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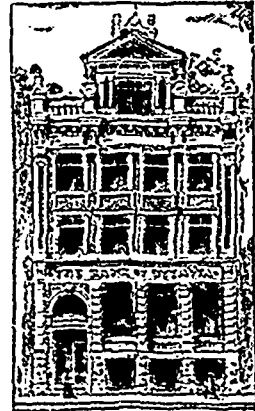
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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 25, 1897.

APPLES

Owing to the light crop of apples in Ontario this year, supplies for the Winnipeg market have been coming in principally from the States. Missouri and Kansas apples have been the principal lines in the market. While some very fine looking apples have come in from these states, it has been remarked that they have not as fine a flavor as the Canadian apples. The latter are rather small this year, and there is also a greater tendency to scab than usual, but the flavor is superior to the southern fruit.

SHIPPING FRUITS

A cargo of California fresh fruits was recently landed in London, England, in splendid condition. This shows what can be accomplished by skill and care in handling, combined with cold storage facilities. And yet, Canadian fruit growers, both east and west, have been unable to supply the Manitoba market with sound fruit. Fruit shipped from Ontario to London, did not arrive at its destination in good condition. Before trying to work up an export trade, Canadian fruit growers should study the business sufficiently to enable them to supply the home market with properly handled fruit. It would no doubt pay some of them to take a trip to California to see how the work is done there.

POTATO SUGAR

A chemist of the old world is alleged to have discovered a simple process of making sugar from potatoes. This, however, does not mean that Manitoba will soon be able to produce sugar profitably. We can grow sugar beets here just as well as potatoes, but it is doubtful if beet sugar manufacturing could be made to pay here. It is also doubtful if there will be any particular value in the discovery, as sugar is already very low in price, and it is not likely that potato sugar could be produced more cheaply than beet sugar. Beets are if anything more easily cultivated than potatoes.

CANNED LOBSTERS

Recently there has been considerable trouble with canned lobsters, on account of the tendency of the goods to discolor and deteriorate in quality. The lobster industry is one of great importance to Canada, the value of exports of this class of goods for 1896 being about \$2,500,000. On this account an inquiry was made by the federal government into the cause of the trouble. Quite an exhaustive blue book has now been issued upon the subject. The cause of the trouble is alleged to be micro-organisms, which can only be destroyed by repeated "bathing" of the cans in boiling water, from forty minutes to an hour.

MANITOBA FARM LANDS

That there is money in Manitoba farm lands at their present value, is a proposition which there is scarcely any reason to doubt. Lands which will repay their purchase price from one crop, and leave a nice surplus besides, certainly show good value. We have recorded several instances where purchasers have paid for their farms, including improvements upon the land when purchased, from the proceeds of a single crop. That this fact is beginning to be appreciated is shown by the increased sales of farm lands this fall. Rich farm lands for \$6 to \$10 per acre, within a few miles of a city like Winnipeg, seems absurd. There will be more money in these lands than in Klondyke mines, some of these days.

DRAINING OUR LANDS

The Toronto Monetary Times suggests that the city of Winnipeg should pay half the costs of draining the lands about the city, in order to encourage the settlement of these lands. The Commercial would beg leave to demur from any such proposal. Winnipeg has quite enough to do to provide necessary improvements within her own unnecessarily wide boundaries. Municipal taxes are already much higher in Winnipeg, pro-

portionately, than they are in the rural municipalities, and an enormous expenditure is still necessary to provide street and other improvements which are sadly needed. Winnipeg is already taxed to provide provincial funds for purposes which are of no value to the city, including such peculiar items as wolf tax, etc. Some provincial legislators even suggested that the city should be taxed to provide hail insurance for the farmers. While we are not surprised that rural legislators should try to "stick" the city and town corporations as much as possible, it does seem surprising that a financial journal should think it the work of the city to drain the rural districts surrounding. While it is true that there are thousands of acres of rich land around Winnipeg which require drainage, it is also true that there is much vacant land which does not require drainage. The Commercial has always advocated the drainage of our low districts by the proper parties, but certainly not by the already overtaxed city of Winnipeg.

RAILWAY EXTENSION NEEDED

Sir William Van Horne, when in Winnipeg recently, expressed the willingness of the company to extend the Stonewall branch northward, if sufficient aid were extended to the company. He claimed that the road would not pay operating expenses, and that therefore they could not undertake it without some aid from the government. There is no district in Manitoba more badly off for railway communication than the country north of Stonewall. The land is good and the district is an excellent one. Moreover, it is a district which has been partially settled for many years, and the residents have been discouraged by their long isolation. It is earnestly to be hoped that this greatly needed road will be built before another year passes by. We would not, of course, presume an opinion against the statement of Sir William Van Horne that the road would not pay, but it might be supposed that the extension of the Stonewall branch twenty to forty miles, through a rich country, already containing many settlers, would add materially to the profit from operating that branch.

FIRE GUARDS

Recent prairie fires have called attention to the matter of preparing fire guards. A municipal system of preparing guards should be encouraged as much as possible. Plowing guards is evidently not the best plan. A guard wide enough to be effective would be costly, and the plowed guards form breeding places for weeds. A machine for burning fire guards

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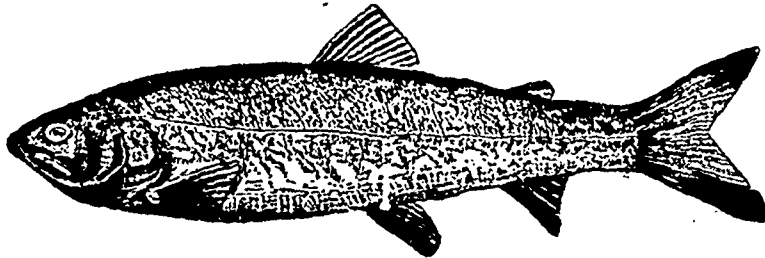
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CHARTER MONGERING

One of the companies which secured a charter to build a railway through the White pass, on the road to the Klondyke, is reported to have sold an option on the charter to another company, and if the deal goes through the first company will pocket about quarter of a million dollars as a result of its success in securing a charter from parliament. This charter-mongering in railway and other schemes is something which should be checked. It has become a disgrace. Companies seeking valuable franchises, should be obliged to put up a considerable deposit with the government as a guarantee of good faith, the deposit to be liable to forfeiture when charter-mongering is indulged in.

GUN ACCIDENTS

Several persons perished from the severe bush and prairie fires experienced in Manitoba this fall, and a great deal has been said about these regrettable calamities in the press. Every fall, during the shooting season, the victims of gun accidents are numerous. Of the latter we hear very little, no doubt because it is the usual thing. The victims of gun accidents we have always with us, at least during the shooting season, while a fatality from a bush or prairie fire is a comparatively rare occurrence.

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It is reported that a history of the Hudson's Bay company is to be written and published. It will certainly make a very interesting volume. A history of the company will practically be a history of Western Canada, and it will form a most interesting and valuable addition to the literature relating to a vast portion of the Canadian dominion.

