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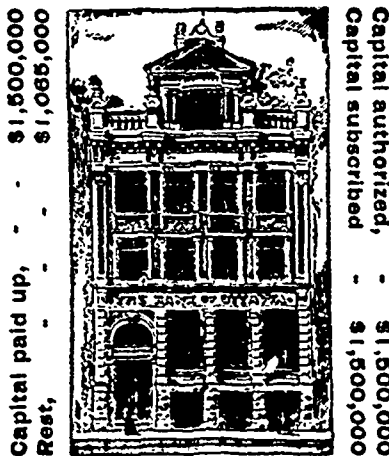
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There are a large number of horses on our western ranges which are not of a class that renders them readily saleable for agricultural or other purposes. The opening up of the northern gold country may create a demand for these horses. If the Edmonton route is used to any extent next season, these range horses should prove suitable for packing or riding, and they would no doubt be found very serviceable for this work. They would undoubtedly answer the purpose much better than eastern horses, being more hardy and better suited to the climate.

SECTION 22.

The liberal interpretation of the famous section 22 of the new United States tariff bill, as announced from Washington early last week, will give great relief to the shipping and mercantile interests on both sides of the boundary. The evident intention of the clause was no doubt to destroy the international carrying trade in regard to importations of foreign goods, at least. The attorney-general has decided, however, that the clause does not include goods coming directly from a foreign country, through Canada. Goods imported first into Canada, and then exported to the United States, will be subject to the 10 per cent dis-

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HANDLING HIDES.

Dealers state that there is a very considerable improvement in the quality of hides now marketed here, compared with a few years ago. Owing to carelessness in handling hides, a great many are cut or scored with the knife. This reduces them to second grade, and if badly damaged, to third grade, thus entailing a heavy loss in value. Some butchers are still very careless about handling their hides, not only in taking them off, but also by careless and imperfect salting, which makes a badly cured hide. Dealers know those butchers who handle their hides carefully, and pay better prices to such, while those who are known to have cut or badly handled hides, do not so easily obtain the top price. The custom of buying hides on a flat rate is not an encouragement to butchers to exercise care in handling. If hides were bought according to grade, on a careful selection, butchers would soon learn that it was to their advantage to exercise care with their hides. As it is, however, the custom of buying hides at a lump price for all grades, does not bring the matter home so closely to the butcher. This applies to country hides. City hides are bought on grade.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CROP.

Hundreds of samples of wheat, from all parts of the country, were gathered together at Winnipeg last week for the use of the standards board in fixing the wheat grades for the crop of 1897. An examination of these would give a fair index to the crop. One feature of the crop is good color. The wheat is generally a bright sample, showing that there has been no damage from bleaching. It should therefore make a good, strong flour. The berry is not large and a good many thin samples were in evidence, while some were very thin and shrunken. The crop is very free from smut, and no trace of frost was observed. Another feature quickly noticeable is the great number of dirty samples—that is, wheat containing an unreasonable proportion of seeds of weeds. From the look of many of the samples, the farmers are paying for the threshing of a vast quantity of weed seeds this year. Besides paying for the threshing of weeds, they will have the labor

of harvesting and marketing the weeds, thus adding to the labor and cost of harvesting the crop all the way through, from the cutting to the marketing, while there will be additional cause for dissatisfaction when the grain buyers docks the weight for dirt. Growing weeds is very unprofitable, not only on account of the labor and cost of growing a mixture of wheat and weeds, but also on account of the fact that the yield of wheat per acre will be very likely to decrease in proportion as the yield of weed seeds increases. The soil cannot produce a very heavy crop of grain when it has to supply nourishment and moisture to a large crop of weeds. Barring weeds, the crop has many good features and it will mostly go into the two grades of No. 1 and 2 hard.

PROFITABLE CROPS.

Big crops are not necessarily profitable crops. Some of the heaviest crops ever raised in Manitoba were among the most unprofitable, while some comparatively light crops have proved very profitable. The price realized is as much a factor in determining the profit as the yield. The comparatively light crop this year will be one of the most profitable crops ever produced in the country. This is not alone owing to the high price of wheat, while of course, that is a great factor. An important feature is the amount of labor required to harvest the crop. This year the weather has been very favorable for harvesting and the straw has been in perfect condition for handling and threshing. There has been scarcely any lost time and the crop has been handled very expeditiously. With one of our heavy crops a few years ago the cost of labor in harvesting was so excessive that the farmer was robbed of much of his expected profit. In fact in some cases the crops were decidedly unprofitable. The work of harvesting dragged along into the winter. Some grain was not saved at all, while scarcely any land was prepared for crop the following year, thus reducing the crop area the following season. Hundreds of stacks were never threshed, as rough weather set in before the threshing was finished and the following spring many stacks were found to have been destroyed by getting damp. There was also a loss from threshing in the winter, by getting particles of ice and snow mixed with the grain. When warm weather set in, the snow and ice melted and made the grain damp. A moderate crop, harvested under favorable conditions, and sold at fair prices, is much better than a heavy crop, with low prices, particularly when the harvest is prolonged by unfavorable weather.

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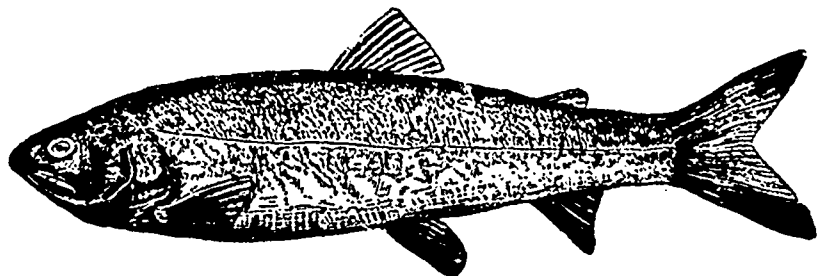
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Threshing in Manitoba is done practically entirely by the latest improved steam threshers. Last week our illustration was a reaping scene. This week we give another one appropriate to the season, showing one of the steam threshers at work, with the engine in the foreground. There are scarcely any of the old time horse-power machines in the country, but the number of steam threshing outfits is sufficient to handle the entire crop in a very short time. This year the great bulk of the crop will be

may be confined to grain stacks, but often when a fire occurs, the threshing outfit is also burned, as the fire spreads so rapidly that the machines cannot be moved away in time to save them. Sometimes buildings are burned; but thoughtful farmers do not have threshing done near their buildings. The grain is stacked in the fields, and usually only two to four stacks are made in one place. When these are threshed out, the machines are moved on to the next group of stacks. Thus on some of our large



HARVESTING IN MANITOBA

which is caused by the burning of the straw which remains after the threshing operation has been concluded. The destruction of the straw in this way is considered by some as very wasteful, but what are the farmers going to do with it? They cannot make use of it all themselves, and it is not saleable, except to a very limited extent. The easiest way to get it out of the road is to apply the torch, and at the same time destroy the millions of seeds of weeds which are in almost every straw pile.

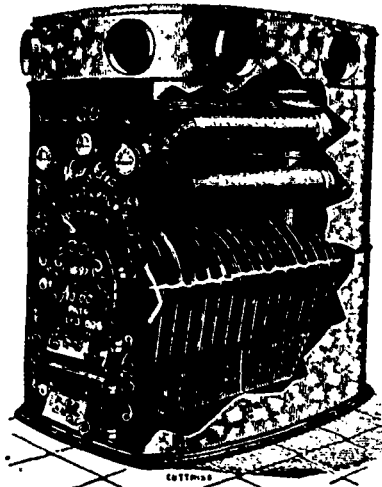
threshed within the period of one month. The bright, dry weather has made the straw very favorable for threshing and the work goes ahead more rapidly than it would if the straw were tough, as it sometimes is in damp seasons. There is also less waste of grain in threshing when the straw is in good condition.

Sometimes fires occur at threshings, caused by a spark from the engine. This is particularly dangerous in dry, windy weather. Every season there is some loss on this account. The loss

on farms, stacks will be noticed standing in groups all over the farm. With the traction engines which are used, it is an easy matter to move from one group of stacks to another.

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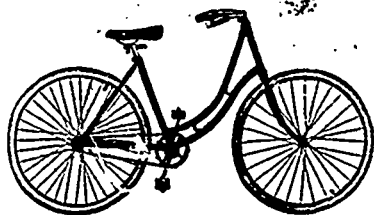
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Potatoes.

The Commercial has been asked about the prospects for shipping potatoes to the United States. The potato crop in the States is said to be short, but we are afraid the new tariff of 25 cents per bushel will preclude the possibility of doing an export trade to that country at a profit to the producers here. The duty under the Wilson tariff, now superseded by the new Dingley tariff, was 15 cents per bushel. The latter duty was too high to admit of profitable business in potatoes under ordinary conditions.

Last year potatoes were very low in the United States, and this led to a large decrease in the area sown this year. Added to this, the principal potato districts have produced a light crop this year.

Railway Rumors.

A correspondent writes asking our opinion of Mr. Greenway's railway scheme, and wondering that The Commercial has not had something to say about the matter. When we know what Mr. Greenway's scheme is, we will be prepared to discuss the matter on its merits. So far there is nothing to discuss but rumor, and that of a very indefinite character. To condemn the alleged railway enterprise at this stage would look like offering a fractious opposition to Mr. Greenway, while to applaud the rumored "deal" might be taken as indicating sycophantic subserviency to the powers that be, neither of which position The Commercial proposes to occupy. Our correspondent need not fear but that The Commercial will express its opinion of the matter when there is something definite to discuss.

British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, Sept. 20.

There are a number of changes in the market this week, as predicted in The Commercial last week. Butter is very firm at the advance. Potatoes have jumped \$2. Fruit is steadily advancing. Hay and oats still hang at the same prices because the farmers are too busy to bring them in. They will soon fall off from present figures. Dressed meats have weakened. The supply is very large and it is expected that even still lower prices will prevail. Dealers still complain of lack of good packing in regard to butter sent from the Territories. This was particularly so with a recent big shipment to China from Alberta. In their monthly circular R. P. Rithet & Co., state that a continuance of the favorable conditions noted in their last circular has resulted in ocean freights going up all round.

The advance, however, has latterly been checked by free offerings of steamers.

The Hardware and Paint Trade.

The Montreal Gazette says: The week has seen an important advance in all lead products. White lead, which usually follows tardily, has been prominent in the advance abroad, because of the abnormally low margin that has existed for some years between pig and white. Canadian makers of white lead appear content to run out their contracts, so that the advance made is much less than the English equivalent. Prices here are quoted at an advance of 1-8c per lb over last week, and the feeling is very firm. Some good export orders for colors and varnishes have been booked during the week for English and United States markets. The feeling in Gaspe cod oil has been weak and prices have declined, recent sales having been made at 28c to 29c. Newfoundland cod oil is firm. In Norwegian cod liver oil a sharp advance in prices of 5c to 10c per gallon has taken place, with sales at 60c to 65c. Straw seal oil is in fair demand at 37 1-2 to 40c. Castor oil continues scarce and very firm at the recent advance.

The most remarkable feature of the metal market, says the Montreal Gazette, is the strength displayed by pig lead. This metal has had an unprecedented advance during the past three weeks, values now being 70c higher than they were in the middle of August, pig lead being held firm at \$3.80 per 100 lbs. With this advance in pig, it is natural that there should be an advance in lead products, and lead pipe has been marked up 2 1-2 per cent and shot 2 1-2 to 5 per cent, with strong probability of still further appreciation. In fact all metals are firmly held, and the tendency seems to be towards higher values. In lead pipe there has been a further advance. We now quote lead pipe at 7c per lb., and composition and waste pipe at 7 1-2c per lb., subject to a discount of 27 1-2 per cent.

Copper is firm in the United States and pig iron is tending higher.

The price of glass in the United States has been going up steadily, and the prospect is that it will be still higher before it goes down again. The glassmakers usually return to work the first of September, but they are still out on a demand for higher wages, and it seems unlikely that there will be an agreement before the first of October.

Financial and Insurance Notes.

Mr. Geo. Hague, general manager, and Mr. Thomas Fysh, assistant manager of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, were in Winnipeg last week. Mr. Hague says the feeling in Eastern Canada is very hopeful, owing to the improved prices for farm products and good crops in Ontario. In the latter province the return from the crops will be almost double what it was last year. Mr. Hague is obliged to return early to the East, but Mr. Fysh may remain some time longer in the West.

