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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 19, 1891.

Manitoba.

T. McDougall is opening a blacksmith shop at Necpawa.

Brown Bros., of Souris, have started a chopping mill.

R. Simpson, hotel, Necpawa, will be scceeded by B. Lyons.

Stewart & Burbank have opened a real estate agency at Carman.

G. Stott has accepted the agency of Sylvester Bros., implements, at Souris.

With its last issue the Selkirk Record entered upon its sixth year of publication.

Martel & Belliveau have opened a furniture store and restaurant at Ock Lake.

The plant of Winnipey Siftings newspaper will be sold by the sheriff on Jan. 19.

Geo. Strachan & Co., dry goods and gent's furnishings. Morden, are giving up business.

Mrs. M. Bell, fruits and confectionery, Winnipeg,—bailiff in possession at instigation of landlord.

The people of Elm River district are organizing for the purpose of establishing a creamery or cheese factory.

- J. J. Hughes, of Pilot Mound, will take charge of the branch of Massey & Co., established at Manitou.
- J. T. Campbell, fancy good, Winnipeg, is disposing of his stock by auction; contemplates giving up business.
- W. P. Shaw, of Winnipeg, has purchased from R. Church, of Niverville, his flax dressing machinery, and has shipped it to Plum Coulce, Man., where he is going into the manufacture of flax fibre.

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W. R. Smart, a Portage la Irainie lawyer, while on his way homefrom the council chamber, dropped dead last week.

The local agent for the l'atterson & Co. machinery at Deloraine has resigned his position, and has been succeeded by W. Merrill.

W. P. Riddell, of the firm of Rublee, Riddell & Co., whelesale fruits, Winnipeg, was married in Ottawa last week to Rose Sproule, daughter of the late Thomas Sproule, of the department of the interior. The Commercial extends its well wishes to the young couple.

The application to appoint C. H. Newton liquidator of the Empire Brewing Co., Winnipeg, is opposed by other shareholders and creditors who desired that the affairs of the company should be placed in the hands of S. A. D. Bertrand, official assignee.

A movement is on hand to organize a press association for Manitoba. Such an institution could no doubt be turned to good advantage. It should be made to take in all journalists. A sickly attempt has been made in Winnipeg once or twice to float an association or club for the city. A provincial organization should be more successful.

The annual meeting of the Manitoba Dairy association was held at Portage la Prairie on Jan. 15, Senator Boulton, president, in the chair. The following officers were elected :-Senator Boulton, president; J. H. Glennic, Portage la Prairie, first vice; W. M. Champion, Reaburn, second vice; Richard Waugh, Winnipeg, secretary-treasurer. Hon. W. Clifford. Austin; W. Wagner, Ossowa; E. A. Struthers, Russel; S. A Bedford, Brandon; A. S. Bright. McGregor; J. S. Telfer, Robt. Watson, M. P., Portage la Prairie; S. M. Barre and W. S. Grant. Winnipeg, are the directors. Messrs. The and Waugh were appointed delegates to the meet. ing of the Dairy association at Ottawa. In the evening a public meeting was held in the town hall. President Boulton delivered the opening address. W. P. Smith described his experiment with ensilage. Manager Bedford, of the Experimental farm, spoke on corn growing and fodder crops S. M. Barre spoke on present co operative dairying in Manitoba and Terri-

British Columbia Trade Letter.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 13 .- Business shows little change from last report except that the fine weather of the past week has livened up several lines of trade. Real estate is regularly improving and now the business is fairly active. There is a run on property across the Inlet, and steps are being taken to organize a municipality over there. A good many town sites in various parts of the province are now on the market and all more or less attracting attention. Vernon, the centre of the Okanagon Valley country, is especially in good demand. Missouri, Nelson, Revelstoke, Huntingdon, Abbots. ford, Centreville, etc , are the townsites winch railway development has brought into existence and which are expected to boom the coming spring and summer. Vancouver, Victoria and Westminster properties are, however, the standard and still offer the greater inducement for investments. Since writing last it has been definitely settled that the C. P. R. will extend a branch from Mission, on the south side of the Fraser, to Chilliwhack, another most important move.

The annual meeting of the British Coulmbia Fruit Growers' Association was held last week in Vancouver, and was very successful. The matter so frequently referred to in the columns of THE COMMERCIAL of the inferior fruit and carcless packing observed in our markets, was brought up and discussed and the prospects are that a big improvement will take place next summer in this respect. The extension of a market in Manitoba and the Northwest and Eastern Canada was hopefully regarded.

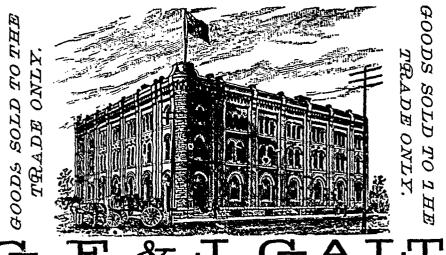
Business is generally good. Dairy products are still plentiful, but butter shows signs of demand, especially in superior qualities. Pickled eggs are said to be cheaper here than in Toronto, a most unusual turn of affairs. It is a result of course of overstocking. Feed is scarce. Hay and potatoes are steady with signs of advancing. The sugar refinery has started up and the shortness in supply consequent upon expectations of a home supply will no longer continue. Fish ftill continues scarce, and only occasionally is a salmon, black cod or other large fish seen on the market. Some game is offered, and poultry is still in the hole at 10c per pound, dealers being bound to keep up the war to the last.

Advices from Ottawa are to the effect that an effort will be made to develop the oyster trade of British Columbia, some credit of which is due to Mr. Winch, of Vancouver, who has been indefatigable for two years or more in bringing this matter to a head. It now appears that the Minister of Marine and Fisheries has decided to take the oyster beds under Government control and develop them for three years, then hand them over to those making application under certain conditions. Both the Government and the province are to be congratulated on this now move.

Green vegetables are still in good supply, although getting a little scarcer. It will only be a year or more now when gardens in this province will be able to supply customers every month in the year without apparent dimuntion. Beautiful boquets of flowers, grown in the gardens in open air, were shown at the fruit-growers' meeting.

The dredge for the dyking of Pitt Meadows is being contracted and will be in operation the first of March.

Prices are as follows : Sugars-Yellow, 61c; granulated, 74c. All canned, dried and evaporated fruits are firm and steady Lard 111cin pails and 121e in tins. Meats-Dry salt, 101e; roll bacon, 107e; breakfast bacon, 124c; hams, 134c. Salt salmon, \$9 por 200 pound barrel; canned salmon is steady at \$4.50 per case. Butter-Best creamery, 27c; dairy, 15 to 22c. Cheese is weak with a light demand and big stocks, 121c. The potato market is fairly steady, \$20 to \$22.50 per ton. Hay plentiful at \$16 per ton. Turnips and carrots, \$12, and table crrots, \$20 pea ton; Onions are weak, native, \$3 per 100 pounds and Spanish, \$5. Oats, \$34 per ton. Feed steady-Shorts, \$25; chpped feed, \$32 to \$35; bran, \$24; wheat, \$35. Flour is steady, a few of the principal brands being quoted as follows: Manitoba patents, \$6 Manitoba bakers' \$5.75; Portland and Morning Star, \$5.25; Dayton, \$5.10; 2 Star, \$5.25; rolled oats, \$3.50 per sack; oatmeal, \$3.25; cornmeal, \$3.15. Apples, 50c to \$1.50 per box; oranges, \$4.25 to \$5.25 per case; lemons, \$11



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The Saskatchewan Country.

THE SETTLER'S HOME.

I propose, in this paper, to point out some features of the Saskatchewan valley which render it one of the most desirable parts of Western Canada as a home for the numerous families and individuals of older lands who wish to obtain new homes. The Saskatchewan valley is so called from the two branches of the great Saskatchewan river which flow from the eastern slope of the Rockies and join their waters in a single stream about thirty miles below Prince Albert. This great valley has been formed by the gradual washing down of the Rocky mountains and by the annual deposit, for centuries, of earth and decayed vegetable matter beneath the waters of what must at one time have been a vast sea. The remains of this vast inland sea are still seen in the Hudson's Bay and in the innumerable lakes and ponds which dot the surface of the prairies. From the nature of its formation this valley is exceedingly fertile, producing immense crops of all the ordinary cereals and vegetables. The natural grasses which cover the ground in summer are exceedingly rich and strong, interspersed with nutritions vetches and lupins of great value as feed material. The Saskatchewan country is an important part of what is known as the fertile belt of the west. This belt comprehends a large part of Manitoba, extends northwestward past the great lakes Winnipeg and Winnipegosis, stretches over the valleys of the Carrot river, Red Deer and lower Saskatchewan and extends in gradually widening range till it reaches the slopes of the Rockies. This great fertile area is not a flat treeless prairie as is so often supposed. All through the Saskatchewan valley there are well wooded sections sufficient to supply building materials and fuel to the settlers for generations. Variety is given to the landscape by hills and valleys and lakes, and, in travelling over it, one is struck with the park-like appearance which it presents. In this valley, it will thus be seen, there are to be found all the essential conditions of a settler's home: very fertile soil, nutritious grasses for summer and winter feed for stock, plenty of wood, and an abundance of good water.

The immigrant, upon arriving, will find it a comparatively easy matter to commence farming operations. No heavy forests require to be cut down and burned. The breaking plow and a yoke of oxen will prepare in one summer many acres of fertile soil for the reception of seed the following summer. While the autumn and winter months may be profitably spent in house-building, fencing and other necessary operations.

The climate is a very healthy one. The summer and autumn months are delightful. Generally speaking the rainfall is not great, but sufficient to produce rich vegetable growth. The critical period of the year as regards grainripening is from the middle to the end of August. There is almost invariably a cold dip during that period which sometimes reaches the freezing point. To escape danger the farmer must have his wheat in the ground at the earliest possible moment in the spring. With a well prepared soil, good seed and early seeding his wheat crop is generally safe. The coarser grains are always safe except through negligence. The summer of 1890 was wet and the grain continued green longer than usual. Yet the result of the threshing gives from onethird to one half of the wheat crop No. 1 hard, with a large yield to the acre. This result cannot be equalled in Manitoba. It is not, however, to grain-raising that the Saskatchewan farmers should look for his principal income. Domestic animals and their products should figure largely in his calculations. The Saskatchewan valley is the paradise of flocks and herds. The splendid pasturage, the case with which coarse vegetables can be raised, the good pure water and the abundance of hay for winter fodder give this country great adventages as a sphere for stock raising. Butter, cheese, beef. mutton, pork, wool, eggs and poultry may be produced in any quantity and of excellent quality. If frost should at any time injure grain for the market it may be fed to pigs or poultry, and thus converted into marketable products.

The question arises, however, where is the market to be found. Hitherto the settlers have had none but the home market, and it was of very limited capacity. With the railway completed we may look for a market abroad.

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British Columbia is likely to need a much larger amount of food than its farmers can produce. The agricultural products of the Saskatchewan should and would find their way there. The Indian reserves, Hudson's Bay Company's posts and mission stations of the north demand constant supplies. Winnipeg itself may find it needful to draw upon the Saskatchewan valley for a portion of its food supply. But the great hope of the future is the British market. With the Hudson bay railway built and a line of steamers plying between Churchill and Liverpool, the surplus food products of the Saskatchewan will find their way to the great British centres where they are needed the most. When this has been realized, which will be in the not distant fut; re, the settlers of the Saskatchewan will have themselves to blame if they do not become a prosperous and wealthy community.

ROBERT JARDISE.

Grain Storage Rates.

The elevator proprietors of Chicago have given notice that the storage rates for grain in their warehouses during the year 1891 will be as follows :-

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On and after Dec. 1, 1891, upon all grain in good condition, storage will be at the above rate, until four (1) cents per bu shall have accrued, after which time no additional storage will be charged until the first day of May, 1892

On grain damp or liable to early damage, as indicated by its inspection when received, two (2) cents per bu for the first ten (10) days, or part thereof, and one half (1) of one (1) cent per bu for each additional five (5) days or part thereof.