MISPLACED MEN

It is sometimes remarked that there is always a good opening in positions of trust for really valuable men. It is true that it is often difficult to get hold of a really valuable man, but at the same time capable men are often found in inferior positions, and are dominated over by men who are much their inferiors. The best man does not always get the best position by a long way. Sometimes it is by lack of push or lack of confidence in his own abilities, that the best man remains in the inferior position. The writer, in his own experience, has known cases where an individual, through sheer cheek and unlimited confidence in himself, has pushed himself ahead and eliminated over the tops of several others who were his superiors in every respect except perhaps in the ability to push themselves ahead. Lack of confidence in one's self, if carried to a great extreme, may be classed as a lack of ability, but it is not always so. There is a medium. The number of "small" men who occupy "large" positions is not altogether an indication that competent men are scarce. It often means that the "small" man has had sufficient confidence and vigor to push himself ahead of others who perhaps were much more capable to fill the position. Certain it is however, that we find many small, narrow men in important positions. Men without any breadth of view or fine sense of honor, are sometimes found at the head of a large company; men who for some flimsy excuse would dock twenty-five cents from the subscription price of a weekly paper; while occupying a minor position in the employment of the same concern may be found men who would do honor to the best position in the keeping of the company. Really valuable men for certain positions are no doubt often hard to find, but just as often the best man is overlooked. Principals often make mistakes in advancing employees, by mistaking push and confidence for solid ability. The "small" man in the "big" position is no means a rarity, and his position makes him seem all the smaller, but there are very really valuable men occupying very humble positions.

TARIFF EFFECT ON HIDES

Frank Lightcap, hide and wool dealer, Winnipeg, has returned from an extended trip east. Formerly a large portion of the hides and wool purchased in Winnipeg was shipped to the States, but the new United States tariff has somewhat upset the calculations of the Winnipeg dealers in these lines. Mr. Lightcap, therefore, went east to study the situation in eastern markets, with a view to shipping his purchases that way. After

visiting Toronto, Montreal, Quebec and other eastern markets, and studying the situation thoroughly, he has come to the conclusion that even in the face of the present high tariff, hides can be shipped to the States from Manitoba to almost as good advantage as to sell them in the east. That this is a correct conclusion is born out by the fact that even in Ontario, with tanneries close at hand, hides are being exported to the United States. Mr. Lightcap says there is keen competition in the hide trade at Toronto and Montreal just now, owing to an attempt at both places to run some layers out of the market. He also was surprised to notice the very poor class of cattle killed for the local market at Montreal. Mr. Lightcap visited Chicago, Minneapolis and other points in the United States on his way back; and found the impression prevailing that the present high duty on hides would not long be maintained. On wool, however, the feeling is that the duties will be maintained until there is a reaction in the public sentiment upon the tariff question. He says that enormous profits have been made on wool this year, owing to the recent big advance in the States by holders of that article, but he predicts low prices in Canada next year for wool, as we are now practically shut out of the United States market. This year, however, owing to the large shipments to the United States before the tariff went into effect, stocks in Canada are light and holders here will make good profits.

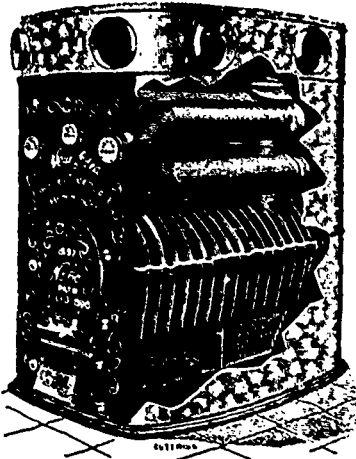
DUTY ON MAIL MATTER

The new customs regulations, allowing mail matter of less than 50 cents in value to be admitted free of duty, is a great boon to the public. The collection of duty on articles of trifling value, especially catalogues and similar things of no intrinsic value to the receiver, has been a source of irritation in the past.

YEAR BOOK

The Statistical Year Book of Canada has been issued by the Department of Agriculture. This is a very useful book of reference, issued annually by the Federal Government. A large space is devoted to trade statistics, but many other subjects are dealt with, such as population, railways, official information, minerals, customs, marine, postal and financial matters, etc. It is prepared under the direction of Geo. Johnson, chief of the statistical department, Ottawa.

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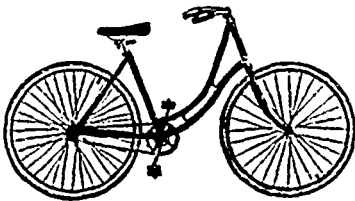
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THE PORTAGE PLAINS

Thirty-five or forty years ago, when the "old front road" was the main highway from Fort Garry to and through the settlements of Poplar Point, High Bluff and Portage in Prairie, the fertile strip of farming lands lying on the north side of the Assiniboine river was almost the only wheat raising locality outside of the Red River Valley. The half-breed settlers who had their allotment of lands in the narrow strips running from the river, outwards, had even then begun to farm the prairie part of their belongings. Then the Portage Plains were known for their fertility, and when some twenty-five years ago a slight emigration movement westward began, that locality was the first to be affected by the new blood.

Today the original holders of the river lots—the native born Metis —

farming—plant the seed and reap what grows—nothing like intensive farming, such as is an absolute necessity in older countries, having as yet been resorted to even in this, one of the longest settled farming districts in the west—summer-fallowing being the only recuperation afforded the soil. And yet the Portage Plains continue to compare favorably with the newer portions of the country in quantity of wheat grown and yield per acre. This year, under circumstances rather more unfavorable than existed in most parts of the province, lack of rain at the right season, the yield in this district is fully up to the average yield in the whole province. Originally the Portage and High Bluff district was a rather narrow strip of country, following the course of the Assiniboine river, but as land has become more

the crop is marketed. The quality has, of course, been the best, and the price has compared well with other points.

The receipts of wheat at Portage in Prairie this year have, of course, been lighter, owing to the lighter yield than other years. The average is not put at more than 14 or 15 bushels per acre, which is about what has been found to be the return all over. The excellent quality of the wheat, and the good, indeed, high price realized by those who have sold makes full compensation for the shortage of yield. Many of the large farmers have sold little or no wheat and as most of them are in position to hold they will likely do so until there is a rise in price to meet their desires. The wisdom of that course, in average cases, is not being discussed in this letter, however.



A PORTAGE PLAINS FARM

have largely disappeared. Many of them sold their claims to incoming white settlers and moved to the far west to the banks of the great Saskatchewan. While some of the half-breeds still remain, very few of the old-timers are included in the number and even the first white settlers who followed them have, in many cases, given place in turn to the younger generation or to a new race of incoming settlers.

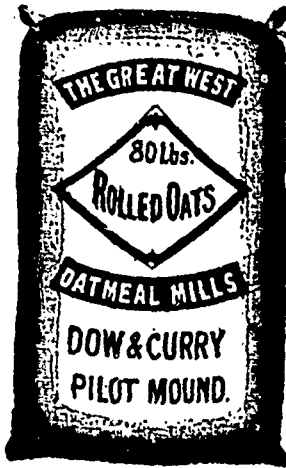
The holders of the land have changed and many of the original conditions have changed, consequent upon the development of the country, but the wheat fields of the Portage Plains still yield Manitoba No. 1 hard, and that, too, in degree fully as great as could be expected in such a long period of cropping, which has been and still continues on the ordinary crude plan of prairie

valuable, the borders of the district have been pushed farther north, until the wheat-growing plains now include lands that not so many years ago were entirely rejected for arable purposes.

