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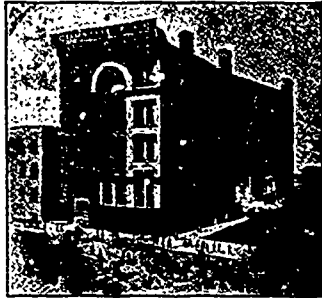
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Kansas has a potato field 40 miles long. This year's harvest from it will come close to 4,000 carload. An average crop is 200 bushels to the acre.

In arithmetic the Chinese were first to invent the decimal system—the way of counting by tens, which has been adopted by all nations excepting the English.

Naturalists have discovered that if the voice of an elephant were as loud in proportion to size as that of a nightingale his trumpeting could be heard round the world.

From very early times Europe was astonished by the wonderful things which came from the Chinese—the silk, tea, spices, and great ideas and inventions.

A bull fight took place recently in Mexico, the torador being mounted on a bicycle. The rider, Manuel Garcia by name, was so badly injured that he died soon afterward.

Inverary castle, for centuries the feudal residence of the Duke of Argyll, is offered for rent for a term of years. The present duke and his wife, Princess Louise, do not wish to look after the expensive burden. It will require a fortune to bring Inverary up to the modern standard as a residence.

Governor Stanley, of Kansas, while practicing law, defended a negro charged with murder. His client was convicted and Mr. Stanley wrote a strong endorsement of the convict's application for pardon. Now he has been called upon to pass upon another application on behalf of the same man, but, like his predecessor, refuses to grant it, even though backed by his own letter, saying that as governor he views the matter "in an entirely different light."

Field Marshal Count Blumenthal, the distinguished chief of the late Emperor Frederick's general staff during the Austrian and French wars, celebrated his ninetieth birthday on July 29. He and the King of Saxony are the only officers of the German army of exalted rank still alive of those who took part in the Franco-German war.

A prize of 1,000 francs is offered, says the Electrician, by the French Industrial association against accidents to laborers, at Paris, for the most efficacious insulating glove for electrical workmen. The gloves must be strong enough to resist not only the electric current, but also accidental perforation by copper wire, etc., and must, in addition, be easy to wear by hands of any size and allow the workman's fingers sufficient freedom to execute their work. The competition is international, and is open until Dec. 31, 1900.

Jean Baptiste Andre Dumas, the eminent French physiologist and chemist, the hundredth anniversary of whose birth occurred on July 13, thus stated the problem of happiness in an oration delivered before an assemblage of French naturalists at Clermont in 1876: "If I seek in my memory after the picture of true happiness I find it not in the potentate who exercises a great power over others, nor in the man of wealth, who controls all the luxuries and pleasures money can buy, but in the man of science who devotes his life to discovering the secrets of nature and finding out new truths."

The German Crown Prince is to complete his education at Bonn, and his brothers will also study at the university there in due course.

It is reported that the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (which now includes the American Bell Telephone Company), the Telephone, Telegraph and Cable Company of America, the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Postal-Telegraph-Cable Company will be consolidated into one big company to be known as the National Telephone and Telegraph Company. It is said the consolidation will take place before the end of the present year.

The old established and well known book publishing firm of D. Appleton & Co., New York, is to be re-organized with ample capital to carry on the business which has existed for seventy-five years.

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CULTIVATING TIMBER.

Experiments in growing forests or timber belts should prove of special interest in the West, as sooner or later we will have to consider more seriously the question of cultivating timber on a large scale. In some parts of the country the natural forests are ample for present requirements; but where such a considerable portion of the country is prairie, it is of the utmost importance that special attention should be given, not only to the preservation of the natural forests, but also to the creation of forest and timber belts. If forests could be created throughout the great treeless plains of the south-central and western portions of the prairie region, it would be a great thing for this western country. The lack of moisture is no doubt the great difficulty in the way of establishing forest belts in the treeless districts, but even in the most arid sections there are probably some valleys or depressions which could be utilized for the cultivation of trees. It is now a well understood fact that the severe winter climate has nothing to do with the absence of trees. If the necessary moisture could be secured and preserved, the question of low winter temperature need not cause serious apprehension.

The first and most important question is the preservation of the existing natural forests. At the present time more good can probably be accomplished by taking measures to preserve the natural forests, than in any other way. We have been very careless in this respect in the past, but at last public opinion seems to be moving in the direction of recognizing the value of our forests, and the duty we owe to posterity in preserving them. There has been an enormous waste in the past in connection with our forests. The province of Manitoba alone, it is said by those who have investigated the matter, has been robbed of half her forest wealth within a few years by fires. The destruction of property to the value of a few thousands, in any of our towns or cities is considered a serious matter, while the destruction annually of millions of dollars worth of timber, has scarcely been commented upon or thought worthy of consideration by the great majority of our people. Of late, however, Dominion and provincial governments have begun to move in the matter of protecting the for-

ests, and all good citizens will be ready to give every encouragement to this work. Particularly throughout the West is it necessary that the forests should be preserved. Forests bordering upon or interspersed throughout the great prairie region, should receive special care. Many of these forest areas should be set aside as perpetual forest reserves, and every effort made to preserve them from destruction by fire.

The question of cultivating or creating forests need not be delayed or held in abeyance while we are devising measures to preserve what we now have left of the natural timber areas. The government should be urged to undertake the cultivation of forests, particularly throughout the treeless districts of the West. Depressions or valleys where the water could be preserved from the annual freshets, afford favorable conditions for undertaking such experiments.

Lastly, but not least important, is individual effort. While we cannot expect the creation of large timber belts by individual effort, a great deal can be accomplished toward beautifying the country by growing trees. Every farmer should be able to add something to the attractiveness of his surroundings by growing a few trees. Besides improving the appearance of his property and adding to the attractiveness of the country, the trees will add value to the property. When grown for appearance or pleasure only, the time spent in cultivating trees is not wasted, for probably in no other way can the farmer add more to the value of his property at less expense than by planting trees.

Most farmers could probably extend their tree-planting operations to the extent of growing trees for economic purposes, to advantage. Lands which are not suitable for general cultivation can be utilized for growing trees. Many farmers on the prairie could in time supply themselves with wood for fuel and other purposes, by utilizing rough or waste land for forest cultivation. In Manitoba, where the land is mostly comparatively level, it is true there is not much waste land, but with the large holdings usually controlled by Manitoba farmers, there are few who could not well spare some of their best land for the growing of trees.

THE STRIKE.

By far the most important industrial development of the month on this continent is the strike in the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania. Over 125,000 men have quit work at the command of the United Mine Workers Association and one of the greatest industries on this continent has been practically brought to a standstill. The trouble between the miners and their employees has been brewing for some time and the strike was not unexpected. The main point at issue between the two forces is recognition of the miners' union. The question of compensation is also involved and reforms are asked in regard to certain customs and usages peculiar to coal mining. It is, however, admitted by all parties conversant with the case that the refusal of the operators to recognize the union is the real issue. Most of the demands of the men would be granted if this were out of the way. It was hoped by the officials of both the companies and the union that the strike would be a peaceful one and that the issues would be decided one way or the other without bloodshed, but this was not to be, as already the law officers charged with the duty of protecting those who remained at work and the

property at the mines have seen fit to fire upon a band of strikers, killing one and wounding others. Arms are being freely displayed in some districts and further trouble may ensue. As the strike proceeds hunger and want will begin to make themselves felt among the families of the poorer classes of mine workers and this will have the effect of making the men more desperate. The task of feeding such a vast body of idle and to some extent dependent people will tax the resources of the union to the utmost ever if the strike only lasts a few weeks. If it lasts months, as some predict, there will be nothing left for the poor to do but starve or migrate. Already the storekeepers have announced that they will sell for cash only while the strike lasts. They claim to be men of small capital and cannot afford to carry idle miners. The companies own the houses in which the men live and wholesale evictions may be expected if the strike is prolonged. Some of the companies have shown themselves to be friendly to their employees and have no real dispute with them, but as the question of union recognition has been introduced as the fundamental issue of the strike they have been obliged to see their hands go out with the others as they are not prepared to meet them on this point.

As a result of the strike there has been a tremendously large movement of orders for anthracite coal recently, most of which remain unfilled and will until the strike is over. Dealers everywhere have been clamouring for coal and holders have put up their prices in some places in order to discourage demand. Most of the coal in sight is already contracted for and those who have not secured their supply will likely have some trouble obtaining any quantity. The amount of coal at the western lake ports this year is even smaller than it was a year ago when it was thought there would be a shortage. With the exception of Chicago every United States port reports smaller stocks than usual. Bituminous coal is in good demand since the strike commenced, many seeking to make it a substitute for the hard coal.

In the local market the strike has not yet had any effect on prices. Pennsylvania anthracite is being sold by dealers here at \$10 per ton in a retail way and is worth \$9 per ton in carlots on track. When the cost of delivering—which is 50c per load—and office expenses are taken into consideration it will be seen that there is not much left for profit. Higher prices may be looked for if the strike continues and any advance is made in prices at lake ports from which our supplies are drawn.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The city of Hamilton, Ontario, has under consideration a reform which should go a long way towards eliminating from that city the evils of our modern system of civic government which are due to the practice of having sectional or ward representation. It is proposed to have the aldermen elected by general vote. A petition asking for this reform has been presented by 400 electors. The city solicitors have been instructed to prepare the necessary by-law which will receive the sanction of the present council and be submitted to the ratepayers at the next municipal elections. If approved of by these it will become law. The ward system, which Hamilton seeks to do away with, is one of the weakest

points in our modern system of civic government. It opens the way to all sorts of favoritism and sectionalism and has scarcely any good feature to commend it.

The United States has had good reason for expecting during the years which have elapsed since the famous Venezuelan boundary dispute that its trade with that country, especially its exports, would show some tendency to expand, particularly as the South American Republic is a fairly large purchaser of many lines of goods which are extensively and economically manufactured in the northern republic. It seems, however, that instead of expansion there has been contraction and that to a considerable degree in the exports to Venezuela. In 1870 the United States furnished 37.24 of all the goods imported by Venezuela, while in 1897 the percentage was only 27 and in 1899 the total was the smallest in 10 years, in fact it amounted only to \$2,851,631. Consular agents of the United States are endeavoring to find out the cause and remedy for this falling off, but so far without any tangible results. On the other hand, British trade with Venezuela steadily increases and for the most part at the expense of the United States. Today it is stated, Great Britain is selling 75 per cent. of all printed drills imported by Venezuela, the bulk of which formerly came from the United States. Great Britain is also steadily taking business away from Germany in that country. The British minister to Venezuela says that British manufacturers seem to be easily able to undersell both Germany and the United States in that market. Special efforts are being made by the United States to cultivate this trade, and among other things a warehouse has been established at Caracas for the purpose of keeping on view and encouraging the sale of American products.

The reprehensible practice of allowing drafts for amounts due jobbing houses to go back unpaid is still followed by many country merchants throughout the west to the injury of their own credit, and annoyance of the jobbing houses concerned. When drafts are presented the amounts are generally due and the drawee has known beforehand that the draft was going to be made so that it is seldom that any excuse can be found for non-payment, unless it is lack of funds. In most cases it is merely whim that prompts non-payment. When a retail merchant gets the name of doing this sort of thing it usually has considerable effect upon his standing with the wholesale trade, and he is not able to make such good terms or buy to such good advantage as the man who always pays his drafts promptly.

The examination now being made under oath into the affairs of the Montreal Cold Storage company, which became insolvent through certain of its officials issuing bogus warehouse receipts and raising money on them is developing a very deplorable state of affairs. The president of the company admits that he exercised very little care over its business; the secretary-treasurer, D. J. McGillis, blames the manager and the manager blames the other officers for the crooked work, which led to the collapse of the concern.

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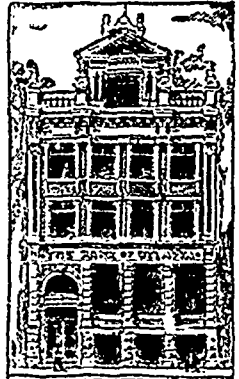
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|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| | Jan. 1st, 1890. | Jan. 1st, 1900. | Jan. 1st, 1890. | Jan. 1st, 1900. |
| Quick Assets | \$ 2,432,135.38 | \$ 8,274,162.14 | Capital paid in | \$ 1,114,300.00 |
| Loans and bills discounted | 5,903,084.20 | 11,270,924.09 | Reserve & undivided profits | 572,973.81 |
| Other assets | 44,958.41 | 74,689.61 | Notes in circulation | 1,325,270.68 |
| Bank premises | 94,975.77 | 18,640.59 | Other liabilities | 194,238.36 |
| | | | Deposits | 5,268,378.91 |
| | \$ 8,475,161.76 | \$ 19,638,396.43 | | \$ 13,816,358.40 |

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VIRDEN, MAN.

We give this week a number of illustrations of the town of Virden, Manitoba. Virden is one of the progressive towns of Western Manitoba. It is situated on the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway, 180 miles west of Winnipeg, and is the third largest town on this line of railway within the province of Manitoba.

Incandescent Mantles.

Professor Chandler, of Columbia University, New York, in the course of the annual address which he delivered recently as president of the Society of Chemical Industry, before that body, said of modern lighting device:

The efficiency of gas lighting has been wonderfully increased by the introduction of the incandescent mantle invented by Auer von Welsbach. By

extremely rare earths, and I remember Professor Woehler placed in my hands, in 1851, a few grammes of thorite from Sweden, from which I prepared thoria.

When Welsbach began his experiments upon thoria, it seemed impossible to procure anywhere in the world a sufficient supply of this material so as to make it available for use in the arts; but as soon as a demand was created, nature responded, and vast quantities of monazite, containing 5 to 6 per cent. of thoria, and much larger quantities of ceria, have been since discovered."

IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

Implement dealers in Eastern Canada will likely meet in January next and form an association.

The display of agricultural machinery at the Toronto exhibition was the smallest on record. The manufacturers signed an agreement last spring to keep away from all exhibitions, which accounts for the falling off. This agreement is likely to be made permanent. It is due to dissatisfaction with the treatment they have had in the past.

Eastern sleigh manufacturers have made very few sleighs for western trade this year under the belief that the stocks on hand left over from last year would be nearly sufficient for all requirements. The wisdom of this course is now manifest as the poor wheat crop will lead many farmers to make the old sleighs do another year.

The associated manufacturers of farm and garden tools of the United States recently held a meeting, at which they announced that for the coming season list prices and base discounts would remain the same as for the year just ended with the single exception of header and grain or barley forks, the prices on which are new, as follows: Header forks, 4-time, 13 to 16 inches, 66 2-3 per cent.; grain or barley forks, 4 or 5-time, 16 to 20 inches, 70 and 6 per cent. off. These are the prices to the retail trade.

Railway and Traffic Notes.

C. P. R. traffic receipts for the week ending Sept. 21 were \$606,000; for the same week last year, \$601,000.

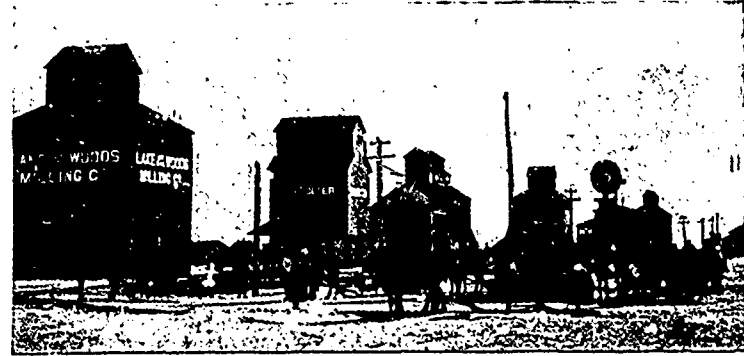
THE IMPLEMENT TRADE.

FEW SUCCESSFUL AUTOMOBILES.

Failures among automobile manufacturers, considering the total number of concerns engaged in the line, are numerous. Discussing this trade recently, a man who was connected with one of the companies that gave up the struggle said that up to this time a majority of motor vehicles put out had been thrown back on the makers' hands because of the imperfections. In other words, comparatively few automobiles could be called a success. Most of the sales carry with them a guaranty that the vehicles have been unable to fill. Buyers demand the broadest kind of a guaranty as to just what the vehicles will do and how they will do it. Manufacturers, anxious to get their products in the hands of users, have carelessly promised more than the capabilities of the machines justified.

the use of this beautiful device the light-giving power of gas has been increased enormously. Water gas, which in the old-fashioned burners of the best kind, yielded an illuminating power of five candle per foot of gas consumed, yields with the Welsbach mantle from 15 to 20 candle-power, and with the improved mantles now being manufactured by the Welsbach Company, at Gloucester, nearly 20 candles per cubic foot of gas consumed.

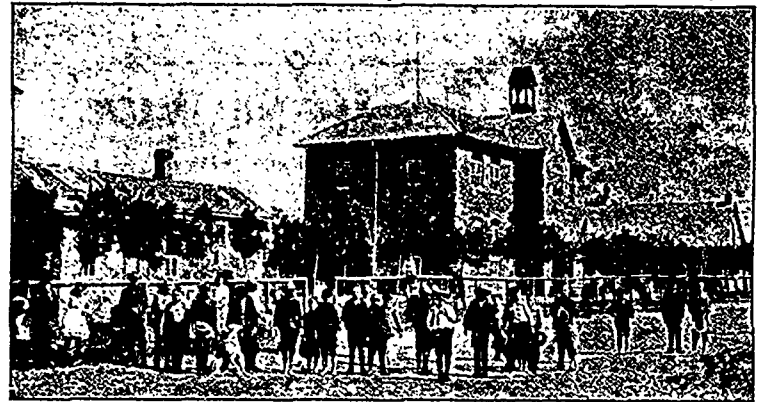
I had occasion recently to test one of the new mantles taken from the regular stock, and with a consumption of 5 feet of gas I obtained 122.5 candle power, or 24.5 candle-power per foot of gas consumed. This great increase in the light produced by the incandescent mantle is due to Welsbach's latest discovery of the fact that the greatest amount of light can be obtained when the mantle consists of from 98 to 99 per cent. of thoria, which by itself emits little light, but has the advantage of making the toughest and most durable mantle, and from 1 to 2 per cent. of ceria, which in combination with the thoria exhibits the greatest light-giving power. The introduction



Grain Elevators at Virden, Man.

Virden is situated in a splendid grain-growing and stock-raising district, and practically from these agricultural industries alone the town derives its business. The row of grain elevators shown in one of the illustrations, is alone sufficient to indicate the importance of the place as a grain market. A town that maintains half a dozen or so of grain elevators and a good flour mill is bound to have a considerable grain trade.

Virden is well supplied with schools, churches, banks, newspapers, and all other requisites which go to fill the wants of an enterprising and progressive community, such as is here found gathered together. The illustrations given in this issue of The Commercial will indicate to some extent what has been accomplished in this young western town in providing school and other public buildings and business premises. The illustrations were kind



Public School, Virden, Man.

In many cases where vehicles were returned after a brief and unsatisfactory trial, it was found to be cheaper to construct entirely new machines rather than remedy the defects in the old. This resulted in a waste of large quantities of material, and notwithstanding the enormous prices obtained for the vehicles, the losses have eaten up the capital and caused the manufacturers to close their plants.

