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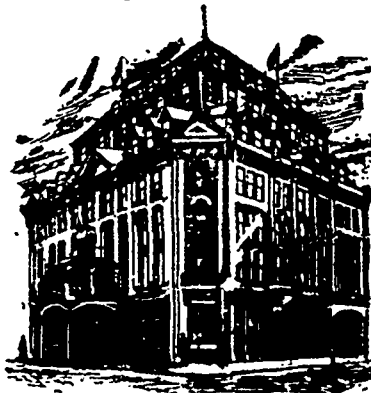
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Now that comparisons are being made with periods a year ago, when the wheat movement in this country, having filled up abnormally depleted reserves, began to swell visible supplies, present and future comparisons as to mercases, and therefore as to stocks held, seem likely to prove less bearish than they hitherto have. This tendency, it need hardly be pointed out is not an unwelcome influence from a bull standpoint, because the heavy increases in stocks shown earlier in the fall in this country and Canada have constituted a very bearish element in the market, all the more notable because the situation of the world's crops and supplies do not tend to favor a marked growth of bearishness. Of course the market has been sensitive to the increase in supplies close at home, and has naturally reflected the immense disparity still shown between present stocks and those held one and two years ago in this country. The total stocks of wheat in the United States and Canada, east and west of the Rockies, make the following comparisons with similar accumulations held on December 1 in previous years:

	Totals.
December 1, 1899	95,365,000
December 1, 1898	52,210,000
December 1, 1897	56,803,000
December 1, 1896	82,981,000
December 1, 1895	95,904,000
December 1, 1894	127,698,000
December 1, 1893	107,226,000
December 1, 1892	105,086,000
December 1, 1891	72,948,000
December 1, 1890	57,205,000
December 1, 1889	62,575,000
December 1, 1888	57,871,000
The total stock, it will be seen, aggregated	95,865,000 bushels, an

amount 48,155,000 bushels larger than that held one year ago and 38,565,000 bushels heavier than that held on December 1, 1897. It is to be pointed out, however, that the stock increased only 7,085,000 bushels during the month of November, whereas in November a year ago the increase was fully 12,659,000 bushels. The increase shown in October in this country and Canada was over 19,000,000 bushels and that in September over 14,500,000 bushels. When the wider domain of world's stocks is considered it is found that similar conditions rule, the influence of American supplies, of course, being paramount. The gain in world's supplies during the month was 8,341,000 bushels, only about one-third of the increase shown last year and only one-half of the increase shown in 1897.

European stocks, gained little during the four weeks, the increase being less than 3,000,000 bushels, while Australian and Argentine stocks have fallen off sharply, though they still make bearish comparisons with the same dates one and two years ago, as indeed do most statistics of actual wheat holdings here and abroad. European stocks are, perhaps, least bearish in showing a gain of only 11,000,000 bushels over one year ago and a decrease of nearly 2,000,000 bushels from two years ago. The situation of American and European stocks is, of course, of primary interest, and the following figures illustrate the position now as compared with four preceding months for two years:

	1899.	1898.	1897.
Sept. 1.....	117,169	53,264	68,113
Oct. 1.....	135,698	69,128	95,059
Nov. 1.....	154,180	86,551	111,660
Dec. 1.....	164,165	100,810	127,503

European and American stocks combination. It will be seen, show a gain of practically 10,000,000 bushels for the month, and are 54,000,000 bushels larger than they were one year ago and 37,000,000 bushels heavier than in 1897, but are 8,000,000 bushels smaller than in 1896 and 21,000,000 bushels smaller than in 1895. The same stocks, however, which increased only 10,000,000 bushels in November this year, increased 23,000,000 bushels a year ago, and 16,000,000 bushels in 1897. It will be gathered from the above that wheat stock statistics are beginning to show more nearly normal comparisons with corresponding periods of recent years, and hence are likely to exercise a less pronounced bearish pressure for this reason.—Bradstreet's.

An Iowa judge recently related an amusing incident that had occurred in his court when a colored man was brought up for some petty offence. The charge was read, and as the statement, "The State of Iowa against John Jones," was read in a loud voice, the colored man's eyes bulged nearly out of their sockets, and he seemed overcome with terror and astonishment. When he was asked if had anything to say, or pleaded guilty or not guilty, he gasped out: "Well, yo' honah, ef de whole State o' Iowa is again this one pore nigger, Iso gvino to give up right now."—Argonaut.

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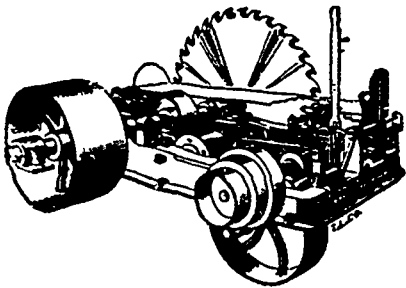
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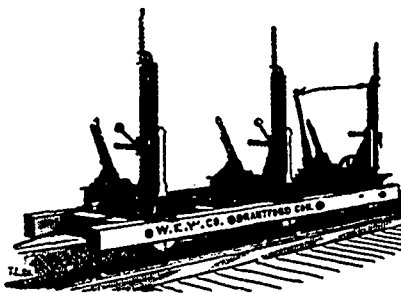
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THE CLOSING YEAR.

This is the last issue of The Commercial for 1899. We take the opportunity of wishing our readers each and all a happy and prosperous new year. The closing year has brought fulfilment of more than an average number of the good wishes which were so freely uttered at its inception and has been undoubtedly a prosperous one with the people of Western Canada. Its 12 brief months, which have slipped all too swiftly away, have brought in their train large additions to the population of these broad western lands and have witnessed many changes for the better in the condition of the people. New railroads have been built, new towns hurried into existence, new lands brought under cultivation and many new enterprises set afloat in the business and commercial world. The mining regions of Northwestern Ontario, British Columbia and the far-off Yukon gold fields have all had a share in the general development, and have added largely—particularly the latter region—to the wealth of their inhabitants. The opening of telegraph communication with Dawson City, Yukon, has been one of the notable events of the year. While all are proud of this development which has been so conspicuously shown by all parts of the west this year both in the more showy field of mining and the humbler pursuits of cattle-raising and agriculture we are more than ever impressed with the belief that this country has really only entered upon its era of development. The fact that so many of the large wholesale concerns of eastern Canada have extended their trading operations to all parts of the west and in some cases established large ware houses in Winnipeg for the better handling of their goods is a good in-

dication of the impression which western possibilities are making upon eastern business men. This year has been remarkable for the number of these who have travelled west, spying out the land and their testimonies as given in eastern press reports have been uniformly favorable and sometimes of an extremely rosy character. Railway extension on a large scale has been one of the many satisfactory features of this year's expansion. A great deal of new and valuable land has thus been brought within easy distance of markets. Altogether Western Canada is to be congratulated upon the growth made this year. We trust that the very promising outlook for 1900—the last year of this century—will be fulfilled, and that readers of The Commercial may receive if possible just a little more than a fair share of its good things.

THE MONTREAL ELEVATOR AGREEMENT.

The agreement which has just been arrived at between the Montreal harbor commissioners and the Connor's syndicate of Buffalo, New York, whereby the latter secure exceedingly important elevator privileges at Montreal is not meeting with by any means universal favor and many prominent Montreal business men and some of the public journals are not altogether pleased at the turn of events which has given the company its desired privileges. The contention has been set up and very well maintained that the powers granted are too important to give to any one company, and especially to this particular company. As a result of this opposition it was thought up to last week that the agreement would not be consummated. However, it has now gone through. It only remains for Canada to see that the spirit of the agreement is in every way adhered to and that the great interests which the new company lives to serve are properly protected and fostered. If this is done another long step has been taken in the direction of placing inland Canada in a position to compete with any other part of this continent in the exporting of food and other products.

The C. P. R. Souris Branch.

A special correspondent of The Commercial who has been visiting Southwestern Manitoba for the purpose of noting the growth and progress of that part of the great west, makes the following observations on the towns of the Souris branch:

The Souris branch of the C. P. R. stretches from Brandon on the main line to Estevan, a distance of 164 miles, where it connects with the Pasqua branch, which is part of the C. P. R. short line from the south. At Souris connection is made with the Southwestern branch and at Napinka with the Pembina branch. From Souris to Melita the country is well settled, but west of that there are sections

almost entirely uninhabited. Immigration, however, has been coming into this locality quite freely of late and the present prospects are that this part of the country will develop rapidly during the next few years.

At Estevan large deposits of coal have been found. These have been worked by different companies for a number of years, but until recently the grade obtained was not very good. A good quality has lately been discovered, however, a few miles from Estevan and two companies are now working these claims and are shipping large quantities of coal daily.

The first two towns we reach after leaving Brandon are Kemnay and Souris, mention of which will be made again.

Hartney has been visited once or twice by very bad fires, but those have



NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING AT ONBOW.

indirectly benefited the place, as good brick buildings have taken the place of the frame structures and to-day Hartney has, for its size, probably as good buildings as any town in Manitoba. A couple of businesses changed hands since our last visit. Buettnier Bros. have sold out their stock of hardware to G. S. Pettapiece, J. R. Anderson has purchased Hopkins & Pack's general store and the Union bank have opened a branch taking over the private banking business of E. K. Strathly & Co. W. Hopkins is building a brick block which is to be occupied by G. S. Pettapiece. The grist mill at this point has been overhauled and new machinery put in, the capacity being increased to 200 lbs. per day.

At Lauder there is but one store, that of H. C. Hamelin.

At Napinka the Pembina branch connects with this branch. The two general stores at this point have changed hands since our last visit, Halonquist & Co., having sold out to Graham & Co., and J. L. Nowberry to W. H. Belton. There are two hardware stores here, three hotels, a large lumber yard owned by I. E. Gaudin, G. Davis' drug store, W. G. Lock's bakery and implement and machine shops.

Melita has three hardware stores, two lumber yards, three general stores, two local newspapers, a branch of the Union bank and a number of other business places such as boot and shoe store, men's furnishing, etc., also a large flour mill owned by R. Bullock & Son. This is as far as the C. P. R. at present run a daily passenger train and the fact that they run to Melita shows that it is an important business point as Napinka being a divisional point and the end of the Pembina branch would seem to be the natural stopping point.

Elva has prospects of becoming a very good business point as it is surrounded by a good wheat growing country.

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There are now two general stores, one hardware and one grocery store here.

At Plerson there are three general stores, one hardware and furniture store, lumber yard, etc. This is a very good grain market, some 200,000 bushels of wheat having already been marketed and it is estimated that there are 150,000 bushels still to come in.

Gainsboro is the first point on this line in Assinibola. R. B. Elliott and B. Burk have general stores here and Wm. Shearer owns a lumber yard. Two new businesses have been started recently, a general store by Barnes & Syor and a hardware by F. G. Elliott.

Carivale has two general stores owned by E. J. Coado and R. J. Gilliland, also two implement warehouses.

Carduff is the most important point among those so far mentioned west of Melita. During the last season A. H. Foulds, hardware merchant, built a new stone block, part of which he expects to occupy shortly, J. B. Wilson, watchmaker, has also built a new stand. The new grist mill erected by C. C. Smith is now running and is sure to prove of great advantage, both to Carduff and the surrounding country. G. H. Rodgers & Co., of Winnipeg, opened a branch here a short time ago, carrying a general stock. In addition to the above business places there are J. H. Elliott's and J. B. Friston's general stores and S. Balleline's harness shop.

At Glen Ewen there is one general store, owned by T. R. Preston.

Oxbow has a population of 250 and is the most important town west of Melita. It has three general stores, two hardware, two butcher shops, two lumber yards, a jeweller, harness shop, etc. M. Gray jeweller, started here last summer, coming from Wawanesa, Man. A large stone school house is just being completed, which is valued at \$6,000. It is of two stories and a basement, and will be divided into four class rooms. It is heated by two furnaces, the heating and ventilation system being approved by the educational department.

Alameda has been experiencing a rush of business lately, as it is the market town for a large wheat district, including part of the Moose Mountain district, and a great number of teams are engaged hauling the grain to the elevator. Alameda has three general stores owned by J. W. Willcox, Gibson Bros., and Hopper Bros., a hardware owned by J. J. Heaslip, a lumber yard of G. H. Knowling's, a butcher shop, implement warehouses, etc. Gibson Bros., started business quite recently.

At Estevan this line connects with the Soo line from the south, being the C. P. R. short route to the coast. The removal of the coal mines to Roche Perce and of the C. P. R. divisional point from Estevan has of course given it somewhat of a set back, but the merchants have managed to hold most of the trade of the mines and they report a very satisfactory season's business. M. H. King and P. C. Duncan have general store here, J. R. Stockwell handles hardware and crockery, and J. McLeod runs a butcher shop.

This completes a rough survey of the towns and villages which constitute the business communities and social centres of this promising section of the west. With regard to their general condition and prospects it may be said that they are sharing fully in the wave of prosperity which is sweeping over the country at present and have each experienced increases in population and wealth this year, which

reflects a similar and even more promising condition of things regarding the surrounding country. While perhaps not exp.encing as great a rush as some of the northwestern parts of Manitoba they are nevertheless receiving a satisfactory number of people of the right class year by year, and have added during the past season in a most satisfactory manner to their population, wealth and production.

The Commercial is indebted to The Paulin-Chambers Co. for a number of boxes of their choicest candy with Christmas greetings.

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The committee appointed by the Winnipeg board of trade is making a close investigation into the question of gas and electric lighting in Winnipeg, as to cost and efficiency of the service, compared with other cities.

The war in South Africa will no doubt have a considerable influence upon prices of wool. Cape Colony, Natal, the Orange Free State, and the Transvaal are all largely engaged in the production of wool. The supply from these countries will be more or less cut off by the war. Prices of Cape wools have already sharply advanced.

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New Wholesale Drugs Warehouse.

A couple of weeks ago The Commercial alluded briefly to the fact that the Bole Drug Company, Winnipeg, had moved into a new warehouse built specially for them on Princess street. This week a representative of this paper was by courtesy of Mr. Bole shown through the new premises. The building is a handsome brick and stone block located on the southeast corner of Princess street and McDermott avenue, which has been built this summer for the Ames Holden Co., wholesale boots and shoes, and the Bole Drug Company jointly. The latter company occupy the southern or Princess street end of the building. They occupy 50x50 feet of the block, four storeys and basement. On entering from Princess street by the main entrance the visitor finds himself in the general business office, which is roomy and well-lighted. The woodwork finishing here is of British Columbia cedar, dried. On the left and separated from the general office by partition are private offices, including Mr. Bole's. This floor also

in quantities and drawn off as required. In addition to its ample shelf accommodation this room contains floor space for over 50 barrels on tap. Eight hands are constantly employed here putting up orders for the retail trade.

The fourth floor is used as a dry room. All drugs of a dry nature are kept here. Powders, barks, roots, herbs, chemicals and pharmaceutical preparations of all kinds have each their place. Over 100 barrels and casks containing various raw materials are constantly kept open on the floors for regular use besides a multitude of boxes and receptacles in the shelves.

This completes a rough survey of the several floors of this new warehouse. They are lighted throughout with electric light, and have a most complete system of speaking tubes with electric calls connecting all the floors with each other and with the business office, and also with Mr. Bole's private office. The building is heated by steam and has an electric freight elevator. This elevator apparatus

bers 21. Two travellers are kept constantly on the road, and every town in the west is visited six times each year. In addition to travellers' orders there is also of course, a large mail order business done.

The company have a large track warehouse on the Transfer railway track, where several carloads of reserve stocks of drugs, etc., are kept constantly on hand.

The Bole Drug Company have only been about a year and a half in business, but have already built up a large connection in the west which is constantly extending. Special attention is given to heavy goods. That it has been a successful concern is evidenced by the fact that it has had to provide itself so soon after commencing business with such commodious and convenient quarters as this new building contains.

Rainy River Trade.

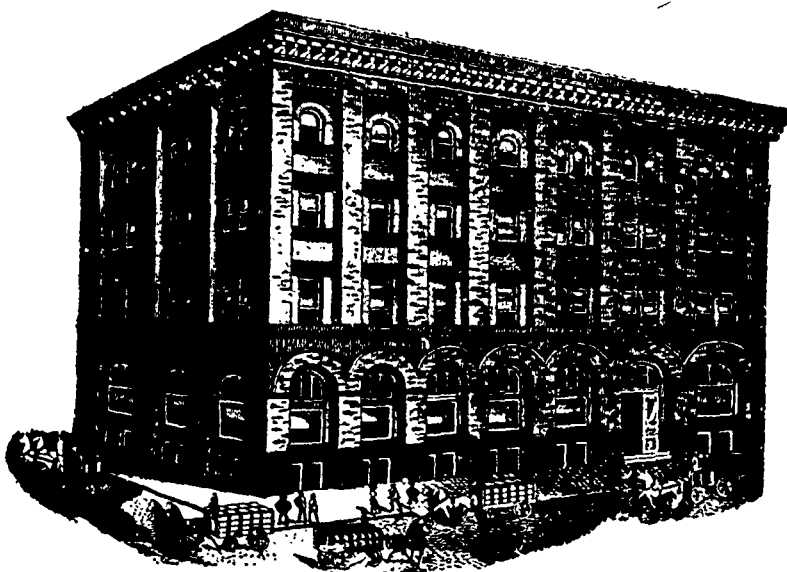
The Rainy Lake Herald says: "To those outside of the Rainy River district who are not aware of the magnitude or proportions to which trade has grown in this district within the past year a few figures taken from the Fort Frances Wharf and Harbor Company's books, showing the quantity of freight taken over the company's docks, may not be without interest. That this part of the country is worth more than a passing notice to the pushing wholesale houses all over the continent, is evidenced by the number of representatives that are daily seen soliciting orders throughout the summer season. Hardly a single boat comes up Rainy river but carries a commercial representative and from the quantity of goods landed here we can easily see that their visits have not been in vain.