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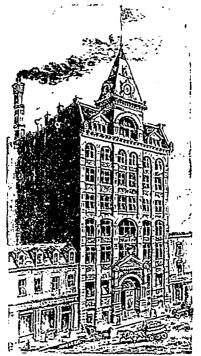
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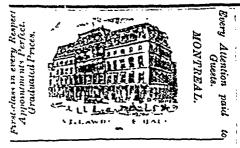
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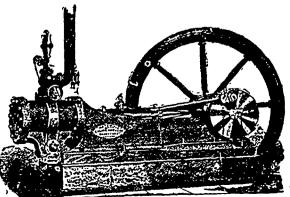
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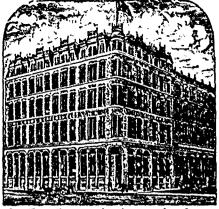
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A FINANCIAL REVIEW.

The Banker's Magazine of New York, in its last issue, has a review of finance and business for the past year. In view of the important financial features which have affected the civilized world this year, there is more than usual reason to look into the financial situation, and much more than usual interest will be found in reviews of this nature. THE COMMERCIAL has recently, on one or two occasions, taken up this subject with a view of showing the influence of the financial upon the business situation generally. Finance and trade are bound up closely together, and an unusual financial situation will mean disturbance in trade generally. The magazine referred to above sums up the situation in the following words :-

"The record of the year in the financial and commercial world is therefore one which shows but little added to the wealth of the country, in the shape of profits on the first nine months' business, and from which the loves, on the last three, has left little, if any, balance, unless on the wrong side of the year's account!"

This is not a very encouraging report for the year, but no doubt it is near the mark. It means a year of unprofitable work to a great many. A matter of special interst will be to enquire into the causes of this unsatisfactory showing. First and foremost, the Banker's Magazine lays the blame to 'Congressional interference in financial and commercial affairs by legislation which has changed or affected the basis of all values more or less seriously, and also rendered unstable the currency with which our domestic exchanges are made." The magazine then makes the following bold statement:-

"The evils of the American system of taking business into politics, and of allowing political and party considerations to influence legislation on finance and trade, have been pointed out more than once in this article, during the past year, and contrasted most unfavorably to us, with the British system of divorcing all such matters from party politics. It matters not whether Tories or Liberals win there at the elections, the financial and commercial policy of the British Government never changes. Hence there is a fixed, unchanging basis of values there, which affords a safe foundation on which to build great enterprises, requiring time to develop, and by which capital is enabled to calculate upon the future of such investments. with a certainty of profitable returns thereon. But here, such investments are precluded, or rendered extra hazardous with gambling risks, by the annual tinkering of financial and tariff laws, the biennial election of members of Congress, and a Presidential election every fourth year. Comparing these American and English politics, and applying the latter to our business conditions for the past year, who can deny that the worst of the evils from which we have suffered would have been in great part, or wholly obviated under the British system?

This is a powerful arraignment of the ways of doing things in the United States, and it is the more powerful because it contain so much truth. This continual tariff tinkering is a menace to commerce. Business men cannot embark in any industrial undertaking with any degree of confidence, for they are not sure

may be made within a few months. feature of the situation which appares to Canada quite as forcibly as to the United We have had altogether too much tariff tinkering, and it is noticeable in Cavada, that each year previous to the meeting of Parliament, there is a marked feeling of mistrust and a generally unsettled condition of trade, in expectation of further tariff revisions. The tariff agitation in the United States, which dragged along throughout the year, could not have resulted otherwise than injuriously to the commerce of the country. Here was a bill before congress providing for a vast number of charges upon every class of commodities. This bill was changed, amended, reported and reported back again, and during the months that it was under consideration, it simply hung like a pall over business energy, for it was quite impossible to tell in what shape the bill would finally pass.

This condition of things is the more regrettable because it is unwarranted. Business men have many natural conditious to guard against, such as changes in values in conformity to the laws of supply and domand, changes in fashion, etc., without encumbering commerce with purely artificial monaces, such as constant tariff tinkering, unwise currency legislation, etc. The Banker's Magazine makes an appeal for the cessation of this system as follows :-

"How much longer the business community will tolerate this making of their interests a political football, and consent to wear the party collar that galls them more and more each year, is but a question of time. The farmers of the United States have hitherto been considered the most patient political mules in the service of party. But the last election showed that even he could do some most effective kicking after his interests had been sacrificed, until there was scant fodder in his crib. The whole business community is feeding out of the same crib, though the folder is more plenty yet, in the commercial end, and hence, other sacrificed interests are not kicking so high, nor as hard as the agricultural. But the time is coming when their end of the crib will be empty, and then the politicians of both parties will be compelled, for their own safety, to consent that the entire business interests of the country, without discrimination or favor, shall be placed upon a just, permanent and equal basis, and a financial and commercial policy adopted, mancial and commercial policy adopted, suitable to a country whose productive capacity has permanently exceeded i.s consumption, and whose chief need is wider markets and cheaper production, that will enable it to compete with other nations in the markets of the world. Who can candidly deput that the inshility to do this is the market. deny that the inability to do this is the most potent and general cause for the unsatisfactory results of the past year's business? It is certainly this that ails the agricultural interests."

This making of commercial interests subservent to party requirements the Magazine has no hesitation in declaring to be the chief cause of the unsatisfactory year's business in the United States. The situation was further aggravated by the short crops in the republic, and the Argentine panic in London. Nor is the future assuring. The worst of the financial trouble, resulting from the bursting of the Argentine bubble, is no doubt over, but the effect of the short crop in the United States is yet to be seen. Stringency following a short crop is felt most severely in the last half of the what tariff changes affecting their industry | crop year. The outlook ahead for the republic

for the year is therefore not bright. Railway earnings especially are likely to be seriously curtailed, as a result of the short crop. The grower is in part compensated for a short crop by enhanced values, while the railways have a serious reduction in their carrying trade, without compensation. Prospects for dividends on railway stocks are not of the most encouraging nature, and if there is not considerable defaulting in the payment of interest by some of these railway corporations, heavily bonded as most of them are, it will be a matter for congratulation, at least to the shareholders. The railway managers know what is before them, and this accounts for the recent movement among the railways to "come to an understanding" among themselves as to rates.

Canada may expect to be affected sympathetically to some extent by the situation in the United States, but the outlook for this country is decidedly more encouraging than in the republic. We have not a general shortage in the crops of last year to count against. On the other hand we will suffer, with the republic, as a result of the McKinley bill. The financial disturbance in London is also likely to make money less plentiful for some time to come for such requirements as the development of our industries and general resources. The south American trouble, however, seems to have been already well discounted, and if nothing further occurs, we may look for a gradual and steady improvement of the money markets.

COFFEE.

The long continued high price of coffee is a feature of interest to the grocery trade. Coffee seems to be a very uncertain crop in most coffee-growing regions. In fact coffee-growing has become so precarious that some planters are abandoning the crop entirely. A Ceylon coffee planter, C. E. Martin, recently in New York, and who had been traveling in Brazil, takes a rather gloomy view of the world's supply. He says:-

"I cannot explain how it is, but coffee will no longer make a good crop in the far East, not only in Ceylon and in Arabia, but also in all the other coffee-raising districts. I have just received a letter from my father, in which he informs me that our estates must be immediately put into tea and fruit, as there is no longer any chance of making a profitable coffee crop. We shall lose \$50,000 this year on our crop. And it is generally so throughout the coffee-growing districts. Also in South America, which I visited before coming to this country, the same situation provails. The crop will not grow. I can see no other result than that we must stop drinking coffee. We can no longer must stop drinking coffee. We can no longer raise it, and the countries where it will grow are already exhausted.'

Two short crops in succession, in Brazil and Java, together with the increased consumption, have brought about the present high prices. Reserve stocks have been reduced to a very low state, and to this extent the outlook is firm. The new Brazilian crop is now the factor to be counted upon, and unless this turns out very large, there is little prospect for lower prices at an early date. The visible coffee supply of the world on December I last, was placed at 2,306,802 bags, against 2,625,906 bags a year ago. The consumption of coffee for five months of 1890, up to Dec. I last, in Europe and the United States, is placed at 3,623,195 bags, showing a reduction of about 225,000 bags as compared with the same period last year. High prices have a tendency to reduce consumption, but the falling off in consumption is probably accounted for by the greater quantity of adulterants used.

THE RAILWAY COMBINE.

There have been general advances in freight rates. Rates from Atlantic ports to Chicago, St. Paul, etc., have been advanced to about the same rates as were in force a year ago. On the 15th of January there was a general advance in west bound rates from eastern points to Pacific coast points. A comparison with the tariff that went into effect June 18, 1890, shows that there has been an avorage increase of about 10 per cent. The articles principally affected are furniture, hardware, crockery, butter, eggs and cheese, while whisky and packing house products remain the same. Mahogany, rosewood, black walnut or cherry furniture in the white, not upholstered and boxed, is now rated at \$4.30, or an increase of 30 cents. In chairs there is a raise of 20 and 25 cents and other articles in proportion. Butter and eggs are increased about 15 cents. The tariff on hardware is advanced 25 cents, and so on. The advance will apply to both Canadian and United States coast points.

The railway managers have been in session in New York, and have organized the Western Traffic association, through which they will endeavor to regulate rates, provide for a "fair division of traffic," etc. If this association does not prove any more lasting than the one which preceded it, its usefulness to the railways will not be of much account. The railway situation in the United States is an interesting one at present, and there is likely to be some scrambl ing to keep some of these companies above water. The present move to keep up rates and reduce competition foreshadows hard times with the railways, but there are many predictions that the association will not hold out long.

FEED WHEAT.

A considerable quantity of damaged wheat is being shipped from Manitoba to castern points, where it is being ground up for feed. There is a large demand for this stuff east, on account of the shortage in the crop of feed grains in some parts of eastern Canada. It would be a considerable advantage to Manitoba if this wheat could be ground into feed here, instead of going east for grinding. There are a number of old style flour mills through the country which could do this work, which are now idle. This could be secured by a lower rate on ground feed. If the same rate were given on this class of feed as is given on oats and barley, for instance, it would lead to the grinding of this stuff here, for eastern shipment.

There is also a feeling among the grain trade that feed wheat should be given a special rate in order to get the stuff out of the country as well as improve the price to those unfortunate enough to hold this class of grain. The rate from Winnipeg to Toronto and Montreal is 42

cents per 100 pounds on oats, and 46 cents on wheat. If the 42 cent rate were applied to wheat grading say under No. 2 frosted, it would be a valuable concession to the country.

Two Weeks on the M. & N. W. Ry.

(Continued from last week.)

To the east and south of Binscarth some 16 or 17 miles, in the valley of the Bird Tail creek, is situated the town of Birtle. This place has in common with several other towns and villages in Manitoba a fault which detracts considerably from its otherwise splendid situation. It is too far from the railway station. This is particularly noticeable in the case of Birtle as the town is down in a valley and cannot be seen from the railroad station. The blame for this, however, should not be laid on the town, as the site was chosen and a number of buildings erected before the railway was surveyed. Neither should it be laid on the railway company for the reason that it would have been well nigh an impossibility for them to have laid a track through the bottom of the deep valley in which this town is situated. As it is this line was deflected considerably in order to take in Birtle. All that is possible has been done to reduce the inconveniences that arise to a minimum, a fine road has been cut right through the side of the valley to the railway station. A bus meets every train for the purpose of carrying passengers to and from the hotels. To offset this inconvenience the town has a great many advantages, some of which it might not have had if it had been built up out of the valley. No better proof can be had that the prospects of a town are good than the fact that capitalists and business men are willing to invest large sums of money in it, and if this can be accepted as proof, then Birtle is certainly destined to become a place of some importance. Among the most important industries of the place is that of the Arrow Milling Co. Some of the members of this firm are not residents of this country but they evidently have confidence in it. They have at this point a mill of 100 barrels capacity, which will compare favorably in its building and equipment with anything in the province outside of Winnipeg. The building is three storey high, with a basement. The basement has a cement floor which adds to its solidity. The foundation of the mill is of stone and the siding and roof of metal, this considerably lessens the danger of fire. A 75 horse-power engine is used to run the machinery. One of the members of the firm is in charge and being a practical miller himself is able to personally superintend the work. There is also a sawmill located at Birtle, but on account of the low water in the creek for the past three or four years it has been difficult to get logs down and the mill has not been worked.

