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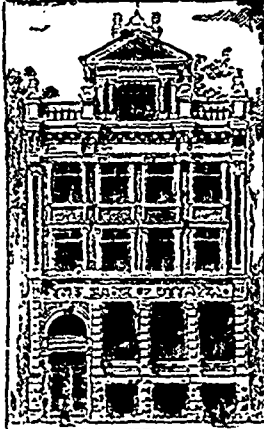
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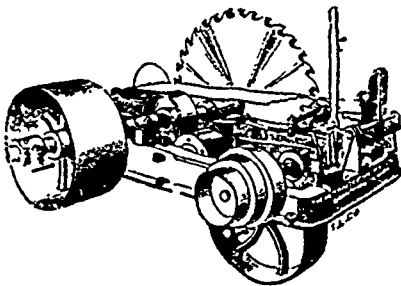
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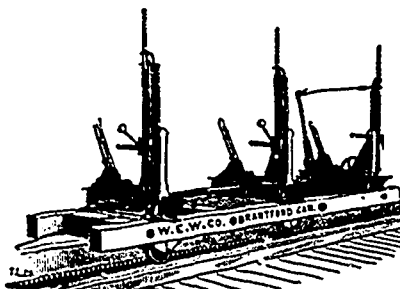
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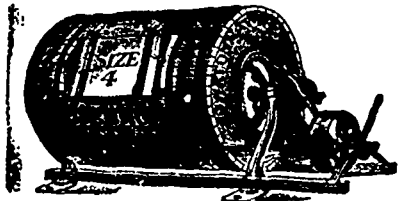
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WINNIPEG, NOV. 4, 1899.

## HIDE PRICES.

Comparison of the prices which have been prevailing in the Winnipeg market this year for hides with those of previous years for a decade back show that the market is a decidedly satisfactory one for the producer. The prevailing price to-day for No. 1 inspected hides at Winnipeg is 71-2c per pound, which is a good price compared with other markets. The market has for some months back been a strong one and the general tendency right along has been to advance. Contrasted with the prices at the same date for ten years back is 71-2c is a good price for hides as will be seen from the following table.

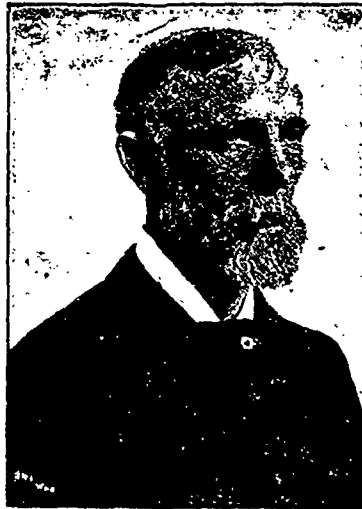
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| Nov. 1, 1889 | 41-2c         |
| Nov. 1, 1890 | 6c            |
| Nov. 1, 1891 | 51-2c         |
| Nov. 1, 1892 | 5c            |
| Nov. 1, 1893 | 4c            |
| Nov. 1, 1894 | 31-2c         |
| Nov. 1, 1895 | 5c            |
| Nov. 1, 1896 | 5c            |
| Nov. 1, 1897 | 7c            |
| Nov. 1, 1898 | 7c            |

Winnipeg has always been a good market for hides, not only as regards the number and quality of the hides produced but also as regards the prices realized. As a rule dealers here have paid the outside price which the state of the consuming market would warrant and at times have paid above the market value when competition for the hides has been keen. Although according to the above figures 71-2c is apparently the outside price yet reached that is by no means the case as higher prices have frequently been paid on a spurt by some dealer to secure stocks.

A great many of the hides handled through this market come in in the winter and in a frozen condition. This gives unscrupulous people plenty of chance to practice fraud and it is not an infrequent occurrence to find the feet and horns of the animal wrapped up in the hide in such a manner as to almost defy detection until it is thawed out. These, of course, help out the weight of a shipment wonderfully. Dealers have learned, however, to watch this sort of business pretty closely and the persons who make a practice of such frauds soon become spotted.

## DEATH OF JOS. HARRIS.

The friends of the late Jos. Harris will learn with regret of his death, which occurred at Toronto on Wednesday last. Mr. Harris gave up the position of grain inspector at Toronto, in 1890 to come to Winnipeg.



LATE JOS. HARRIS,

where he engaged in the grain trade. On the organization of the Dominion Elevator Co., his business was merged in this company, of which he was vice-president at the time of his decease. Mr. Harris soon became very popular in grain circles here, on account of his friendly, straightforward and kindly disposition. At the last annual meeting of the Winnipeg grain exchange, he was elected to the highest post of honor in the gift of the exchange, but a short time ago he resigned the presidency, owing to ill-health. Mr. Harris has not enjoyed good health for some time back, and it was known to his friends here that since going to Toronto a few months ago his condition had not improved, but rather the contrary was the case. The members of the Winnipeg grain exchange held a meeting and passed a resolution of regret and sympathy on learning of the death of their late president; also requesting J. Cavanagh, of Toronto, formerly of

Winnipeg, to provide a suitable wreath on behalf of the exchange, and to represent the exchange at the funeral.

## CLERKS APPEAL.

The Winnipeg Retail Clerks' Union has issued an appeal to the public in favor of the earlier closing of stores. The circular states that the clerks are desirous of closing at 6 o'clock in the afternoon, except on Saturdays, when 9 o'clock in the evening would be the closing hour. The appeal points out that the work of the clerk is not done when the shop is closed, and that under the present system of closing at 7 o'clock, it is often 8 before the clerks reach home, thus debarring them to a great extent from social enjoyment. The appeal of the clerks is a very reasonable and fair one, and should have some effect upon the purchasing public, who, through thoughtlessness or selfishness, cause so much hardship to be borne by a section of their fellow citizens.

## The Maltreated Store Clerks.

"The reputation which some large stores get for being disobliging to their customers or having uncivil clerks could in the majority of cases be traced directly back to the shoppers themselves," writes Edward Bok, of "Systemic Shopping," in the November Ladies Home Journal. "I make no claim of perfection for the clerks who stand behind the counters of our great stores where women shop. They are only common mortals, full of faults. But considering what they are called upon to go through and endure at the hands of thoughtless women, the constant wonder is that they are so civil and obliging. If the truth could be known it would be found that they suffer far more than they inflict suffering. If the roll could be called of hard-working, innocent girls who have lost their positions because of ill-founded complaints made by 'influential' customers whose accounts the firm could not afford to lose, it would be a roll of disgrace to American shoppers. The girls behind the counter are human—although from the actions of some women we might believe otherwise—human in their faults, but also in their finer feelings. Very often they represent better families, better breeding, than that which is revealed to them from the other side of the counter."—Ladies Home Journal.

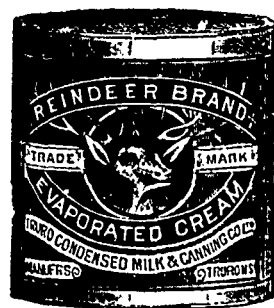
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## THE IMPLEMENT TRADE.

## ALL ALONG THE LINE.

The new price lists which are being prepared for next season's implement trade, show higher prices for everything. Most of the dealers now have their lists for the spring trade ready, and it is possible to say what the advances asked will be. While prices are higher on everything, the advance is not as great as was expected, especially when compared with the increased cost of raw material. So far as this market is concerned, at least, manufacturers are not adding the full increase in cost, by reason of the advances in raw material, to the prices of their goods. This is owing partly to the keen competition for the western trade, not only between Canadian manufacturers, but also between American and United States makers. United States manufacturers are bearing a considerable share of the increased cost themselves, in order to hold their trade here. They are practically paying the duty on some lines. They are offering their wares to the local trade at a much less advance than they are asking for their home trade. For instance, it is said that while United States manufacturers ask about \$15 more for a blinder at home, they are only asking \$5 to \$10 more for next season's trade for this market. Again, mowers, for which prices have been advanced about \$10 in the United States, will only be advanced here about \$3 to \$5. Many other implements and farm machines are quoted in about the same ratio. This shows that the manufacturers are selling their goods cheaper here than at home. In fact it is claimed that some lines of imported implements can be bought by the consumer almost as low, if not indeed quite as low as in the United States, notwithstanding the duty. This shows that United States manufacturers are sacrificing at least a large share of their profits to sell goods here.

Nor is it the United States manufacturer alone who cuts prices for this market. Canadian makers sell goods at a comparatively lower price here than they do in the east, freight and other expenses considered, owing to the strong competition in this market. In fact Winnipeg is undoubtedly the cheapest implement market on the continent to-day.

Taking implements and vehicles in detail, United States wagons have been advanced about \$8 to \$10 each at the factories, with 25 per cent duty to add to this. Canadian wagons will average about \$5 higher, or \$3 to \$7 according to the line. Canadian carriages, about \$5 higher for a staple top buggy. United States carriages, 10 to \$20 higher, duty included. Walking plows, 4 to 12 per cent higher. Most staple lines of plows will average about 7 to 12 per cent higher, for imported plows. Imported gang plows, \$3 higher. Imported sulky plows, \$4 higher. United States disc harrows, \$2 to \$5 higher as to size. Binders, imported, \$5 to \$10 higher. Mowers, \$3 to \$5 higher, rakes, \$3 to \$5 higher. Cultivators, 15 per cent higher, for imported, etc. As a rule, the percentage of advance is not as sharp on Canadian as on United States makes. These advances apply to lists prepared for the spring-trade. Travellers are now out after orders for future delivery.

## VEHICLES COST HIGHER.

The following article from the Carriage Trade Journal only speaks of the vehicle trade, but the points

made will apply with equal force to about everything in the farm implement line. The Journal says:

The serious matter with which the carriage trade has to deal to-day is the adjustment of prices on finished vehicles, consistent with the advance in materials. The difference in cost on an ordinary buggy has been figured variously from \$5 to \$10—and is liable to be greater, because of a sure increase in cost of labor, rents and numerous items which are apt to be overlooked in making just allowances; besides, a profit must be made on the additional investment. These are plain business facts which dealers must see at a glance must be considered by manufacturers, and must be ready to concede are just grounds for an advance in prices on 1-grade buggies of from \$10 to \$15, and other grades in proportion. It will be good business policy therefore, for dealers to prepare the minds of consumers to the new schedule of values and do everything possible to assist in lifting the trade to the level on which it will be necessary to do business. It is a plain business proposition. Yet plain as it is there will be opposition.

There are always people in any line of trade who habitually use the inducement of low prices to sell their goods, rather than fine quality. They are not going to change their methods in a jiffy. But in their eagerness to be at the bottom in prices in times like these they are sure to get the most inferior goods, and make the difference between their stock and that of the reliable dealer in reliable goods show up all the more palpably. That is an evil which will cure itself. It may require a little extra courage to pay the extra price by a dealer who cares for his reputation and who wants goods which he is safe in warranting, but it will pay in the end.

The carriage maker has already been forced to the last peg in low-priced material. He must either get more money to enable him to keep up his standards or lower his standards to such a point that would be a lasting damage to the entire trade. It is useless to try to get something for nothing, and dealers realize it.

Perhaps never before have qualities in vehicles been so well understood as now, and never in the history of the trade have the truly meritorious manufacturers received the necessary advance in prices as will be cheerfully paid the coming season. The entire legitimacy of the matter has been pretty generally granted as a pure business proposition that must be met in the spirit of fairness, and in the interests of true business prosperity coincide with the spirit of the times.

## IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

Iron scrapers have been advanced in price. Dealers received notice last week to withdraw old prices and advance list to \$45.

The situation in regard to manila hemp shows no improvement. The markets of both Europe and America are practically in a starved condition.

P. D. Middokauff, general manager of the Deering Harvester, of Chicago, was in the city last week conferring with O. M. Hatcher, the local manager, regarding the business of the company here.

British exports of agricultural machinery are not by any means at a standstill as some rival countries would have the world suppose. During

the first eight months of this year they increased to a most satisfactory amount.

A factor in the market for agricultural machinery in Great Britain which is apparently causing United States export manufacturers some worry is the fact that many British manufacturers have large stocks of machinery on hand which were made of low priced raw material and which will come into competition next year with American goods to the great disadvantage of the latter.

The sharp advance in the price of wagons in the United States will probably operate to curtail the number of imported wagons handled in this market. There has always been a large sale of United States wagons in this market, and this year the Winnipeg sales of these wagons is estimated at about 1,500. The imported wagons have sold here at \$10 to \$15 higher than Canadian wagons, but the recent advances will necessitate their being sold about \$20 higher than Canadian wagons, and it is doubtful if the farmers will pay that much more for the imported article, above the price asked for domestic makes. Wagons are a line which could be made just as cheaply and as good in Canada as in the United States, but it is claimed all home makers do not use as well reasoned material, hence the possibility of selling imported goods at so much higher prices.

Fifty-three English railways earned in the first week of October \$143,000 more than in 1898, an increase of 4 1-2 per cent.

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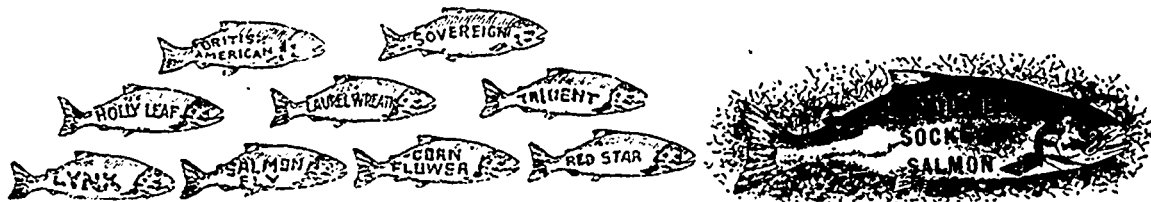
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Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Montreal                               | 141,000   |
| Toronto                                | 108,000   |
| Kingston                               | 50,000    |
| Coteau Que.                            | 109,000   |
| Depot Harbor, Ont.                     | 162,000   |
| Prescott, Ont.                         |           |
| Winnipeg                               | 195,000   |
| Manitoba elevators                     | 4,875,000 |
| Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin | 2,287,000 |

Total Oct. 21 ... 7,325,000  
Total a year ago ... 2,683,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, as reported by Bradstreet's on Oct. 21 were 72,498,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 29,487,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on October 1 were 8,859,000 bushels, compared with 4,671,000 bushels a year ago; 4,281,000 bushels two years ago; 5,454,000 bushels three years ago; and 9,760,000 bushels four years ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Oct. 28 was 49,635,000 bushels, being an increase of 1,020,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 15,473,000 bushels, two years ago 28,969,000 bushels, three years ago 58,680,000 bushels, and four years ago 52,990,060 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 6,313,000 bushels, compared with 6,373,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 13,718,000 bushels, compared with 24,574,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

|      |             |
|------|-------------|
|      | Bushels.    |
| 1860 | 185,098,000 |
| 1898 | 2,928,000   |
| 1897 | 26,053,000  |
| 1896 | 127,909,000 |
| 1895 | 158,838,000 |

CROP MOVEMENT.