"To the farmer of Manitoba and old Ontario it does not seem possible that a rich agricultural district like this would have to import products of the farm to the extent of 39,468 bushels of grain, 359 head of cattle and 140 head of sheep, besides 6,620 sacks of flour. But such is the case, and when we consider the prices paid for farm produce, it would seem that the local farmer should be stimulated to clear more land and grow larger crops, instead of barely trying to get a living.

"In merchandise there was received 2,165,680 pounds, or 1,033 tons, and of unenumerated articles 2,529,136 pounds, or 1,265 tons. This includes butter, eggs, condensed milk, lard, bacon, pork, beef, and other standard articles.

"In addition to this 162,694 feet of lumber, 45,000 shingles and seventy-five barrels of liquor were also received. This latter quantity seems to us to be rather a low estimate of the amount of liquor conveyed here, but as these are the figures given we cannot dispute it. Judging from the amount consumed, however, we would say that 750 barrels would be nearer the mark. The bulk of freight was carried by the Rainy River Navigation Company, the steamer Maple Leaf, known as the Lewis Line, with chartered boats, bringing in the balance.

"There should be a good opening here for farmers who know how to farm. Our local dealers are perfectly willing to buy hay, oats, wheat, butter, eggs, pork, beef, etc., at home if they can get it, and at the highest market price, but when they cannot do so, they must import what they want."



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contains the sample rooms which are separated from the other compartments by opaque glass partitions and also the shipping room where every facility for the rapid handling and packing of goods has been provided.

The basement floor is devoted to original or unbroken packages of goods.

The second floor is reserved for a sundry room where all kinds of drug sundries and toilet preparations are kept. From the dimensions of this building, which have already been given at 50x50 feet, it might be taken for granted that the shelving accommodation of this and other floors would be limited to the 200 feet actual wall space. As a matter of fact by an ingenious arrangement of the shelves in a projecting fashion the total length has been increased to 375 feet, which yields when the height of the ceilings is considered ample shelf space.

The third floor is technically called the wet room. Here all drugs of a liquid character are stored. It contains a number of large galvanized iron tanks in which the various oils and other fluids are kept, being pumped in

deserves special mention. It is driven by electricity and is fitted on all floors with automatic safety door devices which makes it impossible for any person to fall into the shaft or meet with any of the accidents so common to freight elevators.

The fact that the sample rooms are located on the first floor has already been mentioned. In this connection it may further be said that the display devices in use here are as complete as can be found anywhere. A new idea in the way of sample cabinets has been adopted. These while only in themselves 14 feet long by 2 feet wide, contain drawers of graduated sizes which give a total capacity equal to 210 feet of shelving or tables.

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Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	36,000
Toronto	51,000
Kingston	50,000
Demot Harbor, Ont.	517,000
Coteau, Que.	328,000
Winnipeg	375,000
Manitoba elevators	5,860,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keowatin	2,783,000

Total Dec. 10 9,500,000
Total a year ago 7,719,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's on December 16, were 87,200,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 52,956,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Dec. 1 were 10,678,000 bushels, compared with 6,296,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Dec. 23, was 58,878,000 bushels, being an increase of 1,725,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 28,783,000 bushels, two years ago 30,616,000 bushels, three years ago 51,443,000 bushels, and four years ago 69,958,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 5,473,000 bushels, compared with 6,000,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 12,361,000 bushels, compared with 38,150,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in America and Europe and afloat for Europe Dec. 1 in each year, for a series of years, were as follows—Bradstreet's report:

	Bushels.
1899	104,105,000
1898	109,810,000
1897	127,500,000
1896	172,181,000
1895	185,364,000

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1899, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	41,521,480	45,466,200
Milwaukee	5,704,192	7,621,585
Duluth	32,476,800	53,219,683
Chicago	15,946,849	21,510,590

Total 95,649,371 127,838,058

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1899, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	9,917,393	10,124,877
St. Louis	6,881,889	10,999,877
Detroit	2,833,849	3,127,066
Kansas City	10,140,940	19,029,180

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Court house and jail, Brandon—Wood, McIvride & Lana.

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Selkirk asylum—Bread, Norman & Borgfjora, flour and butter and eggs, Oliver and Byron; wood, Jas. Smith; meat, J. & E. Brown; groceries, Hudson's Bay Co.

Brandon asylum—Groceries, W. Dowling & Co.; flour and feed, A. G. MacKenzie & Co.; butter and eggs, A. White-law; wood, McIvride & Lana; meat, Frank Russell; bread, T. L. Orchard.

Comparative Prices of Staples.

	Dec. 22, 1899,	Dec. 23, 1898.
Flour ...\$3.10	to \$3.50	\$3.20 to \$3.35
Wheat ...	72 3 8	75 3-4 to 77 3-4
Corn	39	42 1 4
Oats	29	33
Cotton	79 16	5 13-16
Printcloths ...	3 1 4	2 3-8
Wool	39	29 to 30
Pork, mess \$10	to \$10.50	\$9.25 to \$9.75
Lard	5.80	5.45 to 5.47 1 2
Butter	27	21
Cheese	12 3 4	10 1-2
Sugar	5 1 8	5 1-16
Coffee	7 3-8	7 3-8
Petroleum	9.65	7.40
*Iron, Besse. pig...	25.00	10.00
*Steel billets, ton	34.50	16.00
Steel rails	35.00	17.00
Couper	16.50	12.85
Lead, lb.	4.00	3.80
Tin, lb.	24.75	13.75
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Grocery Trade Notes.

Persian dates are in very short supply in London and elsewhere. Stocks have almost reached the vanishing point.

A New York report says: New Orleans advises a firm market for new crop molasses, and prices paid showed advances of 1 to 3c per gallon; receipts were light, amounting to only 850 barrels for the day.

The Canadian export apple trade has been most disappointing this season. Poor keeping quality of the winter varieties was the cause. So far 889,920 barrels have been exported from America to Europe.

Storekeepers who have watched the market reports at all closely during the past few weeks will have been drawn to the conclusion which seems now to be generally held at all wholesale centres that Valencia raisins are valuable stock to have on hand if they have been bought at right prices. Stocks of these in first and second hands are now about exhausted. Jobbers who have been trying to make additions to their purchases have found this impossible except at prohibitive figures. In consequence most concerns are refusing to supply any orders except those from their own customers.

The Trade Journal of San Francisco estimates the total output of California prunes this year at 98,250,000 pounds, against 90,420,000 pounds in 1898 and 97,780,000 pounds in 1897. According to the same authority the crop of cured peaches was 23,800,000 pounds, compared with 10,900,000 pounds last year and 27,150,000 pounds in 1897. Three years ago 30,125,000 pounds of apricots were produced, while last year there were only 8,240,000 pounds and this season but 7,000,000 pounds. The output of pears was 5,700,000 pounds in 1899, 6,620,000 pounds in 1898 and 6,350,000 pounds in 1897.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

It is estimated that it will take at least three seasons to bring the supply of fine wool up to the current demand for manufacturing purposes.

The heavy advances which have occurred in the price of medium and fine wools this year have resulted in some advances in the prices of woollen cloth. It is, however, quite noticeable that these have not been at all proportionate in most cases to the advances in the raw material and there has been a suspicion which is growing to certainty in some quarters that manufacturers have been substituting inferior qualities of wool and even cotton in some instances in their anxiety to meet the low prices without loss to themselves.

THE LUMBER TRADE.**B. C. LUMBER TRADE.**

There has been a remarkable expansion in the trade in British Columbia lumber in Manitoba during the past year. According to the experience of one manufacturing company there has been an increase of over 100 per cent in sales, and this is probably the common experience with the year's business. It is gratifying to know that the beautiful woods of British Columbia are meeting with such favorable reception in this market, and the companies doing business here are able to secure a liberal amount of trade. It was hardly to be expected that the past year would

show such a large increase in the trade, seeing that for the greater part of the season one of the largest plants at the coast was out of business, having been destroyed by fire in October, 1898. We refer to the Hastings mill at Vancouver. This mill is now, however, in operation again having been entirely rebuilt and equipped with the most modern machinery obtainable.

Not only has the trade in British Columbia lumber with Manitoba been good this year, but the same has been the case with the domestic and foreign trade. With the single exception of South Africa where the war has cut off the demand for the time being every country which buys this lumber has increased its purchases.

The outlook for next year is at present a very promising one. Already one large order for immediate delivery has been placed with the British Columbia Mills Timber and Trading company by the Dauphin railway company for use in building stations, etc., and there is every promise of an active season's trade.

LUMBER TRADE NOTES.

A good many United States wood, working factories are closed down for the holiday season, stock-taking, etc., and there has been a noticeable falling off in the demand for shop stuffs. Railroad car shops are about the only exception to this rule. Prices on doors and windows are lower in the States owing to slackening of demand and the window glass combine's action in cutting the price of glass.

The Michigan lumbermen filed papers at Osgoode Hall on December 20 appealing the decision in the famous saw log case. The Ontario courts, it will be remembered, decided recently that the provincial government was within its power in inserting in the leases of crown timber reserves a provision requiring that the timber cut be sawn into logs in Canada. It is the intention of the Michigan men to carry the case to the privy council of Great Britain.

MINING MATTERS.**BRITISH COLUMBIA.**

A 10-stamp mill is being erected on the Minnehaha at Camp McKinney, and will be in operation about the first of the new year.

The output of the Crow's Nest coal mines increased to 16,000 tons for November. The company has opened two new mines, one at Michael and the other at Ericson.

McQuaig, Rykert & Co., of Montreal, have purchased the Yankee Girl and Yankee Boy mines on Hardy Mountain, two and a half miles from Grand Forks, for \$25,000.

A sample car load of new Crow's Nest coal has been ordered for testing at the Winnipeg waterworks. The Crow's Nest company has put in a tender for supplying the Winnipeg waterworks.

Out of the amalgamation of the Bosun and Fidelity mining properties another new company has been formed in England. The Bosun Mines, Limited, with a capital of £250,000, to work these properties.

The Nelson Tribune notes that the output of the mines of East and West Kootenay for the eleven months ending November 30th approximates in value \$5,500,000 in gold, silver, lead

and copper. The total value for the year will be in the neighborhood of \$6,000,000.

The Lost Boy and Champion mines at the head of Kaslo creek have been bonded for \$5,000.

The following new companies are incorporated: American Corporation of Rossland, capital, \$2,000,000; Pactolus Gold Mines, of Nelson, capital \$1,500,000. The Bangwaketsi Concession Company of London, England, capital \$1,000, local office, Vancouver, and the No. 7 Milling Company of New York, capital, \$1,000,000, local office have been registered.

NEW WESTERN ONTARIO.

Golden Star reports the production of bullion to the value of \$10,000 for the month of November.

It is intended to put up a sixty-stamp mill at the Sirdar, with a cyanide plant in the spring.

The winter mail road to the mines on the Lake of the Woods was opened on Tuesday, and letters were sent out for the first time for three weeks.

The Tycoon has just purchased a hoisting plant, drill and compressor with pump attachment and steam power for their property. The buildings are ready and the machinery will be put in with the least possible delay.

The Mount Royal Mining and Milling company has been organized to take over their mining locations in the neighborhood of Grassy Bay on the southwest arm of Little Whibagoon Lake. These locations are known as H W 38, H W 6, and 63. Some work has already been done in the first two locations.

The company owning the Homestake property, which is situated about eighteen miles from Rat Portage, on the Lake of the Woods, is preparing to put in a big camp, and to send in a large force of men in order to push development work. They have a very large body of low grade ore on the 100 acres, of which their property consists.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The steamer Danube, from Skagway to Victoria, brought news last week of the discovery of a vast body of free milling ore, within ten miles of Dawson City. The Yukon Sun says it is one thousand feet in depth, one mile wide and of unknown though great length, assaying as high as \$860 a ton. Over twenty claims were recorded in that locality up to Nov. 2. The exact location of this ore body is given as the left bank of the Yukon, seven miles above Dawson. It is neither a deposit of gravel, nor a quartz ledge. The Yukon Sun says editorially: "We have investigated this find and find the facts are as stated. If no error has been made in the assay it is one of the greatest finds ever made in quartz."

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THE IMPLEMENT TRADE.

FARM MACHINERY STILL CHEAP.

A contributor to the Chicago Farm Implement News says: "Last summer the writer gave a neighboring farmer some instruction and assistance in the setting up of a new harvester and binder. As well as he could the farmer had assorted and distributed the parts, having placed the plain form in the centre and arranged around it the ground wheels, the divider, the main frame, the elevator frame, the reel, the binder, the bundle carrier, the canvas carriers and cover, the truck wheels and axle and a promiscuous pile consisting of braces, seat, tool box, twine box, drive chains, etc.; etc.; all well finished, apparently, and painted and varnished.

"As the farmer looked over the various heaps, each representing so much material and work, he remarked: 'I had no idea there was such a lot of stuff in a harvester and binder, and I don't see how it can be made so as to be sold out here for \$115 (the cash price) and give much profit to the company and agent. In 1882,' he continued, 'I bought a harvester and binder up in Minnesota and paid \$300 for it. It didn't have a bundle carrier, nor truck wheels, nor any cover, nor such handy levers and adjustments. Besides, all the framework, the sickle beam, the drive wheel and grain wheel, and some of the braces, were made of wood. Now, these parts are made of iron and steel—mostly steel, they say. It looks as if this machine must have cost twice as much to build as that old one, and yet it is sold for a good deal less than half what I paid for that.'"

IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

Sioux City, North Dakota, implement men are forming an association which will include all departments of the trade.

It is expected that the Philippine ports which have been closed by the United States government during the continuance of the war with the natives will be opened for business again in January.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

- Wheat—No. 1 hard wheat quoted at 63 1/2 to 69c December delivery.
- Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$1.35; best bakers', \$1.75.
- Millstuffs—Bran, \$10 per ton; shorts, \$12 delivered to city dealers.
- Oats—Carlota on track, 24 to 26c.
- Flaxseed—Per bushel at country points, 66c.

- Barley—Farmers' loads, 24 to 25c per bushel for feed grades, Malling barley in car lots on track, 30c per bushel.
- Corn—in car lots, 42c per bushel of 56 lbs.
- Butter—Dairy, jobbers paying 13 1/2 to 15c; fresh creamery, 22 to 23c to buyers.
- Cheese—9 1-2 to 10c per pound at factories.
- Eggs—Dealers asking 18 to 20c per dozen for Ontario or Manitoba held fresh eggs.
- Hides—No. 1 green hides, 61-2c; frozen stock, 6c per lb.
- Wool—8 to 8 1-2c for unwashed fleeces.
- Seneca—21c per lb.
- Hay—Baled, \$3 to \$3.50 per ton on cars. Loose hay worth \$6 to \$7.50 per ton.
- Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel on the street.
- Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 12c per lb.; chickens, 8 to 9c; ducks, 8 to 10c; geese, 10c.
- Game—Rabbits, 81-2c each.
- Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef, city dressed, 5 to 6c; country frozen beef, 4 to 4 1/2c; mutton 7 to 8c; hogs, 5 to 6c for dressed; veal, 5 1/2 to 7c.
- Live Stock—Cattle, 3c for butchers' stock; hogs, 4 3/4c per lb.; sheep, 3 1-2c off cars.

tracked somewhat but is still over \$5,000,000 greater than in 1898. Public deposits are still increasing, the total amount of money thus held by the banks being \$29,900,000 greater than a year ago. Current loans increased \$3,000,000 over the previous month and are now \$34,300,000 greater than in 1898. Overdue debts have made a substantial decrease.

INSURANCE MATTERS.

DELUSIONS.

At first "whatever is, is right," sounds very well as a proverb. It suits the philosophy of the fatalist and helps to shut off discussions, but it is a poor staff upon which to lean in the affairs of every day life. To apply it literally would exclude all ambition or effort for the betterment of one's condition.

Moreover, Alexander Pope, to the contrary, it is not true. To say nothing about the morality of it, it is not true with reference to the social, financial and domestic affairs of life.

We all know it to be a fact, for instance, that multitudes of our friends and neighbors are living up to their incomes, leaving for safety no margin beyond that required for the necessities and comforts of life, and making no provision for the future. Is this right? Even bees and the squirrels have more wisdom in this respect. To leave one's family or even one's own fortune to the uncertain chances of the future, when there is an opportunity to provide against the exigencies of that future, is arrant folly. It is a sign of weakness rather than of faith, and is justified by no law either of reason or revelation.

Now that the day has passed away forever when the value, advisability, or necessity of life insurance is questioned, it is considered a blot upon the memory of any man who had the opportunity of protecting his family through the beneficent provisions of life insurance and failed to do so.

Another well-sounding but delusive saying may be coupled with the foregoing: "All things come to him who waits." Taken literally this would make Mr. Micawber, of Dickens' fanciful creation, the wisest and most practical of fictitious philosophers.

To some of those who wait death will come and find their families unprotected; to others disease will come and leave them uninsured. Even those who do not wait too long, but realize the folly of their attitude before it is too late, will be obliged to pay higher premiums for every year they wait.—M. L. Weekly Statement.

FINANCIAL.

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Returns from the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending December 28th, show as follows:

Week ending Dec. 28, 1899	.....	\$2,363,829
Corresponding week, 1898	.....	2,814,738
Corresponding week, 1897	.....	1,816,264

The monthly totals for this year and last are as follows:

	1899.	1898.
January	\$7,683,052	\$6,347,108
February	6,209,471	5,517,000
March	6,756,094	5,968,000
April	6,916,431	6,240,000
May	7,472,855	8,683,364
June	8,211,716	7,396,799
July	8,169,595	6,316,238
August	7,995,291	6,180,385
September	8,281,159	6,414,551
October	12,689,000	9,347,592
November	14,435,219	11,553,669
December		10,708,731
Totals	.....	\$90,672,798

FINANCIAL NOTES.

The disturbance in Wall street stocks of two weeks ago naturally affected Canadian markets adversely and there was quite a flurry at Montreal. Montreal Street Railway fell 25 points and all the other favorites lost to a considerable extent. Some of these losses have already been recovered.

