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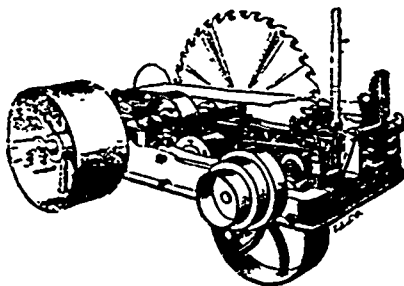
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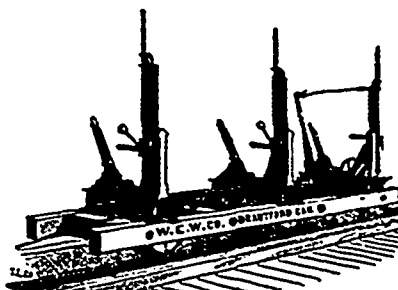
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## LAKE MANITOBA ROUTE

Recent articles in The Commercial dealt with the question of lowering the level of Lake Manitoba and the great advantage which would be gained by bringing the surplus water from that lake to the Assiniboine river, instead carrying it off at a point near the northern end of the lake. It was shown that a canal could be cut to the Assiniboine river whereby the surplus water of the lake could be carried off, at a moderate expenditure, and this canal would prove of immense value for commercial and other purposes, by increasing the flow of the Assiniboine river, so as to make practical the utilizing of an immense water-power at Winnipeg; by making the river valuable for purposes of navigation; providing a water power on the canal itself, in the Portage plains wheat country; by increasing the flow of the Red river between Winnipeg and Selkirk, thereby improving the value of the river for purposes of navigation; by opening navigation from Winnipeg to Lake Manitoba—a water system which could easily be extended to the head of navigation on the great Saskatchewan river, thereby opening up one of the vastest systems of inland navigation in the world, with all the benefits in connection therewith.

What renders this great matter of

special importance at the present time, is the fact that the Dominion government has undertaken to cut a ditch at Fairford, a point near the northeasterly corner of the lake, for the purpose of lowering the level of the lake by providing an additional outlet. It does seem worth while making an effort to induce the government to, make the cut at the southern end of the lake so as to bring the water to the Assiniboine river, thus securing the advantages before enumerated and others not mentioned.

Besides the great waterpower at Winnipeg, which was dealt with at length in a previous article, a smaller water power could be established on the canal itself, convenient to the great wheat fields of the Portage plains. The canal could be used for bringing fuel and lumber from Lake Manitoba to the farmers of the Portage plains, and to all the country from Portage la Prairie to Winnipeg. Besides abundant timber supplies tributary to Lake Manitoba and its connections, there are large quantities of an excellent quality of limestone on the lake. Gypsum is also found in large quantities, which takes a finish equal almost to marble. From this land plaster and plaster of Paris can be made. Salt is also abundant, and with cheap means of transportation, this commodity could be made in sufficient quantities at least to supply the home demand. The fishing industry is also an important interest.

Lake Manitoba affords the safest and cheapest route by which water communication could be established between Winnipeg and the North Saskatchewan river. The connection between the lake and the Assiniboine river would be the most important link necessary to develop this route. Engineers who have looked into the matter consider the opening of such a waterway as perfectly feasible, at a very moderate cost. It is hardly necessary to dwell upon the benefits which the opening of such a route would be to the entire country. Only one point will be mentioned here, namely, that coal could be laid down in Winnipeg by this route at a cost of \$2 per ton or less.

A few years ago great interest was taken in proposals to develop the water power of the Assiniboine river at Winnipeg. It was shown at the time that this work would be a very profitable investment. If the Dominion government could be induced to bring the surplus water of Lake Manitoba this way, the value of the water power at Winnipeg would be more than doubled.

Recently attention has been drawn from the Assiniboine water power and concentrated on efforts to secure the improvement of Red River navigation,

particularly with reference to the St. Andrew's rapids. This is a very necessary and important work, but not more important than the Assiniboine water power. Many people labor under the error that the improvement of the St. Andrew's rapids would mean the development of a great water power there. This is evidently a false impression, as engineers say that the water would be all required, at least a portion of the time, for purposes of navigation. In the other case we have the water power within the city limits, and nothing to interfere with its value.

## CIVIC REFORM

Much sharp criticism regarding the management of Winnipeg's municipal affairs was heard previous to the recent elections. It would perhaps be better if some other time than during the heat of an election contest were taken to discuss municipal affairs. While an election is on, personal prejudices and side issues are sure to be introduced. There is much need of reform in our municipal system, and the matter should be taken up in a calm and reasonable way, with an honest desire to improve the situation and follow up the matter steadily until the end is achieved. Spasmodic efforts, especially during election times, are not likely to lead to success. This might be accomplished by means of the formation of an association, not confined to property owners or any particular class of citizens, for the sole object of securing municipal reform.

It is generally admitted that what is needed for the improvement of our civic situation is organization on a business basis. It would undoubtedly be a very profitable experiment for the city of Winnipeg to pay one or more large salaries to a competent person or persons, for the general management of the city's business. Our present system is not adapted to the business of a city. Aldermen cannot be expected to devote their time to looking after the details of civic matters. The board of aldermen should simply be an advisory body, and if it were constituted on this basis there would not be so much ground for the complaint that good men cannot be induced to come out for aldermen.

Aside from the evident change necessary to secure better business organization, there are other reforms which could be inaugurated on a separate basis. One of these is the abolishing of the ward system. The ward system has a tendency to keep good men out of the field, and leads to bickerings and disputes within the council itself.

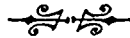
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candidate or his agents. This custom certainly operates to keep good men out of the field. A great many of the voters are not acquainted with the candidates. A glib-tongued canvasser will get around and impress the voters with his importance and ability, while a superior man of less imposing manner would make a failure of the business, if he undertook it at all. The necessity for an active canvasser keeps many a good man out of the field, while in practice it frequently leads to the return of an inferior man.

Now that the elections are over, it is to be hoped that important civic matters will not be allowed to drop until another contest is on again, which, as we have said, is the most unfavorable time to consider questions of civic reform.

### PROGRESS IN ONTARIO.

The Ontario bureau of industries has issued its annual statistical bulletin for that province, giving a variety of information in very condensed form. It shows the average yield of winter wheat for sixteen years, including 1897, to have been slightly over 20 bushels per acre. The yield in 1898 was 24 bushels per acre. The area of crop last year (1898) was 100,000 acres greater than the annual average for the preceding ten years.

The average yield of spring wheat for sixteen years is placed at 15.2 per acre. Spring wheat is not as important a crop as it used to be, though the area has increased in each of the past two years, being 389,000 acres in 1898, as compared with 1,048,000 acres of winter wheat for the same year. In 1899 the area of spring wheat exceeded 600,000 acres.

Barley is also a much less important crop than formerly. In 1888 the area in this crop was about 900,000 acres, compared with only 438,000 acres last year. The average yield per acre for sixteen years is placed at 25.8 bushels per acre and the yield for 1898 at a shade under 29 bushels per acre.

The annual area of oats has increased about half a million acres since 1883, to about 2,400,000 for the past two or three years. Average annual yield 34 1-2 bushels per acre. Yield for 1898, about 36 1-2 bushels per acre.

Peas continue to be quite an important crop in Ontario, the area ranging well up to 900,000 acres annually and the average yield has been 19.6 bushels per acre.

Root crops and corn, both for husking and cutting green for feed, show a good increase of recent years, indicating greater attention to live stock and dairying. The area of all crops has increased about 100,000 acres in ten years, and amounted to 8,835,000 acres in 1898. Last year

10,560,000 pounds of tobacco were produced. This is becoming an important crop in Essex and Kent counties.

Of live stock the hog industry has made the most advancement. The number of hogs has increased nearly half a million in ten years; sheep increased 800,000, cattle 200,000 and horses only a few thousand, there having been a large decrease in breeding stock in horses, but an increase to correspond in working horses.

In dairying, the number of cheese factories has increased from 635 in 1883 to 1,161 in 1897, while the average output of the factories has also increased. The vast sum of \$9,709,000 was paid patrons of the cheese factories for milk during 1897, this being an average of 66.3 cents per 100 pounds of milk. Butter making has not been neglected, notwithstanding the vast importance of the cheese industry. The number of creameries increased from 74 in 1893 to 214 in 1897. The combined value of the output of the cheese and butter factories for 1897 was \$13,122,000.

### GARBAGE DISPOSAL

It is to be hoped that the question of the disposal of garbage in the city of Winnipeg will not be allowed to drop with the defeat of the crematory by-law. The expenditure during past years under this heading has been enormously out of proportion to the effective work done. If there is room for improvement in any direction, this garbage question certainly stands out prominently as the one most in need of handling. Extravagance and waste are the chief characteristics in connection with the disposal of garbage in Winnipeg, and with all the expenditure the service is so wretchedly performed as to be a scandal to the city and a source of danger to the health and lives of the citizens.

### OATMEAL MILLING

Ogilvie's large new oatmeal mill in Winnipeg is now in operation, and if Manitoba farmers will keep up the supply of oats, Manitoba oatmeal may become as widely known as Manitoba flour. Now that this company has taken hold of the oatmeal milling industry, it may be expected, that with their great capital and experience, they will make it an industry of the first importance for Manitoba. No trouble nor expense has been spared to make the new mill as modern and complete as money can make it.

Growing oats has been a sort of haphazard business with many Manitoba farmers in the past. They have given their attention and care to their wheat crop and left the oats to shift for themselves, so to speak. Any cultivation is good enough for oats,

has been the idea, hence we have had failures of the oat crop in years when wheat succeeded fairly well. It is to be hoped that hereafter greater care will be given to the oat crop, in the interest of our growing oatmeal industry.

### Literary Notes.

Current history for the third quarter of 1898 contains 256 pages of reading matter, illustrated with 84 portraits, 13 maps, and 2 full-page views. It is a handbook of information on all questions of the day—not an almanac, but a philosophic presentation of essential facts the world over, concise, clearly written, and conveniently arranged for reference purposes. With this, it combines the features of a dictionary of general biography and a portrait gallery of national and international celebrities. Each number is full to overflowing with useful and interesting information worthy of permanent preservation. Price \$1.50 a year. Single numbers 40 cents. Samples 10 cents. Specimen pages free. New England Publishing Co., 3 Somerset street, Boston, Mass.

To have the men who have demonstrated their organizing ability by great business successes tell their secrets of organization, is the object of the editor of the *Cosmopolitan*. That he is succeeding, is proved in the January issue by the article from Charles R. Flint, who is regarded in New York as one of the three or four ablest organizers in America. He is president of the Rubber Trust and the head of the great mercantile house of Flint, Eddy & Co. In the same line is an article, also in the January *Cosmopolitan*, telling how Mr. Platt organized, and conducted the campaign for the election of Roosevelt.