George Hay, vice-president, John Mather, director, and George Burn, general manager, of the Bank of Ottawa, were in Winnipeg last week, on their annual western trip. Mr. Burn speaks very hopefully of the situation in the east, where a revival of trade

has already set in, and prospects for the future are good.

A meeting of shareholders in the Bank of Nova Scotia has been called for November 2 to consider the increase of capital, recommended by the directors, of \$500,000. The paid-up capital is now \$1,500,000, the full amount authorized; and it has a reserve of \$1,500,000.

Fall Exhibitions.

Agricultural exhibitions will be held in western Canada as follows:

Ashcroft, B. C.—Oct. 12th and 18th.
 Bolshevik—Oct. 14th.
 Baldur—Oct. 1st and 2nd.
 Birtle—Sept. 30th.
 Carman, Dufferin exhibition—Oct. 7th and 8th.
 Cartwright, Derby exhibition—Oct. 7th and 8th.
 Clearwater—Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st.
 Cannington Manor—Sept., 30th.
 Deloraine—Oct. 7th and 8th.
 Dauphin—Oct. 6th.
 Duck Lake—Sept. 28rd.
 Edmonton—Sept. 28th and 29th.
 Elkhorn—Oct. 17th.
 Emerson—Oct. 8th and 9th.
 Fort Saskatchewan—Oct. 12th and 18th.
 Fairmeade—Oct. 5th.
 Gainsboro—Oct. 12th.
 Grenfell—Sept. 29th.
 Hartney—Sept. 28th and 29th.
 Innisfail—Oct. 7th.
 Kamloops, B. C.—Oct. 13th, 14th and 15th.
 Kelowna—Sept. 22nd and 23rd.
 Killarney—Oct. 11th and 12th.
 Kildonan and St. Paul's—Sept. 28th and 29th.
 Lacombe—Oct. 5th and 6th.
 Lethbridge—Oct. 5th and 6th.
 Macleod—Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st.
 Maple Creek—Oct. 1st.
 Marquette—Sept. 29th.
 McGregor—Sept. 18th.
 Melita—Oct. 13th and 14th.
 Minnedosa—Oct. 7th.
 Medicine Hat—Sept. 29th and 30th.
 Mission Junction—Sept. 29th.
 Morden—Sept. 29th and 30th.
 Morris—Oct. 7th and 8th.
 Moose Jaw—Oct. 8th.
 Moosquin—Sept. 29th.
 New Westminster—Oct. 6th, 7th and 8th.
 Neepawa—Oct. 12th and 18th.
 Oak Lake—Oct. 19th.
 Oak River—Oct. 13th.
 Pilot Mound, Mountain exhibition—Oct. 5th and 6th.
 Port Arthur, Ont.—Sept. 22nd and 23rd.
 Red Deer—Sept. 29th.
 Russell—Oct. 6th.
 Saskatoon—Oct. 5th and 6th.
 Souris—Oct. 18th and 14th.
 Strathclair—Oct. 8th.
 Saltcoats—Oct. 29th.
 Shoal Lake—Oct. 13th.
 Sheep Creek—Sept. 29th.
 Stonewall—Oct. 7th.
 Springfield—Oct. 6th and 7th.
 Vernon, B. C.—Sept. 29th and 30th and Oct. 1st.
 Wapella—Oct. 7th.
 Whitewood—Oct. 12th.
 Wolseley—Oct. 15th.

The Montreal Gazette says: In the market for syrups a much stronger feeling has prevailed, and prices have scored another advance of 1-4c per lb, which is due to the fact that the demand is still good and stocks in refiners' hands are about exhausted. Recent sales have been made at 2c to 2 3-8c per lb, but the cheapest grade now in stock is held at 2 1-8c, it being a bright article.

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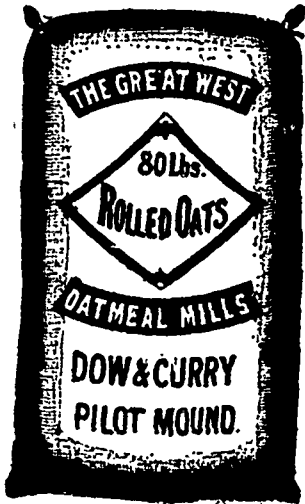
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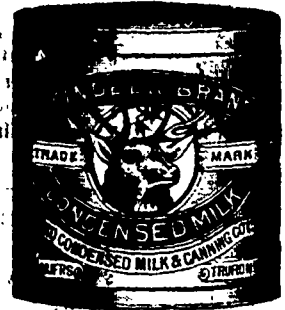
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Winnipeg Board of Trade.

A meeting of the council of the Board of Trade was held on Tuesday afternoon, when a large amount of routine business was transacted, including the reception of letters from different departments of the government in connection with matters submitted by the board, and which have already been published from time to time. A letter from the Edmonton Board of Trade was read, in which that body thanked the Winnipeg board "for their strong and prompt action in backing up the representations of this district to the government regarding the exploration of the route from here to the Klondyke."

A request was read from some business men at Pilot Mound for the assistance of the board in securing changes in the hours for arrival and departure of trains on the Deloraine branch of the C. P. R. As this matter had already received attention from the executive officers it was left in their hands.

The following letter from the Victoria, B. C., Board of Trade was read and it was decided to hand it to the press for publication:

Dear Sir,—The British Columbia board of trade is of opinion that the boards of trade throughout the Dominion should take immediate steps for securing to Canada the immense trade which has resulted from the rush to the Klondyke gold fields. This trade is at present almost entirely in the hands of United States merchants on the Pacific coast, and is estimated by the press to have amounted to at least \$3,000,000 during the past few months. The merchants of British Columbia have made strenuous efforts to divert it into Canadian channels. Direct lines of steamships have been established between the coast cities and the Lynn Canal, and Stikkeen River; and large sums of money have been expended in advertising that the Klondyke gold fields are in Canada, and that goods therefor if purchased in the United States are dutiable. In the meantime some of the United States newspapers have, and are still, grossly misrepresenting facts, and have succeeded in almost nullifying these efforts of British Columbia merchants. Much disappointment is felt here that so many of the eastern Canadian newspapers continue to refer to the Klondyke as being in Alaska, and also frequently mention Seattle or San Francisco as the outfitting and starting point.

As miners' supplies are manufactured in Canada, it is obviously to the advantage of the whole Dominion that the outfitting should be done in British Columbia. Eastern manufacturers, transportation companies, and western retailers would all benefit by the diversion of the Klondyke outfitting trade from its present channels. I am therefore instructed to ask your board to unite with this board, and the other boards of trade throughout Canada, in capturing it before the spring rush commences. To this end will you kindly make as widely known as possible:

1. That the Klondyke gold fields are in Canada.

2. That steamers leave the principal cities of British Columbia for Lynn Canal and the Stikkeen River every few days.

3. That outfits of every description, put up by merchants experienced in the outfitting trade—from knowledge acquired in Cariboo in early days in many cases—can be purchased in Brit-

ish Columbia on the shortest notice, and at lower prices than on the United States side of the line.

4. That such goods can be used in the Klondyke gold fields free of duty; and that all goods from the United States and other foreign countries are dutiable.

Asking for this matter the early and best attention of your board, I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,

F. ELWORTHY,
Secretary.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 11, 1897.

Grocery Trade Notes.

Recent cables from Doula on Valencia raisins ask an advance for shipments on the second direct steamer compared with what was paid for shipments via the first.

Importers who have tried to secure quotations on California prunes, says a Montreal report, found it difficult to get any. Sizes from 40s to 50s are very scarce, in fact, are practically out of the market, and would cost 9c to 10c laid down Montreal in carload lots.

Patras advices state that currants are offered 6d lower for shipment via the second direct steamer.

A Montreal report says: "The supply of first and second crop now Japan teas here is small, owing to the fact that the bulk of them went to the States, but at the same time the market is by no means exhausted of stock yet. The tone, however, is very firm and from present indications it looks as if values will go still higher in the near future. The advance in Ceylons for the present month has been fully 11-2c per lb.

A buyer from the United States was in Montreal trying to buy molasses, and prices there have advanced 1-2 to 1c.

It is estimated that the lower prices prevailing for coffee this year will mean a saving of some \$50,000,000 to the United States in the average annual amount paid to foreign countries for coffee.

Dried fruit sells at about half the price that canned fruits command, and goes five times farther.

Owing to the great advance in broom corn, United States manufacturers have advanced prices 25c per dozen.

A meeting of Ontario and Montreal grocers was recently held at Montreal to endeavor to arrange prices to the trade on sugars, but nothing was accomplished. It is sad the meeting was far from being harmonious.

Freight Rates.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "A good demand for ocean tonnage for grain continues, and quite a lot of engagements have transpired at 2s 9d for Liverpool, a round lot of oats being taken at 2s 7 1-2d. There has also been business at 2s 6d for London and Glasgow, while engagements are reported for Bristol at 3s for October shipment. There has been considerable new business in sack flour at 12s 9d for Liverpool and 15s Liverpool and Glasgow and 17s 6d Bristol. Cheese steady at 20s to London, 25s Liverpool and Glasgow, and at 30s to Bristol. Butter 30s London, Liverpool and Glasgow, and 30s Bristol, 10s extra being charged for cold storage, for which there is a good demand. Cattle freights 50s Liverpool, 45s Glasgow, 35s London and 40s Bristol. Horses £4 for London and Liverpool and £3 10s for Bristol.

British Columbia Mining Notes.

Very gradually matters are improving in the mining world, but it takes a long time to get properties on a paying basis. One good indication is that many good properties have drifted into the hands of capitalists who are capable of developing them. This may be said of the Alpha Bell, the stock placed on the market at 50 cents cannot now be secured at that figure, and is held close by promoters. The Alpha Bell has the Golden Cache lead, making the stock more desirable, added to the merit of the property, and the fact that it is in the hands of McLaren Bros, the wealthy and reliable mill owners, a desirable acquisition to the list on the sea board.

The Fire Mountain, at Harrison Lake, is to a large extent handled by the Leekie's, an assurance that it will be developed. Large sums have been placed in hand for trails, mill, tramway and development. As the mine is 5,000 feet above the sea the engineering difficulties are great. The vein is being tunnelled, the hole is now 100 feet in and 25 feet of a vein has been sunk. Every shot shows ore. It is among the richest on exhibition here. The stock is selling at 50 cents. The Tin Horn Co., at Fairview, Okanagan, has unlimited capital behind it. Rich Lamilton, a Victoria man, holding the cash which would be forthcoming in case of need. The need, however, is now over. Two thousand tons are on the dump, and the mill will be running next month. It would have been running this month could the machinery have been got in over the excessively rough road. The dump assays "65" throughout.

The Athabasca, Nelson, is in the hands of a strong Toronto company, with ex-Minister Foster at its head. The last shipment of 28 tons returning a gross value of \$98, places the mine among the winners in the province. There are four veins on the property, all extremely rich in free gold. A mill is to be placed on the company's site and the amalgam shipped to the Hall smelter. In this way the ore will cost about \$2 a ton instead of \$12, as at present. Next month regular daily shipments will be made.

The Lumber Trade.

A Seattle, Wash., report says that fir lumber will soon bring better prices. In other words, fir lumber will be sold at an advance of from 50 cents to \$2 per 1,000 feet before October 1, if the action of the mill men, who met recently in Tacoma, is endorsed.

There appears to be still left unsold some timber in the Northern Michigan peninsula. It is reported that over 200,000,000 feet of pine belonging to the estate of James C. Ayer has been offered for sale.

Toronto Sept. 21.—Sweeping alien labor clauses have been added to the crown timber regulations by the Ontario cabinet. Timber license and permit holders, under penalty of suspension of license and seizure of timber, must not employ in lumbering, including towing, anyone not a resident of, or domiciled in Canada; except manager in full charge of operations, the head book-keeper and one estimator or explorer for each operation, unless by special permission. United States registered tugs towing may employ a captain, engineer or firemen. All supplies under the same penalty must be bought in Canada, except by special permission.

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Manitoba.

A. L. Bond has bought out W. J. Steenson's Fruit and Confectionery business at Dauphin.

Horn & Traynor are opening business in Deloraine in boots and shoes.