The stations of Poplar Point and High Bluff, on the C. P. R. main line, particularly High Bluff, are very important wheat shipping points. Although High Bluff is a very small village, and the business interests are small, being confined to the general stores of Hamby & Co., and L. R. Metcalf, Geo. McKee's blacksmith shop, a machine workshop, and the grain and other business of Mr. Jno. Dilworth, the amount of grain received is considerable, and the farming community is in a prosperous state. Three elevators, the Northern, Jno. Dilworth's and Ogilvie's, receive the grain, and by this time the bulk of

The town of Portage in Prairie sees a very prosperous year before it, much better for business than last winter. There are or have been few business changes during the year, the most important being the taking over of the late Mr. Crisp's jewelry business by Mr. J. F. Higginbotham, formerly of Brandon, and the transfer of the old established general store business of Mr. John McLeod to his son, R. W. McLeod. Mr. McLeod has considerably enlarged both premises and stock and made such improvements that he is rapidly increasing trade.

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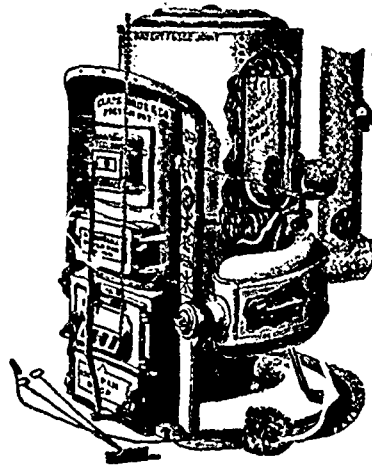


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and elevator is in the hands of Mr. T. H. Metcalfe, the mill not being used much but the elevator is used for shipping wheat. Mr. Metcalfe and son are now the proprietors of the oatmeal mill and are doing a good trade in that staple article. The supply of oats, locally, Mr. Metcalfe says, is short this season. H. S. Patterson, an old-time Portage grain man, has removed to Winnipeg. So has W. C. Graham, who is now associated with J. K. McLennan and J. E. Bowman represents them on the Portage market.

Other industries of Portage la Prairie are the machine shops and planing mills. There are two machine shops, those of E. & W. Hay and White Bros. The latter have a foundry in connection, and they make a specialty of a patent of their own in an attachment for threshing machines. They employ some 10 or 15 men. J. M. Taylor's planing mills and yard are near the C. P. R. depot. He has very complete machinery and makes a specialty of sash and door work, and turned work. All the siding and matched stuff for his lumber yard he manufactures from the rough lumber in his mill. He has a staff of six men. D. C. Craig is the proprietor of the other planing mill, which is also equipped for the manufacture of sash, doors, etc.. Mr. McCaig employs five men.

The new postoffice and the Presbyterian church are the largest improvements in building in Portage la Prairie this year. Both are well on to completion and are fine buildings, which will be a considerable addition to the architectural beauty of the town. Some few residences have been built and many improvements have been made in the way of putting stone basements under residences already built and other additions totalling in all, it is estimated, some \$50,000. These improvements while not so noticeable as the handsome new public buildings, are equally as substantial an addition to the town. The court house and jail while not erected this year are new enough to be mentioned in the category and they certainly are neat buildings. The sheriff's cottage being so little like the ordinary prison residence as to be quite an attractive place, and Sheriff McLean has good taste in the ornamental trees and gardens which serve still further to divert the outward appearance of the jail and other buildings of the suggestion of prison walls.

INFORMATION RE THE NORTH COUNTRY

The Commercial is indebted to many of the citizens of Edmonton, some of whom are old-time Hudson Bay com-

pany employees, for information concerning the country traversed on the Edmonton route to Yukon, which was dealt with in last week's Commercial. Among others may be mentioned Mr. Isaac Cowie and Geo. W. Gairdner, president and secretary respectively, of the Edmonton Board of Trade; Harrison Young, Magnus Anderson, A. G. Harriscu, C. E., Jas. Gibbons, an old-time miner, who came across country from British Columbia, and W. F. Bredin.

Mr. Cowie has published a very exhaustive pamphlet on the Edmonton district, giving statistics and information direct from farmers and others resident there. There is no later publication to enlighten prospective settlers on the resources, development and capabilities of the country.

Mr. Gairdner and Mr. A. G. Harrison formed the Yukon bureau of information and published a valuable handbook giving detailed directions to travellers either by land or water from Edmonton to Yukon. Mr. Gairdner, who was for years in the H. B. company's service in the far north, is able and ready at all times to answer inquiries concerning that country. Mr. Harrison has compiled an excellent map of the country and the routes, and to him The Commercial is indebted for the sketches from which the accompanying map is lithographed.

Mr. Harrison Young, formerly in the employ of the H. B. company at northern posts, is familiar with much of the Peace River and Liard River country. Speaking of winter travel, Mr. Young told how he used to come from Lesser Slave Lake to Edmonton in the early days. He travelled alone, with a dog train, and in coming down he used to load his sleighs with fish for dog feed, making caches along the way, so that when he returned he was able to bring back a load of goods and pick up the food as he travelled. He thinks very little of the idea of using dogs for travel or transport to Yukon as they would not carry more than their own food. As to travelling in winter he thinks there is nothing to dread about it. He used to take it quite as a matter of course. Mr. Young, who is fur buyer for Ross Bros., will be pleased to answer any inquiries made of him.

One of the most interesting old northerners met with, was Mr. Magnus Anderson, and his experience is most interesting owing to the fact that he put in several years in the H. B. Company's service on the Yukon river, only leaving in 1874 after the United States had purchased Alaska and Fort Yukon, and others of the H. B. posts were found to be in that territory. Mr. Anderson has the distinction of being one of the three men through whom

the soil of the Yukon was discovered to contain gold. The others were Jas. McDougall, still in the H. B. Co.'s employ at Cumberland House, and Jas. Sablston, since dead. Each collected six samples of earth taken from high to low water mark and at different locations. This was done in 1866 at the request of the Smithsonian Institute. The analysis of the samples revealed the fact that they were auriferous. Mr. Anderson in those days was also aware of the existence of free silver on the Yukon some 300 miles below Porcupine river. The deposits of ivory in immense tusks, in the frozen gravel on the bars and banks of the Porcupine were also known to Mr. Anderson, who had several knives with handles made from it. He and others got out one tusk 18 feet long and seven inches through and as it was broken off they could not say what the full length would be. Mr. Anderson had been within half a day's travel of Fort Selkirk at the junction of the Pelly and Lewis rivers. The most important part of Mr. Anderson's reminiscences is that dealing with his trip to the Yukon by the very water route taken by prospectors this summer. He went down the Mackenzie to Fort Macpherson. From there he went up Rat river to the height of land and through McDougall pass by the portage to Bell river, thence down that to the Porcupine. This route he pronounced to be perfectly feasible, as it is the one used at the time he was in the far north. The abandonment of the H. B. posts in the lower Yukon country led to the disuse of the pass and the water route has been almost forgotten since.

Mr. W. F. Bredin returned recently from a year's trip to Mackenzie river points. He had many interesting experiences to relate of his stay in that region. He gave The Commercial a sample of salt obtained from Salt river, a branch of the Mackenzie. It is in coarse crystalline form and is gathered from the ground where it collects by evaporation from the springs, which boil up. It is the only salt used by people living there or travelling and is remarkably pure.

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British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, October 18.