In the January number of the *Canadian Magazine*, three articles are devoted to a discussion of our foreign relations. John Canuck points out that our sales to the United States are not increasing like our purchases; while on the other hand our purchases from Great Britain are declining while our sales to the Motherland are increasing. His well-handled statistics are startling. R. E. Kingsford makes an impassioned appeal to Great Britain not to neglect Canada in seeking United States friendship. The third article is by Robert McConnell, editor of the *Halifax Morning Chronicle*. He makes an attack on the coterie of United States publicists who are actively endeavoring to force Canada into annexation to the United States. He exposes their methods and analyzes their arguments. He maintains that "there is room enough and scope enough on this continent for the two Anglo-Saxon nations. These three articles taken together show that this question of Canada's future is raised in a peculiar and unexpected manner by the development of Anglo-American friendship.

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**Fur Trade Notes.**

The cuts shown herewith are from the catalogue of J. H. Rogers, Winnipeg.

A sale of chinchilla recently took place in London. Real reached a very high price. Bastard also maintained a high figure.

Herskovits & Roth, fur dealers of New York, have opened a purchasing branch at Edmonton under charge of W. B. Sennett, a well known fur buyer of that place.

Furs are being marketed very slowly at Edmonton this season owing to the mild weather and lack of snow. Fur bearing animals are said to be numerous, and wherever there is snow a good catch is being made. Silver foxes are especially numerous.

Fur has attained such popularity this season that the fashion for it has almost amounted to a craze. It is seen on everything, from ball gowns

per cent compared with the last December sale. Northwest coast skins advanced 7 1-2 to 10 per cent. These skins are excluded from the United States by the new law, hence the smaller advance. Lobos skins advanced 20 per cent and Cape Horn 10 per cent higher than last March sale.

The next London fur sale of C. M. Lampson & Co., will begin on January 16 and continue to January 20. The Hudson's Bay company will hold their sale on January 16, and, in addition to the regular articles brought forward at that sale, will offer about 7,000 salted North West coast fur seal skins and about 6,000 dressed North West coast fur seal skins. The following shows the quantity of furs to be offered by the Hudson's Bay company, compared with the two previous years:

	Total	Total	Total
	1898.	1897.	1896.
Badger ... ..	1,104	1,238	1,954

**Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.**

Prices as to size and color, for prime skins: skins taken out of season range much lower:

Badger.....	\$ .25	\$ .50
Bear black .....	5.00	25.00
Bear brown .....	4.50	20.00
Bear, black yearlings.	5.00	7.00
Bear, brown yearlings ..	3.00	4.50
Bear, grizzly.....	4.50	20.00
Beaver large.....	5.00	6.75
Beaver, medium .....	3.00	4.75
Beaver, small .....	1.50	2.50
Beaver, cuts... ..	.50	1.00
Beaver, castors, lb.....	2.50	5.50
Fisher, dark .....	6.00	8.00
Fisher, pale .....	3.00	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large	5.00	10.00
Fox, cross pale .....	2.50	5.00
Fox, kitt .....	.25	.75
Fox, red .....	1.00	1.60
Fox, silver dark .....	50.00	75.00
Fox, pale .....	25.00	60.00



**LATEST STYLES IN FURS**

to hats, and no street costume is complete without it, used either as trimming or as a distinct part of a suit. All of the large fur establishments have made efforts to originate new and effective styles in furs, and many odd and beautiful fashions are shown. Chicago women also recognize the fact that there is nothing for winter wear quite as becoming and attractive as fur. It is therefore, safe to predict that its popularity will last for several seasons.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Sales of sealskins in London during the past year have not been encouraging. During the early months of the year sealskins were slow sale in England and on the continent. The December sale, however, showed a decided improvement. Of Alaska skins 20,782 were offered, or about 2,000 less than a year ago. There was active buying, particularly for the United States, and prices advanced 30

Bear, black ...	8,345	8,597	8,670
" brown .....	862	923	921
" gray .....	155	175	196
" white ... ..	127	132	74
Beaver ... ..	32,908	42,492	51,089
Ermine ... ..	9,137	5,725	8,316
Fisher ... ..	4,609	5,092	4,787
Fox, blue ... ..	60	44	42
" cross ... ..	4,845	5,838	6,981
" kitt .....	50	59	184
" red ... ..	20,532	25,628	24,552
" silver ... ..	1,042	1,310	1,378
" white ... ..	6,668	8,210	3,483
Lynx ... ..	26,018	41,660	56,035
Marten ... ..	63,046	82,897	95,200
Mink ... ..	40,105	68,476	76,148
Musk ox ... ..	450	315	314
" .....	450	315	314
Musquash ... ..	689,237	565,204	551,713
Otter ... ..	9,631	9,868	9,331
Rabbit ... ..	51,788	98,530	98,530
Raccoon ... ..	2,652	5,951	5,951
Seal, hair, dry	2,759	2,623	2,623
" salted ... ..		128	128
Skunk ... ..	9,610	16,426	18,758
Wolf ... ..	3,482	7,274	3,861
Wolverine ... ..	860	918	820

Lynx, large .....	1.50	2.25
Lynx, medium .....	1.00	1.50
Lynx, small .....	.50	.75
Marten, dark .....	3.00	5.50
Marten, pale or brown	2.50	4.25
Marten, light pale.....	1.00	3.00
Mink, dark .....	.50	2.00
Mink, pale .....	.75	1.50
Musquash, winter .....	.04	.12
Otter, dark .....	6.00	10.00
Otter, pale .....	5.00	8.00
Skunk .....	.25	.75
Wolf, timber .....	2.00	3.00
Wolf, prairie .....	.40	.75
Wolverine, dark .....	3.00	3.50
Wolverine, pale .....	1.25	2.00

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# FINANCIAL

## WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The clearing house returns this week compared with the corresponding week in previous years, show as follows:

Week ended Jan. 5, 1899	.....	\$2,095,518
Corresponding week, 1898	.....	1,701,077
1897	.....	1,815,409

Following shows the bank clearings at Winnipeg by months, for three years:

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan. ...	6,347,198	5,009,819	4,977,200
Feb. ...	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,052,000
March ...	5,068,000	4,289,000	4,280,000
April ...	6,240,000	4,162,000	4,032,000
May ...	8,083,364	5,014,788	4,246,201
June ...	7,396,000	5,631,000	4,094,000
July ...	6,316,298	5,016,803	4,961,277
Aug. ...	6,180,885	6,298,574	4,646,959
Sept. ...	6,414,551	8,035,201	4,630,706
Oct. ...	9,847,692	12,291,879	7,583,472
Nov. ...	11,553,669	13,550,761	8,893,176
Dec. ...	10,708,731	9,784,498	7,736,945
Year ...	90,672,793	83,435,121	64,143,935

## LOAN COMPANIES AMALGAMATED.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—One of the biggest financial transactions ever put through in Canada was accomplished to-day by the completion of arrangements for the amalgamation of four of the leading loan companies of the city, namely, the Western Canada, Canada Permanent, London and Ontario, and Freehold Loan. The combined paid up capital of these companies is six million dollars and the bonded capital \$19,000,000, and the capital of the new company will be approximately the same. It has been no secret for some time that the loan companies have not been doing the thriving business of years ago, owing largely to the approximation of the rate of borrowing in England to the rate of loans in Canada and the amalgamation is with a view to effecting economy in management.

Walter S. Lee, now manager of the Western Canada, will be general manager of the new concern and the provisional board of directors consists of Geo. H. Gooderham, president; J. Herbert Mason, vice-president; W. H. Beatty, second vice, and Walter S. Lee, manager. No appointments are yet made to the staff. Several meetings have been held during the last week or two looking to this combination, the meeting place having been Gooderham and Worts' offices. T. G. Blackstock was secretary of to-day's meeting.

Note—The above report, as wired from Toronto on Thursday, stated that the London and Canadian Loan was in the deal, but this is a mistake. It is the London and Ontario that should have been mentioned, and we have made this correction. All the four companies interested in the amalgamation arrangement, are represented in Winnipeg and all have been doing business here for many years. The Western Canada owns the large Western Canada block in Winnipeg, and Wm. Fisher has been the local manager here for some years. The Freehold has long been a leading company here with John Russell as local manager. The Canada Permanent also owns a large Main street business block in Winnipeg. G. F. R. Harris is the local manager of this

company. The London and Ontario is represented here by W. Harvey as local manager. The investment of these four companies in the west will aggregate, it is said, about \$7,000,000. The business of the four companies here will no doubt be amalgamated under one management, but no appointments have yet been made.

## FINANCIAL NOTES.

Vancouver clearing house returns for the week were \$630,359; balances, \$154,038.

Chas. W. Wheeler, architect, Winnipeg, is preparing plans for the new Bank of Commerce block, to be erected on the east side of Main street, Winnipeg, between McDermot and Lombard streets. The frontage is to be 52 feet, and it will be necessary to pull down the three story Bannatyne block now occupying the site.

It is rumored that there is a movement in Western Ontario to secure the amalgamation of the western loan companies, similar to that which has been accomplished in Toronto. Five loan companies are mentioned. The western companies to be combined have assets valued at more than ten million dollars, a capital stock of more than five million dollars, and had in receipts last year seven million dollars.

A list of the number of new banks established last year shows 41 new chartered bank branches established in Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia during 1898, or 42 branches including the Winnipeg branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia, opened this month. Quite a number of these new branches have been established in the Kootenay and Boundary Creek districts of British Columbia. About half a dozen private banks have also been established during the past year.

The new Winnipeg branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia, opened business on January 3, the first business day of the new year. The last official bank statement to the Dominion government shows the standing of this bank as follows: Capital authorized \$2,000,000; subscribed, \$1,500,000; paid up \$1,500,000; reserve fund \$1,600,000; dividend, 8 per cent; notes in circulation, \$1,460,048; deposits by the public, payable on demand, \$2,712,916; deposits payable after notice, \$8,205,694. This shows the bank to be in a strong position, particularly as to reserve.

The sudden and unexpected death of Mr. Alexander, banker, of Treherne, Man., was announced last Saturday. Mr. Alexander came into Winnipeg on a freight train on Friday evening. He is supposed to have fallen from the platform of the train in the Winnipeg yard, as he was found later with the toes of both feet crushed. He was removed to the city hospital, but died early the following morning. It is thought he had also sustained some internal injury. Deceased was also interested in the grain trade, and was a successful business man, of an active disposition. He carried life and accident insurance aggregating over \$25,000.

It is reported that the Dominion customs department will open a customs office in the Atlin district, and that the post will be under the charge of D. Meuzies, who will be transferred from Vancouver.