The Canadian bank statement for November has just been published. During the month note circulation con-

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Manitoba.

Parkin & Moore, general merchants, Hartney, have assigned to Frank W. Smith.

McLeod & Rothwell, of Portage la Prairie, have made an assignment to D. Osmond of that place.

The officer commanding the cavalry corps at Winnipeg is enquiring for horses for service in South Africa.

D. J. Benham is severing his connection with the Virden Advance. The paper will be continued by Garrison & Kennedy.

The Manitoba Poultry Association met in Winnipeg on Tuesday evening. The date of the next show was fixed for February 12 to 16.

W. J. Stephens, freight inspector of the C. P. R., has been inspecting the Winnipeg sheds and looking into the character of the business done here.

A. Brown & Co., of Toronto, are negotiating for the purchase of the farmers' mill and elevator at Portage la Prairie. The price named is \$12,000.

Assinibola.

Parr & Campbell have opened a butcher shop at Boharm.

H. Beech is starting a confectionery store, barber shop and pool-room at Wapella.

J. Spurr has sold out his interest in a fruit and confectionery business at Moosomin to Vance.

Bertram Rothenburg has bought out the bakery, confectionery and tobacco business of C. F. Soper at Yorkton.

A dispatch from Medicine Hat of Dec. 25, says: The ice in the Saskatchewan river broke up this morning and moved down stream, leaving the river clear.

Alberta.

The Calgary Tribune and Albertan newspapers have been amalgamated.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending Dec. 23, there were 739 cars of grain inspected, grading as follows:

Wheat—1 hard, 393; 2 hard, 120; 1 northern, 15; 2 northern, 0; 3 hard, 79; 1 frosted, 17, 2 frosted, 5; 1 rejected, 20; 2 rejected, 23; no grade, 23; 3 northern, 4; 1 spring, 1; feed, 2; condemned, 4.

Oats—2 white, 10; 2 mixed, 16; feed, 1. No. 2, 1; No. 3, 3 cars.

Barley—No. 3, 2; feed, 2 cars.

Flax seed—No. 2, 1 car.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 1,924,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Dec. 23. Receipts for the week were 523,000 bushels, and shipments were 642,000 bushels. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points were estimated approximately at 8,500,000 bushels, compared with about 7,500,000 bushels a year ago.

Grain and Milling Notes.

It is thought likely that an official weighmaster will be appointed at Fort William as a result of the investigation by the grain commission.

The directors of the Great Northern Railway Company have awarded a contract for the construction at Quebec of a million bushel elevator at a cost of \$250,000.

THE COMMERCIAL MEN.

Jas. Mundie, the subject of our illustration this week, will at once be recognized by a large number of friends throughout the West. Mr. Mundie has had a long experience in the clothing trade, and there are indeed few men who can give him pointers in this branch. His first connection with this branch of trade was in 1872, when he took a position with the late firm of Jas. O'Brien & Co., clothing manufacturers, Montreal, remaining with



JAS. MUNDIE.

this well known house for twelve years. This period was mostly spent in the warehouse, though occasional trips were made on the road. During his last five years with the house, Mr. Mundie had full charge of the warehouse. After this he put in two years on the road with boot and shoe samples for Cochrane, Cassils & Co., of Montreal, his field of operation being in Ontario. The year 1886 found Mr. Mundie back in the clothing trade again, when he gave up the boot and shoe line to accept a position with the Winnipeg house of Carscaden & Peck, since changed to John W. Peck & Co. With the Winnipeg firm he remained for ten years, as manager of the clothing department, making occasional special trips on the road during this period. For the past three years Mr. Mundie has been travelling in the west for the W. E. Sandford Manufacturing Co., his special field being the Canadian Pacific railway main line west of Winnipeg and western branch lines in the territories.

With the end of the year 1899, Mr. Mundie's connection with the last named house comes to an end, and he will at once resume duties with John W. Peck & Co., with whom he spent so many years in Winnipeg. This time he takes the important position of manager of the firm's clothing factory at Montreal, the immense increase in the firm's western business rendering necessary a man of his general and special western experience. While his many friends here will regret his departure from our city, they will at the same time be pleased to learn that he has secured such a good position, and we may add, a position which he is admirably qualified to fill, to the satisfaction alike of his employers and the many customers of the house. Naturally of a careful and studious disposition, Mr. Mundie has not put in twenty-five years at the clothing trade without

mastering the details of the business. This twenty-five years has been divided about equally between the factory and the western trade. He is therefore competent to obtain the best results in the management of the factory. He has personally visited all parts of the West between Winnipeg and the Pacific coast, and knows the requirements of the trade in every section of this western country, a knowledge which will be of great value to him in his management of the factory at Montreal.

Mr. Mundie is a Scot by birth, a native of Aberdeenshire. His first location in Canada was with the Montreal house of James O'Brien & Co., and his return to Montreal now will be like going back to an old home.

U. C. T. OF A.

Winnipeg Council No. 154, United Commercial Travellers of America, held their regular meeting Saturday night, the 23rd inst., Senior Councillor Wm. Hargreaves presiding. A very interesting meeting took place, the following candidates receiving the initiation rites: Mayor-Elect Horace Wilson, western manager Clare Bros. & Co., Preston, Ontario; Jno. McIkea, of D. McCall Co., Ltd., Winnipeg; M. Healy, manager Singer Manufacturing Co., Winnipeg. After a neat speech by Mayor-Elect H. Wilson, the council adjourned to meet Saturday night, January 13.

AMONG THE TRAVELLERS.

Fred Chilcott has returned to the city for the holidays.

G. H. Middleton has returned from a business trip to the east.

A. C. Beach, western representative of the John L. Cassidy Co., arrived from the east this week on his regular western trip.

At the annual meeting of the Commercial Travellers' Association at Toronto, on Dec. 28, a resolution was passed to vote \$1,000 for the dependents of Canadian soldiers in Africa, provided the rules permitted.

Friends of Jack Dunbar, western representative of Slater Bros. Shoe Company, will be sorry to learn that a recent illness has developed into an attack of typhoid fever. He is now in the general hospital Winnipeg.

Tenders.

Tenders will be called for in a few days for beginning work on the St. Andrew's rapids, Red river, north of Winnipeg.

Tenders for the purchase of the elevator recently owned by H. S. Patterson, at Macdonald Station, on the Manitoba and Northwestern railway, are being asked for. Bids must be in before the 15th of January, 1900. The elevator has a capacity of 30,000 bushels. Address, John A. Teifer, Macdonald, Man.

So far the cattle have wintered well on western Canadian ranges. Various reports say that they are in splendid condition. The absence of snow and mild temperature is very favorable to them.

G. F. Stephens & Co., Winnipeg, have presented their friends with a unique advertising card and calendar for 1900. The card encloses an oleograph picture illustrating James Whitcomb Riley's lines "When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock."

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Seedless Fruit Production.

Promologists have been engaged steadily in trying to eliminate from our common fruits the seeds and pits that detract from their usefulness, and from the vines and trees, the thorns and briars that interfere with their best cultivation. The progress of this work is necessarily slow, but it is possible to anticipate the time not far distant when seedless fruit will be the rule instead of the exception. In the same way it is hoped that other little inconveniences may be removed, such as the hard shells of nuts, the thick skin or rind, and even the pulpy mass of core that occupies nearly half the space inside some varieties of oranges and apples. The improvement of the size, quality and flavor of fruits is not more important or essential than this elimination of outgrown and useless organs of the products of tree and vine.

Under modern methods of cultivation the seeds of our best varieties of fruits can easily be dispensed with, as they are of little practical value. Seedling stocks raised from the wild or common varieties answer the purpose as well as the rare or choice trees, and their usual combination of hardness and virility influences the budded scions for good. Nature had already anticipated horticulturists in dispensing with the seeds and depending upon other methods of propagation. The banana, for instance, is a seedless fruit which nature has apparently changed through some peculiar process. Rudimentary seeds are to be found in the fruit to-day. By sitting the banana down lengthwise rows of the rudimentary seeds will be exposed to view. Undoubtedly, at one time in primitive wild state the banana propagated itself by means of seeds, but the use of suckers for this purpose gradually made the seeds of less and less value. Following out the law of nature, the seeds, becoming useless organs, degenerated. Occasionally a banana is found that does propagate itself by means of its seeds, or at least perfect seeds are produced in the fruit, which can germinate. If for any reason the suckers of this plant should fail to do the work entrusted to them, it is not unlikely that nature would re-instate the seed organs, and develop them gradually to their early responsible position.

The pineapple and cauliflower are two other common illustrations of how nature occasionally dispenses with seeds. The pineapple is almost seedless, and, like the banana, its propagation is entirely by suckers. The seeds are in a low, rudimentary condition but at one time they must have had their function to perform in life, and they are capable, under stress of circumstances of renewing their vitality. The type would not be exterminated if the suckers should fail to perpetuate the plants. All the resources of the plants would go to the assistance of the seeds to develop and vitalize them once more. This has been found possible by experiment. By selecting the pineapples with the most promising seeds, and propagating them by the usual process, the seed organs have gradually been developed until they are able to reproduce their kind.

The eggplant is more interesting than either the banana or pineapple. Here we have a fruit which is only occasionally seedless. That the seeds are really immaterial to the welfare of the plant is evidenced by the fact that perfect fruits are often developed whether the blossoms are fertilized

or not. In the hands of the horticulturists it would be an easy matter to produce eggplants that would have only the slightest trace of rudimentary seed organs, or vice versa, it would be possible to develop a class of fruits that would be supplied with an abundance of large, full-grown seeds.

Nature's hints thus supplied in a few isolated cases have been the opportunities of man to raise a class of seedless fruits. Sometimes it is merely a freak of nature that happens only once or twice in a generation, and if the opportunity is missed the loss is great. To this origin we owe our fine California navel orange, which is generally a seedless fruit, although occasionally a few small seeds are to be found in it. The navel orange was an effort of nature to produce twins, but one of the twins aborted, merely surviving as a protuberance in the blossom end of the orange, a little kernel enveloped in the skin which closely resembles the human navel in appearance. In the efforts to produce a monstrosity the seeds were apparently neglected. By taking the scions of this fruit tree and grafting them on seedling stock we have practically established a seedless orange. It is furthermore remarkable because of its excellent quality and size. Usually the freaks of nature produce fruits that are not very good. Thus quite a number of apple trees have been produced the fruit of which is nearly or quite seedless. Their origin has been largely the same as that of the navel orange. They are generally abnormalities, and they are often called "bloomless," because the blossoms have no petals and sometimes lack stamens. Their appearance and quality are not such as to recommend them to the general consumer. The core is small and insignificant, but the shape is peculiar and the flavor poor.

But seedless apples and pears of good quality may yet be propagated, and gardeners are working toward this end. Recent new varieties show great improvements over those first produced, and in the course of time careful culture and selection may bring about the desired results. How much the culture, selection and environment have to do with the proper development of the fruits is apparent in the case of seedless currants of Corinth, or the Sultan grapes of southeastern Europe. These were supposed to have been as full of seeds as any other fruits far back in history, but successive years of culture and selection eliminated the seeds and improved the quality of the fruits. How the culturists first got their hint of seedless fruits is not known; but it is reasonable to believe that they took advantage of a freak of nature which produced a vine with fruits that had very few or no seeds.

Experiments are now being made in California with the famous Muscat grape of Alexandria. This famous raisin grape would be greatly enhanced in value if the seeds could all be eliminated. Considerable progress has been made in this direction by selecting cuttings from vines which produce grapes with less than the normal number of seeds. Several smaller varieties of seedless grapes have been in existence for many years, but most of them are inferior in some way to the best raisin grapes raised for market. Seedless fruits will only be a success when, in addition to maturing without seeds, the size and quality of the fruits will be equal or superior to the best varieties in the country. That is the essential reason why the navel orange is

the greatest success of modern horticulture.

Next to eliminating the seeds and reducing the size of the stones and pits of fruits, the work of ridding our orchard trees and vines of thorns and briars is important. More has been accomplished in this direction than in the former; but our gardens are still encumbered with the thorns and briars on orange and lemon trees and pricklers on raspberry, gooseberry and blackberry vines. These briars and pricklers were originally intended to protect the fruits from wild animals, but they have outgrown their usefulness in the modern garden. Nature, however, may not think so, and she refuses to eliminate them. It becomes the duty of the horticulturist to diminish them by selecting buds from the branches with the fewest thorns or pricklers. Besides making it inconvenient for the gardeners and pickers, the thorns puncture many fruits during windstorms, and ruin them for market purposes. Some varieties of orange and lemon trees are exceedingly thorny, and others, through cultivation, have been rendered almost thornless. The high priced King orange, one of the best of the mandarins, is very thorny in its native habitat of Cochin China, but in Florida, where it has been budded for many years on other stock, it is almost thornless. Varieties of gooseberries are produced by the gardener's skill which are practically thornless. Among the apple and pear trees the thorns appear only to-day in the wild and crab apple varieties, although originally all of our trees in the garden came from thorny ancestors.

In nut culture a similar problem faces the pomologist. It is not only a question of raising larger and sweeter nuts, but of producing varieties with shells so thin that they can be easily crushed between the forefinger and thumb. The variety of paper-shell pecans that is now generally raised for market is a good illustration of the tendency in nut culture to do away with the hard, disagreeable shells. In the Wabash Valley, of Indiana, there is a variety of hickory nut commonly called the "shagbark," which has a shell of remarkable tenderness. The budding of our hickory trees with scions from the "shagbarks" may in time breed a crop of hickory nuts that will be far superior to any which we struggle with to-day to extract a few pieces of sweet-meat.

By selection and grafting the gardener can create changes in our fruits that will affect materially the future quality of them. We have already brought varieties of fruit to such perfection, that, compared with their original ancestors, they seem like totally different things. It is difficult sometimes to trace back the handsome budded hothouse fruits to the small, sour, knotted fruits that grow by the wayside, or in some long neglected orchard. But, great as this achievement is, the production of seedless fruits will, in the eyes of the pomologist, be of more enduring and lasting importance.—New York Sun.