J. H. McCarson, formerly of Minnedosa, has purchased the hardware business of Harry Byers', at McGregor.

The large addition to the packing house of J. Y. Griffin & Co., Winnipeg, is being pushed ahead rapidly.

John Hettle, of Bollesvain, a member of the Manitoba legislature, and a well-known provincial dairy operator, is dead.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company is erecting a new depot building at Morden, which will be one of the best in Manitoba.

Mr. J. K. Macdonald, managing director of the Confederation Life association, arrived in Winnipeg on Thursday last from Toronto. He is staying with his brother, Mr. D. Macdonald. He will spend several weeks looking over the province in connection with the important interests of his company here.

A. Atkinson & Co., of whom the principal is Mr. Arthur Atkinson, a well-known Manitoba grain dealer, have opened an office at room 17 in the Winnipeg grain exchange, and will handle wheat and other grains in car loads or larger quantities.

Mr. Livingston, who was formerly in business at Morden, Man., called at The Commercial office last week on his way from Ontario. Mr. Livingston will buy flaxseed in Southern Manitoba this year for the Livingston Lused Oil mills, at Baden, Ontario. The quantity of flax seed in Ontario is not sufficient to keep these mills going, and Manitoba has been drawn upon annually for some years. Flax seed will be a better price this year than last, but the quantity produced in Manitoba this year, Mr. Livingston says, is quite limited, both the area and yield being light this year.

Winnipeg merchants rejoice over a reduction in the price of gas to \$2.50 per thousand feet, with 10 per cent off for prompt payments. The old rate was \$3, and 10 per cent off. This is a result of the recent change in the proprietorship of the company. As the long nights are coming on fast, the reduction is particularly acceptable.

Grain and Milling.

Bran is being shipped from Eastern Canada and the United States to Germany. United States buyers have been buying bran in Ontario, to ship in bond via United States ports to Germany. In consequence bran has been firm and some were asking higher prices. United States buyers have been paying \$8.25 to \$8.80 in Ontario.

The Montreal Gazette of Sept. 17 says: Although the tone of the flour market has been reported firm from day to day for some time past, it was learned to-day that a cut in prices of 25c per barrel had been made in the price of Manitoba grades, and the Lake of the Woods Milling company quoted patent at \$5.65, and strong bakers at \$5.25, while other millers state that there is no change in figures.

McMillan Bros. are arranging for the rebuilding of the elevator at Emerson, destroyed by fire recently.

In the crop year just closed the Minneapolis flour mills ground 13,500,000 barrels of flour, which breaks all former records. About 60,000,000

bushels of wheat were consumed by the mills during the year.

J. G. King, of J. G. King & Co., Port Arthur, was in Winnipeg, last week, and while here was looking into matters concerning the requirements of the grain trade. Mr. King operates the cleaning and scouring elevator at Port Arthur, by means of which tons of dirt are removed from our wheat before it is shipped. This season machinery is being placed in the elevator for the special purpose of removing oats from wheat and barley, a mixture which is noticeable in much of our grain.

The Dominion government will forward samples of the Manitoba grain standards to English millers.

The standards board met at Winnipeg last week and fixed the standards for grading the new crop. The principal result achieved from this annual meeting is to give a number of gentlemen a free trip at the government expense. No doubt they enjoy it. As for practical work, the whole thing is considerable of a farce. A board of three experts, composed of a couple of inspectors and an umpire, would do the work at a fraction of the labor and expense, and probably with greater satisfaction to the trade.

The Great Coal Miners' Strike

Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 20.—The anthracite coal strike in this region appears to be ended. To-day 1,200 men, half of the full complement, returned to work at the Honeybrook collieries of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre company, 300 of the 4,300 at Pardees Lattimer mines, while the Cranberry Crystal Ridge and Harwood collieries of the same company remained at work. The latter were to have settled the question of strike to-day, but at the request of the operators held off until next Thursday. The employees of the Hazle mines of the Lehigh Valley company are just considering the question of returning in the morning, and will probably do so. Nearly 5,000 strikers have returned or will do so to-morrow, and a little less than that number are still out, with indications in favor of their joining the workers. The only incidents of to-day were small outbreaks at Lattimer and Eckley, both of which were quickly subdued, and the serving of warrants of arrest upon Sheriff Martin and a number of his deputies.

Brockton, Mass., Sept. 20. — The strike of the hatters is over and it is apparently a victory for the strikers.

Washington, Sept. 21.—M. D. Ratchford, president of the United Mine Workers, says: "To-day will see about 75,000 miners resume work in the bituminous coal fields of the central states. The strike, generally, ends to-day. This is the middle of the twelfth week of its duration. It was brought to a close at our convention held in Columbus, Ohio, from the 8th to the 10th of the present month, ten days being given all miners and operators to come together."

Famous Clause 22.

Washington, Sept. 21.—At-Gen. McKenna to-day announced his decision on the matter of section 22 in the new tariff law. He holds that goods coming directly into the United States from foreign countries through Canadian ports, are not subject to a discriminating duty of 10 per cent, and also that foreign goods shipped from

countries other than British possessions in British vessels are not subject to the discriminating duty.

Two questions were asked the attorney-general. The first was, in effect, whether a discriminating duty of 10 per cent., provided for in section 22, should be assessed against invoice tea from China, which arrived at Vancouver, in British vessels, thence to be shipped through Canada to Chicago. The second question was whether a discriminating duty should be assessed against a cargo of manganese ore, from Chili, which recently arrived in a British ship at Philadelphia. Both these questions the attorney-general answers in the negative.

Hides, Wool, etc.

A combination has been formed between Montreal hide dealers and Quebec tanners, whereby the tanners agree to buy from the hide association at 1c advance on the price paid by the dealers. This arrangement has been made in order to stop the fight in the Montreal hide market, which has been going on for a long time, between the dealers on the one hand and the tanners on the other, the latter having had a buyer in the hide market. Dealers were paying 8c and tanners 9c for No. 1 hides.

Goat skins have advanced about 50 cents in the United States, which causes a sharp advance in Dongola leather.

No. 1 green hides were quoted at \$1.2c at Toronto. A Toronto report says a good many hides are going to the United States.

Wool is quoted at 20c at Toronto for washed fleece.

Canadian Fire

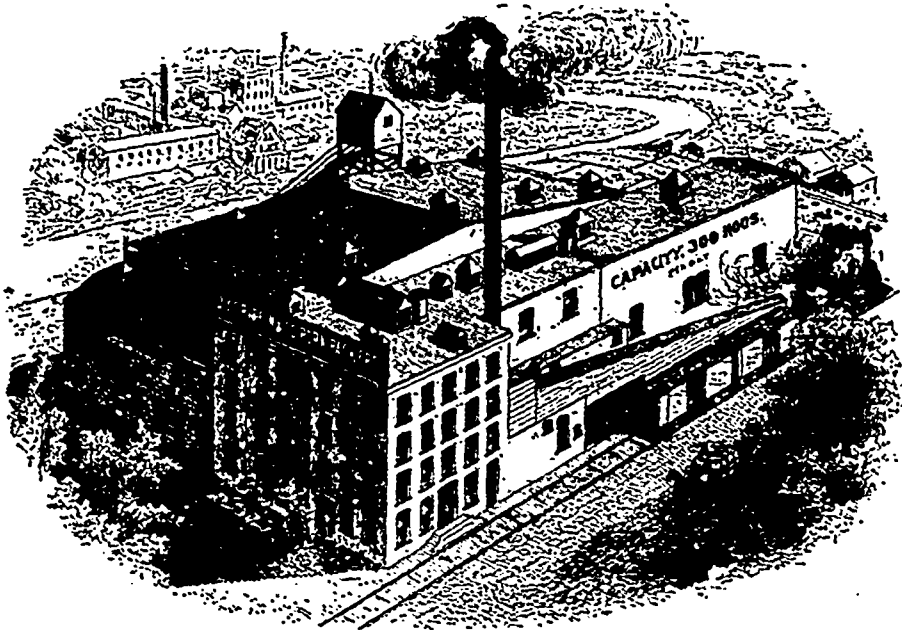
The Dominion government have issued to the Canadian Fire Insurance company of Winnipeg, a license to carry on the business of fire insurance in the Dominion of Canada. The Company at first operated in Manitoba only, under a provincial license, but later operations were extended into the Territories, under a license granted by the Territorial government. Owing to a question having arisen as to the validity of the Territorial license, a Dominion license was obtained. The Company now has power to do business anywhere in Canada, and no doubt in time its operations will cover all Western Canada, from the lakes to the coast. It is pleasing to learn that this carefully managed local company is steadily extending its sphere of operations, and meeting with much encouragement.

Manitoba's Wheat Movement.

Receipts of wheat at Fort William for the week ending September 18, aggregated 313,884 bushels, the shipments were 140,622 bushels, and the quantity in store was 583,387 bushels. Stocks in store a year ago were 1,542,000 bushels, and two years ago stocks were 468,000 bushels. Receipts for the corresponding week last year were 170,941 bushels, and shipments were 280,293 bushels. Two years ago receipts were 442,000 bushels and shipments 175,000 bushels.

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Tin—Lamb and Flagg, 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb 19@20c.

Tin Plates—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12 x 12 and 14 x 20, \$4.50@4.75; I X, same size box, \$5.75@6; I C, charcoal, 20 x 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50@9; I X, box, 20 x 28, 112 sheets, \$10.50@11.

Terne Plates—I C, 20 x 28, \$8.50@9.

Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.10 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.05@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25@6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3@3.25; best cast tool steel, lb., 9@11c; Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

Sheet Iron—10 to 20 gauge, \$3; 22 to 24 and 26 gauge, \$3.25; 28 gauge \$3.50.

Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, \$3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 gauge, \$3.75; 22 and 24 gauge, \$4; 26 gauge, \$4.25; 28 gauge, \$4.50 100 lbs.

Iron pipe is quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1/2 inch, \$2.50; 3/8 inch, \$2.75; 1/2 inch, \$3; 5/8 inch, \$4; 1 inch, \$5; 1 1/4 inch, \$7; 1 1/2 inch, \$8.50; 2 inch, \$11.50.

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$6.00 lb., broken lots \$6.50.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb., 14@16c.

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6@7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6 1/2c. Robin Hood powder, 37 lb kegs, \$10; 1/2 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 gauge, soft shot, \$18 per 1,000. No. 10 gauge, \$20.70 per 1,000.

Dupont Powder—Dupont Rifle FFG, 25-lb keg, \$5.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$2.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$6.60, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$6.50, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.25; Dupont Rifle FFFG, 25 lb keg, \$5.25, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3.00, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$9.00, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.75; Dominion Rifle, 25 lb keg, \$5.75, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$11, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$12; Sea Shooting Fg, 25 lb keg, \$6; Manitoba Sporting, 25 lb keg, \$8.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$4.25, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$9.00; cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$13.00; Eagle Ducking, 25 lb keg, \$11.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$5.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$12.00; Crystal Grain, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$14.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$17; Blasting, 25 lb keg, \$3.00. Dupont Smokeless powder, 12 1/2 lbs, \$22.00, 6 1/2 lbs, \$11.25, 3 1/2 lbs, \$5.75, 1/2 canisters, \$1.00.

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, \$2.60@2.65 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$2.75.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 6 1/2@6 1/4c base; manilla, lb., 7 1/4@8c base; cotton, 1/2 to 1 inch and larger, 16c lb.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.50 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4 1/2@6 inch, \$2.65 per keg; with usual extras for smaller sizes.

Horse Nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above list prices 45 per cent.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.15 100 lbs. Prepared Paints—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 5 1/2c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1/2c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3 1/2c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18@19c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, 100 lb. kegs, 4c; less than kegs, 4 1/2c lb.

Varnishes—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50@1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50@2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold-size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2@2.25; No. 1 orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

Sundries—Glue, S. S., in sheets, 1b 12 1/2 @15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 1b @25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$4; benzine, case, \$4. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2c., do., less than barrels, 1b, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$3.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass—First break is quoted at \$1.75 per box of 50 feet and \$2 for second break.

Linseed Oil—Raw, gal., 55c; boiled, gal., 58c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 55c; less than barrels, gallon, 58c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 33@40c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18 1/2c; crescent, 22 1/2c; oleophene, 23 1/2c in barrels. Car lots, 1c gallon less. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 27c for cocene and 24c for sunlight.