# INSURANCE

## INSURANCE ITEMS.

G. M. Black has assumed the management of the Insurance department in the office of Nares & Robinson, Winnipeg.

P. D. McKinnor, manager at Winnipeg for the Ontario Mutual Life, left on a business trip to the head office of the company at Waterloo, Ontario, on Wednesday.

The American Fire Insurance company of New York is opening an agency in Winnipeg. Geo. J. Maulson has been appointed general agent for Manitoba and the territories.

F. L. Temple, of Thos. A. Temple & Sons, general managers of the Victoria-Montreal Fire Insurance company, is in the city arranging for the commencement of the company's business here. Fred J. Holland & Co. are the general agents for Manitoba and the territories.

A bill taxing insurance companies has been passed in Kansas. The bill imposes a tax of two per cent on the gross premiums of the Kansas business of all outside insurance companies, whether fire, life or accident, and four per cent on foreign countries.

The Winnipeg board of fire underwriters held their annual meeting on Jan. 5 and elected the following officers for the current year: President, H. M. Lambert; vice-president, Robt. Strang; secretary-treasurer, R. H. Hayward.

## Mining Notes.

The White Pass railway, which is to give access to the Yukon country, has commenced on its last tunnel.

For the half year ending December 31, shipments from Slocan, B. C., will total fully 18,000 tons, valued at about \$2,000,000.

The sale of the Le Roi to a London company, the British-American corporation, which, in turn, floated the mine on the London market with a capital of £1,000,000, is reported completed.

A dispatch from Slocan says: P. E. Seely has returned from Alexandria mine. He positively reports five feet of grade gold and silver ore at a depth of 60 feet in the cross cutting for the main shaft.

Wages in the Yukon mines are now down to \$1 per hour, without board, or 50 cents an hour with board. Butter is selling for \$1 a pound. There is more flour in the camp than will be used before June. Gold Run Creek, between Dominion and Sulphur creeks, Yukon, is showing up marvelously.

The Golden Cache mine is said to have turned out a low grade property. It is alleged that shares were sold to the public, by members of the board, after a report showing the poor position of the property had been received, said report having been suppressed for some time. At a meeting of the English bondholders a searching investigation was demanded "in the interest not only of the shareholders but of the mining industry of British Columbia." Criminal prosecution is talked of.

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**Manitoba**

R. F. Miller, of Souris, has disposed of his butcher business to Watt & Wilmot.

R. H. Staples and John H. Carthew, general merchants, of Carman, have dissolved partnership.

The provincial dairy school opened in Winnipeg for the season on Wednesday. The attendance will be as large as last year.

J. P. Anderson, formerly manager of the Union Bank branch at Carberry, which he resigned on account of ill-health, is dead.

A newspaper is about to be established at Melita by R. Simpson. It will be known as The Western Progress.

The News is the name of a new weekly paper which will appear at Portage la Prairie next week. The publisher is John Cornyn, late of the Portage Review.

Winnipeg brick makers turned out 8,600,000 bricks last year, which is the largest output on record here, and is an indication of the building activity of the year past.

The receipts from the sale of postage stamps at the Winnipeg post office for December were nearly \$2,000 in excess of any previous month in Winnipeg's history. The city is growing.

Nicholas Burke, of Burke Bros., Winnipeg, general merchants, died on Saturday of last week. Deceased came to Manitoba from Quebec province eighteen years ago, and was in business at St. Charles, Man., previous to moving into the city.

**Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.**

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

- Wheat—No. 1 hard, in store Fort William, 90 to 91c.
- Flour—Local price per sack unchanged at: Patent, \$2.45; bakers, \$2.25.
- Bran—\$10 to \$11 per ton.
- Shorts—\$12 per ton.
- Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, easier at 35 to 37c.
- Barley—35 to 38c for feed; malting, 38 to 42c.
- Flax seed—Prices to farmers, country points, 60c per bushel.
- Butter—Dairy, shippers laying at 14 to 15 1-2c; held goods, 13 to 14c; creamery, jobbers' price, 21 to 23c.
- Cheese—Jobbers selling at 10 1-2 to 11c.
- Eggs—Dealers selling at 20c for fresh and 16 to 17c for limed.
- Beef—City dressed, 5 to 5 1-2c; country, 4 to 4 1-2c; fresh, unfrozen, 6c.
- Mutton—5 to 6c.
- Hogs—Dressed, 5 1-4 to 6c.
- Lambs—5 to 7c.
- Cattle—Butchers' nominal at 23-4 to 3c.
- Hogs—Live, off cars, \$4.50 per 100 lbs. for best bacon.
- Sheep—2 1-2 to 3c off cars.
- Hides—Green city hides, 7 to 7 1-4c for No. 1.
- Hay—Baled, on track, \$8.50 to \$8.00.
- Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel.
- Poultry—Chickens, 7 to 7 1-2c per lb.; turkeys, native, 10c; Ontario, 11c; geese, 8 to 8 1-2c; ducks, 8 to 8 1-2c.

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**Statistical Wheat Reports.**

**WHEAT IN CANADA.**

Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:

Montreal	21,000
Toronto	158,000
Kingston	40,000
Winnipeg	376,000
Manitoba elevators	6,050,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keowatin	1,430,000
<b>Total Dec. 24</b>	<b>7,925,000</b>

**BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.**

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's on Dec. 24, were 52,249,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 52,738,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Dec. 1 were 8,290,000 bushels, compared with 6,944,000 bushels a year ago.

**THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.**

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Dec. 31, was 20,893,000 bushels, being a decrease of 1,890,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 38,816,000 bushels, two years ago 54,651,000 bushels, three years ago 69,842,000 bushels.

**WHEAT STOCKS AT U. S. POINTS.**

	Bushels.
Chicago	3,294,000
Duluth	3,500,000
Minneapolis	1,506,000
New York	3,560,000
Buffalo and afloat	7,576,000

**STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.**

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, is 6,829,000 bushels, compared with 12,337,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 19,126,000 bushels, compared with 38,421,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

**WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.**

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe on Dec. 1 for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report: Dec. 1, 1898, 109,810,000; Dec. 1, 1897, 127,503,000; Dec. 1, 1896, 172,181,000; Dec. 1, 1895, 185,864,000.

**CROP MOVEMENT.**

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets from the beginning of the crop year, August 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop	Last crop
Minneapolis	49,868,160	46,587,010
Milwaukee	8,419,435	6,458,657
Duluth	54,519,896	31,255,832
Chicago	22,952,890	25,018,741

Total ... 135,760,031 108,319,740

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop	Last crop
Toledo	10,371,586	8,792,004
St. Louis	11,347,877	9,659,869
Detroit	3,808,801	3,671,235
Kansas City	19,536,113	22,781,950

Total ... 44,653,377 44,903,057

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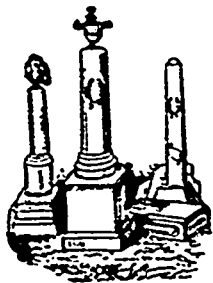
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**Grain and Milling News.**

The settlers about Ninette, Man., want a flour mill.

The annual meeting of the Winnipeg Grain exchange will be held on January 11.

The new drying plant recently put in Hurt & McKay's flour mill at Bois-Sevain, Man., is in operation and is proving a great boon to farmers who have damp wheat.

The old Harrison elevator at Killarney recently owned and controlled by the Manitoba Grain company, has been purchased by Messrs. Bready, Love & Tryon. This company intend putting the elevator into first class shape, including a gasoline outfit.

The report of the grain inspector for the Winnipeg district is as follows for the week ending Dec. 31st: Extra Manitoba hard 1, one hard 65 cars, two hard 1+, one northern 47, two northern 2, one spring 10, two spring 1, two white fls 1, one Ladoga 1, rejected (1) 4, rejected (2) 7, no grade 79, total 232 cars.

Four new elevators are to be erected at Duluth this season. The Great Northern railroad elevator is to hold 3,000,000 bushels. Spencer Kellogg will erect another with a 1,000,000 capacity; the Consolidated Elevator Co. will build a third and a Duluth-Minneapolis combine, a fourth. This increases the capacity over 5,000,000 bushels, and uses up a vast amount of lumber.

The grain business of Bready, Love & Tryon, Winnipeg, is being converted into a joint stock company. Several eastern capitalists, it is said, are taking up part of the stock. The principals of the firm are remaining with the company. Though a comparatively new firm, Bready, Love & Tryon have done a large trade last season and on the present crop, and they centre a large line of country elevators.

Action has been taken by the farmers of Edmonton, Alberta, towards the formation of a company for the purpose of building a mill and elevator at that point. The name of the company is to be "The Farmers' Milling and Elevator company of North Alberta, Limited," and the capital stock will be \$25,000 divided into 1,000 shares of \$25 each. D. Maloney is provisionally president and R. Dinwoodie secretary.

**Hardware and Paint Trade.**

The present firmness in the price of wire nails is due to advances in the price of wire rods in the United States.

In August last spirits of turpentine was selling in the Montreal market at 43c per gallon, and to-day it is up to 61c for two to four barrel lots, and 62c for single barrels, an advance of 18c per gallon, or about 42 per cent. In New York during the same period the price of turpentine advanced from 28 1/2c per gallon to 43 1/2c, and in Liverpool from 22s to 31s 3d per cwt. The continued export demand at points of production in the south is responsible for this strong upward movement, the price having gone up to 40c in Savannah. Current needs in the States appear to be still quite pressing. Cables from Europe are also bullish, with a strong upward tendency in values, and the situation looks to-day as strong as at any time since the rise was initiated.

The Toronto Rubber Shoe factory and Woac' flour mill at Port Dalhousie, Ont., were burned on Jan. 2.

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G. V. Hastings, of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., went east on Wednesday.

Mr. Miller, of Miller, Morse & Co., Winnipeg, returned the first of the week from an eastern trip.

G. W. Donald, secretary of the Winnipeg Business college, has returned from spending Christmas in Ontario.

Walter Crone, the popular western representative of H. A. Nelson & Co., arrived in Winnipeg this week from the east.

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Table listing prices for barrel pork.

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## THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, Jan. 7.

Business has been quiet this week but not more so than is usual for the early part of January. With the jobbers stock-taking has been prosecuted in many of the warehouses. The grain trade has been quite dull, and deliveries of grain by farmers at country points have been even lighter than during December. This, however, is also a usual feature of January. The weather, too, has been cold and rough, and in some western districts there has not been enough snow to make sleighing, which has operated against the grain movement. The new plants put in a number of elevators for drying wheat are now in operation and are doing good work, so that much of the damp wheat will be saved. While wheat prices have been lower this week in United States markets, in Manitoba country markets the tendency has been higher.

