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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 23, 1891.

Manitoba.

H. C. Pierce, Manitou, will start a pump factory at Hartney.

F. A. Tamblin has added a third storey to his hotel at Wawanesa.

J. M. Reed, of Strathclair, will open in flour and feed at Wawanesa.

David Robertson has commenced business at Winnipeg in millinery, etc.

Thos. D. Markill, of Markill & Scott, general dealers, Dominion City, is dead.

J. H. Weldon & Co., grocers, Winnipeg, have dissolved. A. M. Weldon continues.

Vivian & Dodge, barristers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. Vivian continues.

Gordon & Ironside will ship the next train load of Manitoba cattle for the British market about the 28th.

A. E. Munson, drugs, Shoal Lake, has moved to Carberry, where he has bought out the drug business of Wm. Dickie.

Geo. Clements has sold out the grocery business at Winnipeg, which he carried on under the name of Hodges & Co., to M. Craig.

The St. Boniface woolen mills are opening up an office and warerooms on Main street, Winnipeg, opposite the New Douglass House.

Vol 1, No. 1, of the *Eye Witness*, appeared last week, making the latest addition to the Manitoba papers. It is published at Birtle.

J. W. Peck, of Carscaden, Peck & Co., and family have returned from Montreal, after a prolonged absence since last spring from the city.

Herman P. Buckingham, of Stratford, Ont., has moved to Boissevain, where he purposes beginning the practice of his profession as barrister.

The book accounts of the estate of W. White & Co., hardware merchants, Winnipeg, amounting to \$1,777.24, will be sold by auction on October 1.

Peter Sutcliffe, of Birtle, has disposed of his butchering business to J. O. Spencer, and in future will devote his time to his auctioneer and real estate business.

Gallagher & McGregor, Winnipeg, intend shipping shortly a train load of cattle to Montreal, from which they will probably be shipped to the old country.

A train of thirteen cars of cattle went east last evening for Montreal, says the *Minnedosa Tribune*. There were about 300 head on board shipped by Taylor Bros. & Head.

D. Ricker, general dealer, Wawanesa, is opening a general store at the new town of Nesbitt, at the terminus of the extension of the Manitoba Southwestern railway.

"Gold Seal" Jones, in the fish business at Winnipeg in "boom" days, has returned, and has again decided to take up his residence here and will open out at once in his old line.

A new insurance tariff for towns in Manitoba and the territories without fire protection, will go into effect on October 1st. The town of Calgary will also be given a new rate, which is expected to show a considerable reduction.

Among the interesting features of the Winnipeg exhibition will be a party of Indians from the different western reserves. A special car will be provided by the C. P. R. authorities for their transport, and Indian Commissioner Bond has arranged that a fairly representative class of the reserve Indians will comprise the party.

Mr. Riddle, of Rublee, Riddle & Co., wholesale fruits, Winnipeg, returned early last week from a trip to Eastern Canada, where he went to investigate fruit prospects. He visited the leading fruit sections of Ontario and reports a good apple crop, of fine quality. In the Niagara district, the apple crop is not large, but the grape crop is very fine. Only the earlier varieties, which are not the best quality, have reached this market up to last week, but better qualities of grapes are now arriving, and there will probably be abundance of this fruit to follow.

Alberta.

P. Carr has opened a merchant tailoring establishment at Calgary.

Four trains of cattle from the Waldron ranch, are being shipped to the British market.

The vote on the \$19,000 by-law at Lethbridge, for local improvements, resulted in the adoption of the by-law.

A large reduction of fire insurance rates has been made at Calgary. The agents have been advised of the reduction says the *Herald*, but there are no details. It is understood, however, that all insuring now will have the benefit of the reduction. We have heard of rates recently as low as \$1.60 for three years on a frame building.

1,200 head of steers from the Cochrane ranch passed McLeod last week, says the *Gazette*, en route to the Canadian Pacific railway, where

they will be shipped to England. The steers are said to be a prime lot.

F. G. Davidson, merchant of Saskatoon says the Edmonton *Bulletin*, arrived overland by way of Battleford with a small train of wagons loaded with goods. Mr. Davidson is looking for a business location and likes the Edmonton district very well.

Northwest Ontario.

W. H. Cummings, secretary of the Fort William board of trade, has resigned and E. A. Morton has been elected in his place.

At a recent meeting of the Rat Portage board of trade it was agreed to telegraph George H. MacDonnell, M.P., "That the board unanimously resolve that you urge upon the Government that the necessary improvements in the Rainy river be commenced at once and finished without delay.

Saskatchewan.

The firm of LaCroix Bros., lately from Winnipeg, have purchased a building at Prince Albert and will open a blacksmith shop and carriage factory therein.

A large party of engineers under Mr. Neilson arrived at Prince Albert recently, having completed the preliminary survey of the proposed extension of the Manitoba & Northwestern railway from Yorkton to Prince Albert.

Assiniboia.

Thos. Bassett, Sr., proprietor of the Cosmopolitan hotel, Medicine Hat, is dead.

N. A. Livingston, general dealer, Yorkton, is succeeded by N. & D. Livingston.

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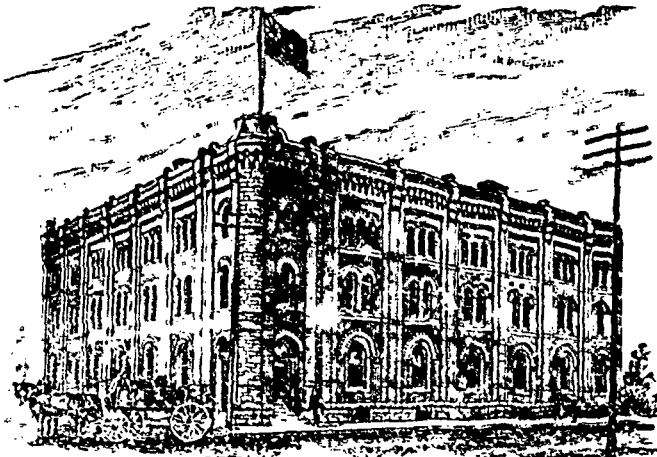
Export cattle—Fat cattle for export were in moderate demand; but operations were confined to only one firm, and they got pretty well loaded up after buying about 14 loads, which was about all that was offered suitable for their purposes. The prices ranged from \$4 to \$4 50 per cwt, with the choicest going up to \$4.67½; weights ran from 1,200 to 1,350 lbs. each.

Stockers—There was a good demand for stockers for export, and between 40 and 50 loads altogether were purchased at prices ranging from 3 to 3½c per lb, but mostly all within the limits of 3 and 3½c per lb, only a very few, and those of an extra quality going up to the outside quotation. The supply was about equal to the day's demand, and both buyers and sellers seemed to be satisfied with the prices paid.

Butchers' cattle—The local demand was weak and supplies of good butchers' cattle were reported somewhat short, still there were plenty of cattle to choose from and the demand was pretty well supplied. Prices, however, show no change, and were from 3 to 3½c per lb for good to choice, and down to 2½c for inferior of which there were not a few in the market. It seems strange that farmers should send such a lot of poor cattle to the market this season when feed is so plentiful and would pay a handsome profit for the amount used.—*Empire*, Sept. 19.

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The Winnipeg Industrial.

A representative of THE COMMERCIAL visited the grounds of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association late in the week, and found a large number of men putting the finishing touches on the buildings, in preparation for the exhibition, which commences to-day, Sept. 28. The grounds are situated about a mile or perhaps a little more, west of Main street, and just north of the Canadian Pacific main line going west. The Selkirk branch of the C. P. R. passes close along the western limit of the yard. The grounds cover about 50 acres. The grounds may be reached by driving north on Main street a short distance beyond the Canadian Pacific crossing, where a street will be found running west, leading directly to the main entrance to the exhibition. A sidewalk was being constructed along this street, for the convenience of those who may wish to walk. A train will be run from the Canadian Pacific depot to the grounds, at convenient intervals, reaching the grounds by a switch from the Selkirk branch.

Entering the grounds from the gateway at the east side, the first conspicuous object to the left is the main exhibition building. This is a handsome two-story structure, surmounted by a dome, and is composed largely of glass. Stretching along in a line on the south side of the grounds, and in the rear of the main build-

ing, are a number of other structures. The first one bears the sign of Horticultural Hall, next is Agricultural Hall, next the building for poultry, and beyond this again a building for dogs. Then come five buildings in succession, for cattle and lastly the pen for hogs. On the right hand side entering from the east, is the grand stand, facing the race course. The latter takes up a large portion of ground on the north side of the enclosure, and is one of the finest half-mile tracks to be found anywhere. Near the grand stand is the band stand, and also a neat little residence for the caretaker. Under the grand stand are a number of booths. Beyond the race course, on the same side of the grounds, are five buildings for horses, and beyond these again the sheep pens.

From the description given it will be seen that the principal buildings stretch along in a line in the south side of the grounds, and the race course and horse stables are on the other. This leaves a large space down the centre, giving abundance of room and a full view. The entries for the exhibition up to Wednesday last were as follows:—Horses, 352; cattle, 190; sheep, 88; swine, 39; poultry, 177; dairy products 240; agricultural products, 630; manufactures, 320; ladies' work, 457; plants and flowers, 92; fine arts, 200; schools, 11; dogs, 106; miscellaneous, 125. The buildings will be full, and some tents will be put up for

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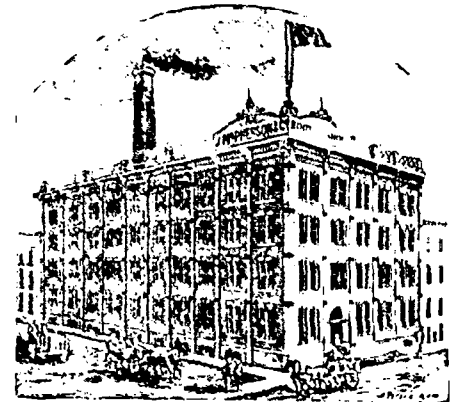
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articles which cannot be placed in the buildings. A post office will be established on the grounds. The only thing now needed is fine weather to make the exhibition a grand success, though on account of the very late harvest this year, the attendance of farmers will not be as large as it otherwise would have been, as many will still be busy with their crops. Considering that the association was only formed this year, and that the grounds and buildings are all new, the facilities for exhibiting are very good. Additional buildings will no doubt be erected before another exhibition is held, and the facilities for reaching the grounds will be increased by an electric street car track, by next fall. Programmes for exhibition week may be had.

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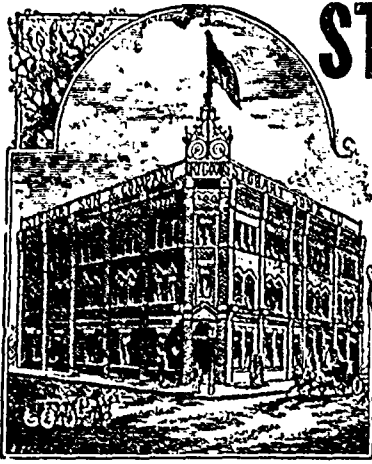
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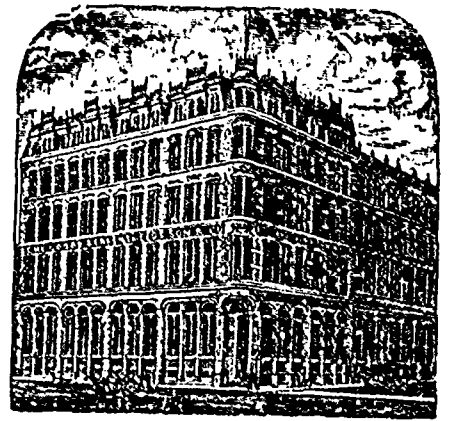
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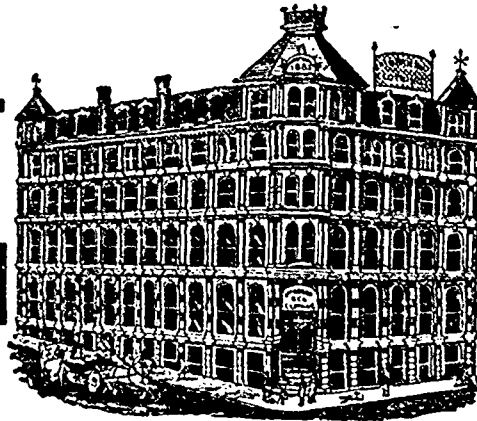
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THE FARMER A MANUFACTURER.

We hear very little about the farmer as a manufacturer. In fact he is not taken into consideration in this light at all. But all the same farming is the most important manufacturing industry which we have in this Dominion of Canada. In some of our large factories a quantity of wood and iron is procured, and by the process of labor and skill a valuable machine is produced. The farmer takes a bushel of wheat, and by his labor and skill he produces fifteen or twenty bushel of wheat. The farmer from a few bushels of grain produces a large quantity of grain, and from this again he produces a fine fat porker, or a choice beef animal. What is this but a double process of manufacture? Of course we know there is a technical difference between the production of a roll of cloth from cotton or wool, and the production of a fat steer from grain. But in the broad commercial sense the farmer is a manufacturer.

