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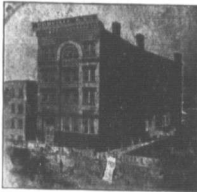
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INTERESTING LEGAL DECISIONS.

The full court sat Saturday and delivered judgment in the following cases:

The King vs. Hurst.

At the fall assizes the prisoners, Samuel G. Hurst and Sarah C. Hurst, were tried for conspiring to defraud the Hartford Insurance Co. by unlawfully removing a quantity of household goods and unlawfully concealing the same, for the purpose of obtaining from the Hartford Co. in which goods were insured, insurance money upon the goods, as if they had been destroyed by fire. The jury found the prisoners guilty on both counts for an unlawfully removing and concealing. The case was reserved for the full court.

The fire, in which the house was burned, took place on Sept. 11, 1900. Some of the goods were removed on Aug. 15, and some on Sept. 11. The judgment of the court was delivered by Mr. Justice Bain, that the conviction for removing goods on Aug. 11 should be set aside, but the conviction for concealing goods on Sept. 11, should stand.

Prisoners were admitted to bail pending the decision of the case by the full court. They will now have to appear for sentence at the sitting of the assize court in March. The female prisoner is at liberty under her bail, but her husband is in jail awaiting trial on two cases of forgery of cheques committed since the last assizes.

McGowan vs. McKay.

Plaintiff claimed to have made a contract with defendant for the sale of 100 tons of processed hay at \$10 per ton. The agreement was made on June 25, 1907; the hay was to be delivered F.o.b. on cars at Beauport on or before Sept. 15 following. The hay was to be shipped to Kewatin, where defendant resided. Two carloads were shipped and received by defendant and were settled for. After receiving the two carloads defendant telegraphed to plaintiff to advise that the hay was of inferior quality and that no more should be shipped. Plaintiff sued for damages for breach of contract. The evidence was conflicting in many particulars as to the terms of the contract.

The case was tried before Mr. Justice Dubuc, who entered a verdict for plaintiff for \$200.25 with costs. The plaintiff sold portions of the hay at different prices; his lordship found the balance not taken was 70 tons, that 87 a ton would be a fair estimate to place on the balance and the difference, 83 a ton, for the 70 tons. Defendant appealed. Mr. Phippen and Mr. Hartley for plaintiff, Mr. Atkins, K. C., and Mr. Robson for defendant.

Judgments were given by Chief Justice Killam and Mr. Justice Bain. (Mr. Justice Richards concurring), that the appeal should be dismissed with costs, and the verdict in favor of the plaintiff affirmed.

Lewis vs. Barre.

Appeal from Mr. Justice Richards. In 1899 an agreement was made between plaintiffs and defendant that defendant should purchase all butter made by plaintiffs during that season. Some of it was shipped to British Columbia and 12,000 pounds to Winnipeg. Defendant refused to take what was sent to Winnipeg, and it was sold to other parties at 29c cents a pound, entailing a loss, as defendant was to pay 25c cents a pound. Plaintiffs sued to recover \$475 as damages, which they had sustained. The defence alleged that the butter was not as good because it was not up to the standard agreed on. Mr. Justice Richard entered a verdict for defendant, as he found that the butter when it reached Winnipeg was not of the quality the contract called for. Plaintiff appealed to the full court. Mr. Howells, K. C., and Mr. Mathers for plaintiffs. Mr. Ewart, K. C., and Mr. Robson for defendant. Judgments were delivered by Chief Justice Killam and Mr. Justice Bain. (Mr. Justice Dubuc concurring) that the appeal should be dismissed with costs.

Floorwalker—I'm very sorry, madam, but I can't exchange this hat for you.

Mrs. Smithson—But my husband doesn't like it.

Floorwalker—Then I'd advise you to get a divorce—Prudence Herald.

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NEW YEAR.

The Commercial wishes its readers, one and all, a

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

RAILWAY SITUATION SOUTH OF THE BOUNDARY.

The wonderful "boom" in Northern Pacific railway stock last summer is still fresh in memory as one of the most remarkable movements ever experienced in the stock markets. President J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern, has recently made a statement which explains fully the cause of this remarkable incident. When the Northern Pacific was reorganized by J. F. Morgan & Co., the Hill interests purchased \$20,000,000 of Northern Pacific bonds. Later the Union Pacific became a menace to the Northern Pacific, and Great Northern by the purchase of auxiliary lines of railway throughout the territory in which these roads were interested. This policy led to a struggle for the possession of the Burlington and Quincy road, which road was finally secured by the Northern Pacific and Great Northern, acting jointly. The Union Pacific then launched out into a remarkably bold policy, by actually undertaking to obtain control of the Northern Pacific, through the purchase of stock of the latter road in the open market. About \$20,000,000 of Northern Pacific stock were purchased in that way by the Union Pacific. When this move of the Union Pacific was discovered, there was a struggle for the remaining outstanding stock of the Northern line, and fabulous prices were paid for some blocks. What saved the Northern Pacific from falling under the control of the Union line, was the existence of a contract made with the preferred stockholders, which provided that the holders of common stock could pay off the preferred stock at par on the first day of January in any year until 1917. This contract was made at the time the company was reorganized.

The result, says Mr. Hill, was—"That Messrs. Morgan & Co. and ourselves owned forty-two out of eighty millions of the Northern Pacific common, with the privilege of paying off the seventy-five millions of Northern Pacific preferred. The Union Pacific people owned thirty-seven millions of the common, and about forty-two mil-

lions of the preferred, which was a clear majority of all the stock of the Northern Pacific, and claimed the exclusive control of the Northern Pacific railway and through that ownership control of one-half of the Burlington. When it was discovered that these preferred shares could and would be paid off, and before the annual election, mutual negotiations resulted in Mr. Morgan giving them a representative in the Northern Pacific board."

From this it is evident that the Union Pacific was foiled in its attempt to corner the two northern transcontinental lines, and decided in the alternative to endeavor to work in harmony with these lines. The situation now is, that the three great Pacific lines south of the boundary are largely mixed up together, so to speak. The Great Northern and the Union Pacific each holds a large interest in the Northern Pacific. The two northern lines have been combining their interests to prevent complete control of the Northern Pacific by the Union Pacific. This fight led to the formation of the Northern Securities Co., the immediate object of which was to finance and pay off the preferred shares of the Northern Pacific. The Northern Securities, however, is to be made a permanent organization, "to deal in high-class securities, to hold the same for the benefit of its shareholders and interests of the corporations whose securities it owns. Its powers do not include the operation of railways, banking, mining nor the buying or selling of securities or properties for others on commission; it is purely an investment company and the objects of its creation was simply to enable those who hold its stock to continue their respective interests in association together, and to prevent such interests from being scattered by death or otherwise, and to provide against such attacks as have been made upon the Northern Pacific by a rival and competing interest."

Mr. Hill has made this long public statement in answer to the agitation in the northwestern States against a railway combination. The people in these states have been greatly agitated over the formation of the Northern Securities Company, as they thought it to consolidate the interests of these great Pacific railways. In reply, Mr. Hill explains at length the causes which led up to the formation of the company. He points out that he and his friends might have made enormous profits by letting their Northern Pacific shares go, instead of holding and preventing the road from being absorbed by the Union Pacific. Mr. Hill concludes:

"Had we sold our twenty millions of Northern Pacific stock as \$100 a share (the stock sold as high as \$110 per share), amounting to sixty million dollars, or nearly forty millions more than its present value, and transferred the Union Pacific control of the entire country between Canada and Mexico, what law of Minnesota would we have violated? Could we not legal have put them in our pockets and let the country learn what it was to be dominated by a parallel and competing railroad?"

PRICE OF PAPER.

A considerable agitation has been worked up recently in the eastern provinces in newspaper circles particularly regarding the price of paper. The paper of the past year or more has advanced on book papers for instance amounting to nearly one cent

per pound. Recently the trade was notified of another advance of 1/4 cent. According to the tariff law where there is evidence of a combination of manufacturers to keep up prices, the government is empowered to strike off the duty. The newspapers claim that such a combination exists among the paper manufacturers and they are pressing this matter upon the government. One thing beyond dispute is the systematic advance of prices by all the manufacturers which would indicate a very general understanding among paper makers.

The manufacturers claim that these advances have been necessary, owing to the increased cost of pulp and other materials which enter into the manufacture of paper. To some extent this is undoubtedly true, though possibly not to the full extent of the advance in papers. There were possibly other features which led to the formation of the association of paper manufacturers and the subsequent systematic advance in prices.