Returns of a statistical nature for the past year are very favorable. Bank clearings at Winnipeg for 1898 show a gain of about \$7,240,000 over 1897, and about \$26,530,000 over 1896. Immigration returns show 27,787 new settlers for Manitoba and the Territories compared with 10,864 for last year. Homestead entries exceed last year by about 2,300. Customs returns for the Winnipeg district have amounted to over \$1,000,000 for the year, a gain of about 25 per cent over 1897, and a still greater gain over previous years. Inland revenue collections have amounted to about \$5,000,000 for the Winnipeg division, also a gain of about 25 per cent over 1897.

### WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, Jan. 7.

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

#### COAL AND WOOD.

The market for anthracite is firmer, in consequence of the recent advance at points of supply in the States. Local dealers are trying to get higher prices on new business, but it is not certain that they will be able to establish an advance, as some have guaranteed prices for the season to their customers. Anthracite at Duluth has advanced 50c per ton to \$1.75 per ton wholesale, equal to \$7.75 freight paid to Winnipeg. The cost of coal delivered to consumers here, on the basis of present wholesale prices at Duluth, would be \$8 to \$8.25, while the actual price here is \$8 per ton, showing a net loss of 25c per ton, not counting office and general business expenses. The report published to the effect that the low price of coal in the Winnipeg market is due to the advent of Crow's Nest Pass coal, is very absurd, as every one who is at all familiar with the situation here knows. The utter

absurdity of this statement regarding Crow's Nest coal is shown by the fact that western anthracite has been selling all the season at 50c per ton less than the Crow's Nest coal, while the quantity of the latter has been so small as to have no influence on prices. Wood fuel is unchanged.

#### FISH.

The only change to note in regard to prices is the lower quotation for jackfish which are now ruling at 2c instead of 2 1/2c as given last week. Other prices remain unchanged. Haddies are scarce with city dealers and difficulty has been found in filling orders. Prices on another page.

#### GREEN FRUITS.

There is nothing new in the market this week and prices are generally unchanged with the exception of apples, which are held very firm. For any good winter stock \$4 per barrel is now asked, and fancy stock, such as choice spies, is held at \$4.50. The colder weather, combined with after holiday influences, has tended to make business quiet. Prices are: California navel oranges, \$1.25 to \$1.75, as to size; Mexican oranges \$3.75 to \$4.50 box; bananas, per bunch, \$3 to \$2.50, as to size; Messina lemons, \$1.50 to \$5 box; Ontario apples, good ordinary stock, \$1; fancy spies \$1.50 per barrel, Almeria grapes, \$8, \$10 and \$12 per keg as to quality and size; Catawba grapes, \$5.50 per crate of fifteen 3 lb. baskets; winter Nelles pears \$3 box; eastern pears \$3.50 box; cranberries, unfrozen, \$3 per barrel; sweet potatoes, \$5 per barrel; coconuts, \$1 a dozen; Sicily filberts, large 11 to 12c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 15c; Tarragona almonds, 14c; peanuts, green, 10c; roasted, 12c; pecan nuts, 12c lb.; shell-ed walnuts, 24 1/2 to 26c per pound; strained honey, 8 1/2 to 9c per pound; maple sugar, 11 to 12c; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; California figs, in boxes of ten bricks, \$2 per box; dates, 7 1/2 to 8c per pound; celery, 40c per dozen bunches.

#### GROCERIES.

Trade is quiet. Dried apples are very scarce. Changes in prices this week include a decline of 1-8c on granulated sugar, 1-4c advance on low grade coffee, 5c advance on canned chicken and turkey, 10c advance on split peas and 15c advance on salt herrings, per half barrel.

#### HARDWARE AND PAINTS.

Stocktaking is about all that can be said about hardware locally. Business is quiet and advantage is being taken of this to take stock and review the situation generally. The paint trade is also quiet and there is no change to report in prices. Turpentine is firm at recent advance, and in fact all staple lines are very firm. Quotations in this market are the same as given in detail last week. A review of the turpentine situation published by a southern exchange, gives stocks on hand as 21,698 barrels compared with 42,016 barrels a year ago.

#### RAW FURS.

Only a moderate quantity of fur has been offered so far this season. Interest now centres on the coming sales in London. At the recent London sales of sealskins, sharp advances were made all through the list, Alaska advancing as much as 30 per cent, and others from 7 1/2 to 20 per cent.

#### GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

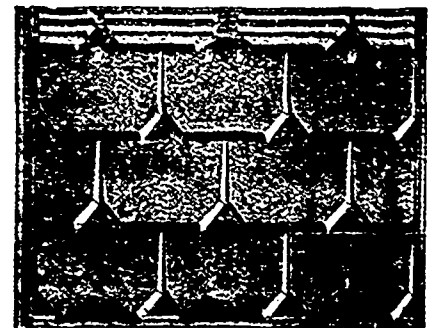
**WHEAT**—The strength and buoyancy exhibited in the wheat markets last week has not been carried into this week's operations. The level of prices attained has not up to yesterday been seriously depressed, but there has been a wavering and hesitation in dealing, which has given the bears ample opportunity to hammer prices down, and that they have not been more successful in their efforts to do so, would seem to show the actual strength of the wheat situation. Values have declined about 1 1/2c per bushel on the average for the week. The receipts of wheat at the primary markets in the United States are falling off considerably, though still somewhat larger than for the same time last year. Seaboard clearances continue very large. For several days lately they have run over a million bushels per day. The American visible supply decreased last week 1,890,000 bushels, and the total now stands at 26,893,000 bushels against 38,816,000 bushels same date last year, 54,651,000 bushels in 1897, 69,863,000 bushels in 1896 and 87,876,000 bushels in 1895. The world's visible supply increased only 377,000 bushels for the week. The position of growing crops in Europe and the United States continues on the whole favorable, although some apprehension of damage is felt in parts of the United States, where the wheat plant is devoid of snow protection, and in France and Germany the weather has been unseasonably mild and wet, causing the wheat to grow in a weakly fashion, and promoting the growth of weeds. California has had fine and much needed rains. Within the last two days reports of further rain damage in Argentine have come to hand. The English and European markets have not followed the advance in America, and buyers there continue to show much

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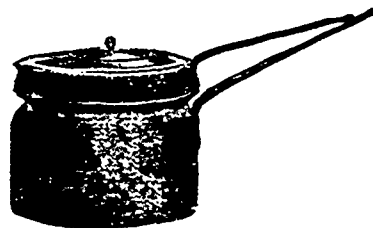
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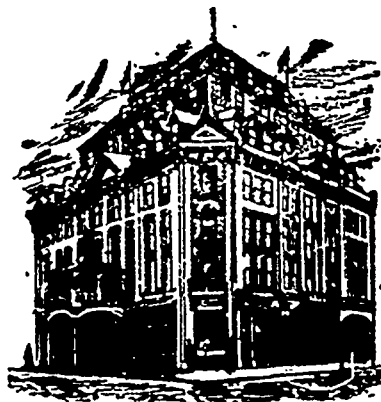
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Indifference to buying. The flour trade is also slow and dull.

The local market has been dull and very little doing. The deliveries over the country are very small, not amounting to 100 bushels per day for each point, and without the pressure of fresh purchases in the country there is no activity in trade here. Prices, though inclining to follow the fluctuations in the American markets, have held better than these, the decline on the week being only 1c per bushel. The price of 1 hard in store Fort William closed last Saturday at 68 1-2c spot, and yesterday afternoon 67 1-2c was freely bid for it in the same position. 1 hard Feb. delivery was offering yesterday at 69 1-2c and for May delivery at 72c, but it was not pressed for sale, and as compared with the decline in the United States markets, the local markets held fairly firm and reserved. No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern are 3 1-2c less than 1 hard, 2 northern, 3 hard and No. 1 spring 7c less than 1 hard. There is no inquiry for scoured or dried wheat, and we are unable to quote market prices for these goods.

**FLOUR**—Prices are unchanged. Prices here to retail dealers are as follows: \$1.25 for patent, \$1.75 for strong bakers; Glenora \$1.75; Manitoba bakers, \$1.45, Algoma, \$1.80; Imperial XXXX, \$1.15; XXXX, \$1.05 per sack of 98 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack for cash.

**MILLFEED**—Prices steady. Bran is quoted at \$10 and shorts at \$12 per ton, with large lots at \$1 per ton less. Small lots are quoted at \$11 and \$13.

**GROUND FEED**—Prices vary widely all the way from \$8 to \$19 a ton as to quality. Oat chop is quoted at \$17 to \$19 per ton; mixed barley and oats, \$15 to \$16, and wheat mixtures at \$8 to \$12 per ton as to quality; oil cake, \$23 per ton.

**OATMEAL**—Rolled oatmeal is quoted at \$1.90 to retail dealers. The supply is still limited, but is sufficient to meet the requirements of the trade in a hand to mouth way.

**OATS**—Prices paid to farmers here have ranged from 23 to 26c as to quality. For ordinary feed quality 23 to 24c per bushel of 34 lbs. has been the general price, and sometimes 25c has been obtained. Good qualities have brought 26c for milling. Car lots are generally held at 25c on track here for ordinary feed quality, and we quote 24 to 25c for cars of feed and 26c for a good No. 2 white of full weight per bushel.

**BARLEY**—The demand is limited. Farmers have been getting 24 to 25c for feed grades, per bushel of 48 lbs. For malting barley 30c is the usual price offered.

**WHEAT**—Local street market—Millers were paying 54 to 56 cents yesterday for choice hard wheat delivered at mills by farmers. There is considerable damp wheat offering, which brings 30 to 50c per bushel of 60 pounds, as to quality.

**FLAX SEED**—In Manitoba country markets 65c per bushel is being paid to farmers.

**CORN**—A little corn is coming in from the States. Car lots on track here would cost laid down about 41 to 42c per bushel of 56 lbs.

**BUTTER**—Creamery—The market is steady, and about nominal. Jobbers are quoting 22 to 23c as to quantity and quality.

**Butter**—Dairy—The market is steady. Buyers are offering 18 1-2c

to 14 1-2c here for lots, as to quality, and 15c is paid for choice round lots. A considerable quantity of roll butter is offering, but unless it is choice, fresh butter, rolls are not as desirable as tubs, as they are not as convenient for shipping. The best rolls will bring 15c.

**CHEESE**—The market is quoted the same as last week. Jobbers quote 9 1-2c for large and 10c for small sizes.

**EGGS**—Market is firmer. Held fresh. Ontario stock is selling at 18 to 20c as to quality, and lined at 16 to 17c. Fresh gathered are only obtainable in a small way from producers at 35 to 40c per dozen.

**POULTRY**—A good steady trade is doing in all lines of poultry. Stocks on hand are ample for present requirements. A few lots of local fowl have been received. Prices are: Chickens, mixed, 8 to 9c per pound; straight lots spring chickens 1c more. Ontario turkeys are held at 12c, and Manitoba 10 to 12c, as to quality; geese, 10c; ducks, 8 to 10c.