There are, of course, a few successful machines built, but they are the exception rather than the rule. Our informant advances the opinion that the best working and most satisfactory automobiles thus far manufactured are those designed for heavy traffic, such as truck wagons, omnibuses, etc. One would naturally suppose that the smaller and lighter jobs, such as buggies and phaetons, would have advanced nearer the stage of perfection. At least it would seem reasonable that the vehicles carrying the lightest loads would be more apt to fill expectations. That this is not the case may be attributed to the greater capability of heavier motors. To avoid weight the motors on light jobs have been rendered unequal to their task.

The automobile situation as yet presents little menace to the general trade in light vehicles and none to the medium grade vehicle business. Rumors of light single-seated automobiles to be sold at \$200 to \$300 are occasionally heard, but the absurdity of these reports may be judged from the fact that it now requires from \$1,500 to \$2,000 to gain possession of that kind of an automobile having a record in its favor. Even the three-wheeled freaks we see occasionally cost \$600 to \$700. As far as the country vehicle trade is concerned it has nothing to fear from the automobile for many, many years to come.—Implement Age.

The Canadian Northern railway, has now been completed to a point within three miles of the northern boundary of Manitoba, while the grading has been completed as far as the Carrot river, and the work will be pushed forward until the winter sets in.

The Belmont-Hartney extension of the Northern Pacific is now completed as far as Hartney, the first train having passed over the line to the latter point on Saturday last. Seven miles of the road have been constructed this year. Work on the Lake Manitoba spur of the Northern Pacific will now be pushed rapidly forward. The entire work, it is expected, will be completed in about two weeks.

The work of grading the new railway from West Selkirk to Whitewood, on Lake Winnipeg, will be commenced on Monday. J. A. McArthur has been awarded the contract for the work, and he has let sub-contracts as follows: For the first two miles to A. C. Smith, for the next four to J. W. Buchanan, and for the next two to McCrimmon. The balance of the work, a great deal of which is through swamp lands, will be done under McArthur's own supervision. When the road is completed the distance from Winnipeg to Lake Winnipeg by rail will be about 40 miles.

The first number of the Dominion of Canada Labor Gazette, published by the department of labor, was issued on Tuesday from the government printing bureau. It will be issued monthly and printed in both English and French. The purpose is the dissemination of statistical and other information relating to labor conditions and kindred subjects, and the matter is intended to be of service to workmen and others desiring data in regard to questions affecting labor. The Gazette is an official publication.



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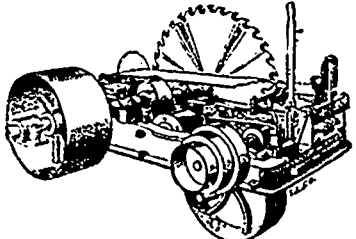
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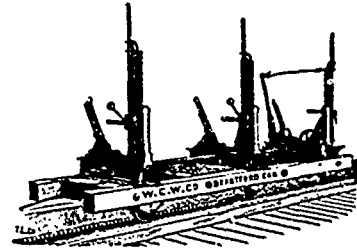
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Siberia.

Popular imagination has pictured Siberia as an ice-bounded country, where the sun, rarely, if ever, shines; where jungles similar to those through which Stanley forced his way in Africa, abound; and also a country filled with deported convicts and nihilists from Russia. I fancy that some such idea fills the mind of a fair portion of the people both in Great Britain and in the United States. Writers of cheap and so-called "popular" books have largely contributed to foster this delusion. Well, as some of us know, Siberia is by no means an arctic land; on the contrary it is a very rich country, full of valuable mineral wealth, splendid timber and agricultural land, while there are now 5,000,000 people there. The population has risen from 3,500,000 in 1853, to 8,000,000 in 1899. Every month sees thousands of hardy and intelligent laborers flocking into the country. In May last the Siberian newspapers stated there were over 10,000 immigrants waiting at Chelabinsk, and that five or six railroad trains were arriving daily crowded with immigrants only and pioneer emissaries, while steamers from Odessa are constantly taking numbers by sea direct to Siberia. The Russian government has this movement thoroughly organized and intends to properly populate the country by all suitable means. The lands lying along the famous

The chief wants of Siberia are manufactured articles, the means to manufacture them itself and all the machinery and appliances requisite for the fuller working of the industrial life of the country generally. More particularly is there an opening for the cheaper kinds of farm implements and tools. The majority of the agriculturists, as already indicated, are newcomers of small means, but still they must want all the necessary implements and appliances for their work. The country is populated by more or less well-to-do peasants, by no means ignorant, and keenly alive to the necessity of using the best machines that their funds permit. Wind mills will be in demand, also saw mill machinery. Dairy appurtenances should find a good sale, too, owing to the extensive production of butter. Indeed, there seems to be quite a rage in Siberia now for dairying. A correspondent writing from Vladivostok a short time ago stated that there is much business enterprise throughout that district, and a moderate amount of capital invested, also a steady increase in the volume and character of the trade and growth of that town.

Siberia is no longer an inaccessible place. An American business man could very well spend a vacation looking over the chief centers. Personal investigation and intercourse cannot be too much recommended. A

styles in all lines of footwear. There has been a slight reaction from the wide toe styles towards medium widths in both men's and women's. The mannish shoe for women has more or less abated, and natty, sensible shapes take its place. Caps are in considerable favor both in fancy and wing tips. The latter, however, are not as large or ornate as they were two or three years ago when this vogue was on to a considerable extent. Light tans will be popular in the lines of stock that have already captivated both sexes in the past. Enamel and French patent will be extensively worn for ordinary wear during next spring and summer if we are to judge from samples. Also white canvas shoes will be more popular than ever with a sprinkling of khaki and grey. The demand for lighter stock and fancy tannages is having a marked effect upon the production of domestic leathers. Manufacturers in Canada are certainly to be congratulated upon the up-to-date character of their product. The steady reduction in the volume of imports of shoes in the last five or six years is an evidence of the progress made in meeting the demands of our population for well-made stylish footwear. In discussing the steady increase in the imports of Great Britain the Shoe and Leather Record, of London, instances Canada as an example to be imitated in holding her own against American aggressiveness

North Dakota Crops.

The North Dakota state report says: All works has been again delayed by rains the past week. More rain is falling than is usual for the season, and besides retarding threshing, is damaging grain in shock and stack, and also hay. Killing frosts occurred in the most parts of the state on the 15th, 16th and 17th, while in other portions only a light one occurred, and in these sections there is yet some flax that is still green and growing, aside from that, most of the crop has been secured. Corn is being gathered and cut, but the wet weather has interfered with potato digging, and in some places they have begun to grow. Not half of the threshing has been done yet, and grain is steadily deteriorating in all parts of the state on account of the continual rains.

Territorial Horse Breeders.

A Territorial Horsebreeders' association has been formed as a result of a meeting called at the instance of the Northwest Territorial government at Calgary. Messrs. Buivyca and Peterson, of the Territorial department of agriculture, were largely instrumental in effecting the organization, and addressed the meeting at length on the advantages to be gained by such an association. The objects of the association, in brief, will be to advocate lower transportation rates, regular annual horse fairs and to bring the possibilities of the Canadian Northwest as a source of remount supply, more fully to the notice of the British war office.

The officers of the new association are: President, W. R. Stewart, Meadow Creek; first vice-president, A. H. Eckford, High River; second vice-president, H. C. Lawson, Regina, breed directors, J. Turner, Millarville, C. J. W. McLaughlin, High River, Shires; A. M. Rawlinson, Calgary, Hackneys; O. A. Critchley, Calgary, thoroughbreds; J. R. Sutherland, Calgary, standard breeds; R. G. Robinson, Elbow Park Rancho, coach breeds.

B. C. Fruit Crop.

R. M. Palmer and Thos. Cunningham, fruit inspectors, have returned from a tour through the fruit growing districts of the lower Fraser. The inspectors found that the damage done by the plum rot was very extensive, the crop being practically ruined. Too much stress, in their opinion, cannot be laid on the necessity for the destruction of all infected plums, whether on the tree or on the ground.

Live Stock Trade Notes.

Buyers are up from the States looking for stocker cattle in the various parts of Manitoba.

Head & Son, Rapid City, are shipping several carloads of stocker cattle to Macleod, Alberta.

It is announced that the Western Stock Growers' Association have decided to increase the bounty on wolves to the following amounts: On full grown dogs and bitches, \$15; on pup wolves, \$5. Such bounties to take effect on October 1.

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Street View in Virden, Man.

railway route are largely occupied and are already being colonized, partly by Siberians and partly by Russians. Since 1893 18,900,000 acres of state lands, mostly in the Tobolsk, Tomsk and Akoninsk governments have been transformed into immigration plots and are in actual occupation. As regards the nihilists, convicts and similar undesirable people, the Russian government has recently decided to stop sending such persons to Siberia, so that grievance will be removed. I have mentioned those facts because I want your readers to disabuse their minds of the antiquated ideas referred to in my opening remarks, and I suggest that they should look into this matter, because Siberia is going to be a market well worth catering for in the near future. Anyway the British government has thought it well worth its while to send a commercial agent there to look after British interests. Germany has been on the spot for some time and other nations are alert to seize anything of advantage.

The Russian government is doing for Siberia what it has lately done for Russia proper, viz., removed or largely reduced the tariff on certain imported goods. For instance, the following manufactures may be sent thither free of duty: Machinery for Siberia gold works, salt, coal, agricultural machinery and parts of machines to an unlimited extent; also machinery for equipping Siberia mills and workshops.

trip to Chellabinsk, Tomsk, Omsk, Tlumen, Kouigan, or even Irkutsk is relatively easy nowadays. Remember that Moscow is the great feeding and distributing centre for Siberia, as well as for Russia. As regards languages, English is used at the ports, but German is far more the international business medium of the whole of Russia. English reaches the sea fringes, or aristocratic circles, French almost exclusively the latter, German well nigh every business centre, and Russian reaches all. When you select an agent, after satisfying yourself that he is reliable, do not let him down hard and fast. The day is past when an exporter, whether British or American, can say "These are the articles we produce." Take machinery for instance, it is often not solid and lasting and really first-rate that is needed, but cheaper and lighter goods adapted to special requirements and to the peculiar exigencies of Russian methods. Exhibiting at local shows throughout the country is an excellent means of bringing business—Farm Implement News Correspondence, Chicago.

Styles and Materials.

There will be little change in shoe styles for the coming spring season, says The Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal. The craze that existed for two or three years for novelties and freaks seems to have passed, and we have settled down to more rational

in manufacturing. It says: "In this connection it is interesting to see what is happening in Canada. In June last the exports of shoes to Canada from the United States were valued at \$15,250, the figures for June, 1899, being \$35,265. It is thus seen that the boot manufacturers in the Dominion are not only holding their own, but are beating American competition in that market. Regard it as we will, there is something humiliating in the reflection that Canadian shoe producers are steadily winning in a contest in which their British brethren are as steadily losing ground. Canada is, figuratively speaking, only next door to New England, where the shoes come from; and if the manufacturers in Brockton, Lynn and other American shoe centres are being cut out by the Canadians, it is not easy to see how they manage to ship goods to a market over 3,000 miles away with increasing success. We have a great dislike to the task of telling the unpleasant truths, but the question of American imports is one of such vital importance that we cannot shirk the duty of pointing out the actual facts. It is for the English manufacturers to digest and profit by them."

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Business Stability.

There is one evil which, if not at present threatening, may arise any day, viz., the increase in the number of small and irresponsible dealers, mostly young men and without capital, except the capital of ambition, to have a store or be a business man. There is no law to prevent a man without capital going into business, but despite the fact that most of our great merchants and manufacturers started without a dollar, it might prove to be a good thing if the law required the possession of a certain amount of capital on entering business. There always have been too many storekeepers, and perhaps always will be, but who is to draw the line and where is it to be drawn? As long as trade is good and margins fair these capital-less storekeepers keep going, when the storm of competition and the crush of production and declining prices come, they fall and fall out of line after having made legitimate trade of strong concerns barely profitable.—Implement Age.

General Superintendent Osborne, of the C. P. R., Winnipeg, has returned from a trip to the mining regions of British Columbia. He says that matters are booming at the coal mines. At Fernie, 242 coke ovens are in full blast, and within a few weeks the number will be increased to 312. The daily output of coke is at present 700 tons. At Michel, quite a few new openings have been made with exceptionally good prospects, and new mines are being opened at Livingstone. The mining at Lethbridge is also in a most flourishing condition.

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CARTRIDGES—Rim fire, American, discount 40 per cent; Dominion, 50 and 5 per cent; central fire, pistol, American discount 10 per cent. Dominion discount 30 per cent; military and sporting, American net list, Dominion 25 per cent. CEMENT—Portland, barrel, \$4.25 to \$4.50. CHAIN—Coll, proved, 3-16 in, per 100 lb, \$12; 3/4 in, \$8; do, 5-16 in, \$0.25; 3/8 in, \$0.70; 7/16 in, \$0.75, 1/2 in and up, \$3.50. Jack, iron, single rod, dozen yards, 150 to 250c double, per dozen yards, 250 to \$1.50. L or 5-16, \$3.10; 3/8, Trace, per dozen pairs, \$3.75 to \$4.00. CHAINS—L. B. Steel frame, 55 per cent; wood frame, 20 cents less net. COPPER—Tinned sheets, 25c; polished 35c; boiler and T. K. pits, plain tinned, per lb, 20c; spun, 35c. FILES—Com, 70 and 10 per cent; Nicholson's and Black Diamond, 60 per cent. GLASS—Sheets, 15c; broken, 12 1/2c; blue, white, for kalsomine, 18 1/2c. GREASE—KYLE—Fraser's, per case, \$3.75; Diamond, light, \$1.75; case; dark, \$1.75; Mica, \$3. GILDRONES—\$1.50 100 lb. HAIR—Washers, 50c bale. HARVEST TOOLS—65 per cent. HOES—Iron shoes, \$0.80; legs, 0 and 1, \$4.00; and larger, \$4.65; less than for legs, 25c extra. Steel shoes, 0 and 1 \$3.20; 2 and larger, \$4.05. HINGES—Heavy T and strap, per 100 lb, \$7.25 to \$7.50; light do, 60 per cent; screw hook and hinge, 0 to 10 in., 6c per lb; 12 in. up, per lb, 4c. IRON—Bar, iron, 100 lb, base price, \$2.75. Band iron, 100 lb, \$3.05 base. Swedish iron, 100 lb, \$3.05 base. Sheet, black, 16 to 20 gauge, \$3.50; 22 to 24 gauge, \$3.75; 28 gauge \$4. Galvanized American, 10 gauge, \$4.25; 18 to 22 gauge, \$4.60; 24 gauge, \$4.75; 26 gauge, \$5; 28 gauge, \$5.25 per 100 lb; Queen's head, 25c advance on American prices. 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Manitoba.

Cypress River has now two good hotels.

A. F. L. McDonald's new store at Makinak is now open.

Le Page Bros. have bought the I. R. Strome stock, Rapid City.

Emerson's rate of taxes this year will be 27 mills on the dollar.

C. F. Boardman, Roland, has sold his bakery business to D. McKenzie.

It is reported that Logan & Co., bankers, Carberry, will open a branch at Roland.

A. W. Leise, charged at Portage la Prairie with infraction of the transient traders' law, has been fined \$50 and costs. He has appealed.

A new store is being built at Oakland, on the N. P. Lake line, by Speers. An addition is also being put to the elevator at that point, and a cleaner is being put in.

The stock of the Nova Scotia Wool depot, Notre Dame avenue, Winnipeg, has been sold at 65c on the dollar to W. Rodgers & Co., who have opened a store on Portage avenue.

A brick addition is being made to the jewellery establishment of D. J. Dingwall, in the McIntyre block. The lower floor of the new addition will be occupied by the manufacturing department while the second floor will be fitted up as an art room.

A meeting of the Journeymen Tailors' union, of Winnipeg, was held on Thursday evening last, when it was decided to terminate the strike which has been dragging along since June 1. The strike was caused by dissatisfaction of the union men with the rules in several of the city shops.

Brandon expects to have a system of waterpower in operation at an early date which will effect a great saving in fuel. The local electric lighting company is damming the Saskatchewan river about eight miles from the city and expects to be able to secure enough power for its own uses and to supply the city as well.

Work was commenced this week on a large extension to the Ryan block, Winnipeg, recently purchased by A. F. Bantfield for his carpet and house furnishing business. The new building will go through to Albert street, and when completed will make a building 150 feet deep, five stories on Main street, and four on Albert street.

Assinibola.

G. Silvester, hardware merchant, Elkhorn, has moved into his new store premises.

Baker & Reid, grain dealers, of Winnipeg, are building a 25,000 bushel elevator at Caron.

Burrows & Balfour, general merchants, Lumsden, have made a settlement with their creditors at 50 cents on the dollar. The business will be carried on under the name of Balfour & Balfour.

Alberta.

M. McDonald has started a produce and commission business at Calgary.

W. H. Parsons has purchased the hardware stock of J. L. Johnson & Co., Edmonton.

Northwest Ontario.

J. W. Quinn has opened a tailoring establishment at Norman.

E. G. Hall, dry goods, of Rat Portage, is opening a branch at Keewatin.

The water in Rainy river has been steadily rising for some time, and the steamer Keenora is now able to go through to Fort Francis.

E. B. Douglas, president of the Sault Ste. Marie Pulp and Paper Co., has been at the head of the lakes for the purpose of studying the water-power in the neighborhood of Fort William and Port Arthur. He may make a proposition to those towns looking to the supplying of water and electric power.

The Canadian steam barge St. Andrew was wrecked on Thursday morning on Blanchar Island, near Black bay, 40 miles from Port Arthur. The crew escaped with their lives. The steamer was bound from Jack Fish to Port Arthur, light. The St. Andrew was owned by Playfair & Co., Midland, and had a capacity of 40,000 bushels. The steamer will be a total loss, as after pounding her bottom out, she slid off into deep water. The crew did not even save their clothes.

President Shaughnessy in the West.

President Shaughnessy, of the C. P. R., is on his annual tour over the western end of the system. He arrived in Winnipeg on Monday, and was busy inspecting the company's property and affairs here and on some of the branch lines until Wednesday, when he left for the west, accompanied by the local officials. While in Winnipeg Mr. Shaughnessy interviewed the city council regarding the contribution which the company want from the city towards the proposed subway on Main street which will be made necessary by the erection of the new hotel and depot. He is reported to have proposed that the city contribute \$60,000 towards the building of the subway. On Tuesday evening Mr. Shaughnessy was banquetted at the Manitoba club, at which about 80 leading citizens were present. In the course of a speech at the banquet he said that the company had decided to redress the long standing grievance of the west in the matter of passenger rates to the east and return by making the rate correspond to the return rate now prevailing at eastern points from the west. This is a reform which has long been sought by the Winnipeg board of trade and others.

Important Lumber Deal.

The Kewatin Lumber Company, have consummated within the past two weeks a deal which has been pending for some time between themselves and the owners of the Dick, Banning & Company retail lumber yard at Winnipeg, by which they purchase this business outright and assume possession on October 1. G. A. Lister, who has been connected with the John Arbuthnot business here for some time, will manage the business for them, Mr. Chisholm having resigned. The entry of this strong company into the retail trade here is regarded with favor.