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

|             |            |            |
|-------------|------------|------------|
|             | This crop. | Last crop. |
| Minneapolis | 26,009,990 | 21,949,330 |
| Milwaukee   | 3,483,272  | 3,852,735  |
| Duluth      | 21,374,909 | 27,922,465 |
| Chicago     | 10,204,220 | 12,674,186 |

Total ... 59,069,391 66,399,016

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

|             |            |            |
|-------------|------------|------------|
|             | This crop. | Last crop. |
| Toledo      | 9,412,588  | 8,340,753  |
| St. Louis   | 5,931,457  | 7,409,567  |
| Detroit     | 2,484,043  | 2,457,740  |
| Kansas City | 8,522,150  | 13,902,980 |

Total ... 26,350,278 32,111,840

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Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

Returns for the week ending October 21 report 1,335 cars of grain inspected, which graded as follows: 1 hard, 1,078; 2 hard, 126; 3 hard, 31; 1 northern, 29; 2 northern, 0; 1 spring, 1; 1 frosted, 6; 2 frosted, 5; 3 frosted, 3; No. 1 rejected, 23; 2 rejected, 0; no grade, 2 cars. Oats, No. 1 white, 0; 2 white, 16 cars; 1 mixed, 7 cars. Flax seed No. 1, 4 cars; No. 2, 4 cars.

For the week ended October 28 there were 1,333 cars of grain inspected, grading as follows:

Wheat—1 hard, 1,047; 2 hard, 144; 1 northern, 18; 2 northern, 1; 3 hard, 44; 1 frosted, 7; 2 frosted, 2; 1 rejected, 28; 2 rejected, 8; no grade, 2; 1 white type, 1 car.

Oats—1 white, 3; white, 13; feed, 3; mixed, 5 cars.

Barley—No. 3, 1; feed, 1 car.

Flax seed—No. 1, 4; No. 2, 1 car.

Following shows the quantity of grain inspected at Winnipeg—including exports via Emerson—for the two months of September and October, 1899. Wheat—Hard, 8,312 cars, 2 hard 1,295, 1 northern 307, 2 northern 25, 1 spring 11, 3 hard 250, 1 frosted 33, 2 frosted 24, 8 frosted 8, 1 rejected 191, 2 rejected 35, no grade 62. Total wheat, 10,583 cars.

Oats—1 white 27, 2 white 96, mixed and feed 23. Total oats, 146 cars.

Barley. Total, 14 cars.

Flax. Total, 44 cars.

Grand total of all grains, 10,787 cars.

The above returns show that the large quantity of 8,784,000 bushels of wheat of this crop have already been inspected en route eastward, averaging the cars at 830 bushels each, which is the average capacity. The oat at 1,200 bushels per car would amount to 173,200 bushels; barley, 614,000 bushels; flax, 49,000 bushels, or a grand total of over 9,000,000 bushels.



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**Flaxseed Movement.**

The movement of flax seed has not, up to this time, equalled earlier expectations and as the seed was consumed or tied up from the old crop, crushers have been compelled to look almost entirely to the new crop for supplies. This situation placed many in an embarrassing position and many shippers who expected large receipts, sold ahead and were at great stress to obtain and ship to the extent that their requirements demanded. They were for that reason in many instances compelled to sacrifice considerable to cover their sales, made for deferred shipment, and their sales made for export were further embarrassed by high ocean freights and difficulty in securing cars to forward such as they had to apply on their contracts. The vessel room for ocean freight was secured by Atlantic coast shippers when it was to be had, leaving western exporters in a serious plight. Considerable has gone through Canadian ports and some probably applied to Canadian consumption. The price of flax seed oil as well as of the flax seed has advanced more or less steadily since the beginning of the harvest, with a continuing of good demand for northwestern seed. Some trouble has been occasioned also by the realization of threshing falling below the early level forecast on earlier northwestern guesses of the sizes of crop that would be finally secured.—Minneapolis Market Record.

**Commercial Travellers Meet.**

The regular monthly meeting of the United Commercial Travellers of America, Winnipeg Council No. 104, was held at the "Ced. Clows" Hall McLartyre block, last Saturday evening, Sen. or Com. J. W. Margreaves, presiding. The following new members were initiated: John Graham, manager Rat Mortgage Lumber company; A. E. F. Phillips, manager Burdette Lumber company; H. P. Cox, representing Geo. McMahon, Winnipeg; W. E. Lewton, representing Deering Harvester company.

Hereafter this council will meet on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. A business meeting will be held on November 11.

**Sheepskin Sales.**

London, Oct. 27.—A sale of sheepskins was held in Mincing Lane today. The skins offered numbered 129,942 and were in good condition. There was a fair attendance and a strong demand. The quantity sold was 12,793. Long woolled were 1-2d and short woolled 1-4d higher. The bulk of the skins offered went to the home trade.

**Norway's Foreign Trade.**

According to a correspondent of the Chicago Record the balance of trade in 1895 was more unfavorable to Norway than in any previous year. As a matter of fact, the balance of trade is always against this country, the effect being only partly offset by the earnings of shipping. The average annual excess of imports over exports during the period from 1890 to 1898 was 16,000,000 crowns (\$12,322,000). In 1892 it was 120,000,000 (\$2,160,000). This state of affairs, says the correspondent, is variously accounted for, but it must no doubt be attributed to a complication of factors, the chief being comparative neglect of agriculture and cattle raising; unwise legislation, and, perhaps, the extravagance of the people, whose habits, lack much of being so frugal as formerly.

**THE DRUG TRADE.**

**CAMPHOR MONOPOLY IN FORMOSA.**

The Japanese government's scheme for a camphor monopoly in Formosa has now been reduced to working form and embodied in a series of regulations. The government is to receive from manufacturers all the crude camphor and crude camphor oil produced in the island, the possession, hypothecation, transfer or export of all other camphor or camphor oil being interdicted, and the ports of export strictly limited. As to the price paid by the authorities to the manufacturers, it is to be fixed by the governor-general. Manufacturers are required to tender to the government every year a report of the anticipated amount of production, and for failure to do so, or for furnishing a false report, the penalty is a fine of from 10 to 100 yen. Officials connected with the monopoly are to have the right of visiting and inspecting mills and stores, and of enforcing suitable measures of control. The penalty for selling or exporting camphor independently of the government is heavy, namely, confiscation of the camphor and a fine of from 100 to 500 yen. Adulteration is punishable by a fine of from 10 to 100 yen, and so is the making of a false declaration or neglecting to make the required declaration. Simultaneously with the issue of the regulations embodying the monopoly system, another set of rules relating to the manufacture of camphor were promulgated. They provided that anyone desirous of manufacturing camphor or camphor oil must obtain official permission; the failure to commence the manufacture within the period prescribed in the permit may involve cancellation of the license, that the governor-general shall have competence to suspend a manufacturing business or revoke a license, should such a course seem necessary in the public interest; that a manufacturer forfeiting a license or discontinuing his business shall return to the government any camphor wood remaining on his hands, suitable compensation being paid to him in the latter case, and that penalties of from 10 to 500 yen shall be imposed for violations of these rules. It is satisfactory to observe, however, that vested interests are respected. The last article of a set of supplementary regulations provides that persons who have received a license to manufacture camphor under the regulations issued in 1895 and 1896 shall be regarded as already possessing the permission indicated in the regulations.—Bradstreet's.

**DRUG NOTES.**

Glycerine advanced 10c per pound east last week. Mercurials are up 2c per pound in all eastern markets. The Canadian Journal of Commerce, Montreal, in its last review of the drug trade in that city says: "Camphor has slightly advanced. Citric acid is lower. Cocaine has had another sharp advance. Glycerine has also advanced and makers are very firm in their views. Morphine is advancing. Oxalic acid is lower owing to the break in the combine. Quinine, after a temporary drop, is again higher, this article may be classed as under the control of a single firm of money kings. Mercury is quoted higher in sympathy with the advance in primary markets. Buchu beans have advanced very much on account of the South African troubles. Ergot was quoted much higher at the recent London sales."

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## GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

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All reports from China and Japan regarding teas indicate higher prices and repeat orders cannot be placed at present figures.

As far as wheat crop statistics go the sugar situation at present is a weak one. The crop is estimated to be somewhere between 450,000 and 600,000 tons larger than last year.

The first carload of Nova Scotia Gravenstein apples ever shipped to this city arrived in Winnipeg last week, consigned to the Macpherson Fruit company. These are a very high grade apple and the output is generally absorbed by the English market.

The Florida orange crop, says the California Fruit Grower, is estimated at from 200,000 to 250,000 boxes, and the latest reports from that state confirm these figures. The February freeze, it is stated, either killed outright two-thirds of the bearing trees or set them back several years.

Within a year the quotation for broom corn at producing points has advanced over 100 per cent. Broom handles have advanced 30 per cent, broom wire 50 per cent, and broom locks 33 1/3 per cent. This means higher prices for brooms. The corn crop is greatly oversold and the bulk of the present stocks seem to be in the control of speculators.

A much stronger feeling has developed in the market for Valencia raisins, and cable advices received last week from Demia noted a further advance of 1s all round. Layers are now quoted at 21s 6d, selected, 22s 6d; fine off-stalk, 19s 6d, and off-stalk, 17s 6d. In sympathy with the above, values at Montreal have been marked up 1-4c to 3-4c per lb., with sales of off-stalk at 5c, fine off-stalk, at 5 1/2c; selected at 6 1/2c, and layers at 6 1/2c to 7c.

The situation of the market for canned vegetables is becoming very strong, owing principally to the short pack; in consequence, prices for some lines are steadily advancing. The chief feature is the active demand for corn, and sales within the past few days have been made at \$1 per dozen, but holders since have advanced their price to \$1.05 to \$1.10. Cannons are completely sold out, and they have only been shipping 50 per cent. of the orders booked early in the season; in consequence, supplies here are short, and tomato houses are oversold. Tomatoes are also stronger and prices have advanced 5c per dozen, with sales at the I.O.U. factory, and only small lots are to be had at this figure. French sardines are scarce, and prices range from 6c to 12c per tin, as to size.—Montreal Gazette.

## THE HARDWARE TRADE

## UNITED STATES IRON AND STEEL MARKET.

By tremendous buying of steel rails last week the railways have prevented any possible weakening of steel prices in the near future. It is reasonably certain that for at least six months, and probably through the greater part of next year values of crude material will be maintained on the present basis, or go yet higher. It is officially stated that, including some rails sold for this year's shipment and carried

over to 1900, the sales of steel rails for next year's delivery now aggregate 1,400,000 tons, which is almost 75 per cent of the total producing capacity of the rail mills in the country. For 1899 delivery something over 2,000,000 tons were sold. Had the railways refrained from buying rails next year, the steel would have been made into billets and perhaps broken the quotations now prevailing in that product. The carriers did not buy for the purpose of saving the steel market, but from absolute necessity. Their purchases are not confined to rails. One of the largest northwestern rail road systems has been securing estimates for about 200 bridges it had decided to construct in 1900. The high prices staggered the management and the engineering department was instructed to get out new specifications for wooden bridges. But it was discovered that lumber likewise had advanced about 100 per cent. In despair the powers gave quick notice to revert to steel and to buy quickly. Tremendous traffic confronts the railways and their losses from inability to take care of it is immeasurably greater than the increased cost of equipment and of all kinds of construction necessities. The New York Central railroad, it is reported, has just bought 15,000 freight cars, and its pressing needs are no greater than those of many other railway systems.—Iron and Steel.

## HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

Some Canadian importers predict that the price of turpentine will go to \$1 per gallon before long.

The lines of gun implements affected by the advance of 10 to 15 per cent in United States prices mentioned in our Toronto telegram last week are cleaning rods, loaders, re-cappers, powder and shot measures, etc.

The Consumers Cordage company has in the face of a very strong raw material situation reduced the price of Manila and sisal rope 1-2c per pound. This step has been taken to meet the competition of prison made goods.

The use of copper coins as scrap copper is announced, an American firm having imported from Bombay and Calcutta nearly 10,000 bags of these coins, having a total weight of 250 tons. At the present high price of copper these coins are worth more than their face value.

Last week an advance of 10c was announced in the price of Mrs. Potts sad irons at Toronto. This advance makes the price now 80c for No. 55 plain and 90c for No. 5 nickelplated per set. On all orders for 24 cases, on shipment, a rebate of 5c per set is allowed, and on 50 cases a rebate of 7 1/2c per set off the above figures.

An advance has taken place in the prices of jute and flax twines in the United States the new quotations applying to jute twine in general and to flax in the small size. In the case of jute the advance is 1-2 cent, and of flax 1 cent per pound. The trade accounts for the new quotations by referring to the large demand for twine, and, in the case of jute, difficulty in getting the raw material.

Another advance has been made in the United States in wire and wire nails, prices having gone up \$3 per ton. The price to retailers, I. O. U. Pittsburg, is now as follows: Wire nails, \$3.10 per keg, in carlots; in less than carlots, \$3.20 per keg. Barbed

wire, \$3.70 per 100 lbs in carlots; less than carlots, \$3.80. Smooth wire, carlots, \$2.95 per 100 lb.; in less than carlots, \$3.05. These advances have imparted increased strength to the Canadian market.

## Dry Goods Trade Notes.

American importers of linen goods are finding it difficult to secure delivery of orders. There is said to be some falling off in the demand on this account.

The continued advance in grey cloths at New York is forcing further advances in all varieties of bleached cottons, and the demand is active enough to warrant a higher basis.

A combination of all the firms engaged in the calico-printing trade in Lancashire and Scotland has been formed in England with about \$50,000,000 capital. The undertaking is due to price-cutting in New York.

Advanced prices are demanded at New York upon nearly all varieties of wool, silk and linen linings. The advance to date in canvases and duck paddings averages 25 per cent, with some lines up fully 33 1/3 per cent.

## Shoe and Leather Trade Notes.

Small stocks and a large demand has resulted in an advance of 1-1c in the price of dry hides at New York.

Union sole leather has again been the subject of an advance in prices at New York. As high as 35c has been obtained for first grades.

The Montreal leather market is very firm and at least one concern advanced its prices last week 1-2 per pound. Several large sales are said to have been made on that basis for the English market.

The United States national convention of shoe manufacturers, at an adjourned meeting held last week in Boston, recommended that in addition to the advance of 25 cents per pair recommended at the Philadelphia meeting, held August 8 and 9, a further advance of 25 cents per pair on shoes is now necessary because of the advance in the leather market.