**GAME**—Rabbits 8 1-2c each. Pigeons 20c per pair. Wild ducks 25c per pair.

**DRESSED MEATS**—The meat market is quiet. Stocks of December killed meat are being reduced, but until this is used up there will be no change in the situation. Hogs continue scarce and importations from Ontario continue. The highest price obtainable from either butchers' or packers' is 6c unless for an extra choice lot. We quote prices as follows: Beef, 5 to 6c; country beef, 4 to 5c, as to quality; mutton, 7 to 8c; lamb, 8 to 9c; veal, 5 1-2 to 7c; hogs, 5 1-2 to 6c. Stocks of mutton are light and a few car loads may be brought in from the east. Some is reported on the way.

**VEGETABLES**—Prices unchanged as follows: Potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 20c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1-2c per lb.; carrots, 35 to 40c; beets, 35 to 40c per bushel; celery, 40c per dozen; cabbage, 1 to 1 1-2c per pound as to quality; onions, 90c to \$1 per bushel; Spanish onions, \$2 per crate; pumpkins, 1 1-2 to 2c per pound.

**SENECA ROOT**—Nominal at 21c.

**WOOL**—Nominal at 8 to 8 1-2c per pound.

**HIDES**—Very few hides are offering. The city butchers are not killing now and country hides are also scarce. Frozen hides are quoted at 6c, but a shade more will be paid for No. 1 lots by some dealers. Bulls and oxen 1c less. Five pounds dockage for offal. Inspected hides are as follows: No. 1, 6 1-2c; No. 2, 5 1-2c; No. 3, 4 1-2c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3, kip 6c to 6 1-2c; calf 8c; deacon skins, 15c to 25c each; sheepskins and lambskins 40 to 55c; horsehides 75c to \$1.50 each.

**HAY**—Offerings are more liberal and the market is lower. Baled is quoted at \$7.50 to \$8.00 on track here and loose on the street market at \$6 to \$7.50 as to quality.

**LIVE STOCK.**

**CATTLE**—None offering. Nominal at about 3c for good butchers' stock. Stockers nominal at 2 to 2 1-2c.

**SHEEP**—Quoted nominally at 3 1-2c here.

**HOGS**—In the absence of offerings prices are nominal at 4 3-4c off cars for selected weights.

**MILCH COWS**—Only a limited number can be had. Prices range from \$25 to \$40.

**HORSES**—Some sales are being made of general purpose horses and good prices are being realized. A good carriage horse is worth all the way from \$125 up and work horses from \$175 a team up. Three carloads of southern horses are expected in on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

**Grocery Trade Notes.**

Mail advices from San Francisco state that outside of prunes, peaches and raisins stocks of dried fruits remaining on the coast are very small, while those specifically named are in comparatively light supply.

The total pack of corn in the United States and Canada for the season of 1898 was 4,398,563 cases, against 2,908,740 cases in 1897 and 2,676,515 cases in 1896. These figures show a gain in 1898 over 1897 of 1,489,823 cases, or over 51 per cent., which general gain is sustained by detailed reports from Maine and New York. The total in Canada in 1898 was 188,750 cases of two-dozen tins, against 121,836 in 1897.

The Arbuckle sugar refinery at New York reduced the price of granulated sugar 1-16c per pound, on Jan. 3, making the price just that much below the quoted prices of the American Sugar company and several of the independent refiners.

Letters patent have been granted to "The Gurney Foundry Company," Limited, increasing their capital stock from \$350,000 to \$750,000, and to "The Imperial Oil Company," Limited, increasing their capital stock from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

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## British Columbia Markets.

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Vancouver, Jan. 7, 1899.

The butter market is stronger. Creamery is unchanged at 23½@24c. Choice dairy butter is 1c higher at 19c. Eggs are 4c@1c higher at 20c. The market is overstocked with early made cheese, and in consequence goods are being sacrificed to some extent. Potatoes are \$1 ton higher. Millstuffs have advanced \$2 per ton to \$20 for bran and \$22 for shorts.

Butter—Creamery, jobbers price, 23½@24c choice dairy, jobbers price, 19c; Off grade or cooking 17c.

Eggs—Local, 50c; Eastern eggs, jobbers prices, 20c.

Cheese—Ontario, 11½ @ 12c, jobbers price.

Cured Meats—Hams 12½@13c; breakfast bacon 12½@13c; backs 12½@12½c; short clear 10½c; short rolls 10½c; smoked sides 11 @ 12½c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10c per lb, in pails and tubs 9½c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon-10c; fresh halibut, 6c; salmon, 6c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$12@13 per ton, Ashcroft's, \$17 @ \$18; California silver skin onions, 1½c; cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turpips and beets, \$12.00 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons, \$4.00 box; grapes, \$1.75; apples, 65c per 50 lb. box; Valencia oranges, \$3.25; navel oranges, \$3.50@3.75 box; seedlings \$2.75 box; Japanese oranges 65c.

Meal—Rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 2 45 pounds sacks \$2.90; 4 22½ pound sacks \$3.10; 10 7 sacks, \$2.50; Oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$4.90; strong bakers \$4.40; Oregon, jobbers price, \$4.50.

Grain—Oats, 18.00 @ \$20.00 per ton; wheat, 23.00@25.00 per ton;

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00 per ton, shorts \$22 ton; bran \$20; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 7@7½c; mutton 8 @ 8½c; pork 7@8c; veal 10 @ 10½c; Pemmican 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, \$3.50 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$4.00 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$7.00 per 100 lbs; cows, \$3.00 per 100 lbs live weight.

Poultry—Turkeys, 13½@14c lb; geese and ducks, 12½@13c; chickens, 12@13c.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 10½c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7½c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8½c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnut, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered, icing and bar, 6½c. Paris lump, 6c; granulated, 5c; extra C. 4½c; fancy yellows 4½c; yellow 4½c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 2½c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.50 case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.25 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good 18c; choice 29c. Ceylon: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 85c lb.

## Toronto Hardware Market.

Toronto, January 7

Fig Iron—Canadian, \$13.50@14.00.

Bar Iron—Base price, \$1.35 @ 1.45; band and hoop iron, \$1.65@1.75.

Sheet Steel—12-gauge, \$2.25 per 100 lbs; 16-gauge, \$2.40; 18@20, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24, \$2.30@2.40, 26, \$2.35@2.45; 28, \$2.45@2.55.

Galvanized Iron—16-gauge, \$3.75; 18 @24, \$4.00; 26, \$4.25 and 28 at \$4.50.

Lead—Fig, 4c; sheet, 4½c @ 4½c per lb; shot, Can., dis. 7½ per cent; pipe, ordinary, 7c; composition waste, 7½c with dis. 25 per cent.

Black Iron—10@12 gauge, \$2.25@2.40 per 100 lbs; 14@16 gauge, \$2.60@2.70; 18@20 gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24 gauge, \$2.25@2.35; 26-gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 28-gauge, \$2.45@2.55.

Coil Chain—½ in., \$4.65; 5-16 in., \$3.75; ¾ in., \$3.25; 7-16 in., \$3.15; 1 in., \$3.10; 1½ in., \$2.80; ¾ in., \$2.75.

Sheet Zinc—7½@8c per lb.

Antimony—10½@11c; solder 13@14c.

Ingot Copper—14@15c per lb.

Ingot Tin—22@24c.

Canada plates—Half-polished. 52-sheet boxes, \$2.35; do, 60-sheet boxes, \$2.40; dull 75-sheet boxes, \$2.25; all-bright "Garth," \$2.85 per box; do, "alaska," \$3.00.

Tin Plates—Prices unchanged at \$4.75 @ \$5.00 for I.C., \$8.00@8.25 for I.X. and \$7.25 to \$7.50 for I.X.X.

Iron Pipe—Black pipe, per 100 ft., ½ to ¾ inch, \$2.25@2.30; ¾ inch, \$2.30@2.35; 1 inch, \$2.80; 1 1/8 in., \$3.95; 1 1/2 in., \$5.20; 1 3/4 inch, \$6.75; 2 inch, \$9.10; Galvanized, ½ inch, \$3.95; ¾ inch, \$4.80; 1 inch, \$6.75; 1 1/8 inch, \$7.15; 1 1/2 inch, \$11.75; 2 inch, \$16.00.

Barb Wire—\$1.85 f.o.b. Cleveland and \$1.85 from stock Toronto. Terms, 30 days or 2 per cent. 10 days.

Fence Wire—Annealed, oiled and annealed, 37½ per cent; galvanized, 30 per cent; terms 4 months or 3 per cent. 30 days. Bright wire 35 per cent.

Nails, Wire—Base price, \$1.75@1.80.

Cut Nails—\$1.75 base price, with 5c keg, Toronto, Hamilton, London and Montreal.

Horse Nails—Discount on regular brands, 50 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron, light and medium pattern, \$3.25 per keg, Toronto and Hamilton.

Screws—Flat head bright, 87½ per cent; round head bright, 80 per cent; flat head brass, 82½ per cent; round head brass, 75 per cent.

Bolts—Common carriage bolts, ¼@5-16, 70 per cent; tire bolts, 70 and 5; machine bolts, 60 and 10; blank bolts, 60 per cent; sleigh shoe bolts, 80 per cent; plough bolts, 60; stove bolts, 70 and 5; nuts, square, 4½c; hexagon, 5½c.

Rivets—Iron, 60 per cent; copper rivets, 30c per pound.

Glass—First break in 50-foot boxes, \$1.80, and in 100-foot boxes, \$3.50; double diamond, under 25 united inches, \$5.50. Toronto, 4 months, or 3 per cent 30 days.

Green Wirecloth—\$1.20 per 100 square feet; terms, 4 months or 3 per cent for 30 days.

Spades and Shovels—Discounts 40 and 10@45 and 2½ per cent.

Rope—Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 9½c; ¾ in., 10½c; ½ and 5-16 in., 10½c. Manila, 7-16 and larger, 10½c; ¾, 11c; ½ and 5-16, 11½c.

Turpentine—66c.

## Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, January 7.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4.53c; yellows, \$3.93@4.42.

Syrup and Molasses—Syrup medium, 30c@32c; special bright, 35c@42c. Molasses—West Indian, brls, 32c@46c. New Orleans, 26@30c, for medium and 35c@47c for bright.

Teas—Japans, low grade, 16c@20c per lb; Young Hysons, seconds 16c@19c. firsts, 25@45c, Indian, 18@50c; Congous, low grades, 10c@15c, mediums, 22@25c, and fines, 40c @ 55c; Ceylons, 17 @ 25c. Formosa Oolongs, 25 @ 65c.