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

These prices are retail quotations at Winnipeg, such as contractors and others buy at. The mills quote delivered prices at various points.

Dimension and Timber—No. 1, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$18.50, 18 ft, \$19.50, 20 ft, \$20.50, 22 ft, \$21.50, 24 ft, \$22.50; 3x6 to 3x12, 4x4 to 4x12, 6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$20.00, 18 ft, \$21.00, 20 ft, \$22.00, 22 ft, \$23.00, 24 ft, \$24.00; 8x10 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$22.00, 18 ft, \$23.00, 20 ft, \$24.00, 22 ft, \$25.00, 24 ft, \$26.00; 2x4, 10 ft, \$20.50; 2x6 to 2x12, 10 ft, \$18.00. No. 2 dimension, \$1.50 less than No. 1. Dimension, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$26.00. Timber, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$23.00. \$1.00 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch in depth and width. Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M less than pine. Cull plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$30.00 per M., 32 to 40 feet, \$33.00, 40 to 60 feet \$36.00. \$1.00

per M extra for each 2 in. over 12 in. in width or depth.

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25.00, 2nd common, \$18.00, 3rd common, \$16.00; No. 1 cull, \$12.00, No. 2 cull, \$8.00; spruce, \$16.00. \$1.00 per M extra for stock boards. \$2.00 per M less for 10 ft. and under. No. 1 box, 14 in. and up, \$30.00, No. 2 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$26.00. Extra dressing \$1.50 per M.

Siding, Flooring and Ceiling—2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$36.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28.00; 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$30.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25.00; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red and white, \$20.00; B.C. No. 1 fir, \$32.00; B.C. No. 2 fir, \$29.00; B.C. No. 3 fir, \$26.00; B.C. spruce, \$32.00; 4, 5 and 6 inch spruce, native, \$20.00; 8 and 10 inch pine, \$23.00; No. 1 cedar siding and ceiling, \$36.00; No. 2 cedar siding and ceiling, \$30.00; 1/2 inch cedar or fir siding and ceiling, \$26.00. \$1.00 per M advance for dressing both sides.

Revel Siding—No. 1 white pine, \$26.00; No. 2 red and white, \$23.00.

Shiplap—Pine, 6 inch, \$18.00, 8 and 10 inch, \$20.00; Spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19.00, 6 inch, \$18.00; cull shiplap, \$16.00.

Shingles—B. C. cedar, per M, No. 1, \$2.50, No. 2, \$2.00; B.C. cedar dimension shingles, \$4.00; B.C. cedar dimension band sawed, \$5.00; No. 1 pine, per M, \$2.50, No. 2, \$2.00, No. 3, \$1.75.

Lath—Pine lath, per M, \$3.00.

Finishings—1 1/2 and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00, 3rd clear, \$55.00, selects, \$45.00, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$32.00; B.C. cedar clears, \$55.00; B.C. fir clears and stepping, \$45.00; \$5.00 per M advance on 2 1/2 inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$60.00, 3rd clear, \$48.00, selects, No. 1, \$38.00, selects, No. 2 (extra 1st com) \$30.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$30.00; B.C. cedar, clear, \$55.00.

Oak—Red and White—1 sawed, \$85.00; 1st and 2nd, 55.00 to \$65.00; common, \$40.00.

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, 1x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 75c; 1x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 85c; window and door stop, 1 1/2 inch lineal, \$1.25, ditto, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; 1/2 round and 3/4 cove, 75c; 1 1/2 round mould, \$1.50; 2 round mould, \$1.75; 2 1/2 round mould, \$2.00; 3 round mould, \$2.25; 3 1/2 round mould, \$2.50; 4 round mould, \$2.75; 4 1/2 round mould, \$3.00; 5 round mould, \$3.25; 6 round mould, \$4.00; 5 round window stool, 1 1/2, \$4.50; 6 round window stool, 1 1/2, \$5.25; 4 round casings, \$2.50; 5 round casings, \$2.75; 6 round casings, \$3.25; 8 round base, \$4.50; 10 round base, \$5.50; 12 round base, \$7.00; hand rail, 2x4, \$5.00; wainscot cap, 2 1/2 inch, \$2.35, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 75c. Moulding made from 1 1/2 stock add 25 per cent; 1 1/2 add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings or mouldings to detail at special prices. All shop work at special net prices.

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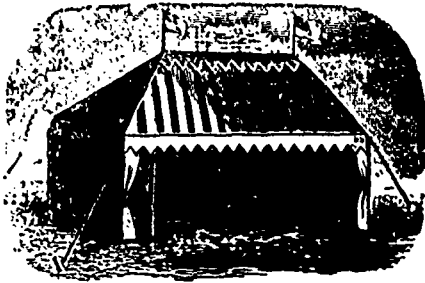
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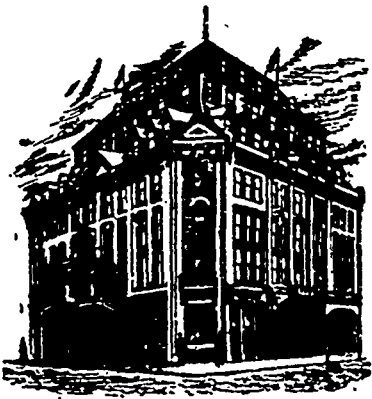
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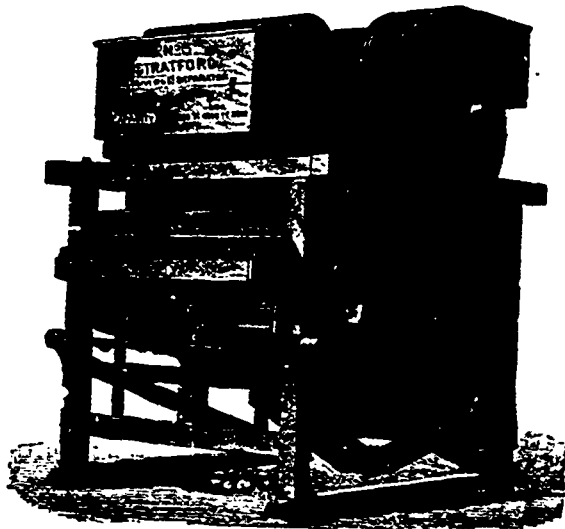
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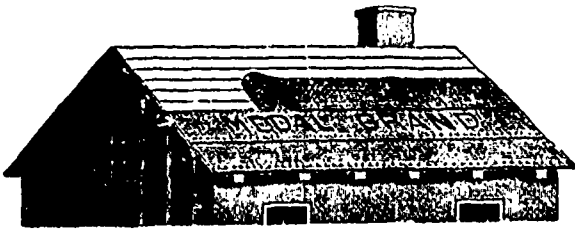


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Business in Canada.

New York, Sept. 24.—Bradstreet's review of Canadian trade to-day says: Advice from Montreal report a better feeling in trade circles and from Toronto that business is more active and farm products continue to bring good prices. The distribution of merchandise at Halifax meets anticipations and at St. John, N. B., the exhibition has drawn many visitors and stimulated sales of merchandise. The New Brunswick lumber cut is expected to be light. The recently opened Newfoundland coal mines, of which much was expected, have proven a failure and Newfoundland fishery news continues discouraging.

There are thirty-five business failures reported throughout the Canadian Dominion this week, against thirty-six last week and thirty-four in the week a year ago.

New York, Sept. 24.—Dun's review of Canadian trade to-morrow will say: Canadian reports this week are on the whole more favorable. General improvement seems to be in progress, although with much modification in different sections. Thus St. John reports business fair, although lumber prospects are not so good. At Halifax clearance sales in hats and caps dry goods and hardware, interfere with general retail business, but wholesale business continues fair, as country dealers are buying more freely and collections are about up to the average. At Quebec trade is about the same, with collections fair. Advances at Montreal are still encouraging, the general demand showing improvements and remittances are more free. Money is in plentiful supply at 3-1-2 per cent on call loans. Toronto reports no especial change, payments being still satisfactory. The volume of trade at Winnipeg is very large with satisfactory conditions. Improvement in groceries over previous weeks this month is noticed at Victoria, but the dry goods trade still drags. Wholesale and retail trade so far this year is somewhat ahead of the same period last year and payments are fairly good. Vancouver reports a little less business at wholesale and retail business quieter, but indications are favorable for fall trade and collections continue satisfactory.

Friday's Wheat Prices.

The prevailing quotations for wheat at country points yesterday show a continued improvement in prices. Deliveries at elevators are also maintained, the aggregate at C. P. R. points being in the neighborhood of 200,000 bushels and the shipments east were heavy, 174 cars being loaded for transportation to Fort William. The quantity stored this week will exceed 1,500,000 bushels, which, though only a small proportion of the entire crop, is a material increase over the record of corresponding periods in previous years. Following were the general prices paid for No. 1 hard wheat at points on the C. P. R. yesterday:

Main line—Bagot 75c, High Bluff 76c, Portage la Prairie 78c, Burnside 75c, McGregor 75c, Austin 78c, Sidney 75c, Carberry 79c, Sewell 79c, Douglas 78c, Chater 75c, Brandon 76c, Kemnay 77c, Alexander 76c, Griswold 76c, Oak Lake 76c, Virten 77c, Hargrave 75c, Elkhorn 76c, Fleming 75c, Moosomin 75c, Wapella 77c, White-wood 74c, Broadview 76c, Grenfell 74c, Wolseley 74c, Sintaluta 74c, In-

dian Head 73c, Balgonie 78c, Regina 78c, Penne 78c, Moose Jaw 78c, Lumsden 78c.

Souris branch—Souris 76c, Hartney 80c, Lauver 76c, Napinka 74c, Melita 75c, Plesora 75c, Gainsborough 74c, Carnduff 74c, Oxbow 74c.

Glenboro branch—Alameda 74c, Carman 77c, Starbuck 76c, Rathwell 75c, Treberne 75c, Holland 76c, Cypress River 76c, Glenboro 78c, Swackton 75c, Methven 76c, Nesbit 76c, Pipestone 74c, Reston 74c, Carroll 75c.

Deloraine branch—Morris 77c, Rosenfeld 74c No. 2 hard, Greta 74c No. 2 hard, Plum Coulee 74c No. 2 hard, Winkler 74c No. 2 hard, Morden 74c No. 2 hard, Thornhill 78c No. 2 hard, Maniton 75c, LaRiviere 75c, Pilot Mound 77c, Holmsfield 75c, Killarney 76c, Ninga 74c, Boissevain 80c, White-water 76c, Deloraine 78c, Carlisle 74c, Altona 74c.

Emerson branch—Emerson 77c, Dominion City 75c, Otterburne 76c.

Silver in England.

London, Sept. 23. — The protest, which the London bankers drew up at their meeting in the clearing house yesterday, against the policy of the Bank of England, announcing its willingness to maintain one-fifth of its bullion reserve in silver, was presented to the bank to-day. The resolution was accompanied by a formal letter and the resolution itself, in the name of the clearing house association, as a majority of the membership was represented and unanimously adopted the resolution, as follows:

"This meeting entirely disapproves of the Bank of England agreeing to exercise the option, permitted by the act of 1884, holding one-fifth, or any other proportion whatever, in silver as a reserve against the circulation of Bank of England notes.

"That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Bank of England, the prime minister, the first lord of the treasury and the chancellor of the exchequer."

An organized movement has begun to induce other commercial bodies to protest against the announcement of the governor of the Bank of England.

A high official, who participated in negotiations between the United States bi-metallic commissioners and the British cabinet, said to-day: "I fear the bankers will frighten the government into receding from the stand for bi-metallism. They have forgotten that parliament unanimously resolved on measures to secure a stable par exchange between gold and silver and that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach (chancellor of the exchequer,) pledged himself to do all in his power to carry this resolution into effect. The English public has forgotten also that ten of the fourteen members of the agricultural commission signed a report recommending bi-metallism as a palliative for agricultural depression in England. The public and the newspapers seem to think the government is influenced merely by a desire to secure the good will of the United States, when attempting to carry out the declared policy of parliament."

The Live Stock Trade.