Sole leather has advanced 1-2 per cent all round, says the Journal of Commerce, of Montreal. This rise is expected to be followed by further advances owing to the activity in the United States markets where considerable stock is being governed by capitalists who can afford to take a holiday and watch prices, while their buyers are picking up supplies. Locally, trade is quiet but export trade is brisk as ever. Shoe manufacturers are receiving many sorting orders and travellers report good spring sales. Individual opinions are still adhered to in the matter of higher prices.

## Dairy Trade Notes.

It is reported that 3,000 tons of Australian butter are now on the way to England. The result of this is that the market there is falling off from the high prices which have prevailed. It is gratifying to note that Canadian butter has suffered the least of any in the decline. It has only declined about 25 per cent as much as Danish butter.

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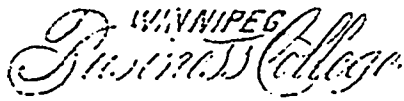
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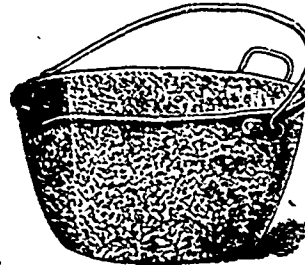
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## THE LUMBER TRADE.

## B. C. LUMBER TRADE.

Geo. W. Campbell, manager of the Winnipeg branch of the British Columbia Mills Timber and Trading Co., returned this week from a trip to the company's headquarters at Vancouver. He reports that the company's big new mill at Vancouver is now running satisfactorily. This mammoth mill has been established to replace the old Hastings mill, which was burned some months ago. The plant for one side of the mill was put in first and immediately set to work cutting lumber. This plant consists of a double circular and two band saws. The plant for the other side of the mill is now being put in, and will consist of a gang and two band saws. The present capacity of the new mill is 150,000 feet in ten hours. This is the actual work done, and not estimated limit. With the other side of the mill completed, it will be the largest sawing plant in British Columbia. Large sheds have been put up at the Hastings mill for dry lumber, for the local and eastern trade, and the company will be in good shape next season to handle all the business of this class offered. The burning of the mill this year was a very serious loss to the company, and rendered it impossible for them to handle all the business offered.

Mr. Campbell says the lumber trade is still very active at the coast, both for export and local trade. A lot of lumber is being taken by Australia and South American countries. The China and Japan trade is also increasing, while the local trade has been unusually active, on account of the great building activity in British Columbia. The demand for British Columbia lumber from points east of the mountains is also increasing. Prices are firm. The better values obtained this year has placed the British Columbia lumbermen in a better position than they have been for years. In fact it is not a secret in the trade that the British Columbia lumber industry has been in a bad plight for years, on account of excessive competition and price cutting, but the outlook is now much better. Shingles are firm. Both raw material for shingles and wages are higher.

Vancouver, Mr. Campbell says, has made wonderful strides forward, so much so that the appearance of the city has been completely changed within a year.

## LUMBER TRADE NOTES.

The box business in Winnipeg is flourishing and local boxmakers are away behind with their orders.

The Neepawa Press computes the total value of building done at Neepawa, Man., for 1899 at \$50,150, as against \$55,000 last year and \$60,000 in 1897.

As high as \$5.50 has been asked and paid for lath in the Minneapolis market this month. Some dealers are regularly quoting \$5, although the list price is \$3.75. The mills are rushed as they never have been before.

The Winnipeg sash and door trade is being pushed to its utmost capacity to supply the demand. There is a big demand for storm sash, besides the regular trade, which is very active. There is also a very large demand for special sizes. Dealers are scarcely able to keep up with their orders, and for special sizes particularly have been unable to meet the requirements of the trade.

It is generally believed in the North-western States that lumber prices will not go any higher this year, although stocks are gradually reaching the vanishing point and have long ago passed it in some lines. Wisconsin mills put a new and higher list into force a short time ago, but as they had been selling above the old list before, the difference in actual practice is very slight.

An English authority, J. Nisbet, of the Indian Forest Service, gives it as his opinion that the government of Great Britain could aid in preventing the \$50,000,000 which now goes abroad to pay for timber by directing its attention to the reforestation of wastelands in Great Britain and Ireland. In addition to saving this vast sum, thousands of persons would reap the benefits of forest preservation by being steadily employed.

## MINING MATTERS.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Ore is being taken out of the War Eagle mine at its 250 foot level, which averages \$90 to the ton of gold.

The new shares of the Centre Star mine, which were put on the market about two weeks ago, have been largely over-subscribed for.

A strike among the smelter men of Trail seemed likely last week, but a satisfactory settlement was come to and the men returned to work.

Piacor claims legally held in Vernon district have been laid over from November 1, 1899, to May 1, 1900; and those in Lillooet district, from November 15 to May 1st.

The Winnipeg Mining and Smelting Company is making a contract with the Trail smelter for the treatment of at least 10,000 tons of ore. This means that the Winnipeg mine will soon become a shipper.

The Trail Creek Mining company, limited, of London, Eng., has absorbed the Triumph Gold Mining company, of Rossland, and shares in the London company are being issued to stockholders of the absorbed company.

The output of the Rossland camp for the week ending Oct. 28 was over the average, 5,175 tons having been sent to the smelters in the seven days. The Coxe appears in the list of shippers for the first time.

The following mining companies have been incorporated: The Toronto-Lillooet Gold Reefs company, non-personal liability, capital, \$1,000,000; headquarters in Vancouver. The Evening Gold Mining Co., capital \$100,000; headquarters at Rossland.

The Red Rock and Bald Eagle Gold & Copper Co., Ltd., of Greenwood, has been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$1,500,000, in \$1 shares; and the Pacific Northwest Mining Corporation, limited, of London, Eng., and Victoria, has been registered as an extra-provincial company.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Dundee Mining Company will be held in Rossland next month for the purpose of considering an offer for disposing of the assets. It is understood that an English company has offered to take the Dundee property, paying the present holders in stock and placing \$200,000 in the treasury for development purposes.

It is stated that the Poorman mine has been sold to the Granite Mines,

Ltd., an English company for \$215,000. The property is one of the old est mines in the Nelson district. It is on Eagle Creek four miles south of Nelson, and is a free milling lode. From a level 575 feet in length and averaging not over 75 feet in height the owners recovered \$100,000 in gold. The mine has a 10-stamp mill.

## NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

Work on the various copper mines in the Parry Sound district is proceeding steadily. The Parry Sound Copper Mining Company is giving its attention to one particularly promising property the McGowan mine. Tests made show an average yield on the McGowan of 6 per cent of copper and 30 per cent of zinc.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

A rich strike has been made at a depth of 600 feet in the Republic mine, Washington, just across the boundary from B. C.

## THE LIVE STOCK TRADE

## WINNIPEG CATTLE INSPECTION.

A movement is on foot to have a close inspection of meat sold in Winnipeg, which would include an inspection of animals before being slaughtered. The committee of the city council having in charge the drafting of a by-law for this purpose, has recommended as follows: "First, that arrangements be made by which the cattle pens at the C. P. R. stock yards which are used for the accommodation of cattle in transit through the city be established in quarantine pens; that certain pens be set aside for all cattle to be slaughtered here, which must be held in these pens for inspection of the veterinary inspector of meat and dairy before being released by the C. P. R. company."

"Secondly, we deem it essential that for the purpose of properly working a system of meat inspection a depot with pen and stable attached must be secured, and all cattle brought to the city for sale must be placed therein and inspected previous to being offered for sale, by the city veterinary inspector of meat and dairy. All slaughtered meat to be brought to the depot and inspected before being put on the market.

"A proper schedule will have to be worked out, so that the veterinarian will have certain hours at the depot and certain hours at the stockyards, and also visit the various slaughter houses daily.

"These and other minor details, such as tagging inspected beef, etc., can be readily worked as soon as the man is appointed to the position."

## LIVE STOCK TRADE NOTES.

Kandal and Short shipped seven car loads of fat cattle from Shoal Lake on the 23rd ult.

H. E. Waller, of Carberry, shipped four cars of cattle and a car of hogs to Winnipeg last week.

D. McDonald & Co., shipped eighteen cars of fat cattle from Shoal Lake to Winnipeg on October 23rd.

Seven hundred head of sheep were shipped from Walsh station, Assa., last week, to P. Burns & Co., for their Kootenay trade.

Twenty-one cars of choice three and four year old steers were shipped from Maple Creek last Saturday by L. C. Parsons, consigned to Kobold & Co., butchers, Winnipeg. These cattle will all be killed here for city trade.



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## Manitoba

J. Siemens has opened a real estate and financial office at Altona.

Wm. C. Currie, music dealer, Brandon, died on the 2nd inst. of typhoid fever.

Mills & McCartney have purchased the grocery business of J. L. Lamb at Altona.

Rapid City residents are organizing a company for installation of a telephone system.

The Hamiota Hustler newspaper has changed hands. Mr. L. B. Latimer is the new publisher.

Tracklaying on the Roston and Waskada extension of the C. P. R. is being pushed to the utmost.

An estimate by The Press of the amount being spent in Dauphin on new buildings this year places it at \$37,500.

A. Gresbach, the Altona merchant, whose store was robbed a few days ago, is offering \$100 reward for the recovery of goods stolen.

The steamer Lady of the Lake, while going up Berens river, struck a sunken rock, was waterlogged and had to be towed into the harbor. Her cargo was slightly damaged.

\$50,150 has been invested in new buildings in the town of Neopawa this year. This sum includes \$10,000 spent by the Union bank in a new brick bank building. \$1,500 was spent on a fire hall.

E. A. Blow, who has been city editor of the Winnipeg Free Press for several years, has accepted an important position with the firm of Walter Suckling & Co., real estate agents, Winnipeg.

The Carberry Express estimates that \$63,600 has been invested in new buildings in that town this year. This includes \$35,000 for a mill. Farmers in the neighborhood of the town are spending \$32,550 in new buildings.

Campbell Bros., hardware merchants, Winnipeg, have sold out their stock of hardware and house furnishings to Wm. Anderson and J. E. Thomas. M. Campbell is retiring from business to accept the western management of a well known eastern manufacturing. Copp Bros., manufacturers of stoves, ranges, etc. This firm intends enlarging its operations in the west.

The Vulcan Iron Co., Winnipeg, have received an order for the valves and pipes for the softening works, in connection with the new waterworks system, which is being established at Winnipeg. The contract for this work was let by tender to a Pittsburg concern, and it shows well for our local iron industry that the Pittsburg contractors are able to secure such important portions of their supplies in the city.

J. McLeod Holiday, wholesale merchant, Winnipeg, has found it necessary to enlarge his premises. He has taken another store in the same block, in which his business has been carried on in the past, at No. 267 Portage avenue, and this will be connected by archways with his old quarters. The addition to his warehouse accommodation will give him three more floors. Mr. Holiday intends to largely increase his stock of stationery and other lines which he carries.

## Alberta.

The contractors on the big northern Alberta irrigation canal have now finished \$75,000 worth of work, and if

fine weather continues, will be finished in the stipulated time.

The Northwest Fire Insurance company has opened an agency at Inuitfall with John Smith as manager.

Several new buildings are in course of erection at Cardston, which is growing fast.

D. Thompson, from Utah, arrived in Cardston last week, and opened up a watch and clock repair shop.

The Western Co-operative Loan & Investment Co. has established an agency at Strathcona under the charge of J. D. Foster.

Speaking of the weather and crops last week, the Edmonton Bulletin says: "Tuesday was a fine day and Wednesday was still finer. A light snow fell on Monday night, but this was cleared off by the warm sun of yesterday. Roads are good but a little muddy on the surface. Stacking and threshing are in progress. Stacked grain is all right for threshing, but grain in the stack has not been fit for threshing since the snow fell. Those who have threshed have made a mistake as their grain will be damp. Some settlements report potatoes well out of the ground, while in other parts a large proportion are still in the ground. No very great damage has been done yet. If warm weather comes for a few days they will be all right."

## Assinibola.

A natural gas well has been struck at Medicine Hat at a depth of 700 feet by Chas. Cotter.

E. J. Brooks, general merchant, Indian Head, is making an important addition to his store premises.

## Saskatchewan.

The excitement of the week, says the Prince Albert Times of last week, has been the round up and shipment of some 2,000 head of cattle by J. M. Paul. This is by far the largest shipment, as yet, of cattle from the Saskatchewan, and totals up in value to something like \$100,000.

## Northwest Ontario.

W. Clary's bakeshop at Rat Portage was destroyed by fire on Sunday last. Loss about \$200 on plant and stock.

The Central hotel, Rat Portage, was damaged by fire on Oct. 29 to the amount of \$4,500 on building and contents. The hotel was well insured.

The Waterous Engine Company has just delivered to the Keewatin Lumber Company at Keewatin, Ont., one of their No. 3 Allis band mills with No. 2 Reliance log carriage with 4 head blocks and a No. 1 extra heavy double friction feed works. This alteration in their mill plant is being made by the Keewatin Co. preparatory to their spring work.

## Grain and Milling Notes.

Metcalf & Son have completed a new metal roof on their oatmeal mill at Portage la Prairie.

The machinery has been received for the new flour mill which is being established at Cardston, Alberta.

It is estimated by some that America will have about 2,000,000 bushels of flaxseed available for export to the markets of Europe from the present crop after supplying all home needs. Export shipments so far have been light owing partly to scarcity of cars and ocean vessels.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. have purchased a property in Montreal, where they will build new offices and warehouse.

Canal rates from Buffalo are reported at 4c for wheat to New York, advancing tendency. Rail rates were to be advanced to 6 1-2c for wheat, Buffalo to New York, about Nov. 1st.

William Goodwin, of Buenos Ayres, an authority on Argentine grain statistics, estimates the exportable wheat surplus of the coming crop will be 70,000,000 bushels and the quantity of grain remaining over from the last crop about 16,000,000 bushels.

A number of grain dealers in the Winnipeg grain exchange have arranged a sort of association to enable them to combine their shipments. The arrangement will enable them to charter boats and make up cargoes jointly, and effect savings in other ways in shipping grain. None of the parties to the agreement are elevator owners. Independent action of those interested, in buying grain, is not affected by the agreement. Following are the parties to the arrangement: Duncan G. McBein, Wm. S. Logan, Thompson, Sons & Co., Walker & Boston, W. C. Graham, F. J. Parker, McBean Bros., MacLennan Bros., John McVicar, John A. Logan, W. Gibbins & Co.

## Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard wheat quoted at 70 1-2c afloat Fort William.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$2.05; best bakers', \$1.85.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$9 per ton; shorts, \$11, with \$1 per ton off for large lots.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots now oats on track, Winnipeg, 28 to 30c.

Barley—Carlots on track, Winnipeg, 20c per bushel for feed grades.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers' prices, 15 to 15 1-2c; fresh creamery, 20c at factories.

Cheese—3 3-4 to 9c per pound at factories.