Coffees—Green, Rio, 8 @ 12c; Mocha, 23c@28c; Java, 30c@32c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, 90c@1.10; peas, 75c@1.10; sifted peas, \$1.05@1.20. corn, 95c@1.10; beans, 80@90c; pumpkins, 70@75c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.60 @ 1.80, raspberries, 2's, \$1.60@1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.55@1.65; 3's, \$2.50@2.65. Cohoc salmon, \$1.15@1.20; sock-eyes, \$1.35@1.60; lobsters, halves, \$1.75 @ 1.80; tall lbs, \$2.80; flats, \$3.10.

Nuts—Filberts, Sicily, 9c@10c; Bordeaux Walnuts, 10½@11c; Grenoble Walnuts, 12½@13c.

Rice—Rice, bags, 3½@4c; do. Patna, 5½ @6c; do. Japan, 6@6½c.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencia, off-stalk 4½c; fine off-stalk, 4½@5c; selected, 5½@5½c; layers, 6@6½c; Provincial, currants 4½@4½c; Filiatras, 4½@5½c; Patras, 6c; Vostizzas, 6½@7½c. California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 17 @ 20c; pears, 9c @ 10c; prunes, 70's to 80's 7½ @ 7½c; 80's to 90's 6½@7c; 90's to 100's, 5½@6c. Bosnia prunes, 5½@6½c; Sultanas, 11c@13c. Peel—Orange, 12c @ 13c per lb; citron, 17c @ 20c; lemon 10½c @ 13c. Halloween dates, 6@6½c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.75@1.90 per box; black baskets, \$2.40; blue baskets, \$2.50, royal clusters, \$4.00; quarter flats—London layers, 65c; black baskets, 75c; blue baskets, 85c; Dehesia, clusters \$1.25.

Spices—Ginger, Jamaica, 25c; Cochin 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15 @ 18c; Amboyna, 18@25c; allspice, 20c; nutmegs, 50c@1.10; cream tartar, pure, 25@28c, and 18@25c for compound.

## PROVISIONS.

Mess Pork—\$14.50 for Canada mess; short cut, \$15.00; clear mess, \$13.50.

Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots 7½c, ton and case lots, 7½c.

Smoked Meats—Breakfast bacon, 10½c; hams, large 10c and 10½c for medium; rolls, 8½c; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Tubs, 6½@7c

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**British Columbia Items.**

Switzer, & McClunkey, hotel, Sandton, have sold out.

A. P. Bremner, hotel, Moyola, is applying for a license.

C. J. Campbell is about to start a hotel at Sirdar.

John Cates has opened a pork and butcher shop at Nelson.

Lamont & McKague, plumbers, Greenwood, have dissolved.

Robert Frye, hotel, Mountain Station, is applying for a license.

John McKenzie, harness, etc., Victoria, has sold out to Frederick Norris.

McCreath, Howe & Co. contemplate opening in hardware at Greenwood.

The business of John Partridge, deceased, dry goods, Victoria, is to be discontinued.

G. F. Motion has bought the business of Mallett & Co., hay and grain merchant, at Nelson.

Jenkins & Croft, saloon and restaurant, Vancouver, have been succeeded by A. Smith & Co.

Ullman & Cosgrief, cigars, etc., have dissolved partnership; Daniel Cosgrief continuing.

The Cariboo Consolidated Milling and Mining company expects to pay a dividend of one per cent monthly during 1899.

The estate of Wm. Julius, blacksmith, etc., deceased, at 150-Mile House, is advertised to be sold by tender which will be received till Jan. 18th, 1899.

A summary of the British Columbia salmon pack for 1898, which, by the way, was an off year, gives the total pack as 496,447 cases, 268,120 cases of which were put up on the Fraser river.

The British Columbia legislature opened on January 5. Among other announcements it is proposed to exclude aliens from owning mines in the province.

It is stated that the Nelson Hardware company are about to open a branch store in Greenwood City, under the management of N. H. Lamont of that place.

Eagle & Paxton, general store, stock raisers, etc., at 150-Mile House, advertise their partnership dissolved 1st of April, 1899, C. W. Eagle retiring; Thomas Paxton and John W. Eagle continuing.

The name of Grand Forks, the rising town of the Boundary Creek district will soon be changed to Columbia, as some confusion has arisen with the town of the same name in North Dakota.

The fruit growing industry is expanding in British Columbia. In 1897 the Canadian Pacific railway carried 5,700 packages, or seventy-five tons. Last year 55,000 packages were carried or 388 tons. In the near future the development of this industry will no doubt assume more marked features.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company have arranged that sub-contracts will be let at once by Mann, Foley Bros. and Larson, the main contractors for the Boundary Creek railway, to build lines from Eho's summit, this side of Greenwood, through to Midway, a distance of nineteen miles. In addition it has been decided to build the road fifteen miles beyond Midway, up as far as Rock creek, where some exceedingly rich mines will be tapped. The contract for this additional piece of work goes also to

the builder of the 105 miles from Robson to Midway.

**Minneapolis Markets.**

Compared with a week ago the prices given below vary as follows: Flour, second patents, has advanced 10c on the top quotation; corn, No. 3, yellow has declined 1-2c, and No. 3 has declined 1-2 to 3-4c; oats, No. 3 white have declined 5-8 to 3-4c, and No. 3, 1-2 to 3-4c; malting barley has declined 1c on the inside price and feed barley has also declined 1 to 2c; flaxseed has advanced 1c, eggs, strictly fresh, have advanced 4c, held fresh, 4 to 6c, and seconds, 4c; dairy butter, seconds, has declined 1 to 1 1/2-2c; veal has advanced 1-2c on the top price; spring chickens have advanced 1 to 2c, hens 1c and turkeys 1c; sheepskins have advanced 10c from the top price. Quotations are:

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.80 to \$3.90; second patents, \$3.60 to \$3.70.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$8.75 to \$9; bran in bulk, \$9 to \$9.25; corn feed, \$13.00 to \$14.50 per ton as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 32 for No. 3 yellow, and 31 1/2 to 31 3/4 for No. 3.

Oats—Oats held at 27 1/4 to 27 3/8c for No. 3 white and 27 1/4c for No. 3.

Barley—Malting, 37 to 42c; feed quoted at 34 to 35c.

Flax seed—\$1.11 1/2 per bushel.

Eggs—25c for strictly fresh, including cases; held fresh, 19 to 22c; seconds, 14c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 10 to 12c; fair to good, 8 1/2 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 16 1/2 to 18 1/2-2c for choice to extras; seconds, 14 to 15c; dairy, 13 to 16c for choice to fancy; seconds, 11 to 12c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 to 6 1/2-2c; lamb, 8 to 10c; veal, 5 to 8c.

Poultry—Chickens, spring, 6 to 9c; hens, 4 to 6c; roosters, 4c; turkeys, 8 to 11c; ducks, 5 to 8c; geese, 5 to 7 1/2-2c.

Hides—Green salted hides, 9 1/2-2c for No. 1; 8 1/2-2c for No. 2; bulis, oxen and brands, 6 3/4 to 8c; sheepskins, 10 to 80c each; veal, calf, 9 1/2 to 11c; tallow, 2 1/4 to 3 1/2-2c; seneca root, 22 to 24c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 11 to 12c; medium, 13 to 14c; coarse, 14 1/2 to 15 1/2-2c.

Hay—\$6.00 to \$6.50 per ton timothy; mixed clover, \$4.50 to \$5.50.

**Western Business Items.**

J. A. Rice, livery and lumber, Foxwarren, Man., has sold out.

Dr. J. B. Lambert contemplates opening in drugs at Elgin, Man.

T. H. Fennell, blacksmith, Pierson, has admitted one Elgar into partnership.

J. B. Leveque, dry goods, St. Boniface, has assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

Duncan Thompson has opened business at Elva, Man., in livery and implements.

The Manitoba Farmers' Loan and Investment Co., of Wawanesa, Man., is applying for incorporation.

Harder & Peters, general store, Plum Coulee, have dissolved partnership; each continues alone.

J. P. Graves & Son, grocers, Boissevain, have opened a branch at Elgin, with A. Adams, Jr., in charge.

Taylor, Breen & Fraser have bought the business of Geo. W. Marsh, gen-

eral merchant, Boulah, and will continue the same.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company has set aside elevator B., at Fort William, for the storage of damp wheat after it has been dried.

Arkell & Co. have purchased the drug business of Dr. H. Worth, of MacGregor, Man., and will place the business in charge of George Beans, late of the Carberry store.

The latest addition to the roll of country weeklies in Manitoba is the Rock Lake Review, published at Cartwright. R. J. C. Stead is the managing editor.

W. H. Speer has bought out the drug store of Dr. Brothers at Shoal Lake.

Dodds & Gage, butchers, Morden, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Gage will continue the business.

Gordon & Ironside, Winnipeg, intend making some winter shipments of cattle to the old country via St. John. N. B. Yesterday a train of fat steers was shipped by this firm for Liverpool.

Application is being made at Ottawa by Thomas Bready, John Love and Chas. Tryon, of Winnipeg, and James Carruthers and Jas. Baird, of Toronto, for incorporation as the Winnipeg Elevator company, with a capital of \$300,000.

**Alberta.**

W. J. Thompson, grocer, Calgary, has assigned.

T. H. Plohard has opened a restaurant at Edmonton.

**Assiniboia.**

James Donaldson has opened a butcher shop at Medicine Hat.

James Mundell has commenced business as a confectioner, at Wolseley.

M. Narvalonsky, general store, Moosomin, has assigned to A. F. Andrews.

Mr. Carey has gone east to purchase stock for a new store to be opened by Mrs. Carey and himself at Moose Jaw.

Hyde & Gibbs are opening as butchers at Balgonie.

**Northwest Ontario.**

The partnership between C. H. Shera and W. J. Clarke, trading under the firm name of Shera & Co., at the town of Port Arthur, has been terminated. W. J. Clarke assumes the responsibility for all claims against the said firm and will collect all monies owing to it.

Tenders for pressing 400 tons of hay are wanted by J. H. Metcalfe, Westbourne, Man.

Tenders for alteration and improving the Confederation Life Association building in Winnipeg will be received up to Jan. 12.

Thomas Frankland, clerk of the municipality of Rockwood, is advertising for tenders for 30,000 feet of three-inch plank, 16 feet long to be delivered, not later than the 15th of March. Offers to be in the hands of the clerk on the 15th of the month.

The Brandon waterworks committee is advertising for 750 cords of wood, four feet long, and 750 tons of lignite coal. Bids will be received up till the 13th inst.

### Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Jan. 2.—Parson's Produce company, Griffin & company, Malkin & company, Brackman & Ker, Oppenheimer Bros., F. R. Stewart, McMillan & Co. and other wholesalers, report that the holiday trade was in advance of other years, and what is most gratifying business was good before and after the Christmas rush. Collections are good and money fairly easy. Careful enquiry secures the information that over \$1,500,000 worth of building has been done during 1898, counting the value of blocks under process of construction, in Vancouver. Conservative people also figure that the population of Vancouver has increased 25 per cent. Imports have increased in Vancouver \$1,450,580 over last year. Exports show a decrease of \$218,608. General mail matter has increased 831.3 per cent., and Australian mail matter 100 per cent. Revenue of post office \$15,000; increase \$15,000. Savings bank, increase of deposits 25 per cent. School population 2,315, increase 312. Assessed value of city property \$14,948,519. City revenue \$146,548; increase \$37,057. Customs revenue \$902,618; increase \$315,819 or almost 50 per cent. Inland revenue, \$287,890; increase \$102,900.

The events which happened, important to trade, during the year were the Klondike boom. Opening of the following banks: Commerce, Moisons and Merchants; opening of the Vancouver clearing house, the Western Union Telegraphs; extension Canadian Pacific railway wharfage system; extension Evans Coleman wharf; extension sugar refinery; extension street railway system; opening new city hall building; marine railway establishment; another daily paper, the building of 279,160 square feet of block pavement, etc. From the figures quoted it must be admitted that Vancouver has had a big year. There is every indication that in 1899 the city will not only hold its own, but make further advance.

While Vancouver has been going ahead fast, Victoria has also had a very prosperous year and according to statistics the capital city of British Columbia has had a very satisfactory increase in trade, getting the lion's share of the Klondike outfitting. There have been some reverses during the year to affect prosperity, the greatest perhaps being the destruction of the Hastings lumber mills at Vancouver, by fire, and the failure of the B. C. Iron Works company, of Vancouver. There also seems to be trouble ahead for the salmon industry, most of the canners threatening to retire from business altogether owing to the restrictions placed upon the industry, apparently in obedience to the demands of the labor organizations in the province, on behalf of the fishermen.

The farmers of British Columbia are grumbling very much at the present low prices offered for their produce. In the feed business many of them are peddling direct to the customer, at prices charged by wholesalers, which has very much affected legitimate business. There is, however, generally a tendency to hold for higher prices. In the dairy market there is a very aggravating state of affairs. Lard, butter and cheese are selling for less than they can be laid down for.

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**New York Wheat.**

New York, Jan. 3.—Wheat receipts 371,625 bushels; exports 607,816 bushels. Options opened steady on cables, but aside from this the New Year began disastrously for bull traders; prices ruled weak all day, unheeding a big visible supply decrease and heavy clearances, being influenced by general liquidation, disappointing outside trade and bearish sentiments of foreigners. Closed weak 1c net lower. January, 70 1-4 to 77 1-4c, closed 76 1-4c; March, 78 1-4 to 79 7-16c, closed 78 1-4c; May, 74 5-8 to 75 15-16c, closed 74 3-4c.

New York, Jan. 4.—Wheat receipts 374,625 bushels; exports 375,556 bushels. Options have been in a strong position to-day; opening firm on cold weather. They responded a little to bearish cables and then hardened on the big clearances, which for the week are fully half a million bushels of wheat and flour a head of last week. Demand kept up all the afternoon and final quotations were 5-8 to 7-8 higher. Foreign houses sold wheat and otherwise opposed the advance during the day. March 77 15-16 to 78 7-8c, closed 78 7-8c; May 74 3-8 to 75 11-16c, closed 75 5-8c.

New York, Jan. 5.—Wheat—Receipts 209,050 bushels, exports 208,599 bushels. Options opened barely steady and developed weakness under long and short selling which yielded at noon, however, to a sharp recovery. Later was stimulated by large clearances; again, reported export business at Baltimore and strength of northwest markets, following prospects of lighter receipts. A second decline near the close was attributed to renewed short selling and absence of outside support, final prices were 1-2 to 3-4c net lower. January closed 76 7-8c; March 78 3-8c, May 74 7-8c.

New York, Jan. 6.—Wheat—Receipts, 261,775 bushels, exports, 62,542 bushels; sales, 1,660,000 bushels futures, 400 bushels spot and exports. Spot weak; No. 2 red, 79 1-4 to 79 3-4 f. o. b., afloat to arrive. No. 1 northern, Duluth, 78 3-4 f. o. b. afloat, spot. No. 2 do. 77 f. o. b. afloat to arrive; No. 2 northern, New York, 77 3-4 f. o. b. afloat, spot. Options had a fair bulge at the opening on unexpectedly stronger Liverpool cable news, but without public support were unable to withstand the subsequent pressure on general liquidation. Sentiment was less bullish and found selling motives in small clearances, weak continental advices over the wheat belt.

Final prices were weak at 1-2 to 3-4 net decline. January closed 5 3-4, March 77 1-2 to 78 5-8, closed 77 1-2; May 74 1-16 to 75 3-8, closed 74 1-4.

New York, Jan. 7.—Wheat closed today as follows: Jan delivery 74 5-8c, May 76 1-8c.

**Chicago Board of Trade Prices**

Prices are quoted per bushel of 60 pounds for wheat, bushel of 56 pounds of corn, bushel of 32 pounds of oats, per barrel of mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Wheat, Jan. 67 1-4c. May opened 71 3-4c, closed 70 5-8 to 3-4c. July opened 70c, closed 68 5-8 to 3-4c. Corn, Jan. 35 1-2 to 5-8c. May opened 38 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 37 1-8 to 1-4c. July opened 38 1-2c, closed 37 1-2 to 5-8c. Oats, Jan. 26c. May opened 28 1-8c, closed 27 1-2c. July 25 1-8c.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Wheat, Jan. 68 1-8c. May opened 70 3-4c, closed 71 1-2

to 5-8c. July opened 68 1-2 to 5-8c, closed 69 3-8c. Corn, Jan. 35 1-2c. May opened 37 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 37 1-2 to 5-8c. July opened 37 5-8c, closed 37 7-8c. Oats, Jan. 26 1-4c. May opened 27 1-2c, closed 27 3-4c. n. July opened 26 to 1-8c, closed 26 1-4c. Ribs, Jan. opened \$4.75, closed \$4.82. b. May opened \$5.05, closed \$5.12. Pork, Jan. opened \$10.07, closed \$10.15. n. May opened \$10.30, closed \$10.45. Lard, Jan. \$5.02. b. May opened \$5.75 to \$8, closed \$5.85 to \$6.87.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Wheat, May opened 71 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 70 3-4c. n. July opened 69 1-2 to 5-8c, closed 68 3-4c. Corn, Jan. 35c. n. May opened 37 1-2c, closed 7-8 to 3-4c. b. July opened 37 3-4c, closed 37. a. Oats, Jan. 25 5-8c. n. May opened 27 3-4c, closed 27 1-8c. July opened 26 1-4c, closed 25 5-8c. Ribs, Jan. opened \$4.80, closed \$4.80. May opened \$5.15 to \$5.17, closed \$5.05. Pork, Jan. opened \$10, closed \$9.95. n. May opened \$10.42, closed \$10.30. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.00, closed \$5.52. May opened \$5.85 to \$5.87, closed \$5.75.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Wheat, May opened 71 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 70 to 1-8c. July opened 69 1-4c, closed 68c. Corn, Jan. 34 1-2c. n. July 37c. May opened 37 1-8c, closed 36 1-2 to 5-8c. Oats, Jan. 25 5-8c. May opened 27 1-4c, closed 27 to 1-8c. July opened 25 7-8c, closed 25 3-4c.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Wheat opened at 70 1-4c for May ranged from 69 7-8c to 70 5-8c, and closed 69 7-8 to 70c.

Wheat—May 69 7-8 to 70c.  
Corn—Jan. 34 3-4c; May 37c.  
Oats—Jan. 25 3-4c; May 27 1-4 to 27 3-8c.  
Pork—Jan. \$9.65; May \$9.95.  
Lard—Jan. \$5.45; May \$5.60.  
Ribs—Jan. \$4.75; May \$5.00.

A week ago May option closed at 71 3-4c. A year ago May wheat closed at 91 3-8c, two years ago at 81 1-2c; three years ago at 70 3-8c; four years ago at 58 1-8c.

**DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.**

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

Monday—Holiday.  
Tuesday—Jan. 66 1-8c, May 69 1-2c.  
Wednesday—Jan. 67c, May 70c.  
Thursday—Jan. —, May 69 3-8c.  
Friday—Jan. 67 3-8c, May 68 7-8c.  
Saturday—May, 68 7-8c.  
Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 68 7-8c and cash No. 1 northern at 90 1-2c, two years ago May option closed 81 3-8c; three years ago at 57 5-8c, four years ago at 68c, and five years ago at 63 1-2c.

**LIVERPOOL PRICES.**

Liverpool, Jan. 6.—12.30 p.m.—Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red western winter 6s 3d.  
Wheat—Spot No. 2 red western winter steady at 6s 3d; No. 1 red northern spring steady at 6s 11-12d.  
Liverpool, Jan. 7.—Wheat, closed easy at 1-2 to 5-8d lower.

**MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.**

Saturday, Jan. 7.—No 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 67 3-8 for January, and 67 3-4 to 7-8c for May; cash No. 1 northern 67 3-8c, cash No. 2 northern 65 3-8c.

**CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.**

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$1.15 1-2 for cash, and May, \$1.14.

**FORT WILLIAM WHEAT STOCKS.**

There were 1,450,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Dec. 31, an increase of about 200,000 bushels from the previous weekly statement.

**WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.**  
No. 1 hard wheat closed at Fort William on Saturday at 67 1-2c for January delivery.

**NEW YORK STOCKS.**

New York, Jan. 6.—The stock market opened easier. Atchison 18 1-2; Burlington 125 1-4; General Electric 99; Louisville 64 7-8; Manhattan 102 1-4; Missouri Pacific 45 1-4; Northern Pacific 43 1-2; People's Gas 112 7-8; Rock Island 114 7-8; Sugar 124 3-4; St. Paul 121 1-8; Southern preferred 41 7-8; Tobacco 148; Union Pacific 42 7-8; do. preferred 73 1-2; Federal Steel 53 1-2; do. preferred 85; Western Union 94 1-2. Money on call nominally 2 to 2 1-2. Prime mercantile paper 3 to 3 3-4 per cent. Sterling exchange steady at \$4.84 1-4 to 1-2 on demand, and at \$4.81 3-4 to \$4.82 for sixty days. Posted rates \$4.82 1-2 and at \$4.85 1-2. Commercial bills \$4.80 3-4 to \$4.81 1-4. Silver certificates nominally 59 1-2 to 60 1-2. Bar silver 59. Mexican dollars 46 5-8. Government bonds steady.

