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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 11, 1889.

CLAXTON is opening a watch and jewelry shop at Rapid City, Man.

B. PIERCE, will open a general implement agency business at Manitou, Manitoba.

HARRY ANSTIE, manufacturing jeweler, Winnipeg, has given up business.

FROST & WOOD are opening a branch implement agency at Portage la Prairie.

F. G. DE LA PENOTIERE has taken over the Royal hotel at Calgary, formerly run by Reilly.

THE Northern hotel, Port Arthur, has closed for the winter season.

ABOUT twenty miles of the Port Arthur and Duluth railway have been completed.

EVANS & Co., hotel, Winnipeg, have closed out their business; effects seized by bailiff.

C. H. FOX, livery, Winnipeg, has advertised his outfit for sale.

THE Regina Journal of last week said: "The track is now laid on the Long Lake railway for sixty miles from Regina."

ASSENT has been given for the issuing of debentures to the amount of \$6,000 by the Brandon board of school trustees. It will require nearly \$7,000 more to complete the work.

THE Fquitable Life Assurance Society is asking for applications for the position of district superintendents at Battleford and Prince Albert, Sask.

COLLINS & MURROE have now opened their general store at Miami, Man., with a well-selected stock. Miami is one of the promising towns on the Morris-Brandon railway.

THE Brandon market in THE COMMERCIAL last week should have been credited to the Brandon Sun. The credit was omitted through an oversight.

THE firm of Mulcahey & Redfern, who lately started a hardware store on Portage avenue, Winnipeg, has been dissolved. The business will be continued by Chas. Redfern.

THE receipts of wheat at the Canadian Pacific railway Lake Superior elevators for the week ended November 2 amounted to 256,354 bushels. The shipments were 297,520 bushels and the quantity in store on that date 567,766 bushels.

E. R. LINCKE, representing White & Potter, wholesale laces, white goods, etc., Toronto, was in the city last week, and will go through to the Pacific coast. This is the first trip west, and he is pleased with what he has seen of the country so far.

CALGARY Tribune: Five carloads of sheep, comprising 1080 animals, were shipped to various points on the Pacific coast last week, consigned to Van Volkenburgh & Co., from the firm's ranch here. This makes the second consignment in the past few months, shipped by this dealer.

THE exports of cattle from Montreal up to the first November this year were 72,827 head, against 56,064 in 1888, 61,379 in 1887, 59,226 in 1886, 57,908 in 1885, 53,732 in 1884, and 47,825 in 1883. The exports of sheep for the same time were 52,410 head, against 43,260 in 1888, 38,277 in 1887, 81,098 in 1886, 37,392 in 1885, 52,739 in 1884, and 80,710 in 1883.

THE work of excavating for the piers of the bridge over the Belly river at Lethbridge, Alberta, has been commenced. The completion of this bridge will be a great convenience to commercial and other travellers between Macleod and Lethbridge.

DR E. A. BLAKELY, of Winnipeg, has been appointed to fill the position in the educational department recently vacated by Superintendent Somerset. The position under its present form is a temporary one, in view of the proposed changes in our educational system. Dr. Blakeley is a gentleman of pleasant personal qualities, while the practical experience which he has had in school work should fit him for the position.

THE Selkirk Herald thus refers to the Lake Winnipeg fleet: The west slough at present harbors within its waters about twenty steamers and barges, all laid up for winter. The steamers Aurora, Marquette and Millie Powell and a few barges have yet to take up their quarters there.

MAJOR BOWLES of Winnipeg has secured the contract for the improvements to be made to the Canadian Pacific railway track between Winnipeg and Port Arthur. The work embraces rock cutting, filling and bridging, and will not be completed in less than a year. The major will forward men and plant to the scene of operations at once.

THE Federal bank has practically paid off its outstanding circulation deposits and all liabilities, the whole amounting to about four million-and-a-quarter dollars, which shows that the bank was not insolvent. The residue to collect is now exclusively for the shareholders.

THE Portage la Prairie Review of Wednesday last says: The golden grain still continues to pour in at the rate of eight to ten thousand bushels a day and the buyers say there is still lots of wheat in the country. The market seems on the decline and the most the buyers offer is 60 cents per bushel. Oats are scarce. In fact buyers of that commodity have about given up looking for any great quantities of oats. The figures range from 38 to 40 cents per bushel. Butter still fetches 18 to 20 cents per pound, chiefly the latter. Eggs remain steady at 20 cents; beef dressed is quoted at 5 to 6 cents; pork 6 cents; chickens 10 cents; hides 2 cents; potatoes 40 to 50 cents per bushel and scarce.

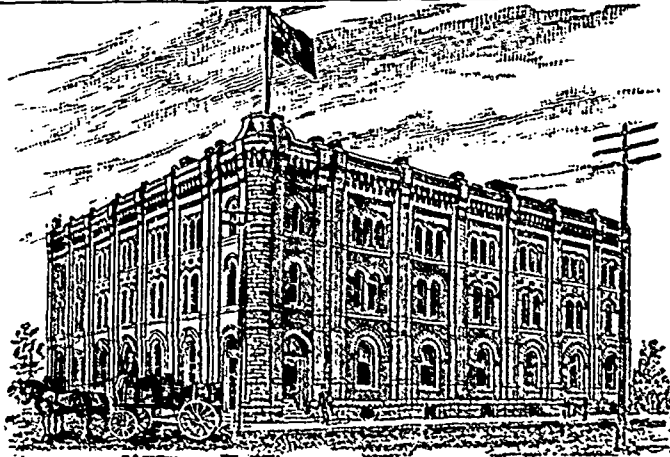
C. BLACKETT ROBINSON, of Toronto, dropped in at THE COMMERCIAL office last week. Mr. Robinson is publisher of the *Canada Presbyterian* and *The Week*, two of the best known papers in Canada, and he has been west as far as the coast in the interest of these publications. He will remain in Winnipeg a few days. *The Week* is a high class literary journal, while the *Presbyterian* is the recognized organ of the influential church in Canada, whose name it bears.

THE *Standard*, of Rapid City, Man., says:—D. Stewart, merchant, of Brandon, bought the whole season's output of cheese from Paterson's factory here, this week. The price paid was 9½ cents per pound.

THE Qu'Appelle *Progress* says: Farmers who intend to sell their cream to the creamery next year, should now prepare to put up a supply of ice. We notice that farmers in Manitoba are simply digging holes in the ground of size to contain what ice they require, and will pour into it water at different times during the winter and let it freeze till the hole is full of ice. It is then covered with poles and straw similar to a root house. A supply of ice may thus be cheaply secured for the summer.

Last spring S. H. Caswell established a creamery in Qu'Appelle. He did not decide upon starting the creamery until it was too late to put up a sufficient supply of ice last winter, and cream was taken from pans and in all ways. But he is now preparing to put up an ample supply of ice, and profiting by the experience of this season, he has decided next season to take cream raised only in creamers. The suggestion is also made to farmers to put up a supply of ice this winter. Experts say that if the milk is immediately strained into the creamers, thus retaining the animal heat, and sunk in cold water, that 15 per cent. more cream of better quality is obtained, than if the cream is raised in pans. There is a certain loss of cream in proportion to the animal heat which is allowed to pass off before the milk is set. Caswell's creamery was in operation only three months, but the result was as satisfactory as could be expected under the circumstances, and he intends to operate it as long as the season will warrant next year, beginning about the 1st of May. He made something over 12,000 pounds of butter in the short time of running and has sold it all at good figures.—*Progress*.

S. Spink, a well known Winnipeg grain man has been appointed a licence commissioner for the Winnipeg district.

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### Eastern Business Changes.

#### ONTARIO.

Geo. Easton, hotel, Belleville, is dead.  
F. M. Short, shoes, Sarnia, has sold out.  
W. J. Paul, shoes, Toronto, has assigned.  
I. Miller, hardware, Toronto, has assigned.  
S. W. Overell, stationer, Toronto, is dead.  
E. Copeland, shoes, Brockville, has assigned.  
Frank Brohman, hotel, Hamilton, has sold out.  
J. M. Gamble, hotel, Napanee, is out of business.  
C. W. Parish, fancy goods, Highgate, is away.  
R. May, hats and caps, Toronto, has assigned.  
Hendershott, dry goods, Welland, has assigned.  
Hare & Look, fruit, Toronto, have assigned.  
Chas. Clark, grocer, St. Thomas, has assigned.  
Mrs. Cookson, milliner, London, has assigned.  
J. C. Grant, hotel, London bailiff in possession.  
Jas. Pickard, general store, etc., Exeter, has assigned.  
Jas. Coghill & Co., tailors, Listowell, have assigned.  
Edward Welsh, confectioner, Peterboro, has assigned.  
Chas. Tilley, shoes, Toronto, meeting of creditors call.  
Holmes & Geo, paper, etc., Hamilton, business closed.  
Somers & Co., general store, Beeton, have sold out.  
A. L. Holmes, books, etc., Parry Sound, is selling out.  
J. F. Hamilton, merchant tailor, Cobourg, has assigned.  
Rutter & Roche, hotel, Seaforth, are dissolving partnership.  
Thomas Carter, pianos and organs, Woodstock, has assigned.  
P. Slattery, general store, etc., Pembroke, is offering compromise.  
G. W. Vandervoot, general store, Wellmans Corners, has assigned.  
Flaherty & Wilson, lead smelting works, Hamilton, were burned out.

C. J. Williams, oils, etc., Hamilton, has had storehouse and contents burned.

T. H. Kirk, manufacturer of carpet lining, Dundas—chattel mortgage sale Nov. 2nd.

Brown, Balfour & Co., wholesale grocers, Hamilton; meeting of creditors, Nov. 8th.

Wm. Pearson, grist, saw and woolen mill, Southampton, his woolen mill burned, partially insured.

Cullis & Fleming, flour and feed and mills, Goderich and Auburn, are selling out flour and feed store at Goderich.

The following were burned out at Comber:—R. H. Abbott, drugs; Goathe & Brown, hardware; Miss Morris, milliner; G. A. Morse & Nephew, general store.