Eggs—Dealers paid 18c per dozen.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 7c.

Wool—3 to 8 1-2c for unwashed fleeco. Seneca—21 to 22c per lb.

Hay—Baled, \$7 to \$8 per ton on cars. Loose hay worth \$12 to \$14 per ton.

Potatoes—New potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel on the street.

Poultry—Turkeys, 12c per lb., live weight; dressed chickens, 10 to 12c per lb.; ducks, 10c per lb.

Game—Ducks, 20 to 40c per pair; geese, 40 to 60c each; rabbits, 7 to 8c each.

Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef, city dressed, 5 to 5 1-4c; mutton, 7 to 7 1-2c; hogs, 7 to 7 1-2c for dressed, veal, 6 1-2 to 7c.

Live Stock—Cattle, 3 to 3 1-4c off cars for exporters, 2 to 3c for butchers' stock, and 2 1-2 to 2 3-4 for stockers; hogs, off cars, 5 1-4c per lb. for best bacon hogs; sheep, 3 to 3 1-2c off cars.

It is estimated that the export of nitrate from Chili this year will exceed 30,000,000 quintals.

Latest advices to the American Agriculturist confirm recent reports showing the situation in the cranberry belt. The crop, as a whole, is a liberal one, but unevenly distributed. The commercial crop approximates \$65,000 bushels, a little less than a year ago, but considerably greater than that of 1897 or of 1896. The New Jersey crop is the one which has been most violent in its fluctuations the past few years, this season falling off materially from the bumper yield of 1898.

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# FINANCIAL

## SEPTEMBER BANK STATEMENT.

The Canadian bank statement for September, published a few days ago, is one of the most satisfactory monthly statements ever presented. Following are its principal features:

|                                    | Sept. 1899.   | Sept. 1898.   |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Liabilities                        | \$ 46,682,028 | \$ 40,071,143 |
| Public deposits                    |               |               |
| Its ... ..                         | 97,068,793    | 87,214,300    |
| do. on notice                      | 170,293,952   | 151,358,795   |
| Balance due                        |               |               |
| In U. K. ...                       | 5,194,829     | 2,346,813     |
| Other liabilities                  | 411,242       | 551,900       |
| Total liabilities                  | 331,908,896   | 291,875,914   |
| Specie                             | 9,263,464     | 9,379,185     |
| Domino notes                       | 18,335,535    | 17,800,324    |
| Balance due from foreign countries | 29,408,462    | 22,169,025    |
| Balance due from U. K.             | 12,488,825    | 12,272,730    |
| Domino government stocks           | 4,901,401     | 4,899,211     |
| Canadian municipal securities      | 15,733,206    | 17,454,767    |
| Railway securities                 | 14,701,779    | 17,227,286    |
| Call loans                         | 33,157,178    | 23,745,140    |
| Current loans                      | 254,433,667   | 222,361,521   |
| Overdue debts                      | 2,342,824     | 3,406,613     |
| Total assets                       | 427,888,875   | 382,022,015   |
| Greatest note circulation          | 47,141,046    | 40,736,003    |

## WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The Winnipeg clearing house returns for the week ending Thursday, compared with the corresponding week in previous years show as follows:

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Week ending Nov. 2, 1899 | 3,145,569 |
| Corresponding week, 1898 | 2,465,433 |
| Corresponding week, 1897 | 3,342,880 |

The monthly clearings at Winnipeg for a series of years show as follows:

|               | 1898.       | 1897.       | 1896.       |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Jan. ...      | \$6,347,168 | \$5,009,918 | \$4,977,200 |
| Feb. ...      | 5,517,000   | 3,851,000   | 4,052,000   |
| Mar. ...      | 5,968,000   | 4,289,000   | 4,280,000   |
| April ...     | 6,240,000   | 4,161,962   | 4,032,000   |
| May ...       | 8,683,364   | 5,014,786   | 4,246,201   |
| June ...      | 7,396,799   | 5,531,140   | 4,094,000   |
| July ...      | 6,316,238   | 5,614,603   | 4,961,277   |
| Aug. ...      | 6,180,385   | 6,298,674   | 4,646,959   |
| Sept. ...     | 6,414,651   | 8,035,201   | 4,630,706   |
| Oct. ...      | 9,347,692   | 13,291,879  | 7,585,472   |
| Nov. ...      | 11,553,669  | 13,550,761  | 8,895,175   |
| Dec. ...      | 10,708,731  | 9,784,498   | 7,736,945   |
| Year ...      | 60,672,798  | 83,435,121  | 64,143,935  |
|               | 1899.       |             |             |
| Jan. ...      | 57,693,052  |             |             |
| Feb. ...      | 6,209,471   |             |             |
| March ...     | 6,756,094   |             |             |
| April ...     | 6,916,431   |             |             |
| May ...       | 7,472,855   |             |             |
| June ...      | 8,211,710   |             |             |
| July ...      | 8,169,595   |             |             |
| August ...    | 7,995,291   |             |             |
| September ... | 8,231,759   |             |             |
| October ...   | 12,659,000  |             |             |

## FINANCIAL NOTES.

The world's production of gold has increased 43 per cent since 1896.

Rapid City, Man., is agitating for a branch of a chartered bank. The local board of trade will act for the town in the matter.

Eighteen thousand dollars town of Neepawa debentures have been sold to the Central Canada Loan and Savings company, Winnipeg, for a net sum of \$17,850.

The transactions at the Dominion Government Savings Bank, Winnipeg, during the month of October show de-

posits to the amount of \$27,885, and withdrawals \$24,068,44, the former exceed the latter by \$3,816.56.

The last Bank of England statement is regarded as a very strong one considering the fact that a heavy war is in progress. Notwithstanding that large drains have been made on the gold reserve for war purposes this increased largely.

Canadian banks are meeting with an almost unprecedented demand for money this fall. Money rates are becoming firmer and it is asserted that no money is going out now under 6 per cent interest. Securities must also be gilt-edged.

In his address to the Canadian Bankers' association in annual convention at Montreal, President McDoagall, speaking of competition among banks, said that the movement toward bank extension, like all things earthly, would have its day and cease to be.

The Canadian Bankers' Association announced the awards in the essay competition, and the first prize in the junior class, on 'Protection of banks from internal and external robbery,' is given to G. P. Deas, of the Bank of British North America, at Brandon.

## INSURANCE MATTERS.

### MAIL INSURANCE INVESTIGATION.

The committee appointed by the local government to investigate the Manitoba Mail Insurance Company's affairs, has presented its report. The report is not as full and searching as could have been desired, nevertheless some features are shown which do not look creditable for the way the business has been handled. The report shows that E. A. Taylor, manager of the new company, was voted a salary of \$125 per month, besides which he was to receive a commission of 1 per cent. upon the amount of insurance written, and also the \$2 membership fee paid by each policy holder. This figures up a salary for the manager, on the basis of the business done during the present year, as follows:

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Salary, \$125 per month    | \$ 1,500        |
| Membership fee on policies | 7,818           |
| One per cent. on business  | 33,395          |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$42,713</b> |

Truly a nice little sum for the manager of a 'mutual' farmers' hail insurance company to receive, during the first years operations of the company! The directors of the company certainly seem to value the services of their manager very highly, unless it was an understood thing that the money so voted should be applied in another way than for the sole benefit of the manager. With such a sum going to the manager, it is no wonder that the company found it necessary to tax the farmers such heavy premiums on their policies.

The report does not say anything as to the legality of allowing non-resident foreigners upon the board of directors, or to hold office in the company, several of the directors, including the president and secretary, being residents of the State of Minnesota. The report says:

"From the Policy Register we find that the company since it commenced business on the 23rd May, 1899, has written 3,909 policies throughout Manitoba and the Northwest Territories to the amount of \$3,339,564.33.

The application for insurance contains an agreement by assured to pay a membership fee of \$2, and an

annual assessment not to exceed 5 per cent on the amount insured. We also find the policy register to show losses posted therein to the amount of \$31,652.47.

The assessment now being levied on policy holders is 5 per cent, less a discount of 25 per cent to be allowed on payments made up to the first day of November."

It will thus be seen that the highest amount possible under the policy, is being demanded, though the losses were only \$31,652. This assessment, if collected in full, would give the amount of \$166,978, or considerably over five times the amount of the losses, besides which there is the \$2 membership fee taken from each policy holder. The offer of 25 per cent rebate for payment before November 1st is not considered to be legal for a mutual company, by some parties, but the report does not discuss this point. It is certainly peculiar that such a rebate should be offered. The proper way would be to make a flat rate and charge a fair interest for slow pay parties, instead of compelling those who could not pay up at once to pay 25 per cent more.

The expenses of the company appear to have been heavy, amounting, since the company was organized last spring, to \$37,397, including \$3,870 for agents' commission. The company is said by the report to be liable for notes to the amount of \$32,000, bearing 10 per cent interest. This is money advanced to pay agents' commission, organizing expenses, etc.

Altogether, several peculiar features about the business of the company are shown, which fully justify the criticisms made by The Commercial at the time this institution began business in Manitoba. The Manitoba legislature is not without blame in having given the company the power to do business here before making close inquiry into the matter.

## INSURANCE NOTES.

W. J. Clarke and family, have arrived in Winnipeg from Toronto. Mr. Clarke has been appointed provincial manager of the Manufacturers Life Assurance company, with headquarters at Winnipeg.

Several changes are reported in local insurance circles. R. G. McDonald is taking the city agency for the Manufacturers Life; E. K. Hambley, late with the Good Bicycle Co., is taking the city agency for the Dominion Life, and Chas. Banks, who has handled the Singer sewing machine business here, is taking a similar position with the New York Life. Mr. McDonald will continue the accident business, of which he has had the management for some time.

A report from Chicago says: Insurance companies have advanced premiums on grain elevators sharply of late. In a few instances rates have been doubled. In one case a rate of 51-2 per cent. has been placed. This is considered as prohibitive by elevator men. The lowest rate out is 11-4 per cent. Rates depend to a large extent upon the improvements made by elevator people."

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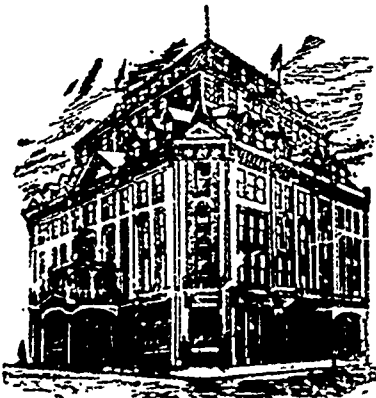
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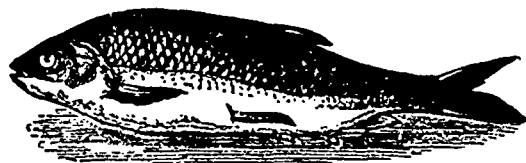
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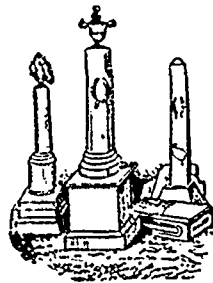
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**IRON AND STEEL**—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.90; band iron, 100 lbs., \$3.10 base; Swedish iron, 100 lbs., \$5 base; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.60; base; tire steel, \$3.75 base, cast tool steel, lb., 9 to 12 1-2c; imitation Russian sheets, 7 to 8c; genuine Russian sheets, lb., 12 to 13c.  
**STEEL BOILER PLATE**—3-16 inch, \$4.50; 1-4, 3-8 inch and thicker, \$4.25.  
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**COPPER**—Tinned copper sheets, 30c; planished, 35c; boiler and T.K. pits, plain tinned, per lb. 29c; spun 33c.  
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**SHEET ZINC**—in casks, \$9 per 100 lbs. broken lots, \$9.50.  
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**AUGER BITS**—American, 60 to 65 per cent Jennings' Excelsior, 30 per cent; post hole, Vaughan's, each 60 to 90c.  
**AXES**—Chopping axes, per dozen, \$6; to \$12; double bit, per doz. \$11 to \$18; bench axes, 40 per cent.  
**BELTING**—Extra, 30 to 35 per cent; No. 1, 50 to 55 and 10 per cent; agricultural, 55 to 60 per cent.  
**BOLTS**—Carriage, 1-4 and 3-16, 47 1-2 per cent; 3-8 and up, 42 1-2c; tire, dis. 55 per cent; stove, dis. 60 per cent; machine, discount 47 1-2; coach screws, dis. 60 per cent; plough bolts, 40 per cent.  
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**BUTTS**—Loose pins, cast, dis. 60 per cent; wrought steel, fast joints, dis. 65 per cent; loose pins, dis. 65 per cent; Berlin bronzed, dis. 45 per cent; gen. bronzed, per pair, 35 to 85.  
**HINGES**—Light T and strap, 60 per cent; heavy, per 100 pounds, \$5.75 to \$6.75; screw hook and hinge, 6 to 10 in. 5c per lb.; 12 in. up, per lb. 4c.  
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**FILES**—Com 60 and 10 per cent; Nicholson's and Black Diamond, 50 and 10 per cent.  
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**STAPLES**—Galvanized, \$4.25 per 100 lbs.  
**RIVETS AND BURS**—Carriage, sec.

tion, wagon box rivets, etc., 37 1-2 per cent; M. rivets, black and tinned, 37 1-2 per cent; cop- per rivets and burrs, 33 1-2c; cartons 1c per lb. extra net.  
**GLUE**—Sheets, 15c lb.; broken, 12 1-2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 18 to 25c.  
**AXLE GREASE**—Fraser's, per case, \$3.75; Diamond, light \$1.50 case, dark \$2; Mica, \$3.35.  
**COAL TAR**—Per barrel, \$5.  
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**VARNISHES**—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50 to \$2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 to \$2.25; No. 1 brown shellac, \$2.25; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.  
**PURTY**—In bladders, barrel lots, 2 1-2c lb.; in 100 lb. kegs, 2 3-4c; do. less than barrels, 3c lb.  
**ALABASTINE**—Cases of 20 packages, \$6.50.  
**GASOLINE**—Stove, per case, \$3.50.  
**BENZINE**—Case, \$3.50.  
**WINDOW GLASS**—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.25; 26 to 40, \$2.50 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$5.50; 51 to 60, \$6.00; 61 to 70, \$6.50 per 100 feet boxes.  
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**TURPENTINE**—Pure spirits, in barrels, 81c; less than barrels, gal. 80c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.  
**OILS**—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c gal; clear, machine oil, 27 to 30c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c; a s to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb.; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$7; steam refined oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gal.  
**REFINED PETROLEUM**—Prices here are as follows: Silver Star, 18 3-4c; Oleopheno 21 3-4c in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 25 1-2c for Eocene and 22 1-2c for Sunlight. Straight car lots Silver Star 1c less, other brands 2c less.  
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## THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, Nov. 4, 1899.