The trade policy of this country for the past decade or more, has been devoted to the building up of manufactures. There has been much talk about the tall chimneys, and big buildings, and in all the attention given to this line of industries, the farmer as a manufacturer, has been almost lost sight of.

What this country requires is, that more attention be given to the farming industry. In our policy to encourage manufactures, the farmer manufacturer should not be lost sight of. In fact he should be the central figure in our policy of encouragement to home industries. The importance of the farming interest greatly exceeds that of any other industry. The country would survive the destruction of many of our industries which we consider among the most important, but the destruction of the agricultural interest would lead to general desolation. Agriculture is the foundation upon which all our commercial interests are based. This is the point which should be kept steadily in view. In framing a policy for the encouragement of our natural industries, let the agricultural interest therefore occupy first place, as upon its prosperity depend all other interests. The farmer, of course cannot be made prosperous by act of parliament, but he can be made less prosperous by act of parliament, and in many ways his interest can be either furthered or injured.

If we can build up a great and prosperous agricultural community in this Dominion, we will achieve greatness in other respects, for these will of necessity follow. The first thing necessary is land. The greatest freedom of individual ownership, and the prevention of landed monopolies, should therefore be provided for. With a view to the encouragement of this agricultural industry, our public domain should have been carefully reserved for the farmer, instead of allowing such a large portion of it to have been monopolized in various ways. The land policy is a pressing one, and needs

immediate attention, in the interest of the future prosperity of the nation. A wide market and the limiting of taxation are other important features. The farmer should be allowed the widest market to buy and sell in, which it is possible to secure. The trade policies of some foreign countries, as well as that of our own, unhappily interfere with the natural movements of commerce, and therefore result injuriously to the farmer. To remove these as far as possible, would be to improve the prospects of our agricultural outlook.

WHEAT IN BRITAIN.

The last issue of *The Miller*, of London, England, gives a dismal account of August weather in Britain. It is described as extremely unsettled chilly, and with rain coming in gusts and squalls. This was at the commencement of the month. From the fourth to the seventh it was a continuation of heavy rain storms and low temperature. A few fine days followed, and then rain and shine followed each other in rapid succession, with a warm temperature, suited to cause rust and mildew in the uncut, and sprouting in the cut grain. Frequent showers continued to the end of the month, but later in the month the temperature was much lower. A little grain was cut as early as August 12, but it could not be secured from the fields on account of the rains. At the close of August, the outlook was very discouraging. The uncut grain, especially barley, was badly lodged, and great loss had been experienced from shelling by the storms.

On September 7th *The Miller* estimated the total wheat crop of the United Kingdom at an average of 29 10 bushels per acre, on 2,307,277 acres, or a total yield of 69,288,456 bushels.

The Miller places the mean price of English wheats for the cereal year just closed, at 35s., 5d. per quarter, as compared with 31s., 2d. the previous year, 30s. 8d. in 1888-89; 31s. 1d. in 1887-88, and 33s. 6d. in the crop year 1886-87. The highest prices reached during the last crop year were 40s. 5d. in May and 40s. 1d. in August. The lowest price was 31s. in October.

Following were the prices for leading wheats at the commencement of the present crop year, on September 1st last: American red winter, 42s.; California, 43s. 6d.; Australian, 45s.; No. 1 Bombay, 41s. 9d.; No. 2 Calcutta, 39s. 6d.; Odessa Ghirka, 39s. 6d.; English, wheats, average 40s. 1d. Summing up the situation the first of September, *The Miller* says:

"The wheat crop as we estimated it five weeks ago promised 29 54 bushels to the acre as it stood, with possibilities of pulling in another bushel with a really fine August. The promise to-day is not so good as it was a month ago, and it is still only a promise. Extremely little wheat is in stack, not much is in sheaf or shock. The markets have advanced about 2s. per qr. on the month, and the new cereal year starts with values averaging 5s. higher than they did a year ago. September will draw on old resources more than on new supplies. There will be very little new English wheat sold this side of Michaelmas. Foreign wheat is not expected to arrive in any extraordinary quantity, and value may not possibly make a further forward movement. We are, however, in the hands of French and Belgian traders for the nonce, as they can throw what proportion they please of the 2,400,000 qrs. of wheat on passage to the continent, on the open market, buying

freshly, if they like, of America, which with over 20,000,000 qrs. surplus to move, is not likely to hearken to farmers' alliances, advise they "a holding of the harvest" never so wisely. Left to ourselves, prices during the next few weeks would improve, but America and the continent have it in their power to effectually "beat" the market, should such a policy commend itself to them. Last week it rather looked as if such an enterprise might be on foot, but speculation is proverbially "shifty," and the wants of the continent itself are genuinely and indisputably large.

A REFORM NEEDED.

With the advancement which international commerce has made of late years, it seems strange that some effort has not been made to provide a uniform system of weights and measures. Even at home we are without a uniform system of calculating commodities. In the United States, in some markets, grain and other commodities are sold and the price quoted by the hundred weight, while in other markets quotations are given by the bushel. The same thing is true in Canada, different systems prevailing in different markets. In Manitoba, for instance, we buy and sell grain by the bushel, while in British Columbia, following the custom in the Pacific coast states, grain is sold and quoted by the hundred weight, or ton. This lack of uniformity creates endless confusion and annoyance. Across the Atlantic, the same difficulties are met with. In London, per quarter is the common way of reckoning grain, while at Liverpool it is often quoted per cental. Those who are not posted in the local peculiarities of the different markets, are therefore unable to understand the quotations sent out. It should certainly not be a very difficult thing to arrange a uniform system of handling commodities, which would have effect in all the principal countries, if the move were inaugurated in the right quarter. Per cental seems to be the common sense way of buying and quoting grain, and in fact nearly all commodities and articles. The system of buying by the bushel is awkward and unbusinesslike. If the per cental system could be inaugurated generally throughout Canada and the United States, it would be an immense convenience, and the extension of this system to Europe would further enhance its value.

A PECULIAR SEASON.

The present season will be remembered as one of remarkable climatic peculiarities. Spring opened rather earlier than usual. We do not know what the records may say of past years, but speaking from personal experience we would say that the month of April this year was the warmest one in the modern history of Manitoba. Some extremely warm weather was experienced during this month—weather which would have been considered "hot" even in midsummer. May brought a change. May frosts in Manitoba are not looked upon as unusual, but they were exceedingly severe this year and the month averaged cold and backward. Vegetation which was abnormally advanced by the excessively warm weather of April, was nipped back by the May frosts. June was a normal month, with abundance of rain and moderately warm, though the first

week was colder than usual for the time of year. The crops came on nicely, and with the favorable weather, soon overcame the set backs from the severe May weather. July again was a remarkable month—remarkable for low temperature and dark, cloudy weather, with much rain. The month was probably the coolest on record, for Manitoba. Bright weather is considered one of the characteristics of this country, but this year sunshine was almost the exception during July. The weather during July produced an enormous growth of straw, and was also favorable to the very heavy yield, as the heads filled out slowly but heavily. The disadvantage of July weather was the late harvest, caused by the low temperature, which kept the crops growing instead of ripening. August came in piping hot, which lasted for a week or so, followed by ten days or thereabouts of moderately warm weather. The balance of the month was irregular with several cool dips. Extreme changes in temperature are looked for in August, but this year the extremes reached were greater than usual. September has also been noted for exceptional weather, the temperature for the past two or three weeks having averaged remarkably warm for this time of year. Writing on the 25th of September, there has been no sign of frost for weeks. The days have been mostly bright and warm and the nights soft and balmy, notwithstanding that the wind has been several times in a cold direction. Altogether the months appear to have been badly mixed this year, and the clerk of the weather seems to have ushered some of them in out of their usual order. The latter part of September would have answered very well for the last half of August. July was more like an average June month, but colder. The hot spell in April would have been more in place in July, while some of the weather late in May was cold enough for March.

Editorial Notes.

In an article last week in these columns, relating to the granting of our public lands to corporations, it was stated that land grants should be forfeited in instances where companies had not fulfilled the conditions under which the grants were made. It appears that the Northwest Central railway affords an excellent opportunity to put this idea into practice. Patience has ceased to be a virtue, in dealing with the dilly-dallying policy of this corporation, and it is time that something decisive should be done in the matter.

The big farming concern in the Territories, inaugurated and wonderfully mismanaged for a time by Sir Lester Kaye, is understood to be in much better shape since the change in the management was made. This year the affairs of the company have been conducted more successfully, and splendid crops have been gathered from the different farms. No doubt a fair dividend will be paid this year on legitimate expenditure, but the company can hardly hope to ever pay a dividend upon the vast sum squandered by Kaye, is the most idiotic man here.

Under the head of communications will be found a letter from Grant, Horn & Bucknall, which is worth perusal by all those interested in dairy matters. It points out very clearly

the needs of the Manitoba cheese trade. We have a market right here in the west for all the cheese we are likely to make for the next few years, unless production increases much more rapidly than it has done in the past. What is immediately necessary, is to meet the requirements of the markets at home, and after this is done, it will be in order to seek to extend trade abroad.

The writer in the *Northwestern Magazine*, published at St. Paul, Minnesota, who does not believe in the extension of the wheat area northwestward beyond its present limits, on account of the danger from summer frosts, should make a note of the following fact: The spot in all western Canada, which suffered most severely from frost this year, was a section just on the Dakota boundary, commencing about 50 miles west of the Red river. While this patch in the extreme south east suffered considerable injury, hundreds of miles north and west there was no frost for weeks later.

The harvest help excursions from eastern Canada, have been an immense assistance to Manitoba farmers, in handling their heavy crops this year. Notwithstanding the large number of farm hands which have arrived from the east, the demand has not been supplied. Up to \$3 per day has been paid to harvest hands. All available help have been busy in gathering the crops and more were wanted. Delay has been experienced in starting the threshing machines, on account of the scarcity of men. The large number of new threshers which have been purchased this year indicates that there is a lot of this class of work to be done.

The discoveries of coal in the Red Deer river country, recently reported from Calgary, serve to again call attention to the magnitude of the coal deposits of western Canada. Coal has been discovered at various points, throughout the vast region extending from northwestern Manitoba to the Pacific coast, a distance of 1500 miles, while it is well known that these deposits extend away to the northward far beyond the present limits of settlement. From Manitoba to the far away Queen Charlotte islands of the Pacific, coal deposits have been found, and new discoveries are constantly being made. Our coal area is simply immense, and when these coal districts are opened up more fully, there will be no question as to the abundance of cheap fuel.

Mr. Davis, a Winnipeg game and fish dealer, has been writing to the press regarding the game laws concerning prairie chicken, or grouse. At present the sale of these birds is prohibited, which means that only those who have leisure to go shooting are able to obtain this delicacy, unless in an unlawful way. Mr. Davis attacks this provision of the law as unjust in principle, and he uses some sound arguments to show why it is so. Foreign sports can come into the country and shoot the birds, but the majority of our people at home, who have no time for this sport, may grow up without knowing the taste of a prairie fowl. The law prohibits the taking of the birds out of the province, but it is understood that large numbers are carried away in grips, trunks, and in other concealed ways.

The formal opening of the railway tunnel under the St. Clair river, at Sarnia, Ontario province, on Sept. 19, marked the completion of one of the greatest events, in the line of engineering, which has ever been undertaken on this continent. The tunnel connects the province of Ontario with the state of Michigan, under water, and does away with the necessity of ferrying trains across the river, to connect with the railway on the other side. The new tunnel will greatly expedite traffic at that point. The ferry process not only consumed time, but occasionally great inconvenience was experienced from ice in the winter. As a result of the successful completion of the Grand Trunk railway tunnel at Sarnia, we may expect that tunneling will be undertaken at Detroit and perhaps other points along the western Ontario frontier.

The farmers of Ontario seem to be in a prosperous condition, if a recent official return regarding the business of the loan companies can be taken as approximately correct. This return shows that less than three and a quarter millions of dollars is held against the farmers. The total amount is much smaller than could have been expected. So far as Ontario is concerned, there is evidently no reason to talk about the loan companies owning the country, as is the popular remark regarding the situation in a number of states in the republic to the south of us. Another official return shows that in Ontario, the value of farm property has increased \$100,000,000 between 1882 and 1889. With these evidences of prosperity on the part of the farmer, it seems strange that there should be such a tendency to desert rural for urban life, as the census of the province shows. In forty years the percentage of urban to the total population of Ontario increased from 9.30 to 31.20 per cent.

British Grain Trade.