**Manitoba Country Markets.**

Wheat deliveries at C. P. R. points Friday were scattered, and very small, aggregating only 18,200 bushels. Prices, however, were firm, and if anything, higher than those prevailing on previous days in the week. Fifty-six cents at McGregor was the highest mark, and 45 cents at Rosthern the lowest. The quotations were:

Main line—High Bluff 53, McGregor 56, Austin 55, Carberry 55, Brandon 50, Alexander 50, Griswold 51, Oak Lake 50; Virden, Hargrave, Elkhorn, Fleming, Moosomin, 53; Wapeila 55, Whitewood, Wolseley, Sintaluta, Indian Head, Qu'Appelle, Balgonie, Regina 50.

Prince Albert branch—Rosthern 45. Souris branch—Melita, Gainsborough 50.

Southwestern branch—Carman 52, Rathwell, Treherne, 50; Glenboro 54; Stockton 55, Mothven 51.

Pembina branch—Gretna, Plum Coulee 54, Lattiere 48, Killarney 55.

Emerson branch—Emerson 52 1 nor; Dominion City, 51 1 nor; Otterburne, 47 1 nor.

The deliveries of wheat at M. & N. W. railway points this winter season have been heavier than during last year, an average of 5,000 bushels a day being received at the elevators. The farmers, however, are not selling their grain but are storing it in hope of better prices. The figures given at the principal points yesterday were as follows: Gladstone, Midway 54c; Arden 57, Neepawa 59, Minnedosa 52, Franklin 55, Shoal Lake 53, Binscarth 50, Yorkton 44.

**BRITISH STOCKS.**

London, Jan. 6.—4 p.m.—Consols for money 110 5-8; consols for the account 110 13-16. Canadian Pacific 88 1-4; Grand Trunk 71-2. Bar silver 27 1-4d. Money 2. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2 5-8 per cent.; for three months bills 3 5-8 per cent.

**MONTREAL STOCKS.**

Montreal, Jan. 6.—Com. Cable, 184; C. P. R., London, 88 1-2.

R. W. McLeod, general merchant, Portage la Prairie, Man., has decided to sell his Portage business and devote his whole attention to his Indian Head store, which was started some months ago.

Jos. Maw & Co., implementers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. J. F. Lindsay retires and Jos. Maw continues alone.



### TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, January 7.

Dry goods—Spring orders are more numerous. Prospects are that this month's business will be large. Swiss lace curtains are advanced 10 per cent.

Hardware—More active. Several retail buyers from the west are here this week. Letter order business is good. Values firm. Wire nails are stronger than last week. Barb wire 10c higher. There is a firm feeling in all lines of wire goods. Rope is firm, and likely to advance soon. Metals are decidedly firm. Buyers have been notified of the withdrawal of pig iron, iron pipe, cast malleable fittings and iron and brass valves made in the States. Ingot copper is 1c dearer. Pig tin is 2 1/2 to 3c higher. Scrap rubber is 25c dearer. Heavy red scrap brass is 50c dearer. Groceries—Active for first week of new year. Granulated sugars reduced 5c yesterday to keep out foreign sugars. Yellows advanced 5c on account of scarcity of cane. Canned tomatoes are firmer and wholesalers here have refused 85c for round lots. A sale is reported at factory at 90c. Canned salmon is more active. Hog products are weaker, and prices are being shaded. Barrel pork is 50c lower.

### TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Jan. 7.

Deliveries of grain are light on account of the bad state of the country roads. The export demand is slow. Ontario wheat has declined 1c and so also has Manitoba. Oats are 1-2c lower. Turkeys and geese have declined 1c.

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4.15. Manitoba bakers, \$3.90. Ontario straight roller \$3.25 per barrel Toronto freights.

Wheat—Ontario red winter wheat 69c, white 70c, for cars at country points. No 1 hard, Toronto and west grinding, in transit, 83 and 76c to 77c Midland.

Oats—White, 28 to 29c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 48c at country points.

Milfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$16 per ton at country points. Bran \$12 to 12 50 per ton.

Oatmeal—\$3.30 in bags per barrel and \$3.50 in wood for car lots.

Eggs—Fresh, 17 to 18c; new laid 20 to 22c, cold storage 15 to 16c; Humber 15c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, 10 to 13 1/2c for choice fresh goods, creamery, tubs, 19 to 20c.

Cheese—10c for choice late fall make.

Hides—No. 1 green, \$1.2c; cured, 9 1/2c sheepskins and lambskins, 80 to 85c, calfskins, 8 to 10c; tallow 3 1/2c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 14 to 15c; unwashed, 9 to 10c.

Beans—50c to \$1.10 per bushel as to quality.

Dressed hogs —\$5.15 per 100 pounds for car lots of mixed weights.

Dried apples—5 to 5 1/2c for round lots; evaporated 8 to 9c.

Honey—Round lots 6 to 7c.

Poultry—Turkeys 6 to 7c for frozen stock; chickens 25 to 50c; geese 5 to 6c.

### TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Jan. 7.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 18 car loads, including 150 sheep and lambs and 500 hogs.

The market was steady. There was an active demand for butchers' choice cattle and the few offered were disposed of without difficulty. A number of buyers from the Montreal market were present and they bought all the offerings of the export cattle. Prices for cattle remained unchanged with the exception of exporters, which were quoted 10c higher at \$1.25 to \$4.50. Stockers and feeders were in good demand at \$3.00 to \$3.10 for the former and \$3.50 to \$3.75 for the latter.

Sheep and lambs—Offerings were quite equal to the demand. Prices for sheep for export and butchers' use were a little easier, at \$1.25 to \$3.10, while spring lambs were quoted at 15c per cwt higher, at \$4.00 to \$4.25. Bucks were quoted at \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.

Hogs—The offerings were chiefly made up of thick fats. Choice were quoted 13c per cwt higher, at \$4.38. Other prices remained unchanged.

### FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Jan. 6.

Receipts of live stock at the market to-day were 40 car loads, of all kinds, including 400 sheep and lambs and 1,300 hogs.

Choice butchers' cattle advanced 25c to \$4.00 to \$4.25. Export sheep were lower at \$3.25 to \$3.35. Hogs met with an active demand and choice bacon animals went 12c dearer at \$4.50, light hogs sold 25c higher, at \$4.25.

### MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Jan. 7.

The prices quoted below show but few variations from those of a week ago. Trade is quiet, bad roads having checked it somewhat. Flour is meeting with a fair jobbing demand. Feed is active. Calfskins have declined 1c from the top figure. Choice fresh dairy butter has declined 1c from the outside figure, rolls are 1-2c lower all round and held stock has declined 1c from the top. The butter market is quiet. Western cheese has advanced 1-4 to 1-2c and so also has eastern. Turkeys have declined 1-2c and ducks, geese and chickens are all 1-2c lower on the inside quotation, although the top price remains unchanged. Prices are:

Oats—No. 2 white, 32 1/2 to 33c in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are. Manitoba strong bakers, \$1 to \$4.10; Manitoba patents, \$4.30 to \$4.40.

Milfeed—Bran, \$13.50 to \$14 per ton, shorts 15, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.75 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 9c; No. 2, 8c; No. 3, 7c; calfskins, 8c to 9c; sheepskins, 10 to 50c; lambskins, 70c; tallow, 3 1/2 to 4c.

Eggs—Fresh laid, 25 to 30 per dozen, candled stock, 16c per dozen.

Butter—Choice, fresh dairy, 16 to 17c; rolls, 14 to 15c; held stock, 13 to 14c.

Butter—Creamery, boxes, 20 1/4 to 20 1/2 to 20c. Firm.

Cheese—Choice western, 10 1/2 to 10 1/4 to 10c.

Beans—90c to \$1 per bushel as to quality.

Potatoes—In car lots, 55c.

Poultry—Dressed turkeys, \$1.2 to 9 1/2 to 10c; ducks, 7 to 8c; geese, 5 to 6 1/2 to 7c; chickens, 6 to 7c.

Dressed meats—Western, fresh dressed beef, hinds, 5 to 7c; loaves, 3 to 5c. Choice abattoir hogs sold at \$5.75; country dressed, \$5.30 to \$5.50 per 100

pounds. Mutton, 5 1/2 to 6c, lamb, 6 1/2 to 7c.

### MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Jan. 7.

The hardware market is quiet and prices remain unchanged with the exception of turpentine which has advanced 2 to 4c. Prices are:

White lead, government standard, \$5.62 1-2, No. 1, \$5.25; dry white lead in kegs, 5c, red lead in kegs, 4 1/2 to 5c; linseed oil, raw, 49 to 50c, boiled, 52 to 53c; turpentine 60 to 65c; bar iron, \$1.10 to \$1.50, tin plates, coles, 2.75 to \$2.90; Canada charcoal, 3.25 to \$3.75; Canada plates, 2.10 to \$2.15; tern plates, 5.95 to \$6.25 galvanized iron 1 1/2 to 4 1/4-c, lead, 3.75 to \$4; iron pipe 4 to 4 1/4-c; putty in bulk, 1.65; in bladders, 1.80; ingot tin, 20c; cement, English brands, 3.30 to \$3.10; Germany, 2.45 to \$2.55, and Belgium 1.85 to \$1.95 per barrel, ex-wharf. Rope, sisal 10 to 10 1/2-c; Manila, 11 1/2 to 12 1/2-c for 7-16 size and larger.

### MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Jan. 7.

Granulated sugar has declined 7c, and is now quoted at \$1.45. Yellows have been advanced 5c to \$3.75 to \$4.25. Other lines remain unchanged. Prices are:

Granulated sugar lower at 4.25 per 100 lbs. at refiner's; yellows \$3.75 to \$4.25; molasses 31c in car lots, syrups 2 to 2 1/2-c as to quality. Valencia raisins 4 3/4 to 5 1/2-c; Valencia layers, 6 1/2-c; currants, 5 1/2 to 6 1/2-c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 8c to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1/2 to 5 3/4-c; standard B, 3 3/4 to 4c.

### MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Jan. 6.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 550 head and 400 sheep and lambs. The market was steady all around and prices remained unchanged at last week's quotations. The best cattle sold at 4 1/4 to 4 1/2-c, and the general run at 3 to 4c. Sheep 3c, and lambs 4 to 4 1/2-c per pound. Hogs sold at from \$1.25 to \$4.35 per 100 pounds.

Monday being a holiday no business was done.

### LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Jan. 6.—Cattle firmer. Quoted at 11 1/4 to 11 3/4-c.

### SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial. London, Jan. 6.—Cane sugar dull. Beet steady and tending upward. January option 9s 4 1/2-d.

### CHEESE MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial. Liverpool, Jan. 6.—Cheese, white 50s; colored, 50s. This is an advance of 1s. over last week's prices.

The town of Hartney, Man was visited by fire on Jan. 6, which broke out in F. Woodhull & Co.'s drug store. This store, J. Bradley's general store and Miss Magwood's millinery store were burned, with the contents. F. Woodhull was also publisher of the Hartney Star newspaper, the office of which was in one of the burnt buildings.