H. A. Manwaring does a general store trade He has a very fine stone building in which he conducts his business. This he built over four years ago, after he had been in business three years and had worked up a good trade. The outside wa'ls are entirely of stone, dimensions 31x60. Three fire proof vaults are built into the walls, two upstairs and one down. The upstairs is used for offices, the town bank occupying one end and the law office of Crerar & Meikle the other. Another large general store is that of F. G. Lewis who has been in

business here for ten years. Birtle is well supplied with general stores as in addition to those mentioned the following are in the business: Wood Bros., R. A. Lepper and J. M. Wal sy. The hardware trade of the town is done by Arthur Doig who has been doing business in that line for over eight years. T. F. Patterson handles furniture, pianos and organs. In the Manwaring building referred to are the offices of R. W. Gibson, banker; he also does a lumbor business. J. M. Stewart, butcher, opener. out nearly three years ago, and since that time has worked up a large trade. B. Sutcliffe, in addition to his butcher business, does the auctioneering for the town and surrounding country. There are two hotels in the town, the Rossin House kept by J. McDougall, and the Grand Central by Andrew Doig. The agency of the Massey Manufacturing Co. is in charge of A. B. Harris. Besides the lines of trade already mentioned there is a fruit store, two blacksmith shops, two bakeries, a livery stable, paint shop, watchmaker, etc.

The amount of wheat shipped from Birtle since grain began to move has been 40,000 bushels, and it is estimated that there is fully that much more to come in which will bring the total up to 80,000 bushels. A small portion of this graded No. 1 hard, the bulk of it No. 2 hard, and the balance from No. 3 to badly frozen. The year just passed was a very satisfactory one to the merchants, business was better than it has been for several years back, and collections were very good in all lines.

Canadian Pacific Telegraph.

During the year which has just ended, the Canadian Pacific Railway Telegraph has made considerable extensions and additions to their Northwest line. They built 200 miles on the Frince Albert branch, completing it; 45 miles on the Souris branch between Brandon and Airdrie; and 22 miles between Glenboro and Teesbank. Besides they strung a fourth heavy through wire from here to Donald; and next spring this will be continued through to the coast. At present they are working a quadruplex between Donald and the coast, thus giving the duplex system to Vancouver.

The work outlined for next year will be the extension of the Glenboro line to Souris and of the Souris line to Melita. A line on the Uslgary & Edmonton will be built north to Edmonton and South to Macleod, connecting with the main line at Calgary. Considerable improvements will also be made to the line between Winnipeg and Port Arthur.

The Winnipeg office is becoming one of the most considerable on the C. P. R. lines. There are now 20 operators engaged at the office, or more than twice as many as there were three years ago. An improvement appreciated both by the operators and the company is the supplying of the typewriter to the operator so that messages received can be written by this method of writing, which combines speed with legibility.

A new Life Insurance Company, the Cosmopolitar, has been organized at Toronto by J. B. Carlile with J. J. Withrow, of Toronto, as president. Lt.-Gov. Schultz and Hon. Thos. Greenway, of Manitoba, are among the directors. Carlile was one of the main movers in the formation of the Manufacturers Life.

Bradstreets Report.

Bradstreets Commercial report issued at New York on Wednesday last says: Steeks of pig iron increased 2,500 tons in December. It is announced that steel rail makers have settled their differences and have allotted shipments for the year and will not contract for less than \$30 per ton. Anthracite coal is in better demand and firmer in price, except at Chicago, where it is off 25c per ton.

Leather is firmer on the strong markets for hides, while crude rubber is reaching up towards 90 cents.

Raw sugar is quite firm with holders not offering to sell.

Coffee is \(\frac{1}{2} \) cent higher on an improved demad. The money markets generally throughout the country are easier and rates have dropped noticeably at Memphis. At Duluth and St. Joseph money is closely held and not in abundant supply. Funds have been received at Omaha from the east, but the tendency of money continues eastward. Mercantile collections are quite irregular, and on the whole only fair. Stock speculation is undergoing a reaction from the recent bullish tendencies, the advance having apparently been too rapid. Bank clearings at 55 cities for the week ended January 15th are \$1,190,243,393, an increase over this week last year of 1.9 per cent.

The not receipts of 95 roads reported to Bradstreet's aggregated \$18,247,310, a gain of less than one-fifth per cent. of the net earnings of 1889. The companies for eleven months in 1899 aggregate \$173,867,490, a gain of 4.4 per cent.

Dry goods are in fair demand, but some lines are rather backward. Brown and bleached cottons are slow and weak. Woolens are in steady movement. Cotton speculation is less active. Futures are steady and only slightly changed. The lighter than anticipated port movement is said to be due to the bad roads.

Business failures reported to Bradstreet's number 366 in the United States for the week, against 391 last—and 355 this week last year. Canada had 51 this week, against 46 last week. The total number of failures in the United States from Jan. 1 to date is 903 against 1,018 last year.

United States Grop Report.

The final crop report for 1890 has been issued. The estimates of the total crop of the United States for 1890, of corn, wheat and oats are as follows: corn, 1,489,970,000 bushels; wheat 399,262,000 bushels; oats, 523,621,000 bushels.

The aggregate wheat area is 36,087,154 acres nearly the same as in 1879, and the average yield per acre 11'd bushels. These are measured bushels, of a quality grading somewhat ower than usual. The yield per acre is the same as in 1888, when the product was nearly 416,00,000 bushels, and with two exceptions is the lowest rate during the past decade.

The area in oats was 26,431,369 acres, and the yield per acre was 19.8 bushels. This is 74 per cent of the average of ten years past, which was 26.6 bushels and the Anallest rate of yield ever reported by this office.

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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Monetary affairs in the city continue to move along in a slow and checked up manner, although there are no complaints heard in trade circles of any disposition on the part of banks to shorten regular discount lines, while they object to undertake any casual business, even when it is of a good class. The situation stands thus. Mercantile people are holding back every call for funds that they can, but are still letting considerable paper go to discount. The movement of grain to market, while it is slow, is steadily easing off the financial obligations in the country, and even men who have close scraping to get along, are now renewing in part only, instead of in whole, as was too generally the case during the month of November and the greater portion of December. The relief coming thus slowly produces the strict economy now being practised, and the outlook shadows ahead a continuation of living on short rations during the next two or three months, or until sufficient grain has been exported to bring naterial relief. The continued stringency in the east makes banks here encourage this policy of economy, and no plethora of funds can be looked for while financial affairs in the east hold their present stringent tone. There is no talk of any chance of discount rates, and the probability is that 7 to 8 per cent, for good to choice trade paper will be the range for some time to come. In real estate mortgage loans business is slow indeed. With interest at high rates in the east, loan companies are not inclined to push new business here, and with grain markets holding their present level, there is no disposition on the part of farmers to contract loans, while in the city, there are practically no applications for new loans being made. The rate of interest for farm loans is quoted at S per cent., but the quotation is almost nominal.

WIINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Recovery from the holiday lull has now so far progressed that in several of the staple branches of trade business is getting down to a steady movement. The movement although steady is still rather slow generally, although outside buyers are getting more interested every day in spring and summer samples, and several travellers now out have sent in fairly good grists of orders for spring delivery. It is thought that the recent snow has helped matters a little, as it has materially brightened the prospects of the lumber trade, and prevented logging operations from being a complete failure this winter. Enough more snow to make sleighing good all over the country would doubtless increase the grain movement and bring further improvement. In food lines and articles of daily consumption the movement is now steady but restricted, and buyers as well as sellers are not anxious to handle more than enough for immediate wants. Of course there is no business doing in lines connected with building or out-door contracting, and a dead silence reigns in such branches. The barometer of business, namely, cash returns, seems in-clined to rise a little. That is there is a more general return from the country, although the aggregate volume has added only a little to its weight. The load on the country is lessening, however, and will do so steadily if not rapidly from this time forward. In the city, where cash was much freer than in the country during December, a change has taken place, and collections are very slow indeed. Altogether business is crawling along in the right direction, and to force it to a gait much faster than a crawl, a very decided decided advance in grain prices is a necessity, and even the most hopeful have given up all hope of seeing that in time to be of any value to parties holding grain in this country this season.

In the different branches of trade there has been no commotion of any kind to cause fluctuations in prices of staple goods, and the quotations given in our last issue may be accepted as ruling the past week. The low state of fruit stocks, until new goods arrive make quotations in that branch rather uncertain. In staple lines there have been practically no changes, and no immediate changes foreshadowed.

GROCERIES.

The Yoronto Empire of Monday last says:-Granulated and other white sugars were reduced le to-day, and now stand on a basis of 65 for granulated in 15 bbl lots and over, and at 67 for less. The change was rather a surprise after the strong reports made by the refiners during the early part of the week. No change was made in the prices of cartoons. Prices in Winnipeg are as follows: Sugars - Yellow, 6 to 64c; Granulated 7gc; Coffees, green,-Rios, from 24 to 25c. Java, 27 to 29c; Old Government, 29 to 32c; Mochas, 33 to 35c. Teas: Japan, 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. & B. tobacco, 56c per pound; lilly, 7s, 52c; diamond solace, 12s, 48c; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W., caddies, 471c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunnette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60c: Anchor, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator, 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50: Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000. Mauricio, \$12.50; Soudan Whips, \$10.00; Turkish Caps, \$35.00; Commercial Traveller, \$25. Special selects, \$55; Selects, \$45; Columbia, \$45; Canucks, \$40; Derby, \$35; Sports, \$30. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.50; do five gallons, \$3.50; do 10 gallon kegs, \$6 50.

GREEN FRUITS.

Apples are very firm, and some are holding choice to fancy apples at \$7.50 to \$8 per barrel. Very good apples, however, were sold last week at \$6.50 per barrel, but this was believed to be the closing out of a lot. Prices are Apples, good to fancy, \$6 to \$8; Messina lemons, \$8 to \$8 50 abox; Florida oranges, \$5 to \$6.50 a box, according to size and quality; bananas, \$3.50 a bunch; winter pears, \$3.50 to \$3.75 a box; cranberries in barrels, Bell and Cherry, \$11; Bell and Bugle, \$11.50; Cape Cod, \$12; Malaga grapes in 50 pound kegs, \$8 to \$8.50.

RAW FURS.

Carscaden, Peck & Co., Winnipeg, have issued the following circular and price list: "With regard to the present condition of the fur market and the prospect for the immediate future, we have to say that they are not favorable Almost all lines of furs have declined in value during the last year, some of them very heavily, as in the case of marten, Lynx and wolf. The

lines showing the firmest tendency are black bear, beaver, red fox and muskrat. Badger, 5c to \$1; bear, black, large, \$12 to \$20; bear, black, cubs, yearlings, \$6 to \$12; bear, brown, large. \$6 to \$12; bear, brown, cubs, yearlings, \$3 to \$8; beaver, large, \$5 to \$7; beaver, medium, \$3 to \$4; beaver, small, \$1 to \$2.50; fisher, \$4 to \$6; fox, red, \$1 to \$1.50; fox, cross, \$2 to \$8; fox, silver, \$25 to \$75; lynx, \$2 to \$2 75; marten, dark, \$1.50 to \$2.50; marten, pale, 50c to \$1; mink, 50c to \$1; muskrat, winter, 6c to 10c; muskrat, spring, 8c to 124c; otter, \$4 to \$8; skunk, 50c to 75c; wolf, prairie, 50c to 70c; wolf, timber, \$1.50 to \$2.50; wolverines, \$3 to \$5. These prices refer to prime skins only, the variations in the prices corresponding to variations in size and quality. It will be seen, therefore, that it is necessary that a collector should know the difference between prime and unprime skins. The latter, of course, of comparatively small value. We are constrained to draw especial attention to this point, as our experience shows us that there are many collectors who either are not aware of the importance of this distinction, or are unable to make it for themselves. This lack of knowledge of the characteristics of good and poor skins often leads to loss on the part of the inexperienced collector, and is a source of much annovatce to those to whom he consigns his furs. Pack furs in bales and ship by express. Hides, deerskins, Mooseskins, when in quantity, should be shipped by freight. Mark each package plainly with your own name as well as that of the consignee, and send by mail, advice of shipment, with list of goods shipped."