One thing peculiar about the Canadian paper trade is the importation of paper from the United States. Right here in Winnipeg a quantity of imported paper is sold in book print and wrapping qualities. It seems strange that with the tariff of 25 per cent ad valorem in their favor the Canadian paper manufacturers find it necessary to advance prices to a point which admits large quantities of imported paper. It has been supposed that paper is one of the things which can be manufactured to the best advantage in Canada. We produce the raw material in abundance. In fact we supply United States mills with raw material in vast quantities. It has even been claimed that Canada could close up many of the United States pulp mills and control the paper trade, by refusing to sell them the raw material. Yet we find the United States mills importing their raw material from Canada, paying duty on the pulp, and sending their finished products here to us against a tariff of 25 per cent ad valorem in favor of our paper makers. There is evidently something wrong somewhere about the Canadian paper trade.

A DECEPTIVE NOTE.

A great deal of dissatisfaction is expressed among business men regarding the new Dominion \$4 note. Dominion notes are issued in denominations of \$1's, \$2's and \$4's for general circulation. The \$1 note is most frequently met with and this denomination circulates much more generally than the two others. The new \$4 note so closely resembles the \$1 bill, that it requires close scrutiny to detect the difference. The fact that the \$4's are so frequently handled, combined with the \$1's, makes this similarity very annoying. At a glance the comparatively scarce \$4 denomination is taken for the freely circulated \$1 bill, and is handed out in making change for \$1. The back of the bill appears as a perfect \$1 paper paid at the first glance, while the face is not much better. This previous Dominion note is also said to contain a view of the United States Canal on its face. The intention was evidently to give the Canadian look, but in keeping with the general character of the production, which appears to have been a series of blunders all the way through, a picture of the Yankee canal was given. This note should be recalled and a new issue printed which would look less like a \$1 bill now in such general circulation.

Heavy Increases in the World's Wheat Supplies.

As predicted a week ago, the revised figures for European supplies on December 1, enabled to show a large increase, so heavy a one, in fact, as to mark the greatest increase in the world's wheat stock in a month of November a record breaking one so far as the world's supply is concerned, says Bradstreet's. In only two preceding years that there are records for, in the world's wheat stocks, did the gain in any one month so far exceed that of November, 1901. Curiously enough, the only exceptions prove to have been in October of the years 1890 and 1897. In the former year the world's supply increased by the record breaking amount of 35,000,000 bushels, while in 1897 the gain was about equal to that shown this year, namely, 27,000,000 bushels.

The total world's supply on December 1, this year was 170,500,000 bushels, a gain of 27,000,000 bushels over November 1, and comparing with a gain of only 2,627,000 bushels a year ago, of 4,000,000 bushels in 1890, and 17,863,000 bushels in 1897. This gain was accounted for primarily by the increase of 21,151,000 bushels shown in American supplies.

The European supplies on the first day of December compared with preceding months of the year, are as follows:

	(000,000 omitted)
Jan.	197, 180, 190, 190, 190, 190
Feb.	79, 72, 71, 6, 9, 6, 2, 7, 4
March	70, 62, 60, 62, 62, 63, 7, 4
April	59, 57, 57, 57, 57, 57, 5, 2
May	55, 51, 51, 55, 5, 7, 4, 2, 8
June	55, 55, 55, 55, 55, 55, 5, 1, 1
July	55, 55, 55, 55, 55, 55, 5, 1, 1
Aug.	55, 55, 55, 55, 55, 55, 5, 1, 1
Sept.	55, 55, 55, 55, 55, 55, 5, 1, 1
Oct.	55, 55, 55, 55, 55, 55, 5, 1, 1
Nov.	55, 55, 55, 55, 55, 55, 5, 1, 1
Dec.	70, 5, 4, 4, 7, 1, 7, 4, 7, 5

The combined American and European supplies for the year, are as follows:

	(000,000 omitted)
Jan. 1	169, 167, 117, 132, 156
Feb. 1	167, 167, 117, 132, 156
March 1	167, 167, 117, 132, 156
April 1	167, 167, 117, 132, 156
May 1	167, 167, 117, 132, 156
June 1	167, 167, 117, 132, 156
July 1	167, 167, 117, 132, 156
Aug. 1	167, 167, 117, 132, 156
Sept. 1	167, 167, 117, 132, 156
Oct. 1	167, 167, 117, 132, 156
Nov. 1	167, 167, 117, 132, 156
Dec. 1	167, 167, 117, 132, 156

The American and European supplies in 1901 showed a gain of 28,000,000 bushels, a gain of only 2,627,000 bushels a year ago. In other words, the increase this year was seven times as large as a year ago, four times as great as in 1890, and 10,000,000 bushels larger than the increase in November, 1898. The grand total world's supply, despite these increases, is however, less than a year ago, 379,000 bushels less than a year ago on December 1, and 3,925,000 bushels less than in 1899, but is 61,771,000 bushels larger than on December 1, 1898.

The shortage of soft coal is causing a number of foundries to migrate to one or two in Toronto to clear their stocks.

The members of the Montreal board of trade had a lot of fun out of an auction sale of the past year's magazines and newspapers in their rooms. Some of the more popular publications brought ridiculously high prices. There were many requests for them among the brokers, and much brisk bidding for the choicest offerings.

Piano-makers to the number of 450 went on strike in Toronto on Monday. The firms affected were the Heintzenberg Co., Gerhard & Heintzenberg, Man, Plano Co., Gerhard & Heintzenberg, and Co., Mason & Risch, and the Palatine Pianos. These factories were expected to meet the demands of the men, which were for a nine hour day and a better wage.

A Rosser, Man, correspondent says: "The profits of the poultry business have been brought forcibly to the front by a young man, a member of the firm of Rosser, Man, & Co., of Detroit, who has close on \$100 worth of fat chickens this fall, and these fowls were only raised on corn, wheat, or spare moments. Mr. Preston, who is in the chicken farming business on a large scale, would not have been able to make more from this branch of his farm than from any of the other departments. He has raised and sold \$16 a week for fresh-laid eggs, clear of all expense."

The Coal Situation.

The Winnipeg Free Press has the following on the coal situation, which under conditions about as they really are:

This is the season of the household discontent. With the thermometer below zero, and the end of the year approaching, coal bills and coal are very prominent—sometimes pressing—incidents. The average citizen realizes the necessity for fuel, and both obligations and his own feelings by grumbling at the collector and frequently by calling out on the face. Much has been said by Winnipeggers—some of it unkind—for publishing regarding the price charged for coal in this city. The coal merchants were spoken of in disparaging terms when they announced an advance of fifty cents at the beginning of the current season. If any additional evidence were needed to prove them pryers on the public, this advance, in the opinion of many, was more than sufficient. Nothing but the imperative necessity imposed on them by the Manitoba courts, and the possibility of securing fuel elsewhere, would induce many citizens to deal with men who have proved to be holding up a city for undue personal advantage.

In view of the largely prevailing dissatisfaction with the present condition of the fuel problem, the Free Press has been anxious to gather some information relating to the coal situation in Winnipeg, some of which is here given. In the first place there is not the slightest doubt but that there exists a combination of the coal dealers. The cast-iron prices in all grades and quantities of hard coal which have recently been announced, in the opinion of many, is strong presumptive evidence as to the existence of an understanding between the coal dealers as to the amount to be charged. In spite of all care reports of meetings of the coal men at the beginning of the season, which have leaked out, the most convincing, however, is displayed in a coal merchant's window, in the shape of a list of prices. These are exactly identical in each case, and were evidently printed for the use of every coal trader in Winnipeg. Arrangements as to price were entered into before by the city coal merchants, but no attempt was made to bind the parties to the combination. The rack on which the local price was nominally the same as that of the other cities, but the merchants gave discounts varying from one to five per cent in the time of payment. This practically amounted to a difference in price, and dealers were enabled to pull business away from the city. This was done in their direction by the introduction of a heavier discount, while nominally maintaining the agreed-on schedule of prices. This procedure, however, this difficulty is provided for in the terms of the contract entered into by the local coal merchant. Whether a purchaser buys half a ton, or one, or three, or five, or ten, or the same. "Positively no price is in the month of the combine this year, and no discount will be put on any quantity observed by every one of the coal dealers to the agreement."

But, the terms of the combination among local dealers is apparent, and is not denied by those who concern the coal men. It is the combination in the trade, and has not been brought about through any device to hold up the consumer for unwelcome terms. The coal business in this city has been in a woe in the past seasons but on a most profitable basis. The range of prices for similar grades of coal varies considerably. The mine owners were enabled to save themselves, and their agents. One big mining enterprise would attempt to "freeze out" its competitors on a certain point, and the carrying charges would be found to be a great asset in this commercial rivalry by discrimination in freight rates. The coal business was completely wrecked by the competition between agents at the coal points. The net result was, that the coal buyers paid a price for the most gigantic strike in the summer of 1880, that coal was

sold at a price which it was claimed did not give the mine owner a profit on his investment, and that the local agent carried a heavy loss. It was almost the same uncertainty and anxiety as now.