The following were burned out at Paisley:—J. Anderson, stationery; Jno. Claxton, general store; McCaLder Forbes, butcher; W. H. MacFarlane, dry goods and grocery; Miss McKenzie, milliner; Miss McTavish, milliner; Jas. Ross, hotel.

#### QUEBEC.

T. Vian, shoes, Hull, has assigned.

J. E. Halle, flour, Quebec, has assigned.

B. Hugman, carpets, Montreal, has assigned.

J. B. A. Lambert, tobacco, etc., Quebec, has failed.

Ovide Bouchard, dry goods, Quebec, has assigned.

Lanthier & Co., clothing, etc., Montreal, have assigned.

Fabien Farand, general store, Hartwell, has assigned.

Mrs. R. Gratton, milliner, St. Johns, has assigned.

Northfield & Co., opticians, Montreal, have dissolved.

J. Mitchell, dye works, Montreal, has been burned out.

Martin, Granger & Son, dry goods, Montreal, have assigned.

J. A. Legeurrier, general store, St. Therese, has assigned.

Geo. Bowie & Co., contractors, Montreal, have dissolved.

F. G. Hebert, tailor, Granby, demand of assignment made.

A. M. Akerman, lithographer, Montreal, has been burned out.

C. S. Aspinall, machinist, Montreal, has been burned out.

Robitaille, Bernier & Bernier, dry goods, Quebec, have assigned.

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E. P. Baird & Co., clock manufacturers, Montreal, have dissolved.

R. H. Buchanan & Co., machinery, Montreal, have been burned out.

D. McEntyre & Son, tailors, Montreal—D. McEntyre, senr., of this firm is dead.

Vigeant & Fontaine, carriages and blacksmiths, Maisonneuve, have dissolved.

T. J. Winship & Co., cigar manufacturers, Montreal, O. W. Winship admitted partner under same style.

E. L. Furniss & Co., wholesale wine and liquor, Montreal, A. A. Corrigan admitted partner under same style.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

A. C. Mills, printer, Truro, is away.

Hickman & Reid, tannery, Oxford, have dissolved.

Asa Reid, general store, Middleboro, has sold out.

F. Heffernan, furniture, Amherst, has gone out of business.

Hartnett & Sullivan, carriages, Parrsboro, have dissolved.

E. S. Prentiss, lumber, etc., New Albany, has removed to Palmer's section.

Miss Bessie Marshall, dry goods, Halifax, has been succeeded by W. C. Marshall.

E. J. Ayer, dry goods, etc., Amherst—M. L. Anderson admitted partner, style now Ayer & Anderson.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK.

W. Mager, blacksmith, Bathurst, is away.

John McFate, provisions, St. John, is away.

C. V. McGinn, general store, Moncton, is away.

Kennedy & Farren, stoves, St. John, have dissolved.

Barry & McLauchlan, hardware, St. John, have assigned.

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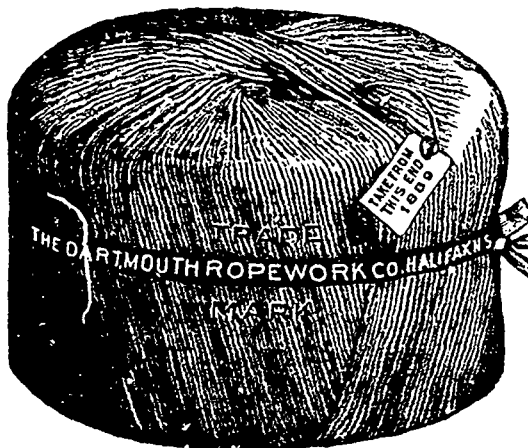
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# The Commercial

WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 11, 1889.

## \* STIRRING UP ANIMOSITY.

An article headed "The Wheat Question," which for the extremely ridiculous nature of its assertions and unfairness of its inferences caps anything yet written upon this important question, recently appeared in the *Monitor*, published at Morden, in this province. The best way to treat such an article would be to leave it alone, were it not that it has been copied by a number of city and provincial papers, and is thus given an air of authenticity. The whole article is so wide of the mark, that it is calculated to bring a smile to the face of the reader who knows even a little bit about the wheat trade. Aside from this aspect, however, it is really too bad that such influences are at work to make the farmers dissatisfied with the grain dealers. This article, for instance, by being copied by so many papers with a large circulation among the farmers, will tend to still further inflame the minds of our agricultural population against the grain men. The farmers, who are not posted as to the cost of handling grain, will not discover the absurdities of the article, and to them it will simply be another proof that they are being ground down and cheated right and left by the grain men.

This is to be regretted. The grain men and millers should be the natural friends of the farmers, and each are dependent on the other. It costs about as much to handle grain when it is low in price as when it is dear, and so far as the dealers are concerned, they would rather have prices rule at good figures than very low. The article in question speaks of a "horde of scheming middlemen who force injustice upon the farmers." Now what would the farmers do if these "middlemen" should all withdraw from the country? The farmer can never become a successful grain shipper, and the shipper is as necessary to the farmer as the farmer is to the shipper. Moreover, we make the assertion that the shipper can afford to, and as a matter of fact does, pay more for the grain than the farmer could ship it for himself. This talk about middlemen is therefore very silly.

The Morden paper next tells the farmers that their No. 1 hard wheat is worth 75 cents per bushel, and that they are being cheated out of 15 cents per bushel at present prices. To arrive at this conclusion the *Monitor* places the value of wheat at Liverpool, according to the statement of some party whose name is not given, at \$1.08 per bushel. From this price the *Monitor* deducts 33 cents as the cost of taking the wheat to Liverpool. Here is one of the great absurdities of the article. Now let us see what it will really cost to take Manitoba wheat to Liverpool, by the cheapest possible route. Average freight rate from Manitoba to Lake Superior, say 14 cents per bushel; elevator charges at Port Arthur, 1½ cents per bushel; freight rate to Montreal, 9 cents per bushel; elevator and floating charges at Montreal, 1½ cents; average ocean freight rate from Montreal to Liverpool, say 12 cents per bushel, unloading charges, wharfage and commission at

Liverpool, 5 to 6 cents per bushel; cost of buying, lake and ocean insurance, 3 to 4 cents per bushel. This gives a total cost of about 48 cents per bushel to take Manitoba wheat to Liverpool, which, at the *Monitor's* own value of \$1.08 in Liverpool, would leave 60 cents per bushel as the average value of No. 1 hard wheat here. This figure of 60 cents per bushel here is reached after taking the lowest carrying charges, and without allowing anything for profit to the shipper or interest on his money invested. The shipper pays cash to the farmer and takes all risks, so that he should have at least a margin of 5 cents per bushel for interest, profit, etc. What farmer would care to undertake such a risky business on any lower margin?

In estimating the cost of taking wheat to Liverpool, the only thing which can be disputed in the figures given above is the ocean freight charges. The present rate we may say is nearer 14 than 12 cents per bushel, but the latter figure is about the average for this season. It must, however, be borne in mind that this estimate is based on summer rates, and is about 12 cents per bushel lower than winter rates, so that the cost of exporting wheat from Manitoba to Liverpool by the all-rail route to Montreal and thence to a winter seaport, would amount to over 60 cents per bushel. The Manitoba crop does not commence to move until late in the season, at which time of year there is a heavy movement of exports from the Atlantic coast, and consequently ocean rates are at maximum figures. The same is also true of lake freights. Before much of our crop can be moved, lake navigation closes, and Montreal is also closed as an ocean port. The bulk of our Manitoba crop must therefore be shipped out by the expensive all rail route to Atlantic winter ports, if intended for export, or held over till the following summer in elevator storage. Now it costs something to carry grain in store over the winter. From the commencement of winter storage in the fall until wheat could be delivered by the lake route in Montreal the following summer, it will cost not under 12 cents per bushel on an average to carry the grain, this including storage, insurance and interest charges. The shipper who buys No. 1 hard wheat now for 60 cents per bushel here, will therefore find that his grain has cost him 72 cents per bushel by next summer. Add to the 72 cents per bushel the cost of transporting to Liverpool by the summer route at 48 cents, and the wheat has cost about \$1.20 per bushel delivered in Liverpool next summer, against a present value thereof of \$1.08, as given by the *Monitor*. This figure of \$1.08 is the very top price for the choicest wheat, and is away above average prices. This shows that there are two sides to the question, and that those who talk about "hordes of middlemen preying on the farmers" are simply talking nonsense. The dealers who are buying at full market value now, take the chances of advances in price to cover cost of carrying and give them a profit.

The price of \$1.08 per bushel for wheat at Liverpool, as stated, is the price given by the *Monitor*, but the quotation is too high. The highest quotation ruling in Liverpool at the time of writing is 7s. 2d. to 7s. 2½d. per 100

pounds. This is for California Club. For other wheat quotations range downward to as low as 6s. per 100 pounds. These Liverpool prices reduced to dollars and cents would be equal to say 86½ cents to \$1.04 per bushel of sixty pounds, for the different qualities of wheat.

There is another matter about which a great misunderstanding exists, and this is the question of mixing wheat. The Morden paper seeks to make its readers believe that this mixing of wheat is all to the disadvantage of the grower, when really the opposite is often the case. Why do dealers mix grain? Common sense would dictate the answer that they mix it so as to sell it to the best advantage. Now then, if the shipper can handle his wheat to the best advantage by a little manipulation, it stands to reason that he can afford to pay the grower more for the grain. This can be shown by the conditions now existing in Manitoba. A large portion of the wheat being purchased every day in Manitoba markets, at No. 1 hard prices, will not grade No. 1 hard. In other words, farmers get No. 1 hard prices for lots of wheat which, were they to ship it themselves would grade lower, and perhaps go rejected. But the skilled shipper can sometimes take this wheat at a price really above its value according to grade and handle it without loss, by a little judicious mixing and cleaning. In this transaction the grower shares in the profit with the shipper.