We agree with the above circular regarding the unfavorable outlook for high prices, for the following reasons: Fashion does not lead in the direction of our Canadian furs at present, mostly foreign furs being favored. Secondly, the mild winter has no doubt curtailed the demand at home and in the States, and thirdly, the financial stringency in Europe does not favor the outlook. We print elsewhere in this issue a list of prices at New York, but it must be remembered that these New York prices are for prime No. 1 skins, and in ordinary lots very few skins come up to the requirement of No. 1. Country dealers generally grade their skins too high. The following quotations represent a fair range of values in the Winnipeg market for the skins named, the range being from poor to prime skins: Badger, from 5 to 75c; bear, black, 50c to \$25; do brown, \$1 to \$18; do grizzly, \$1 to \$15; beaver, 50c to \$7.50; castorum, \$2.50 to \$4 per pound; ermines, 1c to 2c; fisher, \$1.50 to \$6.50; for, cross, 75c to \$5; fox, kit, 10c to 45c; fox, red, 25c to \$1.50; fox, silver, \$5 to \$60; lynx, 25c to \$3; marten, 75c to \$1.50; mink, 5c to 85c; musquash, 3c to 10c; otter, \$1.50 to \$8.50; raccoon, 50c to \$5; skunk, 5c to 75c; wolf, large, \$1.50 to \$2.25; wolf, small, 25c to 70c; wolverines, \$2 to \$4.

MR. SPERA, of Cornell, Spera & Co., whole sale small wares, etc., Winnipeg, was at Prince Albert, Sask., last week.

W. H. Eaton, merchant, Selkirk, has purchased the bankrupt stock of T. Galloway, general store, of the same place.

The Montreal wholesale clothing firm of Wm. Ewan & Son has suspended. The largest creditors are M. Fisher & Co., Montreal, and Huddersfield, England. A rough estimate gives the direct liabilities at \$77,000 and indirect at \$46,000. The assets placed at \$63,000.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

The week has been a dull one in leading wheat markets, with prices week. The bulls seem to lack spirit, and though the statistical position is favorable, there seems to be little disposition to advance prices, while at Chicago, the bears have even depressed prices by heavy speculative selling. Prices on Friday were I to 2c lower than a week ago. The final United States crop report, published on Monday, failed to strengthen the situation, though it was favorable to the bulls. Heavy receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth continue to present the weakest feature of the situation. The visible supply, however, appears to have turned the corner, and is on the decline, Monday's statement showing a decrease of 335,000 bushels. Growing winter wheat is now a factor of considerable interest. The U.S. Government report showed a condition of 93.4 for winter wheat, which is very favorable to the crop and corespondingly weakening to prices.

Bradstreets report of stocks, published on Wednesday, showed a decrease during the week of 323,000 hushels east of the Rockies, and 414. 000 bushels decrease in stocks on the Pacific coast. This was another bull card, but went without much influence upon the market. Bradstreets said: Wheat is weaker and the bearish sentiment appears to dominate at the moment. Our own acvices contradict the extravagant stories current of the yield in Washington. Exports of wheat in the United States and Canada, both coasts (including flour) equal 1,104,896 bushels against 2,076,000 bushels last week and 1,731,896 bushels for the like week of 1890. The total exported July 1. 1890, to Jan. 15, 1891, is 54,432,014 bushels, against 59,078,000 bushels in a like portion of 1889-90, a decrease of 4,646.412 bushels this cereal year as compared with last.

At Chicago the bears seemed to be able to force prices down by heavy speculative selling, regardless of other features. The fact that May wheat is about 15c higher than a year ago no doubt favors the bears very materially.

The local situation has been marked by declining deliveries at country points. There was no doubt a push to obtain money toward the end of the year and the first of the new year, which caused the increase in receipts, but since then there has been a falling off. Farmers seem still determined to hold for better prices. The first snow of the season came during the week, and with it the first prolonged cold dip, which may have had a tendency to diminish farmers' deliveries, though the sleighing should have the opposite influence in time. Prices to farmers in Manitoba country markets showed a decline at some points, No. 2 hard ranging from 55 fo 60c per bushel. At principal points 60c was the usual price to farmers for wheat grading about No. 2 hard. The decreasing movement has somewhat relieved the fears of a blockade. Stocks in Manitoba country clevators have probably decreased slightly, rather than increased. Considering the exceptional conditions this year, under which the railways are working, in the movement of the bulk of the wheat through to the seaboard, instead of going into storage at lake ports, the railways have done remarkably well in

handling the crop as promptly as they have. This long haul gives the railways a great deal more work than they could have counted upon, as in previous years a much greater proportion of the wheat has gone into winter storage. Stocks at our lake ports—Fort William and Port Arthur—have not changed much since the close of navigation, shipment out by rail having been about equal to receipts. The last report showed stocks at lake ports of 384,026 bushels, being an increase of 26,715 for the week.

Business on the Winnipeg grain exchange was not large for the week. On Tuesday No. 2 hard sold at 96c, Montreal freight rate. On Wednesday No. 2 hard again sold at 96c, Montreal freight. Later holders were at 97c Montreal.

FLOUR.

The week opened with a drop in the price of flour, in quotations to the local trade, the decline being 10c on high grades, and 5c on lower grades. Quotations in jobbing lots to the local trade, per 100 pounds are now as follows: Patents, \$2.50; strong bakers', \$2.30; 2nd bakers, \$2.00: XXXX, \$1.35; superfine, \$1.15; middlings, \$2.50; graham flour, \$2.40; cracked wheat, \$2.40; buckwheat flour, \$3.75.

MILLSTOFFS.

In the Winnipeg market the price is unchanged, at \$12 for bran and \$14 for shorts per ton.

MEALS, OIL CAKE, LTC.

Prices are:—Oil cake in bags, \$21 a ton; oil cake meal in ton lots; \$26.50; in car lots f. o. b. \$25; Oatmeal, standard, \$2.60; granulated, \$2.70 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$2.70 per sack of 80 pounds; Cornmeal is held at \$1.90 per 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$2.65 per 100 lbs. Pearl barley, \$3.00.

GROUND FEED.

Most chop feeds are a mixture of barley, oats and damaged wheat, and are worth from \$13 to \$16 per ton as to quality. Wheat feed alone brings the lowest quotation.

OATS.

Oats hold about the same as last report, with if anything a little firmer price for offerings on the farmer's market, owing to lighter offerings. About 27 to 28c per 34 lb. bushel is the usual price for such, with good milling bringing up to 29c per bushel. In eastern markets prices were unchanged, with Manitoba oats quoted at 44 to 45c at Montreal and Toronto, though it was reported that offers for future delivery were being made in those markets at as low as 41 fc. In Manitoba country markets the ruling price to farmers ranges from 25 to 27c per bushel, and prices for cars on track between 25 and 29c at point of shipment. Prices in Manitoba do not show any signs of weakening, but rather the contrary, so that there is no ground, so far as prices here are concerned, for offering lower in eastern markets.

BARLEY

Barley may be quoted as ranging between 25 and 30c per 48 lb. bushel, and there is so little doing that prices are almost ornamental. At this basis of values in Manitoba country markets, it can not be shipped eastward, feed barley being worth not over 25 to 26c per bush.

BUTTER.

Very slack demand, with small lots selling at 17 to 19c for selected packages to the city trade, little if anything bringing 20c per pound. Average round lots of mixed quality quotable at about 14 to 16c per pound.

CHEESE.

Jobbing at about 12c per pound, and slow sale.

EGGS.

The cold snap has curtailed receipts of fresh country eggs, and prices are higher and irregular, being quoted at 25 to 30c per dezen as to quality, and source of supply. Pickted steady at 21 to 22c per dezen.

CURED MEATS, SAUSAGE, LTC.

Prices continue easy. Quotations here are as follows: Dry salt bacon, 9½ to 9½c; smoked ong clear, 10½ to 10½c; spiced rolls, 11½ 12c; breakfast bacon, 12½ to 13c; smoked hams, 13½ to 14c; mess pork, \$17 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: fresh pork sausage, 10c lb.; bologua do., 8c lb.; German do., 9c lb.; ham, chicken and tongue do., 9c per ½-lb. packet.

LARD.

Pure lard is held at \$2.20 per 20 pound pail, with compound lard at \$2 per pail.

HIDES.

Buyers who were out on the road are now in, and they have probably picked up most of the winter kill of hides. Round lots of frozen hides may be quoted at 3\footnote{4} to 4c per pound here, though higher prices were paid in the country while buyers were out, owing more to competition thanto the present value of the hides Sheepskins are quoted at 50 to 75 cents each as to quality; meriko skins being worth 50 to 60 cents. Hides were advanced \(\frac{1}{2} \) cat Toronto to 5c for \(\frac{1}{2} \) o. I green.

VEGETABLES.

All sorts are in plentiful supply except onions and carrots. Potatoes are held at about 30c per bushel. A sale of a 200 bushel lot was reported at 28c. Other vegetables are quoted: Turnips, 20c per bushel; parsnips, 1½c per pound; carrots, 60 to 70c per bushel; beets, 40c per hushel; cabbage, 40 to 60c per dozen; onions, 3 to 4c per pound; Spanish do., \$1.60 per crate of 30 lbs. nett; celery, 25 to 50c dozheads.

DRESSED POULTRY.

Demand very slack, and retailers still holding some of their holiday stock. Some stock, principally durkeys, is still held by jobbers. Quotations may be given as follows: Turkeys, 12½ to 13c; geese, 9 to 10c; chickens, 8 to 10c per pound.

DRESSED MEATS.

Very little movement, retailers being well stocked. Prices almost nominal. Good city dressed beef quoted at 54 to 6c per pound. Country dressed, 23 to 43c per pound as to quality, with not much offering, but quite enough for the demand. Wholesale dealers are holding considerable beef for later demand. A few country lots of hogs are coming in, 7c per pound being about the top price realized, and quoted from \$6.80 to \$7 per 100 pounds. Some Ontario hogs are being held at \$c, but are not selling. The future value of hogs is very doubtful, and i. is quite possible that prices may not be any higher, though some holders appear to be confident of higher prices toward spring. Feed is p'entiful, and it may appear that on this account a good many hogs may be held back in the country for marketing later. Mutton is worth 9 to 10c, and veal, only heavy offering, 5 to 6c per pound Prices for dressed hogs are very firm in Ontario, at \$6 to \$6.25 per 100 pounds.

HAY.

Loose on the market brings \$4 to \$6 per ton as to quality. Baled has been offered as low as \$7 per ton on track, with the demand slack.

Statistical Wheat Information.

A year ago January 15th, May wheat at Daluth closed at \$42c.

The United States Government report makes the condition of winter wheat 98.4, which is a very good condition.

Wheat on passage from India Dec 24 was equal to 3,344,000 bu, against 3,224,000 bu same time a year ago.

The average yield of wheat per zero in Great Britain for a series of years is about 30 bu, Germany about 18 bu, France 16 bu, Canada 14 bu, United States 12½ bu, Australasia 10 bu, and India 9 bu.

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From April 1, 1890, to Jan. 3, 1891, India exported 21,380,000 bu of wheat, against 21,660,000 bu for the same time last season.

Imports into the United Kingdom during the week to Jan. 10, aggregated 158,000 barrels flour and 1,504,000 bushels wheat.

The visible supply for the United Kingdom decreased \$27,600 bushels to Jan. 10; that is the consumption exceeded the imports and farmers deliveries by that amount.

Exports of wheat and flour for the week ended Jap. 10 from all Atlantic parts 1,161,850 bushels, against 911,350 bushels for the corresponding week last year.

