know how common illuminating gas is made. They all seem to understand, he said, that it comes out of soft coal, but they are ignorant of the process by which it is extracted. We do not doubt this at all, for, as we have said to you several times, it is the very common things that we are apt to overlook in our search for information. You will understand, therefore, why we select subjects to talk about with which you and everybody else ought to be familiar.

Now, let us give you a very simple explanation of gas-making. Break up a piece of bituminous coal into small fragments and fill the bowl of a clay tobacco pipe with them. Cover the mouth of the bowl with wet clay and then thoroughly dry it. Put the bowl of the pipe into a fire where it will get red hot and you will soon see a yellowish smoke come out of the stem, and if you touch a light to the smoke it will burn brightly, for it is nothing more nor less than the gas from the coal.

You can purify and collect this gas in a very simple way. Fill a bottle with water and turn it upside down in a bowl of water. You know the water will not run out of the bottle because the air pressure on the water in the bowl will prevent it. Put the end of the pipe stem under the mouth of the bottle and the gas will bubble up through the water into the bottle gradually displacing the water, and if the pipe were large enough to make a great deal of gas the bottle would be entirely filled with it.

You have seen the immense quantities of coke

which they have at the gas works; that is what is left of the coal after the gas has been burned out of it. Coke is carbon, only a small part of what was in the coal having gone off with the gas. Take the clay covering off your pipe and you will find the bowl filled with this coke.

Now, that is precisely the way gas is made in large quantities at the gas works. Instead of pipe bowls they use big retorts and these are heated red-hot by a furnace, for the fire must be outside of the retorts. Heating coal red-hot in a closed retort is very different from burning it in the open air. A large pipe from the retort carries off the product of the coal, consisting of steam, tar, air and ammonia as well as gas. The ammonia and tar go into tanks and the gas into coolers, and then over lime, which takes up the acids in it, into the immense iron gas-holders which you have seen at the works.

These holders are open at the bottom, and stand, or rather swing, in tanks of water, being adjusted by means of weights. As the gas comes into them they rise up out of the water, but the bottoms are always submerged so that the gas cannot escape. The large gas pipes, or mains, as they are called, connect with the holders and conduct the gas through the streets to the houses where it is used. The pressure is given to the gas by the weight of the iron holders, which are always bearing down on the gas they contain.

According to the Charlottetown Examiner, there are large quantities of oysters shipped from Summerside every day. The shipments (since the 15th September) amount to about 20,000 barrels, valued at \$40,000, mostly taken from Richmond Bay.

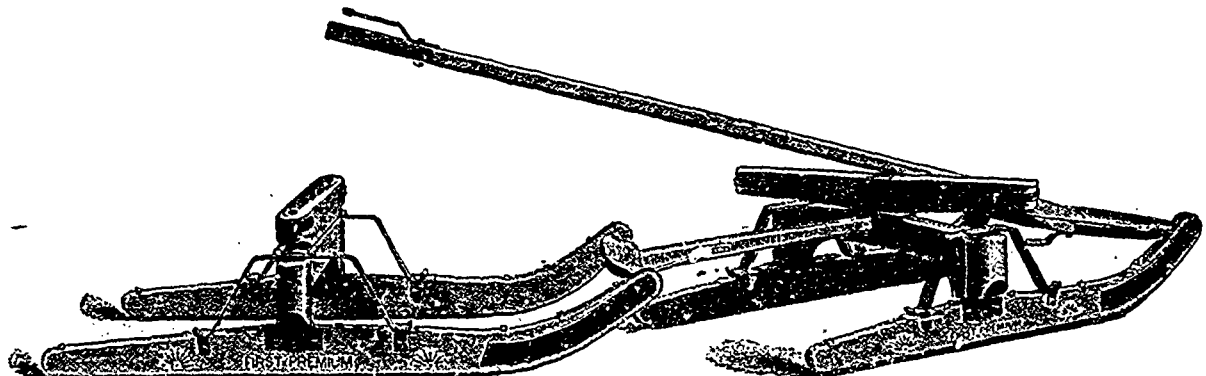
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The Rev. A. E. Dunning, D.D., the manager of the Congregational publishing house and Sabbath-school work, and one of the busiest men in Boston, is an off-hand, approachable man, with a bright winning face, easy manner and personal magnetism, that contribute much to his success. He has none of the outward signs of the clerical calling, but looks more like a business man. He travels nearly all the time, and he says that in the cars he generally passes as a drummer, and is recognized by the fraternity as one of their number. On going into Minneapolis one Saturday evening, a smart young fellow approached in a free and easy way:

"Going to stop over Sunday?"

"Yes," replied the Doctor.

"Stop at the Blank Hotel, I suppose?"

"No, I am going to stop with a friend."

"Come around to the hotel to-morrow afternoon, and we'll have a racket. Quite a number of the boys will be there."

"But to-morrow is Sunday."

"I know it, and that's why we can have such a good time."

"Oh, I think that we fellows who are traveling all the time ought to keep Sunday," said the Doctor.

"Yes," said the drummer, good naturedly, "but I'll bet you won't."

"I'll tell you what I'll do; I'll go to church to-morrow if you will."

"I'll do it. Where shall we go?"

"To the First Congregational. It's the best church in town."

"All right. I'll be there, but I'll bet you won't."

The drummer was there according to his promise, and could hardly believe his eyes when he saw his friend of the night before ascend to the pulpit. Dr. Dunning tried to find him after the service, but he had fled. — *Merchant.*



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PASS Tuesday Thursday and Saturday	Miles from Portage	STATIONS.	PASS Monday Wednesday and Friday
LEAVE			ARRIVE
20 00		Portage la Prairie	13 30
17 45	35	Gladstone	12 05
19 45	61	Neepawa	10 38
19 45	79	Minnedosa	9 55
20 50	94	Rapid City	8 30
21 30	115	Shoal Lake	8 00
22 30	138	Birtle	7 00
23 30	155	Binscarth	5 53
24 10	166	Russell	5 15
24 40	180	Langenburg	7 15
1 45	200	Saltecoats	3 40
ARRIVE			LEAVE

Notes.
Trains for Binscarth leave Birtle Tuesdays and Saturdays only at 22.50; returning leave Binscarth Wednesdays and Mondays only at 5.55. For Russell leave Birtle Tuesdays only at 22.50; returning leave Russell Wednesdays only at 5.15. For Langenburg and Saltecoats leave Birtle Saturdays only at 22.50; returning leave Saltecoats Mondays only at 3.40. For Rapid City leave Minnedosa Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 20.00; returning leave Rapid City Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8.30.
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6 15 p.m.	Winnipeg	9 10 a.m.	
6 05 "	Portage Junction	9 20 "	
5 48 "	St. Norbert	9 40 "	
5 27 "	St. Agathe	10 20 "	
4 42 "	Silver Plains	10 47 "	
4 20 "	Morris	11 10 "	
4 04 "	St. Jean	11 23 "	
3 43 "	Catherine	11 55 a.m.	
3 20 "	West Lynn	12 20 p.m.	
3 05 p.m.	Pembina	12 35 "	
6 25 a.m.	Winnipeg Junction	8 50 "	
8 35 p.m.	Minneapolis	8 35 a.m.	
8 00 "	St. Paul	7 05 "	
6 40 "	Helena	6 40 p.m.	
3 40 "	Garrison	6 15 "	
1 05 a.m.	Spokane	9 45 a.m.	
8 00 p.m.	Portland	6 30 "	
7 40 "	Tacoma	8 50 "	
4 30 "	"via Cascade"	6 40 "	

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