The cost of buying wheat is a point which is often lost sight of. The cost of buying of course depends largely upon the quantity handled. Over competition increases the cost of buying, as the quantity of wheat marketed is divided in small portions among the buyers. About three cents per bushel is usually considered a fair allowance for cost of buying. However, with a large number of buyers at a point where only a few thousand bushels of wheat are marketed daily, the cost per bushel will be higher. Dealers claim that a good deal of wheat will cost as much as 6 cents per bushel this year for buying, owing to light receipts and the large number of buyers, for it costs about as much to run elevators for a few hundred bushels per day as it does to take in several thousand bushels. Too much competition is therefore a disadvantage to the trade in this respect.

## THE CREDIT SYSTEM.

The tendency of the times seems to be distinctly in the direction of remedying or curtailing the abuses of the credit system. This is one of the burning questions discussed at almost every commercial gathering, and the feeling seems to be unanimous that the credit system has been carried to such extremes that it is high time to call a halt and endeavor to correct the abuse of credits. The latest move reported in favor of shortening credits has been made by the Dominion Wholesale Grocers' Guild, which met at Montreal recently. At this meeting it is understood the advisability of shortening the time on sugar to thirty days, instead of sixty days, was discussed. Though the question was not finally decided, the discussion of the matter alone shows which way

the current is setting. If time on sugar should be reduced to thirty days, as it may possibly be at some time not far distant, it would only be in keeping with the tendency of the times, and would also have the effect of encouraging further efforts in the same direction.

It naturally follows, that if wholesale dealers are to make a general move to shorten credits, retailers must do the same thing as regards their trade. In fact to be successful a general move must be made all along the line, in the same direction of curtailing credits to a reasonable length of time, or abolishing the system entirely. In Manitoba the retail dealers at several points seem disposed to grapple with this question, with the object of improving the condition of trade in their several localities. It is to be hoped that any efforts in this direction will prove successful, and that other localities will be encouraged to follow suit, until business has been placed on a better basis all over the country. In fact the correction of the abuses of the credit system should start right with the retail trade, more particularly in the rural districts. If a better basis of doing business between retailers and their customers were once established, it would be a comparatively easy matter to improve the credit system between wholesale dealers and the retail trade.

The coupon system is a plan which seems to be finding favor in some sections of Manitoba, in the efforts being put forth to remedy the evils of long and promiscuous credits. This system is likely to be adopted in a number of towns in Manitoba, through the united action of the retail dealers, and a practical test of the new departure will therefore soon be made. If it finds favor and is shown to be an improvement upon the existing credit system, it will likely come into pretty general use. Under the coupon system a person who wishes to obtain a line of credit will give his storekeeper a note for an amount to be agreed upon, in advance of the purchase of goods. For instance, a customer may require during the season, goods to the amount of say \$100. Instead of purchasing these goods as he may require them and having the amount charged up each time, he will give his note, payable at a time agreed upon, for \$100, receiving in return coupons or due bills equal to the amount of the note. These coupons represent cash, or are taken as cash by the storekeeper, in exchange for goods. The system seems to be a legitimate one, and one which gives no unfair advantage between the storekeeper and his customers. The coupons are also made to apply in payment of the note, so that if the coupons should not all be used in the purchase of goods, the balance can be applied in payment of the note. With this consideration attached to the coupons, the storekeeper can not take any undue advantage of his customer through the possession of his note. Another very favorable feature of the coupon system is, that it will save an endless amount of work in keeping books and charging up every little purchase of goods. It will also put a stop to the innumerable annoyances which invariably accompany a credit business, from disputed accounts. On this account alone the system should prove a great advantage to the retail trade.

A customer might object to give a note before he obtains the goods; but on the same principle the storekeeper has as good a right to object to give out his goods before he receives payment therefore. In fact, even with this coupon system, the customer still has the advantage of the merchant, for there will be risk in exchanging goods for the notes. The merchant must take the risk of the note being paid. The fact that he receives a note does not ensure him against loss, for the note may never be paid. The chief advantage to the storekeeper, therefore, is, that it puts his accounts in better shape, saves him a lot of work in book-keeping and the annoyance of disputed accounts, and gives him the use of paper which he can apply as collateral security in his banking or commercial transactions.

Another favorable feature of the coupon system is, that it should have a tendency to make storekeepers more careful in giving credit. A customer is often allowed a little credit in the regular way, with the intention that the account will not be allowed to assume large proportions. But once a name is entered upon the books, it is often no easy matter to keep the account from growing. In this way storekeepers frequently find that they have contracted bad accounts. Now, under the coupon system, the storekeeper will investigate a case before he hands over coupons for a large amount to a doubtful customer. Then, again, he would not be willing to take the notes of risky customers, as such paper would be no use to him in financing his business affairs. Another feature is, that under the coupon system, a customer could readily discover at any time just how he stood with his storekeeper, without either having to keep accounts himself or asking the storekeeper for a statement. Altogether the system has several points which appear to be improvements upon the existing credit system, while at the same time it gives the storekeeper no undue advantage over his customers in any particular.

### MONTREAL WHEAT QUOTATIONS.

There seems to be something radically wrong with the wheat quotations sent out from Montreal. In fact Montreal quotations, have for a long time been a laughingstock to those who know the real value of wheat in that market. Last summer and fall for months at a time wheat quotations from that place were known to be away above real values, and the same feature still continues. For instance, one day last week public quotations from Montreal reported No. 1 hard wheat at \$1.04. Everybody at all posted as to the situation, knew at once that this was an absurd quotation, and only smiled at the figures. Still these quotations going through the country at figures so far above the real value do a great deal of harm. Provincial editors have several times recently made use of these fancy Montreal prices to show how much the Manitoba grain buyers were beating the farmers on every bushel of wheat marketed.

To show the absurdity of this quotation of \$1.04, a private letter of a perfectly reliable nature reported No. 1 hard May wheat bid the same day at 97½ cents. Now if May wheat was only

worth 97½ cents per bushel, Cash No. 1 hard would be worth not over 87½ cents. It will cost say ten cents per bushel to carry the wheat until May, so that cash wheat is worth ten cents less than May wheat. Those who are posted as to the way grain business is done in Montreal, know the reason for the irregularity of quotations from that quarter. There is very little business done on the open board. Transactions are invariably done in private, and the prices reported to the public are whatever the buyer and seller may agree upon to state to the reporters.

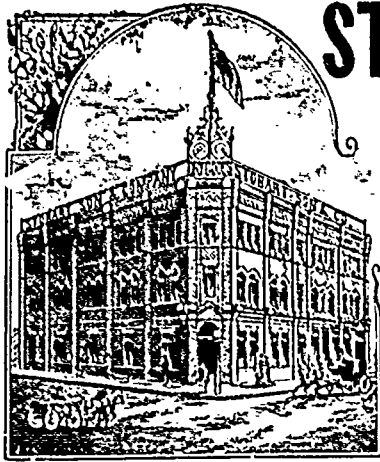
At best Montreal wheat quotations are more ornamental than useful, for the simple reason that there is not enough business done in wheat in that market to establish authoritative prices. Even if the quotations sent out were reliable, the amount of business done there is not of sufficient volume to make the quotations important or valuable to the grain trade elsewhere. Grain men who are posted as to both markets, say that there is more business in wheat done in Winnipeg every day than in Montreal in weeks, and even months. This was particularly the case last summer, when fancy quotations were sent out from Montreal regularly at about 10 cents per bushel over actual values, without a single transaction in wheat for weeks at a time.

Private letters from Montreal last week spoke of a sale of No. 2 hard at 89½ cents per bushel, while public quotations for the same grade were at 94 to 96 cents. One letter spoke of an offer of No. 2 hard at 87 cents, but not authoritatively.

### THE TRANSFER RAILWAY.

A strong and united protest should be made against further delay in opening the Winnipeg transfer railway. The Canadian Pacific company refuses to do any transfer business with the Northern Pacific company until compelled to do so by the proper authorities. The power to compel the former company to allow a connection with its lines lies with the railway committee of the Dominion Government. The facilities have long since been provided for a connection between the two roads, and the railway committee was long ago applied to to order the connection. The same remarks are true in the case of the connection sought for by the Northern Pacific company with the Manitoba Northwestern at Portage la Prairie. It is in the interest of the general commerce of the country that these connections should be made, and the long delay in getting the railway committee to order the connections seems unreasonable. There is a pretty general feeling abroad that the Dominion Government is still endeavoring to use its power to balk the freedom of railway extension in Manitoba. At least, in this particular case it seems evident that the railway committee is unnecessarily withholding the right of the Northern Pacific company to compel the other companies to do a transfer business with its lines. It is evident that the Dominion Government is not yet fully prepared to deal impartially with railway questions in Manitoba. If this disposition to deal unfairly with independent railways is continued, a sharp protest should be made by the people of Manitoba.



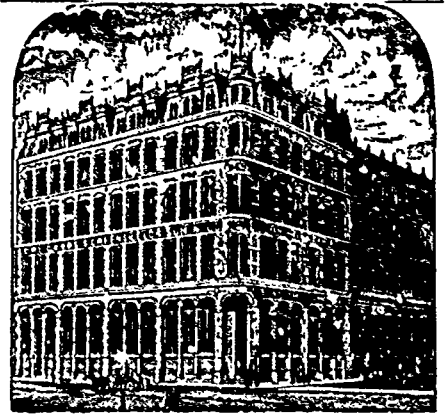


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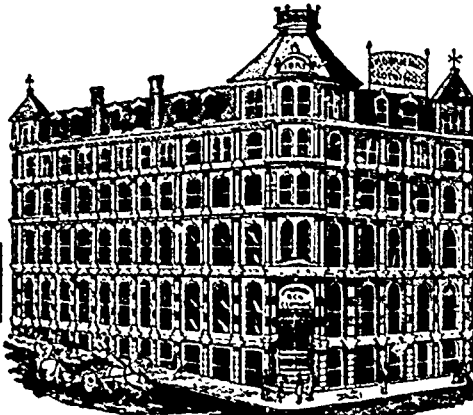
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**WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.**

The first week in another month has not brought any marked change in collections. Dealers were hoping that with the early wheat movement this year, which has now been going on steadily for some time, the present month would bring some change. So far, however, they seem to be disappointed in the result, and the complaint is still of slow collections, in wholesale branches. At the banks there has been considerable business done with grain men, at about 8 per cent., though season arrangements are claimed to have been made on a basis of 7 per cent. in some instances.

**WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.**

The sudden cold dip in the weather at the commencement of last week caused a brisk run of business in textile lines. The city retail trade experienced a few very busy days, but the cold spell did not hold out long enough to suit dealers. The most of the week was fine and fairly warm, though frosty at night. However, dealers are likely to get all the cold weather they wish for before long. The strong feature in the hardware trade continues, and prices are steadily appreciating in this branch. British markets have experienced another rapid upward movement in pig iron. Glass is very strong. Sugars are still weak in tone.

**CANNED GOODS.**

*Bradstreet's* has the following on the Pacific coast, salmon pack:—"Up to October 15 the total arrivals of Alaska salmon at San Francisco were 463,819 cases, and the probabilities were that the total arrivals will exceed 500,000 cases. Much of that which came down was unlabeled. The plan is undoubtedly to label all the red fish, Columbia river salmon and the second quality as Alaska salmon. The British Columbia pack, principally from the Fraser and Skeena rivers, is the largest on record. It will be about 250,000 cases. The Columbia river pack is smaller than last year. About 350,000 cases is near the total, or about half of what was packed in the best days. The total salmon pack is thus as follows:—Alaska (over) 500,000 cases; Columbia river, 350,000 cases; Fraser river and British Columbia, 250,000 cases; Sacramento river and all outside sources, 100,000 cases; total cases, 1,200,000. This is slightly larger than last year's total, when about 1,100,000 cases were put up. The Alaska canners are already talking and planning for the coming season. Many new canneries will be located at desirable points, and the capacity of other canneries will be increased. It is hardly likely that any increase may be expected from British Columbia, and packers are very dubious over the Columbia river situation. The steady diminution in the pack there is alarming them more and more. It is hardly reasonable to look for anything more from the Sacramento river and other outside canneries, so that practically all increase in the Pacific coast pack, if any, must be looked for from the Alaskan inlets and streams."

A statement was recently published in an English paper to the effect that the Fraser river pack would not be up to the standard in quality, owing to haste in packing, etc. This

report is said to have been circulated by Columbia river canners, with a view to assisting the sale of their own fish by crying down the British Columbia pack. Robert Ward & Co., of Victoria, have replied to this attack on the British Columbia fish as follows:—"To say that the catch on the Fraser river was sudden is entirely incorrect. The fact is the run set in early, and kept up beyond the ordinary time looked for, which enabled the canners to pack fish of uniformly fresh and prime quality, and to discard anything lacking that standard necessary for prime packing. As the proof of the pudding is generally to be found in the eating, so it will be found with the outturn of the Fraser river salmon when it shall have had the opportunity of reaching the English markets."

**DRIED FRUITS.**

The *Toronto Empire* writing of dried apples says:—"The demand is rather disappointing. New are dull. A few small lots have sold to dealers here at 5½c. Retail lots of new and old are going at 6 to 6½c. Evaporated are offering at 10c for new, but dealers are working off old at 8c. by the single case, though lots are obtainable at 6½c." Quotations here are:—Valencia raisins, \$2.50 box; new currants, 6½c pound; dried apples 7c to 7½c per pound, evaporated apples, 9c. Figs in 10 lb. boxes, per lb., 15c; choice new season figs 18c lb; Fancy Elmer layer figs, 28 lb boxes, 25c lb; figs in 1 lb. cartons, per doz., \$1.75; Golden dates, in 50 lb. boxes, per lb., 9c; California evaporated fruit—apricots, per lb., 18c; fancy peeled peaches, per lb., 24c; pitted plums, 12½c. French prunes, 12½c per lb; Nectarines 18c.

**FISH AND OYSTERS.**

Prices for oysters still hold up. Present quotations are: \$2.50 per gallon for standards and \$2.75 for selects, for good stock. Cans are quoted at 55c for standard, 60c for selects, and 65c for extras. Fresh Lake Winnipeg white fish hold at 8c. and trout at 9c. per pound. Finnen haddies are offering at 11c. per pound. Yarmouth bloomers smoked, per box of 100 fish, \$3.

**GREEN FRUITS.**

Apples are still getting stronger. For good southern fruit \$4 per barrel is now about the lowest prices, while choice varieties of eastern apples, such as northern spies, sell as high as \$5 per barrel. Additional shipments of Concord grapes have arrived. Cranberries are easier:—Almeria grapes are reported as much as \$1.25 per keg higher in their home markets. Quotations are as follows: Lemons, \$7.25 to \$7.50 per box; Jamaica oranges \$6.50 do., per bbl., \$12; southern apples, \$4.00 to \$4.25, choice to fancy eastern apples, \$4.50 to \$5.00 per barrel; California pears, \$4.50 per box; Catawba grapes, 80 to 90c basket of 10 lbs.; Concord grapes, 85c. basket of 10 lbs; Almeria grapes, \$8 to \$8.50 per keg; choice Cape Cod cranberries, \$10.25 to \$10.50 per barrel; onions—Southern, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; Spanish onions, \$1.35 cato; Cider, per gal., 35c; comb honey, in 14 lb. boxes, 25c per pound.

**GROCERIES.**

Sugars continue weak in eastern markets, with lower quotations in some instances. Quo-

tions here are as follows:—Sugars, yellow, 6½ to 7½c, as to quality; granulated, 9c; lumps, 10½c. Coffees—Rios, from 22 to 25c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Tea, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian tea, 3c to 60c; young hyson, 24 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 49c; Brunetta's 5 lbs., 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 47c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60c; Anchor, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85c; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40, Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

**HARDWARE AND METALS.**

Firmness is still the characteristic of the hardware trade. A cable from Glasgow last week said:—"The pig iron market is quiet. The price of warrants rose to day from 57s 1d to 58s 9d, cash. The advance is due to large buying from Connal's stores, from which 1,040 tons were taken on Saturday." Advices from eastern markets were all strong, and speak of a continued upward tendency in prices. In this market iron pipe is very strong at the recent advance, and a further appreciation in values is looked for. Canada plates are quoted higher, and bar iron is quoted up 10c per 100 pounds. Advances will also be noted in galvanized iron, ingot and bar tin. Quotations here are: Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.40; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.50 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$11.50 to \$12.00; Canada plates, \$4. to \$; 15; sheet iron, \$4.00 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net pieces. 1 inch, 10½c; 1½ inch, 13½c; 2 inch, 17c; 2 inch, 26c per foot; ingot tin, 32c per lb.; bar tin, 33c per pound; sheet zinc, 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 28 gauge, 8½ to 9c lb; bar iron, \$3.60 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 6¾c per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6½c nett.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**

Prices are about the same as last quotation in spite of the very weak situation in eastern markets. Toronto prices have been reduced ½c and green hides are now quoted in that market at 2½, 3½ and 4½c for No. 3, No. 2 and No. 1 respectively. Winnipeg prices are now about as high as Toronto. Dry hides were quoted at 5 to 5½c at Toronto. In this market quotations are about the same, though country hides are not wanted except at about ¾c under quotations. Prices here are as follows. Hides, Winnipeg inspected No. 1, 4½c; No. 2, 3½c; No. 3, 2½c per lb. Calf, 7 to 13 lb. skins are quoted at 5c for No. 1 and 4c for No. 2. Deacon skins, 10 to 20c each, the lower price for cut skins. Sheep and lambskins are worth 50 to 60c. each for fresh killed skins. Tallow quoted: rough, 2½ to 3c. rendered 4½ to 5c.

**PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.**

Glass holds firm at the recent advance in local prices. The following will show the strength of the situation in glass. "At a meeting of the Pittsburg Window Glass Manufacturers' Association, at Pittsburg last week, it was decided to advance the price of glass 5 per

cent. This is the second advance of 5 per cent. this fall. The advance in the price of chemicals is given as the reason for the increase." Quotations here are as follows:—Turpentine in barrels, inscribed gages, 80c per gallon; do. in barrels, guaranteed measurement, or in 5 gallon cans, 85c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 77c; boiled 80c. benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$4.75 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$1.40 a barrel, putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whiting in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.50; Royal Charter, \$7.00; Railroad, \$6.50; Alabastine, \$7.50 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.20.

## GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS

### WINNIPEG.

Wheat was characterized by a steady feeling last week in leading American markets. Fluctuations were narrow and prices well maintained, though without any strong upward movements. The visible supply statement on Monday last showed an increase of 1,205,000 bushels for the previous week, making the total on Nov. 2, 25,712,578 bushels against 33,694,796 bushels a year ago. This increase was much less than expected and caused a firmer feeling. Another letter from Statistician Dodge, of the United States Government agricultural department was matter of much comment early last week. His latest communication is to the effect that the wheat production will be 12.8 bushels per acre on about 38,000,000 acres or about 486,000,000 measured bushels, from which about 15,000,000 bushels must be deducted on account of short weight. This would bring the crop down to the vicinity of 471,000,000 sixty pound bushels. Total receipts of spring wheat at leading points in the United States since the commencement of the crop year have been 39,332,000 bushels, against 28,498,000 bushels to the same date a year ago. Receipts of winter wheat on this crop have amounted to 19,376,000 bushels against 23,651,070 bushels a year ago. Receipts this year to date of winter and spring wheat are, therefore, over 6,000,000 bushels greater than last year, but in this calculation allowance must be made for the earlier harvest and consequently earlier movement this year, as compared with last. As earlier falling off in receipts may, therefore, be looked for this year. There have been 22,500,000 bushels brought to Minneapolis, Duluth and St. Paul since the middle of August, when the new crop began to move. It is estimated that not less than 7,000,000 bushels have gone out in the shape of flour and wheat that has not been counted in the 22,500,000 bushels passing through the three Minnesota points mentioned. About 10,000,000 bushels are supposed to be held in country storage in Minnesota and Dakota. Farmers' deliveries since Nov. 1 have been about 500,000 bushels per day. About 20,000,000 to 25,000,000 bushels is the quantity now being figured on to be yet delivered by farmers in these states. This means a total crop of 25,000,000 to 29,000,000 bushels allowing for seed and local requirements.