The very fine weather of this week has added much to the hopeful feeling already prevailing in regard to the business outlook. Farmers are getting along splendidly with their fall work and if they are not doing as much business as if the weather were unfavorable for work in the field, it is felt that trade can afford to wait a few days and even weeks on them. All kinds of outside work is being rushed rapidly to completion. The fine weather has been very acceptable to builders as it has greatly facilitated work on the numerous buildings in course of erection in city and town. Labor has never been so well employed in all its branches as at present. Mercantile establishments all report business good notwithstanding that the fine, mild weather has a tendency to retard the sale of seasonable goods. Travelers on the road are making good progress with their work. The monthly trade returns for October are not yet available, but it may be expected that they will make a good showing. We hope to have the figures for Winnipeg next week. Bank clearings at Winnipeg, as will be seen from the weekly statement published elsewhere in this issue, continue to expand.

## WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday Nov. 4, 1899.

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

## DRY GOODS.

Sorting business is engaging the attention of local wholesale houses to a large extent and the demand for seasonable lines is good. Piece lined underwear, knitted underwear and hosiery are in particularly good demand. Like all other lines dry goods is having a lively experience with price advances. Almost every mail brings notice of some change in an upward direction. This week a 25 per cent advance has been made in one favorite line of knitted woollen underwear. Woollen hosiery has also advanced recently. These advances are being followed more closely than in the past and retail merchants may expect to pay the full amount of all advances hereafter.

## DRUGS.

The local market is without change, although this is by no means the case universally, as mail advices this week indicate that eastern markets are fluctuating considerably on several important lines. For some of these changes see our drug news column. A steady trade is being done by both the local wholesale houses.

## FISH.

The demand for all kinds of fish is a fresh and cured remains good. Local dealers are now quoting fresh caught trout at 11c as against 9c heretofore. Finnan haddies are being killed out by fish dealers at 9c per pound although some other houses are asking 11c.

## FUEL.

The market remains unchanged. The demand for coal is comparatively light yet owing to the fine weather. We quote wood in car lots on track Winnipeg, as follows: Tamarac per cord, \$1.50 to \$1.60; green cut tamarac, \$1.25; Jesplac per cord \$1 to \$1.15; birch, \$1.15 to \$5; United States oak, \$5; Manitoba oak, \$1.75; United States maple, \$5.25; poplar, \$2.55 to \$3. Coal quotations will be found on page 277.

## GROCERIES.

Business in this line is active. The principal price changes this week are an advance of 20c to 25c on canned chicken, duck, and turkey, and a reduction on cigarettes of from 20c to 10c per thousand. Canned corn is being sold here today for considerably less than its value when compared with packers' present prices, but dealers do not seem disposed to take full advantage of the rise. According to our eastern quotations, corn is worth at packing points \$1.10 which would be equal to \$2.52 here. Canned beans are also being sold at less than their value. They are practically out of the primary market. It would cost \$2.10 to bring in more stock based on eastern quotations, while they are being sold here at \$2.00 to \$2.10. The advance in posted chicken, duck and turkey is due to higher prices for the birds, advances in the price of tin and solder and an enormous increase in the demand. The new pack of these which will be in in a few weeks now will cost 25c to 30c more per dozen. The advance of 7-8c to 10c in green Rio coffee a few weeks ago holds firmly, and although there has been a large crop, the demand is so enormous that the effect of this is more than offset. Complete prices on new dried fruits may be expected next week. New evaporated apples are arriving and prices are somewhat easier.

California dried fruits are very firm, according to latest advices received here from the east. Pitted plums and nectarines are said to be about cleaned up and apricots are also getting scarce and are now held in fewer hands. Peaches are firm. California raisins are not likely to be handled in this market this season to as large an extent as in past recent years. This applies to loose muscatels, which have been handled here largely during the past few years, taking the place of Valencias. The reason is that California shippers have cut off the discount when they formerly allowed on exports to Canada. The effect of this will be to shut out California muscatels to a considerable extent at least, so that the latter line promise to once more assume their old important position in this market. Domestic canned fruits are particularly firm. Sale packers report that they are about out of stocks of several lines of fruit. Split peas and pea barley are firmer. For quotations see page 277.

## GREEN FRUITS.

California oranges and seedlings are now arriving, prices for which will be found below. New Smyrna figs are expected today. New dates are not expected in for some weeks yet. Peaches and plums are practically done. Ontario grapes are also about out. Chestnuts are now offering in also hickory nuts. Winter apples are moving freely and some fall apples are also being taken yet. The stock of these in the city is ample. We quote prices as follows: California naval oranges, 15 to 26c; do., seedlings, \$1.25 to \$4.75; Mex-

ican oranges, \$5.50 to \$6.00, lemons, new Californias, per box, \$5.50; oranges, per bush, 2.25; apples, winter, \$3.65 to \$3.75 per barrel; fall apples, \$2.75 to \$3.25; snow apples, fancy, \$5.00 per barrel; fair to good \$3.75; quinces, per basket of 20 lbs., 75c; Ontario grapes, 16c to 35c per basket; California grapes, per crate, \$2.00; Malaga grapes in kegs, per keg, \$8.00; cranberries per barrel, \$7.50; coconuts, per dozen, 80c; Grenoble walnuts, 15c; Tarra-gona almonds, 15c; peanuts, green, 9c, roasted, 11c; pecan nuts, 13c per lb.; chestnuts, 15c; hickory nuts, 16c per lb.; maple sugar, per lb., 11c; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrel and half barrels; fruit cider put up in 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 40c; figs, in boxes, 7c lb.; new layer figs in 10 lb. boxes, \$1.75; dates, 7c per lb.; sweet potatoes, per barrel, \$5.

## HARDWARE.

The hardware market has developed very few new features. Business continues good, and prices for all lines steady with a firm feeling, and likelihood of further advances. For quotations see page 279.

## LEATHER.

The activity in leather and hides in eastern markets and the upward tendency of prices has resulted in another advance in leather here, and we quote No. 1 union oak harness now 31c as against 33c before, an advance of 1c. All other brands of harness leather have also gone up 1c. It would not be surprising if another advance got into effect shortly. Shoe leathers are also gaining strength daily, and may be expected to gain a point or two in price here very shortly. Saddlery hardware is increasingly firm.

## PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Linseed oil is up another 3c, making the price now 70c for raw and 75c for boiled. Turpentine is unchanged, but higher prices are predicted. White lead will likely advance to \$7.25 or \$7.50 per 100 lbs. for pure, after the close of navigation. Gas will advance 25c per case. A present price of linseed oil and white lead it will be impossible for makers of mixed paints to keep their prices at present figures and it is generally supposed that there will be an advance of from 10 to 20c per gallon. Before spring orders are taken, shipments of glass which should have arrived this week from Antwerp, and which are very much needed for use in various new buildings have not arrived. They are likely to be in any day. It is understood that the route and Montreal stocks of glass have almost reached the vanishing

## OLD MATERIALS.

There is a continued strong demand for all kinds of old material, particularly iron and metals. Sale for almost an unlimited quantity of these can be readily found in the city at good prices. The United States market for scrap is a little easier this week, but prices here have not been affected. Our quotations, given hereunder are for carlots or large quantities. For small lots of No. 1 cast iron and stove plate regular dealers are not paying quite so much, their price being about \$12 per ton for No. 1 cast iron. We quote: No. 1 cast iron free from wrought and malleable, \$14 per ton, No. 2 do., \$5.50 per ton; No. 1 stove plate, \$5 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$6.50 per ton, heavy copper, 10c per pound; copper bottoms, 8c per pound; red brass, 8 to 11-2c per pound; yellow brass, heavy, 7-1-2c per pound; light brass,

11-2 to 5c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 21-2c per pound; zinc scrap, 1c per pound, rags, country mixed, 50c.

#### STATIONERY AND FANCY GOODS.

The principal feature of interest in this line is the advancing tendency in many classes of goods. The big advance in metals of all kinds is now noticeable in the higher priced demands by manufacturers of the numerous lines of staple and fancy articles in metal, handled by stationers, such as copying presses, ink stands, files, wire hooks, pin pyramids—in fact everything composed wholly or in part of metals. Rubber goods, vulcanized or not, are also higher, owing to the high price of raw rubber. This also includes a wide range of articles used in the stationery trade, such as rubber bands, tobacco pouches, vulcanized mouthpieces for pipes, pipes having vulcanized rubber parts, etc. Advances were received this week by local jobbers of an advance of 20 per cent. on domestic bags. Another line which has been advanced recently by manufacturers is small cotton bags, such as are used to some extent in the general trade instead of paper bags, particularly in the mining districts of British Columbia.

#### GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

**WHEAT**—The past week in the wheat markets has been one of weakness and gradual decline of prices, relieved only on one day, Thursday, by a show of strength, which came for the day an advance in prices equal to 1-2c per bushel. For the remainder of the week wheat has had no support, but seems to have sunk of its own weight, until we have had a loss in value for the week of 2c per bushel. Any influence the war in South Africa may have had in strengthening markets seems to be quite spent, and it would almost appear as if the present weakness was the reaction consequent on the gradual recognition of the fact, that the war so long as it is confined to its present constituents, is not the kind of war that advances the wheat markets. Besides this, the statistical and crop news has been almost all of a bearish character, except perhaps, as regards the primary receipts in the States, which are now only showing a fairly large falling off, as compared with same period last year. This is more especially the case in the winter wheat section. There is some expectation that primary receipts in the States will fall off considerably more before long, as farmers are slow sellers at present prices, and w.e.o. winter weather sets in in the Northwest, the movement will probably be greatly curtailed. Should this occur, and at same time the export movement keep up even to its present moderate proportions, it will be in order to anticipate an advance in prices to draw out the supply. The American visible supply increased 1,000,000 bushels on the week, and now stands at 49,561,000 bushels, against 15,176,000 bushels last year. The world's shipments for the week were 7,112,000 bushels. The world's visible increased 1,100,000 bushels, against the large increase last year of 6,232,000 bushels. The Argentine shipments this week are only 560,000 bushels against over a million bushels each week recently. The exports from both coasts for the week are moderate, 3,046,000 bushels; being the smallest weekly export since previous to July 1st. Crop news continues very favorable. The Cincinnati Price Current in its report this

week says of the winter wheat in the States: "Condition of winter wheat more favorable, and crop will likely go into winter quarters with sufficient moisture and fairly good stand." The Argentine crop continues to make favorable progress, as also does the crop in Australia. There has been fine weather in Europe where the winter wheat is being sown.

The local market has been for the most part devoid of interest. Only a small volume of trading is transacted daily, at prices following the downward trend of the outside markets. Last week ended with 1 hard selling at 68 3/4c in store Fort William, spot, or en route. Since then the price has gradually declined, until yesterday there were sellers at 68c in the morning, but with the decline that took place in American markets, the price later in the day was 67 1/2c asked by sellers, and 67 1/4c bid by buyers. No. 2 hard and 1 northern have sold at 21-2c to 3c under 1 hard, and 3 hard at 7c under 1 hard. No. 1 frosted wheat has brought 57c, and 2 frosted 52c, all in store Fort William. No. 1 hard for December delivery has sold at 67 3/4c in store Fort William. Scoured 1 hard is worth 63c in store Port Arthur. The weather in Manitoba and the Northwest is exceptionally fine, and favorable for farm work at this season of the year. Threshing is nearly completed, and a large breadth of fall ploughing has been done. Deliveries of wheat by farmers are increasing, and may be expected to be large during the next five or six weeks. Reports come from many sections that the yield of wheat as shown by the thrasher, is not so large as anticipated from the appearance of the crop at harvest time, and some reduction in the estimates of the aggregate yield seems to be in order.

**FLOUR**—The market is steady and without special feature. The demand for new wheat flour is very good and general satisfaction is expressed with its quality. Prices are: O'Brien's Hungarian patent, \$1.90; Genora, \$1.70; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.50; XXX, \$1.15; Lake of the Woods patent, \$1.90; Strong Bakers, \$1.70; Medora, \$1.50; XXX, \$1.30 per sack of 48 pounds delivered in Winnipeg.

**MILLFEED**—There is only a limited quantity of feed offering here as millers find that they can get better prices in Ontario. One prominent mill has sold four or five cars this week to go west at better prices than are being paid here. This makes it possible that prices may advance in the near future. Feed is now worth \$10.50 to \$11.00 per ton, and shorts \$12.50 to \$13.00 with \$1 off for large lots.

**GRAND FEED**—Quoted now as follows: Oat chop, \$20 per ton for best. Mixed feed of barley and oats \$18 per ton, barley chop, \$16 per ton. On car \$27 per ton.

**OATS**—Receipts are becoming more liberal and prices are slightly higher, in consequence. It is becoming apparent that the oats are not so uniformly good as it was at first expected they would be. Some poor samples have been exhibited in the city this week. They appear to have been frosted and are very light in weight. There is no apprehension, of course, as to the quality of crop in most districts the poor oats being confined to certain parts. No. 1 white oats are today worth 20 1/2c per bushel, No. 2 white, 28c, and feed grades 27 to 28c on track here. Some dealers say these are outside prices. At country points carlots are worth 20 to 23c according

to point of shipment. Streets oats, Winnipeg, are worth 25 to 28c per bushel, as to quality.

**BARLEY**—The market is quiet and receipts light. There is a good demand for both feed and brewing grades. Ontario is taking considerable quantities of Manitoba barley at good prices. To-day the quotation for export is 15c North Bay. Malting barley is worth 32 to 35c per bushel on track here and feed grades 28 to 30c.

**WHEAT**—Deliveries have improved. From 54c to 58c per bushel is being paid to farmers at country points. The bulk of receipts are being taken at 55 to 56c. The fine weather this week is enabling farmers to complete threshing in good shape.

**FLAX**—Buyers are now paying \$1.15 per bushel at country points.

**HAY**—Offerings are more liberal, but prices remain unchanged at \$6 to \$6.50 per ton for baled on track here and \$5 to \$6 per ton for loose hay on the street.

**CREAMERY BUTTER**—Business at the creameries is about over. Dealers are offering 21 to 21 1/2c per pound at the factories, which is about 1-2c lower than a week ago.

**DAIRY BUTTER**—There is a good demand for choice dairy butter both for local and western use to meet which the supply is altogether inadequate. Considerable quantities of held goods and second grades continue to offer, but these are not much sought for. For choice fresh goods the price has advanced about 1c and we quote now 17 to 18c per pound delivered, Winnipeg, for thus. Round lots are worth 14 to 15c. Second grades 9 to 12c.

**CHEESE**—Dealers are paying 11-2c to 12c per pound at factories, according to size and quality. Eastern cheese is offering freely.

**EGGS**—Receipts are light. Dealers are buying on a basis of 17c delivered at Winnipeg. Ontario eggs are held here to some extent.