Wholesalers report business good and holding well to the improvement chronicled for September. This is so of the whole Province, one or two business failures in Victoria not indicating in any way a business depression in that city. There are but few changes in the market. Fruit is very scarce, oranges, lemons, grapes and apples being about all the varieties obtainable. Apples vary very much in price, cooking apples bring 60 cents for a forty pound box, and choice eating apples \$1.25. Eggs in small lots bring 18 cents and even 181-2 cents per dozen, and in large lots as low as 17 cents. Manitoba cheese is advancing. Oats are dropping in price and can now be obtained at \$18 per ton. The *Mowera*, sailing on Friday, is taking a large cargo. In fact all trans-Pacific steamers are doing a very large passenger and freight trade. The lumber trade for foreign shipment is brisk and ships are commencing to take coast ore in bulk to Swansea, Wales, for smelting. The smelter proposition of Harry Symons, Q. C., has been accepted by the city council of Vancouver. It is as follows: To build a million dollar smelter, to be run by electricity, within one year from January. The city to give as a bonus \$65,000, but the smelter company is to give in exchange \$65,000 worth of stock in the company. Symons is to pay for the submission of a by-law to the public and to forfeit \$5,000, to be deposited beforehand, if the smelter is not started by next June.

British Columbia Mining Notes.

The richest specimens ever brought into the city for exhibition purposes are from the Poorman mine, Nelson. They are simply nuggets with particles of green quartz sticking to them. The Poorman mine stock has been put on the market this week at 25 cents per for the first time. The mine, however, has been worked privately by two brothers named Davenport for five years and in that time the quartz averaged \$30 a ton and the Davenports crushed out \$25,000 a year with a ten stamp mill. The mine has now been purchased by John Wulfsolm and others and is to be worked scientifically and on a larger scale. The Poorman vein has been

proved by trenching and mining for 1,000 feet. Another tunnel is being driven in vertically below the first and will tap the vein in another 100 feet it is expected.

The Excelsior mine, next to the Golden Cache, on Cayoosh Creek, is reported as looking well. The tunnel is in 180 feet. The tunnel is still in quartz and no foot wall is visible and the vein is eighteen feet. Various assays run up as high as \$79.

The Boundary Falls company, whose property is situated at Boundary Falls and is owned by Peterboro and Vancouver people, have struck an eight foot vein in their property, which runs in an average assay across the vein, 8 ozs., 8 dwt. in gold and 8 ozs. 12 dwt in silver. The ore is 50 per cent. free milling.

The sensation recently is the rich rock exhibited in the windows of Mr. McKinnon, the manager of the Golden Cache. It is taken from a prospect recently purchased by himself and friends near the Ida May mine, owned by the Alpha Bell company at Bridge river. On the superficies of the specimens more of the yellow of the gold splashed over it can be seen than the grey of the rock. The specimens are extremely rich.

Chunne stock is still advancing. It went up recently from five to eight cents, owing to the report of Foreman McGrath of their Centaur mine in East Kootenay. Among other things the report says that assays of rock across the breast of the tunnel went \$250 in all values. Such a report a year ago would have jumped the stock of the Chunne to fifty cents in a week, but the people of the coast are considering so many magnificent reports coming from different mining camps that matters will have to quiet down a bit before the advance which must come will take place. Recent wild cutting in Kootenay has done a world of harm to mine companies on the coast where such a thing is unknown.

The Winchester company, whose properties are situated at Fairview Camp, have purchased the well known Steamwinder property. They have now two very rich properties. The Winchester ore is richer than that of the famous Tinkhorn mine and a large amount of tunnelling has been done, but the company, anxious to make their stock a prize in the market, throw this other valuable property in as a special inducement, with the result that eastern parties are eagerly buying up the stock. The first block of 50,000 shares were sold at 25 cents in a few days. The second and last block has now just been put on the market and will be the only treasury stock offered. The block comprises 150,000 shares at 25 cents. The same company own the Tinkhorn, the stock

of which was put on the market at 25 cents and is now quoted at \$1. The Tinkhorn mill will be running on the 23rd of this month. Mr. Willie, the superintendent, has made two bets with owners of rival mines, one that the Tinkhorn stock will be quoted at \$5 before the snow goes, and another that it will be worth twice that before the snow flies again.

The Money Spinner mine will have their mill running on Harrison Lake before the 1st of December. Mr. Lesckle, gives this assurance to the public. The vein of the Money Spinner is widening and getting richer. The stock is being rapidly sold at 50 cents in England and will be entirely taken off the market before the mill starts.

To the Klondyke.

Speaking of the Edmonton route to the Klondyke, the *Winnipeg Daily Nor'-Wester* says: "One of the most recent publications to take the matter up is the *Winnipeg Commercial*. It issued yesterday a special number dealing very fully and ably with the matter. It contains a good map, a description of both the pack trail and the river route from Edmonton, and much useful information as to outfitting. It also publishes excellent reproductions of original photographs showing the H. B. Steamer and the Sturgeon Head boats of the voyageurs of the Athabasca river, a party of prospectors preparing to embark at Athabasca Landing, and another party leading pack horses preparatory to starting out from Edmonton via the overland route. The Edmonton route has been largely used this season, and, as a result of the information which is being disseminated in regard to it, will no doubt rival the coast route in popularity next season."

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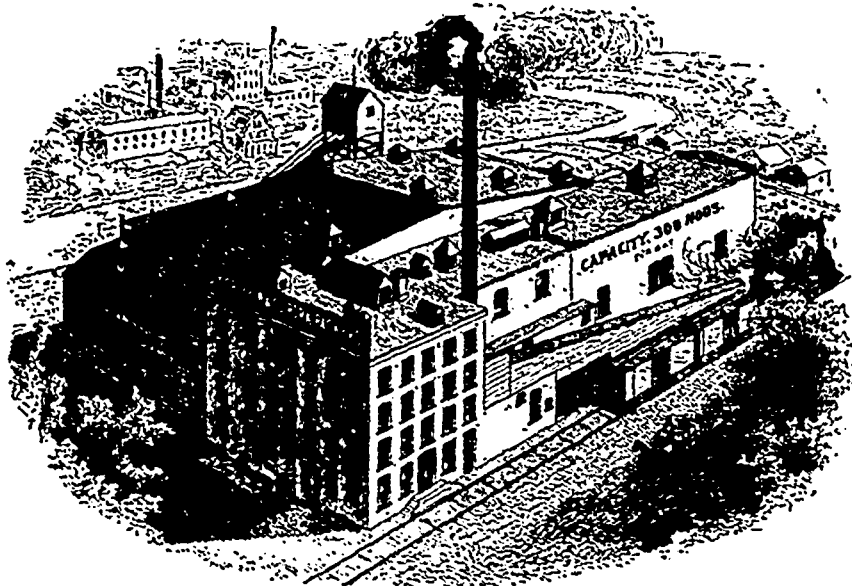
Financial and Insurance Notes.

On November 25, Winnipeg rate-payers will vote on a by-law to raise \$700,000 to establish a new system of waterworks. It is proposed to establish an artesian well system, recent investigations having shown that the supply is ample and of the best quality obtainable.

A statement of the liabilities of the Massachusetts Benefit Life association, at the date of the appointment of the receivers, shows an aggregate of \$1,100,710. The assets were made public some time ago, the figures given being \$506,723.71, exclusive of \$140,396.46 of nominal assets, from which the receivers think little will be realized.

Mr. John Stuart, president, and Mr. Turnbull, cashier of the Bank of Hamilton, were in Winnipeg last week. Mr. Stuart spoke very hopefully of the feeling in the east regarding Western Canada.