The *Mark Lane Express* of Sept. 21, in its weekly review of the grain trade says: "New English wheats were very depressed; much damp and unfit grain was offered at 35@40s; foreign wheats were irregular and weak; some provincial markets record an average decline of 1s, American red winter was quoted at 39s to 40s 6d; and white at 43s 6d to 44s; the finest Indian was quoted at 41s 9d; maize was against holders; American crop was offered at 23s 6d, January shipment. At Monday's market business was animated; new English wheat in bad condition was plentifully offered, but was weak, old English was scarce and was held for 1s advance; foreign wheats generally were 6d better; flour from new wheat was cheap, while other grades were firm; foreign grinding barley was 6d cheaper; oats advanced 6d; maize was very weak, beans and peas steady.

Price Current: At Kansas City there is said to be a great wheat blockade. Several thousand cars are standing on the track unable to be moved on account of the lack of engines. Every elevator is jammed beyond its capacity. All of the railroads are laying miles of sidings to hold the incoming crops till they can be milled, stored, or moved. Several lines have abandoned some of their extra and suburban trains in order to use the engines for freight traffic.



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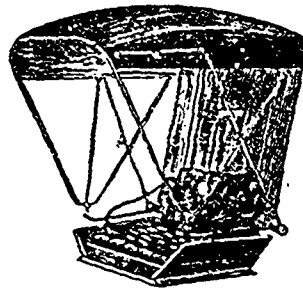
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FISH.

The close season for whitefish commences October 5, and not October 1st, as stated last week. It lasts until December 1st. During the close season only frozen whitefish will be obtainable. The varieties of fresh fish obtainable are the same as last week. Whitefish are jobbing here at 6c per lb. Lake Superior trout 9c., British Columbia salmon, 14c.

GREEN FRUITS.

Plums are nearly out of season. Those arriving were in bad shape as a rule, and hardly any fit for re-shipment. Some were so badly damaged that they sold from 25c to 50c per basket. Crabs have had a large run, and were getting pretty well used up. Apples are in good supply in barrels and also some good choice in baskets. Ontario grapes are arriving freely, and better qualities than the earlier varieties. Quotations are: California fruits—Peaches, 20 pound boxes, \$1.50; plums, 20 pound boxes, \$1.50; pears, 40 lb. boxes, \$2.50 to \$3; grapes, 20 lb boxes, \$2.00 to \$3.00, as to quality and variety. Ontario fruits quoted:—Pears, 75c to \$1; apples, 40 to 50c; tomatoes, 60 to 85c, all per 20 lb basket; crabs, 50 to 75c per basket, or \$5 to \$6 per barrel. Ontario grapes, 20 lb. baskets, 5 to 8c lb; do in ten pound baskets, 40 to 80c each according to quality and variety; plums, \$1.00 to \$1.35 per basket, as to quality. Ontario barrel apples, \$3.00 to \$4.00 as to quality. Miscellaneous fruits:—Lemons, \$6 to \$6.50 box, bananas, \$3 to \$3.50 bunch; southern black grapes, 50 to 80c per 10 lb basket; watermelons, \$30 to \$35 per hundred; Minnesota tomatoes, \$2.00 to \$2.25 per bushel basket; blueberries, 6 to 7c per pound.

LUMBER.

There has been some little stirring up of matters in the lumber trade, on account of a circular issued by the Lake of the Woods association lumbermen, concerning spruce lumber. The pine lumber manufacturers have found that the demand for high grade stuff, such as ceiling, siding, and flooring, has been in excess of the demand for common dimension stuff and common boards. This has been caused by the fact that many retail dealers handle spruce lumber for common stuff, and take pine for their high grades. This has left the pine men with a large surplus of common stuff on their hands. A circular was accordingly sent out by the association lumbermen, who are all pine manufacturers, that they would not sell to any retailer who handled spruce for low grades. As the retailers must have pine for best grades, they will be forced to take pine for common stuff also. It is understood that all of the pine men did not favor the circular, but at any rate it was sent out. It would probably have been better, had the pine men lowered the price of low grades, and advanced first qualities to correspond, instead of issuing this circular. It has created quite a furore among the spruce manufacturers, who of course are violent at this move to shut off their trade, and several letters have already been received at this office upon the subject, which we may publish next week. The pine men certainly have ground for complaint, but they evidently have made a mistake in the way they have undertaken to remedy the difficulty.

John Struthers, of J. & J. Struthers & Co., general merchants, Pilot Mound, Man., is dead.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

Wheat has had rather a quiet and easy week though the range of prices has not varied much from the previous week in leading United States markets. Monday was about the strongest day, prices gaining 1c. to 2c. under the influence of higher British cables. Liverpool cables were 1 to 2 1/2 higher for the day. Berlin and Paris were lower. The visible supply statement on Monday showed an increase of 2,705,000 bushels, making the total 24,543,492 bushels, against 17,549,177 bushels a year ago. Clearances reported were 525,000 bushels, including flour. Duluth received 972 cars and Minneapolis 707 cars of wheat. Cables were irregular and mostly lower on Tuesday. Wheat on ocean passage decreased 640,000 bushels. United States export clearances reported were 712,000 bushels of wheat and flour. Duluth received 467 and Minneapolis 335 cars. United States markets continued downward on Wednesday. Liverpool cables were dull and 1/2 to 1d lower, London, 3d lower, Paris, 2 to 2 1/2c lower per bushel. There was a falling off in receipts at United States winter wheat points, which is reflected in smaller receipts at Chicago. Duluth received 184 cars, and Minneapolis 464 cars. Reported export clearances were 479,000 bushels, wheat and flour. Weather too dry for plowing was reported from the winter wheat country. The markets were dull and inclined to be weak on Thursday, but without important features. Duluth received 573 cars, and Minneapolis 527 cars of wheat. On Friday cables were mostly lower and quiet. United States markets were not materially changed, Chicago declining the most.

In Manitoba there has been some increase in the movement of new wheat, though this was retarded by unfavorable weather, and the movement has not yet assumed any considerable proportion. Between fifteen and twenty cars per day were received at Winnipeg. The weather was broken by rains on several days, which hindered threshing, and delayed stacking, so that progress in this direction has been slow. There is considerable disposition among the farmers to leave their fields in stook, with the intention of threshing from stook. This is a custom which should not be encouraged, and which is liable to result in serious injury to the crop. Wheat should be put into stack as soon as it is in proper condition, and in the long run it will prove an advantage. Though delaying threshing and stacking, the rains of the week would be rather beneficial than otherwise, by removing for the time the danger from prairie fires. Considerable damage from fires has been done just south of the boundary, in Dakota, and one or two fires have crossed into Manitoba and done some slight injury. Rain was also needed for fall plowing. Prices in Manitoba markets have had an easier tendency, though irregular. A number of buyers are not in the market yet, and prices are hardly yet on a regular basis. All grades will have to be handled this year on an export basis, as with the large crop of fine quality in eastern Canada, we cannot look for much demand from that quarter for our hard wheats. Domestic millers will also be obliged to buy on an export basis, as there is a probability of a very large production of

flour this year, and there will be a considerable surplus which will have to be worked for export. Prices at Manitoba country markets have ranged from 72 to 80c per bushel to farmers for No. 1 hard, according to the variation in freights, and local causes. The top quotation given is above shipping value from any Manitoba point, on the basis of average prices at Duluth the week, but there was probably not much wheat bought over 75 to 77c.

On and after Oct. 12th, the rate on grain and flour in car lots from Fort William and Port Arthur to all points on the main line of the Canadian Pacific to Montreal and points west also to Ottawa and points west will be 15 cents per 100 lbs via the lake and Owen Sound route. The rate will not include any terminal charges in Montreal, either on local or export grain. The district general freight agent of the Grand Trunk, has also issued a notice to the effect that the rate on flour in carloads will be 15 cents per 100 lbs. from Duluth and port Arthur to Montreal. On all Grand Trunk branches west of Guelph, except the North Bay branch, the rate on grain will be eight cents per bushel of sixty pounds, and nine cents to Eastern Ontario and Montreal. Rates to Montreal will be exclusive of terminal charges at that point, either for local or export grain.

FLOUR.

Business is quiet. All advices from the east report very dull markets, and prices easy, though prices are nominally quoted the same as a week ago. Local jobbing quotations in small lots are as follows, per 100 pounds: Patents, \$2.55; strong bakers', \$2.35; Second bakers, \$2.00 to \$2.20; XXXX, \$1.50; superfine \$1.30.

MILLSTUFFS.

There is no change, though the feeling is easy. In the meantime local jobbing prices are held at \$13 for bran and \$15 for shorts.

MEALS, OIL CAKE, ETC.

Quotations are unchanged as follows: Oil cake, in bags \$21.00 a ton; oil cake meal in ton lots, sacked, \$26, in bulk \$25; Oatmeal, standard \$2.85; granulated, \$2.95 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$2.95 per sack of 80 pounds; cornmeal is held at \$1.95 to \$2 per 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$2.75 per 100 pounds. Pearl barley, \$3.00; fine, do., in 50 pounds sacks, \$3 per sack.

FERD.

Good feed still held at about \$22 per ton, with an easier tendency in prices, which will likely result in lower values as soon as feed from new grain is offered in any quantity.

OATS.

In the Winnipeg market prices are still far above a shipping basis, as the supply is not in excess of local requirements. Farmers' offerings were interrupted by wet weather, but considerable came in. Dealers paid about 25c per bushel, and a few cents higher was paid by consumers, for loads on the street. Some cars of new oats were offered, but they were held at high prices, asking 25 to 27c per bushel of 34 pounds. Old oats were scarce, and dealers were selling small lots at 35 to 40c. At Manitoba country points prices were getting down to a shipping basis, though at some points the local demand was not supplied, and prices ruled higher. The local requirements will soon be filled up, and prices will get down to an export basis. Prices in the east have tended lower, and from 17 to 20c per bushel would now represent shipping values, in Manitoba country markets.

BARLEY.

The value of barley is uncertain yet, and there is little moving in new grain. Local prices in the Winnipeg market have been

easier. About 32c per bushel of 48 pounds was about the top paid for local malting purposes, and down to 25c for feed quality.

CHEESE.

The high prices which have been paid at Ontario factories recently for cheese, has influenced factories here to hold for higher prices, and some have been asking up to 10c for late make, though about 9c. represents the views of buyers. Jobbing prices are stronger locally, and those who were jobbing as low as 9½c. recently, are now advancing to 10 to 10½c. Choice late cheese is held by dealers rather firmly at 10½c, though some earlier make, which has been in stock for some time, may be obtained, at 10c, and perhaps some odds and ends of old stock might still be had at 9½c.

BUTTER.

There has been quite a firmer tone in the butter market. The demand from the city trade has increased considerably in consequence of the cutting off of supplies from former customers since harvest started. Dealers have been able to obtain 1c. to 2c. higher, and small lots have been selling to the city retail trade, from stocks held by dealers at 15 to 16c for good to choice dairy. Selected packages can be quoted at 16c, selling in small lots, on local account, and good dairy at 15c. Medium to fair, 12c to 14c, creamery is in good demand for western shipment. British Columbia buyers have been negotiating for car lots of creamery in eastern Canada markets.

EGGS.

Eggs have also experienced an upward movement. Receipts have been rather light of late, and with a good demand, prices are firm. Dealers advanced prices 1c on Thursday, to 17c per dozen, for fresh stock, and some were talking a further advance.

WOOL.

Unwashed fleece quoted at 10½c. to 11c. and up to 13½c for pure down or good Merino crosses, and not Leicester or Cotswolds, with a streak of down. The first quotations given will cover the latter class.

HIDES.

Quotations on the basis of Winnipeg inspection are unchanged, but most country hides are bought in round lots at point of shipment, uninspected, and owing to considerable competition, higher prices have been paid outside than would be warranted by the grading of hides here. Up to 45c each has been paid for extra fine shrepskins, but 30c. to 35c. each is nearer the price of average lots. We quote green salted as follows. Winnipeg inspection:—No. 1 cows 4½c, No. 2, 3½c, No. 3, 2½c. No. 1 heavy steers, 60 pounds up, 5½c, No. 2, 60 pounds and up, 4½c, calf, No. 1, 5c, No. 2, 4c, sheep and lambskins, 25 to 45c each. Tallow, 4½ to 5c for rendered.

SENACA ROOT.

Very little doing. Quoted at 22c per pound here.

CURED MEATS.

Dealers have been advancing their ideas as to prices, and are holding firmer at the top range of quotations given a week ago. We therefore cut off the lower range of prices last given. In fact hams have sold ¼c above the top range of a week ago, 14½ having been obtained for some small lots of choice. Breakfast bacon was very scarce and higher. Prices are:—Dry salt long clear bacon, 10c; smoked long clear, 10½ to 11c; spiced rolls, to 11½c; breakfast bacon, 14 to 15c; smoked hams, 14c; mess pork, \$18 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 10c per lb.; Bologna, do., 9c per pound; German, do., 9c per pound. Ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per ½lb package.