**VEGETABLES**—The situation is practically unchanged. Receipts of potatoes are light and will be until farmers have time for teaming. Prices of potatoes are firm. Pumpkins are getting scarce. We quote: Potatoes, farmers' loads, 40c per bushel, carlots 30 to 32c on track here or about 23c at country points, carrots 30c bushel; turnips 12 1/2 to 15c per bushel, beets, 25 to 30c per bushel, parsnips, 11-4c per lb., cauliflower, 50 to 75c per dozen; onions, 1 to 11-2c per lb.; cabbage, \$10 to \$12 per ton, celery, 30c per dozen bunches, pumpkins, 75c to \$1.50 per dozen; squash, 1c per pound for ordinary, 11-2c for Hubbard; marrow, 60 to 75c per dozen.

**HIDES**—Local competition among buyers has resulted in an advance of 1-2c per pound in hide prices this week. Some indications of an advance were apparent last week as tanning was very keen. We quote prices as follows: No. 1 71-2c; No. 2, 61-2c; No. 3, 51-2c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and fall No. 3; kip, 7c; calf, 8c to \$1.2c; crack skins, 25 to 35c each; sheep skins, fresh killed, 50c each; country sheep, 40c; lambs 25c to 30c each; seal-skins, 50c to 75c each.

**WOOL**—Unwashed Manitoba fleece is worth 7 to 8c per pound. None offering.

**SENECA**—The current quotation is 35c per pound, very little offering.

**BRISLID MEATS**—Beef is plentiful and easier in price at 5 1/2c to 6 1/2c per lb. Mutton is 1-2c easier at 3c to 3 1/2c per pound. For lamb 10c is now the ruling price, which is 1c lower than

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the outside price of a week ago. Veal is quoted at 7c to 8c. Dressed hogs, 6 to 7c per pound butchers price. Packers are offering 6 1/4c for best weights, running from 120 to 180 pounds, and 6c for hogs running from 180 to 250. Very little buying has yet been done by packers. Dealers have been figuring on bringing in cars of dressed hogs from Ontario and quotations equal to 36.95 per 100 pounds laid down here have been secured, figured on an 50c freight rate basis. These quotations have a tendency to make the market easier and no doubt liberal receipts will come in as the weather is now considered safe for shipping. There have been no importations of dressed mutton as yet, but as soon as it freezes up liberal receipts of dressed mutton will be arriving from the east.

**POULTRY**—Offering more freely. Wholesale prices are as follows: Turkeys are higher at 12 1/2c to 13c per pound, dressed weight; geese, 10c per pound; spring chickens, 10c per pound; ducks, 10c per pound.

**GAME**—Dealers are paying 15c for teal; 20 to 25c for fall ducks, and 30c to 40c for mallards, per pair. Small geese and waxies bring 40 to 50c and large geese up to 75c.

**TALLOW**—Prime tallow is worth 3 1/2c. Prices range from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2c per pound.

**LIVE STOCK.**

**CATTLE**—Export cattle have been moving freely. Some districts are now about cleaned out. The difficulty over quarantining in the Territories is now practically removed and shipments are unimpeded. Prices are slightly firmer and as high as 33 1/4c is being quoted for choice steers. We quote: Good to choice steers, 3c to 3 1/4c per pound off ears, common cattle, 2 1/2c to 3c. While there has been no export market for stockers this year there has been a considerable movement of these to the ranges of the west. Stockers are worth from 2 1/2c to 3 1/4c at the stock yards here.

**SHEEP**—Receipts are mainly from the ranches of the west. Prices are easier for sheep and firmer for lambs. Choice sheep are now worth 4c per pound off ears Winnipeg, as compared with 4c to 4 1/2c a week ago, and lambs 4c to 5c, as compared with 4c a week ago.

**HOGS**—Receipts are increasing, but are still very light. Some Ontario hogs have been slaughtered here this week. Dealers quotations vary considerably, some offering as high as 5 1/4c for choice Manitoba hogs, but the general

run of quotations is not over 5c for choice hogs and 4 3/4c for second grades.

**MILCH COWS**—A good milker will readily bring \$35 in the city today and as high as \$40 and \$45 has been offered. Milking cows are very scarce.

**HORSES**—The demand for horses for farm work has fallen off considerably as is usual on the approach of winter. There is, however, a good demand for horses for railroad work and for city and town uses. Good heavy horses weighing not less than 1,400 pounds are worth from \$125 to \$175 each. Lighter horses for delivery or road purposes are worth from \$110 to \$140 each.

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### Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Oct. 30, 1899.

Bank clearings for the week ending October 25th were, for Victoria, \$618,025, balances \$221,033, and for Vancouver \$1,055,865, balances \$218,029. There has been much activity this week in all business circles. Salmon lumber and coal ships have been arriving and departing in unusual numbers. Sealers have reported a good catch and a portion of the sealing fleet are preparing for winter hunting. Three Americans, Messrs. Eckhardt, Heron and Hague are starting a box factory in New Westminster to supply a large demand. Fruit growers have not been successful in placing their fruit in Manitoba in good condition and these Americans learning that American experts were teaching the B. C. fruit growers how to pack fruit for export decided to make the special boxes and baskets required for packing, besides boxes, baskets, tins and pails required for other exporters in British Columbia.

At New Westminster, British Columbia's only retail produce market of importance, the volume of goods sold on Friday was exceptionally large. Eggs were very scarce and eagerly bought at 40c, when they could be obtained at that figure. Butter was not plentiful enough to meet the demand. There was a large stock of meat and poultry which sold at good prices. Apples were plentiful and sold well.

There were no changes of consequence in Vancouver's jobbing market this week. Manitoba produce houses are reported as not anxious to dispose of their dairy butter, to Vancouver buyers. They have a ready sale for it in Manitoba at 19 and 20 cents and are not encouraged to send it to Vancouver, where the best prices that obtain are from 19 to 20 cents. This explanation should be made however that dairy butter in Manitoba is of a very excellent quality as sold direct, or almost direct, to the consumer, in fact is often preferred to creamery. The Manitoba farmers, as one produce merchant described it, have not been learning how to make butter in vain and their product is in a great many instances highly prized by Manitoba consumers. Thus there is a demand at home that checks to a great extent the export of butter made on the farm. This same produce merchant stated that in many cases the genuine Manitoba dairy was superior to the much-kent, much-frozen, much-stored so-called eastern creamery sold on the British Columbia market and that Manitobans would not give 20 cents for the dairy butter sold in Vancouver at that figure. A Chicago party has passed through British Columbia and bought up all the butter a year and a half and two years old he could secure and is supposed to have left here for Manitoba on the same mission. This grease, which is not saleable at any price in the ordinary way is to be taken to Chicago, subjected to a chemical process and sold to very poor people in small lots the same day as manufactured. After the rank smelling mess has been made to look, taste and smell like fairly good butter it must be sold immediately in a large market for immediate consumption or in twenty-four hours it throws off the artificial semblance of butter and

lapses back again into its original condition.

Eastern eggs are very firm at present prices and it is expected they will advance next week. Lard is considered very low at present figures, but owing to competition there is no advance. The United States article is considerably higher although not so pure. As a lard manufacturer explained, United States makers extract from their lard, lard oil, the very essence of the product, and replace it by a substitute which does not cost so much and they are still able to sell it at a higher price than Canadian and so their lard oil as well, a substitute of lard as it were, which is not saleable in British Columbia.

### British Columbia Markets.

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

### PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial,

Vancouver, Nov. 1.

Fresh case eggs are weaker this week owing to free arrivals of pickled stock. Cheese is very firm. Butter steady. Lard is firm. Breakfast bacon and hams are higher.

**BUTTER**—Manitoba creamery, 25c, Manitoba dairy, 19 to 20c.

**EGGS**—Fresh local, 40 to 50c per doz. as to quality; eastern eggs, 21c.

**CHEESE**—15c.

**GREEN FRUIT**—Oranges, \$4.75 to \$5 per box; California lemons, \$4.00 to \$4.25; peaches, \$1.15; apples, \$1.60 to \$1.75 box; pears, \$2; bananas \$2.85 bunch. These prices are for imported fruits. British Columbia fruits are quoted as follows: Apples, \$1 to \$1.50 box.

**MEAL**—Rolled oats, 30 lb. sack, \$2.30, two 45 lb. sacks, \$2.60; four 22 1-2 lb. sacks, \$2.80; ten 7 lb. sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal, in 10 lb. sacks, per 100 lbs. \$3.25. In 50 lb. sacks, \$3 per 100 lbs.

**FLOUR**—Delivered B.C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.70; strong bakers, \$4.50; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

**GRAIN**—Oats, new, \$20 per ton; wheat, \$22 for new.

**CURED MEATS**—Hams, 15c; breakfast bacon, 15c; hams, 12 1-2 to 13c; long clear 10c; short rolls, 12 to 13c; 1-2c; smoked sides, 11c.

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

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

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

**VEGETABLES**—New potatoes, \$16 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$18 to \$19 per ton; cabbage, 1 1-2c per lb.; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 per ton; red onions, 1c per lb.; silverskins, 2c; tomatoes, \$2 per box; cucumbers, \$2 per box.

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

**HAY**—New hay, \$14; old, \$10 per ton.

**BREAST MEATS**—Beef, 7 to 8c; mutton, 11c; pork, 9 to 9 1-2c; veal, 12 1-2c lb.

**LIVE STOCK**—Steers, \$4 per 100 lbs.; cows, \$3.50; sheep, \$5.50 per 100 lbs.; hogs, 7 to 7 1-2c per lb.

**POULTRY**—Chickens, \$6 per dozen.

**EVAPORATED FRUITS**—Apples, 10 to 17c per lb.; peaches, 10 to 12c; plums, 9 to 10c; prunes, French, 5 to 7 1-2c per lb.; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins, \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6 to 8 1-2c lb.

**NUTS**—Almonds 12c; almonds 12 1-2c; peanuts 10c; Brazil 12 1-4c; walnuts 12c lb.

**SUGARS**—Powdered, icing and bar, 6 3-4c; Paris lump 6 1-4c; granulated 5

1-4c; extra O. 4 5-8c; fancy yellows 4 1-2c; yellow 4 3-8c lb.

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

**TEAS**—Comco, Fair, 11 1-2c; good, 18c; choice, 29c; Ceylon and India, fair 20c.

**HARDWARE**—Bar iron—Base, \$3.50. Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent; horse shoes, keg, \$5. Wire nails—Base price, \$4.50; cut, \$3.75. Rope, Manila, 16c. Boiled oil, 75c. White lead, \$7.50. Putty, \$3.50. Barbed wire, \$4.75 per 100 lbs. Glass, 1st break, \$6.

### PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Nelson, B. C., Nov. 1.

The only change in prices this week is for oats, which are down \$2 per ton, to \$30.

Butter—Manitoba fresh creamery, 24 1-2c; choice dairy butter, 19c.

Cheese—15c.

Eggs—Fresh eastern, 23c per dozen, pickled, 20c.

Oats—Per ton, \$30.

Flour—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$5.00.

Potatoes—Per ton, \$19.

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### British Columbia Items.

E. B. Jones, grocer, has opened business at Victoria.

Belding, Paul & Co., silks, Montreal, have opened a branch at Vancouver.

J. F. Jacobson, hay and grain merchant, Nelson, is giving up business.

C. R. Slater, of Crest, Slater & Co., wholesale cigars, Vancouver, is dead.

The Badminton hotel, Vancouver, is offered for sale by tender to Nov. 5, by the assignee.

Wells & Squire, of Central Park, have dissolved partnership, Mr. Malcolm R. Wells continuing.

J. C. McLaren has taken over the Grand Pacific hotel at Kamloops from Dupont & Corning.

G. B. Matthew, of Ymir, has bought out R. Luce, proprietor of the Nelson Cigar Store, at Nelson.

The stock of Chin Yon, fruits, confectionery, etc., New Westminster, has been sold by the sheriff.

A charter is being asked for at the next session of the legislature by a company which intends operating a line of telephones in the district of East Kootenay.

A company is seeking incorporation in British Columbia to build and operate a line of railway from a point on or near Dyer River to a point on or near Lake Bennett, and from there to the 60th parallel of latitude.

T. A. Harman, gents' furnisher, and James W. Loughheed, tailor, of Rossland, have both assigned to Edward Baillie, accountant. The creditors of the former meet, on November 10, and of the latter on November 11.

### Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There was 1,570,072 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Oct. 25. Receipts for the week were 321,438 bushels, and shipments were 1,125,359 bushels. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points were estimated approximately at 7,350,000 bushels compared with about 2,550,000 bushels a year ago.

Cranberries have advanced in the States and are costing higher to lay down here.

## Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, Nov. 1.

**SUGARS**—Granulated, delivered Toronto, \$1.58 to \$1.63; yellows from \$3.83 to \$1.48.

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

**MCLASSES**—West India, barrels, 32 to 45c; New Orleans, 26 to 30c for medium, and 35 to 47c for bright.

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

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

**CANNED GOODS**—Tomatoes, 90c; peas, 75 to \$1.10; corn, \$1 to \$1.10; beans, 85c; sifted selected peas, \$1.05 to \$1.20; pumpkins, 75 to 80c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.50 to \$1.80; raspberries, 2's, \$1.60 to \$1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.75 to \$1.80; 3's, \$2.35 to \$2.65; apples, 3's, 85c; gals., \$2.35 to \$2.40. Salmon—Cohoos, prime (dark pink fish, \$1.15 to \$1.20, sock-eyes, red fish, \$1.30 to \$1.60, lobsters, halves, \$1.75 to \$1.80; tall, lbs., \$2.80; flats, \$3.10.

**RICE**—Rice bags, 35-8 to 4c. Java, 6 to 6 1-2c; Patna, 5 1-2 to 6c; Japan, 5 1-2 to 6 1-2c.

**SPICES**—Ginger, Jamaica, 25c; Cochln 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 18 to 20c; Amboyna, 22 to 25c; Penang, 28 to 35c; allspice, 20c, nutmegs, 50 to \$1; cream tartar pure, 25 to 28c; compound, 15 to 20c; pepper, black, pure Singapore, 10c. Penang, 15c; compound, 8 to 12c; pepper, pure white, 28 to 30c.

**DRIED FRUITS**—Raisins, Valencia, fine oil stalk, 5 1-4 to 6c, selected, 6 1-2 to 7c; layers, 7 to 7 1-2c; lbs., layers, 10's and 25's, 18 to 20c; two stars, 19c; one star, 18 to 19c; provincial currants, 5c; Filigras, 5 1-4 to 5 1-2c; Patras, 6c; Vostizzas, 6 1-2 to 7 1-2c. California dried fruits—Apricots, 17 to 20c; pears, 9 to 10c; prunes, 70's to 80's, 7 1-4 to 7 1-2c; 80's to 90's, 6 3-4 to 7c; 90's to 100's, 6 to 6 1-2c. Sultanas 11 to 13c; Hallowee dates, 6 1-4c; Malaga, London layers, \$1.95 to \$2.00 per box; black baskets, \$2.40; blue do., \$2.50; royal clusters, \$4; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, quarter flats 75c, and blue baskets, quarter flats, 80c. Dehesia, clusters, quarter flats, \$1.25.