The local movement has continued at about the same extent. Prices paid to farmers at provincial points have not varied materially from a week ago, 60c per bushel for best samples being the ruling quotation at most provincial points, and this included about all the more important country markets. At some points higher prices were paid, but this was mostly confined to some of the less important markets, where deliveries are light. The fact that the lake route will soon be closed, has an easy influence on prices. The following prices were paid to farmers on Friday last, at country points: Prehorne, Hoiland, Cypress River, Carman, Morris, Mc Ien, Killarney, Bois-evain, Plum Creek, Thornhill, High Bluff, Portage la Prairie, Carberry, Brandon, Chater, Kemnay, 60c. La Riviere, Deloraine, McGregor, 61c. Gretna, Clearwater, Cartwright, Griswold, Oak Lake, Virden, Whitewood, Regina 62c. Stonewall, Crystal City, Holmfield, Burnside, Douglas, Alexander, Wapella, 63c per bushel.

Eastern Canada markets were reported weaker early last week. Prices to farmers were reduced 2 to 3c per bushel through Ontario, making the price to farmers there about 77c at country points. The demand for Manitoba wheat in the east was quiet at lower prices. It is reported that No. 1 hard has been sold in Ontario as low as 90c, and offerings of No. 1 hard at Toronto were reported at 92 to 94c, with No. 2 hard at 90 to 92c. No. 2 northern is reported to have sold at 86c. At Port Arthur No. 1 hard appears to be at about 80 to 82c, this being the difference between views of buyers and sellers.

### FLOUR.

An easier feeling in lower grade has led to a decline of about 10c in some grades. Patents and strong bakers are unchanged. Prices here are as follows per 100 pounds to the local trade: Patents, \$2.45; strong bakers, \$2.25; second bakers, \$1.70; XXXX, \$1.30; superfine, \$1.10; Graham flour, \$2.25; middlings, \$2.45 per 100 pounds.

### MILLSTUFFS AND FEED.

Bran is still held at \$12 and shorts at \$14 per ton, with the demand good. Imported ground feed, mixed corn and oats, is selling at \$25 per ton. Ground mill feed if obtainable is worth about the same price.

### OATS

Importations from the south are made at a cost of 40 to 41c per bushel on track here. For western shipment car lots from Ontario can be handled to better advantage, as through rates of freight can be obtained. In the city for broken lots, 45c is regular price for good quality. Prices at country points in Ontario are quoted at 26 to 27c per bushel.

### MEALS, POT BARLEY, ETC.

Prices are again lower, a decline of 10c being reported on standard and granulated, and 20c per sack on rolled oatmeal. The latter grade is now quoted under granulated, though of course there is a difference in weight of the sacks. Mostly Ontario meal. Prices are now as follows: Standard, \$2.40; granulated, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; rolled oats, \$2.40 per sack of 80 lbs. Cornmeal is held at \$1.65 per 100 lbs.; pot barley, \$2.75, a half pearl barley, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

### BUTTER.

There is no change to note in the situation, and the tone of the market is easy, though prices are steady. Not much outside demand reported, and for small lots for local requirements, prices range at from 18 to 20c for good to choice dairy. At Toronto, creamery was reported to be worth 21 to 23c, and dairy 17 to

18c for good to choice. Choice creamery at Montreal ranged from 21 to 22c and dairy from 16 to 20c per pound for good to choice.

### CHEESE.

Jobbing lots are held at 11c per pound in this market. The sale of the season's make at a factory was reported at 9½c. Toronto quotes cheese at 10 to 11½c, and Montreal at 10 to 10½c for finest late months, and as low as 9½c for earlier makes. These are large export lot prices. Sales at factories in Ontario were made on a lower basis than a short time ago, the balance of the season's make being picked up at 10 to 10½c.

### EGGS.

Are unchanged at 20c per dozen for pickled, with fresh obtainable at about 24c.

### CURED MEATS.

Prices unchanged as follows: Dry salt, 9½c; spiced rolls, 11½c to 12c; breakfast bacon, 13 to 13½c; hams, 14 to 14½c per pound; bologna sausage, 7c per pound; fresh pork sausage, 8c per pound; pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per kit of about 20 lbs.; dried beef, 12½c per lb.

### DRESSED MEATS.

There are no changes of importance in dressed meats, pork being slightly easier, but prices nearly the same all around. Beef holds steady at 5c for choice city dressed, and ranging as low as 4c per pound for common country dressed. Hogs average about 6c per pound. Mutton 8c, lamb 9c, and veal 6c per pound.

### DRESSED POULTRY AND GAME.

Dressed poultry is now offering freely, the supply of all sorts being good. Prices tend lower. Chickens are worth 10 to 12½c, turkeys, duck and geese also bring about the same prices all around, the top quotations being for choice drawn birds. Drawn are preferred in this market.

### LIVE STOCK.

Shipments of cattle are probably pretty well over for this season. A dispatch from Montreal last week said, "Twelve hundred head of western ranche cattle have arrived. They came from the vicinity of Strathmore, and were eight days under way. They are fine looking beasts and average about 1,350 pounds. Several cows being less able to stand transportation, died. About one thousand head were sold here at an average price of \$49 per head." A sale of the Cochrane ranche cattle is reported from England, at £18 5s per head, average price. The cattle are said to have given good satisfaction. Cable advices early last week were still unfavorable, and this had a weakening influence on business in export cattle at Montreal. At Montreal offerings were large, including a number of western ranche cattle. Prices were easier. Choice export were quoted at 4 to 4½c, but these prices were nominal, as it was difficult to make sales. Good to choice butchers' cattle ranged from 3 to 3½c, with a fraction over the top quotation for extra choice animals. Common to poor quoted at 2 to 2½c. Live hogs at Montreal hold at 5 to 5½c per pound.

### SENACA ROOT.

Quoted at 27 to 28c per pound.

### VEGETABLES.

Potatoes keep climbing up in price, and sold at farmers' wagons as high as 70 to 75 cents per bushel. Other prices are as follows: Carrots \$1; parsnips \$1 to \$1.25 per bushel, beets, 90c per bushel, turnips 60c per bushel, onions \$1.50 per bushel, cabbage 50c to \$1.25 per dozen as to quality, celery 25 to 40c per dozen, Hubbard squash, \$1.50 per dozen, pumpkins, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per dozen, citron, \$1.50 per dozen; sweet potatoes, 5c lb., or \$6.50 per barrel.

The grist mill at Lac la Biche, Alberta, is offered for sale by Peter Pruden. 21-inches Turbine wheel, one pair four feet stones, and smutter.

**Fur Trade Notes.**

Fur caps have very considerably declined in favor throughout the West, and "no sale" is the report from all sections; they have been displaced by Scotch caps and plush goods, the former being very popular. Some of the small manufacturing concerns must disappear. The cold weather of the past few weeks had a good effect on business. The demand for various specialties in small furs has been so great, that manufacturers have been occupied on over time filling orders; there has been a particularly active call for Astrakhan capes, and skins of a desirable curl have advanced fully forty per cent., and are scarce; no further marked variation in price is likely to occur this year. Persians are also selling freely, but it is to be deprecated that the popularity of these two articles, Astrakhan and Persian, results in the general neglect of other furs. Seal capes are selling well, but it is apparent that mink will be the leading article for these garments. Seal wraps are in excellent request. The season has opened favorably, and if the demand extends, including a general selection of furs, manufacturers will have a satisfactory year.—*New York Fur Trade Review.*

The Leipzig correspondent of the *New York Fur Trade Review* writes as follows to that journal, under the heading of "Advice to American Shippers":—"It is not easy to determine the prospect for American furs. We must earnestly warn American shippers against paying too high prices for skins. Russia, the most important consumer of American furs, is a slow buyer now, and cannot afford to meet

any considerable advance in price next spring. German dealers find the present values too high—both for their domestic and foreign trade. Shippers should take everything into account—the condition of the trade at Leipzig, as well as the state of the home market and the results at London. No one has been able to make a profit on American furs this year.—musquash, for instance, which has been a good article in former years, has been sold at cost, merely to move it. Skunk cannot be sold or handled in quantity, and inferior sorts can scarcely be sold at all. Trade in racoon has been very much better in former years. German manufacturers show but little favor for opossum. Bear, beaver and otter cannot be handled above present values. Bear these points in mind when engaged in making up price lists for the opening raw fur season."

The Cochrane Rancho people killed 86 coyoties last month with the dogs, on the Rancho in Southern Alberta. These animals are well out of the road, as they will attack young calves and lambs. They killed as high as seventeen in one day.

**Groceries at Toronto.**

Syrups are firm and in demand at 54 to 59c per gallon for dark to bright. Molasses are steady at 40 to 45c in barrels.

Sugars—Granulated, 7½ to 7¾c; Paris lump, 8½ to 9¾c; extra ground, 8½ to 9c; grocers' A, 7½ to 7¾c; powdered, 7½ to 8c; refined, dark to bright, 5½ to 6½c.

Coffees—Rio, 20 to 21c; Mocha, 25 to 28c; Java, 22 to 23c; Porto Rico, 20 to 22c.

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Valencia raisins can be bought at 6½c for off stalk, and close buyers may get ½c less. Sul tanas are scarce and good stock is firm at 10c

Currants per pound, barrels and ½'s, 5½ to 5¾c; Patras, 6½ to 7½c; Vostizza, 8½ to 9½c. Raisins—Valencias, 6½ to 6¾c; Valencias layers, 8 to 9½c; Sultanas, 8 to 10c; London layers, old, \$2.25 to \$2.35. Figs—Natural, 4 to 6c; 14 oz, 11½ to 12½c; Elemes, 12½ to 20c. Dates, 5½ to 5¾c. Prunes—Bosnia, cs, 7½ to 8½c; Bosnia, kgs, 5 to 5½c; Bosnia, hhds, 4½ to 4¾c.—*Empire.*

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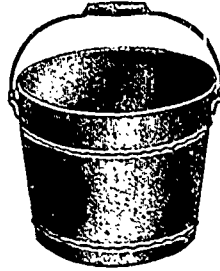
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### Duluth Wheat Market.