LARD.

Pure lard is held at firm prices. We quote: \$2.40 per 20 pound pail, for pure. Compound held at \$1.90 to \$2.00 per pail.

POULTRY AND GAME.

The demand for poultry has been increasing,

and supplies have not been plentiful. Good chickens have been rather scarce. Spring chickens have brought all the way from 25c to 50c per pair, as to size and quality, and fowl at 50 to 65c per pair. Turkeys have been in better demand, and dealers have paid 12½c. per pound for choice, live weight, while some have only brought 10c per pound. Ducks and geese bring about 10c per pound, live weight. Wild ducks have not been very plentiful. They bring 20 to 35c. per pair as to quality. Wild geese are worth \$1 each, and waxes 40c. each.

DRESSED MEATS.

There is no change in dressed meats. Dressed hogs are still somewhat scarce. Beef is unchanged, at 5c to 5½c. Very fair beef is going at 5c, and 5½ is about the top for the best. City dressed mutton is held at 11c, lamb, 12 to 12½c; veal, 7 to 8c, and pork at 8c.

LIVE STOCK.

There is still considerable shipping being done eastward in cattle. Some further train loads of Manitoba cattle will go forward, and several train loads of western rancho cattle have gone forward or are on the way to Montreal, whence they will likely be exported. The supply of butchers' cattle for the Winnipeg market is bought on a basis of from 2½ to 2¾c here. In fact most sales are under 2¾c, and there is very little being offered for local trade which will bring up to 3c. Higher has been paid recently in the country for export cattle. Hogs are scarce, and there is nothing doing here, but quotable at 5 to 6c, sheep worth 5 to 5½c, the latter being a high quotation.

VEGETABLES.

The supply of some sorts is running short, as they are going out of season. Green corn is nearly done. Peas in pod are ditto. Cauliflower now offering are mostly poor quality. The following are the prices at which the growers are selling on the market to city dealers. Dealers' prices for shipping would be higher: Potatoes, 25c per bushel for loads on the market. Cabbage, 30c to 60c per dozen, green tomatoes, \$1.00 per bushel; ripe do, 4 to 5c lb; turnips, 25 to 30c bu; onions 2½ to 3c lb. Green stuff in bunch at 20c per dozen bunches for onions, 20c. for radishes, 10c. for lettuce, 20 to 25c for rhubarb or pie plant. Carrots and beets, 20c per dozen bunches. Cucumbers, 40 to 60c per dozen. Cauliflower 40c. to \$1.25, as to quality, per dozen. Peas, in pod, 75c. per bushel., celery, 25 cents per dozen. Vegetable marrow, \$1 to \$1.25 per dozen. Corn, 8 to 12c per doz as to quality. Horseradish at 8c per pound for good clean root. Dealers are selling imported tomatoes at \$2.00 to \$2.25 per bushel basket for Minnesotas.

HAY

Pressed on track quiet at \$7.50 to \$8 per ton. Loose hay is selling on the market, at \$3 to \$5 per ton.

Grain and Milling.

Young, of Deloraine, Man., has purchased the Cartwright elevator and will buy wheat there this season.

In order to meet the necessity for more room a two-storey warehouse, 16x32, is being added to the Manitou flour mills.

The council of the Toronto board of trade has decided to protest against the action of the Government in appointing E. Adamson to the position of grain inspector. They ask for the cancellation of the appointment.

Exports of breadstuffs from the United States during August were \$28,853,510, against exports to the value of \$10,721,310 for the same month last year. Exports of breadstuffs for August this year, are the largest on record for any one month.

In fixing the grain standards at Toronto on Sept. 23, for grading Ontario's crop, it was found desirable to raise several. There is no wheat or other grain to be graded this year so low as last year. Wheat, oats and peas were raised, and barley remains about the same.

The master bakers of Winnipeg met recently on the invitation of the Ogilvie Milling company, and were driven to the company's mill and shown through that extensive establishment, the different processes employed in the manufacture of flour being thoroughly explained and examined.

A meeting of the Winnipeg grain exchange was held Tuesday last. On resolution it was decided to recommend to the grain standard board that frosted grades of wheat be changed to read Nos. 1, 2 and 3 regular. F. B. Mackenzie, of Brandon, and Jos. Harris, of Winnipeg, were elected members of the board.

An exchange has figured out that to move Manitoba's wheat crop this year, estimated at 20,000,000 bushels, it would take 32,000 cars of 625 bushels to a car, or 1,230 engines drawing 26 cars each. The whole would extend over 220 miles in a line. At the rate of one train every two hours it will take 3½ months to transport the entire crop.

The surplus wheat of the Portage plains district of Manitoba, is stated as follows by the Portage Review:—Macdonald, 225,000 bushels; Burnside, 125,000 bushels; Portage town, 690,000 bushels; High Bluff, 230,000 bushels; total, 1,270,000. Thos. Sissons, president of the Farmers' Institute, threshed his wheat this week, and it averaged thirty-seven and one-half bushels to the acre. The elevator capacity at Portage is as follows: Lake of the Woods Milling company, 150,000 bushels; Ogilvie Milling Co., 40,000 bushels; Farmers' elevator, 80,000 bushels; Wm. Smith, 10,000 bushels; Martin & Mitchell, 10,000 bushels; total, 320,000 bushels.

Live Stock Market.

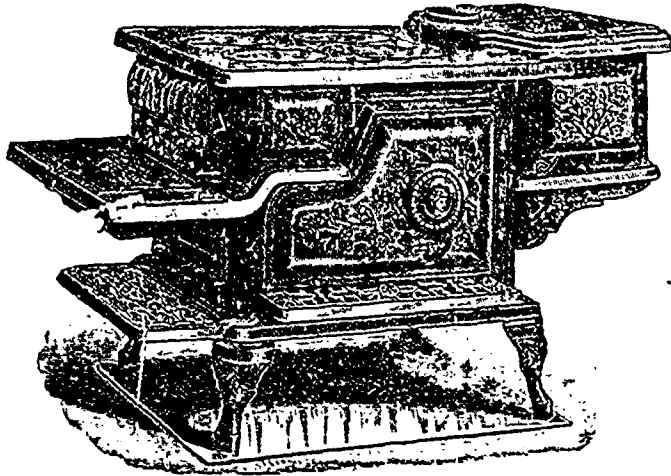
A cable to the Montreal Gazette, dated Liverpool, September 21, says: "The offerings of Canadian cattle at Stanley market to-day were 1,400 head, which is considered rather heavy; but the general supply was only fair, and the effect was not so demoralizing as it would otherwise have been. While the price of finest steers is quoted higher, the trade in inferior grades was very bad, and prices were perhaps inside of quotations. The smaller offerings of sheep, the receipts for the week being only fair had the effect of advancing prices, and best sheep touched 14c. The ruling prices were as follows: Finest steers, 12 to 12½c; good to choice, 11½ to 12c; poor to medium, 10½ to 11c; inferior and bulls, 8 to 9½c.

Mr. Holme, representing Mackie & Co., the widely known wine and spirit merchants, of Glasgow, Scotland, arrived in Winnipeg last week. This is his first trip to Canada and he is immensely pleased with the country, and amazed at its "magnificent distances." He thinks it surprising, that after travelling a couple of thousand miles inland to reach Winnipeg, he is only at the heart of the country. Mackie & Co.'s specialties are the famous Islay whiskies, which have a large sale in Winnipeg and elsewhere where a fine Scotch whiskey is desired.

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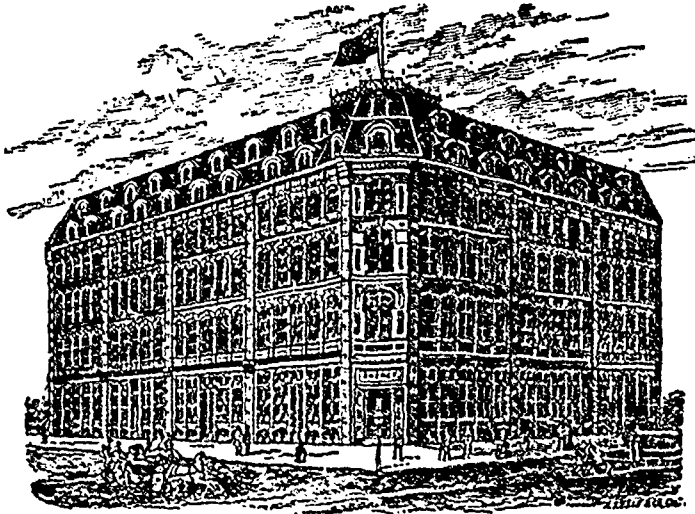
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A New Grain Firm,

An important addition has been made to the Winnipeg grain houses in the establishment here of the new firm of Harris & Grant. The new firm starts out with splendid prospects, and with excellent connections both east and west. Jos. Harris, of the new firm, has for the past eighteen years been Dominion grain inspector at Toronto, which up to the present time has been the largest grain market in Canada, though now it will rank second to Winnipeg. This connection with the trade at Toronto for so long a time, has made Mr. Harris thoroughly familiar with the grain trade of eastern Canada, and gives him excellent connections in the east. W. S. Grant, the other member of the new firm, is well known in the west as formerly of the produce house of Grant, Horn & Bucknall. Through Mr. Grant, the firm will start out with excellent connections in the west. Harris & Grant have opened offices at 496 Main street, room 5, Clement's Block, and are now prepared to handle grain as purchasers and on commission, and do a general grain trade.

Threshing from Stook.

An earnest protest should be made against threshing grain from stook. The small saving in the cost of stacking does not cover the reduction in quality of the grain, to say nothing of the extra risk from allowing grain to stand in stook longer than is necessary. Wheat improves in color and quality from the sweating process which it undergoes in stook. Where grain is allowed to stand in stook until it can be threshed, it is in danger of being damaged from rain, and later in the season from soft snow which is even worse. Where grain is affected by smut, there is great danger in allowing it to stand in stook any longer than possible, as the smut balls are liable to become soaked and broken from rain. Altogether the custom of allowing grain to stand in stook for threshing, is one of the worst features of harvesting in Manitoba.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat prices were strong and higher on Monday, closing near the top. Offerings were limited, and a good buying demand was developed. Receipts, 613 cars of wheat. Closing prices were: -

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	97 1/2	—	1.03 1/2	107 1/2
Corn	52 1/2	51 1/2	—	42 1/2
Oats	26 1/2	27	—	31
Pork	—	10.37 1/2	10.07 1/2	—
Lard	—	6.87 1/2	6.92 1/2	—
Short Ribs	—	7.00	—	—

On Tuesday wheat lost part of yesterday's gain. Trading was rather slow and prices unsettled. Weakness was caused by a reported failure of a local grain firm. Wheat receipts were 432 cars. Closing prices:—

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	96	—	99	105 1/2
Corn	49 1/2	49 1/2	—	42 1/2
Oats	26 1/2	26 1/2	—	30 1/2
Pork	—	10.35	10.65	—
Lard	—	6.80	6.92 1/2	—
Short Ribs	—	7.02 1/2	7.00	—

Wheat was again lower on Wednesday, with a quiet business. Prices advanced 3/4 to 5/8c, but then declined 2c, partially recovered and finally closed about 1c lower. Receipts were much lighter, being 291 cars. Closing prices:—

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	95 1/2	—	95 1/2	104 1/2
Corn	48 1/2	49	—	42 1/2
Oats	26 1/2	26 1/2	—	30 1/2
Pork	—	10.02 1/2	10.32 1/2	—
Lard	—	6.70	6.80	—
Short Ribs	—	6.92 1/2	6.90	—

On Thursday the wheat market was without feature, and trading of a scalping nature. Receipts of wheat, 338 cars:—

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	95 1/2	93 1/2	98	—
Corn	49	49 1/2	—	41 1/2
Oats	26 1/2	26 1/2	—	30
Pork	—	9.02 1/2	10.20	—
Lard	—	6.65	6.80	—
Short Ribs	—	6.87 1/2	—	—

Wheat ruled weak on lower cables, and large receipts. Closing prices were 1/2c to 3/4c lower. Receipts 253 cars:—

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	95	94 1/2	97 1/2	1.04
Corn	49 1/2	49 1/2	—	42 1/2
Oats	26 1/2	27	—	31
Pork	—	9.82 1/2	10.10	—
Lard	—	6.60	6.67 1/2	—
Short Ribs	—	6.72 1/2	6.65	—

Minneapolis Market.