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Apples, gallons (per doz.)	3 20	3 50
Black or Lawton berries, 25, 2 doz.	3 25	3 50
Beans, 25, 2 doz.	2 00	2 10
Corn, 25, 2 doz.	2 30	2 40
Cherries, red, pitted, 25, 2 doz.	3 00	4 00
Peas, Marrowfat, 25, 2 doz.	1 85	1 00
Peas, sifted, 25, 2 doz.	2 25	2 25
Pears, Bartlett, 25, 2 doz.	3 25	3 50
Pears, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 50	4 75
Pears, Bartlett, 35, 2 doz.	5 00	5 50
Pineapple, 25, 2 doz.	4 50	4 75
Pineapple, imported, 25, 2 doz.	5 00	6 00
Peaches, 25, 2 doz.	3 90	4 25
Peaches, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 50	5 00
Peaches, Canadian, 35, 2 doz.	6 25	6 50
Plums, 25, 2 doz.	2 75	3 00
Plums, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 50	4 50
Pumpkins, 35, 2 doz.	2 00	2 25
Raspberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Strawberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Tomatoes, 35, 2 doz.	2 25	2 30
Salmon, talls, 15, 4 doz.	5 25	6 00
Salmon, Cohoes talls, 15, 4 doz.	7 50	8 00
Per tin.		
Sardines, domestic 1/2s.	0 15	0 05
Sardines, imported, 1/2s.	0 15	0 15
Sardines, imported, 1/4s.	18	25
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless	20	33
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s.	10	12
Per doz.		
Imported Fresh Herring, 15, 1 doz.	1 50	1 50
Imp. Kipper Herring, 15, 1 doz.	1 75	1 85
Imp. Herring, Tom. Sauce 15, 1 doz.	1 50	1 90
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 15, 1 doz.	1 50	1 90
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 15, 1 doz.	1 90	2 00
Canned Meats		
Per case.		
Corn Beef, 15, 2 doz.	3 00	3 00
Corn Beef, 25, 1 doz.	2 65	2 80
Lunch Beef, 25, 1 doz.	2 90	2 90
Lunch Tongue, 15, 2 doz.	5 75	6 00
Lunch Tongue, U.S. 25, 1 doz.	6 75	6 75
Lunch Tongue, Can. 25, 1 doz.	6 00	6 00
Brawn, 25, 1 doz.	2 60	3 00
Pigs Feet, 15, 2 doz.	2 50	2 90
Roast Beef, 25, 1 doz.	2 75	3 00
Per doz.		
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 15, 2 doz.	2 60	2 60
Potted Ham, 1/2s.	65	70
Devilled Ham, 1/2s.	65	70
Potted Tongue, 1/2s.	65	70
Potted Ham, 1/4s.	30	1 40
Devilled Ham, 1/4s.	30	1 40
Potted Tongue, 1/4s.	30	1 40
Coffee		
Per pound.		
Green Rio	9 1/2	9 1/2
Inferior grades	8 1/2	9
Cereals		
Per sack		
Split Peas, sack 98	2 50	2 50
Pot Barley, sack 98	2 30	4 40
Meal Barley, sack 98	3 75	4 00
Rolled Oatmeal, sack 80	1 70	1 70
Standard Oatmeal, sack 98	2 25	2 25
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 98	2 25	2 25
Beans (per bushel)	1 50	1 00
Comm. sack 98	1 20	1 20
Comm. 1/2 sack 49 (per 1/2 sack)	0 65	0 65
Per pound		
Rice, B.	4 1/2	4 1/2
Patna	5 1/2	5 1/2
Rice, Japan	4 1/2	5 1/2
Sago	4 1/2	5 1/2
Tapioca	5 1/2	5 1/2
Cigarettes		
Per M		
Old Judge	\$7 50	\$7 50
Athlete	5 50	5 50
Sweet Caporal	5 50	5 50
Sweet Sixteen	5 50	5 50
Derby	6 30	6 30
T. & B.	8 20	8 20
Cured Fish		
Honeless Hake, per lb	05	05 1/2
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs.	6 50	6 50
Codfish, Pure per lb	7 1/2	7 1/2
Herrings, in half-barrels	4 00	4 00
Digby chicks	15	15
Dried Fruits		
Currants, new, Prov'l Bbls.	05 1/2	5 1/2
Currants, Prov'l Cases	5 1/2	5 1/2
Currants, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels	05 1/2	5 1/2
Currants, Filiatria, bbls	05 1/2	5 1/2
Currants, Filiatria, cases	05 1/2	6
Currants, cleaned, cases	07 1/2	7 1/2
Dates, Cases	07 1/2	08
Figs, Klerna, about to lb box	20	22
Figs, Glove Box, per doz	1 80	2 00
Figs, Cooking, S	06 1/2	07
Figs, boxes	07 1/2	08
Figs, Tapnets	05 1/2	05 1/2
Figs, Portuguese, boxes	06 1/2	07
Sultana Raisins	10 1/2	11
Dried Fruits (cont.)		
Raisins, Val., fine, off stalk	2 00	2 00
Raisins, Selected, off stalk	2 25	2 25
Raisins, Val. Layers, per box	2 25	2 25
Clusters, 3 Crown	2 75	2 75
Loose Muscatels, 2 crown	5 1/2	5 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 3 crown	9	9
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown	9	9
London Layers, 20 lb Boxes	1 00	2 00
Apples, Dried	07 1/2	8
Evap Apples, finest quality	09 09 1/2	09 1/2
California Evaporated Fruits		
Peaches, peeled	17	18
Peaches, unpeeled	11	12
Pears	12 1/2	13
Appricots	17 1/2	18
Pitted Plums	11	11 1/2
Nectarines	12	12 1/2
Prunes, 100 to 120	5 1/2	5 1/2
Prunes, 90 to 100	5 1/2	5 1/2
Prunes, 80 to 90	6 1/2	6 1/2
Prunes, 70 to 80	7 1/2	7 1/2
Prunes, 60 to 70	8 1/2	8 1/2
Prunes, 40 to 50	10	11
Matches		
Per case		
Telegraph	\$4 15	\$4 15
Telephone	4 00	4 00
Tiger	3 90	3 90
Parlor Matches, Eagle	1 75	1 75
Nuts		
Per pound		
Brazils	11	12 1/2
Taragona Almonds	14	15
Peanuts, roasted	11	11 1/2
Peanuts, green	9	10
Grenoble Walnuts	14 1/2	15
French Walnuts	13	14
Sicily Filberts	15	16
Shelled Almonds	30	35
Syrup		
Extra Bright, per lb	30	3 1/2
Medium, per lb	2 1/2	30
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	7 50	7 00
Molasses, per gal. (New Or.)	34	35
" Porto Rico	34	35
" Barbadoes	48	50
Sugar		
Extra Standard Gran.	5 00	5 00
German Granulated	5 00	5 00
Extra Ground	7c	7c
Powdered	6 1/2	6 1/2
Lumps	5 1/2	6c
Bright Yellow Sugar	4 1/2	4 1/2
American	4 1/2	4 1/2
Maple Sugar	13 1/2	15c
Salt		
Per pound		
Rock Salt	1 1/2	1 1/2
Per barrel		
Common, fine	2 00	2 00
Common, coarse	2 00	2 00
Dairy, 100-3	3 25	3 50
Dairy, 60-5	3 15	3 30
Per Sack		
Dairy, white duck sack	00	43
Common, fine jute sack	00	43
Spices		
Per doz.		
Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins	75	90
Per pound		
Allspice, whole	18	20
Allspice, pure ground	18	22
Allspice, compound	15	18
Cassia, whole	18	20
Cassia, pure ground	20	25
Cassia, compound	13	18
Cloves, whole	17	20
Cloves, pure ground	25	30
Cloves, compound	18	20
Pepper, black, whole	14	15
Pepper, black, pure ground	16	18
Pepper, black, compound	10	13
Pepper, white, whole	23	25
Pepper, white, pure ground	28	30
Pepper, white, compound	18	20
Pepper, Cayenne	25	30
Ginger, whole, Jamaica	25	30
Ginger, whole, Cochin.	20	25
Ginger, pure ground	23	25
Ginger, compound	15	25
Nutmegs, (per pound)	55	50
Mace (per pound)	1 00	1 25
Teas		
Per pound		
China Blacks—		
Choice	35	40
Medium	25	35
Common	13	20
Indian and Ceylon—		
Choice	32	40
Medium	25	32
Common	16	22
Young Hysons—		
Choice	35	45
Medium	28	35
Common	22	30
Japan—		
Finest May Picking	35	40
Choice	30	35
Fine	25	30
Good Medium	20	25
Common	15	20

Dried Fruits

Tobacco		Per pound
T. & B., 35, 45, and 95 Cads.	00	70
Lily, 88, cads.	00	61
Crescent, 88, cads.	00	68
T. & B. Black Cheving, 88 or 105	00	61 1/2
T. & B. Mahogany Cheving, 88 or 16	00	61 1/2
T. & B., 1-12 pkg, cut	00	85
T. & B., 1-5 pkg, cut	00	85
T. & B. in pouches, 1-4	00	85
T. & B. in 1-5 tins	00	86
T. & B. in 1/2 tins	00	86
T. & B. in 1/4 tins	00	81
Orinoco, 1-12 pkg	00	83
Orinoco, 1-5 tins	00	90
Orinoco, 1/2 tins	00	86
Tuckett's Cherub Cigarette	11	13
Brier, 88, cads	00	61
Derby, 35 and 45, cads.	00	65
Derby, 88, cads	00	65
T. & W. Cheving, Cads.	00	65
T. & W. Cheving, Butts	00	65
Tonka, 1/2 tins	00	60
Tonka, 1-12 pkg	00	53
Canadian Leaf, 50 lb bales, very bright	21	21
Lower grades	12 1/2	15
Dominion Tobacco Co.'s List.		
BRIGHT CHEWING PLUG.		
Pomery, 1/2 s.	72	72
Smiax, 1/2 lb. Bars	55	55
Holly, 1 s.	55	55
Holly, 3 s.	58	58
BLACK CHEWING PLUG.		
Black Bass, Navy, 1/2 lb. Bars	40	40
Black Bass, Navy, 4 s	42	42
Black Bass, Navy, 8 s	43	43
Black Bass, Navy, 12 s	42	42
BRIGHT SMOKING PLUG.		
Virgin Gold, 4 s.	72	72
Marigold, 8 s.	55	55
Manarich, 3 1/2 s.	59	59
Clover, Double Thick, 8 s.	54	54
Empire Tobacco Co.'s List		
SMOKING.		
Empire, 35 @ 4 1/2	37	37
Golden Plug, 35	60	60
Royal Oak, 88	55	55
Something Good, 75	55	55
CHEWING.		
Currency, Bars, 10 1/2 s.	40	40
Free Trade, 88	46	46
Snowshoe, Bars, 125	46	46
Wooden Ware		
Per doz.		
Pails, 2 hoop clear	1 90	1 95
Pails, wire hoop	2 15	2 25
Pails, Star fibre	3 50	3 50
Tubs, No. 0 common	11 50	12 00
Tubs, No. 1 common	10 00	10 50
Tubs, No. 2 common	8 00	8 50
Tubs, No. 3 common	6 75	7 25
Per nest.		
Tubs, nests (3)	1 90	2 00
Tubs, wire hoop (3)	2 25	2 40
Per doz.		
Tubs, fibre, No. 0	16 50	16 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 1	14 50	14 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 2	12 50	12 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 3	10 50	10 50
Per nest		
Tubs, fibre, (3)	3 20	3 20
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2)	57	57
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3)	99	99
Washboards, Globe, per doz.	2 00	2 00
Perfection, per doz.	2 20	2 25
CURED MEATS, ETC.		
Lard, pure leaf, kettle rend.	\$1 65	1 75
Lard, pure leaf, steam rend.	1 60	1 60
Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb. tins, per case of 60 lbs.	5 50	5 50
Lard, pure, Tierces, per lb	07 1/2	07 1/2
Lard, 50 lb tins	03	03
Lard, Compound, 20 lb pails	\$1 35	1 40
Lard, Compound, 3 and 5 lb. tins, case 60 lbs.	4 50	4 50
Smoked Meats		
per lb.		
Hams A	12	12
Breakfast bacon, bellies	11 1/2	11 1/2
Breakfast bacon, backs	10	10
Spiced tolls	9 1/2	9 1/2
Shoulders	8 1/2	8 1/2
Pic-nic Hams	9	9
Dry Salt Meats		
per lb.		
Long clear bacon	8 1/2	8 1/2
Shoulders	8	8
Short Clear	8	8
Backs	9	9
Barrel Pork		
Per barrel		
Heavy mess	16 00	17 00
Short cut	16 50	17 50
Meat Sundries		
Fresh pork sausage, lb	5	5
Bologna sausage, lb	5	5
Pickled pigs feet, kits	1 00	1 00
Sausage casings, lb	30	30

Tobacco

Drugs		Per parcel
Following are prices for parcel lot with usual reductions for unbroken packages.		
Alum, lb	3 1/2	4 1/2
Alcohol, gal.	5 25	5 50
Bleaching Powder, lb	05	07
Bluestone, lb.	09	10
Norax	09	10
Bromide Potash	75	80
Camphor	70	75
Camphor, ounces	75	80
Carbolic Acid	35	60
Castor Oil	13	20
Chlorate Potash	18	20
Citric Acid	65	70
Copperas	03	04
Cocaine, oz	\$00	9 00
Cream Tartar, lb	28	32
Cloves	20	25
Epsom Salts	03	04
Extract Logwood, bulk	12	14
Extract Logwood, boxes	17	20
German Quinine	45	50
Glycerine, lb.	22	25
Ginger, Jamaica	30	35
Ginger, African	15	20
Howard's Quinine, oz.	55	60
Iodine	47	50 00
Insect Powder	30	35
Morphia, sul.	1 90	2 00
Opium	4 50	5 00
Oil, olive, Pure	2 10	2 25
Oil, U.S. Salad	1 00	1 15
Oil, lemon, super	1 60	1 80
Oil, peppermint	1 80	2 00
Oil, cod liver, gal.	1 25	1 75
Oxalic Acid	14	16
Potass Iodide	3 75	4 00
Paris Green, lb.	20	22
Saltpetre	08	10
Sal Rochelle	28	32
Shellac	28	34
Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2	04
Sulphur Koll, keg.	3 1/2	04
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	2 75	3 75
Sal Soda	2 00	3 00
Tartaric Acid, lb.	40	45
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz.	85	1 00
LEATHER		
Per pound		
Harness, oak	45	45
Harness, union oak No. 1	35	35
Harness, union oak No. 1 R.	36	36
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand	36	36
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R. anchor brand	35	35
Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1 R	31	31
Russet collar leather, per foot	20	20
American Oak Sole	40	40
Sole, union oak	40	40
Listowell, sole	28	30
Peonctang, sole	28	30
Action Sole	28	30
B. F. French calf	1 25	1 30
B. F. French kip	95	1 15
Canada calf	65	80
Canada Calf, Niagara	80	90

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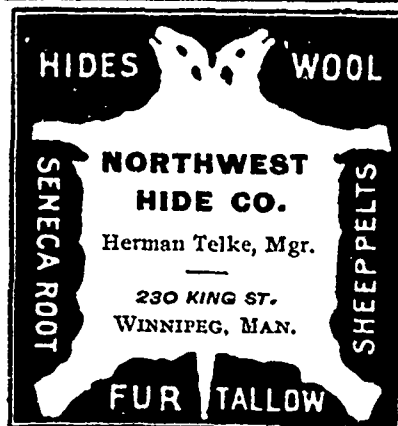
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ANVILS—Fer lb., 10 to 12 1-2c; anvils and vice combined, each \$3 to \$4.50.
 AUGERS—Post hole, Vaughan's, each, 50 to 60c.
 AXES—Bench, 40 per cent; chopping axes, per dozen, \$0 to \$12; double bit, per dozen, \$11 to \$18.
 BELLOWS—20, 24, \$4.50; 26, \$4.95; 28, \$5.40; 30, \$5.85; 32, \$6.30; 34, \$7.25; 36, \$8.10; 38, \$9; 40, \$10.85.
 BELTING—Agricultural, do to 60 per cent; No. 1, 50 to 50 and 10 per cent; extra 30 to 35 per cent.
 BITS, AUGER—American, 50 per cent; Jennings Excelsior, 45 per cent.
 BLUESTONE—6 1-2 lb.
 BOLTS—Carriage, 12 1-2 per cent; machine, 45 per cent; plow, 40 per cent; sleigh shoe, 60 per cent; stove, 65 per cent; tire, 55 per cent.
 BUCKS—Cast, loose pin, com. 60 per cent; Peterboro', 33 1-3 per cent; wrought steel, narrow, 60 per cent; loose pin, 60 per cent; bronze, 15c up.
 CARTRIDGES—Rim fire, Am. discount, 40 per cent; Dom. 50 and 5 per cent; per cent; centre fire, pistol, Am. discount 10 per cent; Dom. discount 30 per cent; military and sporting, Am. not list, Dom. 15 per cent.
 CEMENT—Portland, barrel, \$1.25 to \$1.50.
 CHAIN—Coil, proved, 3-16 in. per 100 lbs., \$8; do. 1-4 in. \$7.50; do. 9-16 in. \$6; do. 3-8 in. \$5.75; do. 7-16 in. \$5.50; do. 1-2 in. and up, \$5.50. Jack, iron, single per dozen yards, 15 to 75c; double, per dozen yards, 25 to \$1. Trace, per dozen pairs, \$3.75 to \$6.50.
 COPPER—Tinned sheets, 30c; plainished, 35c; boiler and T. K. pitted, plain tinned, per lb., 29c; spun, 33c.
 FILES—Com. 70 per cent; Nicholson's and Black Diamond, 60 per cent.
 GLUE—Sheets, 15c lb.; broken, 12 1-2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 18 to 25c.
 GREASE, AXLE—Fraser's, per case, \$3.75; Diamond, light \$1.50 case; dark, \$2; Mica, \$3.35.
 GRINDSTONES—\$1.50 100 lbs.
 HAIR—Plasterers', 90c bale.
 HARVEST TOOLS—55 and 5 per cent off 1900 list.
 HORSESHOES—Iron shoes, keg, 0 and 1, \$4.70; 2 and larger, \$4.45. Less than full kegs, 25c extra. Steel shoes, 0 and 1 \$5.00; 2 and larger, \$4.75.
 HINGES—Heavy T and strap, per 100 lbs., \$5.75 to \$6.75; light G., 60 per cent; screw hook and hinge, 6 to 10 in. 5c per lb.; 12 in. up, per lb., 4c.
 IRON—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$3.60. Band iron, 100 lbs., \$3.50 base. Swedish iron, 100 lbs., \$5.00 base. Sheet, black, 16 to 20 gauge, \$3.50; 22 to 26 gauge, \$3.75; 28 gauge, \$4.00. Galvanized, American, 16 gauge, \$4.25; 18 to 22, \$4.50; 24 gauge, \$4.75; 26 gauge, \$5.00; 28 gauge, \$5.25 per 100 lbs; Queen's head, 25c advance on Am. prices. Canada plates, Garth and Blain \$3.35. Imitation Russian sheets 7 to 8c; genuine Russian sheets, lb. 12 to 13c.
 LEAD—Pig, per lb. 6c; sheet, 6 1-2c.
 NAILS—Cut—50d up, \$3.15; 20d, \$3.20; 10d, \$3.25; 8d, \$3.30; 6d, \$3.45; 4d, \$3.55; 3d, \$3.80; 2d, \$4.15. Wire nails, 4 1-2 in. up, \$3.80; 4 in. \$3.85; 3 in. \$3.90; 3 1-2 in. \$3.95; 2 in. \$4.10; 1 1-2 in. \$4.20; 1 1-4 in. \$4.45; 1 in. \$4.50; Horse nails, pointed, finished, oval heads, list price, No. 5, \$7.50 per box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; Nos. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box; discount on these prices, 40 per cent.
 PAPER, BUILDING—Anchor brand, plain, 45c; do. tarred, 65c; Cyclone, 70c; Jubilee, plain 57c; do. tarred 70c.
 PIPE—Iron, black, per 100 feet, 1-4 inch, \$3.82 1-2; 3-8, \$3.82 1-2; 1-2, \$4.72 1-2; 3-4, \$5.17 1-2; 1 inch, \$7.42 1-2; 1 1-4, \$9.90; 1 1-2, \$12.15; 2 inch, \$16.20; larger, 45 per cent. Galvanized, 1 4 inch, \$8.80; 3 8, \$8.80; 1-2, \$9.35; 3-4, \$10.45; 1 inch, \$14.30; 1 1-4 inch, \$19.80; 1 1-2 inch, \$24.20; 2 inch, \$32.45.
 PITCH—Pine, \$4 per barrel.
 PLASTER—Per barrel, \$3.25.
 RIVETS AND BURRETS—Carriage, section 37 1-2 per cent; M rivets, black and tinned, 37 1-2 per cent; copper rivets and burrets, 38 1-2c; cartons 1c per lb. extra net.