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The Hardware and Paint Trade.

The Montreal Gazette says: The result of the makers' conference is a postponement of advance in the price of white lead. Some manufacturers have sufficient supply to serve till close of navigation, so that notwithstanding the firm markets abroad there is not likely to be any further advance in white lead before November. We find no sellers for forward delivery, makers have been unable to cover their own wants owing to a feeling of independence prevailing among exporters in Europe. Turpentine has continued its upward career, and it is believed that the top is not yet reached, arrivals at shipping ports are limited, and in face of a steady demand the factors are able to dictate steady prices. The demand for white lead is active at very firm prices. Red lead is firm and dry white has advanced 1-1c to 5c. The fall demand for liquid paints is very satisfactory, but no advance in prices has been reported notwithstanding the higher prices of materials. Business in putty is being competed for and prices have been shaded 10c all round.

The Montreal Gazette says: The strong feeling in all branches of the iron and metal trade continues, and values have a firm tone. All the large manufacturing concerns in the United States report their order books well filled, and in many instances up to the end of this year, and advances have been made all along the line during the past week of from \$1 to \$4 per ton on finished material. Pig iron is again firmer with an advancing tendency, and the same remarks apply to ingot tin and copper. In fact all heavy material is costing more money, and makers are compelled to advance prices on the smaller goods for which these lines constitute the raw material. For instance, buyers who used to procure certain grades of scrap iron lately found that they would have to pay an advance of \$4.25 per ton compared with a month ago. It is not surprising, therefore, that makers withdraw the old low prices on bar iron last week. Makers who have had to procure fresh supplies of wire rods lately had to pay an advance of \$8 per ton over what their previous contracts called for. With this remarkable advance in mind, traders are speculating how long the present low price and unsettled feeling on plain wire and wire nails will rule. In the natural course of events an advance of price in both should be in order. Steel billets cost to-day \$2.50 per ton more than they did a fortnight ago, \$21 being asked to lay them down in Montreal to-day. Pig iron is firmly held and the same can be said of sheet iron, sheet steel, cans and pipe, etc. A short supply of charcoal in plate is predicted for this fall because makers on the other side are full of work, and a lot of the late import orders may be shut out as they cannot be executed in time to catch the last steamers sailing for this port.

Grain and Milling.

Scott & Chambers are building a 30,000 bushel elevator at Shoal Lake, Man.

The Indian department is calling for tenders for the annual supply of flour, amounting to about 5,700 sacks.

F. H. Hoesen has tendered his resignation as Dominion grain inspector for the Brandon district. Mr. Hoesen is going into the grain trade at Brandon.

The feature of the flour market at Montreal on October 14, was the weaker feeling in Ontario grades and prices were reduced 10c to 15c per barrel.

W. W. Ogilvie, of Montreal, before his return east from Winnipeg, presented each of the employees of the Winnipeg branch with a substantial check.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "The new barley is so light and poor this year that maltsters prefer the old crop, and will pay a good premium for it. The sale is reported of a lot of 20,000 bushels of last year's malting barley for Quebec account at equal to 45c here, and another lot at 45c.

The Winnipeg grain firms are reaching out into the distant portions of northern Alberta. The Dominion Elevator company will build elevators with 15,000 bushels capacity at Red Deer, Wetaskiwin and Leduc. The Manitoba Elevator company will build one with 35,000 bushels capacity at South Edmonton. All these are on the Calgary and Edmonton railway.

The Lumber Trade.

Hughes & Long, of Brandon, contemplate opening a lumber yard at Souris, Man.

A more plentiful supply of red cedar shingles is reported from the coast, but prices are steady and \$2.25 for car lots is quoted, for best grade, says the Minneapolis Lumberman.

The Pacific coast states lumber association is being wound up. This is the association formed to endeavor to control lumber prices on the coast and prevent the unreasonable competition in the trade there.

It is only a few years since red cedar shingles began to be used to any considerable extent in Manitoba. Now they have the market to themselves. A Winnipeg dealer remarked to The Commercial man the other day that he had not handled any pine shingles for at least two years.

H. H. Spicer, of Vancouver, B. C., representing the Spicer Shingle Mill Co., was in Winnipeg last week on a business trip. Mr. Spicer says the coast mills have had a very busy season this year, but he says they cannot keep on long selling shingles at the prices now ruling. The present price of red cedar shingles is \$2 per thousand, in car lots, which is a remarkably low figure, and nearly 100 per cent lower than prices ruling a few years ago. The timber from which the shingles is made is costing higher, as the supply most easily accessible is getting thinned out. The loggers have also been working, he says, at starvation rates, and must have better pay than they have been getting.

Fur Trade Notes.

Local fur manufacturers are busy making up garments for order and for their regular trade. They are counting on a busy season.

W. T. Livock, a Hudson's Bay Co. official from the Edmonton district, says: As to the fur catch, the trade has not been so good this summer as last. You see the rabbits are all disappearing and when this occurs far bearing animals becoming scarce. It is remarkable how these rabbits disappear and where they go to. Thousands of course die, but in five years they will be back in millions, and it seems to me they must migrate or go to sleep for years. The other animals

feed on them. No buffalo are allowed to be killed, and therefore we get no wood buffalo skins."

There is nothing doing in raw furs yet. A'out the only kind of furs that are of any value if caught the latter part of this month are leaver, bear, muskrat and skunk, and even these will grade No. 2 and 3. Skunk are prime before any other kind. October muskrat will all class as fall. Bear caught in the summer and early fall as a general thing are not worth much more than the express charges. Though a few bear skins were received the other day by a Winnipeg dealer which were quite heavily furred.

Grocery Trade Notes.

Advices from San Francisco state that the pack of Alaska salmon will be much lighter than was expected. One pack alone is said to be 40,000 cases short.

The tone of the rice market is firm, says the Montreal Gazette, in sympathy with the continued strong advices from primary markets and values are fully maintained.

The advance noted last week in sugars at Montreal is due chiefly to refiners now allowing jobbers a discount of 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 per cent., according to size of purchase.

Redpath's refinery at Montreal is making a German granulated to compete with the imported article. Their price for this off grade sugar will be 1-1c to 5-16c less than for standard extra granulated.

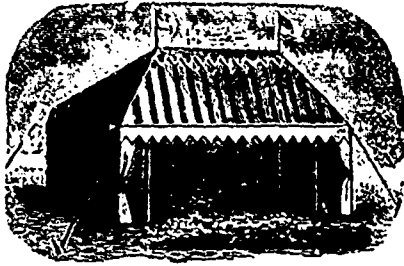
Winnipeg Grain Exchange

A meeting of the exchange, which attracted more than usual interest, on account of a notice of motion relating to the elevator regulations, was held on Wednesday last. After reading the minutes of previous meetings, H. B. Joyner, Fort Qu'Appelle, and G. R. Gordon, grain merchant, Winnipeg, were elected members of the exchange. J. K. McLennan then moved the resolution given below, seconded by W. T. Gibbons. Mr. McLennan supported his motion in a long and forcible and at times, eloquent address, in which he made some good points against the present regulations in favor of elevators at shipping points. The resolution, however, was voted down without further discussion, by a large majority.