The following live stock shipments are reported: Mr. George Lane, has shipped twenty cars of cattle east from the Walrod ranch, Alberta. Four car loads of cattle were shipped east by J. M. Paul from Prince Albert. One hundred head of cattle were shipped from Indian Head by J.

R. North, of Qu'Appelle. A heavy cattle train went east from the Manitoba Northwestern, consisting of twenty car loads, sixteen of which were shipped by Taylor Bros., and four by Travis & Beddome, of Minnedosa.

At London on September on the demand for cattle was good and prices ruled steady, choice States selling at 12c and choice Canadians at 11c. Owing to larger supplies of sheep the market as weaker and prices declined 1-2c per lb., choice Canadians selling at 11c and Argentines at 10 1-2c.

Liverpool, Sept. 20.—Choice United States cattle 11c, good to choice Canadians at 9 1-2c to 10 1-2c, sheep 10 1-2c.

At the East End abattoir market Montreal on Sept. 20, the best stock on the market brought 3 1-2c to 4c per lb. for export, the inside figure being for good cows. In stockers a fair trade was done for shipment to Buffalo at 2 1-2c for steers, and 1 1-4c to 1 1-2c for bulls. Butchers' cattle sold at 3 1-2c to 4c for choice, fair at 2 3-4c to 3 1-4c, common at 2c to 2 1-2c, and inferior at 1 1-2c to 1 3-4c per lb. Sheep on export account sold at 3c to 3 1-4c per lb., culls 2 1-4c to 2 3-4c. Lambs easier at 3 1-4c to 3 3-4c per lb.

At the Point St. Charles stockyards, Montreal, on Sept. 20, the receipts of hogs were light, only 100 being offered. The demand was good, and prices firmly held at \$5.80 per 100 lbs.

Bank Clearings.

New York, Sept. 24.—Bank clearings totals at eighty-seven cities for the week ended September 23rd, as telegraphed to Bradstreet's, show total clearances of \$1,868,804,677, an increase of 60.6 per cent, as compared with the corresponding week last year. Outside of New York the clearances were \$486,513,237, increase 28.2 per cent.

The clearances for the Dominion of Canada were as follows: Montreal, \$12,333,657, increase 11.8 per cent; Toronto, \$7,619,142, increase 32.2 per cent; Winnipeg, \$2,019,387, increase \$1.0 per cent; Halifax, \$1,097,998; Hamilton, \$838,724, increase 23.0 per cent; St. John, \$637,690, increase 15.6 per cent.

WHEAT STOCKS IN CANADA.

Montreal	199,000
Toronto	21,000
Kingston	...
Winnipeg	147,000
Manitoba elevators	575,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	486,000
Total, Sept. 11	1,428,000

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The Winnipeg clearing house returns for the week ending Sept. 23, 1897, are as follows:

Week ending	Sept.	Clearings.	Balances.
23, 1897	...	\$2,019,382	\$471,802
Week ending	Sept.		
23, 1896	...	1,116,628	207,933

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, Sept. 24.—American securities declined after opening on desire among holders to realize, but later steadied somewhat and closed steady with moderate demand. 4 p. m. closing—Consols for money 111 1-2; so, for the account, 111 9 16; Canadian Pacific, 77 1-4; bbar silver, 26 1-2d; money 1-2 per cent; rate of discount in open market, short and three months' bills, 2 1-8 per cent.

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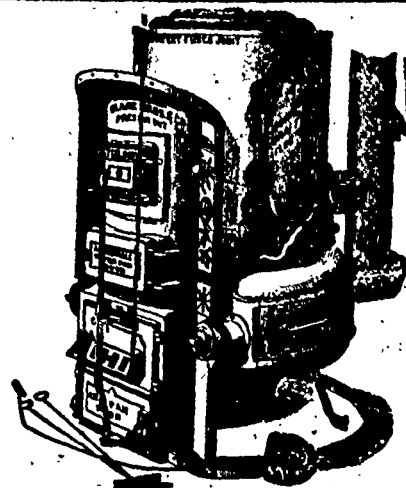
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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chicago, Sept. 20.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, No. 2, Dec., 92 7-8c; May, 92 1-8 cents.
Corn, No. 2, Sept., 28 3-4c; Dec., 30 1-8c; May, 33 3-4c.
Oats, No. 2, Sept., 18 7-8c; Dec., 20 5-8c; May, 23 3-8c.
Mess pork, Oct., \$8.47 1-8; Dec., \$8.55.
Lard, Oct., \$4.70; Dec., \$4.77 1-2.
Short ribs, Sept., \$5.42 1-2; Oct., \$5.42 1-2.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Sept., 92; Dec., 91 3-8 to 91 1-2; May, 90 1-2.
Corn—Sept., 29; Dec., 30 3-4; May, 33 7-8 to 34.
Oats—Sept., 19 1-4; Dec., 20 5-8; May, 23 3-8.
Pork—Oct., \$8.36; Dec., \$8.37 1-2.
Lard—Oct., \$4.68; Dec., \$4.67 1-2.
Ribs—Oct., \$5.17 1-2; Dec., \$4.92 1-2.

Chicago, Sept. 22.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—No. 2, Sept. 93c, Dec. now 92 1-2c, May 91 7-8c.
Corn—No. 2, Sept. 29 3-8c, Dec. 31 1-8c, May 34 3-8c.
Oats—No. 2, Sept. 19 3-4c, Dec. 20 7-8c, May 23 5-8.
Mess pork—Oct. \$8.32 1-2, Dec. \$8.40.
Lard—Oct. \$4.60, Dec. \$4.67 1-2, Jan. \$4.82 1-2.
Short ribs—Oct. \$5.12 1-2, Dec. \$4.95, Jan. \$4.92 1-2.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Sept., 92 7-8; Dec., 92 1-4 to 92 3-8; May, 90 3-8.
Corn—Sept., 27 7-8 to 29; Dec., 30 5-8 to 30 3-4; May, 34.
Oats—Sept., 19 3-4; Dec., 20 3-4; May, 23 1-2 to 23 5-8.
Mess pork—Oct., \$8.25; Dec., \$8.32 1-2; Jan., \$9.32 1-2.
Lard—Oct., \$4.55; Dec., \$4.62 1-2; Jan., \$4.77 1-2.
Short ribs—Oct., \$5.12 1-2; Dec., \$4.90; Jan., \$4.90.

Chicago, Sept. 24.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Sept. 93 1-8; Dec. 92 1-2 to 5-8; May 91 1-4.
Corn—Sept. 28 7-8; Dec. 30 5-8; May 34.
Oats—Sept. 19 5-8; Dec. 20 5-8 to 3-4; May 23 3-8 to 1-2.
Pork—Oct. \$8.12 1-2; Dec. \$8.20; Jan. \$9.20.
Lard—Oct. \$4.40; Dec. \$4.47 1-2; Jan. \$4.60.
Ribs—Oct. \$4.95; Dec. \$4.82 1-2; Jan. \$4.82 1-2.

On Saturday, Sept. 25, wheat opened at 92 1-8; to 92 1-4 for December option and ranged from 91 1-8c to 92 1-2c.

Closing prices were:
Wheat—Sept. 91 5-8c, Dec. 91 3-8c, May 90 1-2c.
Corn—Sept. 27 1-8c, Dec. 29 3-4c.
Oats—Sept. 19 3-4c, Dec. 20c.
Pork—Sept. \$8.07 1-2, Dec. \$8.15.
Lard—Oct. \$4.35, Dec. \$4.47 1-2.
Ribs—Oct. \$4.87 1-2, Dec. \$4.75.
Flaxseed—Cash \$1.08 1-2, Dec. \$1.04 1-2.

A week ago September wheat closed at 92 1-2c. A year ago September wheat closed at 65 3-8c, two years ago at 62c, and three years ago at 50 3-4c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, September 25, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 87 3-4c for September, and 88 1-4c for December. A week ago September wheat closed at 91c.

New York Wheat.

New York, Sept. 20.—Wheat receipts; 321,875; exports, 295,426 bushels; sales, 2,075,000 futures; 240,000 spot. Spot firm; No. 2 red, 99 1-2c to \$1 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 hard, 99 1-2c f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard, 99 1-8c f.o.b. afloat; Options opened weak under lower cables, rallied on covering and averaged firm all day, influenced by export buying, steadier into cables, light stocks and heavy clearances, closed 1 cent net higher; No. 2 red, May, 95 3-8c to 90c, closed 96c; Sept., 98 3-4c to 99 5-8c, closed 99 1-2c; Oct., 97 7-8c to 98c, closed, 98c; Dec., 95 5-8c to 97c, closed 96 1-2 cents.

New York, Sept. 21.—Wheat receipts 94,850 bushels; exports, 348,692 bushels; sales, 3,760,000 bushels futures; 160,000 bushels spot. Spot weak. No. 2 red, 97 7-8 f.o.b. afloat. No. 2 hard 97 1-4 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened weak and sold off under weak cables, liquidation and heavy spring wheat receipts, finally rallied with corn, closing 1 1-2 net lower. No. 2 red May, 98 7-8 to 94 5-8, closed 94 1-4; Sept., 97 1-8 to 98 3-16, closed 99; Oct., 96 1-2 to 97 1-4, closed 96 3-4; Dec., 94 1-4 to 95 5-8, closed 95.

New York, Sept. 22.—Wheat — Receipts 170,200; exports 209,911; sales 4,085,000 futures, 386,000 spot. Spot firm; No. 2 red 98 1-2c f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 red New York \$1.01 1-4 f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard 98 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened weak under bearish cables but recovered and ruled firm all day on heavy covering, higher western markets, export demand and higher spring wheat receipts, closing 1-2c to 1-4c net higher. No. 2 red, May 98 1-4c to 94 1-4c, closed 94 1-4c; Sept. closed 98 3-4c; Oct. 96 7-8c to 97 1-8c, closed 97 1-8c; Nov. 94 7-8c to 95 3-4c, closed 95 3-4c; Dec. 94 5-16c to 95 11-16c, closed 95 1-2c.

New York, Sept. 23.—Wheat — Receipts 147,525 bushels, exports 135,492 bushels, sales 2,405,000 bushels futures, 128,000 bushels spot. Spot weak. No. 2 red 97 7-8c f.o.b. afloat. Options opened firm on better cables and bullish winter wheat news, was supported all day by shorts, but collapsed finally under a general dumping out of local long interests, closed 3-8c to 3-4c net lower. Sales included No. 2 red, May 98 1-2c to 94 7-8c, closed 93 1-2c; Sept. 98 3-8c to 99 3-4c, closed 98 3-8c; Oct. 96 1-4c to 97 1-2c, closed 96 1-4c; Dec. 94 3-4c to 96 7-8c, closed 94 7-8c.

New York, Sept. 24.—Wheat — Receipts 118,675 bush.; exports 260,546 bush.; sales 3,105,000 bush. futures; 400,000 bush. spot. Spot firm; No. 2 red 98 1-2 f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard 97 5-8 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened firm on cables; eased off under realizing, but advanced on foreign buying and reported heavy export business, closing irregular at 1 to 1 1-4c net advance. May opened 93 3-8 to 94 1-2, closed 94; Sept. opened 98 to 99 3-8, closed 99 1-8; Dec. opened 94 1-2 to 95 1-8, closed 95 1-2.

NEW YORK CLOSING WHEAT.

On Saturday, Sept. 25, wheat closed at 98 3-8c for September and 94 3-4c for December. A week ago September wheat closed at 98 3-8c.

Exports from Atlantic ports this week were 5,628,000.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Wheat is weak and lower to-day, 91 1-2c being bid at the close for No. 1 hard. In country markets, however, it is reported that buyers have advanced prices 1c at some points.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

No. 1 Northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week:

Monday—September 92 5-8c; December 89 7-8c.
Tuesday—September 91 5-8c; December 88 5-8c.
Wednesday—September 91 3-1c; December 90 1-4c.
Thursday—September 91 1-4c; December 88 3-4c.
Friday—September 91 7-8c; December 89 1-4c.
Saturday—September, 91c; December, 88 1-8c; May, 80 3-8c.
Cash—No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 93c, and cash No. 1 Northern at 91c.
Last week December option closed at 89 1-4c.
A year ago December option closed at 65 3-8c, and two years ago at 60c, three years ago September option at 55 d-2c.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Manufacturers are still very busy executing fall orders, some being compelled to work overtime. Shipments are very active, large quantities being forwarded to all parts of the country, some houses being unable to deliver their goods with sufficient promptness to satisfy their customers; but it is expected that the rush will be over in a short time. A good feature in the trade is the satisfactory nature of remittances, 60 to 70 per cent. of the paper falling due from the 4th to the 11th being met, and it is safe to say that the average proportion of paper provided for was fully 65 per cent, although one house thought it was a higher average. Prices are well maintained, and they cannot be otherwise as long as the price of leather and hides keeps firm. A few spring samples have been got ready for the western and British Columbia trade, but the regular spring samples will not be out for about six weeks.—Montreal Trade Bulletin.