ROPE—Cotton, 1-4 to 1-2 inch, and larger, 15c lb., deep sea, 16 1-2c; lath yarn 11c; manila, per lb. 14 1-2c base; sisal, 12c base.
 SCREWS—F. H. bright, discount 75, 10 per cent; R. H. discount 70; P. H. brass, discount 70; R. H. brass, discount 70 and 5 per cent. Bench, wood, per doz., \$3.75 to \$4.50; bench, iron, per doz., \$4.50 to \$6; coach screws, 57 1-2 per cent.
 SHELLS—Loaded—Eley's black, 12 gauge, per 100, soft, \$1.50, chilled, \$1.65, 10 gauge soft, \$2, chilled \$2.15; Eley's smokeless, 12 gauge soft, \$1.90, chilled \$2.05; No. 10 gauge soft \$2.40, chilled \$2.55.
 SHOT—Soft, 5 1-2c per lb.; chilled 6c; buckshot, 6 1-2c.
 SOLDER—Half and half, per lb 22c.
 SOLDERING IRONS—Per lb. 32c.
 STEEL—Sleigh shot, \$3.60 base; spring \$4.00 base, machinery, \$4.00 base; snare com. \$4.75 base; snare, crucible, \$5.50; toe call, \$1.00 base; tire steel, \$3.75 base; cast tool steel, lb. 9 to 12 1-2c.
 STEEL BOILER PLATE—3-16 inch, \$4.25 1-4, 3-8 inch and thicker, \$4.00.
 STAPLES—Galvanized, \$4.25 per 100 lbs.
 TAR—Per barrel, \$5.
 TIN—Lamb and flagg, 56 and 28 lb. ingots, per lb., 38c.
 TIN PLATES—Charcoal plates, 10, 10 x14, 12x12, and 14x20, \$5.75; 1 X same size box, \$6.75; 1 C, charcoal, 20 x28 11 1/2 sheets to box, \$11.00; 1 X box 20x28, 11 1/2 sheets, \$13.00.
 TERNE PLATES—1 C, 20x28, \$10.50.
 TINWARE—Plain, 75 and 2 1-2 per cent; refined, 70 and 10 per cent.
 TRAPS—Game, H. & N., No. 0, \$1.92 doz., No. 1, \$2.25; No. 1 1-2, \$3.38; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, \$6.30; No. 4, \$7.42; bear, No. 5, \$7.50.
 TUBES—Boiler, 2 inch, 16 1-2c per foot; 2 1-2 inch, 21 1-2c; 3 inch, 23c per foot.
 VISES—B. S., Wright's 14c; Sampson, 40-50 pounds, \$6.50 to \$7 each; parallel, \$2 to \$7 each.
 WADS—Grey felt, 75c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 12 and smaller gauge, 20c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 10 gauge, 25c per lb. Chemically prepared black edge gray cloth wads, in boxes of 250 each, 11 and smaller gauges, 65c per 1,000; 9 and 10 gauges, 75c per 1,000; 7 and 8 gauges, \$1 per 1,000.
 WIRE—Brass and copper wire, 20 per cent advance on the list; clothes line wire, 18 gauge, per 1,000 feet, \$3.50. Galvanized, 4 barb, regular, \$3.75; galvanized, plain twist, \$3.75.
 ZINC—Sheet, in casks, \$9 per 100 lbs.; broken lots, \$9.50.

REFINED PETROLEUM—Silver Star, 18 3-4c; Oleophene 21 3-4c in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 20c for Ecocon and 23c for Sunlight. Straight car lots Silver Star 1c less, other brands 2c less.
 TURPENTINE—Pure spirits in barrels, 81c; less than barrels, gal. 80c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.
 VARNISHES—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.50; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50; to \$2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 to \$2.25; No. 1 brown shellac, \$2.25; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.
 WHITE LEAD—Pure, \$97.00 per 100 lbs.; No. 1 \$6.75.
 WHITING—\$1.25 per 100 lbs. gross weight.

Raise More Stock.

We have a letter this week from a correspondent signing himself "Hay-Seed," in which he refers to the question of raising more live stock in Manitoba. The letter has been drawn out by the article in The Commercial recently urging the raising of more hogs. No doubt, as "Hay Seed" points out, the grinding of more wheat here, instead of exporting the raw grain, would be favorable to the raising of more stock. This is a matter of such vital importance to Manitoba that we gladly publish the letter. Hay Seed says:

"Let us go a step further back and see if we cannot find a cause for not only the lack of hogs but fat cattle also.

We are said to have raised 25,000,000 bushels of wheat this year, and by the last report we saw 14,000,000 bushels had already been shipped out as wheat, and doubtless five or six million bushels more will go in the same way.

Suppose this wheat or even one-half of it was ground in this province, what would have been the result? The price of bran and shorts in Montreal is now comparatively high, \$14.50 and \$16.50 respectively for Manitoba sacked. When sacks, freight commission, etc. are deducted it nets about \$5.50 and \$7.50.

If we had ground even half of this wheat at home one of two things must have happened. Either more stock must have been fed or feed would have to be used for fuel, as the surplus would have brought prices in the eastern markets too low to pay freight and sacks.

Why the wheat is not ground here we are not prepared to say, unless there is something in the freight rates affecting the situation.

There is something more than raw wheat required to raise cattle and hogs. It will fatten them, but it will not raise young stock profitably, so we are are told by experienced stock breeders, and we must have small pigs before we can get fat hogs.

We do not send you this for publication, but to point out one reason why the local crop of hogs does not supply the local demand for bacon, etc.

If it is any use all right, if not, throw it in the waste basket. The home grinding of wheat is a large question which we won't touch on now, as it affects so many interests.

Yours truly,
 HAYSEED.

Kilgour, Rimer Co., Ltd., Winnipeg, sold on Thursday 1,380 pairs of their Manitoba felt boots to be shipped to Dawson City, Yukon.

Winnipeg Prices Paints Oils, Glass, Etc.

ALABASTINE—Cases of 20 packages, \$6.50.
 BENZINE—Case, \$3.50.
 DRY COLORS—White lead, lb. 7 1-2c; red lead, kegs, 6 1-2c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1-2c, less than barrels 2c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1-2c, less than barrels 4c; Venetian red, barrels 3c, less than barrels 3 1-2c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb.; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1-2c, less than barrel lots 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3 1-2c, less quantities 4c lb.
 GASOLINE—Stove, per case, \$3.50.
 GLASS—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.50; 26 to 40, \$2.75 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$6.00; 51 to 60, \$6.50; 61 to 70, \$7.00 per 100 feet boxes.
 LINSEED OIL—Raw, gal., 70c, boiled, gal. 73c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gal extra, with additional charges for cans and cases.
 OILS—Black oils, 25 to 30c gal.; clear machine oil, 30 to 33c; cylinder oil, 53 to 78c, as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb.; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2.00 gal.
 PREPARED PAINTS—Pure liquid colors, gallon, \$1.20 to \$1.60, as to shade and quality.
 PUTTY—In bladders, barrel lots, 2 1-2c lb.; in 100 lb. kegs, 2 3-4c; do. less than barrels, 3c lb.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, Dec. 30, 1899.

Both wholesale and retail trade has been quieter this week. Some stock-taking has been done by city merchants. There have been fewer fluctuations in prices owing partly to the advent of the dull season. The weather has been moderately cold and there is still no sleighing which has a detrimental effect on business. Practically none of the usual winter teaming in the woods has yet been done which has reduced the demand for camp supplies of provisions and feed. The country grain movement is very light, which is having its effect on collections. Bank clearings at Winnipeg continue to expand showing this week an increase of \$551,091 over a year ago.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, Dec. 30, 1899.

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

DRUGS.

Local houses find trade holding up well and orders are plentiful. There have been no actual changes in values here, but there is a strong upward tendency in the market on several lines. Salicylates of soda have advanced sharply in the east. Bismuths and all preparations thereof are higher in other markets and dealers here will likely advance their prices to correspond. Quinine is also higher in primary markets. With regard to carbolic acid it may be noted that the very large demand which has arisen for this article for use in the military hospitals in South Africa for anti-septic purposes has already seriously affected the market and if the war continues very much longer fabulous prices are likely to be reached.

FISH.

There is a steady demand for all kinds of fish of both domestic and imported varieties. Trout is now quoted at 10c per pound as against 8c heretofore. British Columbia salmon in round lots is obtainable at 10c per pound. Smoked goldeyes are out of the market. Labrador herring is 15c per half barrel higher at \$4.00. We quote prices as follows: Whitefish, frozen, per pound, 6 to 6 1/2c; pickerel, 3 1/2 to 4c; pike, 3c; trout, 10c, salmon, 12 1/2c; salmon, round cuts, 10c; haddock, 11c, salt whitefish, in half barrels, \$6.50; haddies, 7c; salt cod, 7c, fresh cod, 7c; boneless, cod in bricks, 7 1/2c; emelts, 7c; haddock, fresh, 7c; mackerel, fresh, 15c; tommy cod, 5c; fresh herring, 20c; Labrador herring in half barrels, \$1.00; oysters standard, in bulk, \$2.00, select, \$2.25.

FUEL.

This market remains unchanged. There is a steady demand for coal for heating purposes in the city and on account of the scarcity and high prices of wood there is an inclination on the part of some steam users to turn to soft coal for firing until such time as adequate supplies of wood can be obtained again. From the States there come reports of a general advance in railway freight rates on coal

both east and west of Chicago, taking effect January 1, which will likely mean further advances in dealers' prices there. Owing to the shortage on stocks at Chicago and other lake ports western consumers are dependent upon all rail shipments from mines for their supply. Prices in the meantime remain at the old figures. Wood is still very scarce here. There is a little fresh cut wood coming in, but the supply of all kinds is tight. Minnesota wood is coming in somewhat freely, but supplies are affected by the active demand in St. Paul and Minneapolis, where the fuel situation is much the same as it is here. Quotations for both wood and coal will be found on page 533.

GREEN FRUITS.

California naval oranges have declined 50c per box here for last sizes and are now quoted at \$4.00. Lemons are also lower at \$4.75 to \$5.00. Bananas are practically out of the market. Imported celery is very scarce. Sweet potatoes are out of the market. Business has become much quieter with the passing of the Christmas demand. We quote prices as follows: California naval oranges, \$4 per case for regular sizes, California seedlings, \$3.50; California lemons per box, \$4.75 to \$5; Messina lemons \$5; apples winter, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per barrel; Cape Cod cranberries per barrel \$7.00; coconuts per dozen, 80c; Grenoble walnuts, 17c; Marbots, 14c; Tarragona almonds, 15c; filberts, 12c; peanuts, green, 9 to 10c; roasted, 12c; pecan nuts, 13c per lb.; maple sugar, per lb., 11c; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; fruit cider put up in 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 40c; figs, in boxes, 7c lb.; new California layer figs in 10-pound boxes, \$1.50; new Smyrnas in grove boxes, \$2 per doz.; 10-lb. boxes, \$1.50 to \$1.60 per box, and 30-pound boxes, \$6.00; dates 7c per lb. in 1-lb. cartons 9c; honey in 1-lb. glass jars, per dozen jars, \$2.50; Spanish onions, \$1.25 per crate; American red onions, 2c per lb.; celery, per dozen, 45 to 50c.

GROCERIES.

Trade has held out very good considering that this has been holiday week. More business could be done if there was snow on the ground. Price changes have been few. Evaporated apples are a little easier for some unexplained reason in the face of the fact that large quantities have been bonded for export at producing centres. Prices here are off 1-1/2c per pound. Sugars have followed the eastern decline of last week, extra standard granulated being now quoted 10c lower at \$5.00 per 100 pounds. This is due to competition of United States sugar. Washboards have advanced and are now about 20 per cent higher. Globe washboards are now quoted at \$2.00 per dozen and Perfections at \$2.20 to \$2.25. We understand too that the quality of both these washboards has been improved. All standard brands of British Columbia salmon were advanced 25c per case by local brokers this week acting on instructions from packers. This is due to concentration of stocks and improving demand. The market for salmon is very firm. Quotations for staple lines of groceries will be found on page 533.

HARDWARE.

This market remains unchanged. Local stocks of winter lines are pretty full, and will not be subject to fluctuation at manufacturing points. We have mail advices this week of several changes at factories. Ingot copper

declined 1-2c at Toronto last week. Screen wire cloth advanced 5c in the same market, and scythe stones are 25c higher. Collections from country points are slow.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

The expected advance in quotations for prepared paints goes into effect on Monday, January 1. Hereafter dealers will ask an advance of 10c per gallon for all kinds of ready mixed paints, owing to higher cost of raw materials. Other quotations remain unchanged.

RAW FURS.

So far receipts of fur have been very light this winter owing to the fact that hunters are not able to work as well without snow and the business of marketing such furs as have been caught is delayed for same reason. We quote prices here as follows:

	Each	Each.
Badgers, prime	\$.25	\$.50
Bears, black, yearlings ...	5.00	8.00
Bears, black, small ...	5.00	12.00
Bears, black, medium ...	10.00	15.00
Bears, black, large ...	15.00	25.00
Bears, brown, yearlings ...	4.00	6.00
Bears, br. w., small ...	5.00	10.00
Bears, brown, medium ...	10.00	15.00
Bears, brown, large ...	15.00	22.00
Beaver, small	1.50	3.00
Beaver, medium	3.00	5.00
Beaver, large	5.00	7.00
Fishers, dark	6.00	9.00
Fishers, pale	3.00	6.00
Fox, silver dark, large ...	30.00	125.00
Fox, cross	5.00	15.00
Fox, red	1.00	3.00
Lynx, large	1.50	3.50
Lynx, middling	1.00	2.25
Lynx, small ... ..	.50	1.50
Marten, large, dark ...	4.00	12.00
Marten, large, pale or brown	3.50	8.00
Marten, large, light pale	2.50	5.00
Mink, large, dark	1.50	2.25
Mink, small, dark	1.00	1.50
Mink, large, light	1.00	1.25
Mink, small, light ... ..	.75	1.00
Musquash, winter ... ..	.02	.10
Otter, large dark	6.00	12.00
Otter, large, pale	5.00	8.00
Skuak, large ... ..	.50	1.00
Wolf, timber, large	2.00	3.00
Wolf, prairie ... ..	.40	.75
Wolverine, large, dark ...	3.00	3.50
Wolverine, large, pale ...	1.25	2.00

SCRAP.

Quotations at Winnipeg are now as follows: No. 1 cast iron free from wrought and malleable \$14 per ton; No. 1 stove plate, \$5.00 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$8.50 per ton; heavy copper, 10c per pound; copper bottoms, 8c per pound, red brass 5 to 8 1/2c per pound; yellow brass, heavy, 7 1/2c per pound; light brass, 4 1/2 to 5c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2 1/2c per pound, zinc scrap, 1c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c; rubber, free from rivets, buckles and articles, 5c per pound.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—There is little to say concerning the wheat markets this week, except that it has probably been the dulllest week of the year for business. The movement of wheat is comparatively small, the demand for either milling or export shipment remains light and the same is true of speculative or investment business. In fact there has been a general holding back from trading which is not altogether accounted for by the holiday season. Although business has been light and dull, values have been steady and there is practically no change on prices during the week. A more ac-

live market is looked for as soon as we are fairly into the New Year. The weekly changes in statistics are partly bullish and partly bearish. The American visible supply increased 1,725,000 bushels, which was an unexpectedly large amount, and the visible now stands at 58,878,000 bushels against 28,783,000 bushels a year ago. The world's shipments were only 4,715,000 bushels for the week against 5,163,000 bushels for previous week, weekly requirements of importing countries being fully 7,000,000 bushels. The world's visible supply according to Bradstreet's decreased 753,000 bushels against a decrease previous week of 1,297,000 bushels and an increase last year of 298,000 bushels. The harvest in Argentine and Australia is progressing under favorable weather and prospects continue good for large yields in those countries. Growing crops in other countries are generally doing fairly well, but there is no change in India, there will be very little if any wheat to export from that country during 1900.

The local market has been dull and stagnant all the week. The price of 1 hard has been kept above export value on present freight rates, so that demand is light and trade slow. The price of 1 hard in store Fort William has held about 64 1-2c all the week until yesterday, when 64 1-4c was best price that could be got. Holders are unwilling to let go their wheat at this price. Two hard and 1 northern are worth 21-2 to 23-4c under 1 hard, and 3 hard 6c under 1 hard. One frosted is worth 53c and 2 frosted 48c, all in store Fort William.

FLOUR—This being the last week of the month business has been quiet. The Ogilvie Company reduced the price of its XXXX brand 10c to \$1.10 on Friday. Otherwise there is no change in prices, which are as follows: Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.80; Glenora, \$1.70; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.50; XXXX, \$1.10; Lake of the Woods patent, \$1.90; Strong Bakers, \$1.70; Medora, \$1.50; XXXX, \$1.30 per sack of 98 pounds delivered in Winnipeg.

MILLEED—Bran, in bulk, is worth \$9.50 to \$10 per ton, and shorts, in bulk, \$11.50 to \$12, with \$1 per ton off to dealers.

GROUND FEED—Oat chop, \$20 per ton; for best. Mixed feed of barley and oats, \$18 per ton; barley chop, \$15 per ton. Oil cake \$27 per ton.

OATS—The movement of oats is unusually light. The absence of snow has cut off a great deal of the customary winter teaming, especially in the bush and while the horses have still to be fed there is not the demand for feed oats that is usually evident at this time. Milling oats are of course being freely taken as fast as offered by Manitoba mills, but any large increase in offerings would result in reduced prices. No. 1 white oats in carloads on track here are worth 27c per bushel; No. 2 white, 25c to 26c; No. 2 mixed, 24 to 24 1-2c; farmers' loads, 24 to 25c. Carlots at country points 20 to 22c.

BAILEY—The market is dead. All offerings are being readily taken by feed dealers and brewers, but the movement is extremely light. Maltling grades are worth about 28 to 32c in cars here and feed grades 26 to 28c.

CORN—Local feed dealers have just sufficient corn to supply their regular customers, the prices being too high to warrant any large importations. Carlots on track are worth 40 to 41c per bushel of 56 pounds, which is an advance of about 1c over the top price of a week ago.

WHEAT—There is very little wheat moving in the country at present. Want of sleighing discourages delivery on the part of farmers and they are only moving such quantities as are necessary in order to obtain needed cash. The low price prevailing is leading to much speculative holding on the part of farmers. It is estimated that a considerable quantity of wheat still remains in farmers' hands, although opinions differ rather widely as to the probable amount. Prices ruling to day at country markets range from 48 to 52c per bushel to the farmers.

FLAXSEED—The market has lapsed into a purely nominal condition and it would appear that stocks in farmers' hands have become about exhausted. Certainly they would be foolish to hold for further advances. The current quotation for farmers' loads is \$1.20 per bushel at all points in the province.