Northwestern Flax Crop.

The Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter in its issue of last Saturday publishes the following regarding the flaxseed crop of the Northwestern States: "The first frost of the season occurred in spots throughout the Northwest the morning of Sept. 16. It is difficult at this time to judge with any accuracy as to its effects, but of one thing the trade may feel sure, and that is that the early estimates of damage was very much overstated. All of the early sown flax is safe and has made a good crop. The late sown flax in the States up to North Dakota is likewise safe. The only damage possible from frost was to late sown flax in North Dakota. We are without accurate information as to the area of late sown flax in that state, but would say that from 300,000 to 400,000 acres might have been put in after the regular sowings. This would leave a possible 2,500,000 to 3,000,000 bushels that might have been affected by a killing frost, if all the area were adversely affected. As a matter of fact there was only a partial damage, and there are those who say that this is a great benefit rather than otherwise, as the grade of the seed harvested will be raised by having a smaller quantity of immature seed intermixed."

The fire loss of the United States and Canada for the month of August, as compiled from records of the New York Journal of Commerce, shows a total of \$10,238,250.

A report from Skagway says that the passenger rates from Skagway have been advanced to \$60 first class, and \$50 second class, and from Dawson to Skagway \$75 first class and \$50 second class. There is no increase in the freight rates.

The American Tinplate Company announced early this week that the price of tinplates for delivery the last quarter of 1900 would be reduced 6c a box, making the basis \$4 a box instead of \$4.65. This came as a surprise to the trade.

City Treasurer Scott, of Winnipeg, reported to the board of works on Wednesday evening that the following fire policies expired Oct. 1: Fire halls and furniture, \$30,000; market, \$15,000; police station, \$3,000; asphalt works, \$4,000; city yard, \$3,600; city property, \$8,000; city quarry building, furniture, engine, boiler, etc., \$2,800; waterworks plant, \$25,000; a total of \$88,000. It was recommended that the insurance be renewed in the same companies which at present held the risks.

FINANCIAL

EUROPEAN LOANS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Another large foreign government loan has been taken by New York bankers and will be offered to American investors. Germany is the borrower in this case, and the loan for which it has just closed negotiations consists of \$3,000,000 marks, or \$20,000,000, at 4 per cent., the bonds running for five years. The American syndicate which undertakes the transaction consists of the National City Bank and Messrs. Kuhn, Loeb & Co., of New York, it being understood that one of the largest life insurance companies is a subscriber to the extent of \$5,000,000. The formal announcement is made that a public subscription for the new German bonds will be opened, that payments will extend over a sufficiently long period, and that it is intended to remit the proceeds in bills of exchange and not in gold. The general comment in financial circles is that Germany's credit entitles the bonds to a favorable reception, and that the loan will be oversubscribed. In taking this means of providing for its expenses in China, the German government's motive is, doubtless, to avoid creating any pressure in the home markets, while the incident, coming so soon after the successful placing of the British war loan here is further proof of the leading position the United States occupies in the field of international finance.—Bradstreets.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

F. R. Godwin, manager of the Ottawa Bank at Rat Portage, has been transferred to the Winnipeg branch.

The Dominion Bank occupied their new building at Winnipeg on Tuesday. The offices are very handsome and have been admired by a great number of visitors this week.

The town of Medicine Hat, Assa., is offering for sale debentures to the value of \$40,000. This loan is being raised to build waterworks for the town.

The Dominion government announces a surplus for the fiscal year ending June 30th last of over \$8,000,000. The revenue was \$51,000,783, and the expenditure \$42,976,051.

Tenders for the purchase of \$35,000 debentures of the city of Columbia, B. C., issued for electric lighting, waterworks improvements, street improvements, fire protection and payment of a loan of \$5,000 were to be opened to-day.

Parr's Bank, London, England, was robbed of 100,000 in January, 1899, and the thief has only now been brought to justice. C. J. Goss, a former clerk, has been sentenced to seven years in penitentiary. The money has been nearly all recovered.

A recent circular issued from the head office of the Canadian Bank of Commerce to medical examiners of the staff throughout the different branches advises them to be particularly observant of any cases where the cigarette habit has affected the health of the men. Such men will not be passed on examination.

The system of penny savings which was adopted in some of the Winnipeg public schools last year has now become general and has received the official sanction of the board. Deposits may be made each Monday morning to the teachers, who will hand over the money to the principal, who in turn will deposit it in the Bank of Commerce to the credit of each child. No money can be withdrawn excepting when the cheque is countersigned by the parent or guardian and teacher.

It is announced that the Standard Oil Company has declared another dividend on its capital stock of \$100,000,000, this time a dividend of 8 per cent., and this the third during the year. The first was of 20 per cent., and the second 10, making a total of 38 per cent. during seven months, or an earning of \$38,000,000 on a capital of \$100,000,000 in little more than half a year, and of this enormous amount one man receives \$11,750,000. This one man owns 49 per cent. of all the stock of the subsidiary companies, whose earnings net him thus far during the year \$38,510,000, making a total for seven months of \$48,200,000.

His income for the entire year is conservatively estimated at \$60,000,000.

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Returns for the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending Thursday, show as follows:

Week ended Sept. 27, 1900 ... \$1,822,952
Corresponding week, 1899 ... 2,145,016
Corresponding week, 1898 ... 1,566,412
The monthly totals are as follows:

| | 1900. | 1899. | 1898. |
|-----------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Jan. .. | \$3,000,007 | \$7,083,062 | \$9,347,108 |
| Feb. .. | 6,702,440 | 6,292,471 | 6,517,340 |
| Mar. .. | 7,320,062 | 6,746,121 | 5,988,275 |
| April .. | 7,091,619 | 6,910,431 | 6,210,113 |
| May .. | 9,762,579 | 7,472,855 | 6,882,364 |
| June .. | 9,612,084 | 8,211,710 | 7,390,799 |
| July .. | 9,285,425 | 8,169,595 | 6,316,248 |
| Aug. .. | 8,173,036 | 7,993,291 | 6,180,385 |
| Sept. .. | | 8,281,158 | 6,414,551 |
| Oct. .. | | 12,689,000 | 9,347,682 |
| Nov. .. | | 14,425,210 | 11,553,069 |
| Dec. .. | | 12,968,005 | 10,708,731 |
| Totals .. | | \$107,786,814 | \$90,674,223 |

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A good paying general store business, in a first-class inland farming district in Northwestern Manitoba, on the M. N. W. Ry. Stock about \$3,000.00. Store can be purchased or leased for any length of time. Apply to N. O. N., care of The Commercial, Winnipeg.

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A good boarding house with first-class custom in Arden. General boarders, a commercial and country trade. Formerly "Snelgrove House." Good reasons for desiring to sell. For terms apply to Mrs. Smith, proprietor, Arden, Man.

For Sale.

For Sale—A good general store business in a thriving town in Southwestern Manitoba, situated on the Souris branch of the C. P. R., in the midst of a well settled and prosperous community. Stock \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00. Buildings and grounds in fine shape, with newly built residence adjoining, if desired. Apply to T. H. J., box 750, Winnipeg.

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A general store business, thoroughly established, in good town. Good will and lease of premises to right buyer. Address N. N., care of Commercial.

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For purchase of Stock, Book Debts and Real Estate belonging to the estate of Savage Bros., Revelstoke, B. C. Full particulars on application to J. B. Smith, Revelstoke.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, September 29.

Another week of unsettled weather with just enough rain to keep work at a standstill in the harvest fields, has had the effect of further depressing the business situation. Deliveries of new wheat are as yet very light and other grains are not coming in at all. Cattle shipments for the week have been large. The large movement of produce continues and good prices prevail. The demand for labor is good especially from the harvest fields. Bank clearings are again lower as compared with last year, the falling off amounting to \$312,661. When it is considered, though, that at this time last year the grain movement was in full swing the cause of the falling off is apparent.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, September 29.

(All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.)

BOOTS-AND-SHOES.

Manufacturers are not very well satisfied with the way their fall trade has turned out in this country and are expressing considerable doubt as to the spring. Samples of spring goods are now ready and travellers will start out with these after the first of the month. In style, finish, fit and quality the spring lines are said to be the best yet and Canadian factories are being congratulated upon the success which they are meeting with in their efforts to drive foreign goods out of their market.

BUILDING MATERIAL.

Demand has slackened off but prices remain as follows: Stonewall rubble, \$3.50 per cord; Stonewall footing, \$5.50 per cord; Stony Mountain rubble, \$4.00 per cord. White lime is worth 20c per bushel, and grey lime 15c per bushel, all f.o.b. at quarry and kiln. Brick is quoted here at \$10 per thousand for kiln run and \$11 per thousand for veneer.

DRUGS.

Trade is steady and there are no special features to note. As regards prices the most important event is the sharp advance in cocaine amounting to \$1 per ounce here. This is due to the firm market east and inability to obtain supplies. Other lines which show marked strength are castor oil, cod liver oil and glycerine. There are no other changes. Prices are given elsewhere.

DRY GOODS.

Trade is quiet. Some travellers are out for sorting orders, meeting with fair success. House business is very light. The strength in cottons is the leading feature of the dry goods markets just now. Although no change has yet been made in jobbing prices, it is felt that the factory advances of last week must soon be followed.

FISH.

Pickrel and Jack fish are in abundant supply and a good trade is doing in these. The demand is also good for whitefish. Smoked gold-eyes are about out. Oysters are coming forward freely and are selling somewhat lower, \$2.40 being now the top price for select. We quote: Whitefish, fresh caught, 5c to 6c per lb.; pickrel, 4c; Pike, 3c; trout, 10c; salmon, 12½c; halibut, 12½c; mackerel, 15c; salt cod, 7c; Labrador herring, half barrel, \$4. Oysters, select, \$2.40 per gallon.

FUEL.

Interest in this market has been greatly stimulated by the strike in the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania and its present effect on supplies. The impression seemed to prevail that this strike would not last long and that its influence would not be felt here. It is now announced that the strike is off Pennsylvania anthracite is selling here to day at \$10.00 per ton for domestic sizes. Canadian anthracite from the Rocky Mountains is selling at \$9.50 retail and other coals the same as last winter with the exception of Souris lignite which is now retailing at \$4.75 per ton as against \$4.50 last season an advance of 25c. It is understood that the cutting in carlot rates for this

coal at country points has been stopped by mutual agreement among the companies and that a uniform scale has been decided upon. At the mines the coal is worth \$1.60 per ton f.o.b. on usual terms, and \$1.50 per ton for cash. Souris steam coal is worth \$1.35 at the mines and screenings 60c per ton. Wood is plentiful in the city and it is reported that cars are being loaded at some country points for shipment to this market.

GREEN FRUITS.

Business is good in all seasonable lines. Peaches are about done. Grapes are plentiful at 10c lower than a week ago for leading Ontario varieties. California peaches are 25c per box lower. Washington plums, 10c lower. Ontario pears are plentiful at 75c per basket. Snow apples will be in shortly. Cranberries are now in. We quote prices here as follows: California lemons, \$6.50 per box; bananas, per bunch, \$2.75; sweet potatoes, per barrel, \$6.50; Ontario fall apples, per barrel, \$2.25 to \$2.75; Washington box apples per box, \$1.75; Ontario crab apples, per barrel, \$4 to \$5. Montana box crabs, \$1.90; California peaches, per case, \$1.20; Washington blue plums, \$1.25, with a rebate of 10c per case for five case lots or over. Washington pears, per case, \$2.25; with 10c off large lots; Ontario grapes, Concord, 30c; Rogers, 40c; Niagaras, 35c; Tokay grapes, per crate, \$2.75; basket pears, 75c; basket crabapples, 60c; basket tomatoes, 50c; green tomatoes, per lb., 2c; celery, per dozen, 35c; cabbage, per dozen, 50c; cauliflower, per dozen, 60c; onions, per lb., 3c; Grenoble walnuts, 1½ to 15c; Taragona almonds, 15c; filberts 10 to 11c; peanuts, green, 9c; roasted, 12c; pecan nuts, 15c per lb.; maple sugar per pound, 12 cents; maple syrup \$6.00 per case of 1 dozen ½ gal. tins; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; fruit cider put in 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon 35c; California layer figs in 10 lb. boxes, \$1.00; Smyrns in glove boxes, \$2 per dozen; 10 lb. boxes, \$1.50 per box, dates, 7c per lb. honey in 1 lb. glass jars, per dozen jars, \$2.50; cranberries, per barrel, \$8.50.

GROCERIES.

The demand for groceries from all parts of the country holds steady and is fairly large. Collections are slow. Prices show but few changes during the week. Beans have dropped 25c per bushel, to \$1.75 to \$1.80. Salt herrings in half barrels are 25c lower at \$3.75. Muscatel raisins are ½c higher at 8c for 2 crown, 5½c for 3 crown and 9c for 4 crown. Evaporated apples are 1c lower at 6½c to 6¾c per pound. Dried apples are down ¼c per pound. New Orleans molasses is 3c per gallon lower. Rio coffee is firmer and new stocks could not be laid down here to sell at present prices. New crop canned blueberries are now in stock here, a carlot having arrived yesterday. Express shipments of fine an haddie will begin to arrive in about two weeks. Sugar prices are steady. New crop nuts are expected in soon. Prices of nuts are higher in some cases than a year ago, notably Grenoble walnuts. Almonds are about the same as a year ago, and filberts are higher at primary points. Jobbing prices at Winnipeg will be found on "prices current" page.

HARDWARE AND PAINTS.

The hardware market is unchanged so far as the local situation is concerned. Prices are steady and business very quiet. Sporting goods have been meeting with some demand in view of the approach of chicken season, and there has also been a fair movement of stoves, furnaces and other heating apparatus. The changes in eastern quotations on bar iron, pig tin, tinplate and other staples, have not been followed here as yet. Paints and oils are steady and a fair trade is doing for the season. Linseed oil holds firm at 81c and 87c for raw and boiled. Turpentine is also steady in price although we understand that some adulterated oil has been sold recently here at several cents below our figure of 71c for pure spirits in barrels. White lead has not been affected by the decline of 25c announced at Montreal last week for the reason that prices here have all along been below the eastern basis and even when this 25c is taken off it would still cost more to lay lead down here than local dealers have been willing at.

IMPLEMENTS AND VEHICLES.

Trade in these lines is at a stand still. The rainy weather and general uncertainty is killing business and

dealers have ceased looking for orders. They are ready enough to sell a good customer anything he wants, but such orders are few and far between at present. Collections will engage the most attention from now on.

LUMBER.

Trade is quiet and the season will probably finish so. The weather has been unfavorable for building operations for some time, consequently, there are very few new schemes on foot. What buildings are now under way are being pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. Prices hold firm and it is not thought that there will be any change in these in the near future as stocks available for consumption here are not large and as the mills anticipate a good business next season, they are content to pile up what they have no sale for now. Retail prices in the city are still being cut to some extent by one or two yards. An important change in regard to a local retail business is noted elsewhere in this issue. Winnipeg wholesale prices for white pine lumber are given on another page.

SCRAP.

We quote: No. 1 cast iron, free from wrought and malleable, \$13 to \$14 per ton. No. 2, \$5 ton, wrought iron scrap, \$5 ton, heavy copper, 10c per pound; red brass, 8c per pound; yellow brass, heavy, 7c per pound; light brass, 4½ to 5c per pound, lead pipe or tea lead, 2c to 2½c; rags, country mixed, 50c per 100 pounds; rubbers, free from rivets, buckies and articles, 5½c per pound, zinc scrap 1c per lb; bones, clean, dry and bleached, ¾c per ton.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Wheat—The markets have been easier and less active during the past week, and at the close of the week the feeling is distinctly easy and a weaker tendency manifested. Prices have not changed much although they show a decline of 1½c to 2c per bus. on the week. The weather over Manitoba and the United States Northwest shows little improvement, and during the first days of the week was decidedly bad, heavy rains being general and snow falling at some places. The weather has further delayed threshing and marketing, and also further deteriorated the value of the grain. The movement of wheat to primary markets in the States shows a slight falling off as compared with last year, but is still large. The receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth are only running about half what they were a year ago, thus showing the effect of the small crop in the Northwest and the delaying character of the weather. It also shows that the primary receipts are being kept up by the free shipment of winter wheat from Kansas and the adjacent country, where the wheat crop was very bountiful. Plowing and seeding is progressing favorably in the winter wheat states, and it is expected that the acreage will not show much difference from last crop. Export demand has been very fair, stimulated by lower prices on this side and a decline in ocean freight. There is little that is new in regard to the outcome of European crops. The English crop is put at 12,000,000 bu. under last year, and latest reports as to the crop in Southern Russia pronounce it much shorter than previously estimated. The aggregate European crop is estimated by competent authorities at 70 to 80,000,000 bu. under last year. Weather in France is reported as too dry for fall work and seeding is delayed. Further rains are reported from India and crop prospects are favorable. Reports yesterday from Argentina were to the effect that the crop will be twenty per cent. larger than last year, but it is a little early yet for such reports. The crop has between two and three months to grow yet before harvest. It has thus far not made the most healthy kind of progress, having had too much wet weather, which has made it soft and rank in straw. Statistics for last week have been rather bearish in character. The American visible supply increased 1,044,000 bus. compared to an increase for same week last year of 440,000 bus., and the total now stands at 54,933,000 bus. compared to 59,728,000 bus. last year. The world's shipments were 7,050,000 bus. against 7,458,000 bus. prev. vis. week and 6,800,000 bus. last year. The world's visible supply, according to Bradstreet, increased 1,634,000 bus. compared to an increase of 3,354,000 bus. same week a year ago.

There is no change in the local market from a week ago except that Man-

itoba wheat is about 2c higher in price compared to a decline of 1½c to 2c in values of wheat in American markets. Owing to further damage in new crop and delay in movement holders of the higher grades of hard wheat are very firm. The demand is on a small scale, but some small lots have changed hands, 1 hard spot, Fort William, fetching as high as 89c during the last three days and 2 hard and 1 northern 86c. These prices are far above export value, but have been paid by the Ontario milling trade. 3 Hard is 11c under 1 hard. All lower grades, including scoured and dried wheat are irregular in price and change hands according to grade and condition. As yet only a few cars of this year's crop have been dealt in.

FLOUR—Prices are steady and unchanged as follows: Ogilvie's Hungarian, \$2.30 per sack of 95 lbs; Glenora Patent, \$2.15; Lake of the Woods, Five Roses, \$2.30; Patent, \$2.15; Medora, \$1.70, and XXXX \$1.35 per sack.

MILFEED—Bran is \$12.00 to \$12.50 per ton. Shorts \$14.50 to \$15 per ton.

GROUND FEED—Oat chop is \$2 per ton dealer. Other lines unchanged. We quote: Oat chop, \$28 per ton; barley chop, \$21.50, mixed barley and oats, \$23; corn chop, \$22; oil cake, \$26 per ton.

WHEAT—The country market has hardly opened yet as there has been so little threshing done. Buyers have been placed at most points and everything is ready for the usual fall rush. To-day we hear of bids of 70c per bushel to farmers at 17½c freight rate points for best wheat.