Following were closing wheat quotations on Thursday, September 24:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	On track.
No. 1 hard	—	—	—	9 1/2
No. 1 northern	89	89 1/2	92 1/2	90 1/2
No. 2 northern	—	—	—	87

Flour—Quoted at \$1.70 to \$5.10 for first patents; \$1.60 to \$4.75 for second patents; \$1.00 to 4.50 for fancy and export bakers; \$2.25 to 3.00 for low grades, in bags, including red dog. Flour was in fair request for all sorts at buyers prices. The latter bid below the market for it and domestic trade is consequently restricted to the requirements for present use. Parties needing flour, buy it unhesitatingly, but until they do want it for use they hold off. The general feeling of the trade is that flour is selling on present worth, based upon the situation at home and abroad, and that it is not dangerously high nor too low, by adding to the future, the actual cost of carrying stocks of wheat forward.

Bran and shorts.—Quoted at \$9.50 to \$10.00 for bran, \$11.25 to \$12.00 for shorts and \$13.50 to \$15 for middlings. Shorts are going fairly and bran is in quite good demand at current values.

Oats—Quoted at 26 1/2 to 27c for No. 2 white, 25 1/2 to 26c for white and 24 to 25c for No. 2 and 3. Offerings were liberal and the general tone of the market was easy, with the late quietness prevailing. Prices are influenced largely by the condition of stocks and future offerings that are increasing. There was a shipment demand when buyers for it could get prices named, they could afford to pay.

Barley—Steady at 40 to 55c for poor to fine samples of No. 3. Higher qualities were not very plentiful, but there was a large amount of ordinary grain.

Feed—Millers held at \$20.00 to 21.00; less than car lots \$20.50 to 21.50 with corn meal at \$21.00 to 22.50.

Potatoes—Car lots, about 20 to 25c per bushel. Sweet potatoes, \$3 to \$3.50 barrel.

Eggs—Higher, at 15 1/2c including cases.

Apples—\$2.00 to \$2.75 per barrel.

Hides—Green, 4c, green salted, 4 1/2c. Steers, 6 to 6 1/2c, calf, 6 to 7c, tallow, 3 to 4c.—Market Record, September 24.

Montreal Stock Market.

Reported by Osler, Hammond & Nanton, September 25th, 1891:—

	Sellers.	Buyers
Banks.		
Bank of Montreal	280	226 1/2
Ontario	115	113 1/2
Molson's	162	165
Toronto	—	—
Merchants'	153	150
Union	—	—
Commerce	184	182
Miscellaneous.		
Montreal Tel	111	110
Rich. & Ont. Nav	65 1/2	64 1/2
City Pass Ity	192	197 1/2
Montreal Gas	210	206
Can. N. W. Land	82	80
C. P. R. (Montreal)	80 1/2	80
C. P. R. (London)	—	92
Money—Time	7	—
Money—On Call	4 1/2	—
Sterling 60 Days, N. Y. Postal Rate ..	48 1/2	—
" Demand " " " ..	48 1/2	—
" 60 days Montreal rate between Banks ..	8 1/2	8
" Demand Montreal Rate Between Banks ..	8 1/2	8 1/2
New York Exchange Montreal Rate Between Banks ..	3-32	1-32 prem.

Duluth Wheat Market.

General tendency was lower. No. 1 northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week for Sept. option: Monday, 95 1/2c; Tuesday 94 1/2c, Wednesday 94c, Thursday 93 3/4c; Friday 93 1/2c; Saturday, 93c per bushel. No. 1 hard on Saturday, Sept. 26 ranged from 94 to 94 1/2c for September delivery. A week ago September wheat closed at 94 1/2c for No. 1 northern, and 95c for No. 1 hard.

Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.

At Minneapolis, on Saturday, Sept. 26, wheat prices closed as follows, for No. 1 northern: cash, 93c; December option, 91 1/2c. A week ago December wheat closed at 93 1/2c, and cash at 91 1/2c.

Jas Pye, the well-known flour mill builder of Minneapolis, Minnesota, is paying Manitoba a flying visit.

Montreal Markets.

Flour—The only change is an easier feeling. There is some demand for Newfoundland, but as western millers will not offer below \$1.80 and \$1.85 on track here for straight roller, and buyers will not bid over \$4.70 and \$4.75, there is a poor show of doing business. During the past week the price of strong bakers have been reduced to \$5.25, and medium bakers is quoted at \$4.75 to \$5.

Oatmeal, etc.—The market for oatmeal has become quite panicky, and prices have ruled very irregular, the sale of a round lot of rolled oats being reported at \$2.30 per bag, and round lots of Standard are quotable at \$2.15 to \$2.20. We quote jobbing prices as follows:—Granulated and rolled oats, \$4.70 to \$4.75 per bbl, and \$2.32 to \$2.35 per bag; standard and fine oatmeal, \$1.60 to \$1.65 per bbl, and \$2.20 to \$2.25 per bag.

Feed—The market is quiet at \$14.50 to \$15 for bran and shorts are quoted at \$19 to \$20; middlings, \$21 to \$22.

Wheat—The new Ontario wheat in store here is remarkably fine, a good portion of it grading No. 1, but shippers say it is not worth more than \$1.02 for export; but holders want \$1.07 and \$1.08.

Oats—Several carlots of white oats were sold on this market to-day at 36 1/2c, although for later delivery they can be bought for less money.

Barley—The sale of several car lots was made in the west last week for Montreal account at equal to 62c laid down here, the quality being reported as fine malting. Feed is quoted at 50c to 55c.

Butter—The chief feature in the butter market is the large shipment to Great Britain, which during the past two weeks have amounted to 12,338 packages which is unusually heavy. Sales of creamery during the past week have been made for export account at 21 to 21 1/2c; a few lots not strictly fancy having brought 20 to 20 1/2c. Very little township dairy is being taken for shipment, most of the available supplies being wanted for the home trade. High prices are being paid in the country, we quote as a fair range of prices 16 to 18c. There have been sales of western at 15c and for closely selected lots that figure has been exceeded; a fair range of values for western would be 14 to 15 1/2c. Old butter is quiet at 8 to 12c. There has been some enquiry for British Columbia account.

Cheese—Sales have been made this week at 10 to 10 1/2c for finest western. Further contracts are reported in the country at from 10 to 10 1/2c, the Belleville section having been pretty well cleared up. Colored cheese being a little scarcer than white, commands a premium of about an eighth to a quarter of a cent. Sales of underpriced goods have been made at 9 to 9 1/2c.

Eggs—Straight lots have been sold at 11 to 11 1/2c for good sized quantities. A lot of thirty cases of candled stock was placed at 12c. Nice fresh western stock has sold at 13 to 13 1/2c.

Hides—No. 1, 5 1/2c; No. 2, 4 1/2c; No. 3, 3 1/2c; tanners pay one cent more; lambskins, 60 to 65c; calfskins 7c.—Trade Bulletin Sept. 18.

McMillan's mill at Qu'Appelle station, Assa., will be put in operation, the McMillans having arranged to take over the mill again and operate it. It was not run last year.

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Prof. Saunders' Trip West.

Professor Saunders, director of the Dominion Government Experimental farms, arrived at Winnipeg last Wednesday, on route to Ottawa, after spending six weeks in visiting parts of Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia. After leaving Winnipeg on the 16th of August, Professor Saunders proceeded to Brandon, the Souris district, Indian Head, Qu' Appelle valley, Regina district, Prince Albert, and Moosejaw and thence to Sicamous, B. C., and from that point to the Spallumcheen and Okanagan valleys. He next went to Agassiz, where he examined the B.C. experimental farm and the crops in the adjacent district, and afterwards visited Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster. On returning he made stops at Calgary, Indian Head, Virden and Brandon, for the purpose of gaining fuller information regarding the result of the harvest. On reaching Brandon on the westward trip Prof. Saunders found the crops heavy and promising. Part of one field of Ladoga wheat had been cut and was quite ripe, while the Red Fyfe was not ready for cutting. All the different varieties of grain on the higher slope were very promising and had turned out better than was expected. Tuesday the professor obtained some results of the threshing from the five acre plots on the face of the hill. The Red Fyfe yielded 51 bushels to the acre; William's fyfe, 43; Pringlos' Champlain, 43; Campbell's white chaff, 42; old Red River, 35. These varieties were sown at the same time and under the same conditions. The Ladoga has not yet been threshed, consequently no return could be obtained.

At Indian Head Professor Saunders found the wheat very heavy, though full of smut, the same as in parts of western Manitoba. He learned on his return to Virden that there is quite a lot of grain there which would have graded No. 1 had it not been for smut, but is practicably unsaleable. In connection with the question of smut, the experiments made at the Indian Head experimental farm are interesting. One plot of land was sown with grain untreated, one plot with grain treated with one pound of bluestone to five bushels and one plot with grain treated with one pound to ten bushels. Six feet of these plots were carefully measured and the stocks of grain counted when ripe, with the following result: In the six feet of the plot sown with the untreated grain there were 1,010 sound stocks and 1,111 smutty stocks; in the plot sown with the grain treated with one pound of bluestone to ten bushels, there were 1,789 sound stocks and 270 smutty stocks; in the other plot there were 2,038 sound stocks and 17 smutty stocks. This shows the great importance of smutty grain being treated with bluestone, and it cannot be too strongly urged on the farmers in the future. Farmers who have treated their grain have but a small proportion of smut in their crops. Mr. Sandison, of Brandon, treats all his wheat with bluestone with good results, while other farmers who have sown untreated grain have a large and damaging quantity of smut in their wheat.

On reaching Prince Albert, Professor Saunders was surprised to find the crops as far advanced as those in Manitoba. Most of the Ladoga wheat was cut and stacked, and the Red Fyfe was nearly ready for harvesting. The general opinion of the farmers in the Prince Albert district in regard to these two varieties

of wheat is that the Ladoga is at least from a week to ten days earlier in ripening than the Red Fyfe.

Going westward Prof. Saunders had an opportunity of seeing the Sir Lister Kaye farms between Moose Jaw and Calgary. The crops were the best he had ever seen on those farms. At the Dunmore and Nemaka farms the crops were very encouraging; and the superintendent informed the professor that he expected an average yield of 25 bushels per acre. Samples of the grain examined were all of the first quality.

In the Spallumcheen and Okanagan valleys the harvest was over on the arrival of the professor, and some threshing had been done. The grain grown there is principally winter wheat and the softer varieties of spring wheat. Ladoga is grown to some extent, and the miller at Enderby is doing all he can to encourage its cultivation. He finds it harder in texture than the Red Fife and other wheats grown there, and hence is better for milling purposes. To give a stimulus to the cultivation of spring wheat, the miller is paying higher prices for that class. The crops this season have turned out very good, giving an average yield of from 33 to 35 bushels per acre. The oat crop is heavy, one return, the only one available, showing 70 bushels per acre. Several fruit plantations in the valleys were visited and apples, pears and plums of fine quality were found. The fruit in this region, owing to the dryer atmosphere, is much freer from spot or blemish than elsewhere in British Columbia. The orchards are free from all kinds of insect troubles as well as fungi diseases. The prospects of the district named in respect to fruit culture are very bright. There are a few peach trees in the valleys, but no peaches of any value were found. Professor Saunders thinks the winters are too cold to permit of profitable peach culture, but he favors experiments being carried on in order to determine the question more fully.

A large number of settlers have gone into the country between Yale and Vancouver, which is within the coast climate, since last season. Good crops can be grown there, and fruit growing is being gone into extensively. Good progress has been made on the experimental farm at Agassiz within the past year. One hundred acres have been cleared and partially cropped. Over 600 varieties of fruit, forest and ornamental trees have been planted. An important feature in connection with the timber of British Columbia, are the tests being made with hard wood, such as elm, ash, walnut, etc. There are no hard woods in British Columbia of any quantity, excepting western maple, which does not attain any great size. The eastern woods are being planted on the rocky bench lands of which there are vast areas in British Columbia, and useless, excepting for the purpose of tree growing, and their value in that respect will be very great in the future.

Speaking of the wheat crop of Manitoba and the west, Prof. Saunders stated that it would be safe to estimate that at least two-thirds of the grain would grade No. 1 had in the territories. He found a considerable amount of damaged grain in the western part of the province, but found it difficult to make any estimate of the injury done. He thought that the estimate made by the *Free Press* a few days ago would be quite within the mark. Notwith-

standing the injury Prof. Saunders says the crop is so heavy that the farmers will have better returns than ever before. He says that their experience of this year should induce the farmers to sow at least part of the land with an earlier variety of wheat which they could reap before the great rush of the harvest was upon them; for instance, if a farmer has 100 acres of land it would be better to sow 25 or 30 with Ladoga. He did not wish to be understood to favor the cultivation of Ladoga exclusively, but would advise the farmers to stick to red life wherever it could be grown successfully. Experience has shown that Ladoga does not succeed as well on the heavy lands in parts of Manitoba as on the lighter lands of Prince Albert. According to the statements of growers, red life and ladoga yield about the same, but on the experimental farms ladoga has been the lighter yielder. It would be better for the farmers to submit to the loss of three or four bushels per acre than risk the loss of a great part of their crop. Prof. Saunders was pleased that the millers had decided to test ladoga for flour making purposes. It has been claimed that the flour of ladoga is as strong as the flour of the red life, containing quite as much gluten. In experiments made a few years ago in making flour and bread from ladoga there was a slight yellow color in the flour which was communicated to the bread. Since then, however, the skin of ladoga, by its cultivation in this country, has become much brighter and is now as bright as the red life. Prof. Saunders says that the opinion prevails that the ladoga will not retain its early ripening qualities. In regard to this he can say that after five years of experiments it is now quite as early as it was the first season.—*Free Press*.