He would be "playing the races," and would expect to receive a cent a ton for delivery before close of the season. It was the decision of a rival company in "Cannavia" to "skin the cat to the tail," and to sell to the consumer at a competitor's price, that ended the coal business. It was his coal cost him on the cars in the city, and he presented the cut to the company he represented, possibly ruin, started him in the face. The coal dealers are now worry the coal dealer in the whole American coal industry has been put on a new footing. Last spring Mr. Pierpont Morgan of New York, succeeded in organizing one of the most gigantic trusts in existence.

The disorganization of the coal interests, consequent on the immense success of the preceding combination, afforded him an opportunity of which he was quick to avail himself, and as a result of his success in America is increased or diminished, and the price regulated by the director of one of the trusts in America. As a result the coal barons are rapidly accumulating millions of dollars. At the mouth, 35 cents a ton more than they did ten months ago. The miners are getting a cent more for their coal. But they have no longer the fear of having their coal bought by a rival corporation. And, last but by no means least, the consumer is to pay for his coal. The price of coal is not controllable except within very narrow limits by the merchant at any local point. More than eighty per cent of the hard coal used in Winnipeg is bought at the wharves at Port William. If purchased at Duluth the price is the same, and if at Buffalo, the cost of lake carriage has simply to be deducted.

At Port William the price is \$1.00, and at Buffalo, the cost of lake carriage has simply to be deducted. Superior, the prices have been, for either "stove" or "chestnut" anthracite, 80 cents and "egg" a variety 25 cents less. At Buffalo the price for the best quality of coal is \$1.05, and simply the difference of the lake freight. The local coal merchants have no resistance in accepting their quotation circulars to prove this, and their statements are borne out by the current issue of the Coal Trade Journal, the recognized organ of the business. Moreover, from these quotations there is absolutely no discount.

The initial price of coal is thus practically a fixed quantity. And the freight is, as a matter of course, also beyond the dealers' manipulation or control. From Port William to Winnipeg the rate is \$3.00 a ton, bringing the cost of the coal to the dealer up to \$9.00 on the track at Winnipeg. At the current price of \$10.50 for anthracite, there is thus a margin of \$1.50 for profit, loss and all distribution charges.

While the various coal dealers interviewed differed a little as to the exact amount of the profit, the variation was so small as to affect but little the general result. All agreed that the profit on the cost of handling coal is in the neighborhood of 15 per cent as freight rates. They are as follows:

Unloading car.....	10
Strewing.....	10
Loading on wagon.....	10
Cartage (done by contract).....	70

The remaining charges vary in individual cases, but the general output and the method of business followed. Here is a representative instance:

Yard rent.....	\$510
Yard foreman.....	700
Yard labor.....	1000
On \$3,000 investment in plank yard, at 10 per cent.....	300

This, divided among this merchant's annual output of 6,000 tons represents a cost of twenty-five cents per ton, and a distributing cost up to 35 cents per ton. In addition to this there are the office expenses—bookkeeping, rent, light, fuel, insur-

ance, taxes, etc.—and all losses by bad debts, to be taken into consideration. These have all to come out of the margin of 35 cents.

In addition to this the dealer suffers from a very important disability in the question of weights. These are not guaranteed by the coal company, and all shortages have to be set off for by the dealer. This sometimes amounts to a very serious matter. One merchant stated that on a cargo of 1,000 tons two years ago he weighed in 103 tons short. Under the new coal trusts, settlements have to be made at the end of the month following the shipment, and as the great bulk of Winnipeg's coal is bought in September, the dealers are out of their money from October 15th till the coal is sold.

There is not any prospect of relief for the citizens of Winnipeg from the coal fields recently opened up in the Western Canada. Great developments have taken place in the West district coal industry in the Crow's Nest, Tumbler, and Great developments have taken place in the Crow's Nest west to the British Columbia Falls and Jennings, Monks, and abundance and comparative cheapness of the coal. The coal is great, and stimulating mining enterprises in Montana, which heretofore have suffered from a lack of coal for their smelters. It is not probable that this coal, in any quantity will find its way to Winnipeg in September, largely for the lack of suitable stoves for the burning of low grade lignite, and because of the quantity of coal which never come into general use in Winnipeg.

With the deepening of the mines, however, the prospect of improvement in the quality of the output, and more that stoves are on the market suitable for the class of fuel, it bids fair to come into more extensive use. Dealers seem to make more in proportion to their investment out of Souris coal than on either Galt or anthracite. The price of this coal, for example, is \$3.35 a ton, leaving a margin of \$1.05. But the question is, whether the investment in the coal, for the company that has combined the interests of the Roche and the Roche, is worth the investment. It has made special rebates to certain dealers in order to carry the amalgamation through. The price of this coal is 25 cents, or it is sold, even more, a ton, and at that figure the coal costs for the dealer \$3.10. Winnipeg and leaves him a margin of \$1.40 for distributing expenses and profit.

All the Winnipeg coal used in Winnipeg is bought through the general sales agent of the great coal companies—which in almost every instance are railway companies—in St. Paul. The coal industry in Manitoba is controlled by the representatives of these companies, or syndicates of companies, who in turn are under the control of the Morgan syndicate. The Northwest Fuel Company, the Philadelphia and Reading Coal Company, the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, the Youghiogheny and Lehigh Coal Company, the Ohio Coal Company, the Pioneer Fuel Company, St. Paul and Western Coal company, and the Lehigh and Erie Coal Company—these are the agencies through which Winnipeg dealers purchase their supplies. In addition to these is the big jobbing and brokerage of Jones & Adams, which handles the output of the great smaller mines.

The local advance pointed out is the result of the increased prices paid at the point of buying. Coal this year has cost the dealers from 50 to 75 cents more than last year. The local price has been raised only 50 cents. In Toronto it was raised 75 cents at the beginning of the season, and another 25 cents about a month ago. In view of all the circumstances, the coal companies claim that they have treated their customers very liberally. At the meeting referred to arrange a schedule of prices, and to elsewhere in this article, the question of a \$1 advance was negatively by only one cent. The care with which the coal companies protect the interest of the local dealer was evidenced from the beginning of the present season, when, in view of the increase in price, enquiry was made by certain firms in Winnipeg as to the possibility of breaking the local ring by getting in a large quantity of coal at the lowest possible prices. One of the largest of the coal companies was unrepresented in Winnipeg, and quotations were requested for coal in 800 or 1,000

ton lots. Though cash was promised with the order there was a delay of nearly a week in getting a reply. In time, presumably, the company in local merchants communicated with the question of the coal. The coal was that they were too short of coal to undertake such a contract.

To sum up the whole situation, while Winnipeggers have to pay more for coal than they would like to pay, it makes less. The city uses, the dealer and heating purposes, about 30,000 tons of coal annually. This is practically divided among eight firms. According to the figures given above, they six have to bear the cost of the season, and out of this they have to pay for all office expenses and bad debts. The coal costs them \$200 a year in many cases it is more—their average \$1,200 to \$1,500 a year each. As the average investment of each firm is more than \$40,000, the margin, it is believed, is not excessive. Winnipeg is yet largely a wood-burning city, and the proportion of coal used is much smaller than in any American city of the same size and similar location, nearly all of the big hotels, most of the residential houses, the hospitals, the city schools and business, the city schools and many of the private residences are still burning wood.

One anomaly in connection with the coal business ought to be remedied by the city authorities. This is in the matter of weight inspection. As it is present by law, a load of coal can be weighed by the dealer, and the accuracy, if the seller is a company or corporation, is not guaranteed by law, have not the authority to inspect the weight.

Alberta Oats.

The Strathcona Plaindealer takes a reasonable view of the case regarding the standard grades for Alberta oats. That paper says:

"The defence of the Western Grain Standard Board against the attack of the Edmonton and Calgary mercantile press, elsewhere in this issue, and the statement, which is a very good one, Commercial, are exactly what we expect. We take it that the board acted in the best of faith, and fortunate in its choice of a name for the inferior grades of oats. The necessity for new grades was undoubtedly urgent. There is no denying that a large quantity of oats has been damaged to a greater or less extent, and that it is required to be graded by itself, having a quality and weight entirely 'feed oats,' yet not sound enough to be thrashed as No. 1 or No. 2. Call them 'inferior' if you will, but they will be righted. It is a fact that comparatively few of our best oats have left the district. They have been bought up mainly by the local firms at top prices and are stored for milling purposes."