OATS—New oats are not yet obtainable in a general way and the market is consequently very quiet. Only two or three cars of old oats have been offered to the trade this week. These have sold at 39c to 40c per bushel on the track, which is about 1c better than our quotations of last week.

BARLEY—There is no business doing. Prices are quoted nominal at 45c per bushel on track.

CORN—Market steady at 50c to 51c per bushel for No. 3 in carlots on track here.

HAY—Good hay is scarce and there is a better demand. Prices have advanced about 30c per ton during the week making the price now \$6.50 to \$7.00 in carlots on track. Loose hay on the street market is worth about the same as baled.

BUTTER—Creamery butter is offering more freely owing to improved prices. Held stock is beginning to come out but does not command as good prices as fresh made stock. There are some complaints among dealers regarding the quality of some of the creamery butter being made this year by provincial creameries. We quote: 19½ to 20c at the factories according to grade.

BUTTER—Dairy—The market for dairy butter is steady. Dealers are paying from 12 to 14c per pound commission basis.

CHEESE—Factory cheese is regularly quoted at 9½c to 10c per pound delivered here, and dairy at 9 to 9½c.

EGGS—Receipts are heavy. Some houses will not pay more than 12c per dozen for case eggs subject to candling, others are paying 12½c. These figures are net, delivered here.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes have advanced this week owing to wet weather interfering with deliveries. As high as 50c per bushel has been paid to farmers for some choice lots but the regular quotations are 35 to 40c. We quote: Potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel. rhubarb, 20c per dozen. lettuce, 10c per dozen. parsley, 20c. green onions and radish, 10c per doz. carrots, 10c, beets, 10c per dozen; turnips, 25c per bus. cabbage, 25c to 40c per dozen, ripe tomatoes, 3c per lb. imported tomatoes, 4c per basket. green tomatoes, 3c per bushel, celery, 20c per dozen, cucumbers, 10 to 25c per dozen; pickling cucumbers, 50c per pair; gerkins, 75c per pair.

DRESSED MEATS—In plentiful supply. We quote: Choice beef, 5½ to 6c per lb. veal, 7 to 8c mutton, 10c. lamb, 10c to 11c, hogs, 7½ to 7¾c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Poultry is in a little better supply at steady prices. Live hens are worth 9c per pound, dressed fowl 12c dressed chickens, 14c; ducks, live weight, 8c, dressed, 10c. turkeys, live, 10c, dressed, 13c.

GAME—Wild ducks are scarce in this market. Dealers pay 25 to 50c

per pair, according to size and variety. Cheese are scarce and worth about 60c each.

HIDES—Receipts are increasing, but prices remain unchanged. We quote No. 1 inspected hides, 9c per lb for all weights; No. 2, 5c per lb; No. 3, 4c; shearing sheepskins, 20 to 25c for late killed; calfskins, 8c; deakins, 25 to 25c each; horse hides, 75c to \$1.25 each.

WOOL—Receipts are practically nil. We quote 8 to 8 1/2c per pound for unwashed fleeces and 12 1/2c per pound for washed.

TALLOW—Quoted at 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c. SENECA—The market is firmer, and prices have advanced to as high as 30 cents for choice root. From 27 to 30 cents is the regular range. Receipts are very light.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—This has been another heavy week in the export trade. Fat cattle are coming forward in large numbers from all parts of the west for shipment to the old country markets. Butchers' cattle are in slow demand. Buyers are operating in stockers at some country points and are paying 2 1/2c per pound for these. We quote Choice export steers, off cars, here, 1/2c lower at 3 1/2c, butchers cattle, 2 1/2 to 3c, common to good grades, 2c to 2 1/2c.

SHEEP—Sheep are now coming in from the western ranges, but the demand is light. Choice grades of sheep are quoted at 1 1/2c per pound off cars here.

HOGS—Offerings are very light. Prices hold firm at 5 1/2c per lb for hogs weighing from 150 to 250 pounds. Thick fats and heavies 1/2 to 5c.

MILCH COWS—These are very scarce and readily bring from \$30 to \$40 each.

HORSES—There is only a light demand for horses, mostly for delivery purposes.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 1,006,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Sept. 22. Receipts for the week were 63,000 bushels, and shipments were 56,000 bushels. A year ago stocks in store at Fort William were 918,000 bushels. Stocks in store at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg, and interior points, were estimated approximately at 2,500,000 bushels compared with 2,015,000 bushels a year ago, 1,600,000 bushels two years ago.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending Sept. 22 there were 115 cars of grain inspected, which graded as follows:—Wheat—1 hard, 63, 2 hard, 62, 3 hard, 22, 2 northern, 4, 1 frosted, 1, rejected, 3, no grade, 32; condemned, 1 car. Oats—1 white, 1, 2 white, 1, 2 mixed, 1; rejected, 1 car. Flax Seed—Rejected, 1 car. For the corresponding week of last year there were 1492 cars of grain inspected.

Tenders.

Tenders for certain alterations to be made in the Grand Opera House property, Winnipeg, are invited by the Tribune Publishing Company. Same to be delivered at the office of C. H. Wheeler, architect, by 4 o'clock, on Thursday, Oct. 4. Sealed tenders, addressed to the chairman of the committee on works, Winnipeg, for the construction of the hereinafter mentioned local improvements will be received up to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3. The works are as follows: Sewer in Gwendoline street from Alexander avenue to Logan avenue, granolithic wash, 5 ft. wide, on the north side of Mayfair avenue from Main street to end of said avenue, 6 feet wide, on east side of Garry street from Portage avenue to Graham avenue.

Sealed tenders addressed to John Arbuthnot, chairman public parks board, Winnipeg, for the construction of the hereinafter mentioned boulevards will be received up to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3rd. The streets and parts of streets on which said boulevards are proposed to be laid are as follows: St. Mary avenue from Main street to Colony street; Clark street from River avenue to end of street; Spadina avenue, from Priscilla street to Pembina street; Pembina and Osborne streets, from River avenue to Corydon avenue.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Sept. 24, 1900.

The bank clearings for Vancouver fell off again this week being over \$100 less than the corresponding month of last year. The C. P. R. traffic receipts for September will also be much lower than for September, 1899. A C. P. R. official states that the cause of the falling off of their receipts was the almost entire diversion of the Klondike trade to Seattle. Since the wreck of the steamer Cutch there has been no regular line of steamers plying between Vancouver and Skagway, and nearly all the trade as well as nearly all the gold is being taken to the sound.

Wholesalers report business dull and money tight.

The agricultural fairs are now being held throughout British Columbia. The display of vegetables and stock at Mission fair held this week is said to have been the best on record; the fruit exhibit, however, did not appear as good as other years, no doubt due to the ravages of the cut worm, and plum rot.

There is some let up in building operations for the first time in two years, owing no doubt to the fact that such a large number of good houses and stores and office buildings have been erected in the past year that there would be a danger of overbuilding. In fact rents of all kinds are not as firm as heretofore.

British Columbia Markets.

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PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

(By wire to The Commercial.)

Vancouver, Sept. 23.

Manitoba patent flour is 15c higher New Day is offering at \$12 per ton. Lambs are higher, ranging up to \$4.50 each. Hogs are 25c lower. Mutton is 1 1/2c down. Manitoba eggs are 1c higher. Silver skin onions are 1/2c lower, and Cal. onions 1/4c lower. Oranges are out of the market. Potatoes are 10c lower.

GRAIN—Oats, \$2 per ton, wheat, \$27. FLOUR—Delivered R. C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$3.40; strong bulk, \$3.30; Oregon, \$3.50 per barrel.

FIRED—National mills chop, \$25 per ton; linn, \$18; shorts, \$20; oil cake meal, \$33; ton, f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—New, \$12 per ton. MEAL—Rolled oats, 90lb sack, \$2.60; two 45lb sacks, \$2.70; 25lb sacks, \$2.90; ten 7lb sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal in 10lb sacks, per 100lb, \$3.25; in 50lb sacks, \$3.00 per 100lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$3.75 per 100lb; butchers' cows, \$3 per 100lb; sheep, \$4.50 per 100lb; lambs, \$4.00 to \$4.50 each; hogs, \$6.50 per 100lb.

MISCELLANEOUS MEATS—Beef, 7 1/2c, mutton, 10 1/2c, pork, \$1.00, veal, 1 1/2c.

GAME—Mallard ducks, 15c per pair, grouse, \$1 per pair; venison, 8c.

CURED MEATS—Hams, 15 1/2c; breakfast bacon, 14 1/2c; smoked, 12 1/2c; long clear, 12c; rolls, 12 1/2c; hams, 12 1/2c.

LARD—Tax, 12 1/2c per lb; rolls, 11 1/2c; tubs, 11 1/2c.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 30c; Manitoba creamery, 24 1/2c; fresh dairy, 18 1/2c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 30 1/2c; Manitoba eggs, 20c.

CHEESE—Eastern, 12 1/2c to 14c. VEGETABLES—Potatoes, \$16 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$18.00 per ton; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 per ton; silver skin onions, 1 1/2c per lb. Call fornia onions, 1 1/2c per lb.

FISH—Flourish, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 6c; sole, 6c; halibut, 6c; salmon, 8c; cod, 6c per lb; crabs, 60c per dozen.

GREEN FRUITS—Pomegranates, \$1.75 lemons, \$4.00 to \$4.50. California peaches, \$1.00 per box; imported plums, \$1.00 to \$1.10; local plums, \$1.00 to \$1.10; California grapes, \$1.00; peaches, \$1.00 to \$1.10; California apples, \$1.00 to \$1.10; quinces, 1 1/4 box sweet potatoes, 3 1/2c lb.

DRIED FRUITS—Apricots, 11c. peaches, 10c; plitted plums, 12 1/2c; prunes, French, 5 1/2c; Leadon layer raisins, 22 1/2c; per box; Muscatel raisins, 2 crown, 8c; 3 crown, 8 1/2c; 4 crown, 9c; dates, 6c; black figs, 6c; white figs, 9c; layer figs, 10 1/2c; all other fruits, 6c; quinces, 1 1/2c; extra G, 5c; fancy yellow, 5c; yellow, 4 1/2c per lb.

STICKS—No. 10 gal. barrels, 2 1/2c; No. 10 gal. kegs, 2 1/2c; 5 gal. tins, \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tin, \$1.60; 5 gal. tin, \$3.25 case of 20.

TEAR—Congo, fair, 11 1/2c; good, 18c, choice, 20c; Ceylon and India, fair, 20c. HARDWARE—Bar iron—Base, \$3.00. Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent; horse shoes, keg, \$3.25. Wire nails—Base price, \$4.75, cut \$3.00. Hope, Man. 14, 16c. Hulled oil, \$1.10. White lead, \$9. Putty, \$3.50. Barbed wire, \$4.75 per 100 lb glass, first break, 7 1/2c.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Special to The Commercial. Nelson, Sept. 23. Butter—Manitoba creamery, 23 and 24c, choice dairy, 18c. Cheese—New cheese, 13 1/2c. Eggs—Fresh Manitoba, 20c for choice Ontario fresh 22c. Oats—Per ton, \$32. Milled—Bran, \$20; shorts, \$22 per ton. Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.40. Hay—New, per ton, \$23. Potatoes—New, \$17 per ton.

British Columbia Notes.

J M Barry is opening a grocery store at Nelson. E P Burns, Sandon, has sold his restaurant business to Hogan & Rescoe. Earl L. Smith has opened a boot and shoe store known as "The Shoe Factory" at Victoria. Thomas McNeely, of Ladners, the leading general merchant of the Fraser river delta, died suddenly last week. Joseph Wilson, junior member of the firm of W & J Wilson, clothiers, Victoria, died of heart disease on the 19th inst.

The Inland Board of Trade at Kamloops were to hold a convention on the 27th for the purpose of furthering the good roads movement.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, Sept. 23. SUGARS—Granulated, delivered Toronto, \$5.35 to \$5.38; yellows, from \$4.50 to \$5.25. SYRUPS—Imperial gallons, medium, 32c; special bright, 35 1/2c. MOLASSES—West India, barrels, 32 1/2 to 40c; New Orleans, 25 1/2 to 30c for medium, and 36 1/2 to 47c for light. COFFEES—Rio, green, 10 1/2 to 14c, Mocha, 24 1/2 to 28c; Java, 23 1/2 to 28c. TEAS—Japan, low grade, 10 1/2 to 20c per lb; Young Hyson, seconds, 16 1/2 to 18c, firsts, 22 1/2 to 24c; Indian, 15 1/2 to 20c; Congous, low grades, 10 1/2 to 15c; mediums, 22 1/2 to 24c; finest, 24 1/2 to 28c; Ceylon 17 1/2 to 25c; Formosa oolongs 22 1/2 to 28c.

CANNED TOMATOES—Tomatoes, Sic. peak, 80¢ to \$1.10; corn, 90¢ to \$1.15; beans, 90c; sifted selected peas, \$1.05 to \$1.20; pumpkins, 90c; raspberries, 2s, \$1.70 to \$2.00; peaches, 2s, \$1.80 to \$2.30; apples, 2s, 8c; pineapple, 2s, \$2.20 to \$2.75; do. 2 1/2c, \$2.40 to \$3.00; plums, 2s, \$1.10 to \$1.20; Salmon—Columbia prime dark pink fish, \$1.50 to \$1.75; sockers, red, \$1.60 to \$1.75; northern canneries, \$1.45 to \$1.50; lobsters, halves, \$1.80 to \$2.00; tall, lbs., \$2.50; fats, \$3.25.

RICE—Hlee bags, 3 1/2 to 4c; Java, 6 1/2 to 7c; Patna, 5 1/2 to 6c; Japan, 5 1/2 to 6c. SPICES—Ginger, Jamaica, 25c; Ceylon, 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 20 1/2 to 22c; Amboyia, 20 1/2 to 22c; Penang, 30 1/2 to 32c; allspice, 20c; nutmegs, 50¢ to \$1.00; cream tartar, pure, 2 1/2 to 3c; compound, 15 1/2 to 20c; pepper, black, pure Singapore, 15c; Penang, 17c; compound, 15 1/2 to 20c; pepper, pure white, 20 1/2 to 25c.

DRIED FRUITS—Raisins, Valencia, selected, 3 1/2c; fine old stalk, 3 1/2c; California 3-crown loose, Lucanella 4c; Filippas, currants, 12 1/2 to 14c; Patna, 14c; Yozuzza, 15 1/2 to 16c. California dried fruits—Apricots, 11 1/2 to 13c; peaches, 13 1/2 to 15c; prunes, 70¢ to 80¢, 6 1/2 to 7c; 80¢ to 90¢, 6 1/2 to 7c; 90¢ to 100¢, 6 1/2 to 7c; Sul tannas 10 1/2 to 11c; Hallowe dates 5 1/2 to 6c; Malaga royal clusters, \$4. fancy desert clusters, \$5. NUTS—Shelled Valencia almonds, 22 1/2 to 24c; shelled Florida almonds, 45c; lb; walnut, 10 1/2 to 11c; shelled walnuts, 24 1/2 to 26c; Greenolts, 13 1/2 to 14c; Sicily filberts, 10 1/2 to 11c.

PEEL—Orange, 12 1/2 to 13c; lemon, 10 1/2 to 12c; citron, 17 1/2 to 20c.

PROVISIONS.

POPK—Canada, ucas, short cut, \$19.50 to \$20.00; heavy, \$18.00 to \$18.50; shoulders, \$13.50.

DRY SALTED MEATS—Long clear bacon, car lots, 9 1/2c; ton and case lots, 10c; breakfast bacon, 12 1/2 to 13c; hams, 13 1/2 to 14c; shoulders, 10c; hams, 14 1/2 to 15c; rolls, 11c; cured meats out of pickle are quoted at 1c less than smoked. LARD—Terres, 5 1/2c; tubs, 10c; rolls, 10 1/2c.

Toronto Hardware and Paint Prices.

Toronto, Sept. 23. ANTIMONY—11 1/2 to 12c per lb for Cook son's. BARBED WIRE—Car lots, f.o.b. Cleveland, \$2.25 to \$2.50. BAR IRON—Base for common, \$1.30 to \$1.35. BRICK SHEETS—23 gauge, \$3.00. BOLTS AND NUTS—Norway bolts, full square, 65 per cent; common carriage bolts, full square, 65 per cent, do. 5 lb and under, 60 per cent, do. 3 lb and larger, 55 per cent; machine bolts, all sizes, 60 per cent; coach screws, 70 per cent; 4 1/2 inch...

shoe bolts, 75 per cent; blank bolts, 60 per cent; bolt ends, 65 per cent; nuts, 4 1/2c; 4c off; nuts, hexagon, 4 1/2c off; tire bolts, 6 1/2c per cent; stove bolts, 6 1/2c per cent; plough bolts, 55 per cent. HEMBER TWINE—Pure mien, 9c; mixed, 9 1/2c; pure Manila, 12 1/2c. BRASS—Sheet, discount 10 per cent. BUILDING PAPER—Plain building, 30c per roll; tarred, 40c. CANADA PLASTER—All dull, \$3.35 per 100lb; half-polished, \$3.35; and all bright, \$3.85 per 100lb. CEMENT—Canadian Portland, \$2.60 to \$3.00; English do., \$3.00; Belgian, \$2.75 to \$3.00. Canadian hydraulic cements, \$1.25 to \$1.50; calcined plaster, \$1.00; asbestos cement, \$2.50 per barrel. CHAIN—5 1/2 in. \$4.35 to \$5.35, 5/8 in. \$4.50 to \$5.80, 7/16 in. \$4.50 to \$4.95, 1/2 in. \$4.25 to \$4.75, 5/8 in. \$4.80 to \$4.20, 3/4 in. \$3.75 to \$4.15, 1 to 1 1/2 in. \$3.70 to \$4.10. COPPER—Ingots copper, 10 1/2 to 20c per lb; sheet copper, 22 1/2 to 23 1/2c. CUT NAILS—\$2.60 per keg f.o.b. Toronto, Hamilton and London. FINER WIRE—Woven, 7 1/2c per rod. FINE STEEL WIRE—Discount 15 per cent. GALVANIZED IRON—23 gauge, \$5.00; per 100lb for English and \$4.60 for American. GALVANIZED WIRE—9 gauge, \$3.10, 12 gauge, \$3.25; 13 gauge, \$3.35; No. 10, \$3.15. GLASS—Star, first break in 50 foot boxes, \$2.10, and in 100 foot boxes, \$4.00; double diamond, under 25 united inches, in 100 foot boxes, \$4.00; Toronto, Hamilton and London. Terms 4 months or 3 per cent 30 days. GREEN WIRE CLOTH—\$2.00 per 100 square feet. HARVEST TOOLS—50, 10 and 5 per cent. HORSE NAILS—Standard oval head, 50 per cent; Acadia, 50 and 10 per cent. HORSESHOES—No. 2 iron shoes, light, medium and heavy, \$3.75 f.o.b.; snow shoes, \$4.00. IRON PIPE—Black pipe—1/2 to 3/4 in. 40 per cent; 1/2 to 3/4 in. 40 per cent; 1/2 to 3/4 in. 40 per cent; larger sizes, 50 and 5 per cent. Galvanized pipe—1/2 in., 40 per cent; 3/4 to 2 in. 60 per cent. LEAD PIPE—Ordinary pipe, 7c; dis count 15 per cent. OLD MATERIAL—Agricultural scrap, 50c per cent; machinery cast 50c per cent. TOBACCO—No. 1 wrapped scrap 25c per 100lb, new light scrap copper, 12 1/2c per lb; bottoms, 10 1/2c; heavy copper, 12c; light scrap brass, 7c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 10c; heavy red scrap brass, 10 1/2c; scrap lead, 2 1/2c, zinc, 2 1/2c; scrap rubber, 5 1/2c. good country mixed rags, 6 1/2 to 7c; clean dry bones, 40¢ to 50¢ per 100lb. IRON—Hamilton f.o.b. cars at furnace, \$18 for No. 1. PIG LEAD—Imported, at 5 1/2 to 6c per lb. PIG TIN—5 1/2 to 6c per lb. POULTRY KITCHING—Discount of 40 and 5 per cent. RIVETS AND BURS—Carriage section wagon box rivets, etc., 50 per cent; 2 1/4 x 3/4 rivets, 50 per cent; iron burrs, 25 per cent; copper rivets, 35 per cent; bifurcated with box 5lb carton boxes, 30c per lb. ROLL—Sisal, 8 1/2c; pure Manila, 12 1/2 to 14c; "A" quality Manila, 11 1/2 to 12c; special Manila, 10 1/2 to 11c. SCREWS—Flat head bright, 60 per cent off the list; round head bright, 75 per cent off the list; flat head brass, 75 per cent; round head brass, 6 1/2c per cent; round head brass, 6 1/2c per cent. SHEET ZINC—6 1/2 to 7c for cast lots, 7 1/2 to 8c for part casks. SHOT—Common, \$6.50 per 100lb; chilled, \$7; bull seal and ball, \$7.50; discount, 7 per cent. SMOOTH STEEL WIRE—The base is \$2.00 per 100lb f.o.b. factory. SPADIES AND SHOVELS—40 and 5 per cent. SPLITTER—7 1/2 to 8c per lb. SOLDIER—Half and half 2 1/2 to 2 1/2c refined, 2 1/2 to 2 1/2c; wiping, 2 1/2 to 2 1/2c. TERNI PLATES—L. C., \$5.50; I. X., \$10.50. TINNED SHEETS—24 gauge, 6 1/2 to 6 3/4c. WIRE NAILS—Base price at \$3.00 to \$3.10 f.o.b. Toronto and west.