A Note of Warning.

In conversation with a merchant the other day he said, "Why don't you keep pitching into them about long credits and dating ahead?" We asked him to specify who we were to pitch into, and he replied, "Oh, well, I suppose the wholesale men." From what we know we are inclined to think that we might pitch into them till the "crack o' doom," and it would have no effect. The matter has been discussed time and again by the wholesale trade in Montreal and Toronto with the object of devising some satisfactory means of introducing shorter credits, but a solution of the difficulty is as far distant now as it ever was. There seems to be "a nigger on the fence" somewhere. But even supposing the wholesale trade of the country entered into a combination to abolish long credits and dating ahead, it seems to us that it would not have the desired effect without the concurrence of English and foreign houses who cater for our retail trade, and perhaps that is the stumbling block. So far as the retailers are concerned they will take long credit just as long as they can get it, and nobody can blame them. But some of them do not shut their eyes to the fact that it injuriously affects them by enabling notoriously weak men to carry on their business at an ultimate loss, not only to themselves, but to dealers in the same locality as well. The evil may possibly become so great as to work out its own destruction.—*Dry Goods Review*.

H. D. Beland, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.

Toronto Hide and Leather Market

Hides—There is no change in the market. The demand is fairly brisk, and prices remain firm.

Skins—An advance of 5c has been made in both pelts and lambskins, and they are now quoted at 65c, and firm at that. Veals are unchanged, with all wanted.

Tallow—The volume of trade continues small, and there is really nothing new to report in connection with the market. Rendered is quoted at 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c per lb, and rough at 2 to 2 1/2c.

Wool—The market is firm, with all offerings wanted. No change is to be noted in prices.

Quotations are: Hides—Cured, 6c; green, steers, 60 lbs and up, No. 1, 5 1/2c; do. steers, 60 lbs and up, No. 2, 4 1/2c; do. steers, 60 lbs and up, No. 3, 3 1/2c; do. cows, No. 1, 5c; do. cows, No. 2, 4c; do. No. 3, 3c. Skins—Pelts, 6 1/2c; lambskins, 65c; veals, 8 lbs and up, green, No. 1, 7c; do., 6 lbs and up, green, No. 2, 5c; do., 8 lbs and up, cured, 8 to 9c.

Wool—Fleeces, unwashed, 10 to 12c; rejects, 15 to 16c; combing, 18 to 19c; clothing, 20 to 21c; do. pure down, 22 to 24c; pulled, super, 22 to 23c; do. extra, 26 to 28c.

Leather—Sole slaughter, medium heavy, per lb, 24 to 26c; sole, Spanish, No. 1, per lb, 24 to 26c; sole, Spanish, No. 2, per lb, 22 to 24c; sole, Spanish, No. 3, per lb, 20 to 21c; calfskin, Canadian, light, 65 to 70c; calfskin, Canadian, medium, 70 to 75c; calfskin, Canadian, heavy, 65 to 70c; calfskin, French, \$1 05 to \$1.30; upper, light, medium, 33 to 35c; splits, 20 to 27c; buff, 14 to 16c; pebble, 14 to 15c; harness leather, prim, 15 to 18 lbs, 25 to 27c; harness leather, light, 24 to 25c; oak harness, American, 45 to 50c; oak harness, English backs, 65 to 70c; oak bridle and skirting, English, 75 to 80c; Cordovan vamps, No. 1, \$5.50 to \$6; Cordovan vamps, No. 2, \$5 to \$5.50; Cordovan goloshes, \$11 to \$12; Cordovan sides, No. 1, 16c; Cordovan sides, No. 2, 13c; Cordovan sides, No. 3, 11 to 12c; oak cut soles, \$4 50 to \$5; hemlock taps, \$3 to \$3 75; cod oil per gal, 45 to 50c; Degras, per lb, 4 1/2 to 5c; japonica, per lb, 6 to 6 1/2c; oak extract, 4c; hemlock extract, 3c; lampblack, 20 to 30c; sumac, per ton, \$65 to \$70; roundings, white oak, 20 to 25c; roundings, black, 18 to 20c; roundings, hemlock, 15c.

Toronto Hardware Prices.

Antimony—Cookson's, per pound, 15 to 15 1/2 other makes, per lb, 14 to 14 1/2c.

Tin—Lamb and flag, 56 and 28-lb. ingots per pound, 23 to 24c; Straight's, 100-lb. ingots, 23 to 23 1/2c; strip, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4c.

Copper—Ingot, 1 1/2 to 1 5/8; sheet, 18 to 20c.

Lead—Bar, 4 1/2 to 5c; pig, 3 1/2 to 4c; sheet, per roll, \$4.75 to \$5.25; shot, Can. dis. 7 1/2 per cent.

Zinc—Sheet, 6 1/2 to 7c; zinc spelter, 5 1/2c domestic; imported 6c; solder, hf and hf, 18 to 19c.

Brass—Sheet, 21 to 20c.

Iron—Bar, ordinary \$2.05; bar refined, \$2.50; Swedes, 1 in. or over, \$4.00 to 4.50; Lowmoor, 5 1/2 to 6c; hoops, coopers', \$2.65 to \$2.80; do. band, \$2.50 to \$2.60; tank plate, \$2 to \$2.25; boiler rivets, best, \$4.50 to \$5 sheet, 11 to 20 gauge, \$2.75 to \$3; 22 to 24 do, \$2.75 to \$3; 26 do, \$3 to \$3.25; 28 do, \$3.50 to \$3.75; Russia, sheet, per pound, 10 to 12c.

Galvanized iron—16 to 24 gauge, 4 1/2 to 5 1/2c; 26 do, 5 to 5 1/2c; 28 do, 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c.

Iron wire—Market bright and annealed. Nos. 1 to 16, not list from stock, 12 1/2 per cent. discount from Montreal, from Hamilton or Toronto add 10c per 100 lbs; market tinned, per lb, 4 1/2 to 8c; galvanized, fence, same discount as bright and annealed; barbed wire, 4 1/2 to 5c; coiled chain, 1/2 in., 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c; 7/8 in., 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c; iron pipe, oil list, 60 to 62 1/2 per cent discount; boiler tubes, 2 in., 13c; do., 3 in., 18 1/2c.

Steel—Cast, 13 to 14c; boiler plate, 1/2 in., \$2.75; 5/8 in., \$2.60; 3/4 in., \$2.50; sleigh shoes, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Nails—3 in. and upwards, \$2 30 from stock; brads, mouldings, wire, 70c and 5 p.c. to 70c and 10 p.c. dis.

Horse nails—Can. dis. 60 to 60 and 10 p.c. Horse shoes—Per keg, \$3 50.

Canada, plates—Blaine, \$2 85 to \$2.95. Others, \$2.90 to \$3.

Tin plates—IC coke, \$4 to \$4.25; IC charcoal, \$4.50 to \$4.75; IX charcoal, \$5.50 to \$5.75; IXN charcoal, \$6.5 to \$6.75 DC charcoal, \$4 50.

Gunpowder—Can blasting, per keg, \$3.25 to \$3.50; can sporting, FF, \$5; can sporting, FFF, \$5.25; can rifle, \$7.25.

Rope—Manilla, 12 1/2 to 12 1/2c basis; sisal, \$4 to \$4c basis; New Zealand, \$4 to 8 1/2c per lb.

Axes—Per box, \$7 to \$12.

Twine—Binder, blue ribbon, 14c; red cap, 12c; crown, 11c; composite, 9c.

Glass—Fourth quality star, 1st break, \$1.40 to \$1.50; 2nd do, \$1.50 to \$1.60; 3rd do, \$3 40 to \$3.50; 4th do, \$3.70 to \$3.80; 5th do, \$4 to \$4.10.

The Toronto Mill Stock and Metal Company quote dealers paying prices as follows: No. 1 heavy scrap, 65 to 67 1/2c per 100 lbs; stove cast scrap, 42 to 45c; No. 1 wrought iron, 62 1/2c to 67 1/2c; No. 2, including sheet iron, hoop iron and mixed steel, 20 to 30c; new scrap copper, 9 1/2c to 10 1/2c; heavy scrap copper, 10 1/2c to 10 3/4c; old copper bottoms, 8 1/2 to 9c; light scrap brass, 6c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 8c; heavy red scrap brass, 8 1/2 to 9c; scrap lead, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4c; scrap zinc, 2 to 2 1/2c; scrap rubber, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4c; country mixed rags, 85 to \$1 per 100 lbs, clean dry bones, 60c per 100 lbs—Empir.

Freight Rates.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin of Sep. 18 says:—Large quantities of grain are heading from the Western States to Montreal, and rates have advanced considerably, 5 1/2c per bushel having been paid yesterday from Chicago to Kingston, and 6 1/2c from Duluth to Kingston, making the through rate to Montreal 8c to 8 1/2c. Ocean grain freights are firm at 3s 6d to Liverpool. One of our Forwarding Companies report having 500,000 bushels of rye alone on the way.

Ocean rates are stronger this week, says the Minneapolis Mill, of Sept. 18, probably caused by large grain bookings. The lowest rates obtainable, Wednesday, were: To London, 43.25c; to Liverpool, 41 1/2c; to Glasgow, 42.97c; This is per 100 lbs through from Minneapolis.

Chicago Trade Bulletin says.—“Demand for all kinds of freights quite active. Cars are wanted for shipments to the interior and rates on way freight are well maintained. On consignments made to the seaboard, rates are steady and unchanged, based on 25c flour and grain and 30c provisions to New York. Lake and rail freights were in active request and rates ruled comparatively steady at 9 1/2c wheat and 8 1/2c

corn to Boston, 8 1/2c wheat, 8c corn and 6c oats to New York, 8 1/2c wheat and 8c corn to Philadelphia, 8c wheat and 7 1/2c corn to Baltimore, and 11c corn and 7 1/2c oats to interior New England points. Lake and canal freights were only moderately active and rates ruled higher at 8 3/4c wheat and 7 1/2c corn to New York. Through freights to Liverpool were in rather good request and rates comparatively steady at 33 1/2@36 1/2c flour, 28@30c grain, and 44@52 1/2c provisions according to route. Lake freights were unusually active, and charters were made for quite large quantities of grain. Rates were stronger at 3 1/2@3 3/4c wheat, 3 1/2c corn and 2 1/2c oats to Buffalo and 2c corn and 1 1/2c oats to Georgian Bay ports.”

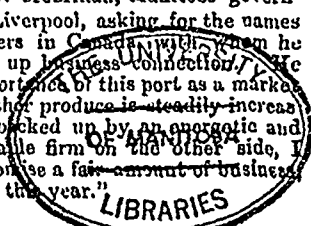
Acres and Production of Wheat.

On the basis of data of the United States Department of Agriculture with reference to area of wheat, and condition of the crop as reported by percentages, the Chicago Daily Trade Bulletin reaches the following conclusions as to acres in wheat this season, and production, by States, compared with last year's crop:

Table with 4 columns: State, Acres, Bushels 1891, Bushels 1890. Rows include Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, N. Carolina, S. Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Arkansas, West Virginia, California, Oregon.

Summary table for Total winter and Total spring grain production in bushels for Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Dakotas, Colorado, Washington, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont.

Ed. F. Busch, of Hamburg, Germany, has written to A. J. McMillan, Manitoba government agent at Liverpool, asking for the names of grain shippers in Canada, with whom he wishes to work up business connections. He says: "The importance of this port as a market for grain and other produce is steadily increasing and if well backed up by an energetic and thoroughly reliable firm on the other side, I think I may promise a fair amount of business more especially this year."



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MANITOBA CHEESE.

To the Editor of the Commercial.

Sir:—In this morning's *Free Press* there is an extract from the *Manitou Mercury* in which it is stated that Mr. McEwan, assistant dairy commissioner, is making samples of cheese at Manitou which are to be forwarded through Ottawa to England, in the hope of creating an export trade of cheese from Manitoba to Great Britain. There will not be anyone more pleased to have the standard of our cheese raised than those merchants who include that article in their business, but do you not think it would be better to improve the value of cheese in such markets as we have, than to hunt for now and more distant ones on the barest chances of a better price? Manitoba cheese is now consumed from Rat Portage to Victoria, the British Columbia cities being the only ones that receive car lots of it, but we make so little at present that car after car comes through from Montreal dealers and passes by us on its way to the coast. As a rule the merchants out there offer us half a cent less for our cheese than they pay for the best eastern, claiming that our quality is inferior. From opinions given on the best Manitoban, by eastern and old country merchants, there is little doubt but that our customers on the other side of the mountains are perfectly just and right when they tell us we are not manufacturing an article equal to the eastern standard.