**NUTS**—Shelled Valencia almonds 28 to 30c; shelled Jordan almonds, 45c; Bordeaux walnuts, 10 1-2 to 11c; shelled walnuts, 26 to 28c; Grenobles, 13 to 13 1-2c; Sicily filberts 10 to 10 1-2c.

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

## PROVISIONS.

**PORK**—Canada mess, \$1.00; shor. cut, 51c clear and shoulder mess, \$12.50.

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

**LARD**—Tierces, 6 3-4c; tubs, 7c; pail, 7 1-4c.

## Toronto Hardware and Paint Prices.

Toronto, Nov. 1.

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

**BARBED WIRE**—f.o.b. Toronto, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.

**BAR IRON**—\$2.35 to \$2.45 base.

**BLACK SHEETS**—28 gauge, at \$3.25.

**BOLTS**—Common carriage bolts, 5 1/2 inch, 55 per cent; 3-8 and larger, 50 per cent; machine bolts, all sizes, 55 per cent; coach screws, 67 1-2 per cent; blank bolts, 55 per cent; sleigh shoe bolts, 72 1-2 per cent; stove bolts, 60 and 10 per cent; tire bolts, 60 and 10 per cent. Nuts, square, all sizes, 3 3-4c; hexagon, 4 1-4c; tapping nuts, 60 per cent.

**BRASS**—Roll and sheet, 14 to 16 gauge discount 5 per cent; sheets, hard rolled, 2x4 24 to 25c per lb.; tubing, 25c base.

**BUILDING PAPER**—Plain building, 28c per roll; tarred lining, 35c; according to quality; tarred roofing felt, \$1.40 per

100 lbs.; carpet felt, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

**CANADA PLATES**—All dull, at \$2.75 per 100 lbs; half polished \$2.85; and all bright, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

**CEMENT**—Canadian Portland, \$2.67 to \$2.90; English, do; \$3.00; Canadian hydraulic cements, \$1.00 to \$1.10; calcined plaster, \$1.90; asbestos cement, \$2.50 per barrel.

**COIL CHAIN**—1-1/2 inch, \$7.00; 5-16 in. \$5.00 3-8 in. \$4.55; 7-16 in. \$4.40, 1-2 in. \$3.30, 5-8 in. \$4.10, 3-4 in. \$4.00.

**COPPER**—Ingot copper, 20 to 21c per lb.; sheet copper, 23 to 23 1-2c; bar copper 23 1-2 to 25 1-2c.

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

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

**GALVANIZED IRON**—28 gauge, \$6.00 per 100 lbs. for English, and \$4.90 for American.

**GALVANIZED WIRE**—9 gauge, \$3.10; 12 gauge, \$3.20; 13 gauge, \$3.45.

**GLASS**—Star, first break in 50 foot boxes, \$2.25, and in 100 ft. boxes, \$4.10, double diamond under 25 milled inches in 100 foot boxes, \$6.25, Toronto, Hamilton and London. Terms 4 months or 3 per cent 30 days.

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

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

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

**HORSESHOES**—Iron shoes, light, medium and heavy, \$4.80 f. o. b. Toronto, Hamilton and Guelph.

**IRON PIPE**—1-1/2 to 3-8 inch, \$3.90; 1-2 inch, \$3.90; 3-4 inch, \$4.90; 1 inch, \$6.40; 1 1-4 inch, \$8.10; 1 1-2 inch, \$10.40; 2 inch, \$13.85; 2 1-2 inch to 4 inch discount, 50 per cent. Galvanized Pipe—1-2 inch, \$6.60; 3-4 inch, \$8; 1 inch \$11.50; 1 1-4 inch, \$16; 1 1-2, \$20; 2 inch, \$28.50.

**LEAD PIPE**—Ordinary pipe, 7c; waste, 7 1-2c.

**OLD MATERIAL**—Agricultural scrap, 55c per cwt; machinery cast, 60c per cwt.; stove cast scrap, 45c; No. 1 wrought scrap, 55c per 100 lbs.; new light scrap copper, 12 1-2c per lb.; bottoms, 11c; heavy copper, 15c; light scrap brass 7 1-2c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 10c; heavy red scrap brass, 11c; scrap lead, 2 1-2c; zinc, 3c; scrap rubber 4 1-2c; good country mixed rags, 65 to 75c; clean dry bones, 45 to 50c per 100 lbs.

**PIG IRON**—Hamilton f.o.b. cars at furnace, \$24.

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

**PIG TIN**—37c per lb.

**FISHING NETTING**—Discount of 40 per cent.

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

**ROPE**—Signal, 7 1/2 in. and larger, 12 1-2c; 5-8 inch, 13c; 1 and 5-16 in. 13 1-2c; Manila, 7-16 in. and larger, 15c; 3-8 in. 13 1-2c; 1-4 to 5 16 in., 16c; deep sea line, 13 1-2c for water laid and 14 1-2c for machine made; hemp, 7 to 9c; lath yarn, 10c; clothesline, 48 feet, \$1.00; 60 feet, \$1.35; 72 feet, \$1.70; 100 feet, \$2.25.

**SCREWS**—Flat head bright, 50 and 5 per cent off the list; round head bright, 75 and 5 per cent; flat head brass, 75 and 5 per cent; round head brass 67 1-2 and 5 per cent; flat head bronze, 67 1-2 and 5 per cent; round head bronze, 62 1-2 and 5 per cent.

**SHEET ZINC**—8 to 8 1-4c per lb.

**SMOOTH STEEL WIRE**—The base is \$3.35 per 100 lbs. f.o.b. factory.

**SPADES AND SHOVELS**—10 and 5 per cent. steel snow shovels, \$3.10 per dozen.

**SPELTER**—7 1-2 to 7 3-4c per lb.

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

**STEEL**—Sleigh shoe, \$2.50 base; tire \$2.50; machinery, \$2.65; too calk, \$2.95; hoop, \$2.75.

**TINNED SHEETS**—24 gauge, 6 to 6 3-4c.

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

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

**WIRE NAILS**—Base price at \$3.22 1-2 to \$5.30 f.o.b. Toronto and west.

## PAINTS AND OILS.

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

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

**LINSEED OIL**—Prices delivered at Western Ontario points are: Raw, 1 to 4 barrels 61c; boiled, 1 to 4 barrels, 64c. Prices in Toronto, Hamilton and London are 1c per gallon less.

**LIQUID PAINTS**—Pure, \$1.20 per gallon. No. 1 quality, 90c per gallon.

**PARIS WHITE**—90c.

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

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

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

**SLAL OIL**—35s per gallon, and yellow seal at 45c.

**TURPENTINE**—Price delivered at Western Ontario points are as follows: 1 to 4 barrels, 75c. In less quantities than barrels, 5c per gallon extra will be added and package charged for. Prices in Toronto, Hamilton and London are 1c less than the above. Terms, net 30 days.

**WHITING**—35c per 100 lbs.; gilders' whitening, 85c.

**WHITE LEAD**—Ex-Toronto, pure white lead \$6 50; No. 1, \$6.12 1-2; No. 2, \$5.73; No. 3, \$5.37 1-2; No. 4, \$5.00; dry white lead in casks, \$3.75.

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

## Minneapolis Markets.

**Flour**—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.50 to \$3.75; second patents, \$3.30 to \$3.55.

**Millfeed**—Shorts in bulk, \$10.75; bran in bulk, \$11.00; corn feed, \$12.25 to \$14 per ton as to quality.

**Oats**—No. 3 white, 22 1-2c.

**Barley**—35 to 40c.

**Corn**—Quoted at 29c for No. 3.

**Flax seed**—\$1.23 1-2 per bushel.

**Eggs**—16 to 16 1-2c for strictly fresh including cases.

**Butter**—Creamery, 21 to 22 1-2c for choice to extras; seconds 18 to 20c; dairy, 19 to 21c for choice to fancy; seconds 16 to 18c.

**Cheese**—7 to 12c.

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

**Potatoes**—25 to 28c per bushel for car lots.

**Hides**—Green salted hides, 9 3-4c for No. 1; 8 3-4c for No. 2; steers over 60 lbs., 9 1-4 and 10 1-4c; sheepskins 25 to 36c each; veal calf, 10 1-2 and 7 1-4c for No. 2 and No. 1; tallow, 3 1-4 to 4 1-4c; seneca root, 30 to 35c.

**Hay**—Timothy ranges at \$7.50 to \$9.50 as to quality.

**Dressed meats**—Veal 6 to \$12c; mutton, 4 to 6c; lambs, 5 to 3c.

**Beans**—Hand picked, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per bushel.

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

**Live stock**—Hogs sold mostly at \$3.75 to \$4. Cattle, butchers' cows and heifers, \$2.25 to \$3.25. Stockers and feeders \$2.50 to \$4.50. Lambs, \$5.

## SUGAR.

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London Nov. 3.

Leaf sugar was dull and weaker at 9 3-4d for November, and 9 21-4d for December.

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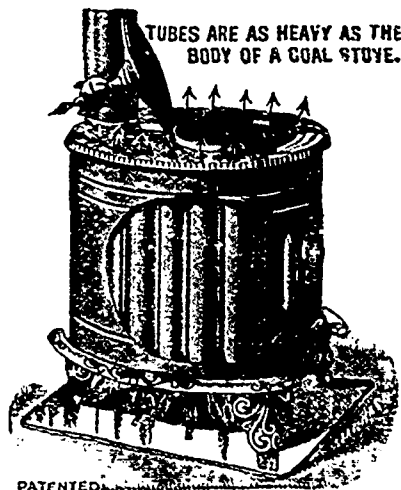
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**TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.**  
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Toronto, Nov. 4.

Dry Goods—Favorably affected by colder weather towards the end of the week. Heavy goods in better demand. Sorting trade continues active and little will be done in spring goods, while it is so good. Merchants' Cotton Co.'s new list shows advances of 1-4 to 1-2c per yard in grey and white cottons, pillow cottons, sheetings and drill ducks. Some cotton mills have sufficient orders now on hand to keep them busy till May.

Hardware—Business is active and prices still show strong upward tendency. Bronze sap spouts are higher at \$16 per thousand. Cotton twine is 1, 1c 1-2c dearer. Cotton rope is 1c per lb higher. Clothes line is 10 to 12 1-2c per cent higher. Sash cord 1 1-2 to 2c dearer; coil chain 25 to 40c higher; wire chain, 15 to 20 per cent dearer. Discount on bolts and nuts lower. All carriage bolts now higher. Ice cream freezers are dearer for next season's delivery. Sad irons firm at 90c per set and 10c additional for nickel. Pig lead 1-4c dearer, castor oil is 1-2 to 1c lower; seal oil is 4 to 5c lower, window glass, white, is 10 to 25c higher in Montreal, but is unchanged here.

Groceries—Trade is fair. Fancy groceries for holiday trade are beginning to move. Canned goods are stronger, most houses asking \$1 for corn, and some only 95c. Tomatoes have advanced to 90c. Sugars are dull at Tuesday's 5c decline. Teas are in good demand and firm. Oatmeal 15c lower.

**TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.**  
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Nov. 4.

Grain is dull owing to scarcity of cars. Export business is slow. Ontario and Manitoba wheat is 1-2c lower. Ontario flour is 5c lower. Hog products are firm and active. The outlook for wool is improved, owing to an advance in United States markets. Hides, firm and unchanged. Fresh eggs are 1c dearer. Dressed hogs are 15 to 25c dearer.

Four—Manitoba patents, \$4.20; Manitoba bakers, \$3.70; Ontario straight roner, \$3.10 to \$3.15 per barrel for car lots, Toronto freight.

Wheat—Ontario new winter wheat, 65 1-2 to 66 1-2 for cars at country points; Ontario spring, 65 1-2 to 66 1-2c No. 1 hard, 79c, grinding in transit, and 75c Toronto.

Oats—Now oats, 25 to 26c at country points for car lots.

Barley—No. 2, 40 to 41c, country points.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$14.50 ton; bran, \$11.25 to \$11.50 per ton for cars at country mills.

Oatmeal—\$3.10 in bags per barrel, and \$3.50 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—Choice fresh, 18 to 19c; see onds, 12 to 14c; held stock, 16 to 17c; No. 1 hmed, 15c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, choice fresh 18c; pcor to medium, 10 to 16c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 21c.

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

Hides—9c for No. 1 cows; 8c No. 2, and 7c for No. 3; No. 1 heavy steers, 9 1-2c. Cured cows, 9 1-2c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 50 to 75c; calf skins, 10c and 9c for No. 1 and No. 2. Tallow, 5 to 5 1-4c.

Wool—Washed fleeces, 15c; unwashed, 9 to 10c.

Beans—\$1.10 to \$1.50 per bushel for hand picked.

Dried apples—5 1-2 to 6 1-2c for round lots; evaporated, 8 to 9c.

Honey—9 to 10c in bulk.

Poultry—Chickens, 30 to 40c per pair turkeys, 9 to 10c per pound; geese, 5 to 6c.

Potatoes—steady at 30 to 35c per bag for car lots.

Hogs—Dressed hogs, \$5.25 to \$5.40 per 100 pounds for car lots.

**TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.**  
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Oct. 31.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 1,000 sheep and lambs and 1,380 hogs. Choice cattle were scarce, both for export and butchers' stock. Hogs were 1-8c lower. Other lines steady.

Export cattle—The best cattle sold at \$1.25 to \$1.50 and light weights at \$1 to \$1.25.

Butchers' cattle—\$1 to \$1.10 was paid for choice lots; good cattle \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt; medium mixed lots of heifers and steers sold at \$3.00 to \$3.50 and butchers' common cows at \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.

Stockers—\$2.25 to \$3.25 per cwt. was paid, according to weight; stock bulls, \$2 to \$2.50.

Feeders—Heavy feeders sold at \$3.25 to \$3.75 per cwt, and light feeders at \$3 to \$3.25. Feeding bulls \$2.60 to \$3.00.

Sheep and lambs—Lambs sold at \$3.75 to \$4 per cwt; export sheep, per cwt, \$3.25 to \$3.40; butchers' sheep, each, \$2.50 to \$3.25.

Hogs—A further decline of 12 1-2c per cwt all round was reported. Market dull. Choice medium fats sold at \$4.25 per cwt and light and thick fats at \$3.87 1-2.

**FRIDAY'S MARKET.**

Toronto, Nov. 4.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 650 cattle, 2,000 sheep and lambs and 2,000 hogs.