PAINTS AND OILS.

CASTOR OIL—East India, in cases, 10 1/2 to 11c per lb, and 10 1/2 to 11c for single tins. GUM SHELLAC—In cases, 22 1/2c; in less than cases, 25c. LINSSEED OIL—Raw, 1 to 4 barrels, Sic. boiled, 8c. LIQUID PAINTS—Pure, \$1.20 to \$1.30 per gallon; No. 1 quality, \$1 per gallon. PARIS WHITES—9c. PARIS GREEN—Petroleum brk, 15c; arsenic keg, 15c; drums, 50 to 100lb, 15 1/2c; drums, 25lb, 10 1/2c; tins, 10lb, 20c; packages, 1lb, 10 1/2c. PLASTER PARIS—New Brunswick, \$1.00 per barrel. PLUMICE STONE—Powdered, \$2.50 per 100lb for barrels and 42 1/2c per lb in small quantities, lump, 10c per lb in small lots, and 8c per lb in barrels. PUTTY—Bladders, in barrels, \$2.10 bladders, in 100lb kegs, \$2.15; bulk in barrels, \$1.85; in less quantities, \$2.10. RED LEAD—Genuine, in casks of 500 lb, \$5.50; ditto, in kegs of 100lb, \$5.35; No. 1 in casks of 500lb, \$5.25 to \$5.35; do., kegs of 100lb, \$5.25 to \$5.35. REFINED OIL—American water white, 15c; in barrels, photogene, 1 1/2c; Sarina water white, 17c in barrels; Sarina prime, 16c in barrels. SEAL OIL—5 1/2c per gallon, and yellow seal oil, 4c. TERPENTINE—In single barrels, 50c; 2 to 4 barrel lots, 55c. WHITING—6c per 100lb; gilders' white, 7 1/2 to 8c. WHITE LEAD—Ex-Toronto, pure white lead, \$4.50; No. 1, \$4.50; No. 2, \$4.12 1/2; No. 3, \$3.75; No. 4, \$3.00; dry-white lead in casks, \$4.00.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Sept. 29.

Dry Goods—Hot weather has tended to check sales of heavy fall goods this week, but it is cooler now and more are selling. Big demand for Canadian homespun dress goods. They are wide and show good value. Butter-brain underwear is advanced for spring orders. One Manchester firm has withdrawn all prices for silesia linings.

Hardware Fair movement in shelf hardware and heavy goods, but less than a year ago. Coil chain lower, $\frac{1}{4}$ inch now \$7.50 to \$8, one inch, \$3.15 to \$3.25. Spring prices of ice cream freezers show no change. Metals are quiet. Pig iron shows downward tendency. Dry white lead 25c higher. Litharge 1c dearer.

Groceries—Brisk movement. Currants active and strong on firmer cables. Filtrates quoted here at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 13c. Patras, 14c. Vostizzas, 15 to 16c. Valencia raisins show upward tendency, selects here 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, fine off stalk 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Canned goods active. Tomato pack will be large, prices easier at 50c. Some dealers here are offering peas and corn at 50c. Packers have advanced prices on domestic sardines 25c. Salmon firm. Sugars steady.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, September 29.

Grain deliveries small. Ontario winter wheat is weaker at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c west. Manitoba steady at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Toronto and west. Ontario flour offering more freely at \$2.70 in buyers' bags west. Manitoba brands firm. Hog products very firm. Lard has advanced 1c. Eggs are scarce and dearer at 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 18c. Receipts of choice dairy butter are small, prices steady at 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 19c for tubs and pails, creamery easier.

Flour—Manitoba Patent, \$1.70. Manitoba bakers, \$1 for carlots at Toronto. Ontario patent, \$2.70 in buyers' bags.

Wheat—Ontario new winter wheat, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for red and white west. Ontario spring 6 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c east. No. 1 hard, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Grinding in transit. Toronto and west, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Midland 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Oats—22c to 24c as to quality. No. 2 white, 23c, on cars at Western Ontario points.

Barley—35c for No. 3 extra. Milfeed—Shorts, \$1.10 per ton for cars west, bran \$1.20 per ton.

Oatmeal—\$3.10 in bags per barrel, and \$3.20 in wood for carlots, Toronto.

Hay—Carlots on track, \$9 to \$9.50 per ton.

Eggs—17 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 18c for best per doz., seconds, 8c to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Butter—Choice fresh dairy in tubs and pails, 18 to 19c, as to quality; second grades, 14 to 15c; creamery packages, 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 22c; prints, 22 to 23c.

Cheese—11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 12c for job lots. Hides—7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 8c; country hides 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c under these prices; calfskins, 8c for No. 1, and 7c for No. 2; tallow, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 15c, unwashed, 10c.

Beans—\$1.50 per bushel for hand-picked, job lots.

Dried Apples—5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6c for round lots; evaporated, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7c.

Honey—7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, 40 to 45c per pair; turkeys, 10 to 11c per pound; ducks, 65 to 70c per pair.

Potatoes—55c per bushel for car lots.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Sept. 29.

Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 650 cattle, 681 sheep and lambs and 655 hogs.

Export Cattle—The situation is unchanged. Receipts to-day were light and demand weak. A few sales were made at \$1.60 to \$1.80 per cwt. as the average prices for good stock.

Butchers' Cattle—Fair run met a moderate demand at steady prices of \$1.25 to \$1.60 per cwt for picked lots \$1 to \$1.25 for choice cattle, \$1.50 to \$2.00 for good cattle and \$2.75 to \$3.50 for inferior cows to medium stock.

Feeders—On account of the continued slow export market the demand for feeders to-day was not so brisk. Short-keep steers were quoted at \$3.50 to \$4.15 per cwt. Heavy feeders sold at \$3.50 to \$4.55 per cwt. and lighter stock, say 750 to 900 lbs., sold at \$3.15 to \$3.50 per cwt.

Stockers—Demand was easier on account of the weakness of the Buffalo

market. Receipts here to-day were light. Prices were easy at \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt., and \$2 to \$2.50 per cwt. for off-colors and steers.

Export Bulls—Steady at \$3.50 to \$1.50 per cwt., according to weight and quality.

Sheep—Steady demand at unchanged prices of \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt. for export ewes and \$2.50 to \$3.50 a head for butchers' sheep.

Lambs—Demand was easier and some stock was left unsold. Prices were quoted 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per cwt. easier at \$3.75 to \$4.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cwt.

Hogs Unchanged at \$6.25 per cwt. for selections of 160 to 200 lbs. natural weight and \$5.50 per cwt. for lights and fats.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Sept. 29.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts were 67 cars of cattle, 1,500 sheep and lambs, and 1,200 hogs.

Export cattle very dull, at \$4.25 to \$4.80. Butchers' cattle quiet at \$3.50 to \$4.50. Export bulls 25c lower at \$3.50 to \$4.25. Feeders in active demand, and 10c higher at \$3.25 to \$4.25. Stockers steady at \$2.60 to \$2.75. Sheep easier. Export ewes brought \$3.50 to \$4.65. Lambs dull at \$2.50 to \$3.25 each. Hogs steady and prices unchanged.

MONTREAL GRAIN & PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Sept. 29.

Grain quiet, wheat and oats 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c lower. Flour fairly active and 20c higher. Rolled oats slow sale. Hay firmer and showing higher tendency. Feed in good demand at last week's prices. Cheese dull. Butter stronger. Eggs are firm and active, syrup steady. Honey in fair demand with light supply. Hides in good demand.

Wheat—Demand slow. Wheat $\frac{1}{2}$ c lower on the week. No. 1 spring wheat, 75 to 75 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Barley—47 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents. Oats—1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c lower on the week at 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 29c afloat.

Flour—In fair demand. Manitoba patent \$1.70 seconds do., \$1.40. Manitoba strong bakers, \$1.10 to \$1.30. Ontario winter wheat patents, \$3.75 to \$4 straight rollers, \$3.35 to \$3.50. Rolled Oatmeal—\$3.25 to \$3.30 per barrel, and \$1.57 $\frac{1}{2}$ to \$1.60 for bags.

Feed—Market in good demand. Manitoba bran, bags, \$16 shorts, \$18. Baled Hay—Firmer, with upward tendency. Choice, \$9.50 to \$10. No. 2, \$8.50 to \$9.

Cheese—Western makes rule at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ c for September and 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ c Aug; eastern at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11c; Sept 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ c August; Quebec, 11 to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Butter—Finest creamery 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts. No. 1, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts. No. 2, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts.

Eggs—Prices firm, active, No. 1 candled, 17 to 18c; No. 2, 13 to 14c; culls, 10 to 12c.

Maple syrup—Quiet at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7c in wood; tins, 50c to 60c.

Honey—Demand fair with light supply. White clover, comb, 12 to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; extracted, 8 to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Hides—In good demand No. 1, 8c. No. 2, 7c; No. 3, 6c; calfskins, 9c and 7c; lambskins, 10 to 60c each.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Sept. 29.

Receipts of live stock at the East End abattoir market yesterday were 670 cattle and 500 sheep and lambs.

The supply of cattle which consisted principally of common and inferior stock was again largely in excess of the requirements of the local trade; in consequence the tone of the market was weaker, but prices show no actual decline from last Thursday. The supply of really good cattle was limited, for which the demand was good. There was no demand from shippers and trade on the whole was quiet. Choice sold at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; good at 4c to 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ c; fair at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ c; and lower grades at 2c to 3c per lb. In sheep and lambs a fairly active trade was done there being a good demand from both shippers and butchers. Sheep sold at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, and lambs at 4c to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb. The demand for calves was fair and prices ranged from \$2 to \$12 each, as to size and quality.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards at Point St. Charles, the receipts of live hogs were limited for which the demand was good; in consequence prices were firm, at 7c to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for heavy and 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 6c for medium to light weights.

THURSDAYS MARKETS.

Montreal, Sept. 28.

At the East End abattoir yesterday receipts were 1,000 cattle, 800 sheep, 700 lambs and 350 hogs.

Glasgow cables market firmer at advanced prices for cattle. Choice cattle scarce here, trade is slow and the tone of the market easy. Prices for cattle were: Good, 4@4 $\frac{1}{4}$ c; fair, 3@3 $\frac{3}{4}$ c; common, 2@2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Sheep active and $\frac{1}{4}$ @ $\frac{1}{2}$ c lower at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ @3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Lambs $\frac{1}{2}$ c lower at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ @4c. Hogs firm and in good demand; heavy 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, light 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ @6c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Sept. 29.

The hardware trade is fairly active. Terne plates are 25 to 50c lower. White lead is steady. Cement is quiet. Pig iron, summerize, No. 1, \$24 to \$24.50; Nova Scotia, \$23 to \$23.50; bar iron, \$1.70 to \$1.80; tin plates, cokes, \$3.85 to \$4.00; charcoal, \$1.25 to \$1.60; Canada plates, \$2.30 to \$2.90; tin plates, \$7.50 to \$8.00; Ingot tin, 32 to 33c; copper, 18 to 19c; lead, \$1.15 to \$1.25. Inseed oil, raw, 70 to 80c; boiled, 82 to 83c; seal oil, 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 50c; turpentine, 57 to 58c; cement, German, \$2.40 to \$2.60; English, \$2.30 to \$2.40; Belgian, \$1.80 to \$2.00; Canadian, \$2.10 to \$2.25; white lead, standard, \$6.50.

MONTREAL GROCERY TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Sept. 29.

Sugar quiet and steady. Molasses firm. Canned goods firm and fairly active. Dried fruit in brisk demand and market excited. Valencia raisins advanced 1c to 1c on the week. Currants are in good demand. Spices fairly active, nutmegs lower at 25c to 35c. Jamaica ginger 12@15c. Teas are quieter and remain firm. Bacon is scarce and in good demand, prices firm.

Prices are: Sugar, granulated, \$3.20 per 100 lbs, yellows, \$4.40 to \$5.00, molasses, 40 to 41c. Valencia raisins, fine off stock, 8c, selected, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Layers, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Canned goods, tomatoes, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9c, peas, 75 to 80c; corn, 80 to 90c, salmon, \$6 to \$6.75 per case, Japan teas, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 20c.

Provisions—The market for hog products is very firm. Barrel pork is \$1 higher. Lard is up 1c per lb. Quotations are: Pork, \$19 to \$21, lard, pure, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ @11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, hams, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ @14c, bacon, 12@14c.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Sept. 28.

Cheese, 53s for white and 54s for colored. This is an advance of 6d on both white and colored during the week.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Sept. 28.

Cattle steady at 11@12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c dressed weight, which is 1@1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c under figures of a week ago.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

London, Sept. 28.

Beet sugar is quoted at 11s 3d for September, and 10s 1d for October option. These prices show a decline of 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d for September from a week ago. October is 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d lower.

BROCKVILLE CHEESE MARKET.

Brockville, Sept. 27.

Cheese sold to-day at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for white and 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ c for colored.

Glen Campbell, of Dauphin, brought in two shipments of cattle last Saturday for the old country markets.

The works of the Canadian Portland Cement company, located at Marlbank, Ont., were destroyed by fire on Tuesday. The fire was caused by spontaneous combustion of coal gas. The total loss on building and machinery is estimated at \$60,000, fully covered by insurance.

The Ontario grain standards board was in session at Toronto on Wednesday, fixing the standards east of Port Arthur. Barley will grade to a very large extent below number one. This is contrary to expectation, but it is found from samples that where the grain is bright it is not of sufficient weight. Ontario wheat, this year, will grade very high, samples shown being all over the province heavy and sound. A much larger proportion of winter wheat than usual will grade No. 1.

The Commercial Men.

T. M. Bradford, representing Donald Fraser & Co., clothiers, Winnipeg, has returned from a trip over the Pembina and Southwestern branches.

Mr. J. B. Pringle, city traveler for J. H. Ashdown & Co., of Winnipeg, has gone to Revelstoke on a business trip. He will be absent for probably three months.

R. J. Henderson, representing the Hoover Manufacturing Co., Winnipeg, has just returned from a holiday trip east to Toronto, Detroit and other cities. He will leave in a few days on his regular western trip as far as Edmonton.

D. K. Book, who has been well known to the trade in Manitoba for some time as traveler for Donald Fraser & Co., wholesale clothiers, Winnipeg, has accepted a position with McKenna, Thomson & Co., wholesale clothiers, Montreal, and will travel all the lines in Manitoba for them.

Movements of Business Men.

E. F. Hutchings returned to Winnipeg this week from an extended trip west.

W. R. Roseburgh, western manager of the National Cycle and Automobile company, left for Toronto this week.

John Stevens, manager of the Stevens Manufacturing Co. branch at Winnipeg, left for London, Ont., on Monday night.

J. M. Campbell and A. S. Bluns, European buyers for R. J. Whittle & Co., Winnipeg, left for the old country on a purchasing trip this week.

Western Business Items.

A station has been opened at Ridge-way, Man., on the Portage Northern Pacific extension.

The book accounts of the Selkirk Trading Co. and D. S. Read, Selkirk, were sold last Monday at a rate of 1c on the dollar.

The Gold Standard property, in the Wabigoon district, N. W. Ontario, has been sold to a party of Minnesota capitalists.

The contract for building a bridge over the Columbia river, near Nelson, B. C., has been let to John Gunn, of Stonewall, Man.

Bashford & Fisher, hardware merchants, Rosthern, Sask., have dissolved partnership. Wm. B. Bashford will continue the business.

The Bank of Montreal has moved its office from the temporary quarters on Portage avenue, back to its renovated offices on Main street.

James Thomson, proprietor of the Thomson Marble works at Brandon, Man., died on Friday morning from typhoid fever. Deceased was 40 years of age.

A serious fire occurred early Friday morning at Carman, Man., when the general store of Hill & Mallory was burned, together with the entire contents. The store adjoined the Dufferin Leader newspaper block, which was slightly damaged. Hill & Mallory's stock was valued at about \$12,000.

On the 6th October next, the Tribune Publishing Co., Winnipeg, will take possession of the premises on McDermott avenue, known as the Grand Opera house. Tenders are now being invited for the alterations necessary, and the Tribune expect to move into their new quarters by the first of the year.

The work of lowering Lake Manitoba has been proceeding rapidly. The canal at Fairford river, which is to be the outlet for the waters of the lake, is rapidly nearing completion. This canal is 1,000 feet long, 200 feet wide and from 10 to 12 feet deep. The object of the work is to lower the level of the lake so that in high water seasons there will be no overflow. This will result in the cultivation of a large area of land along the lake shore.

An interesting decision was given at Emerson county court this week when the cases of the Manitoba Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company against Reeve Lindsay and another farmer were heard by Judge Locke. The company sued for last year's dues on hail insurance. C. P. Wilson appearing for the company, and H. M. Howell, Q. C., for the defendants. The hearing lasted two days and resulted in the company being non-suited on the technical grounds that the assessment was not made in the terms of the act and that notice to the defendant in terms of the act was not proven by the company.

New York Wheat.