This from the Plaindealer is in strong contrast with the views of the editor of the Edmonton Bulletin, if the fool-killer had visited the editor and performed a painful operation in which the editor's journal, it might have saved Northern Alberta from a lot of injurious advertising.

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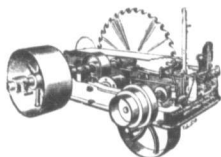
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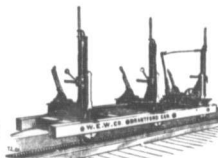
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Grocery Trade Notes.

The price of oranges dropped 25c per box on the Minneapolis market last week owing to increased supplies. The prices of apples, peaches and tangerines oranges are now on that market, grape fruit selling at from \$2.00 a box and tangerine at \$2.50 to \$3.50 per box.

St. William Van Horn, who has returned from the West, says that the product this year would be very large, amounting to \$10,000,000 and within a few weeks will be the biggest crop before the war. The situation on the Island at present was satisfactory.

London cable advices report that Laidt increased his estimate of the best crop of Europe to 6,710,000 tons and predicts further increase. This estimate compares with an estimate made by him late in October, when he fixed the yield at 5,420,000 tons, thus showing an increase of 230,000 tons.

Mail advices from Liverpool on salmon state: "The market is unsettled, everyone being expectant and speculating. The season is expected to be a dark horse" as to future prices, but as it is very strong and supported it is expected to be all powerful and quite capable of holding its own. The country trade is not so sanguine as to the season of the year." Referring to canned fruits the advices state: "The recent high prices in California have made the comparatively inferior quality of the New York pack have diminished the outside goods. There are those who believe from the Continent are finding their way into this country to the detriment of the California trade."

Under date of December 7, Liverpool mail advices state: "There has been an exceedingly strong market for currants. The latest sales reported show an advance of fully 6d per cwt for the week. The market business, however, is not on a large scale, the trade in all directions being of quiet retail character. At the market there is a scarcity of good estate fruit from 20s to 25s, and dealers find it difficult to get attention to Zante fruit, which is in fairly good supply." London advices give the stocks of currants on November 30 as 6,570 tons, compared with 12,245 tons on the same date last year, and 10,825 tons on the corresponding date in 1909. The stocks of currants in this market on November 30 are figured up to 1,177,000 pounds, compared with 3,411,121 pounds on the corresponding date last year.

Local wholesale fruit handlers in Minneapolis and St. Paul have had so much trouble with the so-called banana trust during the past year that more than 80 per cent. of those who formerly bought bananas in car lots to supply their trade, no longer buy except in small lots to meet current requirements. In Minneapolis alone there are not over half a dozen wholesale fruit handlers who can be said to be in the banana business. Other wholesale handlers buy fruit to fill orders, but they purchase through second hands, and whenever possible, from independents. The latter are not very scarce, however, and most of the bananas sold by local firms, who do not buy direct from the trust, are brought here from other shippers, and are billed out at about the same price they were purchased for, with the result that there is no profit in the business.—Minneapolis Commercial Bulletin.

The feature of the trade this week has been the increased strength in the market for low grade and medium grade Ceylon tea. There is a large shortage in the crop this year and the London merchants who buy quantities in large quantities are hard pressed to find supplies. The result is that grades which sold a couple of months ago for 4d to 5 1/4d are now bringing as much as 6 1/4d to 7 1/4d. One English correspondent in London has written that no one will be surprised to see rubbier selling soon at 7d. There is a scarcity of currants here, and it is doubtful whether present supplies will suffice for the Christmas trade and until the arrival of the next steamer, early in January. A decline of 10 per cent. on all grades of sugar has had effect here to-day. Bordeaux walnuts have advanced about 1 1/2c for the best. Sultana raisins are 1 1/2c easier. Other groceries are steady.—Toronto Globe.

Hardware Trade Notes.

Glass dealers have completed their stocks by the arrival of some late shipments from Europe.

Lead producers of Idaho and Utah have reduced the price of lead from 1.37 1/2 cents per pound to 1c.

The Stewart, Glasgow, cast iron pipe makers, have ordered 20,000 tons of Newfoundland iron from the Dominion Iron Company at prices which it is believed will enable them to compete with the American and German makers.

A further reduction in the price of copper, the cost is announced by the United Metals Selling Company, the selling agent of the Amalgamated Copper Company, changes the price for lake copper to 33 cents, for electrolytic to 12 1/2c, and for castings to 12 1/2c cents.

The following changes are reported from Eastern Canada: Zinc sheet is quoted slightly higher; ingot copper is 75c per 100 pounds lower; No. 1 lead is quoted 25c per 100 pounds lower; Green wire cloth has dropped to 8 1/2c per 100 square feet as to date.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

It is reported that fine merino wool yarn goods will be advanced 10c per spring.

There have been very few shipments of domestic staple goods yet for the spring trade. The retailers are too busy to make room for them. After the first of the year the shipments will begin on a large scale. The strength displayed by raw cotton markets this week has kept the values of the finished product firm. In the United States the conditions of the markets for cottons and cotton goods at present is firmer than a week ago, and there appears to be no shading in prices to induce sales. The Canadian mills are busy on orders, and while prices are not as high as they were this time last year they are regarded by the jobbers as being on a healthy and no further declines are expected. The jobbers have bought largely for the spring trade, as they are stocking the goods. In a few weeks stock should be complete in all departments and the spring trade, for which the prospects are very encouraging, will be in full swing.—Toronto Globe.

Live Stock Trade Notes.

It is reported that a new company will be incorporated at Winnipeg to carry on a live stock exporting trade. H. A. Mullins is at the head of the movement.

Lumber Trade Notes.

A Minneapolis lumber mill will try the experiment of operating its mill throughout the winter by means of a hot water pond to which the logs will be carried by rail.

Fred J. Rutherford has been appointed travelling agent in Manitoba and the Territories, as far west as Moose Jay for the North Pacific Lumber Co., of Barnet, B. C. Although a young man, Mr. Rutherford is well acquainted with the business, being the youngest son of Thos. Rutherford, of the lumber firm of Brown & Rutherford, Winnipeg.

Railway and Traffic Matters.

Application will be made next session by the Calgary and Edmonton Railway Company, for an act to revise its power to extend its railway southerly to the international boundary.

Negotiations are proceeding between the American Locomotive Works Co., of New York and the Kingston Locomotive Works company for the purchase of the latter's property by the New York concern. Half a million dollars has been offered as a price.

Application will be made next session for an act to incorporate a company under the name of "Canada Western Railroad Company," to construct a line of railway from a point near Port Frances, on Italy river, northwesterly by way of Rat Portage, the English river and God's lake, to Port Nelson, on the Hudson bay, or some point near there.

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sion for an act to incorporate a company to construct a railway from Melville Head in a northwesterly direction to a point in the vicinity of range sixteen, west of the fourth meridian; thence northerly in the vicinity of ranges sixteen and seventeen west of the north meridian to a point on near Victoria, with authority also to construct branches from any point on the proposed line not exceeding in any one case fifty miles in length.

Application will be made next session for an act authorizing the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. to own and operate land and other property outside the Dominion of Canada, amending its charter in so far as it relates to the qualification, attitudes, powers and election of its directors, authorizing a further issue of consolidated debenture stock for the purpose of aid in the acquisition of land, and increasing and extending the company powers of dealing with its landed and other properties, enabling the company to acquire and use electricity for motor and other purposes, and to dispose of surplus electricity, empowering the company to improve its landed properties by means of irrigation, and establish parks and pleasure resorts on its land; to aid and facilitate the settlement of the lands of the company, and to assist settlers upon such lands, and generally for securing to the company in connection with its lands the powers of an irrigation and land company, and for other purposes.

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WINNIEPES PRICES CURRENT

The last number of the Ledger, published at Griswold, Man., was a special one, containing much valuable information about the town and district. Editor Wildman is deserving of congratulation on the result of his efforts in producing this really fine paper. J. Living, a collector for the McCormick Harvesting Co., who was reported to have been kidnapped and robbed near McGregor, Man., has been arrested on a charge of having appropriated the funds himself.

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MANITOBA.

R. Haxby, barber, Boissevain, has sold out to Wm. Spier.

C. F. Hines, taxidermist, has opened a shop in Winnipeg.

J. C. Hoyer has purchased Watson's furniture store at Grand View.

The Merchants Bank of Canada will erect new premises in Neepawa.

Jos. Murdoch, bookbinder and stationer, Neepawa, has sold out to Walter Gordon.