Export cattle sold higher. One sale of a choice lot was made at \$1.70 per 100 pounds. Butchers' cattle sold firm. Lambs 20c lower than on Tuesday. A few sheep sold at \$4. Hogs were weaker and lower prices are predicted for next week.

**MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.**  
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Oct. 30.

At the East End Abattoir market yesterday the offerings of live stock were 800 cattle and 700 sheep and lambs.

There was an active demand for best cattle, but all other kinds were neglected, and sales were made rather slowly and at declining prices. Prime heaves sold at from 4 1-4 to a little over 1 1-2c per lb, pretty good stock and common animals at from 2c to 3c per lb. About 60 small lean cattle, bulls, steers and heifers, were bought for the Buffalo market at 2c per lb. Calves sold at from \$3 to \$12 each. Shippers paid 3 1-4c per lb for good large sheep; good lambs sold in lots at from 4c to 4 1-2c per lb and the others at about 3 3-4c per lb. Fat hogs sold at about 4 1-4c per lb for straight lots weighed off the cars.

**THURSDAY'S MARKETS.**

Montreal, Nov. 3.

At the East End Abattoir yesterday cattle were in good supply.

Very little choice stock offered. Best cattle sold at 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c, others 3 to 4c. Sheep were steady at Monday's prices. Lambs 3 3-4 to 4 1-4c. Hogs unchanged.

**MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.**  
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Nov. 4.

Oats are lower at 29 1-2 to 30c, a decline of 1-2c to 3-4c for the week. Flour is fairly active, but 5c lower for patents. Bakers are unchanged. Bran is steady. Meal is active and bags 2 1-2c lower than the top price of a week ago. Hides are strong and without change except lambskins, which are 10c higher. Tallow is 1-4c dearer. Eggs are 1c high for fresh gathered. Butter quiet and unchanged. Cheese is easier and 1-4c lower on the inside quotation. Beans have advanced 25 to 30c. Potatoes are in more liberal supply and easier. Poultry is meeting with improved demand. We quote:

Oats—29 1-2 to 30c, afloat.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.60 to \$3.70; Manitoba patents \$1.05 to \$1.15.

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

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

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 10c; No. 2, 9c; No. 3, 8c; calfskins, No. 1, 11c, No. 2, 9c; lambskins 75c. Tallow, 4 to 4 1-2c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh 19c to 21c, candled, 16 to 17c; second grade, 13 1-2 to 14c.

Butter—Choice, fresh dairy 16 to 17c.

Butter—Choice creamery, 20 1-2 to 21c.

Cheese—Western finest, 11 1-4 to 11 1-2c; eastern, 10 3-4 to 11c.

Beans—\$1.30 to \$1.40 per bushel as to quality.

Potatoes—Potatoes, bags, 40c. Dressed poultry—Turkeys, 10c; ducks \$c; chickens, 7 to 8c per lb.

**MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.**  
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Nov. 4.

The hardware and paints market continues very firm and active. Rope is firmly held. Turpentine is stronger. Paints and oil are firm. Glass has advanced 10c per 100 feet.

**MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.**  
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Nov. 4.

A weaker feeling has developed in the sugar market, owing to lower foreign advices on the raw article and competition of United States refiners; in consequence, prices were reduced on Tuesday 5c per 100 lbs., granulated now being quoted at \$1.50 and yellows at \$3.70 to \$4.35 per 100 lbs., as to quality, at the factory. No other important changes have been made in grocery prices. Business is brisk.

**LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.**  
Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Nov. 3.

Quotations are steady at 5s 6d for white and 5s for colored.

**ONTARIO CHEESE MARKETS.**

Ingersoll, Oct. 31.—(Special) — Offerings, 1,885 boxes, 1,325 all September and 569 September and October make. No sales; 10 3-4c 111 all round, salesmen still holding for more money, but not quite so high in their ideas as in the past.

At the Campbellford Cheese Board yesterday 3,375 were loaded. Following were the sales: 150 at 11 1-8c; 970 at 11 1-8c; 1,070 at 11 1-8c; 700 at 11 1-8c, and 485 at 11 1-16c.



## New York Wheat

New York, Oct. 30.—Wheat, Dec. opened 74 7-8c, closed 74 7-8c. May opened 78 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 78 3-8c a.

New York, Oct. 31.—Wheat, Dec. opened 75 1-4c, closed 75 1-4c. May opened 78 5-8c, closed 78 3-4c.

New York, Nov. 1.—Wheat, Dec. opened 74 7-8, closed 74 1-4. May opened 78 3-8, closed 78 1-8.

New York, Nov. 2.—Wheat, Dec. opened 74c, closed 73 3-4c. May opened 77 7-8, closed 77 5-8c.

New York, Nov. 3.—Wheat, Dec. opened 77 3-4c, closed 77 1-8c b.

New York, Nov. 4.—Dec. wheat closed at 73 1-2c and May at 77c.

## Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chicago, Oct. 36.—Wheat, Dec. opened 69 7-8 to 70c, closed 69 7-8 to 70c b. May opened 73 1-2, closed 73 1-2 to 5-8c. Corn, Dec. opened 31 5-8 to 1-2c, closed 31 3-8c. May opened 32 7-8 to 3-4c, closed 32 7-8c a. Oats, Dec. opened 22 3-4c, closed 22 7-8c a. May opened 24 1-4c, closed 24 1-2c a. Pork, Dec. opened \$8.15, closed \$8.17 1-2. Jan. opened \$9.10 to \$9.72 1-2, closed \$9.70. Lard, Dec. opened \$5.25, closed \$5.20 to \$5.22 1-2. Jan. opened \$5.42 1-2, closed \$5.37 1-2 to \$5.40. Ribs, Dec. opened \$4.90, closed \$4.87 1-2c a. Jan. opened \$5, to \$5.02 1-2, closed \$4.97 1-2 to \$5. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.77 1-2. Oct. \$1.77 3-4.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—Wheat, Dec. opened 70 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 70 3-8c b. May opened 73 7-8 to 74c, closed 74 1-8c a. Corn, Dec. opened 31 3-8, closed 31 1-2c b. May opened 32 7-8c, closed 32 7-8c b. Oats, Dec. opened 22 7-8c. May opened 24 1-4c, closed 24 1-4c. Pork, h. Oats, Dec. opened 22 7-8c, closed 22 7-8c. May opened 24 1-4c, closed 24 1-4. Pork, Dec. opened \$8.12 1-2, closed at \$8.15. Jan. opened \$9.70, closed \$9.70 to \$9.72 1-2. Lard, Dec. opened \$5.20, closed \$5.15 b. Jan. opened \$5.35, closed \$5.32 1-2. Ribs, Dec. opened \$4.85, closed \$5.82 1-2. Jan. opened \$4.95 to \$4.97 1-2, closed \$4.95 b.

Chicago, Nov. 1.—Wheat — Dec. opened 70 to 69 7-8, closed 69 1-4a; May opened 73 3-4 to 5-8, closed 73 1-4 a; corn, Dec. opened 31 3-8, closed 31 1-8 a; May opened 32 7-8 b; closed 32 1-2 a; oats, Dec. opened 22 3-4, closed 22 3-4 a; May opened 24 1-8 to 1-4, closed 24 a. c. pork opened May \$9.70 n, closed \$9.70 n, Dec. opened \$8.07 1-2 to 10, closed \$8. Jan. opened \$9.70, closed \$9.60 a, lard, Dec. opened \$5.12, closed \$5.10; Jan. opened \$5.30, closed \$5.25; ribs, Dec. opened \$4.80, closed \$4.75; Jan. opened \$4.92 1-2, closed \$4.90 a. Flax, cash \$1.29, Dec. \$1.28, May \$1.28 3-4.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—Wheat, Dec. opened 69 1-2 to 1-4c, closed 69 7-8c a. May opened 73 1-4 to 1-8c, closed 72 7-8c b. Corn, Sept. opened 31c, closed 30 7-8c. May opened 32 3-8c, closed 32 3-8c b. Oats, Dec. opened 22 5-8c, closed 22 1-2c. May opened 24c, closed 23 7-8c. Pork, May opened \$9.72 1-2, closed \$9.70. Dec. opened \$8.02 1-2c b, closed \$8.02 1-2. Jan. opened \$9.62 1-2, closed \$9.60. Lard, Dec. opened \$5.10, closed \$5.07 1-2c b.

Chicago, Nov. 3.—Wheat, Dec. opened 69 1-3 to 69c, closed 68 1-4c. May opened 73 1-8 to 73c, closed 72 1-4c. Corn, Dec. opened 31 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 30 3-4 b. May opened 32 5-8c, closed 32 1-1 b. Oats, Dec. opened 22 5-8c b, closed 22 3-8c. May opened 24c, closed 23 7-8c. Pork, May opened \$9.80, closed \$9.77 1-2. Dec. opened \$8.05, closed \$8.12 1-2 b. Jan. opened \$9.65, closed \$9.70. Ribs, Dec. opened \$4.82 1-2, closed \$4.85 n. Jan. opened \$4.92 1-2, closed \$4.95 a. Flax, cash \$1.29 1-4, Dec. \$1.28, May \$1.29.

Chicago, Nov. 4.—Wheat opened at 68 3-8c for December option and ranged from 68 to 68 1-2c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—Dec. 68 1-4c, May 72 1-1c.  
Corn—Nov. 30 1-4c, Dec. 30 5-8c.  
Oats—Nov. 22 3-8c, Dec. 22 3-8c.  
Pork—Nov. \$8.12 1-2.  
Lard—Nov. \$5.07.  
Ribs—Nov. \$4.85.

A week ago December option closed at 70c. A year ago December wheat closed at 65c, two years ago at 93 3-4c, three years ago at 78 1-8c; four years ago at 58 1-4c, five years ago at 54 1-2c.

## CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, Nov. 4.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$1.28 1-2 for cash; December \$1.28.

## DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—Dec. 67 1-2c, May 71 1-8c.  
Tuesday—Dec. 67 3-4c, May 71 1-2c.  
Wednesday—Dec. 66 7-8c, May 70 5-8c  
Thursday—Dec. 66 3-8c, May 70 3-8c.  
Friday—Cash 66c, Dec. 66c, May 70c.  
Saturday — Dec., 65 7-8c; May, 69 7-8c

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 67c, and cash No. 1 northern at 66c.

A week ago December wheat closed at 67 1-2c. A year ago December wheat closed at 62 3-4c, two years ago at 88 1-4c; three years ago at 78 7-8c, four years ago at 54 1-2c, and five years ago at 57 3-4c, and six years ago at 59 1-8c.

## MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Saturday, Nov. 4. — No. 1 northern wheat closed today at 64 1-4c for December; May, 68 1-4c; cash No. 1 northern 65c.

## LIVERPOOL WHEAT MARKET.

Liverpool, Nov. 4.—Wheat close 1 1-8d lower

## LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.  
Liverpool, Nov. 3.  
The cattle market is slow. Canadian cattle sold 1-2c lower at 10 1-2c to 11 1-4c, estimate dressed weight.

## NORTHERN ALBERTA CROPS.

J. L. Ruby, manager for the Frost & Wood Co., implements, Winnipeg, has returned from a trip over the Edmonton branch and reports the outlook even more favorable there than he had expected to find it. Notwithstanding the remarkably wet summer, the crops ripened up all right and the grain was safely cut. Stacking and threshing was delayed for some time by a rain of snow, but this had disappeared and threshing had been resumed again. Mr. Ruby was much pleased with the appearance of the country and with the evidences of advancement. A large number of prospectors were met on every train, and people from all quarters are looking over the country with a view to settlement. While the heavy rains and early snow fall had made the harvest late, Mr. Ruby believed that the great bulk of the crop would be safely secured.

## BAGS ADVANCING.

There has been a very strong upward movement in bags going on for some time past, particularly for jute bags, though cotton bags are also higher. The strike in the jute trade in Scotland, where the supply of this material is procured, is partly the cause of the high price of bags. Jute bags have advanced about 40 per cent within the past two months, including a recent advance of 10 per cent.

The Winnipeg city council wanted tenders this week for the supply of heating apparatus for the new city waterworks building.

## WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Wheat was dull and weak to-day in sympathy with other markets. Spot one hard sold at 67c, Fort William, and 66 3-4c was being offered for November delivery. Prices paid to farmers in country markets were reduced to yesterday by some of the large buyers, to 64c at 15 cent freight rate points to Fort William. Lake freights are lower this week. Charters have been made at 4 1-2c Fort William to Buffalo, and as low as 4 1-4c has been named.

## THE COMMERCIAL MEN.

R. E. Crawford, of Gault Bros., came in from a western trip this week.

A. W. Lasher, of W. R. Johnston & Co., was in the city this week and registered at the Leland.

W. Miller, representing the Empire Tobacco company is making a trip over the Deloraine branch.

J. H. Glass, Sr., and J. H. Glass, Jr., of London, Ont., are among the commercial men at the Leland this week.

A rich and familiar face was seen on the street this week in the person of S. C. Matthews, of Matthews, Towers & Co., Montreal. Mr. Matthews, formerly paid regular visits to the west, but has not been up this way for the past four years.

## WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

Caze & Poyer have built a hotel at Rosthern, Sask.

A. F. Fagl, a fur buyer, has located at Prince Albert, Sask.

S. C. Bell, general merchant, Balduf, Man., is offering business for sale.

The estate of Wm. H. Lowe, general store, Roland, has been sold to A. C. Chaytor.

Bashford & Fisher are erecting a building for a hardware store at Rosthern, Sask.

H. A. Wallace, grocer, stationer, etc., Winnipeg, has sold out to Rodgers Bros. & Co.

Jos. Lawrence, agricultural implements, Matho, Man., sold out to Howard & Moore.

Gray & Whitley have purchased the bakery and fruit business of James Lauder, at Edmonton, Alberta.

The three steamboats belonging to the Alaska Trading and Transportation company were disposed of at sheriff's sale at Edmonton, Alberta, recently. McDougall & Secord, of Edmonton, were the purchasers. These steamers were built with the idea of doing a big trade on the water route to Yukon and the north via Edmonton.

The Gallagher-Hull, Meat & Packing Co., (Ltd.), applies for incorporation in the latest issue of the Canada Gazette. The capital stock is \$75,000 in 7,500 shares of \$10 each. The applicants are: C. Gallagher, Edmonton; W. R. Hull, Calgary; J. S. Wilmot, Edmonton; Exilda Gallagher, Edmonton; and D. W. Gillis, Calgary.

## New Map.

The Commercial has received a hand some and valuable new wall map of the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland, from the Consolidated Stationery Co., of Winnipeg. The map is published by the Copp, Clark Co., of Toronto, and is compiled from the latest government surveys. The map is very complete in details and is right up to date, having just been issued. The Consolidated Stationery Co. are supplying these maps to the Western trade.