OATMEAL—There has been no change in the situation. Domestic millers have complete possession of the market and are quoting \$1.70 per 80 pound sack to the retail trade.

HAY—Loose hay has been offering quite plentifully this week in the city market and has in consequence suffered a decline of \$1 per ton. Baled hay is in very limited demand, and unchanged. We quote: Timothy, baled, \$7.50 per ton; wild hay, baled, \$5.50 to \$6.50 per ton; loose hay, \$4 to \$5 per ton.

BUTTER—Creamery—The market is purely nominal. There is no butter offering in a wholesale way.

BUTTER—Dairy—Offerings have been slightly larger, but really choice goods continue scarce. Dealers are paying 18 to 20c net at Winnipeg for finest quality in tubs or rolls. Second grades and mixed lots are worth from 14 to 16c per pound.

CHEESE—Dealers are asking 13c for Manitoba cheese and 13 1-2c for Ontario.

EGGS—The receipts of eggs are becoming lighter as the winter advances. Ontario stock is supplying the deficiencies in the local supply. Dealers will pay 18c net, delivered at Winnipeg, for fresh eggs, subject to candling. Fresh gathered eggs are worth 30c per dozen wholesale and are selling at 40c in a retail way. There is only a very limited supply of these.

VEGETABLES—Offerings of most kinds of vegetables are more liberal. The moderate state of the weather encourages trade. Farmers have been bringing in potatoes quite freely and have found an active demand for all their offerings. There is no carrot business doing. Prices remain unchanged as follows: Potatoes, farmers' loads, per bushel, 40 to 45c; carrots, 35 to 40c per bushel, turnips, 25c per bushel; beets, 30 to 40c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1-2c per pound; dry onions, 75c to \$1 per bushel; cabbage, 1 1-2 to 2c per pound; celery, 35c per dozen bunches; green house lettuce, 40c per dozen bunches; parsley, 30c per dozen bunches.

DRESSED MEATS—The market is quiet. Stocks on hand of holiday meats are quite large and will limit the demand for a time. Hogs have been coming in more freely and meet with ready sale to butchers and packers. The packing demand is being partly supplied with Ontario hogs, which have been laid down here at figures under our quotations for Manitoba hogs. We quote: Beef, choice, 51-2 to 6c per pound; second grades, 5 to 5 1-2c; mutton, 3c; lamb, 9 to 10c; veal, 7 to 8c; hogs, 51-2 to 6c.

DRESSED POULTRY—There is very little home grown stock offering. Dealers will pay 12c per pound for turkeys delivered at Winnipeg and 9c for chickens, geese and ducks.

GAME—Rabbits are becoming more plentiful and command 7c each from dealers. Pigeons are offering in a small way and bring 20c per pair from dealers.

HIDES—Receipts are becoming very light and the market is quiet. The extreme quotations of a week ago have disappeared. Dealers are now buying on a basis of 7 1-2c for No. 1 hides. We quote: No. 1, 7 to 7 1-2c; No. 2, 6 to 6 1-2c; No. 3, 5 to 5 1-2c. Frozen hides, 6c per pound. Brandt hides grade No. 2, and talls, No. 3; kip, 7c; calf, 8 to 8 1-2c; buckskin skins, 25 to 35c each; sheep skins, fresh killed, 50c each; country sheep 40c; lambs 25c to 30c each; horsehides, 50c to 75c each.

WOOL—Unwashed Manitoba fleece is worth 8 to 9c per pound. None offering.

SENECA—37c per pound. None offering.

TALLOW—Dealers are paying 31-2c for No. 1 tallow at country points. No. 2 is worth about 2 1-2c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—No movement. The large stocks of beef on hand for holiday display makes further purchases of cattle for this market unnecessary for some time. About 31-4c would be paid for choice butchers' cattle delivered here. Second grades 21-2 to 3c per pound.

SHEEP—No movement. We quote 2c per pound for choice wethers of sheep and 4 to 5c for lambs.

HOGS—Receipts far exceed demand good. Buyers are quoting 13-4c per pound for choice weights, ranging from 150 to 250 pounds, and 11-2c for second grades.

MILCH COWS—There is a steady demand for good milkers with very few offerings. Quotations range from \$25 to \$45 each. Most sales are being made at about \$35.

HORSES—The lack of sleighing has for the time being reduced the demand for horses to almost the vanishing point. A fall of snow would revive business very much. Horses would then be wanted for bush work and general purposes. Good saddle horses of a suitable size are badly wanted by the Dominion government for the equipment of the proposed South African contingent and high prices can be obtained for the right sort of animals. General purpose horses are worth from \$125 to \$175 each in the city to-day according to size and quality.

The Year's Immigration.

A Free Press reporter had an interesting talk with the commissioner of immigration yesterday afternoon on the year's immigration. The yearly reports from this department involve much time in their compilation and a great deal of patient work for which credit is seldom given by those who glance at the figures. Mr. McCreary has not yet completed these returns for the annual report to Ottawa, and he gave the reporter to understand that any figures he could give him were merely estimates.

"It has been a busy season with us," he said. "Arrivals have come in steadily right through from the spring. All classes, with the exception of Galicians, have increased. The falling off

1, this class has been made up by the Doukhobors. I estimate the total number of settlers now living in the west as over 50,000 more than we had last year at this time. That is 50,000 arrivals, you understand. These are not the numbers that registered at this office, of course. The number distributed throughout the country from Winnipeg would come close around 35,000 souls. That leaves 15,000 other settlers who came in from the United States via the Soo line through North Portal."

"What class of people were they?" "Well, rightly speaking, they should be classed as citizens of the United States though originally they are all classes, Germans, Norwegians, Icelanders, and others. Taking them, therefore, as United States agriculturists with their families, numbering 15,000 people, that is the biggest number to any one class. As one colony, of course, we have the biggest in the Doukhobors, who are now settled here for their first Christmas, to the number of about 9,000 souls."

"Do your reports show how much land is now occupied by these settlers?"

"They do, and when completed it will be found, if I am not very much mistaken, that when the number of homesteads, C. P. R. lands, and Hudson's Bay lands which have been purchased this year is known, that is when all reports are completed, that the increase over last year will be close on to 200 per cent. By the amount of land taken up you will be able to check off the number of new settlers and it won't be necessary to allot to each homestead as has been done formerly five persons to make up our 50,000 new arrivals. It is no guess work in giving this number either, for there is not one that I could not tell you of his whereabouts. We have the name and destination of every one of them."

C. P. R. Land Sales.

The C. P. R. land department is winding up one of the most prosperous years in the company's history. The increase in the sales of 1899 over the previous year is very marked and over the previous two years shows an increase of 100 per cent. In an interview Commissioner Hamilton stated that in giving the total amount which represents the year's business as \$2,000,000 he made a conservative estimate of what the returns would show at the close of the year on Saturday night. This amount covers the farm land sold in Manitoba, the Territories, the town lots and various town sites and farm lands which were handled by the land department. The land sales of the C. P. R. company for the year of 1899 are given by Mr. Hamilton as 410,000 acres for \$1,350,000. The Canada North West Land company's sales aggregate \$155,000, from the sale of 53,000 acres. This compares very favorably with last year's figures. The sales of C. P. R. lands for the year 1898 were 348,000 acres for \$1,121,000; the C. N. W. Land company's sales being 71,000 acres for \$283,000. For the year of 1897 the sales amounted to 199,000 acres for \$665,000, about 100 per cent below this year's figures. The collections this year, Mr. Hamilton states, are quite in keeping with the increase in the business, showing that the financial condition of the country is good.

The month of December has been a busy one, some of the heaviest sales ever made being transacted. The big-

gest day's business probably ever done was put through in this month, 10,000 acres of land being sold through the local offices.

"There are several reasons for this increase over last year," said Mr. Hamilton. "One is the construction of branch lines by the C. P. R. A strip of land was sold along the newly opened branch of the C. P. R. from McGregor and on the extension from Deloraine to Waskada. The extension of the Pipestone line to the Moose Mountain district induced a number of settlers to pick up land in advance of the road. There has been a big percentage of land taken up by farmers of the better class who have come from the states. The Alberta district has especially felt the incoming of these farmers; only as far back as yesterday eleven quarter sections were sold to a man and his two sons who came from Dakota, in ten settling near Wetaskiwin. Sales in the Alberta district have been for the year in the neighborhood of 120,000 acres selling for about \$400,000 which is nearly equal to the sales made in the province of Manitoba. It is extraordinary that in a district like Alberta, where there are free lands under the homestead act, that the company are able to dispose of so much land. The reason is that the settlers go in for mixed farming, having a certain number of cattle which makes it imperative that they should have, to make a successful farm, about 360 acres, but as they can obtain only 160 acres by homestead they must add to this additional lands.

"There is now greater encouragement to farmers to settle in the west on account of better markets obtainable for produce in British Columbia. There is no district in Canada in which farmers can better dispose of their products than in British Columbia. New towns have been springing up, the populations of which are so increasing, owing to the mining resources of the country, that an increase in the demand for the products of Alberta is bound to be created. It will also follow that an increase in the sale of lands here can be looked for."

Commercial Reports.

New York, Dec. 29.—Bradstreet's review of Dominion trade for the week states that it was seasonably quiet in the wholesale trade, but the holiday business has been the best for years. Collections at Montreal were affected by lack of snow; money is tight, but regular commercial borrowers can get accommodation at old rates, discrimination being against call loans on collateral. Business in the maritime provinces has been moderate and holiday trade was not up to expectations, and British Columbia Christmas trade has been heavy, though prices are reported cut owing to keen competition and collections are only fair. Toronto reports wholesale trade slow, but holiday trade returns were in many lines the best ever reported, both as regards volume and value of purchases. Sales for 1899 show gains of 20 to 50 per cent over last year. Canadian stocks are recovering some of the ground lost last week. Business failures for the week in Canada number 22 as compared with 29 last week and 16 in this week a year ago.

R. G. DUN & CO.'S REVIEW.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s review: The holiday trade was exceptionally good throughout Canada, but many sections report the usual quiet at this season

in wholesale business. St. John's report is quiet trade, with general stock-taking. The year's business has been good and advances in prices in most lines gave better margins and bad debt losses are small, with prospects encouraging for the coming year. Halifax reports the best in many years, with collections satisfactory and failures few, while the outlook for the winter is most encouraging. Quebec has had a brisk holiday trade, but wholesale circles are quiet, although remittances are coming in well. At Montreal wholesale trade is of the usual holiday character, but Christmas retail trade has been excellent. Money is firm at 7-1/2 per cent, but easier rates are expected for the new year. Toronto reports wholesale trade quiet, but a profit in excess of former years. Trade conditions are unchanged at Winnipeg and collections continue rather slow. Victoria reports wholesale trade only fair, but retail business during the holiday season was exceptionally good.

BANK CLEARANCES.

For the Dominion of Canada the bank clearances were as follows: Montreal, \$13,750,641, increase 13 per cent.; Toronto \$9,120,990, increase 26 5/8 per cent.; Winnipeg \$2,365,829, increase 30 3/8 per cent.; Halifax \$1,448,652, increase 40 per cent.; Hamilton \$700,594, increase 12 1/2 per cent.; St. John \$600,925, increase 18 3/8 per cent.; Vancouver \$746,750, increase 37 1/8 per cent.; Victoria \$541,234, decrease 12 per cent.

Minneapolis Markets.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.35 to \$3.50, second patents, \$3.15 to 3.30.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$10.00; bran in bulk, \$10.50; corn feed, \$11.00 to \$13.50 per ton, as to quality.

Oats—No. 3 white, 23 1/4c.

Barley—32 to 40c.

Corn—Quoted at 27 1/2c for No. 3.

Flax seed—\$1.43 3/4 per bushel.

Eggs—16 to 17c for strictly fresh, including cases.

Butter—Creamery, 22 to 25 1/2c for choice to extras; seconds, 21 to 22c; dairy, 21 to 22 for choice to fancy; seconds, 19 to 20c.

Cheese—9 to 12 1/2c.

Poultry—Spring chickens, 7c; fowl, 4 to 5 1/2c; turkeys, 7 to 9c; ducks, 6 to 6 1/2c; geese, 7 1/2c.

Potatoes—30 to 35c per bushel for car lots.

Hides—Green salted hides, 9 3/4c for No. 1, 8 3/4c for No. 2; steers over 60 lbs.; 9 1/2 to 10 1/2c; sheepskins, 30 to 75c each; veal calf, 10 and 11 1/2c for No. 2 and No. 1; tallow, 4 1/4 to 4 1/2c, seneca root, 30 to 35c.

Hay—Timothy ranges at \$6.50 to \$9 as to quality.

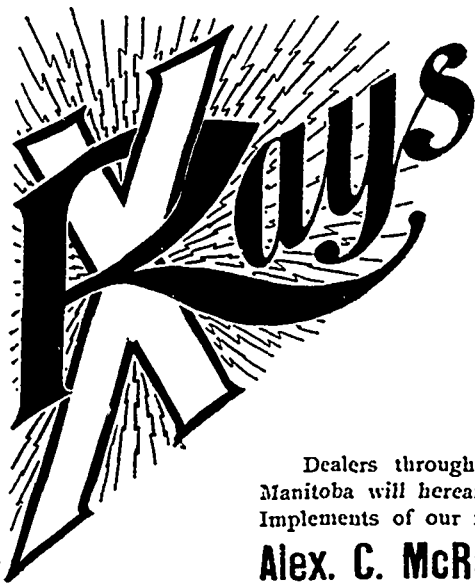
Dressed meats—Veal, 6 to 9c; mutton, 5 to 6 1/2c; lambs, 5 to 9c.

Beans—Hand picked, \$1.50 to \$2.00 per bushel; good medium, \$1 to \$1.40.

Honey—Per lb., 7 to 10c, sections, 11 to 13c.

Live stock—Hogs, good packers, \$4; light, \$3.50, butcher cows and heifers, \$2.35 to \$3.50, butcher steers, \$4.10; stock cows and heifers, \$3.25 to \$3.95; stockers and feeders, \$3.00 to \$4.10.

The Northern Pacific Railway Company has opened general offices in Vancouver.



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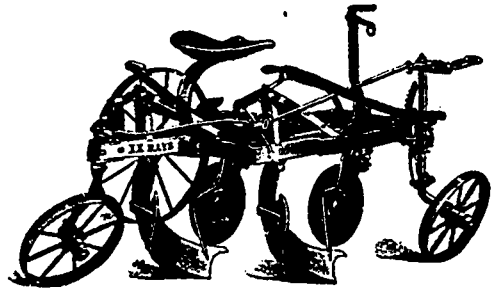
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A limited quantity only of this stock is now for sale at less than its par value, and as this is treasury stock all monies derived from the sale thereof is for the exclusive use and advancement of the company. The Lac du Bonnet Co. is composed entirely of business men, belonging to Winnipeg or the province and all the interests of said company being within the boundaries of Manitoba and their development of vast importance to the city, as well as province, this stock will undoubtedly be a profitable investment. The large and valuable interests the company now own should be a sufficient guarantee to investors that they will receive handsome dividends.

This opportunity to purchase Lac du Bonnet Co. stock at present rate on the dollar will only be available for a short time as several small lots have already been sold out of the limited quantity for sale.

Write or apply to,

R. R. SCOTT,

Secretary-Treasurer,

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Business in British Columbia.

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—The feature of Christmas week was the disaster in turkeys and geese. Thousands of dollars worth were sent from Ontario to be in time for Christmas dinner. British Columbians were informed that there would be enough for everybody, as Ontario was surpassing herself in the extent of her annual shipment. The turkeys arrived—several carloads of them. There were enough to go around, but the wise bought them not, and the foolish had them sent home. With the exception of a few cases the Ontario turkeys were tainted and the supply of good turkeys was extremely limited. The consignment had thawed out during transit and on arrival were discolored and soft and before they could be disposed of were unfit to eat. Otherwise Christmas trade was very good. Merchants are satisfied and many announce that it has been with them better than the best previous years.

British Columbia Markets.

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

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial.

Vancouver, Dec. 30.

Choice creamery butter is very scarce and selling at 26 to 27c. Cured meats have an upward tendency. Pork is 1-2c lower. Other prices remain unchanged. Quotations are:

BUTTER—Local creamery, 30c; Australian fresh grass butter, 28 1-2c; Manitoba creamery, 26 to 27c; Manitoba dairy, 19c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 50 to 60c per dozen, as to quality; eastern case eggs, 18 1-2c.

CHEESE—15c.

GREEN FRUIT—Oranges, navel \$3.75; seedlings, \$3.25; California lemons, \$4 to \$4.25; bananas, \$2.85. Local apples, 90c to \$1.25 per box; grapes, \$1.75. Japan oranges, 50c per box. Eastern apples, \$5.50 per barrel. Local cranberries, \$7 per bushel.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.50; two 45 lb. sacks, \$2.60; four 22 1-2 lb. sacks, \$2.50; ten 7 lb. sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal, in 10 lb. sacks, per 100 lbs. \$3.25. In 50 lb. sacks, \$3 per 100 lbs.

FLOUR—Delivered B.O. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.60; strong bakers, \$4.30; Oregon, \$4.60 per barrel.

GRAIN—Oats, \$24 to \$25 per ton; wheat, \$25.

CURED MEATS—Hams 14c break fast bacon 13 to 13 1-2c; backs, 12 1-2c; long clear, 10c; short rolls, 12 to 12 1-2c; smoked sides, 11c.

LARD—Tins, 10c per lb.; in pails and tubs, 9 1-2c.

FISH—Flounders, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 5c; soles, 6c; smoked 10c; fresh halibut 6c; salmon 6c; blonaters 8 1-2c; cod 6c per lb.; crabs, 60c dozen.

GAME—Nallards, 60c; pintail 40c; teal 25c; wildgeon 40c per pair; venison 7c; bear 6c lb.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 14c; geese, 12c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, \$16 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$19 to \$20 ton; cabbage, 11-2c per lb.; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 per ton; red onions, 1c per lb.; silverskins, 2c; tomatoes, \$2 per box; cucumbers, \$2 per box.