"Resolved, that whereas an impression obtains in certain quarters that an elevator monopoly and grain combine exist in Northwestern Canada to the prejudice of the best interests of the people at large, the same having recently been the subject of considerable newspaper controversy here and in Eastern Canada; we, the members of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, having the well being of our city and province at heart, and feeling the importance of taking prompt action in connection with this vital question in order to indicate to the farmers, upon whose efforts largely depends the general prosperity of our country, the fact that our organization as a body is opposed to monopoly and combines in every form; therefore, we hereby request, as a simple and effective solution of the whole difficulty, that the Canadian Pacific Railway company abrogate forthwith their present regulations, which prohibit farmers and others from loading direct on cars at elevator points; and that the secretary of the exchange be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to W. Whyte, Esq., manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway company to the boards of trade at Hamilton, Toronto and Montreal, and to the various city papers for publication."

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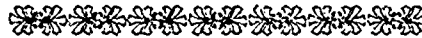
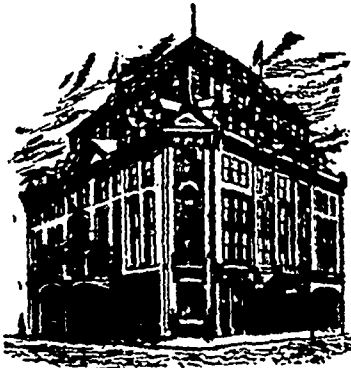
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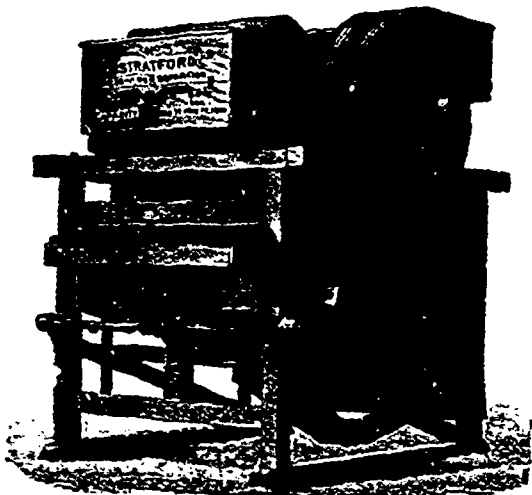
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Manitoba.

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The Manitou Mercury newspaper has been enlarged and improved.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company has offered to carry relief supplies to the sufferers free of charge.

Mr. Chas. Pilling, proprietor of the Royal hotel, Brandon, has sold out to W. F. Thompson, formerly of Wawanesa.

C. E. Slater, who has, for a number of years, been with W. W. Matthews, in Winnipeg, has gone to Holland, where he is opening in the watchmaking and jewellery business.

The E. B. Eddy Co., of Hull, have telegraphed their Winnipeg agents Tres & Perse, to distribute pulls, tubs and washboards to all the families burned out by the recent prairie and bush fires.

W. Coleman has secured a license for the Turtle Mountain House, at Nanga, and is now in possession. Mr. Seefeld, the former occupant, has retired to his farm.

The report published last week that the Albion Hotel, at Portage la Prairie, had been taken over by Angus McLeod, is an error. Mrs. Bell, the present proprietress, will remain in charge of this hotel.

Herman Telke, manager of the Northwest Hide Co., Winnipeg, met with a severe accident by a fall from his bicycle caused by the breaking of the crown joint of his wheel. Mr. Telke was rendered unconscious, for some time, and suffered much pain after his revival.

Manitoba farm lands are looking up. Mr. Penner, a Greta merchant, says that a short time ago a man sold a farm of 160 acres, five miles from Greta, for \$4,000; a few weeks ago another farmer sold his place of 190 acres, three and a half miles from the town, for \$5,000. "I think the best speculation to-day," added Mr. Penner, "is the purchasing of Manitoba farm lands; there is money in it."

George Bannerman, the last but one of the original Red River settlers, who arrived between 1811 and 1815 to found a colony on the banks of the Red river, was buried at Kildonan cemetery, near Winnipeg, on October 17. The only survivor now is the father of Rev. Canon Matheson, of Winnipeg. The original settlers came in by way of Hudson Bay. They found a settlement in the heart of the continent of North America, a thousand miles from any other settlement then existing, and which became the nucleus of the now flourishing province of Manitoba.

Assiniboin.

John Hurst has opened the hotel at Oxbow, which has been closed lately.

John Densmore, of Densmore & Fleury, saddlers, Indian Head, is dead.

Jos. A. Brown, a well known hotel man, formerly proprietor of the Crescent House, Souris, and latterly of the Kelly House, Brandon, takes possession of the Ottawa hotel at Moose Jaw on Nov. 1st, having bought out the late proprietor, Mr. Holt.

Alberta.

A Canadian Pacific railway official reports that 200 people have started for the Klondyke, via Edmonton this season.

Burdett & Dyson have opened a tobacconist store at Calgary.

The Springbank irrigation district has passed a by-law to mortgage the district for \$10,000 for irrigation purposes.

The Edmonton Bulletin claims that about 500,000 bushels of wheat and 1,000,000 bushels of oats have been produced in the Edmonton district this year.

British Columbia Business Notes

D. H. Kirk, Jeweller, Silvertown, has given up business.

Kennedy & Humo, bicycles, Victoria, have closed out.

R. Strathern, Jeweller, has bought out R. C. Wells, of Kaslo.

Walter S. Jones will open an electrical goods store at Kaslo.

J. S. McCague, baker, Revelstoke, is succeeded by McCague Bros.

Weeks, Kennedy & Co., brokers, Roseland have dissolved partnership.

Mrs. J. W. Miller, baker, Chilliwack, has sold out to J. W. Williams.

E. W. Thomas, watchmaker, Chilliwack, has gone out of business.

Keown & Bail, cigar manufacturers, Victoria, have given up business.

R. Hintley succeeds W. Darnard as proprietor of the Waverley hotel, Vancouver.

Holmes & Grace, wholesale liquor merchants, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership.

F. C. Allen has been appointed liquidator of the Diplock Book and Stationery Co., Vancouver.

Batterson & Kleinberg, dealers in stationary and cigars, Silvertown, are moving to Revelstoke.

The stock of Wm. Wilson & Co., dry goods merchants, Victoria, is in possession of the mortgagees.

A sale was advertised for the 11th inst., of the goods and chattels of the Vancouver Biscuit Co., (in liquidation.)

Two Kaslo grocery firms, Ferguson & Cameron, and Thompson Bros. are merged into one, Ferguson & Thompson succeeding.

Robt. Jamieson, bookbinder and stationer, Victoria, advises that he is retiring from business and will close out on Dec. 31st.

Meldrum & Co., of Calgary, Alberta, and Slocan City, B. C., have opened a branch store at New Denver, in clothing and furnishings.

Canadian Pacific officials have commenced preliminary arrangements for a steamship service between Vancouver and Yukon.

Freight Rates.

A freight rate of 20 cents for 100 pounds, on grain and millstuffs, from Fort William to Boston, for export, has been announced, via the lake route and Owen Sound.

Coal freights from Buffalo are higher at 30 to 40 cents to Chicago and Milwaukee, 30 cents to Manitowoc, and from 5 to 10c higher to other ports.