If Mr. McEwan can make it clear to his department at Ottawa that it is simply the fault of the makers here and that the best of our cheese should command the same price in its market as that from Ontario it would perhaps be better to spend trouble in convincing our present customers of the fact, than in looking for new ones who are thousands of miles farther off. We are already governed by Liverpool prices indirectly through Montreal and it is surely absurd to seek a market in England while Montreal is shipping to Victoria. We hope Mr. McEwan's cheese may turn out a success and that it may be sent to England and help to satisfy any doubting emigrants that Manitoba can produce other good things besides grain, but we also hope that the commercial results will be to procure us higher prices from nearer and more natural markets. When we have a surplus it will be time to export, but at present we are not making either the quantity or the quality for the people who want to buy from us.

If the extract referred to had been the only mention of an English market for our cheese it might have passed unnoticed but we have read and heard of this before and trust you will do us the favor of inserting this letter to the end that attention may be called to the necessity of satisfying our proper markets first.

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Winnipeg, Sep. 22nd, 1891.

Montreal Grocery Trade.

Sugar, syrup and molasses.—There is no change to note in the sugar market, with the exception, perhaps, of a little more firmness in low grade yellows, none being obtainable now under 3½c. The demand for all grades is brisk. We quote granulated at 4½c. and yellow at 3½c. to 4½c. The demand for syrups continues very

limited at 2½c. to 3½c., but molasses is moving freely in 25 and 50 puncheon lots at 38c. to 38½c.

Coffee.—The demand for coffee is maintained and prices are firm at 20c to 20½c for Rios, and 19½ to 20½c for Jamaicas.

Dried fruit.—The active feeling noted last week is wanting in a certain sense at present, for buyers seem to have supplied themselves for the time being and are now awaiting further developments. There has been some business doing, however, notably in Valencia raisins, and jobbing lots ex-store have been moving at 7 to 7½c, while smaller quantities rule at 7½ to 8c. The first lot of fresh supplies is due to arrive about the 20th, and business in this way is done at 6½ to 6½c for round lots from importers. Currants are a scarce article and we hear of little or no business in them. To arrive shortly business has been done at 6 to 6½c, but nothing has transpired for later delivery.

Rice.—The demand for rice is only fair at unchanged prices. We quote: Patna, \$4.50 to \$5 Japan, \$4.25 to \$4.50; standard, \$3.90, and off grades, \$3.50 in car lots.

Canned goods.—The market is well stocked with salmon and one dealer has sent out circulars offering a leading brand at \$1.15 on the coast. The pack of tomatoes is expected to be very large. No business is being done in fruits owing to the very heavy crop and the consequent large amount being laid down by house wives. Jobbers' prices are: Lobsters per case, \$7.50 to \$7.57; mackerel, do., \$4.25 to \$4.50; sardines, do., \$3.50 to \$3.50; salmon, per doz., \$1.40 to \$1.50; clams, 1 lb. tins, per doz., \$2; oysters, do., \$1.65; New Brunswick sardines, per 100, \$4.75 to \$5; tomatoes, Quebec, 1 07½ to 1 12½; peaches per doz., \$2.00 to \$2.25; Bartlett pears, 2 lb tin, per doz., \$1.75 to \$2.00; strawberries, do., \$2.25 to \$2.50; pineapples, do., \$2.39 to \$2.40; plums do., \$1.25 to \$1.75; corn, Erie & Aylmer, per doz., \$1.10 to \$1.20; corn, Hoeggs, \$1.20 to \$1.25; string beans, 2 lb. tins, per doz., 90c to \$1; lima beans, do., \$1.75 to \$1.85; marrowfat peas, do., \$1.10 to \$1.25; succotash, do., \$1.80 to \$2; pumpkins, 3 do., \$1.20; jams, 1 lb. pots per doz., \$2 to \$2.25; marmalade, per dozen, \$2.15; Boston baked beans, per dozen, \$2.15 to 2.20; pigs' feet, per doz., \$2.75; roast chicken 1 lb. tins, \$2.30 to \$2.40; roast turkey, 1 lb. tins, \$2.30 to \$2.40; canned beef in 1 lb. tins, per doz., \$1.65; do., in 2 lb tins, per doz., \$2.70 to \$2.80; do., in 4 lb. tins per doz., \$5.25 to \$5.35; do., in 6 lb. tins per doz., \$8.75 to \$9; do., in 14 lb. tins, per doz., \$19.35 to \$19.50; lunch tongue, in 1 lb. do., \$3.20 to \$3.25; do., in 2 lb tins per doz., \$5.50 to \$5.75; ox tongues in 1 lb tins per doz., \$5.50 to \$5.75; do., in 2 lb tins per doz., \$7 to \$7.25; do., in 2½ lb tins per doz., \$8.40 to \$8.50; fine English brawn, 1 lb., do., \$2.25; chipped dried beef, do., \$2.50.—*Gazette.*

Toronto Grain and Produce Markets.

Wheat.—Easy and quiet. Millers are making enquiries, but only for small lots. New white wheat outside sold at 92c and red winter at 93c. Standard sales of No. 2 hard were made at \$1.07 and \$1.08 east. No. 3 hard was offered at \$1.01 east on call and No. 2 northern east on the G. T. R. at \$1.02.

Oats.—Steady at the recent declines and fairly active. One car for May delivery, f. o. c., sold at 29c. Sales were made at 27c. west, on the G. T. R.

west at 29c. on the C. P. R. west at 30c, and a purchase on the C. P. R. west was reported made at 28½c. On call white oats were offered west on the C. P. R. at 30c, with 28½c. bid. Offers of mixed on track were made at 31c. and white at the same price, with 29c bid for both.

Grain and flour.—Car lot prices are: Flour Manitoba patents, \$5.80 to \$5.85; Manitoba strong bakers, \$5.50 to \$5.60; Ontario patents, \$4.75 to \$5.25; straight roller, \$4.50 to \$4.60; extra, \$4.20 to \$4.30; low grades, \$2 to \$3.75. Bran—\$11 to \$12. Shorts—\$17 to \$18. Wheat—No. 2 white, 96 to 99c. No. 2 spring, 94 to 95c; No. 2 red winter, 97 to 98c; No. 2 hard, \$1.10; No. 3 hard, 98 to \$1; No. 2 northern, \$1. Peas—No. 2, 64 to 69c. Barley—Feeding, 40 to 45c. Corn—70c. Oats—30 to 32c.

Eggs.—Waver between 13 and 13½c. with the tendency of the former being the price at which they will settle. The market is uncommonly dull for the season.

Potatoes.—The outlet of the wholesale market is still clogged by liberal street receipts, so that buyers find it difficult to dispose of car lots, which are dull at 35c.

Produce.—Quotations are: Deans, \$1.70 to \$1.80; potatoes, per bag, 35 to 50c; onions, \$2 to \$2.25; hops, 18 to 20c; dried apples, 6½ to 7c; evaporated do, 8 to 9½c.

Provisions.—Quotations are: Mess pork, United States, \$15 to \$15.50; short cut, \$17 to \$17.25; bacon, long clear, per lb, 8½c; lard, Canada, tubs and pails, 10½ to 10¾c; compound do, 8½ to 9c; smoked meats—hams, per lb, 12½ to 13c; bellies, per lb, 11c; rolls, per lb, 9c; backs, per lb, 11c; dressed hogs, 6½ to 6¾c.

Butter.—The butter market shows no more symptoms than at any other time since mid-summer of fluctuation. Supplies have not fallen off, yet the demand for good is apparently sharpened by the day's trade, and quality appears hard to furnish. Quotations are: Butter, good to choice western, 14 to 16c; dairy, medium, 11½ to 13c; common, 9 to 11c; creamery, tubs, 19c; rolls, 22c.

Cheese does not decline from its strong position at 10c; though no notably large demand is reported.

Fruit.—Prices are: Peaches, per basket, 60c to \$1.10; watermelons, each, 15 to 20c; apples, per bbl, \$1.25 to \$2; blueberries, 60c to \$1.50 per case; plums, 25 to 50c per basket; pears, common, 30 to 60c per basket; Bartlett, per bbl, \$3.50 to \$4; crab apples, 15 to 25c per basket; cantaloupes, \$1 to \$1.25 per bbl; grapes, champions, 1½ to 2c per lb; Moore's early, 3 to 4c; Niagaras, 4 to 5c; Rogers, 5 to 6c; Concord, 2 to 3c.

At the cheese market at Brockville, Ont., September 18, prices advanced very considerably over last week. Offerings were 3,441 white, 1,571 colored, a total of 5,012. Sales were:—White cheese, 660 at 10½c; 1,015 at 10 3/16c. Colored cheese, 220 at 10½c; 345 at 10 3/16c; 600 at 10½c. Most of the offerings sold were latter part of August, and in some cases, first few days of September; 10½c was offered for September generally, but the salesmen hung off as a rule for a higher price. The pastures are keeping fresh and the make is consequently large.

Tenders for a supply of flour and bacon will be received by the Indian department up to noon on Wednesday, the 7th October, for delivery on or before the 7th November next.

Eastern Business Changes. ONTARIO.

A. Q. Bobier, produce, Exeter, has assigned.
Galdio & Co., teas, etc., Lindsay, have closed up.
Geo. Taggart, harness, Elmville, has sold out.
T. W. Moffat, groceries, etc., Orilla, has sold out.
L. W. Dean, grocer, Hamilton, has sold out.
W. L. Graham, mens' furnishings, London, is dead.
Berry & Days, drugs, Lucknow, have dissolved.
M. T. Dunlavy, grocer, Arnprior has assigned.
Benj. Savage, jeweller, Guelph, has assigned.
Jno. Kerr, confectionery, London, has assigned.
Robt. Douglass, tanner, Teeswater, has assigned.
David Bell, plumber, Toronto, has assigned.
Benj. Caswell, furniture, Toronto, has assigned.
Wm. Davidson, merchant, Toronto has assigned.
John McRobb, tailor, Toronto, has assigned.
Robt. Pedlow, hardware, etc., Jarvis, has assigned.
M. Symes, butcher, Woodstock, has assigned.
Gayfer & Thompson, drugs, Ridgetown, have sold out.
E. H. McCallum, drugs, New Hamburg, has closed up.
Geo. Gray, cheese, Delhi, was burned out; insured.
Brown & Baker, dry goods, Brantford have assigned.
McGreary & Co., planing mill, Toronto, have assigned.
Haack & Co., tiles, Dayton, were burned out; insured.
W. F. S. Woodhouse, confectionery, Toronto has assigned.
Mrs. A. Ligault, grocer and liquors, Ottawa, has assigned.
J. McMillan & Co., dry goods, etc., Petrolia have sold out.
Watson Bros., grocers and liquors, Guelph, have sold out.
Lahey Bros. & Co., general store, Brampton, have assigned.
A. M. Rice, Toronto Cane & Boat Co., Toronto, has assigned.
G. W. Tesple, organ manufacturer, Owen Sound, has assigned.
J. E. McGarvin & Co., manufacturer trunks, Berlin, have assigned.
Davidson & Ellis, undertakers and furniture, Paisley, have assigned.
W. G. Emery, general store, etc., Port Burwell, is compromising.
Sutherland & Tidy staves, etc., Oil City, have sold out to Innes & Co.
J. S. Porter, furniture, etc., Seaforth, partially burned; insured.
Alphonso Dupuis, grocer, Comber, has sold out to O. Aubin & Co.
S. McLeod & Co., general store, Victoria Harbor, have sold out.

Hollister Jewell Lumber Co., Garden River, was burned out; insured.

A. C. Motiver, gents' furnishings, Toronto, Stock sold at 50c on the dollar.

C. W. Smith, cooper and furniture, Strathroy, has sold out furniture business.

Smith Bros., sawmill and handles, Stewart, have sold out the hauldlo business.

J. R. Armstrong, foundry, Toronto—Trustees appointed to wind up business.

Black & Whitwam, hardware, Hamilton, have dissolved. Whitwam & Swanson continue.

Bradley Bros., hardware, etc., S. Woodside, have dissolved. Business continued by Brailley & Co.

QUEBEC.

E. J. Trottier, merchant, Normandiu, has assigned.

E. J. Bourque, dry goods, St. John, has assigned.

Ludger Seguin, tobacco, Montreal, has assigned.

Joseph Masse, machinist, Granby, has assigned.

Croteau & Frere, grocers, Quebec, have assigned.

A. Charinard, leather, Montreal, has assigned.

E. Meredith, general store, Quyon, has assigned.

J. A. Dabuc & Co., grocer, Sherbrooke, have assigned.

Rivard & Saucier, grocers, Montreal, have assigned.