A. Macdonald & Co. have sold their general store at Carman to James Hene and Jim. Carney.

J. Bull & McCaul, Dominion City, have purchased "Horne Bros." stock of boots and shoes.

E. Lawson has sold his fruit and confectionery business at Pilot Mound to Mr. Campbell.

R. D. Bruce, late of the Bole Drug Co., Winnipeg, has purchased a drug business in Glenburn.

The Morden Chronicle has issued a very fine illustrated Xmas number, which is a credit to its publisher, R. G. McLaugh.

W. E. Tracey, dealer in stoves and tinware, etc., Portage avenue, Winnipeg, expired suddenly at his home on Tuesday evening, after rising from the supper table.

J. V. Griffin & Co. are moving their produce business this week from the building which they have heretofore occupied on Burnham street east, to the new building on the east side of the Red river, at Louise Bridge. The business will be carried on there in future.

President Hanbury and Vice-president Wolverton leave on Thursday morning to buy machinery for the binder twine factory at Brandon. They intend visiting large binder twine factories in eastern cities so as to be in a position to secure the latest ideas in twine machinery.

George Elliott's general store at Grandview was broken into by burglars on Christmas night and \$1,000 in cash taken. The thieves missed

other packages of money containing much larger amounts. Todd's general store was also entered at about the same time but the thieves secured nothing there.

T. D'Arcy McGehe, who for a number of years has held a position with the Dominion Bank, Winnipeg, has severed his connection with the banking business to enter the mercantile house of Thos. Ryan Co. Ltd., wholesale boots and shoes, Winnipeg, in which he will take over the office management.

R. J. Reid, who has been in charge of the bookbinding department of Hulman Bros. & Co., Winnipeg, has bought out this department of the business, and will continue it under the name of R. J. Reid & Co. Mr. Reid has had long experience in the bookbinding and kindred lines. Before taking charge of the binding department for Hulman Bros. he was with J. C. Wilson & Co., manufacturing stationers, Montreal, for several years, where he gained much valuable knowledge in connection with that branch. He takes over the business on January 1, and will continue in the same premises, at 86 Albert street.

ASSINIBOIA.

Work has been commenced on a farmers' elevator at Arcola, Assa.

The general store business of Levin & Co., Moosomin, has been bought by Mr. Rosen.

F. Woodhill has started a new weekly paper at Alameda, known as "The Alameda Dispatch."

Miss Margaret Grant has succeeded Geo. Wien in the management of the C. P. R. hotel at Moose Jaw.

The Union bank is now ready for business at Arcola, Assa, and the new manager, E. G. Stewart, is well pleased with the prospects before him.

The Commercial is in receipt of a nicely printed and illustrated supplement to the Moose Jaw Times containing some valuable information regarding that district, as well as other interesting reading.

ALBERTA.

R. B. Maxwell has opened a stationery store at Blairmore.

A new coal mine is being opened up about seven miles east of Magrath. Jesse Knight & Co. own the mine.

Brunelle & Woods have leased Hutton's new stable where they will run a feed and sale business.—Edmonton Bulletin.

There are now in Southern Alberta about four thousand Mormons. The principal settlements are: Carleton, 1,200; Striding, 600; McGrath, 600; Raymond, 200.

Jesse Knight, a Mormon from Utah, who has made a fortune in mining, and is said to be worth several millions, is at the head of the movement to establish a beet sugar factory at Raymond. Raymond is a new town on the irrigation canal, 18 miles south of Lethbridge. Mr. Knight is the founder of Raymond, a settlement of Utah people, which is growing rapidly. Some 3,000 acres are being prepared for beet culture by Mr. Knight. The land will be divided into ten-acre plots, each family receiving one plot only. The plant will cost about \$500,000.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

A company has been formed to erect a flour mill at Port Arthur.

Tenders.

Tenders for timber berth No. 308, to be opened Jan. 29, are called for by the Interior department, Ottawa. The land is in section 36, township 20, range 1, west, in Manitoba.

Tenders for the supply of 500 cubic yards of gravel to be delivered at Brookside cemetery, are being called for by the Winnipeg public works board; tenders to be in by Jan. 29.

The crown lands department of Ontario have been advised that 1,067 locations of land were taken up in the Temiskaming region during the first eleven months of the year. This is equivalent to more than 160,000 acres, or equal to seven townships. Thomas Southworth, director of colonization for Ontario, has been advised that about twenty families of settlers, with thirty carloads of effects, will leave Faulkton in South Dakota and will take up land in the neighborhood of Port Arthur.



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Wool-COWS.—Only a very few milch cows are offering and the market ranges from \$10 to \$15 per head, according to quality.

Iron.—There is some demand for iron for bush work, which is very popular with Ontario stock raisers and very firm.

The City Meat Market.

The butchers who have staled in the city market made their usual fine display of Christmas stuff this week. It is doubtful if a finer display could be seen anywhere. Beef and mutton, poultry and game, were shown in the greatest profusion, and there was attention to sprinkling of fine hogs, although these were not so much in evidence as the market is revealing. Some of the beef carcasses shown were very large, and dressed in the most latest styles. The Dalglighers and Kobolds had exceptionally fine beef displayed, and all of the best fattest mutton. The mutton shown was from Ontario and the western ranges. Kobold & Co. made the most display among the carcasses of the western sheep which attracted so much attention at the Pan American exposition. This is the chief attraction of the market was the splendid dressing of the mutton, and the most profusion of hams, which were secured by means of colored lights, etc. Besides the butchers mentioned, J. Davidson, Couture & Co., and Logan & Co. had special displays.

Annual Meeting Commercial Travellers.

The annual meeting of the North-West Commercial Travellers' association was held Saturday evening, in the board of Trade room, Grain Exchange, President G. F. Huggan occupied the chair. There were also present Vice-President F. M. Morgan, Secretary J. C. MacIntyre, Secretary F. J. C. Cox, Directors, M. McEwan, F. Baker, Geo. Wilson, F. H. Agnew, J. Cunningham, J. Dreyfus, J. M. Lamb, H. W. Hutchinson, and about fifty active travellers. After the meeting of last meeting were read and confirmed, the president made a short address complimenting the association for the successful year they have had and also making a few suggestions for the future to be considered during the year.

After a full explanation by Mr. A. J. Johnston and the board's secretary, Mr. A. R. Jardine, the motions to amend the by-law limiting the rate and known as the mortgage benefit bill to thirty thousand dollars and to add that four dollars for each month be added to said fund each year was carried unanimously.

The annual report was then read and the motion adopted. It showed that the year just closed was by far the most successful the association has ever had. The total membership is now 311, showing a gain over the year of 126 members appointed as follows:—Manitoba and Northwest Territories increase 111, British Columbia 25. The general manager's report said: "It is gratifying to note that the increase in B. C. membership is with that of Manitoba and Northwest Territories, thus showing that this association is as successful as the coast as before, and in fact has strengthened the bonds your members have arranged for a membership in the B. C. board to make a special trip to Winnipeg at the expense of the association, to be with the annual meeting." The report further showed the invested funds of the association to be bringing in a good income, and that the present insurance placed by the association with the Ocean Accident and Assurance Corporation had again proved to be quite satisfactory, there being no losses, twenty claims which had been promptly dealt with. The contract has again been renewed for one year, the amount of contributions for the month now being carried by the association is \$107,540. This year the association has shown the loss of \$50,000, namely, Messrs R. J.

Gaina, A. F. E. Phillips, Ex-President Wm. Hargreaves and Mr. F. R. Douglas (of Vancouver). The first three were claimants of the benefit fund aggregating \$84,000. Mr. Douglas was drowned in the Islander disaster, which very nearly costed the loss of other members as well. In the connection the attention of the board was called to the fact that their accident policy with reference to the London and Lancashire, in which the railway companies were to be pleasant and harmonious and their claims very promptly and promptly and courteous. The board expressed their surprise at the members' want of support in the special Relief Fund, the subscriptions for this year only reaching the nominal sum of \$20. The British Columbia branch of the association has proposed under the guidance of Mr. A. H. Taylor, to send a special expedition to report the receipt of his resignation, Mr. Tufts having moved to the United States to conduct a special branch of his business. The steady increase in the B. C. membership is very gratifying and shows the wisdom of the amendment made to the by-law of the British Columbia representation.