Considerable space has been engaged for wheat at 61-4c to 61-2c from Duluth and Fort William to Montreal, amounting to about 300,000 bushels. Corn has been taken at 31-4c from Chicago to Kingston.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: The demand for grain space has somewhat slackened for Liverpool and

Glasgow and is quoted dull at 3s to 3s 3d for both ports. There is little or no room to be had for London, and Bristol is unchanged at 3s 3d to 3s 6d. Flour has been taken at 15s to 16s 3d to Liverpool, London and Glasgow and at 17s 6d to Bristol.

Hides, Wool, etc.

At Toronto 81-2c is quoted for No. 1 green hides.

At Montreal dealers were paying 8s and tanners 9s for No. 1 hides.

The recent series of London wool sales has closed. During the series 173,000 bales were catalogued, of which 160,000 were sold. Of the latter number, 35,000 were taken by the home trade; 63,000 by the continent, and 2,000 for America. During the series good merino scoured and greasy showed 1-2 to 1 1-2d higher and other descriptions 1-1 to 1d higher. Fine greasy cross-bred showed an advance of 1-2d to 1d, and faulty and inferior stock 1-1d to 1-2d higher. Finer scoureds also showed an advance of 1-2d and the mediums unchanged; faulty and inferior, however, showed par to 1-2d lower. Slips were unchanged to 1-1d lower. Cape of Good Hope and Natal greasy snow-white western sold par to 1-2d higher, but medium snow white realized par to 1-1d lower. Lambs wool showed par to 1-2d lower and others generally unchanged. It is supposed the above advance was due to short stocks. The next series will commence on November 25. A sheepskin sale will be held on Oct. 21.

Wheat Supplies

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

Montreal	369,000
Toronto	38,000
Kingston	25,000
Winnipeg	210,000
Manitoba elevators	3,725,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	1,506,000

Total Oct. 9 ... 5,882,000

Total stocks in United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's, on Oct. 9, 34,320,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 67,116,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report. Two years ago stocks were 55,078,000 bushels, three years ago 92,100,000 bushels, four years ago 71,108,000 bushels, five years ago 59,845,000 bushels. These figures do not include Pacific coast stocks. The latter were 6,251,000 bushels on October 2, compared with 9,760,000 bushels a year ago.

Boots and Shoes.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: A decided improvement has been experienced in the sorting trade, quite a number of orders have been received since our last issue, some of our manufacturers have all they can do to attend to them. In about two weeks' time some of the leading manufacturers intend issuing revised price lists, which it is said will show an advance of five per cent all round. Remittances continue satisfactory.



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Winnipeg Board of Trade.

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The president gave a resume of the work of the council since the last general meeting, having reference to the following matters: A communication from Mr. Chipman re trade with the West Indies, the visit of the members of the British association; a closed mail service to Fort William; the dredging of the Kamistiquia river at Fort William; a letter from Mr. Kerekhoff, of Russia, about a market for our wheat in Siberia; from the mayor of Carberry, asking co-operation in the forming of a board of trade there, which has since been accomplished; a letter to Mr. J. H. Ashdown, from a retail dealer, complaining that wholesale men at the time of the exhibition had been in the habit of quoting wholesale prices to people in attendance; the question of an overland route to the Yukon from Edmonton; low freight rates to the Kootenay given to Montreal jobbers, being 15 or 20 cents less per 100 lbs. than Winnipeg merchants can secure; grievance of letter carriers, that their stipulated increase of salaries with length of service had been cut off; a request from Pilot Mound for an earlier train to and a later departure from Winnipeg; the want of letters in the post office showing whether mail's are distributed; collections from the street letter boxes in time for the east and south trains; a communication from Victoria, B. C., respecting the Yukon route; report of Mr. Hering on a new system of water works, this had not been considered by the council, the time being too short.

On motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. MacKenzie, it was resolved that the action of the council be endorsed by the board.

Communications, as follows, were received:

A telegram from the department of the interior, as to representative on the board for the selection of flour standards. Mr. Muir was continued as the representative.

Alfred Dunn & Co., Bristol, England, wishing to handle produce exported.

D. B. Hannan, superintendent of the Lake Manitoba & Canal Co., inviting the board to send two representatives to an inspection of the Dauphin railway on the 27th. On motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Miller, the president and Mr. Ashdown were appointed.

Ross Bros., Edmonton, advocating the opening of a road from Edmonton to the Yukon. On motion of Mr. Ashdown, seconded by Mr. Porter the secretary was instructed to send copies to the principal boards of trade in the east with a statement of the action the board has taken, and reiterating the belief that this route, if practicable, is in the interest of Canada.

A letter was read from Georg Wilberforce Grant, of Atlanta, Barbados, congratulating the board on their

efforts to extend Canadian trade to the West Indian islands, and submitted a report on the subject which he made to Sir Mackenzie Bowell two years ago. Mr. Grant states that the S. merchants have secured quite a foothold in the islands, but he believes that Canadian merchants can do a profitable trade if they will but exert themselves.

On motion of Mr. Gilroy it was ordered that the letter be sent to the minister of commerce.

The city clerk, sending copy of Mr. Rudolph Herring's report.

On motion of Mr. Porter, Col. Ruttan, city engineer, was asked to give a synopsis of the report, and he did so, answering many questions of members of the board.

The president asked if the Colonel agreed with Mr. Hering as to the source of supply.

The answer given was in the affirmative. He said the level of the water was about the same as that of Lake Manitoba, and it might be that the water came from that lake.

Mr. Nanton told of several wells whose supply had been affected by the sinking of other wells in the vicinity.

Col. Ruttan replied that the city had put down 75 to 100 wells, and had never yet failed to get all the water required. In the course of his further explanation he stated that there were fifteen or twenty cities in the United States which got water supply from artesian wells. St. Paul got 15,000,000 gallons from that source, supplementing its lake supply.

After some further discussion it was resolved, on motion of Mr. Macdonald, seconded by Mr. Redmond, that another meeting be held specially to consider Mr. Hering's report, the council of the board then to report on the scheme.

Friday's Wheat Prices.

Provincial markets yesterday were in sympathy with the Chicago closing figures, and prices prevailing throughout the country indicated an upward tendency. The shipments east yesterday were the largest daily record of the season. There is a disposition to rush as much as possible forward before the ice is navigated in Deliveries throughout the province and Territories aggregated about 150,000 bushels. Following were the prices paid at C. P. R. points for No. 1 hard wheat:

Main line—Bagot 75c, Poplar Point 76c, High Buffalo 78c, Portage la Prairie 80c, McGregor 75c, Chase 77c, Austin 77c, Sidney 75c, Carberry 76c, Sewell 75c, Douglas 77c, Brandon 76c, Kenney 77c, Alexander 77c, Griswold 76c, Oak Lake 75c, Virden 76c, Hargrave 75c, Elkhorn 75c, Fleming 75c, Wapella 74c, Mouson 74c, Whitewood 74c, Broadview 74c, Grenfell 74c, Wolseley 74c, Sinitata 74c, Indian Head 73c, Qu'Appelle 73c, Balgonie 73c, Regina 72c, Pense 72c, Moose Jaw 70c, Caron 70c.

Saurik branch—Beresford 75c, Souris 76c, Elva 74c, Hartney 77c, Malta 75c, Pearson 75c, Galusborough 74c, Carnduff 74c, Oxbow 74c.

Glenboro branch—Alameda 74c, Carleton 74c, Carman 75c, Rathwell 76c, Treherne 75c, Holland 76c, Cypress River 76c, Glenboro 75c, Carroll 75c, Paxstone 74c, Reston 74c, Methven 76c, Nesbitt 75c.