No. 1 hard wheat closed as follows at Duluth on Friday last: November, 79½c; December, 79½c; May 85½c.

### Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat opened a fraction lower on Monday, November 4, but ranged upward. November ranged from 78½ to 79½c, December from 79½ to 80½c, and May from 83½ to 84½c. There was very little spring wheat sold to go to store, sales being confined to a few cars of choice No. 2 hard, which brought 79½c. Ordinary No. 2 ranged from about 78½ to 79c, closing with the outside figure. On track and switched lots ranged as follows: No. 3 at 62 to 64c for fair, 65 to 69c for good, 70 to 72c for choice, 73 to 75c for hard; No. 3 white at 62 to 64c for good, 66 to 67c for choice; No. 4 at 45c for fair, 48 to 49c for good, 50 to 53c for choice, 55 to 58c for choice. Closing prices for futures were:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	79½	80½	84½	84½
Corn	32½	31½	31½	33½
Oats	18½	19½	—	22
Pork	8.95	—	9.12½	9.45
Lard	5.90	—	5.82½	6.00
Short Ribs	4.97½	—	4.70	4.90

There was no meeting of the board on Tuesday, owing to State elections.

Wheat opened a fraction higher on Wednesday, and had a narrow range. December ranged from 80½ to 81½c, and May from 84½ to 84½c. The market was firm for spring wheat and nominally higher. The price of No. 2 was nominally 79½c at the close, or from ½c to ¾c in advance of Tuesday's closing value. There are sales of hard No. 2 reported at from 79½c for good to 70½c for choice. No. 4 sold at 50c in store. Spring wheat by sample was in very fair local demand for good to choice lots, and prices were somewhat better. Poor wheat was dull. On track and free on board lots ranged as follows: No. 2 at 80 to 80½c. No. 3 at 62 to 65c for fair, 67 to 68c for good, 70 to 72c for choice, 74 to 75c for hard, 76½c for choice hard. No. 4 at 45 to 48c for poor, 50 to 52c for fair, 53 to 57c for good, 58 to 61c for choice. No. 3 white at 64 to 64½c for good, 66c for choice. Cash sales of provisions were as follows: 150 brls of pork at \$9.25. Lard, 500 tcs at \$5.90, 800 tcs at \$5.92½, 1,000 tcs at \$5.95, 375 tcs at \$5.97½, 165 tcs, very choice at \$6.05. Green hams, 50,000 lbs, av 16 lbs, at

7½c, 85,000 lbs, do, at 7½c. Short ribs, 50,000 lbs, av 80 lbs, cured, at 5½c; 175,000 lbs, 20 days old, at 5½c. Closing prices for futures were:—

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Oats	18½	19½	19½	22½
Pork	9.00	—	9.12½	9.47½
Lard	5.82½	—	5.82½	6.02½
Short Ribs	5.02½	—	4.72½	4.92½

Wheat was stronger on Friday and closed ¼ to ½c higher than Thursday, as follows:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	79½	80½	80½	84½
Corn	32½	31½	31½	33½
Oats	19½	19½	19½	22½
Pork	9.05	—	9.17½	—
Lard	6.85	—	6.82½	6.02½
Short Ribs	5.05	—	4.72½	4.95

### Minneapolis Markets.

Following were the closing quotations on Thursday, Nov. 7:—

	Nov.	Dec.	May.	On track
No 1 hard	76½	77½	83	77½
No. 1 northern	74½	75	80½	76
No 2 "	70	71	76½	70-8

These quotations are only a fraction under prices of a week ago on same options. On track prices are practically unchanged.

The Northwestern Miller of Nov. 7 says of the flour market: A very fair trade has been done in flour the past week, though usually not taken in very large lots, and the market is steady. The prospect of an early advance in freight rates causes millers to be pretty firm and cautious about selling too freely. Bakers' is in very good request, particularly from abroad, and nearly everybody is well sold ahead on this grade. Foreigners manifest a growing interest and while not as a rule offering prices that can be accepted for patent, the interest shown is considered a healthy sign. Low grades are very hard to dispose of at any price. Ocean rates are regarded as about on the turning point for a decline, and in some quarters are expected to go down enough to offset the advance looked for in freight rates from the close of navigation. The direct exports for the week were 56,100 barrels, against 53,830 the preceding week. Quotations are: London, c i f, 250 lbs, patents, 31s 9d to 32s 9d; bakers', 22s to 24s.

Quotations at the mills for car or round lots are: Patents, \$4.30 to \$4.70; second patents,

\$4 to \$4.30; bakers', \$3.10 to \$4.50 in barrels; best low grades, \$1.30 to \$1.40 in bags; red dog, \$1.10 to \$1.25 in bags.

Millstuffs.—Until the later part of the week the market for bran and shorts was steady with full offerings at from \$6 for fine bran to \$7.75 for fine shorts. Yesterday the market was weak, bran selling at \$5.75 to \$6, with some held at \$6.25. Shorts were quoted at \$6.75 to \$7.25 for fine and coarse.

Oats—Movement free with prices quite steady at 19 to 20c for common offerings of mixed and No. 3 white with choice white held at 21 to 22c and poor grain selling at 17 to 18c by sample.

### Prices in British Columbia.

Prices at Victoria last week were reported as follows: Flour.—Hungarian, \$6.75; strong bakers', \$6.25; royal, \$5.75; premier, \$5.75; snowflake, \$5.75; superfine, \$4.20; wheat, per ton, \$33; oats, per ton, \$24; barley, per ton, \$28; middlings, per ton, \$23; bran, per ton, \$25; ground feed, per ton, \$30; oil cake, per ton, \$37.50; cornmeal, per 100 pounds, \$2.75; oatmeal, local, \$3.50; peas, for feed per ton, \$28; potatoes, per ton \$26; potatoes, sweet, per 100 pounds, \$4; onions, per 100 pounds, \$1.50; hay, baled, per ton, \$17; straw, per bale, \$1.25 to \$1.50; apples, Gravenstein, per 50 pound box, \$1.50; pears, choice Bartlett, per box, \$2; peaches, per box, \$1.25; grapes, Muscatelle, per 25 pound, \$1.50; cocoanuts, per 100, \$11; tomatoes, Cal, per 25 pound box, \$1; eggs, local, per dozen, 40c, imported, 22c; butter, roll, local, per pound, 25c, imported, 28c, tub or firkin, creamery, 22c, dairy, 20c; cheese, local, per pound, 15c, Canadian, 12½ to 15c; California, 17 to 18c; hams, local, per pound, 15c, imported, 17 to 18c; breakfast bacon, local, per pound, 14 to 16c, imported, 16½c, rolled, 14c; shoulders, per pound, 12½c; lard, 12½c; beef, per pound, 8c; mutton, 10; pork, fresh, 12½c; veal, 12½ to 15c; tallow, 2½c; hides, 4 to 7½c; sheep pelts, 25 to 35c; salmon, per pound, 7c; halibut, 8c

Ontario farmers are agitating against the Millers Association's new regulation for tolling grists and buying wheat by the tester. Kent county farmers have decided to form a joint stock company with a capital of \$50,000, and build a \$20,000 farmers' mill.

Mr. Wisch, hardware merchant of McGregor, Manitoba, will build a grain warehouse.



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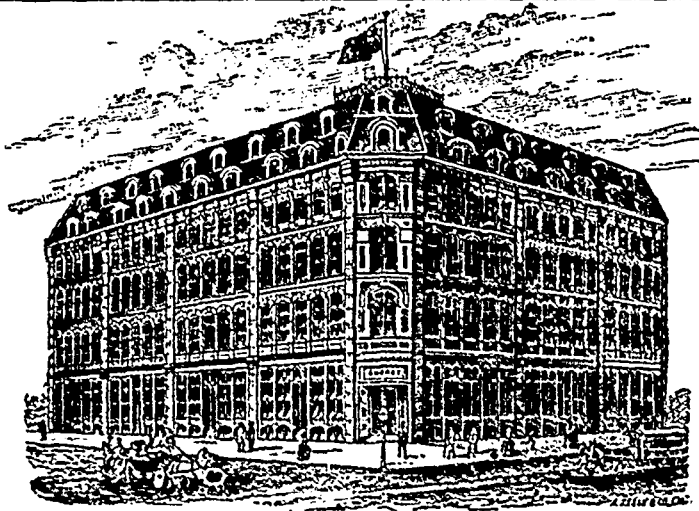
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A good demand is reported for most lines of canned goods, and the market has been more active, with a larger volume of business. The feeling is firm, and prices are maintained all round. The prospects are that trade will steadily improve, as stocks throughout the country are small and orders have been coming in more freely. In lobsters there has been a strong tone, and prices have advanced 25c per case on outside figures to \$6.50 and \$7, but round lots have been sold at \$6.40. The demand for mackerel is fair, and prices are firmly held at \$5.25 to \$5.50 per case owing to the light offerings. Sardines are unchanged at \$8.50 to \$9.50 per case. Salmon has moved freely at \$1.70 per dozen. A good demand continues for tomatoes, and some round lots of Lower Canada's have been placed at \$1.05, and Upper Canada's at \$1.12½. Small lots have been selling at \$1.10 and \$1.15 per dozen. The bulk of the old stock has all been bought up and a few lots are now offering at 85c to 90c. Linn Valley corn has been enquired for, and some round lots have been sold at \$1.10, but since these sales the market has ruled strong and prices have advanced to \$1.20 to \$1.25. In peas the feeling is easy and prices declined to \$1.25. Canned fruits of all kinds are in good demand and the turn over has been large, at steady prices. Meats have also met with a good demand, and sales have been made freely.

—Trade Bulletin.