Exports of wheat and flour from San Francisco for the six months ended Dec. 31, 1890, aggregated 12,600,376 bu, against 13 737,953 bu for the corresponding six months of 1889.

Bradstreet's report published on Wednesday showed a decrease of 323,000 bushels during the past week, available supply at 1000 points east of the Rocky mountains; increase previous week, 647,000 bushels.

The visible supply for the week ended Jan. 10 decreased 335,071 bus. For the corresponding week last year the decrease was 578,000 bus. The total stocks at all points enumerated in the statement aggregate 25,268,239 bus., against 33,178,028 bus. last year.

Recent reports from the Argentine Republic show that the exports of wheat to Europe for the year 1890 are very much larger that any previous year. The exports for the first quarter of the year 1890 were greater than the exports for the entire twelve months of 1889.

The aggregate sticks of wheat in store at the end of the year in London, Liverpool, Hull, Bristol, Clasgow, Dublin, Belfast and London-derry were 9 264,776 bushels against 7,333,528 bushels at the close of 1889. Stocks of flour were 589,721 sacks against 791,094 last previous year.

For the eight weeks ending December 20, the aggregate wheat and flour supplies of the United Kingdom were 29,838,808 bushels, against 39,660,000 bushels for the same time in 1889. While the supply in 1889 was 7,660,000 bush, over consumption for that period, the supply in 1890 fell 2,162,000 below the consumption.

The amount on ocean passage increased 664,000 bushels for the week ended January 10th, making the available supply 16,380,239 bushels against 53,506,028 bushels for the corresponding date last year, 53,938,377 bushels two years ago, and 89,763,581 bushels three years ago. The amount on ocean passage increased 664,000 bushels for the corresponding week last year.

Receipts at the four leading spring wheat points on Wednesday were: Minneapolis, 256 cars; Duluth 17 cars; Chicago, S1 cars; Milwaukee, 22 cars; or a total of 376 cars, against 491 cars for the corresponding day last week, and 263 cars for the corresponding day last year. Thus far this week the combined receipts at the above named points aggregate 1,450 cars, against 1,591 cars last week, and 1,168 cars for the corresponding period last year. Exports of wheat and flour reckoned as

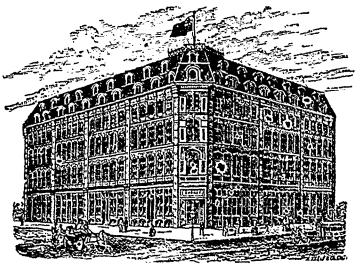
wheat, from three Atlantic points, aggregate 141,770 bushels.

On Mouday, January 12th, receipts at the four leading spring wheat points were: Minneapolis, 489 cars; Duluth, 32 cars; Chicago, 137 cars; Milwankee, 24 cars, or a total of 682 cars against 548 cars for the same day last week, and 555 cars for the corresponding day last year. Expo. 3 of wheat and flour reckoned as wheat from the three Atlantic ports aggregate 26,145 bushels. On Tuesday receipts were: Minneapo'is, 192 cars; Duluth, 28 cars; Chicago, 137 cars; Milwaukee, 35 cars, or a total of 392 cars, against 55; cars for same day last week, and 350 cars for the corresponding day last year. Exports of wheat and flour reckoned as wheat from three Atlantic ports aggregate 62,856 bushels.

A Montreal telegram says: "The design of bringing together under one management all the cotton mills of the Dominion has been completed by the Dominion Cotton Mills taking possession of the Hochelaga mills. It is probable that in the course of a few months other mills than those which produce grey cotton will be brought under the contract of this combine. The directors claim that the company will be satisfied with moderate profits which economy with the management will tend to increase. The output of the mills now owned by the company is estimated at a million and a quarter dollars a year, and practically covers the whole business in Canada."

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Dated, Winnipeg, December 31st, 1890.

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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat closed it lower on Monday, Jan. 12, as compared with Saturday's closing prices, on May and June and Je lower for January, under heaving selling and large northwestern receipts. Closing prices were:—

	Jan.	Feb	May.	July
Wheat	89}	-	954	92
Corn	483	493	523	427
Oats	423		40	
Pork	10 274	10 35	10.824	
Lard	6 50	6 85	6 25	
Short Ribs	5 00	5.05	5.45	

On Tuesday January and May wheat closed ac to 2c higher, while July was 4c lower. The market was dull. Closing prices were:—

	Jan.	reb.	May.	July.
Wheat	503		962	913
Corp	483	493	523	551
Oats	43	_	461	
Pork	10.321	10.35	10 95	
Lard	5.80	6 85	6 274	
Short Ribs	5.00	5.03	5 50	

On Wednesday wheat opened firm, but weakened in the last hour of the session on a reported decline in silver, and closed ic lower. Closing prices were:—

	Jan.	Feb.	May.	July.
Wheat	100}		883	913
Corn	49	493	623	
Oats	-		459	
Pork	10 45	10 50	11.00	
Lard		5.90	6 33	
Short Ribs .	5.073	5.074	5 55	

On Thursday wheat was weak and closed ge lower. The bearish feature was a continuation of liberal receipts at northwestern markets. Closing prices were:—

	Jun.	reo.	.way.	July.	
Wheat	893	_	961	91±	
Corn	-	431	52 to 523	521	
Oats	42}	_	45}	_	
Pork	10.40	-	10 973		
Lard	-	5.90	6 30		
Short Ribs	5.07}	5.074	5.523		

Wheat declined a cent on heavy selling by local and St. Louis bears, easier cables, lower silver and heavy receipts in the Northwest. Later there was a partial recovery. Closing prices were:—

•	Jan.	reb.	May.	July.
Wheat	891		951 to 2	91
Corn	45}	433	511	51 2
Oats	_	_	412	403
Fork	10 30	10.35	10 83	
Lard		5.86	6 223	
Short Ilibs		-	-	

Minneapolis Market.

Following were closing wheat quotations on Thursday, January 15th:-

	Jan.	Feb	May	On track
No. 1 hard	90	91	_	91
No. 1 northern	60	891	93}	89
No. 2 northern	86	86}		\$6-87

Flour.—Quoted at \$4 60 to \$5.00 for first patents; \$4.30 to \$4.50 for second patent; \$3.50 to \$4.20 for fancy and export bakers; \$1.50 to \$2.25 for low grades in bags, including red dog. The demand for baker's and low grades is large enough, but for patents satisfactory demand at full prices does not exist. At the present cost of wheat patent flour costs about \$4.65 to \$4.70 here, it is figured, and considerable has not netted above \$4.55 to \$4.60. A hardening of prices in Europe or an extension of demand at home is very much needed now.

Bran and shorts—Quoted at \$15.00 to \$15.25 for bran, \$15.00 to \$15.50 for shorts and \$15.75 to \$16.00 for middlings.

Oats-Quoted at 40 to 43c by sample.

Barley—Quoted at 50 to 692 for good fine samples of No. 3.

Eggs-Pickled, 14c; storage, 16c; fresh, 20c. Apples Very firm at \$4 to \$6 per barrel.

Hides Green, 34 to 40; sheepskins, 65 to 750; tallow, 34 to 44c. — Market Record, Jan. 15.

Eastern Wheat and Flour Markets.

Frices at Toronto last week, at latest mail advices, were quoted as follows for car lots:—Flour—Manitoba patent \$5.30; Manitoba strong bakers', \$5; Ontario patents, \$4.49 to \$4.80; straight roller, \$4.15 to \$4.20; extra, \$3.95 to \$4; superfine, \$3.40 to \$3.50; fine, \$3 to \$3.25; low grade, \$2.25 to \$2.75. Bran, \$17.50 to \$18.00. Middlings, \$18 to \$21. Wheat,—No. 2 white, 96c; No. 2 spring 90 to 91c; No. 2 white, 96c; No. 2 spring 90 to 91c; No. 2 white, 96 to \$6 to \$6 to \$6 to \$7c; No. 3 hard, \$6 to \$6 to; No. 3 northern 89 to 90c: No. 1 frosted, 78c; No. 2 frosted, 79c. Burley—No. 1, 62c; No. 2, 57c; No. 3 extra, 52c; No. 3, 50 to 51c. Peas—No.2, 64 to 65c; Oats, 45 to 46 to

Prices at Montreal were quoted: Wheat—No. 2 hard, 98 to 00.00; No. 3 hard, 88 to 90c; No. 2 northern, 86 to 88c; feed wheat 60c. 1'eas, 75c per 66 lbs. Manitoba oats, 44 to 45c; Ontario oats, 47\(\frac{1}{2}\) to 48c per 34 lbs. Feed barley 50c; malting barley, 65 to 67\(\frac{1}{2}\)c. Flour—patent, \$5.30 to \$5.50; strong bakers, \$4.75 to \$5.25. Oatmeal—standard, \$2.25 to \$2.30; granulited, \$2.40 to \$2.50, per 100

Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.

A. Minneapolis on Saturday, January 17, wheat closed at 92te per bushel for No. 1 northern, May option. This is about 2e lower than a week ago.

buiuth Wheat Market.

Daluth ruled quiet and easy, prices averaging lower during the week. On Saturday, Jan. 17, No. 1 hard wheat closed as follows:—January delivery, 91c per bushel, May delivery, 97½c per bushel. This is about 1½c lower than a week ago for May and ½c lower for January.

Montreal Stock Market

Reported by Osler, Hammond & Nanton, January 17, 1891.

January 17, 1091.		
Banks.	Sellers.	Buver.
Bank of Montreal	224	222
Ontario	112	112}
Molson's	160	_
Torouto	225	217
Merchants	1121	1403
Union	_	
Commerce	1274	126
Miscellancous.		
Montreal Tel	991	981
Rich. & Ont. Nav	66	52
City Pass. Ry	180	1771
Montreal Gas	206	204
Canada N. W. Land Co	751	73
C. P. R. (Montreal)	75	75}
C. P. R. (London)	_	773
Money-Time	7	
Money - On Call	6}	
Sterling 60 Days, N. Y. Posted Rate	485}	
" Demand " "	488}	
" 6) Days Montreal Rate Be-		
tween Banks	9	
" Demand Montreal Rate Be-		
tween Banks	93	
" New York Exchange Montreal		
Rato Between Banks	1-1	lo prem.

R. C. Howden, physician, Winnipeg, contemplates moving to Carberry, Man.

Winnipag Grain Exchange.

A meeting of the council of the Winnipeg grain exchange was held on Saturday. A committee was appointed to push the incorporation through the legislature. Power will be asked to enable the board to issue debentures up to \$500,000, for building, properly, etc. A committee was also appointed to wait on Hon. Mr. Greenway, to ask to have a balletin issued showing the value to the farmers of growing a better class of oats. A committee was also appointed to draw up a code of trade terms to govern transactions between members of the exchange. A call board committee was appointed as folows: A. Atkinson, D. G. McRean, H. Crowe, S. W. Farrell, S. P. Clark.

British Grain Trade

The Mark Lane Express, of London, England, in its weekly review of the British grain trade on Jan 12 says: "English wheat is held at 1s advance, but 61 more is obtained. The sales of English wheat since the harvest have been 3,236,345 quarters. Foreign wheat has been very firm. Only within a few days has there been a good inquiry. The noteworthy lessening of Roumanian and Russian shipments has hardened the market. Barleys are dearer, and oats and pulse have been dull. London quoted a shilling rise on oats on Friday, and at Derby they were 6d cheaper. At to-day's markets English wheat and good white foreign wheat were strong, and red was also strong. The request for flour has improved. Full prices were paid for spot corn, and the inquiry for forward delivery was improved. Barley is in sellers' favor, while the rise in oats checked the inquiry. Pulse was firm, but without quotable advance. Rape seed was firm."