FEED—National mills chop, \$25 per ton; shorts, \$23 ton; bran, \$21; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff,

HAY—Per ton, \$16.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 8 to 8 1-2c; mutton, 10 to 11c; pork, 9 to 9 1-2c; veal, 10 1-2 to 11c lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per 100 lbs.; cows, \$3.25; sheep, \$5.50 per 100 lbs.; hogs, 6c per lb.

DRIED FRUITS—Apricots, 17c; peaches 10 to 12c; pitted plums, 12c; prunes, French 5 to 7 1-2c per lb.; London layer raisins, \$2 box; Italian prunes, 6 to 8 1-2c lb.; Muscatel raisins, 2 crown 8c; 3 crown 8 1-2c, 4 crown 9c; dates 9c; black figs, 6c; white figs, 9 1-2c; layer figs, 10 lb. box \$1.45; silver prunes, 9 1-2c; quartered pears, 11 1-2c; half pears, 12 1-2c; nectarines, 15 1-2c; Valencia raisins, 7 1-2c; sultanas, 11 to 14c; blackberries, 16c; raspberries, 25c; seed-cd raisins, 9 1-2c.

NUTS—Almonds, 16c; filberts, 12 1-2c; peanuts, 9c; Brazil, 12 1-2c; walnuts, 13c lb.

SUGARS—Powdered, icing and bar, 6 3-4c; Paris lump 6 1-4c; granulated 5 1-4c; extra C, 4 5-8c; fancy yellows 4 1-2c; yellow 4 3-8c lb.

SYRUPS—30 gallon barrels, 2 1-4c lb.; 10 gallon kegs 2 3-4c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gallon tins \$4.50 case of 10; 1-2 gallon tins \$5.25 case of 20.

TEAS—Congo: Fair, 11 1-2c; good, 15c; choice, 20c; Oeylon and India: fair 20c.

HARDWARE—Bar iron—Base, \$3.50. Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent; horse shoes, keg, \$5. Wire nails—Base price, \$4.50; cut, \$3.75. Rope, Manila, 16c. Boiled oil 76c. White lead, \$7.50. Putty, \$3.60. Barbed wire, \$4.75 per 100 lbs. Glass, 1st break, \$5.

British Columbia Notes.

D. A. McKinnon, cigars, Greenwood, has sold out.

F. F. Raitt, feed and produce, Victoria, is dead.

Remick & Bell are opening a general store at Princeton.

J. L. Chase, butcher, Eholt, has sold out to P. Burns & Co.

A. C. Fry, grocer, Rossland, has assigned to John Jackson.

E. C. Smith, publisher, Grand Forks, and Phoenix, has sold the Phoenix Pioneer to W. B. Wilcox.

Merry & Logan, lumber dealers, Rossland, have dissolved partnership. E. Logan will continue the business.

The Corticelli Silk Company have opened a branch at Vancouver under the management of H. M. Burritt.

The partnership between A. Conolly and C. H. Barrett, as the British Columbia Liqueur Co., of Vancouver, has been dissolved.

The following items are reported from Rossland: Club stables, livery, sold to Montana Livery Co. J. Ashley, hotel; opening music hall; style now Ashley & Beygraup. A. C. Fry estate; meeting of creditors called for January 10. Keefe & Co., hotel; damaged by fire, loss about \$100. Ed. Watson, hotel, re-opening January 1.

The following companies have been incorporated: The Western Mercantile Co., of Nelson, capital \$50,000; the Gold-Copper Mines, of Cranbrook, capital \$500,000; the Mountain View Copper Co., of Greenwood, capital \$500,000; Hillside Silver Mines Co., of Kaslo, capital \$150,000; People's Trading Stamp Co., of Vancouver, capital \$60,000; Greenwood Electric Company, of Greenwood, capital \$75,000; Caldwell Mines, Limited, of Rossland, capital \$100,000.

Hugginson & McLellan, hardware and tinware, Brandon, have dissolved. McLellan has been succeeded by Albert Trench. Style, Trench & Hugginson.

Changes in C. P. R. Service.

The winter schedule of the C. P. R. goes into effect next week. The hours of arrival and departure of the Atlantic and Pacific express will not be altered, the only change of any importance being in the Pacific express. Beginning with next week there will only be six trains a week running into and from Winnipeg. There will be no train from Winnipeg to the east on Friday and no train from Montreal and Toronto on Tuesday. This will cause some delay in the mails, as since the establishment of an every day service a large quantity of Saturday's mail reached Winnipeg on Tuesday instead of a day later.

The daily train on the Glenboro branch to Souris which was inaugurated last summer will be continued, provided business keeps up during the winter months to warrant the daily service. This will also be the case on the Deloraine branch. The trains on these branches will leave and arrive at the same hours as at present. The M. & N. W. train will leave on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Saturdays at 11.15 instead of 8.30 a. m. It will arrive in Winnipeg on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 20.45 instead of 13.15. The company have corrected their local time tables and copies should be obtained at the city ticket office or at the depot office.

Western Business Items.

G. W. Davis, drugs, Napinka, is dead. F. Huckell, publisher, Carberry, Man., is dead.

Reeves & Co., general store, Treherne, Man., reported selling out.

Cochrane Trading Co., Cochrane Alberta, has been incorporated.

G. R. Kerr, harness, Alexander, Man., advertises his business for sale.

A. DesBrisay has reopened in the general store business at Regina.

The Calgary Milling Company, Calgary, Alberta, has been incorporated.

Cardston Implement Co., Cardston, Alberta, is applying for incorporation.

Howard & Large, steam laundry, Rat Portage, are succeeded by D. B. E-own.

Emily Poyntz, Cypress River, and J. H. Skinkle, Balmoral, Man., have been refused liquor licenses.

The stock of the estate of Timing & Gilroy, general store Regina, was sold at 65 cents on the dollar.

Manning & Duncan, proprietors of the Roland News, Roland, Man., have dissolved partnership. Manning continues.

The North American Life Assurance Company has mailed this week to all its policy holders handy pocket diaries for 1900.

H. Waller, of Carberry, shipped five cars of stocker cattle to the United States last week via the Northern Pacific Railway from Brandon.

Galloway Bros., general merchants, of Gladstone, Man., presented each one of their clerks with a Christmas box in the shape of a \$20 cheque.

Fire broke out in Schooley & Co.'s general store at Holland, Man., on Dec. 28, damaging the stock and the building to the extent of about \$4,000.

A store has been erected at Oakville, Man., on the Northern Pacific Portage branch, by Mr. Balziel, ate of High Bluff. He is also taking up lumber and farm machinery.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, Dec. 30.

SUGARS—Granulated, delivered Toronto to \$4.48 to \$4.53; yellows from \$3.73 to \$4.43

SYRUPS—Imperial gallons, medium, 52c; special bright, 35 to 42c.

MCLASSES—West India, barrels, 22 to 45c; New Orleans, 26 to 30c for medium, and 35 to 47c for bright.

COFFEE—Rio, green, 7 3-4 to 12 1-2c; Mocha, 25 to 28c; Java, 25 to 32c.

TEAS—Japans, low grade, 16 to 20c per lb; Young Hysons, seconds, 16 to 19c; firsts, 25 to 45c; Indian, 18 to 50c; Congous, low grades, 10 to 15c; mediums, 22 to 25c; and fines 40 to 55c; Ceylons, 17 to 35c; Formosa oolongs, 25 to 65c.

CANNED GOODS—Tomatoes, 95c to \$1.00; peas, 80 to \$1.10, corn, \$1.05 to \$1.10; 95c, sifted selected peas, \$1.05 to \$1.20; pumpkins, 80c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.65, to \$1.80; raspberries, 2's, \$1.75 to \$2.00; peaches, 2's, \$1.75 to \$1.80; 3's, \$2.50 to \$2.65; apples, 3's, 85c; gals., \$2.35 to \$2.40. Salmon—Cohoos, prime dark pink fish, \$1.15 to \$1.20; sock-eyes, red fish, \$1.30 to \$1.60; lobsters, halves, \$1.75 to \$1.80; tall, lbs., \$2.80; flats, \$3.10.

RICE—Rice bags, 3 5-8 to 4c; Java, 6 to 6 1-2c; Patna, 5 1-2 to 6c; Japan, 5 1-2 to 6 1-2c.

SPICES—Ginger, Jamaica, 25c; Cochin 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 18 to 20c; Amboyna, 22 to 25c; Penang, 28 to 35c; all- spice, 20c; nutmegs, 50c to \$1; cream tartar, pure 25 to 28c, compound 15 to 20c; pepper, black, pure Singapore, 17c; Penang, 16c; compound, 12 to 14c; pepper, pure white, 28 to 30c.

DRIED FRUITS—Haisins, Valencias, fine off stalk 6 1-2 to 6 3-4c; selected, 7 1-4 to 7 1-2c; layers, 10's and 28's, 18 to 20c; two stars, 19c; one star, 18 to 19c; provincial currants, 4 1-2 to 5c; Filhistras, 5 to 5 1-2c; Patras 5 3-4 to 6c; Vostizzas, 7 to 7 1-2c. California dried fruits—Apricots, 19 to 20c; pears 16 to 17c; prunes, 70's to 80's, 8c; 80's to 90's, 6 3-4 to 7c; 90's to 100's, 6 to 6 1-2c; Sultanias, 10 to 13c; Hallowee dates, 11-2 to 5c; Malaga, London layers, \$1.95 to \$2 per box; black baskets, \$2.40; blue do., \$2.50; royal clusters, \$4; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, quarter flats 75c, and blue baskets, quarter flats, 80c; Dehesia, clusters, quarter flats, \$1.25.

NUTS—Shelled Valencia almonds, 25 to 30c; shelled Jordan almonds, 40c; Bordeaux walnuts, 10 1-2 to 11c; shelled walnuts, 26 to 28c; Grenoble's, 13 1-2 to 15c; Stilly filberts, 10 to 10 1-2c.

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

PROVISIONS.

PORK—Canada mess, \$14.00; short cut, \$15.50 to \$10, clear and shoulder mess, \$12.50.

DRY SALTED MEATS—Long clear bacon, car lots, 7 to 7 1-4c; ton and case lots, 7 1-2c; breakfast bacon, 11c; hams, 10 to 11c; rolls, 8c. Green meats out of pickle are quoted at 1c less than smoked.

LARD—Flores, 6 3-4c; tubs, 7c; pails, 7 1-4c.

Toronto Hardware and Paint Prices.

Toronto, Dec. 30.

ANTIMONY—11 to 11 1-2c per lb. for Cookson's.

BARBED WIRE—l.o.b. Toronto, \$1.60 per 100 lbs.

BAR IRON—\$2.40 to \$2.50 base.

BLACK SHEETS—28 gauge at \$3.35.

BOLTS—Common carriage bolts, 5-16 inch and under and 3-8 and larger, 50 per cent; machine bolts, all sizes 52 1-2 per cent; blank bolts, 52 1-2 per cent; sleigh shoe bolts, 70 per cent; stove bolts 60 and 10 per cent; tire bolts, 60 and 10 per cent. Nuts, square, 3 1-2 off the list price; hexagon, 4c; tapping nuts, 60 per cent.

BRASS—Discount on roll and sheet, 5 per cent.

BUILDING PAPER—Plain building, 28c per roll; tarred lining, 35c; according to quality; tarred roofing felt, \$1.40 per 100 lbs.; carpet felt, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

CANADA PLATES—All dull at \$3.00 per 100 lbs.; half polished \$3.10; and all bright, \$3.60 per 100 lbs.

CEMENT—Canadian Portland, \$2.65 to \$2.90; English, do: \$3.00; Canadian hydraulic cements, \$1.00 to \$1.10; calcined plaster, \$1.00; asbestos cement, \$2.50 per barrel.

COIL CHAIN—1-4 inch, \$8.00; 5-16 in. \$5.65; 3-8 in. \$5.05; 7-16 in. \$4.80; 1-2 in. \$4.65; 5-8 in. \$4.45; 3-4 in. \$4.40. Terms net cash.

COPPER—Ingot copper, 20 to 21c per lb.; sheet copper, 23 to 23 1-2c.

CUT NAILS—\$2.60 per keg f. o. b. Toronto, Hamilton and London.

FENCE WIRE—Woven, 7 1-2c per rod. **FINE STEEL WIRE**—Discount 15 per cent.

GALVANIZED IRON—28 gauge, \$5.00 per 100 lbs. for English, and \$4.75 for American.

GALVANIZED WIRE—9 gauge, \$3.55; 12 gauge, \$3.70; 13 gauge, \$3.85; No. 16, \$5.50.

GLASS—Star, first break in 50 foot boxes, \$2.15, and in 100 ft. boxes, \$4.03. double diamond under 25 united ft.chee in 100 ft. boxes, \$6.00; Toronto, Hamilton and London. Terms 4 months or 3 per cent 30 days.

GREEN WIRE CLOTH—\$1.75 per 100 square feet.

HARVEST AND GARDEN TOOLS—50, 10 and 5 per cent for large lots and 50 to 10 per cent for small lots.

HORSE NAILS—Standard oval head, 50 per cent; Acadia counter sunk head, 50 and 20 per cent.

HORSESHOES—Iron shoes, light, medium and heavy, \$3.80 l. o. b. Toronto, Hamilton and Guelph.

IRON PIPE—1-4 to 3-8 inch, \$3.90; 1-2 inch, \$3.90; 3-4 inch, \$4.90; 1 inch, \$6.40; 1 1-4 inch, \$8.10; 1 1-2 inch, \$10.40; 2 inch, \$13.85; 2 1-2 inch to 6 inch discount, 50 per cent. Galvanized Pipe—1-2 inch, \$6.50; 3-4 inch, \$8; 1 inch \$11.50; 1 1-4, inch, \$16; 1 1-2, \$20; 2 inch, \$28.50.

LEAD PIPE—Ordinary pipe, 7c; waste, 7 1-2c; discount 15 per cent.

OLD MATERIAL—Agricultural scrap, 65c per cwt; machinery cast, 65c per cwt; stove cast scrap, 40c; No. 1 wrought scrap, 60c per 100 lbs.; new light scrap copper 12c per lb., bottoms, 10 1-2c; heavy copper, 14c; light scrap brass, 7c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 10c; heavy red scrap brass, 11c; scrap lead, 2 1-2c; zinc, 3c; scrap rubber, 5 1-2c; good country mixed rags, 65 to 75c; clean dry bones, 40 to 50c per 100 lbs.

PIG IRON—Hamilton l.o.b. cars at furnace \$25.

PIG LEAD—Imported at 4 3-4c to 5c per lb.

PIG TIN—32 to 33c per lb.

TWILTY NETTING—Discount of 40 per cent.

RIVETS AND BURRS—Carriage section wagon box rivets, etc., steel, 60 per cent off the list; do., Norway iron, 60 per cent; black M rivets, steel, 55 per cent; do Norway iron, 45 per cent; iron burrs, 40 per cent; copper rivets, 35 per cent; bifurcated, with box \$1.25; coppered iron rivets and burrs, in 5 lb. carton boxes, 30c per lb.

ROPE—Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 12 1-2c; 3-8 inch, 13c; 1 and 5-16 in. 13 1-2c; Manila, 7-16 in. and larger, 15c; 3-8 in. 15 1-2c; 1-4 to 5-16 in., 16c; deep sea line, 13 1-2c for water laid and 14 1-2c for machine made; hemp, 7 to 9c; lath yarn, 10c; Clothesline, 48 feet, 90c; 60 feet, \$1.20; 72 feet, \$1.50; 100 feet, \$2.00.

SCREWS—Flat head bright, 30 and 5 per cent off the list; round head bright, 75 and 5 per cent; flat head brass, 75 and 5 per cent; round head brass 67 1-2 and 5 per cent; flat head bronze, 67 1-2 and 5 per cent; round head bronze, 62 1-2 and 5 per cent.

SHEET ZINC—8 to 8 1-4c per lb. **SMOOTH STEEL WIRE**—The base is \$3.41 per 100 lbs. l.o.b. factory.

SPADES AND SHOVELS—40 and 5 per cent; steel snow shovels, \$3.10 per dozen.

SPELTER—7 to 7 1-4c per lb.

SOLDER—Half and half, 21 to 22c; refined, 20 1-2 to 21 1-2c; wiping 20 to 20 1-2c.

STEEL—Sleigh shoe, \$2.50 base; tire \$2.50; machinery, \$2.65; toe calk, \$2.95; hoop, \$3.00.

TINNED SHEETS—24 gauge, 6 to 6 3-4c.

TIN PLATES—I.O., 14 by 20, and I.X., 14 by 20, \$1 per box.

TERNE PLATE—I.C., \$8.50; I.X., \$10.50.

WIRE NAILS—Base price at \$3.22 1-2 to \$3.30 l.o.b. Toronto and west.

PAINTS AND OILS.

CASTOR OIL—East India, in cases, 8 to 8 1-2c per lb., and 9 to 9 1-2c for single tins.

GUM SHELLAC—In cases, 20c; in less than cases, 24c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, 1 to 4 barrels 60c; boiled, 63c.

LIQUID PAINTS—Pure, \$1.10 per gallon; No. 1 quality, 90c per gallon.

PARIS WHITE—90c.

PLASTER PARIS—Ordinary, \$1.75 per barrel; New Brunswick, \$2 to \$2.20 per barrel.

PUMICE STONE—Powdered, \$2.50 per 100 pounds for bbls. and 4 to 5c per lb. in small quantities; lump, 10c per lb. in small lots, and 8c per lb. in barrels.

RED LEAD—Genuine, in casks of 560 lbs. \$5, ditto in kegs of 100 lbs. \$5.25 to \$5.50; No. 1 in casks, of 560 lbs. \$4.75; do. kegs of 100 lbs. \$5.

SEAL OIL—54c per gallon, and yellow seal at 45c.

TURBENTINE—In single barrels, 73c; 2 to 4 barrel lots, 72c.