New York, Sept. 24.—Wheat, Sept. opened 83 a, closed 82 3/4 c. n. Dec. opened 85 1/2 b, closed 84 1/2 c. n. May opened 87 1/2 b, closed 87 c. b.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, Sept. 29.—The market for flax seed closed to-day at \$1.17 1/2 for cash, Oct., \$1.18.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

No. 1 northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows for each day of the week:— Monday—Sept., 83c; Dec., 82 1/2 c. Tuesday—Sept., 81 1/2 c; Dec., 81 1/2 c.

C. P. R. Winter Time Table.

The winter time schedule of the C. P. R., which goes into effect on Oct. 15, will be issued in a few days. The express from the east will arrive at Winnipeg at 10.15 a. m. the same as last fall and winter and will leave for the west at 4.30 in the afternoon.

New Financial Institution.

The growth of Manitoba is in evidence on account of the number of financial institutions transacting business in it, and specially in the city of Winnipeg. Another such institution has been added to the number in the Winnipeg General Trusts company, a company incorporated under a special act of the Manitoba legislature.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chicago, Sept. 24.—Wheat, Sept. opened 75 1/2, closed 75 1/4 c. Oct. opened 78 1/2, closed 78 1/4 c. n. highest 78 1/2, lowest 77 1/2, closed at 78 1/2 c. n. Corn, Sept. opened 40 1/2, highest at 41 1/2, lowest 40 1/2, closed 41 1/2 c. n. Oct. opened 38 1/2, closed 38 1/2 c. n.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Minneapolis, Sept. 29.—Wheat closed at 79c for Sept and 78c for Dec. Cash No. 1 hard closed at 80 1/2 c and cash No. 1 northern at 78 1/2 c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

The market was very dull this morning and there were but few sales. No. 1 hard sold at 78 1/2 to 79c, Fort William, for either new or old, at which figure the market closed.

Weather and Crops.

The week opened with one of the heaviest rains of the year. Sunday was cloudy and dull and the heavy rain came on Monday. This was general over the province. Light rains visited the country on Wednesday and Thursday, accompanied by snow in some places.

Seneca Still Higher.

The McMillan Fur & Wool Co., Minneapolis, advised The Commercial yesterday that they had advanced the price of seneca 2 cents to 32 cents per lb. for choice root.

Hard coal advanced one dollar at Montreal early this week.

New Hide and Wool Firm.

Harry Leadlay, manager of the Toronto Hide Company's Winnipeg branch, returned to the city on Friday morning, from a trip east. While away he visited Montreal, Toronto and other eastern cities.

Drying Elevators.

The Northern Elevator Co., of Winnipeg, are putting a grain drying plant in their elevator at Emerson, Man., to dry any damp or tough wheat shipped out via Duluth.

Tenders for heating the new school board offices, Winnipeg, with hot water, will be received by the secretary of the board up to 6 o'clock p. m. on Thursday, Oct. 4th.

British Live Stock Markets.

London, Sept. 24.—There was no improvement in the demand for cattle and as supplies were excessive the tone of the market was weak and trade on the whole was bad.

The backward movement of the Manitoba wheat crop this season, owing to wet weather, is illustrated by the quantity of wheat inspected. Last week for the Winnipeg inspection division, there were only 135 cars of grain inspected, while for the corresponding week of last year 1,492 cars were inspected.

Civil service entrance examinations will be held at Charlottetown, St. John, Halifax, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Winnipeg, Victoria and Vancouver, commencing on Tuesday, Nov. 13. A session will also be held the same day at Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, Regina and Calgary, providing that the number of persons applying for permission to write at these centres is sufficient to justify the holding of an examination.

Chicago, Sept. 25.—Wheat, Oct. opened 77 1/2, highest 77 1/2, lowest 76 1/2, closed at 76 1/2 c. n. Dec. opened 78 1/2, highest 78 1/2, lowest 77 1/2, closed at 78 1/2 c. n. Corn, Oct. opened 39 1/2, highest 39 1/2, lowest 38 1/2, closed 39 1/2 c. n.

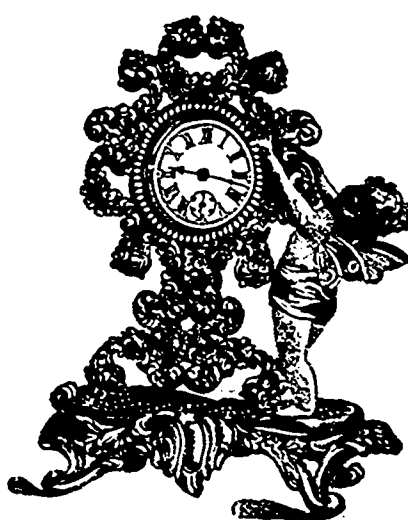
Chicago, Sept. 26.—Wheat, Sept. opened 76 1/2, closed 76 1/2 c. n. Dec. opened 78 1/2, highest 78 1/2, lowest 77 1/2, closed 78 1/2 c. n. Corn, Oct. opened 38 1/2, highest 38 1/2, lowest 37 1/2, closed 38 1/2 c. n.

Chicago, Sept. 27.—Wheat, Oct. opened 77 1/2, highest 77 1/2, lowest 76 1/2, closed 77 1/2 c. n. Dec. opened 78 1/2, highest 78 1/2, lowest 77 1/2, closed 78 1/2 c. n. Corn, Oct. opened 38 1/2, highest 38 1/2, lowest 37 1/2, closed 38 1/2 c. n.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Wheat, opened Oct. 77 1/2, highest 77 1/2, lowest 76 1/2, closed 76 1/2 c. n. Dec. opened 78 1/2, highest 78 1/2, lowest 77 1/2, closed 78 1/2 c. n. Corn, Oct. opened 38 1/2, highest 38 1/2, lowest 37 1/2, closed 38 1/2 c. n.

Chicago, Sept. 29.—October wheat opened at 76 1/2 c and ranged from 75 1/2 to 76 1/2 c. Closing prices were: Wheat—Sept. 76 1/2 c; Oct., 76@76 1/2 c.

A week ago December option closed at 80 1/2 c. A year ago December wheat closed at 73 1/2 c; two years ago at 62 1/2 c; three years ago at 80 1/2 c; four years ago at 67 1/2 c; five years ago at 60 1/2 c; and six years ago at 64 c.



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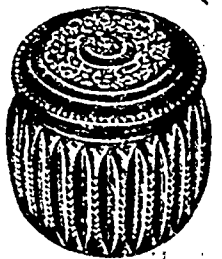
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Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year: Wheat-No. 1 hard closed at 71c in store... Flour-Local prices per sack. Patent, \$1.85; best bakers, \$1.65...

Wasteful Methods of Fire Insurance.

Prosperity prevails with the producers and penetrates through almost every branch of trade, but the business of insuring property against fire grows from bad to worse.

Vexatious laws enacted by various states, ostensibly to protect their citizens, seriously injure a business which ought to be fostered, as it is allied with the best interests of the nation.

Aside from New Hampshire, nineteen Western and Southern states require insurance companies to issue "valued" policies, in other words, they compel them to pay, not what it costs to replace the property, but the value fixed upon it by the owner.

Fire insurance is concentrated in New York, Hartford, and a few other places. From these central points chief underwriters direct the huge business which they do in every state of the Union.

The safety of banks which offer describing-traders when in need the facility to borrow money, has for more than a generation been under competent supervision of the comptroller of the currency.

GROCERIES

Table listing various grocery items such as Raisins, Apples, Beans, Corn, etc. with prices per case or per bushel.

Table listing various grocery items such as Imported Fresh Herring, Canned Meats, etc. with prices per case.

Table listing various grocery items such as Chickens, Eggs, etc. with prices per dozen.

Table listing various grocery items such as Coffee, Cigarettes, etc. with prices per pound or per pack.

Table listing various grocery items such as Cured Fish, etc. with prices per pound.

Table listing various grocery items such as Dried Fruits, etc. with prices per pound.

er, is a necessity as much as banking associations engaged in that useful business could readily be established and made self-supporting by a small tax on net profits.

Dried Fruits

Table listing various dried fruit items such as Raisins, Apples, Apricots, etc. with prices per pound.

Table listing various grocery items such as Nuts, Syrup, etc. with prices per pound.

Table listing various grocery items such as Dried Beans, etc. with prices per pound.

Table listing various grocery items such as Tea, etc. with prices per pound.

Table listing various grocery items such as Young Hysons, etc. with prices per pound.

Table listing various grocery items such as Java, etc. with prices per pound.

occupation has been absorbed by trusts set fire to their establishments. Promoters of unsuccessful new enterprises adopt the same unlawful means to extricate themselves from embarrassment.

Tobacco

Table listing various tobacco items such as T. & H., Lilly, etc. with prices per pound.

Table listing various tobacco items such as P. & W. Cheiving, etc. with prices per pound.

Table listing various tobacco items such as Empire, etc. with prices per pound.

Table listing various tobacco items such as Cured Meats, etc. with prices per pound.

Table listing various tobacco items such as Smoked Meats, etc. with prices per pound.

Table listing various tobacco items such as Dry Salt Meats, etc. with prices per pound.

Reviewing the cattle market of Monday the Montreal Gazette said. The feature in export live stock circles continues to be the weakness in the two leading foreign markets for cattle which is said to be due

DRUGS

Table listing various drug items such as Alcohol, Bleaching Powder, etc. with prices per pound.

Table listing various drug items such as Opium, etc. with prices per pound.

Table listing various drug items such as Sulphur, etc. with prices per pound.

Table listing various drug items such as Cured Meats, etc. with prices per pound.

Table listing various drug items such as Smoked Meats, etc. with prices per pound.

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chiefly to the large arrivals of Irish cattle. Cables received to-day from both Liverpool and London reported trade bad and in the latter market prices declined 1c, which makes a net drop during the past two weeks of 1 1/2c and 1 1/2c to 2c for Ranchers.

LEATHER

Table listing various leather items such as Harness, etc. with prices per pound.

Table listing various leather items such as Saddle, etc. with prices per pound.

Table listing various leather items such as Boots, etc. with prices per pound.

Table listing various leather items such as Cured Meats, etc. with prices per pound.

Table listing various leather items such as Smoked Meats, etc. with prices per pound.

Table listing various leather items such as Dry Salt Meats, etc. with prices per pound.

These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city, or 50c per ton less at the yards, except western anthracite nut size, which is 40c less at the yards.

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Prosperous Saskatchewan.

Prince Albert, Sask., Sept. 22.—Of the entire western country, Saskatchewan undoubtedly leads all others for the heaviest yields of grain and the best saved crops. Nowhere on the continent could a more favorable season have been found than that of 1900. Last year, which, owing to excessive rainfall, a partial failure of crops occurred in the district, the fact was pretty thoroughly advertised, and this year, when everything has gone just as everyone desired, and a bountiful harvest reaped, there is no reason why the outside world should not hear of it. From personal observation I can state that the entire district reaching from Saskatoon, in the south, to Prince Albert, and east and west from Melfort to Hattleford, the farmers have finished a most successful harvest. The settlements around Saskatoon, Oiler, Hugo, Hosterna, Duck Lake, Wintonbury, Prince Albert, Kinistino and Melfort, are the chief grain centres, and at all these places the crops are safely harvested in good time, and a splendid sample of grain is shown. At Saskatoon and Hosterna threshing has been in progress for some time past, and the yield of wheat at these places has this year averaged 25 bushels per acre of No. 1. Considerable grain has been marketed at different points on the Prince Albert branch. The cattle have also done magnificently in the northern country, and every few days sees a trainload leave Prince Albert, Duck Lake, Saskatoon or Dundura.

Many new settlers have located in the districts mentioned. At Saskatoon a good class of farmers, mostly from Ontario and the western states; at Hosterna a large number of Mononites, also from the States. Stony Creek, Prince Albert, and Kinistino have also received their share, most of whom are well to do farmers from Ontario. At Oiler Station, a few miles north of Saskatoon, the Baker & Reid Co., of Winnipeg, are erecting an elevator. There are three large Manitowish villages adjacent and some splendid land still open for settlement in the vicinity, while all over the district there are yet some choice homesteads and much railway land for sale.

Winnipeg City Council.

The Winnipeg city council met on Monday evening, with a full attendance of aldermen. The mayor was absent owing to sickness. The waterworks question was the principal matter under discussion, as usual. The works committee want to send a committee of city contractors to examine the buildings and pronounce as to their soundness, etc., but a section of the council is opposed to such action. The committee was sustained and if the report of the contractors justifies it, a complete investigation into the whole question of these new waterworks buildings will be ordered. It is stated that the buildings have cost \$20,000 more than they should. Some of the aldermen found fault with the system of advertising for tenders adopted by the city, these advertisements only appearing in one city paper, and being often missed by interested parties. The city solicitor reported that a formal suit is being entered for possession of the portions of William avenue and Albert street, which are alleged to be encroached upon by the Leland hotel building. The finance committee report recommending the payment of certain accounts was adopted. The works committee report recommending the construction of a number of pavements, sidewalks, sewers and boulevards was adopted. The fire, water and light committee report recommending that the tender of the Gartshorn, Thomson Pipe Co., for supply of cast iron pipe, at \$38.00 per ton, and specials at \$60.00 be accepted, and that the tender of the Bell Telephone Co., for supply of fire alarm boxes, be accepted, was adopted. A motion that all employees of the works department be paid for Labor Day was lost. The proposed waterworks by-law was taken up in committee of the whole, and after some discussion of this, the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday evening.

On Tuesday evening a heated discussion of the waterworks by-law ensued, particularly as to the matter of rates, the outcome of which was that the points in dispute were referred back to the fire, water and light committee. This discussion hinged principally upon the question whether the interest on the waterworks debentures should be provided for in the rates charged consumers of the water or in the general taxes of the city.

Correspondence School Opened in Winnipeg.

The International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Pennsylvania, have since the first of this month, had a branch office in Winnipeg, in the McIntyre block, under the manage-

ment of Fred. W. Fresham. This institution has been doing business here for some time, principally among the C. P. R. hands, and has done a great deal in the way of educating these men in the science of their callings. It has also had pupils among the mechanics working for various up-town concerns and has increased the earning power of some of these 100 per cent. Men who knew nothing about their business beyond the mere hand skill which they acquired from long practice, have under the instruction of this Scranton school become familiar with the science of their callings and have been given artistic tastes and ideas which make them decidedly more efficient and valuable as workmen. The studies are carried on by correspondence and the courses extend over a number of years. About four years is usually taken to complete a course. There are sixty different courses open to working men, which include all classes of mechanical and civil engineering, mining, drafting, architecture, scientific plumbing, masonry, carpentering, electrical pursuits, mathematics, physics, etc. The school was originally started for the benefit of the miners in Pennsylvania, but has been extended to include almost every branch of industry. It has now over 200,000 students taking the various courses. The work in Manitoba has grown until the establishment of a local office and supply depot has been rendered necessary.

The Making of a Modern Newspaper.

The Manitoba Free Press Company, publishers of the Free Press, invited its friends to an "at home" on Wednesday evening with very successful results. The installation of machinery and plant at the new offices of the paper on McDermott street west, may now be said to be complete and the "at home" on Wednesday evening was really for the purpose of showing the public what an extensive process the making of a modern daily newspaper is. The entire building was opened to the guests of the evening and the staff were all on hand to show visitors around. The new Mergenthaler typesetting machines and Hoe perfecting press on which the paper is printed were the principal centres of interest. The stereotyping plant also attracted a great deal of attention. During the entire evening the building was thronged with people.

Canadian Trade With Britain.

The following are the revised figures of exports to Great Britain of Canadian produce for the year ending June 30, 1900

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| Mines | 103,686 |
| Fisheries | 4,071,136 |
| Forest | 15,052,411 |
| Animals and their products | 60,896,439 |
| Agriculture | 21,663,982 |
| Manufactures | 5,534,198 |
| Miscellaneous | 78,864 |
| Total | \$97,452,710 |
| 1899 | 85,113,081 |
| Total exports for the same period are: | \$14,501,625 |
| Mines | 11,355,141 |
| Fisheries | 30,340,759 |
| Animals and their products | 57,041,029 |
| Agriculture | 38,885,753 |
| Manufactures | 14,325,232 |
| Miscellaneous | 665,504 |
| Total | \$167,015,510 |
| Bullion | 1,659,744 |
| Gold | 0,881,057 |
| Estimated short returns, as usual | 5,000,000 |
| Grand total | \$180,676,947 |

It is stated by one of the leading employment agents of Winnipeg that there will be a lack of work for able-bodied men in the west this coming winter. The lumber camps will want a large number of men and so also will the railway tie camps. Work on the Canadian Northern railway will be carried on all winter wherever possible, and a large number of men will be employed in this way.

A shipment of fresh beef from Buenos Ayres stored by the "sterilized air" system arrived at Liverpool early this month and excited considerable interest. The chief meat inspector on examining the shipment promptly seized the most of it pronouncing the meat unfit for use. The remainder was sold at the very low figures of 6c per lb. for beef and 4c for mutton. The poor results of this shipment are likely to discourage anything further in the same line.

Railway Timber Belts.

An object lesson in tree growing is being given by some of the railway companies. On account of the increasing scarcity of timber, the question of cultivating timber for supplying poles, posts and ties, is now engaging the attention of the railway companies. In spite of the difficulties to be met, trials have been made by various railroads in the last few years in cultivating trees. The one succeeding best had at the head of the movement a competent horticulturist, and its timber plantations have paid better than almost any other investment that could have been made. About 15 years ago this road planted two sections, 1,250 acres, with Catalpa speciosa, a tree of very rapid growth, and compared with other timber, almost indestructible in and above ground. The total cost, for land, trees, planting, cultivation, over-seeing, interest on capital invested, etc., was about \$100 per acre, or \$128,000, from which the company will realize during the next ten years 1,000 trees per acre, or a total of 1,250,000 trees of from 12 to 18 inches diameter, and 30 to 40 feet high. The trees, being straight and clear of limbs up to a small crown, are excellent material for poles, and estimated worth \$2 each standing, or \$2,500,000, deducting from this the original total cost, \$128,000, leaves the respectable net profit of \$2,372,000. Considering these figures and the statistically established fact that about 10,000,000 acres of timber are consumed annually in the United States, 1,000,000 acres by railroads, and the balance for building purposes, furniture, wood, pulp, etc., it is natural to conclude that it is of paramount importance for railroads, especially those traversing the treeless plains of the west, to inaugurate a systematic timber production; at least for poles, posts and ties.

The question of growing trees on the railway right of way has been talked of, but the expense of cultivating long, narrow, and broken strips of land would exceed the cost of purchasing suitable blocks of land for the purpose required. Besides, the trees will grow taller and straighter in a compact body than when grown in exposed strips, and hence are more valuable for commercial purposes.

Boot and Shoe Prospects.