At the last meeting of the Vancouver board of trade the Council recommended the appointment of special committees on various matters. and on resolution the following gentlemen were elected to form such committees: On Immigration: W. Sutherland, G. G. Mackay and J. P. Ker. On Fisherics: Captain Copp, A. W. Wright and M. Baldee. On Manufacturing Industries: E. L. Phillips, B. Springer and J. Hendry. The Board then discussed the question of of advertising the City as suggested by Mr. Ker, and a committee to formulate a scheme for the same was elected consisting of C. D. Rand, H. T. Ceperley and J B. Ransefell. The following ne v members were elected: T. E Atkies, R. H. Paterson and J. W. Morrison. J. Ronnsefell called the attention of the board to the fact that the barque Hamburg, which recently sailed from here, had been charged \$330 for the maintenence in the Provincial Jail of refractory seamen belonging to that vessel, and claimed that such a thing was unknown in any ports of the other provinces of Canada, and it3 effect was a serious discrimination against the ports of British Columbia.

On Sunday morning the citizens of Lethbride, Alberta, were startled by the intelligence that John McNaughton, one of our oldest citizens, was dead. The deceased, who at the time of his death kept a fruit and news depot, was taken ill on Thursday last, with peritonities, which developed into acute inflammation of the bowels, and early on Sunday morning he passed away.

The firm of Harris & Co., general dealers, Rapid City, Man., are dissolving pattnership. James Roberson has the winding up of the business.

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Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

The third annual meeting of the Winnipeg Grain and Produce Excharge was held on Wednesday last. There was a good attendance of members. President N. Bawlf occupied the chair. The first proceeding was the reading of the president's address, which was a very full and interesting document. In order to make room for a brief report of the banquet, we are obliged to hold the address over until next week. The next order of business was the reading of the report of the council, which was as follows :-

WINNIPEG, Jan. 7th, 1891.

To the members of the Winnipeg Grain and Produce Exchange.

Gentlemon-Your council beg to present their third annual report covering the duties attended to by them.

Meetings of the Exchange and Council have been held when necessary and the routine business of the Exchange has gone on estis-factorily and without jar or want of smooth-

Incorporation.—One of the first subjects to receive the attention of the council after the last annual meeting was the question of securing an act of incorporation for the Exchange. It was decided to consult with Perdue & Robinson, solicitors, and request them to draft a form of bill which would cover all the objects sought to be gained. Mr. Robinson met the members of the council and went into details of charters which might undoubtedly be obtained from the Dominion or Manitcha legislatures, and after full consideration the council gave instructions to the solicitors to draft in full a bill covering all the points suggested to them, and to publish in the Manitoba Gazette a notice that at the next session of the Manitoba legislature an act of incorporation would be applied for by the Exchange. The draft of the bill will be submitted to you at the annual meeting for your codsideration and final decision. There can be no question but that this body should be incorporated, so that its power to own lands, and buildings would be clear and indisputable. The council considers that all powers at present required by the association can be secured by a local charter. The general act of the Dominion applying to the legalizing of Boards of Trade does not grant authority to such bodies of borrowing money or erecting buildings, and no good purpose would be effected by the Exchange registering under that act, even if the Winnipeg Board of Trade did not olready occupy the field and answer all the purposes of a body formed tor deliberation or grown to the deliberation of the state of the sta formed for deliberation on general trade mat-ters. The purpose of the Exchange is not only to advocate the general interests of the grain and produce trades, but as well to establish a practical central market where large or small quantities of farm produce can be bought or sold on call, either for immediate or future delivery, and at any points of shipment or delivery.

Flour duty—The resolution passed at the last annual meeting of the Exchange petitioning the Dominion Government to equalize the customs import duty on flour and wheat, having been sent to municipal councils and boards of trade in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories with a request that they also endorse the petition, a very general response was made, so that the delegates who went to Ottawa to inthat the delegates who went to Ottawa to Interview the members of the Government carried with them nearly fifty petitions. The Dominion Miller's Association asked this Exchange to petition the Government that an import duty of one dollar a barrel be placed on flour, but this was not agreed to. The delegates, including members of boards of trade from several provincial points, laid the matter in the strongest manner possible before Sir John A. Macdonald and a number of the members of his cabinet at a meeting held in Ottawa while the Parliament was in session. amended customs act soon after submitted to

the House contained a clause increasing the duty on imported flour from 50 cents to 75 cents per barrel.

Arbitrations-Several matters in dispute between members of this association were during the year submitted to the Board of Arbitrators for settlement and receive t prompt attention. A special record book of such cases is kept by the secretary, which contains the awards made. Full settlements have invariably and immediately followed the finding of the arbitrators.
When the great volume of business transacted between members of this Exchange is considered it is apparent that the duties of the Arbitration

Board are exceedingly light.

Disputes between Grain Inspectors—In former years when a dispute arose between grain inspectors as to the true quality of grain inspected by one of thom and re-inspected by the other practically all appeals were carried before a Dominion board of arbitrators sitting in Toronto. During the past year an order in council was passed in Ottawa directing that in all cases where grain in Manitobs and the Territories were concerned, no matter where the inspectors in the dispute were stationed, should be brought before a board of arbitrators who would sit in Winnipeg. The following were named in the order in council as composing a board for the above purpose, viz.. Messrs. S. Spink (churman), S. Nairn, G. J. Maulson, A. Atkinson, F. W. Thompson.

Although the inspectors of grain have this year met with exceptionally great difficulties in performing their duties, no case has as yet been submitted for the decision of the above board.

Foreign market quotations-Owing to the fact that the Chicago board of trade ceased to supply their quotations continuously to the public and the Great Northwestern Telegraph company are not enabled to supply them, the Chicago markets have been obtained for periods of time during the past year from private sources in Chicago and Minneapolis; but as these messages are charged for by the telegraph company at full commercial rates, the cost has been excessive and greatly increased our telegraph account. The council, creased our telegraph account. The council, early in December, cut the Chicago reports from the quotation list and increased the reports from New York. Very complete reports ire received at short intervals from Liverpool, New York, Minneapolis and Duluth. Several members of the Exchange at provincial points them by eigher during each day, and members in the city make good use of the telephone system for the same purpose.

Local Government bulleties—A deputation from the council waited on the Hon. Mr. Greenway and urged him to issue regular monthly bulletins during the summer months, giving reports as to the condition of the crops. A favorable reply was received from him and he promised to issue bulletins at dates when they would be of practical value.

Freight rates on seed grain — Deputations from the Exchange waited on the Canadian Pacific railway authorities in Winnipeg and on President Van Horne in Montreal on the subject of reduced freight rates on seed grain for last spring's scwing.

Oat cultivation. - Your council desire to call the attention of this Exchange to the desirability of taking steps to acquaint the farmers of Manitoba to the fact that much better prices can be paid them for good white oats than for the black or mixed varieties that are too generally raised in this province. Continual complaint is made by eastern consignees of the uncleaned condition of the oats shipped out from Manitoba, and also of the fact that while the demand for good white milling oats is strong they are not forthcoming. Perhaps it would be well if the Exchange brought this matter officially to the notice of the minister of agriculture of Manitoba, who might take proper steps to inform farmers on the subject.

Now members.-Eight new members have been voted on for the roll of membership, they in each case presenting transfers of certificates. The roll now shows 100 members.

Deaths .-- The Exchange lost one of its members by death in the person of A. H. Plews, who was an active and energetic member of the council of 1889. Mr. Plews died at St. Thomas, Ont., on the 7th July last.

The Call Board—The regular hour for sales on Call is now from 11 a.m. to noon, and these meetings for business are well attended. volume of trade done on open Call is very satisfactory, outside of the facility such meetings present for general business Matters of interest and value are continually arising and are brought to the notice of the trade generally during Call hour, with beneficial results. A record book of transactions on Call is fyled in the secretary's office, as well as the days' quotations, which are preserved for the information of members.

Trade terms - Recently several questions have arisen as to the exact meaning of certain commercial terms used in the trade, some of those now in general use being variously interpreted by different members. We would recommend that a committee be appointed at the annual meeting to draft a set of rules defining trade terms used on this Exchange and revising those already adopted, the committee to report to a general meeting of the association. It may not be out of place to draw the attention of members to the fact that certain trade terms, notably that "in store," is interpreted differently by the boards in Eastern Canada causing loss to members of this Exchange from this confusion. Last year an attempt was made by corresponding with the boards of trade of Toronto and Montreal to secure co operation in working out a code of trade terms that would be acceptable to the members of the principal associations of grain dealers and millers, but no favorable results followed.

Trausfer Railway At a meeting of the Exchange in September last the following resolution was unanimously carried and forwarded to Ottawa: "That this Exchange is of the opinion that it would be of great dvantage to the grain trade of Manicoba to have a connection made between the Winnipeg Transfer Railway and the Canadian Pacific Railway in the city of Winnipeg."

Exchange Rooms - Although the rooms now used jointly with the Winnipeg Board of Trade are defective as to lighting, the arrangements with that body has been very satisfactory, but ti is to be hoped that in the near future a building thoroughly suitable for the purposes of such associations will be erected and occu-pied by both bodies, in addition to providing offices that will centralize the grain trade in N. BAWLF, President, C. N. BELL, Secretary. Winnipeg.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers followed, the following being chosen :-

President, F. W. Thompson, unanimously.

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Board Arbitrators—E. L. Drewry, S. Spink, R. Stewart, R. P. Roblin, N. Bawlf, S. Nairn, S. A. McGaw.

S. A. McGaw.

Upon taking the chair as president Mr. Thompson made a neat little speech, promising to use his best efforts for the welfare of the ex

The financial statement showed the healthy condition of the exchange.

The matter of incorporation was discussed, and it was decided to go on with the incorporation as adopted by the council.

THE BANQUET.

In the evening retiring president Bawlf ente . tained the membres of the exchange and a number of invited guests to a dinner at the Grand Union hotel. The gathering was a representative business one, and the attendance was large. In addition to the grain men, the railway, banking, commercial, insurance and other interests were well represented, while there was a sprinkling of leading professional men and politicians present. The banquet was a success in every respect. The spread was a success in every respect. The spread was a success in every respect. The spread was short and to the print, and there was no hitch to mar the proceedings.

Mr. Bawlf occupied the chair and conducted the proceedings in a dignified manner, making many little pleasant and interesting remarks as he called for the different toasts. As the oldest established Manitoba grain man present, he was enabled to go back farther in recalling incidents of interests from the past. Among those present were :- Hon. Thomas Greenway, And. Strang, C.P.R. Supt. Whyte, Supt. Baker, M. & N.W., Ald. Mather, W. B. Scarth, M.P., F. H. Mathewson, Consul Taylor, Capt. Carruthers, J. H. Ashdown, Ald. Smith, H. Swinford, and J. R. Dutton, of the Northern Pacific; Robt. Strang, F. W. Thompson, C. N. Bell, E. L. Drewry, Fred Ossenbrugge, D. S. Currie, A Atkinson, R. D. Bathgate, R. Stewart, Fred Armitage, . H. Shaw, Fred Drewry. Dr. Patterson, W. Blackadar, J. R. Briggs, W. S. Grant, W. W. McMillan, F. W. Peters, J. G Dennison, J. Black, F. G. Simpson, J. K. Birret, W. H. Pardon, D. Fraser, R. Muir, Neil J. McGregor, D. W. Buchman, J. Moncr.eff, R. P. Roblin, J. Chisholm, A. McKenzie, G. Boston, Capt. Knight, J. G. Harvey, S. Spink, A. Macdonell, Jno. Tait, Jno. A. Stephenson, S. J. Cornell, N. Chevrier, Geo. H. Ham, S. S. Cummins, A. Vass, E. Thomson, E C. Egan, D. Bawlf, A. Black, J. A. Mitchell, D. Hoin, S. A. McGaw, W. D. Taylor, R. T. Rokeby, H. S. Patterson, D. McIlroy, J. M. O'Loughlin, J. M. Ross, A. Mc-Bean, G. H. Strevel, S. W. Farrell, G. E. Fortin and others. Prof. Dore presided at the piano, and Mr. Kolly sang very acceptably during the evening at intervals.