WHITING—35c per 100 lbs.; gilders' whitening, 75 to 80c.

WHITE LEAD—Ex-Toronto, pure white lead \$6.50; No. 1, \$6.12 1-2; No. 2, \$5.75; No. 3, \$5.37 1-2; No. 4, \$5.00; dry white lead in casks, \$5.75.

WHITE ZINC—Genuine French, V.M., in casks, \$7 to \$7.25; Lehigh, in casks, \$6.

F. W. Thompson, of the Oglvie Milling Company, Winnipeg, has donated \$150 to the Transvaal contingent fund.

It is announced that A.M. Crombie, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Montreal, will retire on Dec. 31, and be succeeded by E. H. Mathewson, the present joint manager. Mr. Mathewson was until recently manager of the Winnipeg branch of this bank.

To Retail Trade

NOTE—I beg to advise that my travellers will start early in January with complete line of samples in GLOVES, MITTS, MOCCASINS and SOCKS Please defer buying until you examine my samples. Prices and terms correct.

Thos. Clearihue

Glove Manufacturer
BROCKVILLE, - ONT.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 30.

Dry goods—Travellers are off the road this week, and business is dull. The Christmas trade has been the largest for years, sales in some lines showing 25 to 50 per cent increase. Prospects for spring trade are good. Crepons have been selling freely, also plain cloths in blocked colors.

Hardware—Quiet owing to holidays. Pocket cutlery is 5 to 10 per cent dearer. Rope halters have advanced 10 per cent. Britannia metal spoons and all plated knives and forks are 10 to 15 per cent higher. Twisted tug and trace chains are dearer and are now 40 to 50 per cent higher than a year ago. Trowels of United States make are higher. A new list on sand paper shows an advance of 50 cents to \$3 per ream. Emery paper has also advanced. Enterpriso goods are 10 per cent dearer. Englished tin lined glue pots are 15 per cent higher. Canadian twine and hemp cordage have advanced. Tin and copper are unsettled, pig tin selling at 32 to 33c, and ingot at 20 to 21c.

Groceries—Dull after large holiday sales. Canned goods remain quiet and unchanged. Tomatoes now quoted at 95c to \$1.00. Corn \$1.05 to \$1.10. Peas quoted from 80c upwards. Stocks of nuts are small and prices firmer. Dates are firmer at 5 1-2c. Hallowee and Sais quoted at 4 1-2 to 5c. Figs are stronger.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 30.

Grain deliveries are light. Millers are getting no orders and are not buying wheat. Ontario winter is 1-2c lower at 65c; Manitoba wheat is steady. Oats are 1-2c lower. Millfeed, 50c higher. Dressed hogs, 5c per 100 pounds dearer. Poultry weak and lower. Prices are as follows:

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4.20; Manitoba bakers, \$3.70; Ontario straight roller, \$2.80 to \$2.85 per barrel for carlots at country mills.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 65c for cars at country points; Ontario spring, 65c; No. 1 hard, 78c, grinding in transit.

Oats—New oats, 21 1-2 to 26c at country points for car lots.

Barley—No. 2, 38c, country points. Millfeed—Shorts, \$14.50 to \$15 ton; bran, \$12.50 to \$13 per ton for cars at country mills.

Oatmeal—\$3.25 in bags per barrel, and \$3.35 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—Fresh, 18c; held fresh, 15 to 16c, new laid, 23 to 24c; No. 1 hmed, 16c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, choice fresh 17 to 18c, poor to medium, 10 to 16c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 21 to 21 1-2c.

Cheese—12c to 12 1-2c for job lots to the local trade.

Hides—9 1-2 for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 10c; cured hides, 10 1-2 to 11c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 75 to \$1; calfskins, 10 and 9c for No. 1 and No. 2; tallow, 5 to 5 1-2c.

Wool—Washed fleeco, 18 to 20c; unwashed, 10 to 12c.

Beans—\$1.40 to \$1.50 per bushel for hand picked.

Dried Apples—6 to 6 1-2c for round lots; evaporated, 8 to 9c.

Honey—Bulk, 9 to 10c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, 20 to 40c per pair; turkeys, 7 to 8c per pound; geese, 5 1-2 to 6c; ducks, 40 to 60c.

Potatoes—Steady at 40c per bag for car lots.

Hogs—Dressed hogs, 15 to \$5.20 per 100 pounds for car lots, mixed weights.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 26.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were only about ten carloads and these were mostly sheep. Coming directly after Xmas, with butchers' stocked heavily, there was no demand. Prices were nominally unchanged.

Cattle—Export, \$4.50 to \$5; butchers \$2.50 to \$4.50, as to quality. Stocker, \$2.25 to \$3.25.

Sheep—\$3 to \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

Lambs, \$3.50 to \$4.00.

Hogs—Choice, \$4.25 to \$4.50 per 100 lbs. Light, \$4 to \$4.25; heavy, \$3.75 to \$4.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 29.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 75 cattle, 400 sheep and lambs, and 700 hogs.

The market was dull and receipts small. Cattle and sheep remained unchanged. Hogs ruled 1-8c lower than on Tuesday.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 26.

The regular semi-weekly market was not held yesterday, being Xmas holiday.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, Dec. 29.

At the East End Abattoir yesterday receipts were 400 cattle, 350 sheep and lambs, and 800 hogs.

The cattle market was dull. Some fine animals from Manitoba brought 4 3-4c. Other cattle were mostly poor stock. Best brought 4c, others 3 to 3 1-2c. Sheep sold at 3c. Lambs were well cleaned out at 4 to 4 1-4c. Hogs sold at \$4.25 per 100 pounds off cars.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 30.

Flour, grain and meal are unchanged and all are in fair local demand. Hides are steady. Eggs firm. Butter quiet and firm. The market for cheese is confined to narrow limits and few sales are reported. Beans and potatoes are steady. Turkeys are 1-2c easier and chickens 1-2c higher. Quotations are:

Oats—50 1-2c in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.60 to \$3.70; Manitoba patents, \$4.00 to \$4.15.

Millfeed—Bran, \$14.75 to \$15.00 per ton; shorts, \$16.00 to \$17.00, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Roiled oats, \$3.50 per barrel on track and \$1.70 per sack.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 10 1-2c; No. 2, 9 1-2c; No. 3 8 1-2c; calfskins, No. 1, 11c. No. 2, 9c; lambskins 55c; tallow 4 to 4 1-2c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 22 to 24c; candied, 17 1-2 to 19c; second grade, 14 to 16c.

Butter—Choice fresh dairy, 17 to 18c.

Butter—Choice creamery, 21 to 21 1-2c.

Cheese—Finest, 12 to 12 1-4c.

Beans—\$1.42 1-2 to \$1.47 1-2 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—47 1-2c per bag on track. Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 9 1-2 to

10c; ducks, 8 to 8 1-2c; geese, 6c chickens, 7 to 8c.

Dressed Meats—Beef, jobbing lots, front quarters, 3 to 5c per pound, hind quarters, 5 to 7c; lamb, 7c, mutton, 5c; hogs, 5 1-2c; round lots meat 3-5 to 1-2c less.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 30.

Hardware paints and oils are firm and trade quiet.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 30.

Trade in groceries has been active and there is a keen demand for dried fruits. There have been large importations of United States sugars owing to advance in freight rates, which goes into effect on all United States lines January 1.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Dec. 29.

Cattle quiet at 11 1-4 to 12 1-2c estimated dressed weight.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Dec. 29.

Cheese remains steady at 37s to 59s for both white and colored.

SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial.

London, Dec. 29.

Beet sugar quiet; December sold at 9s 3d.

TORONTO MONEY MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 30.

The money market here is easier but rates are not lower. Some bankers favor making a minimum trade discount rate of 6 1-2 per cent, but the majority are opposed and the bulk of the business is being done at 6 per cent.

RUBBER MANUFACTURING BOOMING.

"The remarkable growth of the rubber business since the beginning of the year has been so quiet that many have not been aware of its proportions," says the India Rubber World.

"To begin with, there are few of the old established concerns but what have been forced to make some sort of addition either to plant or equipment, and most of them have been running on full time. In addition to this, there have been incorporated since the first of January some forty concerns for the manufacture of rubber goods. Most of these are in the line of either mechanical rubber goods or tires; next in importance come the rubber shoe incorporations, then a few rubber clothing companies and a sprinkling of specialty concerns. A variety of reasons are to be given for this remarkable growth, prominent among them is of course the general excellence of business in all lines. The next reason, perhaps, is that the rubber trade at last is beginning to feel and respond to the export impulse that is being so marvellously exploited by other lines. Then too, there are the new and varied uses to which rubber is constantly being put."

New York Wheat.

New York, Dec. 26—Wheat, Dec. opened —, May opened 75 to 1.8c, closed 74 5-8c b, July opened —, closed 74 3-4c b.

New York, Dec. 27—Wheat, Dec. opened —, closed —, May opened 74 7-8c, closed 74 7-8c, July opened 75c, closed 75c.

New York, Dec. 28—Wheat, May opened 74 3-4c, closed 74 3-4c, July opened 74 3-4c b, closed 74 1-2c b.

New York, Dec. 29—Wheat, Dec. opened 72 1-4c, closed 73 1-8c, May opened 74 7-8c, closed 74 7-8c, July opened 74 5-8c b, closed 74 3-4c b.

New York, Dec. 30—Wheat closed at 75c for May option.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Wheat, Dec. opened 65 7-8c, closed 65 5-8c, May opened 69 3-4c, closed 69 1-4c, July opened 70 1-8c, closed 69 5-8 to 3-4c. Corn, Dec. opened 30 1-2, closed 30 1-2c b, Jan. opened 30 5-8c a, closed 30 5-8 to 3-4c a, May opened 33 to 32 7-8c, closed 33c. Oats, Dec. opened 22 1 8c b, closed 22 1 8c b, May opened 23 7-8c, closed 23 3-4c b, Pork, Jan. opened \$10.05, closed \$10.02 1-2, May opened \$10.42 1-2, closed \$10.35 to \$10.37 1-2, Lard, Jan. opened \$5.50, closed \$5.47 1-2, May opened \$5.75, closed \$5.67 1-2, Ribs, Jan. closed \$5.25, May opened \$5.50, closed \$5.42 1-2c, Flax, cash Dec. \$1.48 1-2 b, May \$1.44 1-2 a.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Wheat, Dec. opened 66c, closed 66c, May opened 69 3-8 to 1-2c, closed 69 1-2 to 5-8c b, July opened 69 7-8c, closed 70c, Corn, Dec. opened 30 1-2c, closed 30 3-8c, Jan. opened 30 1-2 to 5-8c, closed 30 3-8 to 1-2c, May opened 33 to 32 7-8c, closed 32 5-4c b, Oats, Dec. opened 22 1-8c, closed 22 a, May opened 23 3-4c, closed 23 5-8c b, Pork, Jan. opened \$10.07 1-2, closed at \$10.17 1-2, May opened \$10.40, closed \$10.47 1-2, Lard, Jan. opened \$5.50, closed \$5.62 1-2, May opened \$5.70 to \$5.72 1-2, closed \$5.80 b, Ribs, Jan. opened \$5.27 1-2, closed \$5.32 1-2, May opened \$5.47 1-2, closed \$5.52 1-2, Flax, cash \$1.49 1-2, Dec. \$1.48, May \$1.43 3-4.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Wheat, Dec. opened 65 5-8c, closed 65 5-8c, May opened 69 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 69 3-8c a, July opened 69 3-4 to 5-8c, closed 69 3-4c a, Corn, Dec. opened 30 1-4c, closed 30 1-4c, May opened 30 1-4c, closed 30 3-8c, July opened 32 3-4 to 5-8c, closed 32 3-4c a, Oats, Dec. opened 22c, closed 22c a, May opened 23 5-8c, closed 23 5-8c, Pork, Jan. opened \$10.22 1-2, closed \$10.17 1-2, May opened \$10.57 1-2, closed \$10.47 1-2, Lard, Jan. opened \$5.62 1-2, closed \$5.65, May opened \$5.85, closed \$5.82 1-2, Ribs, Jan. opened \$5.32 1-2, closed \$5.35, May opened \$5.55, closed \$5.52, Flax, cash \$1.49 1-2, Dec. \$1.48 1-2, May \$1.44 1-2.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Wheat, Dec. opened 66c, closed 65 1-2c, May opened 69 3-8, closed 69 3-8c, July opened 69 7-8c, closed 69 3-4 to 7-8c, Corn, Dec. opened 30 3-8c, closed 30 1-4c b, Jan. opened 30 3-8c, closed 30 1-8c a, May opened 32 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 32 3-4c, Oats, Dec. opened 22c, closed 22c, May opened 23 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 23 5-8c, Pork, Jan. opened \$10.17 1-2, closed at \$10.12 1-2, May opened \$10.55, closed \$10.47 1-2, Lard, Jan. opened \$5.67 1-2, closed \$5.65, May opened \$5.85, closed \$5.82 1-2c, Ribs, Jan. opened \$5.35, closed \$5.35, May opened \$5.55, closed \$5.55, Flax, cash \$1.49 1-2, Dec. \$1.49, May \$1.44 1-2.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—May wheat opened at 69 1-4c and ranged from 69 1-4 to 69 1-2c. Closing prices were as follows:

Wheat—Dec. 65 5-8c; May 69 1-2c.
Corn—Dec. 30 3-8c; May 32 3-4c.
Oats—Dec. 22c, May 23 7-8c.
Pork—Jan. \$10.10.
Lard—Jan. \$5.65.
Ribs—Jan. \$5.45.

A week ago May option closed at 69 1-2c. A year ago May wheat closed at 71 3-4c, two years ago at 95 5-8c; three years ago at 83 1-4c, four years ago at 60c, five years ago at 57 7-8c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The market for flax seed closed to-day as follows: Dec. \$1.49, May, \$1.44.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—Holiday.
Tuesday—Dec. 64 1-4c, May 68c.
Wednesday—Dec. 64 1-2, May 68 1-4
Thursday—Dec. 64 1-4c, May 68c.
Friday—Dec. 64 1-2, May 68 1-8c,
Saturday—Holiday.

A week ago May wheat closed at 68 1-4c. A year ago May wheat closed at 58c, two years ago at 91 1-8, three years ago at 83c, four years ago at 58c, five years ago at 62c, and six years ago at 63 7-8c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Minneapolis, Dec. 30.—Wheat closed at 64 5-8c for December and 66 1-2c for May. Cash No. 1 hard closed at 66 7-8c and cash No. 1 northern at 65 5-8c.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Liverpool, Dec. 30.—Wheat closed 1-4d lower.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Market practically nil to-day, with wheat nominally unchanged. Some all rail business is doing on a through rate to British ports, but prices are above export values, on the basis of quoted freight rates.

M. & N. W. CHANGE.

The Manitoba & Northwestern Railway Company will change its time card on January 1, and on and after that date its trains will arrive here at 8.45 p. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and leave at 11.15 a. m. on Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Attention to the Behring sea controversy between the United States and Great Britain has been renewed by the report of M. John M. Morton, U. S. agent on the seal islands, who has come on to submit his report and confer with the authorities. The essential point of the report is that the seal herds have diminished 20 per cent within the last year. When the Behring sea negotiations were on last year the main contention of the American authorities was that the herds were being so diminished by poaching and pelagic sealing that the animal would become extinct at an early day. Mr. Morton's report of a diminution of 20 per cent is regarded as fully bearing out the contention and it is taken also as an indication of the urgent need of renewed negotiations for the prevention of pelagic sealing.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 28.—The proposed combine of British Columbia salmon canneries has fallen through at least for the present. Negotiations had reached a point where final papers only required signatures for the payment of the purchase price of \$1,200,000 when the canners declined to accede to certain stipulations of the New

York capitalists who were interested in the proposed combine. These American capitalists made the purchase conditional upon their having a controlling interest in the stock of the combine, 455 per cent of which was to be retained by the canners. Instead of this combination of the sixty-six canneries in British Columbia, forty-six of which are on the Fraser river, fifteen miles from here, and twenty on the Skeena river, several hundred miles to the north of Vancouver, it is now proposed to form, where are practically a score of smaller combines, three or four canneries pooling issues and being conducted under one management. These twenty pools, while operating independently as to management, will probably act as a unit regarding prices and matters of mutual interest.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 27.—The steamer Tees of this city arrived at noon yesterday from Skagway with fifteen passengers after a very rough trip. Among her passengers were a number of late arrivals from Dawson. The Tees was delayed for three days at Skagway awaiting the train which had been laid up from Monday to Friday by one of the most severe wind and snow storms ever known in Alaska. It commenced on the 18th and lasted to the 22nd. Several of the passengers on the steamer were among those stormbound on the train. Some left the train at the tunnel and marched to Skagway, and others were brought to that city by a special train. There were in all among the arrivals twenty Dawsonites, and a number of Bennett people. Twenty-three bags of mail were brought from St. Michaels and the Lower Yukon.

The train on which the passengers came from Bennett followed the rotary and was pushed by two engines. When the plow was a mile south of the switchback it cut out the lower part of the accumulated face of snow on the face of the mountainside. This loosened the mass above and it came down with a rush, burying the plow and the locomotives out of sight. The passenger train behind was not touched by the slide. There was fifteen feet of snow in the cut. Those who walked from the blockaded train report that the snow was two feet deep on an average all along the line. After the rotary had been freed from the bank which buried her she struck a boulder hidden in the snow, and of its twenty steel knives only seven were left. Food was secured for the stormbound people at the rate of 50 cents for a cup of coffee and a sandwich on the train. P. Oregon, one of the men who endeavored to walk to Skagway, was found lying unconscious in a snowshed with his face and hands badly frozen.

The operator at Glacier reports that one immense avalanche swept down the mountain, covering 850 feet of the track and taking out five telegraph poles and prostrating the wires. Trees, twelve inches thick, were observed in the slide, and it is not known what else may be under the surface and what is the condition of the track. The slide covers the track five to twenty feet deep.

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