Mr. L. C. MacIntyre, the treasurer, on being mentioned by the board, referred to the satisfaction it gave him to be able to place before the members of the association such a large increase over the previous year. To give an idea, especially to the members, of the growth of the association from the time it was formed, on Oct. 13, 1882, he quoted the B. C. membership in 1882, which showed three years later, in 1885, there were 78 members, with cash on hand of \$2,028. At the twentieth anniversary showed the number of members as being 313, and the cash on hand \$72,828. On that day the association has grown so that the gross income for this year is larger than the original surplus in 1882. The net balance at present, all bills being paid, is the large amount of \$16,000. After these remarks, which were received with approval, the treasurer's report was adopted as follows:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I present to you herewith the nineteenth annual financial report of this association. The gross income for this year shows the largest increase of any in the history of the association, it being \$9,391.43 as against \$7,500.52 last year, and last year was a good year also. This increase has enabled the association to add to its assets the large sum of \$5,000.54, making the grand total of available assets at this date \$36,357.40. The amount of \$30,557.40 is not apportioned as follows:—Mortgage reserve fund, \$11,620.10; emergency reserve fund, \$14,400; entertainment account, \$22.35; general account, \$21,523.95; a total of \$36,557.40. The old mortgage account is in excellent shape, being now reduced to \$2,557.15, with no overdue interest. The books of the association are in good order and, with the vouchers, have been carefully audited and found to be correct.

The report of the scrutineers was then read, and the following will comprise the minutes of the board of directors for 1902: President, F. M. Morgan (act.); vice-president, M. McEwan (act.); treasurer, J. C. MacIntyre (act.); secretary, F. J. C. Cox; directors, G. F. Bryan, the retiring president, and H. Agnew, J. C. Fisher, J. M. Lamb, J. J. Tomlinson, F. W. Dreyfus, H. W. Hutchinson, F. H. Nesbitt, E. H. Taaffe. British Columbia—Vice-president G. F. Beveridge, directors E. Taylor, P. Walkie, J. A. Cunningham. Vice-president for Victoria, H. H. Welsh; director, G. Adams. Director, New Westminster, J. A. Cunningham. Director, Kootenay, F. B. Tibbo. After votes had been tendered the auditors, the scrutineers and G. F. Bryan, B. C. for the cigars they so generously supplied, the meeting adjourned.

It is requested that all active travellers secure their tickets for the dinner as soon as possible, as they are limited, and the officers wish to see as many travellers present as desire to attend.

The president and officers were disappointed that Vice-President J. Beveridge, of Vancouver, was not present, as was expected. It may be hoped that arrangements will be made so that he will be with the boys at

the annual dinner to be held at the Charnock, Monday, Dec. 30.

The travellers all feel that L. C. MacIntyre as treasurer is the right man in the right place, as this is the seventh year in succession that he has been selected to fill the position.

Among the new faces on the board of directors are J. J. Tomlinson, F. H. Nesbitt and E. H. Taaffe.

The Paper Market.

To make the matter more explicit with regard to the recent advances in paper by Canadian manufacturers, which have been in the "Commercial" of the time, we may say that wrapping papers average 1 to 1 1/2 per lb. higher than they were at the beginning of the month, this advance having been made at a time on the 20th and 21st inst. respectively. News print paper is 1 1/2c dearer than at the first of the month, this advance having been made at the time of the first advance in wrapping paper, namely, the 6th of December.

The Commercial Men.

Geo. M. Newton was at the hotel in Winnipeg, Monday, Dec. 30.

W. T. Wakers, of W. H. Bosk & Co., was in the city this week.

Alb. Munro, S. Hartwig, and W. W. Voth, were among the travellers who left for the east this week.

J. L. Gallagher, of the Canada Packers, and J. G. MacIntyre, Limited, have returned to Winnipeg from the eastern trip.

John A. Wabber, of the Hudson Bay Co., Winnipeg, left this week for his home at Woodstock, Ont., to attend the golden wedding of his aged parents.

A large attendance is expected at the dinner of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association, to be held in Winnipeg on Monday evening at the Charnock.

C. H. Phillips, western representative of Waldron, Drouin & Co., Montreal, is now on the way to Europe on

a buying trip for his firm, during which he will visit the large markets of the world. Mr. Phillips expects to visit the West again in April.

Movements of Business Men.

H. Stranges, scrap merchant, Winnipeg, is leaving on Monday for a trip to the eastern centres of both Canada and the United States, to which he ships goods. He will study the condition of the markets, there with a view of future transactions, especially the copper market, which has slumped badly lately.

A Big Corporation.

The Atlanta Tube Works, capital \$30,000,000, is applying for incorporation. It is the largest capitalization in Canada, and is another of the big ones. Saul Ste. Marie proposes. The plant will be used for the manufacture of metallic tubes on the Farin patent, the right for which, for the United States and Canada, has been acquired by the Glasgow syndicate.

NEW YORK MONEY.

Money on call firm, actual transactions ranging from 6 to 9 per cent. last loan 7, closed offering of 8 per cent. prime mercantile paper, 7 1/2 to 7 3/4 per cent. sterling exchange, higher at \$1.82 1/2 for demand, and at \$1.82 1/2 for 60 days. Sixty days gold rates, \$1.81 to \$1.81 1/2 and \$1.82 1/2 for 90 days, \$1.82 1/2 to \$1.83 1/2 for 120 days, \$1.82 1/2 for 150 days, \$1.82 1/2 for 180 days, \$1.82 1/2 for 210 days, \$1.82 1/2 for 240 days, \$1.82 1/2 for 270 days, \$1.82 1/2 for 300 days, \$1.82 1/2 for 330 days, \$1.82 1/2 for 360 days.

Weather Conditions.

The weather has been quite mild since Saturday last, Dec. 21. There is not so much snow to make good sleighing throughout the country.

The contest between the piano makers of Toronto and their 500 employees now on strike involves the principle of recognition of the union, which the makers refuse to do.

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Toronto Wholesale Trade.

Special to The Commercial. Toronto, Dec. 28. Dry Goods—Quiet and dull. Retail holiday trade was heavy. Outlook for next a promising. Hardware—Less active. Firms are taking prices for spring on building paper show considerable advances. ...

Hogs and Hog Products.

Special to The Commercial. Toronto, Dec. 28. Dressed hogs are rather slow, and prices are weaker. Products are unchanged. ...

Toronto Grain and Produce.

Special to The Commercial. Toronto, Dec. 28. Ontario wheat is unchanged, Manitoba higher. Flour is slightly firmer. ...

Montreal Grain and Produce.

Special to The Commercial. Montreal, Dec. 28. Oats are 2c lower than a week ago, which is the only change in the grain market. ...

Montreal Live Stock Market.

Special to The Commercial. Montreal, Dec. 24. Receipts at the East end abattoir yesterday included 400 head of cattle and 250 sheep and lambs. ...

Toronto Live Stock Market.

Special to The Commercial. Toronto, Dec. 28. Export Cattle—Sold well, the choicest offerings selling at \$20.25 per cwt. ...

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 28. Receipts at the stock market yesterday were 17 cars, including 440 sheep and lambs and 400 hogs. ...

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Wheat: Dec. 78½c; May, 82 to 82½c; July, 82c. Corn: Dec. 61½c; May, 67 to 67½c; July, 66½c to 66½c. ...

New York Wheat.

New York, Dec. 23.—Dec., 85½c; May, 78½c; July, 87c. New York, Dec. 24.—Market closed. ...

Minneapolis Wheat.

Minneapolis, Dec. 23.—Dec., 70½c; May, 78½c; July, 79½c; puts, 77½c; calls, 79c; Dec., 78½c. Minneapolis, Dec. 24.—Market closed. ...

Duluth Wheat.

Duluth, Dec. 23.—Dec., 70½c; May, 78½c; July, 79½c; puts, 77½c; calls, 79c; Dec., 78½c. Duluth, Dec. 24.—Market closed. ...

Liverpool Wheat.

Liverpool, Dec. 27.—Close: Wheat spot firm. No. 2 red winter wheat 62½; No. 1 northern spring 62½; No. 1 California 62½; future quiet. ...

Winnipeg Closing Wheat.

No. 1 hard wheat closed last Saturday at 71½c; No. 1 northern at 68c, and 2 northern at 65c. No buyers.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Cattle steady; good to prime, \$6.40-7; top to medium, \$5.75-6.25. ...

BRITISH STOCKS

London, Dec. 27.—4 pm. Canada for money 94½; do. for the account 94 3/16. ...

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. London, Dec. 27. December option 2½d lower at 18 3/4d.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. Liverpool, Dec. 27. Canadian cattle quoted steady at 12½ to 13½c per pound, estimated dressed weight.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. Liverpool, Dec. 27. Finest Canadian colored, September-October, 48s to 49s; white 47s to 48s. ...

4th Live Stock Markets.

London, December 23.—There was no change in the market for cattle since this day week. The tone was firm with sales of Americans at 13 1-2c.

Liverpool, December 23.—The demand for cattle was firm, but the stock offered was mostly of a secondary quality. ...