After "The Queen," followed the "Dominion Parliament and Local Legislature," replied to by W. B. Scarth, M.P., and Hon. Thos. Greenway. The latter gentleman said that there would be \$5,000,000 or \$10,000,000 go into the farmers' pockets this season, and this with a population estimated at 150,000 was not a bad showing. He drew the attention of the Grain Exchange to the fact that Manitoba wheat was not represented at Mark Lane, where he was unable to obtain a sample on his recent visit to England, though samples of a great many other wheats were on view there. He was, however, shown a sample of Duluth wheat, which, he was told, would bring seven shillings per quarter more than any other wheat on the market if it could be obtained in quantity. This wheat he did not consider as good as a good Manitoba wheat.

"Our Crain and Milling Interests" was replied to by R. P. Roblin, who gave some valuable statistics showing the increase of wheat production in Manitoba. He was followed by F. W. Thompson who stated that flour from Manitoba wheat took first place in a test with the best flours of the world, made in London some years ago. This was the first move to draw attention to Manitoba as a wheat country. He had every confidence that this was the future hard wheat

country of the world. Before resuming his seat he proposed the health of Mr. Bawlf, the retiring president of the exchange.

Mr. Bawlf referred to the Hudson Bay route as the great hope for the future. He referred to his early experience in the grain trade here, and stated that he had shipped the first car of grain from the Manitoba Northwestern railway.

"Our Commercial Interests" were responded to by J. H. Ashdown, who spoke of the progress made by the country, especially in the matter of railway construction. He dwelt upon the value of railways, the Hudson Bay route, the value of another railway to Duluth, the benefits which would be derived from freer trade intercourse to the south, freight rates, etc., making altogether a characteristic, practical address. He was followed on the same toast by A. Strang.

In reply to "The Banking Interests," Mr. Mathewson said the combined capital of the banks doing business here was \$23,090,090, and the accumulated profits amounted to \$12,090,000. In 1880 the combined loans of the banks here were between \$600,000 and \$1,000,000; to-day the loans amounted to between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000. Mr. Rokeby, of the Commercial Bank, followed, making the humorous speech of the evening.

"Our railway interests" drew forth responses from Mr. Whyte, of the C.P.R.; Mr. Baker, of the M. & W., and Mr. Swinford, of the N.P. Mr. Whyte spoke briefly of the civilizing influences of railways as illustreed by the springing up of many flourishing villages, towns and cities along the different lines in this country. He spoke of the close identification of the railway interests with the grain interests; and asked Mr. Ashdown to calmly and quietly go into the rates of wheat to the seaboard, taking the mileage, saying that he would find that the C.P.R. carried the wheat of Manitoba at a very small fraction over cost.

"The city council" was proposed; Ald, Mather and Ald, Smith responding,

C. N. Bell, secretary of the Exchange, proposed "U.S. Consul Taylor," which was replied to at length in the gentleman's usual vigorous style.

Mr. Bawlf p-oposed the health of Messrs. Drewry and Ossenbrugge. These gentlemen, both old timers, related some reminiscences of the early days.

The health of Dr. Patterson was next drank. "The elevator interest" was coupled with the names of J. A. Mitchell and W. W. Mc-Millan, to which these gentlemen responded, and "The Press" having been disposed of, the compang sang "Auld Lang Syne" and departed.

The United States census of 1800 showed that only 4 in every 100 of the population lived in cities; the census of 1890 reveals the fact that 25 out of every 100 of the total population dwell in the cities.

According to the United States census returns the number of cattle is about 10,000,000 head, a decrease of about 3,000,000 from the last report. The number of sheep is reported at about 28,000,000, an increase of 9,000,000 since the last report.

John A. Patterson & Co., wholesale dry goods, Montreal, who assigned recently, having secured a settlement with their creditors and acquired new capital, will continue their business.

Toronto wholesale grocers have advanced the prices for catments to \$5.10 to \$5.15 for standards, \$5.25 to \$5.35 for granulated, and \$5.40 to \$5.50 for rolled.

EASTERN biscuit manufacturers have reduced the prices of sodas, oyster, Graham wafers, Boston crackers, milk and brown meal biscuits. Owing to the scarcity and the high price of Sultana raisins, they have advanced sultanas I cent.

Robert Strang was entertained last week by the Manitoba lioard of Underwriters to a complimentary su, per at Clougher's restaurant, Winnipeg, and presented with an address conveying the thanks of the Board for his many years of service as chairman. Mr. Strang was also presented with a very handsome silver inkstand.

Illinois now has the greatest railway mileage of any State in the Republic—14,017 miles. The gross carnings of all the roads in the State during the past year were \$262,091,753.14. There were 182,680 employees, whose yearly compensation was \$107,705,205.49. Five hundred and sixty-eight persons were killed; only 27 of this number were passengers.

At a meeting of the directors of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba, held in Winnipeg on Tuesday last, I. M. Ross was elected a director in place of Senator Boulton, resigned. R. T. Rokeby was appointed manager of the Winnipeg branch. This will relieve Mr. MacArthur, who will devote his time entirely to the general management of the institution.

At a recent meeting of the Hudson's Bry Company in London, England, a decrease of \$10,000 to \$15,000 was reported in the land sales for the year. Some 3,586,000 acres have so for been allotted to the company, this being but a portion of its total grant in Western Canada. Of this 242,600 acres only have been sold. The company will secure the balance of its land as the country is surveyed.

With the first issue for 1851, the Dominion Illustrated has been enlarged in size, and a better quality of paper will hereafter also be used. The enlargement will increase the literary value of the paper, and it is announced that several well known writers have been engaged to contribute during the year. These include Robert Buchanan, Hawley Smart, W. Clark Russell, Geo. Manville Fenn and others. The finer quality of paper now used will add to the excellence of the illustrations. This evidence of the success of the Dominion Illustrated will be pleasing to those who wish to encourage a high class Canadian journal of this kind.

The harvesting combine, which was organized in the States a month ago with a capital of \$35,000,000, has been broken by the withdrawal of the McCormick Harvesting Co., the Deering Co., the Whitman Burns Manufacturing Co., and the firm of Warder, Bushnell & Glessner. The firms named withdrew, it is said, because of their dissatisfaction with the line of policy marked out by the majority of the directors in the matter of raising prices and the consolidation of the interest of the supply houses to the disadvantage of their customers. This great combination was expected to do great things, and it was reported that the consolidation would throw many thousands of agents out of employment. The latter, at least will be happy over the breaking up of the combine.

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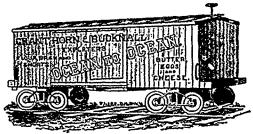
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- G. P. Angus, shirts, Loudon, has assigned.
- J. C. Reeves, shoes, London, has assigned.
- J. E. Cottle, flour and feed, Toronto, is dead.
- J. A. Leach, shoes, Caledonia, has assigned. A. B. Mead, jeweller, Windsor, has assigned.
- Geo. White, shoes, Brampton, has assigned. J. A. Glass, tailor, Georgetown, has assigned.
- J. J Barton, publisher, Sudbury, has assign-

Stretton Bros., hotel, Brussels, damaged by

Mrs. R. Nunn, general store, King, has sold

Wm. Weld, farmers advocate, London, is dead.

Mary Burgess, dry goods, Dutton, has assigned.

P. & J. Laporte, grocers, Ottawa, have assigned.

J. E Calvert, merchant, Petrolia, has assigned.

R. J. Frampton, baker, Toronao, has assigned.

E. Harrap, grocer, Sault St. Marie, has as-

signed. H. Benjamin, jeweller, Toronto, has ag-

signed. John Black, grain, Fergus, elevator, etc., burned.

W. W. Barton, general store, Yarker, has

sold out. Quick Shine Stove Polish Co, Toronto, has

assigned.

L. Kicter, general store, West Montrose, has assigned.

Donald Simpson & Co., grovers, Sarnia, have assigned.

F. H. Sutton, grocer, Toronto,-bailiff in possession.

J. B. Fillion, painter, etc., Amherstburgh, is burned out.

David Eagleson, general store, Hamilton Tp., has assigned.

J. E. Monck, hotel and lime, Leamington, has assigned.

Spence & Crumley, dry goods, Kingston, have assigned.

Ritz Bros., manufacturers, New Hamburg, have assigned.

A. E. Williamson, tailor, Midlard, damaged by fire; insured.

Somorville, Fredericks & Co., grocers, Londod, have assigned.

G. Dunbar & Son, general store, Blytheswood, have assigned.

Jeffrey & McDonald, general store, Midland, burned out; insured.

Galt Rag and Metal Co., clothing, Hamilton, stock damaged by fire.

Bickell, Diebel & Co., manufacturers slippers, Hanover, have dissolved.

T. Crompton & Co., general store, Midland,

damaged by fire; insured. D. Suhler, clothing, Sarnia, advertises his

stock for sale by trustce.

Turonto Plate Glass Importing Co. Toronto, demaged by fire; insured.

· Wm. Snell & Co, sash and door manufacturers, Toronto, have assigned.

J. & J. E. White, wholesale laces, etc., Toronto, are in liquidation.

Nerlich & Co., cigars, etc., Toronto,-Herman Nerlich of this tirm is dead.

A. L. Green (drugs), L. B. Luzier & Co. (tailors), Belleville, are burned out.

Lowrie & Grantham, shoes, Hamilton, have dissolved; John Grantham continues.

Donaldson & Thompson, tailors, Ottawa, have dissolved; Donaldson continues.

Foster & Macabe, wholesale fancy goods, Toronto, now Macabe, Robertson & Co.

M. Connolly (merchant), Thos. McDonald (grocer), Campbellford, are burned out.

The Office Files Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Toronto, has cailed a meeting of creditors.

Frank Robertson & Co., wholesale Berlin wools, etc., Toronto, now Macabe, Robertson & Co.

McMahon, Broadfield & Co., wholesale oil, lamps and crockery, Hamilton, have moved to Toronto.

Paulin & Price, hardware, St. Thomas, have dissolved; the business continued by Price & McMurty.

Nathan Jones & Sons (dry goods), L. W. Yeomans & Co. (drugs), Bellville, are damaged by fire; insured.

The following have been burned out at Dutton :- F. Finch, shoes; W. H. Nelson, jeweller; Hy. Glance, wagons; W. J. Schultz, furniture, etc.

Ideal Manufacturing Co., St. Thomas, changed into a Joint Stock Co. named "The Ideal Washer; Churn and Wire Mattress Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

QUEREC.

Jas. Crothers, trader, Bedford, has assigned. Magloire Dansereau, shoes, Iberville, has assigned.

Alfred Trottier, saw mill, Victoriaville, has assigned.

Mrs. Jos. Clermont, millinery, Montreal, has assigned.

Jos. Karcau, tailor, Montreal demands of assignment.

W. F. Johnston, wholesale flour, Montreal, has assigned.

F. X. Labranche, general store, Tedford Mines, has assigned.

Telesphore Roux, general store, Windsor Mills, has assigned.

Wm. Ewan & Son, wholesale clothing, Montreal, have suspended.

A. Bouchard & Co., general store, St. Guillaume, have assigned.

Watson & Cox, varnish manufacturers, etc., Montreal, varnish factory burned.

NOVA SCOTIA.

R. S. C. Sillery, Kentville, has assigned

L. N. Marcou, jeweller, Antigonish, has assigned

P. O'Mullin, wholesale liquors, Halifax, has sold out

J. E. Graham, groceries, etc., Windsor, has assigned

Margt. McLeod, hotel and liquors, Baddeck, has assigned

F. W. Godfrey, produce commission, Halifax, has assigned

J. M. Arnold, groceries and shoes, Kentville, has assigned

D. F. Power, wholesale grocer, has compromised at 70 per cent

Mrs. A. O'Connor, millinery, etc., Halifax, stock damaged by water

Roderick McSwain, dry goods and tailoring, Amherst, has assigned.

C. & W. Anderson, groceries, Halifax, advertise closing business

C. W. Outhit, fruit and produce, Halifax, stock damaged by water; insured

A. & W. Smith & Co., wholesale grocers, etc., Halifax, stock damaged by water

L. C. Aichibald & Co., men's furnishings, etc., Antigonish, succeeded in the store by R. M. Grav

A. Monaghan (liquors), David McDonald (hotel), J. W. Salterio (clothing), Halifax, burned out

C. C. Morton & C ., books, etc., Halifax, have dissolved; Rev. J. D. Ruggles continues under style Morton & Co

J. M. De Wolfe, carriages, Halifax,-F. T. De Wolfe, H. Gammon and Ed. Boutiller admitted partners under the style De Wolfe, Son & Co

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Peter Snider, grocer, Moncton, has assigned

Hudson's Bay Company's Furs.