### London Fur Sales.

C. M. Lampson & Co. held a public sale on October 28 and 29, offering Russian sable, black bear, Australian opossum and other articles. The regular sale of Alaska seal skins was held October 30. The following are the results by cable:

Black bear, 20 per cent. lower than in June; grizzly bear, 30 per cent. lower than in June; brown bear, same as in June; Russian sable, Kamtschatka, 25 per cent. lower than in March. Prices Alaska seals: Middlings, 82s.; smalls, 99s. 6d.; middlings and smalls, 86s. 8d.; large pups, 86s. 8d.; middling pups, 73s. 3d.; small pups, 61s. 4d.; extra small pups, 51s. 8d.

Phillips, Politzer & Co. cable as follows:—"Russian sable declined 60 per cent., half withdrawn. Bears, June prices; grizzly bear declined 40 per cent. N. W. C. seals, 2,350 skins, last sale price. Alaska seals all declined, as follows: Middlings and smalls, 25; smalls, 12½; large pups, 2½; middling pups, 2½; small pups, 3½, and extra small pups, 16 per cent."

### British Columbia.

F. T. Quinn, dentist, Vancouver, has sold out.

H. Dompsey has built a large addition to the Windsor hotel at Nanaimo.

Mannahan & Rerchenback, butchers, Westminster, have dissolved partnership. S. Mannahan continues.

Nanaimo will organize an electric light company.

Thos. F. Wilson, of the firm of Wilson Bros., iron founders, Victoria, is dead.

Coal from the Banff Anthracite Mine, is being shipped in vessel loads from the company's docks at Port Moody to San Francisco.

Halleck & Hall, proprietors of the Central hotel, Nanaimo, have dissolved partnership. The hotel will now be under the management of W. C. Halleck.

Robt. Dickinson, an ex-mayor and popular citizen of New Westminster, died, suddenly of heart disease last week.

The British Columbia Tanning Company, have their new building at Nanaimo completed, and will be ready for business as soon as the machinery arrives.

An order for fresh Fraser river salmon has been received from New York. One hundred dozen ducks, grouse, etc., were also wanted daily by the New York dealer.

James Crossan, has purchased some lots in the new town site of Steves, Lulu Island, Fraser River, and is calling for tenders for the erection of a two story hotel building.

A new coal vessel from England has been bought out by the Vancouver Coal company, to carry coal from Nanaimo to San Francisco. The boat is named the Mount Ararat.

Thos. Earle, merchant and contractor, has been returned by acclamation to represent Victoria in the house of commons, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of E. Crow Baker.

A despatch received announces the death, at Portland, of L. L. Doane, long connected with the Bank of British Columbia in New Westminster. Mr. Doane was promoted to the Portland branch about a year ago.

During the month of October, 37 coal laden vessels cleared from Nanaimo, carrying 39,537 tons of coal, the shipment from the different collieries being: Vancouver Coal Co., 12,702 tons; Wellington Colliery, 17,933; East Wellington, 1,858; Union Colliery, Comox, 7,044.

The Westminster *Columbia* of November 2, says: W. Howay brought to this office to-day eight branches of raspberry bushes gathered in his garden, literally loaded with beautiful ripe fruit. Ripe raspberries in November may sound paradoxical, but considering the June weather which we are at present experiencing, it is not so wonderful after all.

*Westminster Columbia*: The annual hatching of salmon ova is now safely stored in the Fraser River hatchery. As near as can be estimated 5,500,000 ova have been secured, and in the very best condition. Fish being very numerous this year, no trouble was observed in stripping this large number.

New regulations have been issued for Skeena river salmon fishing. Next year the fishing season will open on June 15th, and close on the 30th October, and during the close season fishing for local consumption only will be allowed. The number of licenses allowed for the Skeena has been limited to 300, which will be divided among the packing establishments and the independent fishermen.

Word has been received from Ottawa that the Dominion Government will insist that the draw in the Canadian Pacific railway bridge over the Fraser river at Mission station be 100

feet wide. The company proposed to make the draw much narrower, but this was opposed by the boards of trade, especially of Westminster, as a menace to the navigation of the river.

The British Columbia people are anxious to see the Federal Government carry out its alleged intention of endeavoring to stock the coast waters with lobsters. It is believed lobsters would thrive in the Pacific coast waters of British Columbia, if introduced. The United States government has successfully transported a lot of live lobsters from the Atlantic to Puget Sound.

J. Keith-Wilson, accountant at Victoria, will open a branch of the Bank of British Columbia at Seattle, Washington, about the 15th of the month. T. S. Milligan assumes the position vacated by Mr. Wilson at Victoria, while Mr. Wyld, the present teller there, proceeds to New Westminster as accountant. Mr. Barnes, the agent at Kamloops, takes the position of accountant at Portland, and Mr. Dockeril, of the New Westminster branch, succeeds Mr. Barnes as agent at Kamloops.

Laidlaw & Co have now under construction what will be one of the finest and best appointed salmon canneries in the province. The location is at Irving on the Skeena river, where the water is always free from ice, and where vessels of any draught can call at all stages of the tide. The capacity of the cannery is to be 1000 cases per day, and the brand will be known as the "Standard." The buildings will be completed by the first of January.

S. A. Spencer, of Alert Bay, while in Westminster last week informed a reporter of *Truth* that the unusually large pack of salmon put up in Alaska is due to the cannery men there putting up humpbacks, a grade of fish that the British Columbia canners do not pack, because no sale can be found for them in the British or Canadian markets. They are shipped to San Francisco, and ultimately find their way to consumers in cans under nicely printed labels bearing such words as: "Choice Alaskan Sockeye Salmon, Spring Pack," or other words equally delusive.

Some differences of opinion appear to exist in British Columbia as to the advisability of the recent order, refusing to permit United States vessels to carry goods shipped in bond from Eastern Canada, via the Northern Pacific railway, from the seaport towns on Puget Sound to the port of destination in British Columbia. Heretofore United States steamers have engaged in this traffic on the Pacific coast, though Canadian steamers are refused like privileges in the case of goods shipped in bond over Canadian roads. In one sense the order stopping this traffic appears quite proper. If Canadian shipping is not allowed coasting privileges in United States waters, owners of Canadian shipping should be protected to the same extent. However, as it is said there are not a sufficient number of Canadian vessels on the coast to handle the trade, the sudden stoppage of the traffic by United States boats does seem a hardship to shippers in British Columbia. If notice had been given ahead so that Canadian steamers could have been procured for the Puget Sound route, it would have saved shippers much inconvenience, which will now arise. On the other hand it seems only just that every encouragement should be given to Canadian shipping on the Pacific coast.



### Dairying from a Commercial Standpoint.

The following is the paper read by W. S. Grant at the recent meeting of the Manitoba Dairy Association, held in Winnipeg:—

In dealing with the question "Dairying from a Commercial Standpoint" it must be borne in mind that the manufacture of both butter and cheese in this province, on really scientific principles, is but in its infancy. In fact up to the present time only enough of either has been produced to take us beyond what might be termed the experimental state, and at the same time enough has been made to convince the most skeptical that for quality they cannot be excelled.

Accepting the statement that the quality is all that can be desired, the first question asked by any one contemplating investing capital in a creamery or cheese factory, and a most natural one is: Do you think it will pay in this country? I know as practical farmers you will smile at my presumption in attempting to answer the question as I have frequently heard the opinion of the practical man, on the desk farmer who farms on paper. I answer the question as follows by statements in which I think you will all agree with me—and let the enquirer draw his own conclusion. As a rule an abundance of good water and ice is obtainable. Our natural uncultivated prairie grass is so nutritious that the milk from animals feeding upon it yields about eight per cent. more butter and cheese from a given quantity of milk than the same quantity of animals fed on cultivated pasturage in other portions of the Dominion. Hay, comparatively speaking, will always be cheap. Bran and mill feed with the rapidly increasing output of our large mills must also be cheap, and as for root crops at every exhibition they speak for themselves. If oil cake is desired, we already have a mill in this city exporting large quantities. It appears to me in the face of the above facts if dairying pays any where it should pay here.

The second question the prospective dairyman asks is: If we make the butter or cheese can you find a market for it at a profitable price? To this I reply emphatically—Yes. If British Columbia continues to develop her resources and increase her population as during the past few years, and our own province increases in the same ratio, it will be many years before we have a surplus, after supplying the territory from Lake Superior to the Pacific. When this is accomplished it will then be time to consider shipment to the Atlantic seaboard, and if it was a question that had to be faced at once, with our saving in cost of production and a minimized freight, I see no reason why we could not in selling there to-day realize even better profits for the maker than would be made by the manufacturer and resident in one of the Eastern Provinces.

Allowing the above to be true the question that presents itself is: Why are there not more creameries and cheese factories in Manitoba, and why is there such a quantity of very poor butter made? The answer to this is: In many parts the population is too sparse to support a creamery or settlers have not suitable buildings to handle milk in, and again we have representatives of several nationalities who are entirely ignorant of the skill required to make butter or cheese suitable for this market. The all important subject in matters pertaining to dairy work is the same one that is of greatest importance to our national life, and that is education, and it is for our Association, if it is to be of any use to the Province, to take this matter in hand. Let it be known among our faint hearted farmers who lack confidence enough in each other to club together as patrons of a cheese factory, the prices realized on cheese this and former years. I am happy to see by the daily papers that the Manitou factory publishes the fact that their last sale to the firm in which I am a partner realized them equal to fifteen cents per pound for butter. Surely the patron in that neighborhood would not have published this if they were not

well pleased with the fact. Let it be known that during the heat of last summer when dairy butter was a drug in all the eastern cities we could pay one cent per pound more for it here than it could be bought for either in New York or Montreal, and as for our creamery butter it has all this season had our best dairy by five cents even six cents a pound. Does it seem strange that in the face of these facts the proprietors of our creameries, who have put in the most modern appliances and are turning out a very high class of article, have the greatest difficulty in persuading settlers to patronize them, although they are paying equal or more than eastern prices for the milk, and pay for the milk at the end of each month. There is evidently a need of education there.