David Landrian, general store, Plaisance, has assigned.

Xenophon Renanud, furniture, Montreal, has assigned.

L. Blanchet, tailor, Montreal, is offering compromise.

R. Laurence, gents' furnishings, Montreal, has assigned.

Brown & Seelo, gents' furnishings, Montreal have assigned.

Jno. McIntosh & Co., iron works, Montreal, have assigned.

J. Mongin & Co., coal and wood, Montreal, have assigned.

Sessenwein Bros., commission, Montreal, have dissolved.

J. E. Bourque, dry goods St. John's, demand of assignment.

J. A. Cloran & Co., grocers, Montreal, demand of assignment.

Montreal Waterproof Clothing Co., Montreal, have dissolved.

J. H. Boy & Co., grocers and butchers, Montreal, have dissolved.

A. Iolphe Methot, general store, St. Roch des Aulnaux, has assigned.

W. J. Woodburn, general store, Richmond, is offering compromise.

G. F. Burnett & Co., wholesale clothiers, Montreal, have dissolved.

John Windsor & Co., canned goods, Montreal, J. Buttiner has withdrawn from this firm.

P. E. Lamalice, wholesale dry goods, Montreal, A. C. Lamalice, has ceased doing business under this style.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

D. J. Hatfield, clothing, St. John, has assigned.

Ryan & Cook, drugs, Moncton, have dissolved.

J. F. Commeau, general store, Petit Rocher, has assigned.

Baker & Sherwood, general store, Centerville, have assigned.

James Flanagan, dry goods, Monoton, estate re-conveyed to him in trust.

Johnson & Co., farm machinery, Woodstock, co-partnership registered—Wm. & G. Balmain.

NOVA SCOTIA.

D. F. Power, groceries, etc., Halifax, has assigned.

Daniel Bird, general store and hotel, Halifax, has sold out.

British Columbia.

John Kurtz, cigar manufacturer, Victoria, is dead.

Page & Nædham, grocers, Vancouver, have sold out to I. D. McNider.

A. M. Tyson, clothing, etc., Vancouver, stock sold on the 11th instant to John Tyson, sr.

D. B. Stevens has purchased the baking business of J. S. Smith and also that of M. Gaglietto & Co., of Kamloops.

A. A. Green, of Garsche, Green & Co., bankers, Victoria, died of cancer last week after a long and painful illness.

The last issue of the *Northwestern Review*, published at Seattle, is devoted entirely to an illustrated write-up of Victoria.

The first issue of the *Hot Springs News* has appeared. It is a small, but neat weekly published at Ainsworth, a new town in the Kootenay region.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale prices as follows:— Japan rice, per ton, \$90; China rice, \$79; rice flour, \$70; chit rice, \$25; rice meal, \$17.50.

Last year the assessment of Victoria amounted to \$9,538,000. This year it amounts to \$17,500,000. This is accounted for partly by the extension of the city limits.

One of the boilers of the Chemaiaus saw mill burst on Wednesday, owing to over pressure. There was considerable damage done by the explosion, but fortunately no lives were lost.

The Nanaimo *Free Press* says: The first nitro-glycerine ever manufactured in British Columbia was made at the Hamilton Powder Works at Northfield on Wednesday morning. The works are now ready for the manufacture of all grades of high explosives.

The Vernon *News* says: J. B. Rutherford, a miller and merchant of Stonewall, Man., and who has been visiting every town on the Pacific coast as far south as Portland seeking a promising point in which to locate a flour mill, has been in town this week. He states that his choice lies between Vernon and New Westminster.

Two by-laws were before the people at Vancouver recently, one to raise \$440,000 for the purchase of the works and property of the Vancouver Water Works company and the other to raise \$150,000 for the extension and improvement of the works. The by-laws were carried by a large majority in each instance.

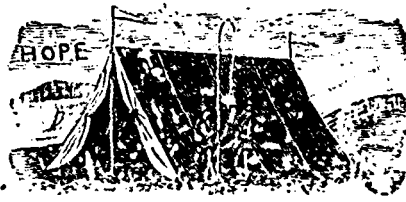
There are six sealing schooners of the Victoria fleet still out, the Juanita, Beatrice, Otto, Kate and Ocean Belle. The Juanita and Otto went out very late, so that they may have escaped the revenue cutters and warships. The others, it is expected, have been over to the

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Russian coast, but are daily expected home as two of them were seen by the Batavia on Wednesday and Thursday.

The Nanaimo *Free Press* says: At a meeting of the council of the Nanaimo board of trade held on Tuesday evening a committee was appointed to examine into all matters in connection with the establishment of a first class hotel, by a joint stock company or otherwise, and report at the next meeting. The committee propose to energetically attend to this matter, for increased and improved hotel accommodation is one of the main needs of the city of Nanaimo.

The Victoria *Times* says: "The extraordinarily heavy rains during the past ten days have seriously impeded harvesting in Victoria district, and no doubt the damage to the unsaved crop will be considerable. Probably only one-third of the grain has been housed, while half of the remainder was in the sheaf in the fields when the first heavy rain fell. Such heavy rains during September have hitherto been unknown."

The Empress of China, third of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s new steamships, arrived in Vancouver on Sept. 23, having made the run from Yokohama in twelve days. This ship is built upon the same model as her two sister ships, Empress of India and Empress of Japan, and is of the same size. She left Liverpool where she was built, on 15th July, with passengers who were to make a voyage around the world, and some for intervening points, but owing to the season of the year, the

list was light. Instead of waiting ten days in Hong Kong, most of the passengers went on to Japan by the Pacific mail, and waited for the Empress of China to pick them up. The line is now complete and the new route is exciting general interest throughout the east, as it is the general belief that the tide of travel must flow across the Pacific and through Canada to England.

Cattle Regulations.

Copies of the regulations respecting the shipping of live stock from Canada, which have been prepared by the Government and which will become law in a few days, have been received. They are almost identical with the recommendations submitted by cattle shippers a few weeks ago. The only changes of consequence are that in the fittings "tenons" are to be used instead of "cross cuts" in securing the stanchions. Provision is made for placing the attendants on the ship's articles, and authority is given the inspector to allow cattle to be loaded before the ship's lading is completed in special cases. The only other change is that animals must weigh less than 1,000 lbs. to be termed stockers.

Shipping Manitoba Cauliflower.

J. Y. Griffin & Co., Winnipeg, have shipped a car lot of cauliflower to Montreal, where they will be used in a large pickle factory of Michel Le ebvre & Co. This firm sampled a few Winnipeg cauliflower a year ago, and they were so

pleased with the quality, that they decided to procure a large supply this year. Unfortunately the present season has been very unfavorable. Usually a large quantity of cauliflower are grown in the market gardens surrounding Winnipeg, and they are probably of the finest quality grown on this continent. This year grubs cut down many of the plants, and the season seemed unfavorable in other respects, as the cauliflower were not nearly as large and solid as the Winnipeg gardens usually produce. Next year further shipments will be made, and a good market for our surplus cauliflower has no doubt been secured. J. Y. Griffin & Co. will have credit for inaugurating the shipping trade in this article.

The publication of the *FARMER'S ADVOCATE* and all business pertaining to it has been taken over by the joint stock company recently incorporated, and known as *THE WILLIAM WELD COMPANY (LIMITED)*. This, however, is not a new arrangement, but has been under consideration for the last three years, and was fully determined on in December 1890, but on account of the death of Mr. William Weld the arrangements were not put in force until the month of August. The major part of the stock of the Company is controlled by Trustees for the estate of the late Mr. Weld. The personnel of the management is not changed.

The farmers of the district have purchased the new grain elevator at Crystal City, Man.

Montreal Hardware Market.

Pig iron.—Buyers are taking matters very quietly and there is little change to note in this or in other lines of an allied nature. Higher freights, however, are likely to result in somewhat firmer values on pig as on other heavy material and rates are quoted 1s. to 2s. higher by the steamship companies. This has not resulted in any actual change in spot quotations, but it is certain that business could not be done now in low grade pig on the level of a week ago. For instance, \$18 would very likely have been accepted then from Cambro, but \$18.50 is an inside to-day and \$19 is the asking price. Higher grades such as Summerlee, etc., are unchanged. Cable advices do not reflect anything particular but makers there are evidently of the opinion that iron is low enough. Warrants have been somewhat firmer this week at 47s. 8d., as compared with 47s. 3d. a week ago.

Bar iron.—The demand for bar iron remains small and unimportant, so that there are no new features to note. About \$3 is the nominal basis, but if business could be induced a reduction would no doubt be made.

Tin plates.—The demand noted for tinplate last week has subsided to a certain degree and business is quiet. Cokes move steadily at \$3.65 and charcoal at \$4.25. Foreign advices show no change and with the higher freights now ruling it is very unlikely that we will see any much lower prices this fall, if we do at all.

Terne plates.—There is an ordinary sort of business doing in terne plates at steady prices. Lower grades rule at \$7.75 and superior grades \$8.25.

Canada plates.—The easiness that we have noted recently has passed away under a gradually diminishing stock and now we have holders in a somewhat firmer temper. Ordinary jobbing might still be done at \$2.75, but if it came to the question of a round order it might scare holders into asking higher prices. This scarcity, however, is only temporary.

Copper, lead, etc.—Copper rules unchanged with a quiet trade doing at steady prices, \$5.50 to \$6. In tin there is nothing particular to note, values remaining at 22 to 23c. Lead is unchanged at \$3.50 to \$3.75.

Russian iron and zinc.—Both these articles have assumed a firmer tendency since our last. Zinc sheets, which could be had a short time ago at \$6.25, cannot be moved now in an ordinary way under \$6.50. Russian sheets also are firmer, and now 10½c to 11c. is the idea, which is a ½c. higher than the ideas previously ruling.

Scrap iron.—The probability of a firmer market on the spot has already been pointed out, and this is the case at present. For wrought scrap we allow our quotation of \$17 to stand, but it is known there are holders who think it worth more and are acting accordingly, while the supply of it or cast stock is not large.

Nails.—Makers of nails and pipe generally have been busy with the different exhibitions recently, and there is nothing particular to say. Nails rule on the old nominal basis, \$2.15 to \$2.20.

Oils.—The oil market does not assume any activity and business is moving only in a small way. Cod oil remains firm. Linseed is unchanged, while seal has been somewhat more active, but no change is noted. Cod, Newfund-

land, 40 to 45c; seal, steam refined, 47½ to 50c; linseed, raw, 62 to 64c; linseed, boiled, 64 to 66c; castor oil, 9½c to 10c; cod liver oil, Norway, 95 to \$1.15.

Leads.—This market remains as before, with only a quiet business doing. We quote choice 6 to 6½c; No. 1, \$5.50; No. 2, \$5; No. 3, \$4.50; dry white, 6c; red do, 4½c.

Glass.—A small jobbing movement is all there is to be noted in this article on an unchanged basis, \$1.40 to \$1.50.—*Gazette*, September 18.

Remittances by Cheque.

The objectionable practice on the part of country dealers of remitting the amount of their bills to wholesale houses in this city by cheques without paying the bank's charges for collection, has more than once been adverted to in the columns of the *Trade Bulletin*, and the occasion of our reference thereto again, is the annoyance and loss which our merchants are continually being put to through country merchants neglecting to pay the full amount of their indebtedness, for that is what their remitting by cheque amounts to when they leave parties to whom cheques are made payable to defray collection charges. This has become so frequent that our wholesale firms experience considerable loss thereby during the year. For instance, a firm receiving 20 cheques on an average per day, which we are informed is no uncommon occurrence, would lose at least \$1,500 per year. Other houses receive even more than this number, and in such cases the loss is heavier. It seems strange that country merchants who never dream of allowing collection charges when they remit by cheque. A partner in a large wholesale concern in this city stated a few days ago that he was determined he would no longer submit to the payments of collection charges on remittances by cheque which the senders themselves incurred, and he accordingly debitted them with the amounts paid for collection. One of these traders, however, appears to have been highly indignant at the adoption of this course, as he replied stating that he never yet was asked to pay for his bank's collection fees on his cheques and that if the firm here insisted upon his paying them, he should withdraw his custom and transfer it to another house, which he was sure would not exact such paltry charges. It is these paltry charges, however, that make a formidable aggregate at the end of the year, in these times of curtailed profits. Why our merchants should be called upon to pay collections on cheques, any more than the charges on post-office orders or express packages, it is difficult to imagine. If country merchants would take a fair, reasonable, and common sense view of the matter, they would never again ask our merchants to pay an indebtedness which is of their own incurring and for their own convenience. It would cost very little trouble to ascertain what the charges for collection on their cheques are from their respective banks, and then they could always add to the amount of their indebtedness, the cost thereof.—*Montreal Trade Bulletin*.

A cable received recently from Liverpool reported an advance of 5s per ton in bicarb soda and 7s 6d per ton in soda crystals.

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