At a recent meeting of the Hudson's Bay Company, in London, England, the chairman said: "It will be within your recollection that last year the fur returns were under the average. I am sorry to say that such is the case this year also. At the fur sales of January and March last the prices were exceptionally low. We are hopeful that better prices will prevail this year, so that we trust, on the whole, the results will be fairly good. This shortage in the returns is due very largely, I am sorry to say, to privations among the Indian tribes-privations which have resulted, I deeply regret to state, in very considerable mortality. The Indians have not been able to obtain the usual provisions upon which they subsisthares, deer, and other animals-and consequently were prevented from giving much attention to hunting and trapping, their every effort being necessary to sustain the lives of themselves and their families. This is the chief cause of the deficiency in the returns.

The ship, Lady Head, from Moose Factory, St. James' Bay, and the scamer, Erik, from Ungava and Librador, have arrived with furs and other returns. I am glad to say that their cargoes have been delivered in good condition. Various shipments of furs have also been received by way of Winnipeg and Montreal, and also from British Columbia; in fact, the bulk of the returns have been so received. One of the ships, the Prince Rupert, has not yet arrived. We are not apprehensive that she has been lost, although she has not been heard from, for it has repeatedly been the case in former years, that a captain, having left York Factory and Churchill with his ship, has been compelled to put back on account of being blocked by ice in the Straits, and we hope that it is so on the present occasion. We hope that the ship will winter either at York Factory or Churchill, and that she will next spring make her way home and deliver her cargo in time for the sales of the following spring. The value of the cargo amounts to something like £11,000 "

THE total number of failures in Canada during 1890, as reported by Bradstreet's, was 1,626, against 1,616 in 1889, 1,730 in 1888, and much smaller totals in preceding years. The total liabilities of failing traders in the Dominion were \$12,482,000, a trifle less than in 1889, 20 per cent. less than in 1888, and nearly 26 per cent. less than in 1887.

British Columbia.

Geo. Adams has opened a grocery store at Westminster.

R. K. Quinters, barber, Vancouver, is retiring from business.

F. W. Howay, has opened a law office at New Westminster.

A movement is on foot to start another newspaper at Victoria.

O'Tool & Ralph, stoves, plumbing etc., Vancouver, have dissolved.

E. H. Port & Co. have opened a real estate and general agency office at Westminster.

A. W. Presley, general storekeeper, John-ston's Landing, has sold out to A. McIntosh.

The Victoria rice and flour mills are now lighted by electricity, so that the mills can work night and day.

The transfer business of H. A. Berry & Co., and that of the Gurney Cab Company, Vancouver, have been amalgamated.

F. J. Coulthard & Co., New Westminster, have received the agency of the Queen Fire Insurance Company of Liverpool, Eng.

About 40 tons of wool was consumed by the Westminster woolen mill during the past year. The total output amounted to \$20.000.

A hotel is to be erected on Stave Lake near Mission, B.C. It will be built close to the hot springs which are known to exist there.

Truth, of New Westminster, and the Victoria Times appear in their last issues in a new dress. Both papers present a greatly improved appearance.

A. J. Betchell, of Victoria, has returned from San Francisco, where he purchased the 60-ton schooner City of San Diego to engage in seal fishing.

W. C. Scott, for some years in the employ of G. I. Wilson, dry goods merchant, Vancouver, has gone into partnership with W. Sloan, general dealer of Nanaimo.

Jos. Wilson, owner of pack trains and dealer in meats, Nelson, was drowned recently near that place, while bringing a barge load of cattle down the Kootenay to Nelson.

Goodwin & Wilkinson, real estate and insurance agents, Vancouver, have sent an agent east to procure settlers for a fertile section in that province which this firm has discovered.

The Vancouver World says: Mr. Henry Gandry, a woolen factory man, who recently arrived from the east, has been thinking of erecting a woolen factory somewhere in this province.

W. H. Vianen of New Westminster, has lately experimented in a small way in dry-salt ing British Columbia cod. The experiment produced gratifying results, and will probably induce him to go more extensively into the business.

The firm of Bailey & Necland, stationers, etc., Vancouver, has been succeeded by Bailey Pros. W. Bailey, who now takes an interest in the business, has been for the past nine years with R. D. Richardson, stationer, Winnipeg.

While unloading salmon from the steamer Danube, at the outer wharf, Victoria, four men were killed by the wharf giving away, from the weight of the salmon cases pited thereon. The men, with hundreds of cases of canned salmon, were precipitated into the water.

A joint stock company has been formed to take over the business of R. P. Rithet & Co., Victoria. Rithet holds the majority of stock in the company, and the management and policy of the business remains unchanged. The capital consists of \$500,000, fully paid up

The Westminster Columbian has adopted a novel way of selling a portion of its advertising space. It says: "Many business firms having applied for the spaces on each side of the head of this paper for advertising cards, we have decided to invite tenders for the spaces."

J. C. Keith, manager of the Vancouver branch of the Bank of British Columbia, and Mr. Townsend, inspector of the bank, were tendered a dinner recently by the business people of Vancouver. Mr. Keith is very popular in Vancouver, and through his obliging business manner, he has made a great business for the bank in Vancouver.

Cargill & Co, general merchants, Lunsdowne, Spallumeheen, have done a very extensive business in shipping farmers' produce this year they having shipped to the coast, in the item of hogs alone, 2,000 since the spring. There is a good farming country in that region. The Columbia F_{-} ar Milling Company, at Enderby, furnishes a very convenient home market, purchasing nearly all the grain from the farmers. The company has taken 2,300 tons of grain this season, for which they paid at the rate of \$24 per ton, delivered.

Truth, published at New Westminster, has ceased to exist, and in its place the Morning Ledger, published by Wm. Baillie & Co., makes its appearance. The change is certainly appropriate, so far as the name is concerned at least. Mr. Baillie, who is at the head of the paper, is well known throughout the west. He had charge of Truth for some time, and previously was part proprietor of the Calgary Tribune. In the matter of newspapers, New Westminster is we'll supplied, the value of its papers being exceptional for a town of the size.

Application will be made next session at Ottawa by the Shuswap & Okanagon railway for an act authorizing the company and the Canadian Pacific railway to carry out the agree ment which they have executed conditionally for leasing the line of the Shuswap & Okanagon railway to the Canadian Pacific railway for a term of twenty-five years. The Shuswap & Okanagon railway will also apply for an amend-ment to their act of incorporation, authorizing the extension of their line to a point on the international boundary near Osoyas lake.

The British Columbia Directory for 1891, published by R. T. Williams, of Victoria, is the best i-sue of that well known work which has ever appeared. It furnishes conclusive proof of the rapid growth of the province, the information furnished requiring an addition of 100 pages to the previous number. The volume has been evidently most carefully compiled, while the printing, binding and general arrangement are superior to that found in previous editions. In every respect it is the best British Columbia edition ever presented.

Work on the Shuswap and Okanagan railway, says the Victoria Time, is being pushed briskly forward. Grading has now been finished from Sicamous to Enderby, and if the weather keeps as open as it is now the work of construction will be carried on all winter. So far

no snow has fallen, and the rain has held off as well. Some of the mornings are cold, but the ground does not freeze to any extent which would interfere with the labor. A large force of men are employed, and the contract will in all likelihood be completed before the time specified on expires.

Peter Killer, formerly of Emerson, Man., has commenced business at Vancouver as manufacturers' agent. He represents a number of good manufacturing firms.

"On Monday, Jon. 5," says a Tacoma telegram, "the last vail was laid connecting the Fairhaven & Southern and the Canadian Pacific railways. Regular train service between here and New Westminster will not begin until Feb. 1st. The interval will be employed in ballast. ing the track of the Nwe Westminster Southern. The transfer of the entire road to the Great Northern from Sedro to New Westminster, seventy-three miles, will be completed within thirty days. The international golden spike of the Fairhaven & Southern railroad will be driven between the 12th and 20th of January. The Governor of British Columbia and the Governor of Washington will be present on the occasion with a company of guests from each side numbering fifty, and including correspondents of all the principal newspapers." This is the railway extending southward from New Westminster, B.C., to the United States, and it consummates the first railway connection between the province and the United States.

The Victoria scalers' association have agreed upon a tariff of wages which they will pay to men employed by them in sealing next season. The agreement is summarized as follows: "To hunters, on a catch of 199 skins or less \$1 per skin; on a catch of 200 to 299 skins, \$1.50 per skin; on a catch of 300 to 399 skins, \$2 per skin; on a catch of 400 skins and upwards, \$2.50 per skin. Exception is made in every instance to gray pup skins, for which but one dollar will be paid. Boat pullers and boat steerers will be paid not to exceed \$30 per month wages or 15 and 25 cents per skin, or 50 cents per skin on lay only. Second officers' wages shall not excied \$35 per month. We also bind ourselves not to take more than three experienced seal hunters on each vessel represented by us, and all hunters required in excess of said three hunters shall be new men at the business of seal-hunting, and shall be engaged on the same lay hereinbefore mentioned. The scale for Indian hunters shall be as follows: For the spring engagement, \$3 per each seal skin and \$1 for gray pup skins. No bonus shall be paid in excess of this, excepting a fee not to exceed \$50 to the head man or chief for procuring canoes for the vessel by whom he may be engaged. On the Northern or Behring Sea catch we agree to pay not more than \$3 per skin, and not more than \$10 for each cance procured."

An excellent holiday issue has reached us from the office of daily Plaindealer published at Grand Forks, Dakota. The number is profusely illustrated, and from the statistical and other information given, it is evident that that town at least is progressing rapidly, inspite of the reports we hear in Manitoba about hard times in Dakota. Grand Forks, however, is situated in the very richest portion of the state to the south of us, and it is evidently a thriving city.



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Raw Fur Prices Abroad.

The New York Fur Trade Review quotes the following prices current there for No. 1 skins. Prices per skin except beaver, which is quoted by the pound, -Black bear, no: thern Canada. \$12 to \$25; cubs and yearlings, \$5 to \$12; brown bear, \$10 to \$14; cubs, \$3 to \$6; Grizzly, \$10 to \$15; cubs and yearlings, \$3 to \$8; fisher, northern Canada, \$4 to \$7; Otter, northern, \$6.50 to \$10; beaver, Canada and eastern, \$4 to \$4 50 per pound; beaver castor, \$4 to \$6 per pound; silver fox, \$20 to \$100; cross fox, \$3.50 to \$8; red fox, \$1.40 to \$1.60; grey fox, 50 to 65c; marten, 70c to \$2.50; mink, 50: to \$1.50; skunk, black, 80c to \$1.05; skunk, half stripe, 60 to 65c; skunk, full stripe, 30 to 35c; skunk, white, 15c; raccoon, 65 to 90c; muskrat, fall, 12 to 13; muskrat, winter, 15 to 16c; lynx, \$3 to \$350; wild cat, 40 to 60c; prime badger, \$1 to \$1.25; rabbit, 1 to 2c; timber wolf, \$1 50 to \$2 75; prairie wolf, 70 to 85; wolverine, \$3 50 to \$5; deer skins, 22 to 32c per pound; antelope, 10 to 25c per pound; elk, 10 to 20c per pound; buckskin, 70c to \$1 per pound.

About the first of the year all newspapers feel in duty bound to review the progress made by the towns or cities in which they are published, and they devote more or less of the space in their first January numbers to these retrospects. This is certainly a commendable idea. No better way could be found to show the progress of the country. These papers, although they may not have a very large circulation outside their own immediate districts, generally exchange with the principal papers in the large cities and in this way they get into the hands of men who will read carefully these articles and make extracts from them for publication. This year the British Columbia papers have been particularly zealous in this respect and have published some exhaustive reports on the progress of their coutnry. Judging from what is said in some of these articles they have good ground for being proud of the year's work.

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