CANNED TOMATOES.

The leading feature of the grocery market at present is unquestionably the tomato market, says the Grocery World, which is attracting more attention than anything else in the grocery line. The dealer who has a good stock of tomatoes on hand has an elegant thing of it if he knows when to sell. Almost every day the price is soaring another notch higher and a conservative jobber expressed the opinion last week that the price would almost double itself before the opening of 1898. There has been another advance of from 10 to 15 cents a dozen since our last issue, and, if retail grocers were to buy tomatoes on the basis of the present cost to the jobber, they would probably pay from \$1 to \$1.20 per dozen for ordinary and fancy three-pounds, respectively.—Montreal Commercial Gazette.

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By wire to THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, September 25, 1907.

Cured meats have advanced 1/2c and lard 1c. Fruits are tending higher. Fresh beef has declined 1/2c and dressed hogs are 1/2c lower, but mutton is 1/2c higher. Australian frozen is offering at 1/2c under fresh dressed. Creamery butter is lower this week. Potatoes are firmer.

Butter—Manitoba dairy 18@20c; Manitoba creamery 24c.

Eggs—Eastern eggs, 17c.

Cheese—Manitoba 10 1/2 @ 11c.

Cured Meats—Hams 14c; breakfast bacon 14c; backs 18c; long clear 10 1/2c; short rolls, 10 1/2c; smoked sides 11 1/2c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10 1/2c per lb, in pails and tubs 10c lb.

Fish—Founders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 5c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring 4c; spring salmon 10c each; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; smoked salmon 10c; finnan heddie 10c; kippered herring 12c; Columbia river oolochans 7c lb.; fresh halibut, 6c; sockeye, 4 1/2c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$14.00 per ton; California onions 2c lb; onions 1 1/2c lb; cabbage 1 1/2c lb; carrots turnips and beets \$10.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons \$4.25 @ 4.50; bananas \$2.75 per bunch; cucumbers, 6 doz. box \$1.25; peas, 30 lb crate \$1.70; plums, 20 lb boxes, 30 @ 80c; peaches, \$1.00 @ \$1.25; Grapes, \$1.50 box; Melons, \$3.00 per dozen; California plums, 90c @ \$1.00.

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 2 1/2 pound sacks \$2.80; 4-2 1/2 pound sacks \$2.90; 10.7 sacks, \$2.00; Oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2-50's \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.50.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$6.50; strong bakers, \$6.25; Oregon jobbers price \$6.00.

Grain—Oats, new, 18 @ \$20 per ton; wheat, 25 @ \$30 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00 @ \$24.00 per ton; ground barley \$22 ton; shorts \$21.00 ton; bran \$19.00; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff. Higher prices for bran and shorts next week.

Hay—\$14.00 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef \$5.75 @ \$6.25; mutton 7 1/2 @ 8c; Australian mutton, 6c; pork 7 @ 8c; veal 6 @ 8c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, grass fed \$3.65 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$3.75 per 100 lbs; hogs \$5.00 per 100 lbs; cows \$2.75 @ \$3.00.

Poultry—Chickens \$4.00 @ 4.50 a doz. spring chickens, \$3.00; ducks, \$3.50.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 9c; plums 9 @ 10c; prunes, French 5 @ 7 1/2c; loose Muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6 @ 8 1/2c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12 1/2c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12 1/2c; walnuts, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered and icing, 6 1/2c; Paris lump, 5 1/2c; granulated, 4 1/2c; extra C. 4 1/2c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3 1/2c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1 1/2c round; 10 gallon kegs, 2 1/2c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$4 case of 10; 1/2 gallon tins, \$4.75 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11c; good, 18c; choice 28c. Ceylons: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

At the semi-weekly market on Sept. 21 there were 65 car loads offered, including 1,774 sheep and lambs and 1,900 hogs. Export cattle were quiet at 4 to 4 1/2-20, a few selected bringing 10 to 15c more. Butchers' cattle ranged from 23-4c for common cows up to 31-2 to 4c for good cattle, and a few selected brought 41-4c. Feeders sold generally at 31-4 to 33-4c, and a few touched 4c. Stockers for Buffalo brought 21-2 to 23-4c, a few touching 3c. Export sheep 33-8 to 31-2c. Butchers' sheep dull at \$2.75 to \$3.50 per head. Lambs 37-8 to 4c. Hogs were firm at 53-4c to 57-8c for choice bacon, heavy fat 51-4c, light fat 5 to 5 1/2-2c, sows 31-2 to 33-4c, stags 2 to 2 1/4c. Stores not wanted.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Wheat—Cars of new winter wheat were bought at 84c middle freights. Old No. 1 hard was quoted at Goderich at \$1.04 and new at \$1.

Flour—Is dull and rather easier at \$4.25 for cars of straight roller west in wood.

Milled—Is steady at \$11 to \$11.50 for shorts and \$7 to \$7.50 for bran west.

Oats—Mixed sold north and west at 22 1/2-2c and white are quoted at 23 1/2-2c north and west.

Butter—There is a good demand for choice dairy and the market for gilt-edged packages is very firm. The best sells at 18c to 18 1/2-2c. Low grade medium sell at 9- to 10c. Creamery 19c.

Eggs—Firm at 18 1/2-2 to 14c.
Potatoes—45 to 50c for cars on the track per bag. Toronto, Sept. 22.

ALBERTA.

G. A. Williams, of Montreal, a practical watchmaker and jeweller, has opened business at Macleod.

Thomas Stone, a well known citizen of Calgary, who has been identified with various enterprises, is dead.

The Calgary Herald has issued a special edition dealing with the overland route from Calgary to the Yukon gold fields. A page map accompanies the paper. Much interesting information is given regarding the route. The number shows enterprise on the part of the publishers, for which they are deserving of credit.

The Crow's Nest Pass Trading Co. has started business at Crow's Nest Lake.

ASSINBOIA.

R. Crawford, postmaster and general merchant, of Indian Head, is dead. Mr. Crawford was widely known as highly respected. He was formerly employed with the Hudson's Bay Co., and at one time had charge of a post away north on Hudson Straits.

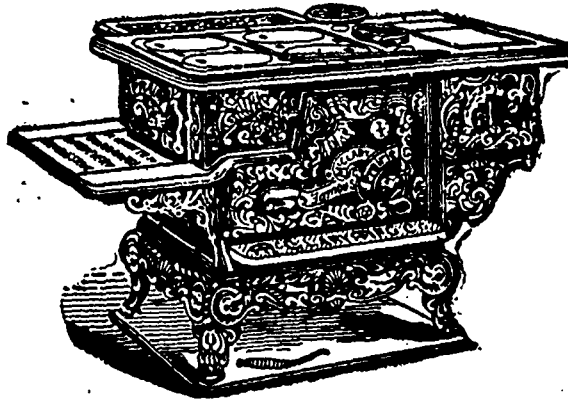
E. A. Baker & Co., hardware, groceries and grain, merchants, Moose Jaw, have sold out their grain business to T. D. Baker.

D. J. Dutton is opening a general store at Sintaluta.

A cable from Japan states that the damage caused to the rice crop by the typhoon, it is thought, will amount to 15 per cent., although it is early to make reliable estimates.

At a fruit auction at Montreal on Tuesday, St. Lawrence apples sold at \$2.50 per barrel; Culverts, \$2.40; Alexandria, \$1.90 to \$2.55; Jennette \$1.70, and red streak, \$1.90.

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Railway Rumor.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley, known in the west as the first promoter of the Regina and Long Lake railway, recently visited Edmonton and while there purchased the charter, held by the town of Edmonton, for a railway from Edmonton to Fort Assiniboine, on the Athabasca river. It is proposed to construct this road as a link in the Edmonton route to the Yukon, utilizing the water route from Fort Assiniboine. The charter is known as the Edmonton District railway. The purchase is an option on the charter for three months. The river will be bridged at Edmonton and the proposed road connected at North Edmonton with the Canadian Pacific Railway, Calgary and Edmonton branch.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Liverpool, Sept. 24.—12.30 p. m.—Wheat—Spot, firm; No. 1 red northern, spring, 8s 7 1/2-2d to 8s 8d. Corn—Spot, firm; American mixed, old, 3s 2 1/2-2d; spot, do, new, 3s 1 3/4-4d. Receipts of wheat during the past three days, 126,000 centals, including 121,000 centals of American, do corn, 276,000 centals.

Close: Wheat—Spot, No. 2 red western, winter, steady 7s 10d; No. 1 red northern spring, steady, 8s 7d. Corn—Spot, American mixed, new, steady, 3s 1 3/4-4d; Sept. steady, 3s 1 1/2-2d; Oct., steady, 3s 1 7/8-8d; Nov., steady, 3s 2 7/8-8d. Spot, American mixed, old, firm, 3s 2 1/2-2d.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, Sept. 24.—Money on call firm at 2 1/2 to 3 per cent; prime mercantile paper 4 1/2 to 5 per cent; sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.85 for demand, and at \$4.82 1/2 to 3/4 for sixty days; posted rates \$4.83 to \$4.84, and \$4.85 1/2 to \$4.86 1/2; commercial bills \$4.81; bar silver 57; Mexican dollars 43 1/2; government bonds strong.

THE WORLD'S GRAIN.

New York, Sept. 22.—Special cable and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreet's, covering the principal points of accumulation, indicate the following changes in available supplies last Saturday, as compared with the previous Saturday: Available supplies, wheat, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 2,051,000 bushels; world's supply, total increase, 4,151,000 bushels.

Corn—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 1,801,000 bushels.

Oats—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 1,200,000 bushels.

BANK STATEMENT.

London, Sept. 23.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes, compared with the previous account: Total reserve decreased £405,000; circulation; decreased £270,000; bullion, decreased £674,871; other securities increased £174,000; other deposits decreased £319,000; public deposits increased £1,153,000; notes reserve decreased £1,400,000; government securities unchanged. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability, which last week was 51.70 per cent., is now 50.10 per cent.

BANK RATE.

London, Sept. 23.—The Bank of England has increased its rate of discount to 2 1/2 per cent.

DAIRY QUOTATIONS.

Montreal, Sept. 24.—Cheese, Dull, 9 to 9 5/8-3/4c
Butter—Creamery, dull, 19 to 20c

MONTREAL STOCKS.

Montreal, Sept. 24.—C. P. R., in London, 77 1/4; C. P. R., in Montreal, 75.

Cedar shingles are still very firm. Coast advices report that the mills are exceedingly busy.

A bonus by-law granting \$35,000 to the Montreal Transportation Company for that corporation's employees at Kingston, Ontario, has been passed.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.
Mullins & Wilson wire The Commercial the following reports of prices realized at the semi-weekly live stock market at Toronto, on Friday, Sept. 24th.

Toronto, Sept. 25.
Eighty car loads were offered, including 1,276 hogs and 1,390 sheep and lambs.

Export cattle were slow and only choice were wanted. Sheep were a little easier and lambs 1-4 to 1-2c lower.

Cattle—Exporters paid 4 to 4 1-2c. Butchers' cattle sold at 23-4 to 33-4c. Bulls, shipping, 3 to 3 1-2c. Stockers, 2 1-2 to 3c. Feeders, 3 to 3 1-2c. Stock bulls, 2c to 2 1-2c.

Sheep—Export sheep brought 3 1-2c; bucks, 3c per lb.; lambs, 33-4 to 4c per lb.

Hogs—Hogs, best bacon, 53-4c per pound; thick fat, \$5.25, and light fat, \$5.25 to \$5.50 per 100 lbs., weighed off cars.

MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Compared with a week ago flour is 10c lower, bran \$1 per ton lower, corn 1-2c lower, oats 1-4c lower, flax seed 3c lower, eggs 1c higher, butter 1c to 2 1-2c higher, cheese 1-2c to 1c higher.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents \$5.20 to \$5.40; second patents \$5.05 to \$5.25.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$8.50 to \$9; bran in bulk, \$6.50 to \$7.

Corn—Quoted at 25 to 27 1-2c for No. 3 and No. 4.

Oats—21 to 21 1-2c for No. 3, and No. 3 white as to quality.

Barley—New, held at 26c to 27c, as to quality, per bushel of 50 pounds, malting samples, 30c to 35c.

Flax seed—\$1.03 1-2 per bushel.

Eggs—11 1-2c to 12c for strictly fresh candled, the latter price including cases.

Butter—Creamery, 14c to 20c; dairy, 11c to 18c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 8 1-2c to 10c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 6c to 6 1-2; yearlings do., 7c; lamb, 6c to 9c.

Dressed hogs—4 1-4c for heavy; choice 4 3-4c to 5c.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
Montreal, Sept. 25.
Sugars steady and firm. Dried fruits very firm. Teas, molasses and syrups firm. Granulated sugar, 4c in lots of over 250 barrels, and 4 1-10c for 100 barrel lots, at the refineries; yellows, 3 1-1 to 3 5-16c. Barbadoes molasses, round lot, 23c; jobbing lot, 24c to 25c. Syrups, 13-4c to 2 1-2c as to quality. Valencia raisins from 5 1-2c to 6c. Coffee, Rio, 12 to 16c; Mocha and Java, 21c to 26c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.
Montreal, Sept. 25.
Oats are a shade lower. There is considerable cutting in the price of flour and prices are easier. Millfeed is firm. Oatmeal easier. Eggs have advanced.

Oats—No. 2 white in store, 29 to 29 1-4c.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$5 to \$5.40; Manitoba patents, \$5.50 to \$5.85.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, including sacks, \$11 to \$11.50 per ton. Shorts \$12, to \$12.50.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.60 to \$1.65 per bag.

Hides—Unchanged at 8c for No. 1 and 7c for No. 2.
Eggs—Candled, 18c; new laid, 16c.

Manitoba.

James Andrew has erected a building at Morden and will occupy it as a jewelry store.

G. Marsh, general merchant of Beulah, will open a general store at Elkhorn early in October. He will also continue his Beulah store.

Simpson & Young, general store-keepers, Crystal City, have dissolved partnership, P. A. Young & Co., continuing.

A. Adam & Co., general store, Dauphin, have assigned to J. L. Turner. Burridge & Morrison, physicians, Holland, contemplate opening a drug store.

The stock of P. W. Reimer, general store, Kleefeld, was sold at 56 1-2c on the dollar to Finkelstein.

J. J. Arsenault has opened in lumber at Oak Lake.

F. Hetherington, shoemaker, has opened business at Souris.

A. Simpson, late Simpson & Young, general store, Crystal City, is opening business at Stonewall.

R. Crawford, grocer, Winnipeg, has assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

R. C. Ennis, of Neepawa, has made the town council of Carberry a proposition to build a flour mill, to replace the one burned some time ago. The council proposes getting power to grant a bonus of \$10,000 in aid of a mill.

There were some complaints of scarcity of cars to handle wheat toward the end of the week. The Portage la Prairie mill and elevator of the Lake of the Woods Milling company was closed down on Friday night, owing to alleged shortage of cars to relieve required space. At the same time it is said the farmers at the next station north were well supplied with cars to load grain direct from wagons.

A. Gibson has arranged to continue business at his Alexander street store, Winnipeg, in groceries and fresh meats. He will also continue the cord wood business.

A. McLeod has disposed of his confectionery business at Selkirk to Mr. Ritchie, of Winnipeg.

British Columbia Business Notes

Geo. Girdlestone, of Vancouver, formerly of Winnipeg, where he carried on a fire insurance business, is dead.

J. Abey, druggist, Revelstoke, is opening a branch drug store at Trout Lake City. J. Scott will be in charge.

Collins & Haddock, livery and feed stables, Ashcroft, are out of business, and succeeded by Trim & Haddock.

A. H. Gillanders, furniture, Chilliwack, has added boots and shoes to his business.

J. R. McIntosh, boots and shoes, has reopened business at Chilliwack.

I. Johnston, boots and shoes, Chilliwack, has sold out.

John Edwards, cigars, Chilliwack, is out of business.

W. F. Johnson is applying for license for hotel at Sand Creek, near Fort Steele.

Manley & Averill, general store, Grand Forks, have dissolved, Manley & Cummings succeeding.

Luis Nadlemann, of Steveston, who assigned recently, is to be tried on a charge of defrauding his creditors. He was admitted to bail for \$2,000 and \$2,400 outside securities.

Nelderstradth is starting a brewery at Moyie City.

W. G. Hepworth, physician and drugs, Grand Forks, is reported to be selling out to Goodeve Bros.

P. F. Emerson has opened the Vernon hotel at Nelec.

Chas. Herman, bricksmith, Nelson, is succeeded by John D. Clemmer.

W. A. McVeigh, Manhattan saloon, Nelson, is dead.

Neison Saw Mill Co., Ltd.; petition for winding-up order granted.

M. E. Roy, liquors, etc., of Lothbridge, Alberta, is reported to be giving up his Rossland business.

W. T. Baddles, Northern hotel, Salmon, is applying for a license.

The following have closed business at Steveston for the season: D. Stewart & Co., of Vancouver, tailors; S. McPherson & Co., of Vancouver, tailors; Stevenson & Co., of Nanaimo, dry goods, etc.; Tompkins Bros., fruit, confectionery, etc.; Adkins & Wallis, fruits, cigars, etc.

The clothing stock of the estate of Stitt & Mills, Slovan City, has been sold to Arnot & Shook.

Geo. W. Burd, hotel Silverton, reported left, and is succeeded by W. Hart.

E. Sinn, baker, Silverton, reported left.

S. Grossman, men's furnishings, Silverton, reported away.

Williams & Annance, hotel, Sandon, reported away.

Rule & Hoyt, Globes hotel, Trail, have dissolved, John Rule continuing.

C. B. Taylor, hotel, Ten Mile, has given up business.

J. P. Denney, Army and Navy store, Trail, is reported to have sold out to Houghton & Bennett.

J. C. Edwards, commission agent, Trail, has not given up business as was reported.

A. W. Biddell & Co., stationery, Vancouver, sheriff in possession.

Chas. Gross & Co., boots and shoes, Vancouver; business now conducted under the style of A. Pilom.

J. K. Campbell, tailor, Vancouver, reported sold out to Morrison & Co.

Young & Murchie are opening in commission and produce at Vancouver.

G. Gawley & Co., coal and wood, Victoria, are succeeded by Baker & Colston.

M. J. Zingdruff, saw mill, Wardner, has assigned.

NORTHWEST ONTARIO.

E. Dahm has opened an auctioneering business in the Hilliard House block, Rat Portage.

The building for the new stamp mill at Keewatin will be completed and the machinery placed in position to commence operation by the middle of October. J. Mather is one of the principal promoters of the enterprise. It is intended to collect ores from the mines about the lake in barges, to convey to the mill.

Penny & McCarvey have opened in confectionery at Rat Portage.

A. Gibson & Co., general merchants, Rat Portage, have dissolved partnership, Andrew Gibson retiring. Jas. Gibson and Harry E. Cook continue the business.

W. King, harness, has opened business at Rat Portage, where he has purchased the saddlery business of the estate of E. Arnold.

The weather is keeping remarkably fine and warm. The first frost registered at Winnipeg was on Sept. 19, when the thermometer touched 32, according to the official report. Gardens in the city scarcely show traces of frost yet.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Winnipeg, Saturday, Sept. 25.

The outlook continues very favorable. The magnificent weather has enabled the farmers to get ahead remarkably fast with their harvesting and a large portion of the crop has now been threshed in some districts. The portion of the crop not already threshed is safe in stack, though in some cases farmers are waiting to thresh from the stook. Farmers have been enabled to save their crops at a much less expense as regards labor than usual. Sufficient threshing has now been done to show that the average yield will be somewhat under earlier estimates, but the saving of labor in harvesting and the high prices will more than compensate for the light yield, compared with previous years, while the quality is straight No. 1 and No. 2 hard. Business is good for the season in nearly all branches of wholesale trade. In the grain trade the rush is now on and the railways are taxed to handle the crops. Bank clearings are heavy, clearings for this week being almost double the corresponding week last year.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

Winnipeg, Saturday Afternoon, Sept. 25.

COAL.

The coal trade papers say that the usual fall advance in the Pennsylvania anthracite trade will likely soon be ordered. For egg, stove and chestnut coal, delivered on ship at Buffalo, the quotation is \$5.80 per 2,240 pounds. The rate of freight to Duluth is quoted at 20c per ton. There is nothing to add to last week's remarks regarding the local situation.

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

The only new feature in this line of late has been the increased demand for common crockery plates, cups and saucers, etc. This is attributed to the threshing season, as the farmers have to make larger spreads to accommodate the threshing gangs, and the housewife is obliged to add to her stock of crockery ware. Business is reasonably active.

DRUGS.

See quotations on another page.

DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING.

The dry goods branch is fairly active. The warm weather is rather unfavorable to the fall trade, but nevertheless business is fairly good for the season. In the clothing branch, some of the houses have had their travellers out with spring samples for a week or two, but other houses will not send travellers out until October. The cash put into circulation by the new crop movement has hardly been felt yet, though a few remittances have come in as a result of the grain sales in the country.

FISH.

Finnan haddies are now in season again, and are arriving weekly in express lots only, so far, making the price high yet. Local jobbing prices

are as follows for fresh fish: White 5 1-2c, pickerel 4c, trout 9c, salmon 12c, halibut 10c per lb; kippered gold-eyes, 30c per dozen; finnan haddies, 12 1-2 cper lb. Oysters are quoted at \$2.50 per fan in bulk.

GROCERIES.

There is a good trade doing, but much of the demand is for staple lines of which stocks are very low. In fact stocks are so low in some lines as to be positively scarce. New season goods in several lines have not arrived yet, and stocks of old are about exhausted. One line in which there is a scarcity is rice. While the new Japan crop is very large, other countries are short of supplies, and prices are strong. The great scarcity of prunes we have previously referred to and this will not be relieved until next month, when new goods will begin to arrive. Tomatoes are also very scarce, new season goods not being in yet. Prices for dried and evaporated apples are very firm, and prices will be considerably higher than last year. See quotations on another page.

GREEN FRUITS.

There has been nothing further in in British Columbia fruits, and it is not likely there will be any more cars of British Columbia stuff this year. In Ontario fruit grapes are now arriving freely and dealers are able to supply the demand for these, which has been urgent for some time. The Ontario grape crop was late this year and country dealers became impatient about not getting supplies. Though the Ontario crop is late, advices to hand this week say that very warm weather in September has ripened up the crop very fast, and a short grape season is predicted. Prices for concords are lower, the ten pound baskets selling at 35c, which is lower than the price of the eight pound southern concords, which have been in the market previously. Ontario tomatoes of very good quality were in this week, in 20-pound baskets. Ontario pears are also offering in 20-pound baskets. They are fair preserving stock, but not as nice for table use as the Pacific coast pears. Bananas are getting scarce, as the yellow fever scare south is shutting off supplies on account of the quarantine of southern cities. This will matter little, as bananas are not in demand. California freestone peaches are offering freely, but are not expected to hold out much longer. The plum season is drawing to a close. Only blue varieties are now arriving. Blueberries are about wound up. A few more may come in. Crabs were cleared up this week entirely. Shippers have been unable to fill orders for crabs for this market, but some may yet arrive. One western shipper advised that he would get one more car off, and if it arrives some of the orders now in may yet be filled. It is not expected there will be any more than this one car to come forward. Apples are very firm. Advices from the south report sharp advances in prices. At St. Paul prices have advanced 40c per barrel within a few days. The bulk of our supply of apples will come this year from Missouri and Kansas and eastern buyers are now operating in that region, on account of the light crops in the eastern states, thus causing higher prices in the west. One car of Ontario apples has reached here, but it is expected very few Ontario apples will be shipped west this year. Prices are as follows: Bananas per bunch, \$2 to \$2.50; California lemons, \$5 to \$5.50

a box; tomatoes, 20-lb. baskets, 50c; Pacific coast plums, \$1.25 to \$1.40 for four basket crate; California peaches, \$1.25 to \$1.40 per box; Washington and Oregon pears, \$1.75 to \$2 per box; blueberries, very scarce, 8 to 10c lb; apples, \$3.75 to \$4.25 per barrel; concord grapes, 35c for ten-lb. basket; California grapes, \$3 per crate for Tokays; and \$2 to \$2.50 for muscat. Montana crabs nominal at \$2.40 to \$2.50 per bushel box. Ontario pears, 65 to 85c per 20-lb. basket.