The Ontario Beet Sugar Co. let the contracts on Thursday, at Toronto, for a factory at Berlin, to cost over \$500,000. ...

The Montreal Gazette, of Monday, says: "The unassisted, and well feeling prevailed in the New York market for refined sugar, owing to the difference of price among the refiners, and the ambition on the part of the others to do more business than the others. ...

Miscellany.

The self-made man is easier known than any other knob. Because he is so quick to own. He's well pleased with the job.

Old Diogenes came up the street rubbing his hands and shaking his head.

"Hello, Di!" we called out, "how do you find Chicago?"

"Don't tell me about Chicago," mumbled the ancient philosopher. "While I was searching for an honest man some of my lanterns."

"From the Chicago News."

A visible calendar—one of the most useful for office use that we have owned this year comes from the Mutual Life of Canada.

STATISTICAL WHEAT REPORT.

WHEAT IN CANADA.
Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:
Montreal 1,000,000 bushels
Toronto 1,000,000 " "
Ottawa 300,000 " "
Dupon Harbor, Ont. 607,000 " "
Kingston 1,000,000 " "
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin 1,853,000 " "
Winnipeg 2,500,000 " "
Manitoba elevators 3,000,000 " "
Total Dec. 14, 1901 12,727,000
Total previous week 12,527,000
Total a year ago 15,808,000

GRAIN RECEIPTS REPORT OF STOCKS
Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's reports, are 4,440,000 bushels, as against 3,922,000 bushels for the previous week.
Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 8,633,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's reports.
Stocks of wheat at Pacific coast ports on Dec. 1 were 7,758,000 bushels.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ending Dec. 21, was 78,865,000 bushels, being a decrease of 1,000,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 80,000,000 bushels, or 1,135,000 bushels more. Three years ago it was 85,785,000 bushels, three years ago 80,010,000 bushels, five years ago 84,445,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 1,527,000 bushels, compared with 1,532,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 11,020,000 bushels, compared with 11,040,000 bushels a year ago, according to the figures above mentioned.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in America and Europe and about for Europe Dec. 1, in each year for a series of years, were as follows:—

Year	Hubbards
1901	1,077,000,000
1900	1,170,000,000
1899	1,190,000,000
1898	1,180,000,000
1897	1,120,000,000
1896	1,170,000,000
1895	1,185,000,000

WHEAT MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop until Dec. 1, 1901, to date, compared with the same period of last year.
This crop. Last crop.
Minneapolis 48,005,245 30,740,540
Milwaukee 9,844,880 4,010,520
Duluth 3,315,503 11,520,475
Chicago 25,563,569 27,844,414
Total 117,739,200 83,125,769

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, 1901, to date, compared with the same period of last year.
This crop. Last crop.
Toledo 5,712,938 6,958,294
St. Louis 11,140,148 14,088,545
Detroit 2,943,296 2,112,163
Kansas City 15,399,054 25,653,817
Total 37,604,096 48,852,719

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 1,676,184 bushels of wheat in store at Port William on Dec. 21. Receipts for the week were 503,257, and shipments 113,869. A year ago stocks in store at Port William were 1,480,000. Two years ago there were 1,524,000 bushels. Stocks in store at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior points are estimated approximately at 11,901,000 bushels, compared with 5,000,000 bushels a year ago, 5,500,000 bushels two years ago, and 7,500,000 bushels three years ago.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

During the week ending December 21 there were inspected at Winnipeg and Emerson 918 cars of grain, comprising the following:—
Wheat—No. 1 hard, 51 cars; No. 1 northern, 267 cars; No. 2 northern, 455 cars; No. 3 northern, 18 cars; rejected, No. 1, 1 car; rejected, No. 2, 1 car; no grade, 15 cars; condemned, total, 819 cars.
Oats—No. 2 white, 66 cars; 2 mixed, 7 cars; rejected, 1 car; feed, 18 cars; total oats, 92 cars.
Barley—No. 2, 4 cars; feed, 2 cars; no grade, 1 car; total, 7 cars.
A year ago the total number of cars inspected was 207, and the like week two years ago, 739 cars.

Grain and Milling Notes.

A local stock company is being organized at Shelburne, Man., to build a small flour mill.

A meeting was held at Manitow, Man., to protest against the grain blockade. A similar meeting was also held at Boissevain.

The grain blockade in Dakota is said to be very severe. All available space on some of the railway lines a fall of grain and farmers have not been able to make the crop for weeks.

New South Wales is estimating its wheat crop at 13,000,000 bushels. This is 5,000,000 bushels more than the crop of 1900, according to statistics, and which is about double the average crop of the three previous years.

The case of the man Gray, of Weyburn, Ass., who was arrested by John Love, of the Winnipeg Elevator Company, at the city police court with forgery and attempt to defraud, was tried this week and the prisoner sent out for trial.

The Dominion department of agriculture has estimated that the quantities which deliveries may be made on its South African oat contract. The final date for receipt of such deliveries is on January 11. The price named is 30¢ bush, point of shipment in Alberta.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this date last year:
Wheat—No. 1, hard closed at 77c in store Fort William.
Four-Jobbing price per sack: Patent, 81c; extra, 80c; standard, 79c; inferior, 78c.
Mills—Bran, \$13.00 per ton; shorts, \$15.00 per ton delivered.
Oats—Carries on track, Alberta 30c per 100; Manitoba, 30c per 100.
Rye—No. 1, 81c per 100; No. 2, 79c per 100.
Barley—44c per bushel for cars of feed grades on track mailing basis, 38c per 100.
Corn—in carlots, 43c per bushel of 56 lbs.
Butter—Buty, 14c per lb.; creamery 20c per lb. at the factories.
Cheese—56c to producers.
Eggs—20c for Manitoba fresh, less expressage.
Potatoes—Farmers' loads on the street, 40c per bushel.
Bacon—6c per lb. for city dressed; country, 4c per lb.
Poultry—Dressed chickens, 8c; ducks, dressed, 9c; geese, 8c; turkeys, dressed 11c.
Game—Wild ducks, 25¢ @ 30c per pair; rabbits, 60¢ each.
Hides—6c for frozen stock, less skins.
Hides—6c for unweaned fleeces.
Sewers 80¢—80¢.

Baled Hay—\$7.87-50 per ton on car.
Live Stock—Cattle, 23¢ @ 25c; sheep, 40¢ @ 45c; pigs, 50¢.
Loss in Copper Stocks.
New York, Dec. 20.—One hundred million dollars have been lost by the public in Amalgamated Copper stock during the past four months owing to the shrinkage in the share values. This loss is absolutely without parallel in the history of Wall street. Holders of other copper shares are involved in tremendous losses. Rich and poor suffer alike from the fall, which has ruined thousands.
The price in June was 130; it dropped to 60. This fall has wrought widespread ruin, and has invalidated all the principal exchanges. Innumerable holders have been ruined, and at least a few are unable to sell other securities in order to maintain their positions in shares. It is believed that the Standard Oil trust have determined to ruin Mr. Lawson by forcing him to sell his shares, so as to take him self his holdings. Mr. Lawson advised Mr. Milburn to defend the American cup, and has had success with horses of the turf.
The United States press denounces the Amalgamated Copper company, which it asserts is engaged in a conspiracy, and urges that legal proceedings should be taken.

MILBURN HAS LOST \$100,000 ON BOTH SIDES IN A ONE-SHARE DEAL TO THE DEATH.
The Standard Oil trust and the Rothschilds are credited with the intention of snuffing Mr. Lawson's stock out of him or at least a few as possible in order that they may obtain control of the world's copper trade. Mr. Lawson declares he will not submit, and will fight, and asks holders of Amalgamated to do likewise.

The Press, published at Fernie, B.C., has issued a fine Xmas number, containing many excellent illustrations of scenes in and about the Crow's Nest coal town.

FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

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

Week ending Dec. 26, 1901	\$
Corresponding week, 1900	83,435,474
Corresponding week, 1899	1,984,900
Corresponding week, 1898	2,365,820
The month, totals are as follows:	
Jan.	1,850,000
Feb.	9,023,408
Mar.	15,968,907
Apr.	17,072,040
May	7,829,952
June	7,034,274
July	7,091,510
Aug.	8,081,657
Sept.	9,262,570
Oct.	8,047,168
Nov.	9,012,084
Dec.	12,111,516
1900	1,100,500
1899	1,800,216
1898	2,100,500
1897	1,900,216
1896	2,200,500
1895	2,100,216
1894	2,400,500
1893	2,300,216
1892	2,600,500
1891	2,500,216
Totals	\$190,566,792 @ \$107,780,814

FINANCIAL NOTES.