Many of the houses have their lines for spring completed and are making arrangements to send out their travellers. Quebec has been the camping ground for a couple of weeks past of the jobbers from various sections of the country who have gone down to view the situation and arrange for spring goods. The features of the situation are more or less varied. Some of the jobbers stocked up pretty well last season in anticipation of a large trade and a strong market, and manifest a disposition to go extremely slow both in prices and orders. At the same time manufacturers smarting under the diminution of trade last season are somewhat keener for business and show a tendency to make concessions. If jobbers are to be believed, shoes are selling upon a more reasonable basis than last season. It hardly appears how this can be an actual fact, as there has been no drop in the leather market to warrant a reduction in prices. While no doubt concessions have been made in some lines, it can be taken for granted that values are pretty well established at current quotations. The fact that jobbers are not ordering extensively may be accepted as an evidence of considerable strength that they are not getting their own way on prices. Some of the large concerns in Quebec are still very stiff on prices, and although anxious to sell are holding out for their prices. In some cases prices seem to be so arranged by one or two concerns that they play into each others' hands. The feeling throughout with manufacturing and jobbing sections of the trade seems to be pretty general that the outlook is fairly good for business.—Shoe and Leather Journal.

A Destructive Hurricane.

The Dominion statistician says that the storm which destroyed Galveston was one of the greatest hurricanes of the century. Usually these storms, born in the West Indies, start on their career by rushing through the Yucatan Channel, after which they turn to the west, and following the Gulf stream lose themselves in the Atlantic

ocean. The storm of the 10th-15th of this month rushed along the shores of the Gulf of Mexico, and as a result of the wrong turn it took when it was a baby hurricane in the West Indies spread itself in a wide band between New York and Boston on the one side and the Great Lakes and Gulf of St. Lawrence on the other. It raged through the long tract of country between Galveston and Newfoundland. It was especially destructive of fruit. From New York State and the peninsula of Niagara the reports are that the fruit crop was damaged to the extent of several million dollars. Along from Kingston to Father Point, it shook the trees and threw down the fruit in a most violent manner. From New England it rushed over New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and up the Annapolis Valley. A report from Prince Edward Island says the fruit crop is nearly ruined. Thousands of bushels of plums were destroyed, barns blown down, wharves badly damaged, fishing boats driven ashore, and six hundred lobster traps destroyed in one place. The number drowned is unknown. Then it crossed the Strait and Gulf of Newfoundland. By telegram dated the 15th of September from St. John's, so far 82 schooners were reported ashore and foundered, over 100 more being damaged. Nearly fifty lives are known to be lost. In Belle Isle Strait the fishing premises were destroyed. On the French shore of Newfoundland over 50 vessels were battered, and they are a total loss. The immense destruction of life and property caused by that hurricane will probably never be accurately estimated. The loss of life was not far from 9,000 persons, and the loss of property during the five days it took to travel from Yucatan channel across the Gulf of Mexico to Galveston and thence to Trinity Bay, Newfoundland, may be computed at thirty million dollars.

European Textile Industries.

A consular report says that depression in European textile industries is prevalent. But it is believed that the adverse conditions will last for a short time only. At Bradford and other British textile centres factories have generally been forced to reduce their product on account of scarcity of orders. In one instance thirteen cotton-spinning concerns, with over 1,000,000 spindles, recently resolved to suspend operations for two weeks to check the overstocking of the markets with unsalable goods. Doubt is expressed whether this temporary suspension will be sufficient to appreciably relieve the situation. The disturbance in China is assigned as a partial cause of the manufacturing depression in the British Isles. From many parts of Germany come reports of stagnation in manufacturing industries, more especially in textile branches. Rhenish Prussian factories and those in some districts of Saxony seem to be most affected. Thousands of looms and spindles are idle. As indicating in some degree the extent to which the German textile industry has lost ground this year, it is published that in the first six months of 1900 the imports of wool into Germany declined 20 per cent. in quantity, and 45 per cent. in value as compared with the corresponding period of 1899. The loss in business is slightly mitigated by the receipt at various Saxon textile factories of large orders for underclothing for German soldiers destined to China. The Chinese embargo is charged with but little share in the causes of the German industrial depression. German textile exports to the Orient have been too small for their utter extinction to account in any marked degree for the present contraction of the business. The cause is generally assigned to the universally discouraging state of the textile markets, due mainly to overproduction during the prosperous season of 1899. The future looks sufficiently dubious to deter any one from venturing at present into large contracts of any sort. In Polish Russia the production of the textile factories has decreased 70 per cent. this year in comparison with 1899.—Bradstreet's.

The total cranberry crop last year was 1,120,000 bushels. Of this Cape Cod furnished 750,000 bushels, New Jersey 250,000 bushels and Wisconsin 120,000 bushels. This year's yield is estimated as follows: Cape Cod, 600,000 bushels, New Jersey, 300,000 bushels, and Wisconsin, 90,000 bushels.

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THE GROCERY TRADE.

THE FILBERT CROP.

Referring to the situation on filberts the Hills Brothers Co., report as follows: "This has been considered the most staple in price of all nuts, and for many years the price in Sicily fluctuated between 31s and 40s per bag, averaging about 30s. During last crop, prices were much higher than usual, opening at about 45s and closing at around 68s, the outturn being considerably below an average one. This season, with the crop estimated at from 10 to 25 per cent. larger than last year's, it was hoped that prices would return to a normal level. Figures asked last March were about 48s, but considered too high to induce purchasers from this market, but later prices advanced during the early summer to about 64s, which was resisted by dealers; but, in spite of any support from this market, the Sicilians gradually advanced their figure to about 60s for October shipment, at which price buyers were willing to take small quantities, but a little effort to buy from here was sufficient to drive up that market to some 63s or 64s, figures which rule there at present. It appears probable that the cause of these extraordinary advances in price to a level which has not been seen in twenty-five years is the shortage of other nuts in Europe. A large business was done in other years in Germany and Northern Russia, in Brazil nuts, which are drawn from the English market, but this season that market being entirely bare of this article, and almonds held at prohibitive figures, the German and Russian demand for filberts has been larger than usual, which is probably the reason for the advance in the market in Sicily without any support from American buyers. On spot, stocks are not considered sufficient to last until new goods can reach here, and price continues in favor of holders."

GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

Silver salmon are expected to make a good run in Washington territory.

Tarragona almonds have advanced equal to about 1/2c per lb. in the primary market.

Valencia raisins are still advancing in primary markets. Prices are now 1 1/2 to 2c higher than they were a year ago.

Cable advices report that England has bought and is buying new currants freely at a price equivalent to 13c in New York.

Scotch kippered herrings are 14c per dozen higher than a year ago on account of smaller catch. The Canadian pack is also light.

The tea market holds firm. Attempts to buy Japans at lower prices recently have failed. Buyers are not operating very freely at present high levels.

Cable advices from Spain report the market on new crop Valencia layer raisins as being higher, and that quotations are now on the basis of 9 1/4c laid down in New York.

The raw sugar market was quieter last week both on this continent and abroad. September option weakened perceptibly in foreign markets. The decline amounted to 1/4d. at London.

The following prices are now being quoted by the Toronto jobbing trade to retailers for Santa Clara Valley prunes, in 50 lb. boxes: 90-100's, 5 1/4c per lb.; 80-90's, 6c.; 70-80's, 6 1/4c.; 60-70's, 6 3/4c.; 50-60's, 8 1/4c.; and 40-50's, 11c.

The total shipments of California deciduous fruits for the season number 4,388 carloads, compared with 4,729 carloads for the corresponding period last year. The total shipments of California citrus fruits for the season to date aggregate 17,430 carloads, against 10,234 carloads for the same period last year and 14,831 carloads in 1908.

It was reported in advices from the Pacific coast that the proportion of large sizes in the new crop of prunes has been underestimated. The letter states: "One of the packers with an allotment of 15 carloads has 1 carload of 30's to 40's, 7 carloads of 40's to 50's and 7 carloads of 50's to 60's. This does not look as though the proportions given out by the association are exactly correct, and it appears to me that buyers, in spite of the early predictions, will be able to secure a fair share of the large sizes. Several of the packers on the coast are offering 40's at 1/2c under the figures

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A private cable from Nantes, France, reports an advancing market on sardines. Mail advices state that the pack is one of the shortest within recent years.

A private telegram from San Jose states that out of 7,000,000 pounds of prunes received so far only 20 per cent. are of the first four sizes, the remainder being 100s and up.

Latest advices from Barbadoes, dated September 1, said that the weather has been very satisfactory during the latter part of the week, and the hot sun, following the recent rains, must have a beneficial influence in forcing the canes forward. To-day we are having rain, and we welcome the improvement in the temperature.—Montreal Gazette.

Regarding Malaga raisins the Hills Brothers Co., say, "Quotations have been received for small parcels of London layers, but prices are too high to lead to business. The crop is somewhat late and lower figures may be expected as the Malaga market becomes supplied from the interior, but in any event prices must be expected to be higher than during the last crop."

The tone of the market for molasses is firm owing to the small stock held in first hands. Barbadoes in round lots is offering at 38c, but the demand at present is slow, as jobbers have ample supplies on hand to fill immediate requirements. A fair trade is reported for the season in small quantities on country account, and car lots are moving at 40c, and single puncheons at 41c.—Montreal Gazette.

A coast packer has notified the trade of an advance in new choice 2-crown seeded raisins to 7½c and in fancy 3-crown to 7¾c, f.o.b. coast. The advance is attributed to the unfavorable weather in California and the recent advances in foreign raisins. Says the announcement: "Another advance of ¼c is certain to be announced within a few days, and there is reason to believe that 3-crown seeded will be selling at 9c when association opens prices on loose."—New York Commercial.

The feature of the canned goods market of late has been the decided strong feeling in salmon, and prices have scored an advance of \$1 to \$1.25 per case, owing to the scarcity of stock on spot, and the good demand for the same. Recent sales of small lots of Rivers Inlet brand have taken place at \$6 to \$6.25, and Fraser River at \$6.50 to \$6.75 per case. Canned fruits are very firm, and vegetables in a jobbing way are moving freely with no change in values to note. Peas sold at 80c to 90c per dozen, as to brand; tomatoes at 85c to 90c; Log Cabin corn at 80c; strawberries at \$1.50; raspberries at \$1.45; and salmon at \$6 to \$6.75 per case, as to brand.—Montreal Gazette.

Regarding currants, mail advices just received from Woodall & Co., Liverpool, state:—"The week beginning September 1, opened with continued firmness, which has been well maintained throughout, and later a further advance of 1s was readily paid for better qualities, but holders now ask 50s for good Gulph and Patras, and 52s for Vostizza, which shows an improvement of 3s to 4s. Provincial has also been in demand at 43s, and all offering at this price has been disposed of, the market being now nearly cleared of all in first hands. A fair business has been done on c.i.f. terms for new Provincial at gradually advancing prices, the final quotation being 40s against 67s a week ago. The first arrival of new crop, about 800 tons, per Cherbourg, docked this morning and some samples of Gulph and Vostizza came on the market during the day. The quality and condition were excellent, and there was a good demand for ordinary small at 52s to 54s up to 60s for fine. No Provincial was landed."

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Patient—"Doctor, I have not had a night's sleep for eleven years."

Physician—"Why, it is wonderful you are not dead or insane. Does it interfere with your business?"

Patient—"No, doctor, not a bit."

"Indeed! What is your occupation, may I ask?"

"I am the editor of a morning paper."—Harlem Life.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

DRESS GOODS.

The dress goods departments of the big houses here are very active. A large business is being done in tweeds and a big range of color and variety is shown in that line. Prices continue very firm for imported as well as domestic lines. A local buyer writing from Paris to his firm says that the prices at which many lines of goods are selling to the retailers here now are still below the prices asked in France for similar goods for the fall. A class of tweeds in checks and herring-bone patterns, all wool, to retail at 50 cents per yard, is selling very freely on this market at present. This line is considered such safe property and offers such good value for the price that a leading firm here is buying the same lines again for next spring. Plain Sedans are selling quite freely for the current trade. Good poplins are also in excellent demand. Low price poplins are not considered so good as the better line. "Nigger-head" effects in black only are being bought freely for skirts and suits. Homespun effects in serges, in navys, and blacks are good sellers. A New York idea that is now having a good run in the American metropolis, and which is also shown here, is a heavy reversible cloth for skirts. It is a garnet on one side and on the reverse the color is navy. The skirts of this material are stitched so as to give the same appearance on either side, and as it is sufficiently heavy to be made up without lining it can be worn as a garnet or a navy skirt, thus serving the purpose of two skirts. The cloth is very handsome, but it is sufficiently expensive to prevent it from becoming popular with the masses of buyers. A lot of plaids are being sold for skirts and suitings. The lighter fabrics in this line are selling fairly, but not so well as the heavy makes. Plaids to retail at 50 cents a yard in all the designs and colors are going out well. Fancy black dress goods are reported to be better than ever. Pirouas and zibeline finish are selling freely.—Globe.

RETAIL MILLINERY OPENINGS.

The retail fall millinery openings held in Winnipeg during the last two weeks proved to be the most successful in many years. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather on some of the days, these displays were largely attended and the sales were much greater than was anticipated. Among the great variety of styles exhibited, one most popular were the continental, la marquise, mushroom, Napoleon, etc. The continental hat is in white felt, faced with black velvet and bound with gold braid. The Marquise shape is a general favorite, being exceedingly becoming and very comfortable in cold weather. The mushroom hat, a favorite English shape, which has been so popular in the east for some years is still much worn. Very pretty fur toques are also shown.

In colors, castor, brown and old rose appear to be the leaders, but a great deal of black and white, will be worn. All shades of blue, French gray, automobile red (a new color) and bright emerald green also occur frequently. The latter is at present a favorite in New York, but it is regarded as being only a favorite of the moment. Ribbons for stock collars and belts are worn to harmonize with the hat, and the milliners have provided themselves with ribbons for that purpose.

FRENCH GOODS MARKETS.

There has been a good deal of talk lately about the condition of the French markets for dress goods and the break in wool prices in Roubaix, says the Toronto Globe. After a steady decline in wool futures since January, aggregating about 50 per cent., the market collapsed at the close of last month and sixteen firms went to the wall, with total liabilities aggregating some \$11,000,000. These were firms that had been speculating in wool. The Roubaix manufacturers do not carry large stocks of wool, but when they have accumulated a quantity of orders they go into the market to cover their contracts for goods, and when they have used up stocks so bought purchase fresh supplies as required. When the speculators advanced prices abnormally many manufacturers quit making certain lines so as to moderate the uses of wool for which prohibitive prices were being

asked. The effect of the break in wool in that French manufacturing centre has been less pronounced than might have been expected. Outside of Roubaix and Antwerp the speculative business in wool has been small and other continental and British markets have been but slightly affected by the smash, and it is hoped that the speculation in wool has received its death blow. A fire at Roubaix this week destroyed stores of wool and cotton valued at 4,000,000 francs. An enormous warehouse belonging to the Magasins Generaleux, packed with goods, was gutted.

DRY GOODS TRADE NOTES.

A lace combine has been formed at Nottingham, England.

A number of British cotton mills have been closed owing to high prices of cotton.

There was another wild time on the New York cotton exchange last Saturday and prices were shoved up 49 points higher.

The newest ribbons are the gilt effects. These are very handsome, and are shown in all widths from the very narrow to the wide sash ribbons. The narrow ones are used by the millinery trade for trimming.

Foreign linen markets are becoming stronger. The quality of the Russian flax crop is inferior, which is having an effect upon prices. The Irish crop is larger than last year, but cannot materially affect prices.

The Central Agency, Glasgow, comprising the firms of the Coats, the Clark Co., and the Brooks Co., advanced prices three pence per pound on knitting, mending and tambouring cottons on Tuesday. The increase equals 12½ to 17½ per cent. The second quality, soft and glace reeds, was also advanced at the rate of a shilling per gross of 500 yard reel.

A cablegram from Germany this week quoted an advance in cotton knitted goods. Advices from another source say the rise in cotton has taken the German weavers by surprise. They are unprepared for it, and will sustain a loss in filling present contracts. West German spinners made two price advances in yarns last week—a total of 4 pfennigs per lb.

The flannel shirtwaist is one of the most popular of the recent innovations in the dry goods line and as these are made up for the season's wear they are really a natty garment. The goods used are exceedingly pretty and lend themselves readily to this style of wear. Some of the prettiest flannels come from France. This season's waists are made in a variety of styles which range from the perfectly plain to most elaborate designs with plaiting, tucking, stitching, etc. The scoop stock collar is also fashionable.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

PRICE OF GERMAN CUTLERY.

United States Consul-General Guenther writes from Frankfort, August 9, 1900:

"Within a comparatively short space of time, the better class of scissors and shears have advanced in price about 10 per cent. and the common grades about 20 per cent. In knives of the better grades, there has been an appreciation of 5 to 7 per cent. and in the common grades of 10 to 25 per cent.

"Except in pearl-handled knives, which have advanced largely on account of the increased cost of pearl, the appreciation in values is not due to the influence of raw material, it is practically altogether due to labor troubles. The fact that the men employed on the higher class of goods are being paid better than those working on the lower grades explains the difference in the increase in the price of the two grades of goods.

"Taking into account the labor troubles and the fact that the manufacturers are busy, it is probable that German goods will be steady in price for some time to come."

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

Tinplate declined 25c per box at Toronto last week.

There is a better feeling prevalent in the market for pig iron and sales are steadily improving both in Canada and the United States. Prices are low compared to what they have been for some time past, as low as \$17.50 per ton delivered having been reached at one Canadian point.

Scotch warrants declined 7s 6d last week.

Black sheets are 10 to 15c per 100 pounds lower in the east.

Pig tin has been reduced ½c per pound by Toronto jobbers.

Turpentine declined 2c per gallon at Montreal last week owing to continued weakness at primary centres.

The glass strike in Belgium continues and some dealers on this side of the ocean are getting anxious about their future supplies.

The world's copper markets appear to be in a decidedly strong position and prices are advancing. Requirements seem to grow faster than production and the visible supply is remarkably small.

A cable from London on Tuesday said: "The corner in Scotch pig iron has eased in. The price was maintained at 77s for sometime and yesterday 77s 8d cash was called. It collapsed to-day at 65s. There was a paucity of business throughout.

The supplies of copper during August, as shown by English statistics, reached a higher total than in any previous month this year, excepting April, being 26,910 tons, against 21,225 tons in July and 17,965 tons in August last year. The April total was 27,155 tons, the largest in any month for three years past. Deliveries in the past month totalled 25,673 tons, and stocks are consequently 1,262 tons higher than at the end of July, being 30,175 tons, compared with 28,913 tons.

A row in the Canadian White Lead association has led to one of the members withdrawing from the association and making a cut in selling prices. In response to this action the association has cut its price 25c per 100 lbs., making the rate f.o.b. Montreal \$6.50 per 100 lbs. for pure white lead. This reduction is purely the result of the split in the association as the market is if anything stronger, and it has been freely predicted for some time that higher prices might be looked for. At New York pure white lead is to-day worth \$7 per 100 lbs.

Insurance Notes.

The Canadian fire underwriters have decided to materially reduce the rates on mercantile risks in northwestern Ontario as the business centres of that thriving region are no longer regarded as "distant points." The reduction in some instances will amount to about one-quarter of one per cent.

J. S. Wallace, agent at Winnipeg for the Imperial Life Insurance company, has distributed a fine calendar this week among the friends of his company. The calendar is good from September till the end of 1901 and is embellished with the photos of the Queen, Lord Roberts, General White, Col. Baden-Powell and Col. Otter.