HARDWARE.

There has been no changes in local quotations, but nearly all staple lines are very firm. See quotations and hardware trade notes on other pages of this issue.

LUMBER.

Local dealers report business active. Prices are steady, there being no further change since the advance in certain lines of low grade stuff, announced two weeks ago. Advices from the coast quote prices firm, with a possibility of some improvement in prices. Red cedar shingles are firm and supplies light. See Winnipeg lumber prices on another page.

PAINTS, OILS, ETC.

The important feature this week is the advance of 2c on linseed oil, making the price here now 55c for raw and 58c for boiled. The article is very firm at this advance and may go higher yet. The advance in the United States has been much greater proportionately than here. Turpentine is firm. Prices have advanced 1c in the East, but there is no change here. White lead is very firm at the advance noted last week. The sharp advance in the raw material for lead renders the outlook very strong. Glass holds firm at \$1.75 for first break. Stocks of window glass are now well in hand. See quotations on another page.

The price of white lead here is low compared with Eastern Canada markets. The price quoted at Toronto is \$5.50, which with the 72 cent freight added would be equal to \$6.22 here, besides which there is the tare on packages, etc.

Since writing the above we learn that a further advance has been made in white lead of 10c, the price now being fixed at 6 1-4c, in sympathy with the sharp advances east. This advance was made too late in the week to enable us to correct the price list given on another page of this issue, where the price appears at \$6.15.

REFINED PETROLEUM.

The long nights are now coming on, and already an appreciable increase in the consumption of coal oil is noticeable. There has been no change in prices here for some time. Quotations will be found on another page, under the head of paints and oils. The new customs regulations announced a short time ago, permitting the handling of imported oil in tank cars, are not fully understood here yet. The oil can be brought in in tank cars and stored in tanks, but oil must be sold in packages not exceeding 50 gallons in size. This would apparently necessitate the barreling of all oil before it goes to the consumer, so that it cannot be shipped in bulk, except to point where barreling plants have been established. This practically cuts off the entire country trade from the advantage of handling oil in bulk.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—Wheat has been steadier this week than last, and has averaged about 1c lower than last week. The situation has not materially changed and we do not see any more reason to take a bearish view of the outlook now than a few weeks ago. Of course when wheat was moving up fast many got excited and predicted all sorts of absurd things about higher prices. Some of these same persons are the first to predict a big tumble, now that there has been some decline in prices. We regard the outlook as favorable for good prices, and while we do not advise holding for any "boom" figures, we believe values will be well maintained. If the Argentine and Indian crops equal recent favorable reports, prices may be easier later on, but these countries will have to produce very heavy crops to place wheat in a bearish position statistically.

The local market has been fairly steady. Wheat has been moving heavily, in Manitoba country markets about 250,000 bushels being marketed daily by farmers. A good deal of this has been going into store on account of the farmers. From 200 to 250 cars have been loaded daily at country points for shipment, and fully 3,000,000 bushels are now in store in country elevators. Prices paid to farmers, of course, vary considerably at different points. From 75 to 76c was the general average paid to farmers for No. 1 hard most of the week. At points in the Menonite reserve district, Southern Manitoba, the wheat is nearly all No. 2 hard, which is the reason for the lower prices quoted at those points. There is some talk of scarcity of cars, but with the heavy movement setting in so early, it could hardly be expected that cars could be supplied as fast as wanted at all points. Wheat has ranged mostly between 92 and 93c in the Winnipeg market for No. 1 hard to float Fort William. On Monday 93 1/2-2c was quoted, but on Tuesday the range was 1c lower at 92 to 92 1/2-2c. Yesterday 92 1/2-2c was made and it was reported that one sale touched 92 3/4-4c No. 2 hard quoted 3c under No. 1 and No. 3 hard 4 to 5c under No. 2.

FLOUR—A good export demand is reported from Montreal for Manitoba flour, and several sales of 1000 to 2000 sacks for export are reported this week. Prices of Manitoba grades were cut in Montreal and also in this market. Here there was a drop of 10c on some brands, while other brands were quoted 20c lower. We quote prices as follows. Patent \$2.45 to \$2.55, strong bakers' \$2.25 to \$2.35, second bakers' \$1.80 to \$1.90, XXXX \$1.40 to \$1.50. These are local quotations in broken lots, with 5c off net prices.

MILLFEED—Bran is quoted at \$8 per ton and shorts at \$10 per ton. Small lots about \$1 per ton more.

BARLEY—A few loads of new barley have sold at 30c per bushel of 48 pounds. Very little offered yet.

OATS—Just at the present time sales are uncertain. There is scarcely anything doing in new oats, and there are very few old oats offering. There is no shipping trade in any class. Buyers are offering 15c to 17c to farmers in the country markets, but they do not seem disposed to sell at these prices. The outlook is favorable for good prices, as the crop is light, being not any larger than a year ago, and stocks of old oats carried over are exceedingly light while a year ago

there were considerable stocks of old oats carried over from the previous year. The quality of the new crop is decidedly better than last year, but not as good as the fine crop of 1895, which year produced an elegant sample. In fact, the oatmeal mills for the past year have been running to a considerable extent on 1895 oats, the 1896 crop being very poor quality. Prices are nominal. A few farmers' loads have been marketed here and brought 25c to 28c, but dealers generally do not offer more than 25c per bushel of 34 pounds. We quote cars of old nominal at about 28c for No. 2 mixed.

GROUND FEED—Ground feed is held at \$16 to \$18 per ton, as to quality.

OATMEAL—The market is firm and \$1.70 is asked in lots to retail dealers for rolled. The future outlook is uncertain and depends on the turn oats may take. New oats are hardly fit to grind yet, and old oats are very scarce.

BUTTER—Creamery—The local butter market has been very firm, and there has been active buying to pick up the few remaining lots held by factories. Most of the creameries will likely be closed by the end of the month. The output of the factories now operating is small. From 19 to 20c has been paid to factories for fresh goods.

BUTTER—Dairy—Prices are about the same as last week, good round lots bringing 12 to 14c, as to quality. Some lots are still held in the country.

CHEESE—The market is very firm and high prices have been paid to factories to secure the balance of the season's makes. We quote 9 to 9 1/2-2c to factories.

EGGS—The local market keeps firm. We quote 14c net this week. Eggs are being shipped through from Eastern Canada to supply the British Columbia markets.

POULTRY—Prices are the same. Old fowl bring 45c per pair, and spring chicken 30 to 40c. Ducks are offering freely at 50 to 60c per pair. Turkeys nominal at 9 to 10c per lb. live weight.

GAME—Dealers have paid 15 to 30c per pair for them, as to quality.

LARD—Prices are. Pure, \$1.70 for 20 lb. pails, and \$4.15 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard, in 3, 5 and 10 lb. tins, quoted at \$5.75 per case of 60 pounds; tins 7 3/4-4c per lb.

CURED MEATS—Prices are very firm and stocks are well cleared up. The prices are as follows: Smoked meats, hams, assorted sizes, 12 1/2 to 13c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 12 to 12 1/2-2c; do., backs, 10-1-2 to 11c; short spiced rolls, 9 to 9 1/2-2c; shoulders, 8 1/2 to 9c; smoked long clear, 9 1/2 to 10c; dry salt meats are quoted; long clear bacon, 8 1/2-2c; boneless shoulders, 8 to 8 1/2-2c; 8 1/2-2c; boneless shoulders, 8 to 8 1/2-2c; backs 9 to 9 1/4-4c; barrelled pork clear mess, \$13 to \$13.50; short cut, \$15.50 to \$16; rolls \$14.50 to \$15 per barrel. Pork sundries, Bologna sausage, 6 1/2-2c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 3c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage castings, 20 to 25c; nor m. Pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per pail.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef is selling at 4c to 5c as to quality. Mutton ranges from 5 to 6c as to quality. Dressed hogs are firm at 6 1/2-2c; veal, 5 to 7c; lambs, 7 to 8c as to quality.

HIDES—Hides have been weaker in the States and prices are off about 1-2c at Chicago. At Minneapolis 8 1/4-4c was quoted, being 1-2c decline, which is equal to about 6 3/4-4c here,

allowing for freight and duty for No. 1 hides. Prices here, however, are about the same. Green city hides are quoted at 6 1/2-2 to 7c for No. 1; country hides 5 1/2-2c to 6c in the country, flat rates for all grades; calfskins, 8 to 15 pound skins, 70 to 80c per pound; desks 100 to 200c each; klips 5c to 7c; sheepskins, fresh take off, 20c to 30c lambskins, 20c to 25c. We heard of 50c being paid for one lot of lambskins. Horseshoes 75c to \$1.25.

SENECA ROOT—S;ow at about 16c per lb here.

WOOL—Some small lots are coming in. The market is steady. We quote 6 to 9 1/2-2 here for unwashed fleeces.

TALLOW—Quiet and easy at 3 1/2-2c for No. 1 and 2 to 2 1/2-2c for other grades, as to quality.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes are selling at 25c per bushel for loads on the street. Tomatoes are abundant and lower, the offerings of local tomatoes being very large. Beets, turnips, rhubarb, lettuce, radishes and onions in bunches, 5c to 8c per dozen bunches; cauliflower 1 1/2-4c per lb.; cabbage 20 to 25c per dozen; celery 15 to 20c per dozen bunches; onions per lb., 1 to 1 1/4-4c; cucumbers, 10c to 12 1/2-2c per dozen; green corn 6 to 8c per dozen ears; tomatoes 1 to 1 1/2-2c per lb.; green tomatoes 30c per bushel; citrons 1 1/2-2c to 2c per lb.; squash 1 1/2-2c per lb., pumpkins 1c lb.

HAY—Loose hay on the street market sells at \$4.00 per ton and shippers are asking \$4.50 to \$5 for baled in the country, equal to \$5.50 to \$6 here.

WOOD—Tamarac, \$4.25 to \$4.50; pine, \$4 to \$4.25; poplar, \$3 to \$3.25 for car lots on track here, per cord.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Butchers' cattle range from 2c for rough common, up to 2 1/2-2 for the ordinary run of cattle, and 2 3/4-4c for choice. Exporters, 3 to 3 1/4-4c. Exporters are shipping freely, and there is also a demand for stockers for the United States, but the country is well cleaned up of this class of stock.

SHEEP—Recent sales have been made at 2 3/4-4c off cars here. Lambs are scarce and sales this week have been at 4c per lb. here.

HOGS—Prices steady. We quote Choice bacon hogs weighing 150 to 250 pounds, \$4.75 per 100 lbs.; 250 to 300 lbs., \$4.25; heavy hogs over 300 lbs., \$3.50 to \$3.75, as to quality, off cars here.

HORSES—Horses are arriving in car lots occasionally from Ontario, and western range horses are also being sold here more or less all the time. A fair team can be had for about \$200, for ordinary, undersized farm horses.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Sept. 25.

There was no material change in prices compared with a week ago. Export cattle are rather easier, as also were export sheep.

Prices are as follows:
Cattle—Export, 4 to 4 1/4-4c; choice shippers, 4 1/2-2c; cattle, butchers, 3 to 4c.

Sheep—2 3/4-4 to 3 1/4-4c.
Hogs—1 3/4-4c to 5 1/2-2c.

Exports this week were as follows. Cattle 2,773; sheep, 3,284. Total exports for the season to date: Cattle, \$9,000; sheep, 42,500.

VISIBLE SUPPLY.

New York, Sept. 20.—Visible supply of wheat, 17,130,000; increased, 1,374,000.