Commercial cable stock has been the subject of a decline in eastern stock markets as a result of the Marconi wireless telegraphy experiments.

A new record price for a seat on New York stock exchange was established on Thursday at a sale of \$40,000. Last Saturday a seat sold for \$75,000, which was the record up to that time.

The staff of the Winnipeg branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce are sending a neat card to the patrons of the bank, wishing them the compliments of the season. The card gives the names of the staff, showing it to comprise 28 persons in all.

Stationery and Paper.

Owing to the recent advance made by the manufacturers of paper, as announced a couple of weeks ago in The Commercial, Winnipeg Jobbers have found it necessary to advance the price of news and wrapping papers. The advance at the mills is about 5 cent per pound.



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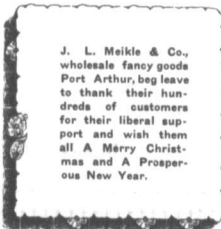
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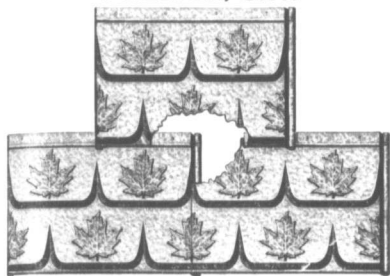
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Holiday Trade.

An enormous holiday trade has been done by retail merchants throughout Manitoba and the Territories this season. Winnipeg merchants report a splendid business, in most cases that far exceeding previous years.

Following are reports from some provincial points which indicate the situation throughout the country generally.

Glengoro, Dec. 25.—As compared with last fall this fall's business shows a most gratifying increase. The volume of trade being at least double. The merchants are rushed to their full capacity and there is a general air of prosperity in the town. A very pleasing feature is the manner in which outstanding debts from last year are being collected. The collections of the Massey-Harris Co. in the Union Bank, the mill and other firms must be very considerable, although in some cases extreme measures have been necessary to force settlements, however, form a valuable object lesson to those of our people who have been somewhat careless in contracting, debtors and creditors and others who are careful in their purchases, and increased prosperity is bound to follow. Taken altogether, the holiday year has been viewed by a business man's point of view, very satisfactory.

Holland, Dec. 25.—The Christmas trade has been exceedingly brisk this season, more so than any year since the inception of trade. Merchants have been kept very busy with an increased force, and the very heavy fall and Christmas stocks have been rapidly reduced. Machine men and lumber dealers have experienced a wave of prosperity. The oldest business man in town says: "This year is a record-breaker." Good crops, good prices and last year's general depression is the direct cause of the present brisk trade. The town and country are in a good healthy financial condition, and the people enjoying God's blessings as best they can. Many residents have come here and will make excellent immigration agents for next year's influx.

Carman, Dec. 25.—Merchants are well satisfied with this season's trade. Since harvest the business has been ready and good, improvement over former years. A better class of goods being asked for and the average cash trade far more satisfactory than former years. Considerable grain was loaded on the cars by farmers this year, thereby setting the farmers from six to eight and sometimes as high as eleven cents per bushel more than was being paid on the elevator companies for wheat. There was no serious shortage of cars at this point.

Regina, N. W. T., Dec. 25.—This has undoubtedly been the most prosperous year in the history of the Northwest Territories. All Regina merchants are doing a larger business than has been done for a number of years. This is fully evidenced by the staff each merchant has put on, and is entirely due to the very bountiful harvest and good prices obtained by the farmers.

Yorkton, N. W. T., Dec. 25.—Merchants' sales here have been better than last year. The collections have never been better, many farmers being able to clear themselves of all obligations and debts. Almost every farmer is securing another piece of land and negotiating improvements. This is all due to the big yield and the good prices.

Qu'Appelle, N. W. T., Dec. 25.—Merchants report a very large Christmas trade this year. It is fully sixty per cent. over last year, and they say it would be more than double if the farmers had been able to complete threshing earlier. As it is, there is scarcity of money, but any quantity of grain to market. Threshing is not yet completed.

Souris, Dec. 25.—Christmas trade here has been very brisk, but merchants claim it would have been much better if the grain blockade had not come so early in the season. The banks have benefited as the demand for advances has been enormous. A large proportion of the wheat is still in the farmers' hands.

Brandon, Dec. 25.—The majority of the merchants in Brandon claim to have easily doubled their sales over last year on account of the big crop and the good prices obtained.

Saltcoats, N. W. T., Dec. 25.—Sales are far in advance of last year and the farmers are progressing very favorably in the district. Christmas is good all round.

Morrien, Dec. 25.—The Christmas trade has been brisk, but not as large as other years, but merchants are well satisfied.

Rapid City, Dec. 25.—Merchants claim their sales this year exceed that of last year seventy-five per cent. Medicine Hat merchants report sales this fall fully 25 per cent. better than last year on account of the good crops.

Moore Jaw, N. W. T., Dec. 25.—Leading merchants state there was little or no increase enjoyed on account of the heavy crop and higher grain prices this year as compared with last year. The volume of trade is yet in the farmers' hands. There is a net increase in the account and a larger variety in the lines carried. New firms are setting up in business and on the whole the increase will amount to probably fifteen or twenty per cent.

Manitou, Man., Dec. 25.—Christmas trade has been exceptionally good being about fifty per cent. better than last year. The farmers paid off all old debts and a large number have gone east as a result of the good crop and prices.

Virden, Dec. 25.—Merchants here all report a big increase in sales this year and are all satisfied.

MEDICINE HAT.

The Medicine Hat News, Christmas number, contains elaborate articles, illustrating the present position and prospects for the future of that Assiniboian town of salubrious name. Natural gas comes first in the write-up. It is characterized as "Nature's gift to Medicine Hat," and the Hat is described as "The vantage point for Northwest manufacturing, and 'the municipal heating system.'" A list is published of between forty and fifty of the enterprising citizens of 1881 who were the originators of the natural gas development. The use of this gas at the waterworks power house is estimated to save the town ten dollars a day for fuel. A well has been put down at Purman's brick yards this summer, and the gas there is used for supplying power, heating a dry kiln, and burning brick. The town has voted \$25,000 for a natural gas system; contracts for three wells have been let, and about four miles of pipe will be laid so that any householder can get the gas for light and heat. The gas field, it is stated, has been proved

for forty miles, north and south, and seventy miles east and west.

An article which opens with the words "Medicine Hat is growing," states that \$121,000 has been spent on improvements in 1901. The town has spent during the year about \$10,000 in improvements and extensions to the waterworks system, and it is estimated that different citizens have spent \$10,000 in small improvements. Lanchers are believed to have spent \$25,000 in building.

During the year 1901, the Canadian Pacific Townsite company disposed of seventy-six town lots, at a figure of \$7,065, to persons who contemplate making homes.

Stock Shipments.

The stock business for the year 1901 in the Medicine Hat district, is regarded, taking it all through as in splendid condition. As compared with last year the exports of cattle have fallen off, while the exports of horses, sheep and wool have increased. The number of cattle and sheep required to supply the local market is increasing. Over 10,000 head of stocker cattle were put upon the ranges this season. The following figures are given from the report of Mr. Bray, stock inspector:

	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Medicine Hat West (State).....	12	11	11
Medicine Hat (Dunmore).....	12	4184	14
Med. Hat East (Dunmore).....	384	4609	117
Wainch.....	14	1092	117

EXPORTS.

	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Wool (lbs.)
Med. Hat West.....	134	848	—	—
Medicine Hat.....	353	384	270	62750
Med. Hat East.....	100	2329	1408	—
Wainch.....	32	573	2280	100000

TOTAL IMPORTS.

Horses.....	1237
Cattle.....	10568
Sheep.....	117

TOTAL EXPORTS.

Horses.....	799
Cattle.....	3821
Sheep.....	11750
Wool.....	171500

COMPARED WITH FORMER YEARS.

	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Wool.
1890.....	902	1313	—	—
1897.....	41	4131	5450	—

1890..... 509 5428 3064 10000
1891..... 1000 5000 5000 5000
1900..... 100 4821 108 3000
1901..... 100 4821 108 3000

Of the exported animals over 90 per cent. were exported for breeding purposes. Of the imports 86 pure bred bulls, 200 pure stallions and 117 sheep was brought in.

Another paragraph says "Medicine Hat is a sports town." It has a baseball club, golf club, tennis club, curling association, football club, curling club, and hockey club. Medicine Hat Lacrosse club this year defeated Calgary, Nelson, Grand Forks and Wolsley, won the championship of the Northwest, and held the trophy.

Maple Creek.

The stock shipments this year for Maple Creek were: Cattle 430, Horses 446. The numbers are being falling off from last year, some of the Medicine Hat district.

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