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Steady Prices Wanted.
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Consumers as well as retail dealers are affected by the prevailing uncertainty, and so the consumptive demand is not as large as it should be, at this season. This in turn makes it unnecessary for buying to be as large as it should be and the difficulty rests on itself.

When it is understood that in spite of all the difficulties of the time the movement of lumber is above the average for the season it may be appreciated that but for the unfortunate price demoralization the fall trade would be a heavy one. If any one is to blame for the situation it is the manufacturers, who, possessed by the feeling that the trade of 1900 should be as large and active as the trade of 1899, have been trying their best to swell their sales regardless of the effect upon the market. The result has been that sales have decreased rather than increased and prices have in many lines become badly demoralized.

There is nothing more certain to stop buying for the future and make an unreliable market than unsteady prices. The retail lumber dealers or consumers under such circumstances exercise nothing but good business sense in declining to stock up beyond their immediate needs and in letting the manufacturers and wholesalers carry the goods. A year ago, even eight months ago, the manufacturers had the idea that there was no limit to the demand and almost no limit to the prices they could charge for their commodity; but they have discovered that the balance between supply and demand has more to do with fixing prices than any price-list committee, and in practically every lumber line but three the water has been squeezed out of the lists and would have been extracted from those three if there had been any water in them. The problem now is how to re-establish uniform and steady prices.—American Lumberman.

Future Sources of Coal Supply.
 In an editorial the New York Times, after remarking that a great deal more attention is being directed to the question of the exportation of American coal than the facts warrant, observes that China, Japan, Corea and Formosa are full of coal; Australia and New Zealand can immensely increase their output; the Andes range is coal bearing throughout its entire explored length, and running through Peru and Chili, near the sea, are seams of the finest coal known, including true anthracite with only 1 per cent. of ash. There is much coal in parts of Africa. British North America is well supplied and for many years to come England will draw largely from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Coal is also found in India. In a word, coal is well distributed over the earth's surface, and when a serious search for it begins more will be found than can be developed for centuries to come. In this connection it is interesting to note that Canada's exports of bituminous coal have been as follows: In 1895, 1,110,567 tons; 1896, 1,025,060 tons; 1897, 1,102,007 tons; 1898, 1,082,123 tons; 1899, 1,140,840 tons.

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THE LUMBER TRADE.**LUMBER LABOR IS SCARCE SOUTH.**

From many parts of the country comes the complaint on the part of loggers and saw mill operators that they are finding it difficult to secure men in sufficient numbers, says the American Lumberman. Of course, at this season the trouble is chiefly with those who are beginning logging operations, though in some sections the operation of mills is handicapped by lack of hands. The situation is particularly strained in Washington and Oregon, which are advertising all over the country for help, even taking advantage of the coal strikes in Pennsylvania to secure men to help in the woods and mills of the coast, though it is hard to see of what particular value coal miners could be in a saw mill or in the lumber camp.

In the white pine north there is more or less trouble on this score, though it is thought men will be more plentiful than last year and wages somewhat lower. In various southern sections, too there is complaint that men are hard to find in sufficient numbers.

The condition of things which is reflected in so much correspondence and so many newspapers that its existence cannot be doubted, is one of the anomalies of the present time. There seems to be a general impression that business is dull just now, that the industries are running light and that the commercial movement is not heavy, and yet we find men wanted. Not only is there a scarcity of labor in many sections, but the railroads are making heavy gross earnings, indicating that goods are moving. They have been doing this all summer and prior to the time when the new crop began to be felt. It is hardly possible to avoid the conclusion that business is dull merely as compared with last year and not as compared with an average year. The immediate comparison with 1899 is doubtless unfavorable to the present season, and as that is the comparison easiest to make there is a feeling of dissatisfaction which is not really justified by the situation.

UNITED STATES LUMBER MARKET CONDITIONS.

The unpleasant feature of the lumber trade situation of the present week may be summed up in the statement that a stocking up demand has not yet developed in any marked degree. There are some sections where there is a slight disposition to buy for the future, but this movement is still unimportant; and while trade is larger than it was a week ago or recently it is still mainly of the hand to mouth character. That under the circumstances the volume of business is as large as it is, being in many cases close up to that of a year ago, and not far behind it, taking the country over, speaks well for the inherent strength of the situation. If to this movement were added the stocking up requirement customary to the season the lumber trade would be of an extraordinary volume. As it is there is less interference with business than is usual in presidential years, and while the pot of politics may be expected to bubble merrily from now until election day the total loss or postponement of trade arising from this source will be less than usual.—American Lumberman.

LUMBER TRADE NOTES.

Hemlock lumber is selling very low in the United States at present owing to the heavy offerings.

Rer cedar shingles are firmer at Minneapolis. About \$2.05 per thousand is now the prevailing quotation there.

Duluth lumber mills have been making some large sales lately and some have sold out their entire season's cut. Prices are firmer.

The hardwood market south is picking up. Furniture factories are taking large quantities and box makers are also again in the market.

Lumber business is better at Minneapolis. Mills are busy piling up stocks which have been greatly depleted. It is expected that the season's cut will be 50,000,000 feet below last year.

H. Finger, of Symes, Wisconsin, representing a large lumber firm, is at Fort William, Ont., arranging to cut off their limits near Pigeon river. He will likely locate there, building a mill. The limits is a large one, and will take ten years to cut.

The state of Minnesota will sell school lands containing about 75,000,000 feet of standing pine, spruce, tamarac and cedars on Nov. 14. The value has been placed at \$1.50 to \$5.00 per thousand which should mean a return to the state of \$250,000.

The Wisconsin Valley Lumbermen's Association has made some reductions in its official price list. Two-inch dimension is \$1 less, three inch dimension and rough timbers \$1 less; four and six inch No. 3 fencing and products are \$1.50 less, four inch and wider No. 4 boards and products are \$2 less, and scoots are \$2.50 less. These reductions are in the list which has been in use since May 15.

What is said to be the largest perfect plank ever regularly turned out by a saw mill was manufactured in a California redwood mill not long ago, the product of a band saw, perfect in manufacture and without a flaw. It is two inches thick, six feet wide and seventeen feet long. Much larger pieces of redwood in the form of planks have been produced, but were not a regular product.—American Lumberman.

What is said to be the highest price ever paid for mahogany logs in London was realized August 24 when two logs were sold at the equivalent of \$2.50 a foot. One of these logs was 38 feet long and 31 inches deep, scaling 1,634 feet, according to the measurement adopted, and the other was 31½ feet long by 34 inches deep, scaling 1,806 feet. Both logs were from one tree and the price for the two was about \$6,650. Both are said to be destined for New York.—American Lumberman.

Cattle shipments from the port of Montreal last week numbered 3,883 head.

The Ogilvie Milling Co. are providing their mill at Winnipeg with an equipment of the latest aerial ladders for use in case of fire.

Charles T. Yerkes, of Chicago, and New York has purchased the franchise of the Charing Cross, Euston & Hampstead Underground railway in London, England. Yerkes will return to London from the continent this week, when the contracts will be signed and the work of construction will be begun almost immediately. It is expected that the line will be completed in two years.

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Joseph Carman, commission merchant, Winnipeg, has been showing some samples of Australian lemons to the trade here this week. These were sent from Vancouver where they have been meeting with some sale. It is believed that they could be handled here at a profit. Their quality is apparently very good.

The trade sale of clothing and gent's furnishings held by Donald Fraser & Co., Winnipeg, on Wednesday and Thursday of last week was fairly successful. The general trade depression, however, and scarcity of money, prevented many from participating actively in the buying who would otherwise have done so.

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MINING MATTERS.

BRITISH COLUMBIA MINING.

A wagon road is being built to the Yankee Girl, in the Boundary.

It is expected that the Greenwood smelter will be finished about the middle of December.

The good showing on the Earthquake, in the Boundary, is reported to increase as work proceeds.

Preparations are being made to develop on an extensive scale the Cariboo mine, camp McKinney.

A wagon road will be built from the Hewett mine to Silverton, a distance of about four miles.

A very good strike has been made on the Cinnabar property near Savonas. The test showed 50 per cent.

About 3,000 tons of ore have been shipped by wagon from the City of Paris mine to the Granby smelter.

It is expected that shipments from the B. C. mine in Summit camp will amount to 2,000 tons for the month of September.

The Vancouver mine, near Silverton, has shipped 100 tons of ore to the smelter this year, the ore being very high grade.

The output of Rossland camp last week was: Le Roi, 4,781; Centre Star, 2,372; Le Roi No. 2, 270; Giant, 61; total, 7,484 tons.

The approximate value of the ore shipped from Slokan lake properties since January 1, 1900, is a quarter of a million dollars.

A large force of men are now at work opening up several iron properties on Sarita, Toquart and Copper Island on the west coast.

Sandon ore shipments last week were: Payne, 120; Last Chance, 110; Ruth, 59; Slokan Star, 60. The White-water shipped 127½ tons.

A rich find has been made on the Homestake in the Trail Creek division. The ledge is four feet wide, the ore averaging \$28 to the ton.

The vein of the Silver King, near Peachland, Okanagan, is from five to twenty-five feet wide, values running from \$5 to \$35. The ore is gold and copper.

The discoveries of large bodies of iron ore on Big Sand Creek, East Kootenay, is reported, the ore carrying 60 per cent. iron and \$4 gold. The vein has been traced for four miles.

The Rossland Miner reports that on the Old Gold property a strike has been made of two feet of solid ore carrying values of \$100 a ton and three feet of concentrating ore.

The Highland Boy Mining Co. are erecting a concentrator of 150 tons daily capacity, about one mile from Ainsworth, for the reduction of the ores from their group of mines.

The B. C. Exploring Syndicate, of London, has acquired the Iron Mask property, near Kamloops, consisting of the Iron Mask, Copper Queen, Sunrise and Bonnie Jean faction, a total of nearly 140 acres.

During last month on the Ymir mine, Ymir camp, 4,630 tons of ore were milled, producing 298 tons of concentrates and 2,340 oz. of bullion; 278 tons of concentrates were shipped. The profits for the month amounted to \$25,550.

A strike, which will likely prove of great value, has been made on the Rico. Sandon camp. It shows three inches of clean galena of the same character as that shipped from this mine two years ago, which was the highest grade galena ore ever mined in America.

The Rossland Bonanza Gold Mining & Milling Co., Ltd., with a capital of \$50,000 has been formed and has purchased the Bonanza No. 3 claim on St. Thomas mountain. Some work has already been done on this property exposing an ore body averaging two feet in width and giving returns of \$13 a ton gold with two of silver.

The Athabasca Gold Mining Company has declared a quarterly dividend of one shilling per share. The dividend will, it is understood, be paid to the Canadian shareholders from Nelson. The report of the operations of this mine for the month of August shows \$12,525 worth of bullion recovered and \$1,875 of concentrates, showing a value of \$40.46 per ton crushed during the month. In July the total values recovered amounted to \$18,350.

N. W. ONTARIO.

In the neighborhood of Turtle river there are extensive iron ore deposits.

On the McKellar iron properties, near the Atikokan river, the ore is for the most part magnetic, carrying from 60 to 67 per cent. metallic iron with a little sulphur and containing no titanate acid.

F. Atwood, of Buffalo, a mining engineer, who has spent ten days in the Lake of the Woods mining district, stated to a reporter that he had been highly impressed with the mining prospects of that country. He suggested that the best advertisement the district could have would be an up-to-date exhibition of ores at the Pan-American exhibition to be held in Buffalo next year.

MISCELLANEOUS MINING.

The Jubilee property, near Banff, Alta., is said to have a vein varying in width from 125 to 200 feet and traceable for three miles. Assays have given 305.62 copper with a small percentage of gold and silver.

The Future of Aluminum.

From Age of Steel Aluminum is without doubt a coming metal. It is already displacing copper in many uses, and it may eventually prove a formidable rival of even iron and steel. In less than forty years it has come down in the market price from thirty dollars per pound to about as many cents, and for almost every practical purpose it is cheaper than all the common metals, excepting zinc, lead and iron. The methods of manufacture have been constantly improving, and experience has wrought many changes in the preparing of articles that in cruder conditions were less favorably received. In the matter of utensils, for instance, the products of a few years ago were too lightly made and were easily put out of shape. This has been remedied and aluminum vessels can now be had as strong and durable as that made of copper. Its advantages are in its combined lightness and strength, its easy workability, its cheapness, and its abundance, the latter being estimated as thirty times as much as iron in bulk for the uses of man. It is practically impossible to fix the limit of its usefulness. In competition with copper it is aggressive, and one or the other will be master of the situation in a few decades. In electric equipment it is already vigorously disputing the special claims of copper. It has over 60 per cent. the conductivity of the red metal, and has equal resistant qualities to weather influences. In a review of the aluminum industry by Professor Richards, it is stated, that an aluminum wire one-fourth as large again in diameter as a copper wire, weighs only half as much as the latter, and costs only two-thirds as much. Long distance transmission lines and trolley-line feed wires are being put in in aluminum as fast as the makers can supply the metal. Over 500 hundred tons were used for this purpose last year and probably double as much will be used this year. As 500 tons supplant 1,000 tons of copper, it will not be long before the copper industry will begin to feel the competition of its new rival. Fifteen years ago the entire output of aluminum the world over amounted to only two and a half tons. These are strong statements but they are only backed by facts, and one need not wear the mantle of a prophet to foresee the sharp rivalry yet to be between aluminum and copper, nor is it likely that this rivalry will stop at the old metal. The world may yet see an "age of aluminum."

The Belgo-Canadian Pulp and Paper Corporation have completed arrangements to establish at Shawinigan Falls a one hundred ton ground wood pulp mill, a seventy-five ton sulphite pulp mill and a one hundred ton paper mill. The building of the pulp mills will be commenced at once, and the contract calls for their completion not later than June 1, 1901, while the other mill buildings must be completed within two years from the present time. Nearly a thousand men will be required to perform this work within the specified time. In addition to which over 750 men will go into the woods this fall to secure a supply of pulpwood for the mills during the season of 1901. This company has acquired over 700 square miles of heavily timbered spruce lands on the St. Maurice river.

Scientific Miscellany.

A Belgian method of preserving wood from decay consists in exhausting the air from its pores, and filling them with a melted mixture of two parts of gutta percha and one part of paraffin.

The growth of plants in air-tight spaces—even in hermetically sealed flasks—has been a puzzling problem. A cactus (Lichnopsis. Multiple) has been shown by Ludwig Just, a German pharmacist, that had been growing in a sealed flask for seven years, and this has been presented the Berlin Botanical Garden in a thriving condition. It was at first explained that the plants derived carbonic acid from the algae that at times appeared on the sides of the flask. This explanation becoming insufficient, it has been decided that the necessary oxygen must be furnished by the enclosed air, and that the carbonic acid, required in excess in time, is supplied by putrefaction in the soil in quantity sufficient to sustain the life of the plant. To determine the source of the necessary oxygen has been most difficult, the final conclusion being that it is furnished by the decay of cellulose and animal matter in the soil.

Various causes have been assigned for the ice found in many caves. A new work by E. S. Balch shows that the "ice caves," or freezing caverns, are found only in regions where the winter temperature is below freezing, and that winter cold is sufficient to account for all the observed phenomena. The thermometer shows that the temperature of the caverns is relatively constant throughout the year. They are not colder in summer than in winter, as is generally believed, this notion being doubtless due to the fact that the inside air is colder than that outside in summer, and warmer than the outer air in winter.

Medical experts have convinced a Vienna jury that a railway accident caused a change of the heart of the plaintiff from the normal position to one lower down in the body, where it could be felt beating as usual. It was testified that the man might live several years, but that he

would be especially liable to heart failure and would find difficulty in doing his work.

Attempts to produce an oxygen water have proven unsuccessful, according to Dr. Wender, because oxygen alone does not impart an agreeable taste. Using both oxygen and carbonic acid, a Berlin establishment has now produced a compound water that not only has a pleasant acid taste but is given high therapeutic value by the oxygen. It is prepared by impregnating the water first with carbonic acid at four atmospheres, then with oxygen up to eight atmospheres. The product is clear and refreshing. The cost of oxygenating is but a fraction of a cent per 100 bottles, and the oxygen is obtained in a compressed state in steel bottles, like carbonic acid.

German experiments have proven that the quality of coal cannot be accurately determined by Roentgen rays, as suggested. Coals having the same amount of ash gave very different images, the variations depending upon the proportions of iron instead of the quantity of non-combustible matter.

A non-freezing liquid is often needed, as for brakes for certain kinds of artillery and other uses. Glycerine and alcohol being somewhat expensive, a 23 per cent solution of chloride of calcium is recommended, the cost of this being slight, while it remains unchanged at 25 degrees F. below zero, and does not attack metals.

A crab lately dredged from 45 fathoms in the Indian ocean, and since placed in the aquarium at Calcutta, is nearly two feet in diameter, with longest claws measuring about a yard, is so voracious that it devoured 50 other crustaceans and fishes in two hours, and is further remarkable for showing brilliant phosphorescence.

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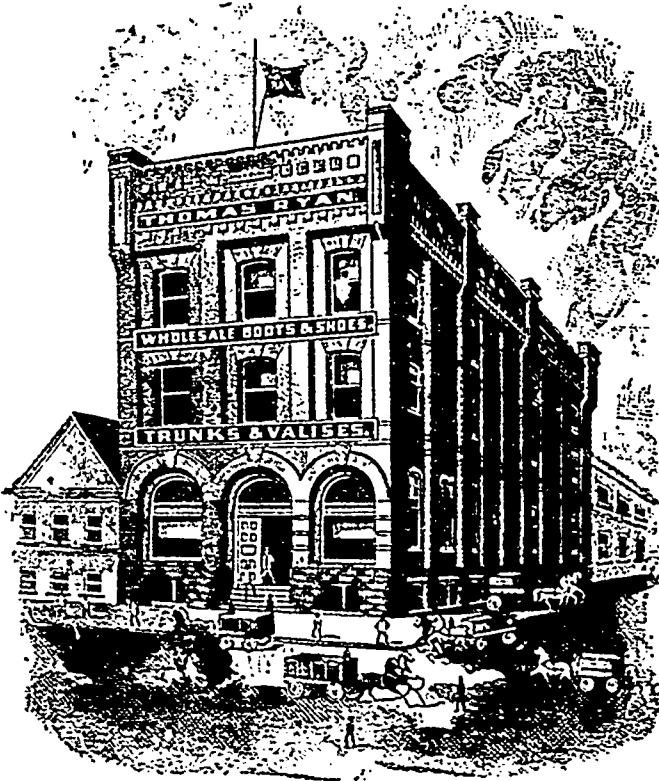
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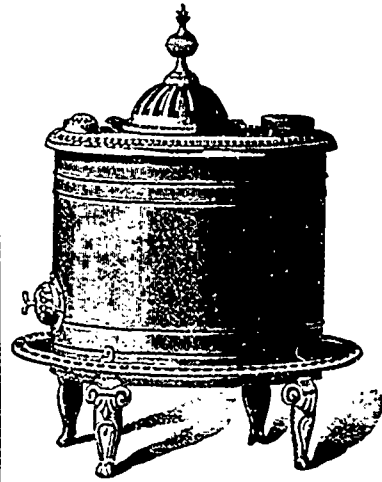
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