Now for the class most difficult to reach and who require most education. I refer to two classes—one who lacks all the knowledge of making good butter of any sort—and the other who makes it according to the custom of his native land—and in many cases quite unsuitable for Canadian markets.

To instruct this class I would suggest the Local Government being petitioned to appoint an inspector of milk and cream, to also act as an instructor, his duties being to make unexpected visits to cheese factories and creameries, to have power to draw samples from cans while in transit to the factory, and in the case of discovering adulteration have power to prosecute. When not engaged inspecting to act as an instructor in municipalities requiring advice. It is a safe estimate to say that the loss to the Province this season on poor butter is at least \$50,000. A saving of a very small portion of the above sum would well repay the province for the outlay.

I will now refer to our defects, some of which have accompanied us from older Canada, and others have developed here under unavoidable circumstances, and all of which are detrimental to the interests of the Province. Farmers and dairymen seem to be possessed with the idea that in this Province to sell butter to the greatest advantage it must be held till late in the fall, the old idea in vogue ten years ago in eastern Canada, and through the pertinacity with which the dairymen there have held to the idea, Canada from being a large exporter of butter has to a great extent lost her export trade. Many present may not be aware of the fact that two years ago Canadian creamery held for sale in the fall, when sent to Great Britain compared so unfavorably with the goods being offered there, that it paid the owners to ship the goods back to Canada and sell for what it would bring on this side.

In addition to the former reasons for selling while goods are perfectly fresh, in this market we have a reason peculiarly our own, and that is that owing to the difference in climate on the Pacific coast, if we are to hold that market we must sell when they are ready to buy, and not try to force them into waiting till late in our fall. You will see the force of this when you learn that California fresh roll butter arrived at Pacific coast points this year about January 26. If I am not mistaken their winter stock is purchased about the end of September, in fact before our dairymen consider it advisable to sell, and then they only require to carry stock, extending into the middle of our winter. This question requires our earnest attention.

Packages have also been a serious drawback. I am pleased, however, to observe as far as butter is concerned, a marked improvement, and dairymen are beginning to recognize the fact, that the difference in the price paid for butter in good packages more than makes up the difference for the loss on goods sold in old tubs or pails. As for cheese boxes they are a disgrace to the province, and of all we have shipped this season there were only two lots that might be considered first-class.

In conclusion I might add that during the past few days I have had reports from experts from Great Britain, the United States and Montreal on our selected dairy products of this season, and in every case the verdict has been: "Your goods are all that can be desired."

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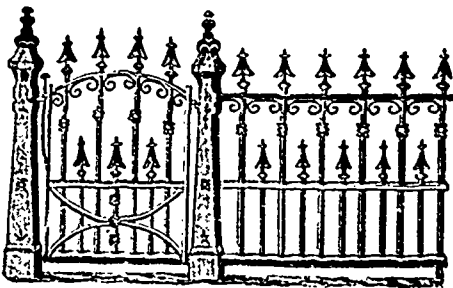
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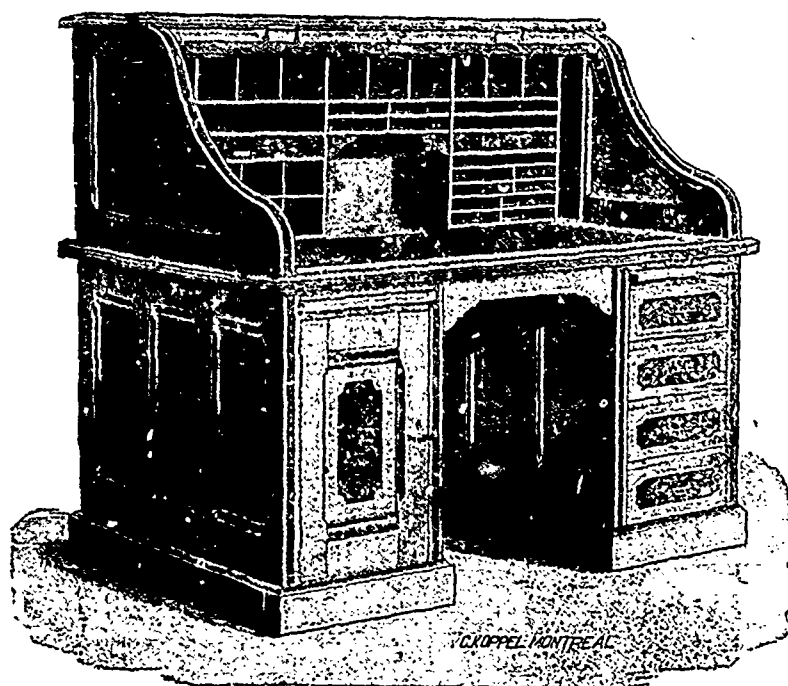
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## Lumber Cuttings.

Haslam, of the Nanaimo, B. C., saw mill, has bought the stock of lumber carried at that place by the Victoria Lumber Company, and the yard will be closed.

*Kamloops Sentinel:* A United States firm owning a large timber limit on Seymour Arm is seriously considering the erection of a large sawmill at some point in the interior of British Columbia, on the line of the Canadian Pacific railway. The choice will likely be between Sicamous and Kamloops, if it is decided to erect the mill.

The sawmill at the Cypress Hills, Assa, has been closed for the season, owing to a break in the boiler. Manager Adsit, of this mill, has moved to Medicine Hat for the winter.

*Vancouver News:* J. Thornton and C. Manning, two gentlemen from Wisconsin, are staying at the Dougall House. They are out here looking for a site for a sawmill, and if they find a satisfactory one will probably erect one of the largest mills in the province.

A British Columbia machinery firm has handled about forty cars, mostly of saw mill machinery, this season.

W. F. Alloway, of Winnipeg, was at Ottawa last week urging the granting of a land subsidy to the Lac Seul Railway Company. The company was chartered last session. The line has been designed to run from Shelly River, on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway between Winnipeg and Rat Portage, to English River,

a distance of about eighteen miles. The object of the line is to give access to the timber country.

Ground has been broken at New Westminster, B. C., for the new sawmill which is to be erected by the Brunette Sawmill Company, and work will be pushed with vigor until the establishment is completed. The new mill will adjoin the buildings at present used by the company, but will be on a much greater and more extensive scale than its predecessor. The capacity of the new mill will be 100,000 feet per day, which will bring the total daily output to 150,000 feet, or 45,000,000 feet yearly. "When this mill and the McLaren-Ross mill's are completed," says the *Columbian*, "together with the contemplated addition to the Royal City Planning Mills, the daily output of lumber at Westminster will be in the neighborhood of 750,000 feet, or 225,000,000 feet yearly. This means in plain English that Westminster is destined to be the most important shipping and commercial port in British Columbia."

A New Westminster mill has shipped 2,000,000 feet of lumber to the Ranney & Smith car manufacturing company, of Dayton, Ohio, this season. British Columbia lumber is in demand for fine car work, owing to its superior quality. A shipment of British Columbia spruce lumber has also been made to Guelph, Ontario, for use in the manufacture of organs. This is the third order for the same purpose, the lumber appearing to be particularly adopted to the manufacture of organs.

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12 15 p. m.	1 40 p. m.	Winnipeg	0	9 25 a. m.	4 15
11 57 a. m.	1 32 p. m.	Portage Junction	3	9 35 a. m.	4 31
11 30 a. m.	1 20 p. m.	St. Norbert	9	9 49 a. m.	4 54
11 00 a. m.	1 07 p. m.	Cartier	15	10 00 a. m.	5 18
10 17 a. m.	12 47 p. m.	St. Agathe	23	10 17 a. m.	5 51
9 3 a. m.	12 30 p. m.	Silver Plains	32	10 37 a. m.	6 27
9 00 a. m.	12 10 p. m.	Morris	49	10 56 a. m.	6 59
8 24 a. m.	11 55 a. m.	St. Jean	47	11 09 a. m.	7 27
7 55 a. m.	11 33 a. m.	Lettelle	58	11 23 a. m.	8 00
7 15 a. m.	11 05 a. m.	West Lynno	67	12 01 p. m.	8 35
7 00 a. m.	10 50 a. m.	De Pembina	68	12 15 p. m.	8 50
	2 25 a. m.	Winnipeg Junction	68	8 50 p. m.	p. r.
	4 40 p. m.	Minneapolis		9 35 a. m.	
	4 00 p. m.	St. Paul Ar.		7 05 a. m.	
	4 40 p. m.	Helena		4 00 p. m.	
	3 40 p. m.	Garrison		6 35 p. m.	
	1 05 a. m.	Spokane		9 15 a. m.	
	8 00 a. m.	Portland		7 00 a. m.	
	4 20 a. m.	Tacoma		6 45 a. m.	

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Mixed No. 5 Daily except Sunday.	Winnipeg	Mixed No. 6 Daily except Sunday.
9 5 a. m.	4 00 p. m.	4 00 p. m.
9 35 a. m.	Portage Junction	4 15 p. m.
9 00 a. m.	Headingley	4 51 p. m.
8 30 a. m.	Horse Plains	5 10 p. m.
8 10 a. m.	Gravel Pit	5 43 p. m.
7 51 a. m.	Eustace	6 03 p. m.
7 30 a. m.	Daklake	6 19 p. m.
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14 00 De	Lethbridge	Ar 1 8
15 55	Woodpecker	23 35
16 50	Purple Springs	22 40
17 45 Ar	Grassy Lake	21 45
18 00 De	Cherry Coulee	20 55
20 00	Winnipeg	De 20 00
20 55	Seven Persons	Ar 19 55
22 10 Ar	Dunmore	De 17 30

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LEAVE			ARRIVE
16 00		Portage la Prairie	13 30
17 45	35	Gladstone	12 05
18 45	61	Necpawa	10 33
19 45	79	Minnedosa	9 50
20 50	94	Rapid City	8 30
21 30	115	Snoal Lake	8 00
22 30	138	Birtle	7 00
23 30	155	Binscarth	5 55
24 10	166	Russell	5 16
24 40	180	Langenburg	7 15
1 15	206	Saltcoats	3 40
ARRIVE			LEAVE

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