Deloraino branch—Morris 78c, Rosenfeld 74c No. 2 hard, Altona 74c No. 2 hard, Grana 75c No. 2 hard, Plum Coulee 74c No. 2 hard, Winkler 72c No. 2 hard, Morden 72c No. 2

hard, Thorahill 72c No. 2 hard, Manitow 77c, LaRiviere 75c, Pilot Mound 76c, Crystal City 75c, Clearwater 75c, Holmfild 75c, Killarney 75c, Nings 75c, Bolssevald 78c, Deloraino 78c, Cartwright 75c, Whitewater 75c.

Stonewall branch—Stonewall 79c. Emerson branch—Emerson 75c No. 2 hard, Dominion City 74c No. 2 hard, Otterburne 73c No. 2 hard.

M. & N. W. railway agents—The price of grain at M. & N. W. points yesterday continued to go up, and reached as high as 79 cents at Macdonald. The demand for cars is large, and the deliveries were greater than Thursday's by 3,000 bushels, and over Wednesday's, 6,000 bushels. The prices current were: Macdonald, 79c, Gladstone 75c, Arden 75c, Neepawa 76c, Franklin 77c, Minnedosa 77c, Strathclair 72c, Shoal Lake 73c, Durtle 74c, Bluscarth 75c, Langenburg 75c, Yerkten 73c, Russell 73c, Rapid City 76c.

Bicycles for 1898.

New style bicycles for 1898 are already being shown. The first to arrive in Winnipeg were brought here last week by W. A. Lawson, who will represent the Welland Vale Manufacturing company, of St. Catharines, in the west. This company had three grades on the market this year, known as the Perfect, Garden City and Dominion. These three grades are all retained, and a fourth grade has been added, which will retail at about \$45. This fourth grade is the same as the Dominion or third grade sold this year, but it will be handled at a lower price. The "Perfect" or best grade made by the company will have several important improvements in the 1898 wheel. There will be no bolts on the handle bar or seat post. A new patent break has also been added, whereby the wheel can be quickly controlled by back peddling. The main plate is of oxidized silver, made flush, handsomely decorated. Another feature is a nine teeth rear sprocket, with nickel steel chain. All the grades will have nickel steel chains. The second grade, called the "Garden City," is a very fine wheel, claimed to be equal to the 1897 Perfect. It has self-oiling attachments, and the ladies' style has a new guard, which is neater, safer and better than the old patterns. The third grade, called the "Dominion," will be equal to the second 1897 grade. It is fitted with one-piece crank and axle, and has other improvements. Any tire desired will be furnished with the two best grades. The company is now testing a chainless wheel, which may be introduced later if found successful. These wheels will be handled in Winnipeg by Turnbull & McManus, who also handled the Welland Vale wheels this year.

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The transactions of the Winnipeg clearing house for the past week were as follows:

Week ending Oct. 21,	Clearings.	Balances.
1897	\$3,080,572	\$644,439
Week ending Oct. 21,		
1896	1,904,482	241,901
Week ending Oct. 21,		
1895	1,925,803	295,517

Receipts of wheat at Fort William for the week ending October 16, aggregated 963,493 bushels, the shipments by water from that port were 907,048 bushels, and the quantity in store was 1,172,359 bushels.

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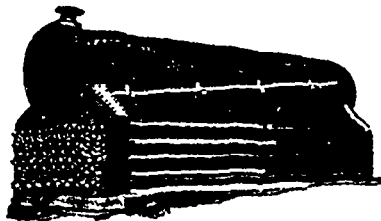
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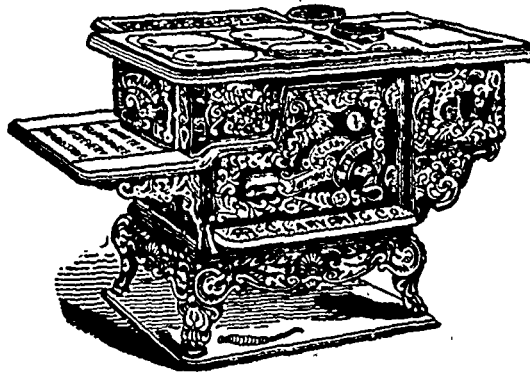
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Terne Plates—I C, 20 x 28, \$8.50@9. Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.10 hand iron, 100 lbs., \$2.05@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25@6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3@3.25; best cast tool steel, lb, 9@11c; Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

Sheet Iron—10 to 20 gauge, \$3; 22 to 24 and 26 gauge, \$3.25; 28 gauge \$3.50.

Canada Plates—Garth and Blaius, \$3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 gauge, \$3.75; 22 and 24 gauge, \$4; 26 gauge, \$4.25; 28 gauge, \$4.50 100 lbs.

Iron pipe is quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1 inch, \$2.50; 3/8 inch, \$2.75; 1/2 inch, \$3; 3/4 inch, \$4; 1 inch, \$5; 1 1/4 inch, \$7; 1 1/2 inch, \$8.50; 2 inch, \$11.50.

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$6.00 lb., broken lots \$6.50.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb., 14@16c.

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6 1/2c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; 4 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$9; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 gauge, soft shot, \$18 per 1,000. No. 10 gauge, \$20.70 per 1,000.

Dupont Powder—Dupont Rifle FFFg, 25-lb keg, \$5.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$2.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$6.60, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$8.50, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.25; Dupont Rifle FFFg, 25 lb keg, \$5.25, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3.00, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$9.00, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.75; Dominion Rifle, 25 lb keg, \$5.75, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$11, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$12; Sea Shooting Fg, 25 lb keg, \$8; Manitoba Sporting, 25 lb keg, \$8.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$4.25, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$9.00; cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$13.00; Eagle Ducking, 25 lb keg, \$11.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$5.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$12.00; Crystal Grain, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$14.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$17; Blasting, 25 lb keg, \$3.00. Dupont Smokeless powder, 12 1/2 lbs, \$22.00, 6 1/2 lbs, \$11.25, 3 1/2 lbs, \$5.75, 4 canisters, \$1.00.

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, \$2.60@2.65 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$2.75.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 6 1/2c base; manilla, lb., 8 1/2c base; cotton, 1/4 to 1/2 inch and larger, 16c lb.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.50 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 1/2@6 inch, \$2.65 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes.

Horse Nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. 1st price as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount of above list prices 45 per cent.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.25 100 lbs. Prepared Paints—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c, red lead, kegs, 6 1/2c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1/2c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3 1/2c; American vermilion, 16c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18@19c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, 100 lb. kegs, 4c; less than kegs, 4 1/2c lb.

Varnishes—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50@1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50@2; brown Japan, oil, house painters' gold-size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 @2.25; No. 1 orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

Sundries—Glue, S. S., in sheets, lb 12 1/2 @15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 16 @25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$4; benzine, case, \$4. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2c., do., less than barrels, lb, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass—First break is quoted at \$1.75 per box of 50 feet and \$2 for second break.

Linseed Oil—Raw, gal., 55c; boiled, gal., 58c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 55c; less than barrels, gallon, 58c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 33@40c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18 1/2c; crescent, 22 1/2c, oleophene, 23 1/2c in barrels. Car lots, 1c gallon less. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 27c for cocene and 24c for sunlight.

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

These prices are retail quotations at Winnipeg, such as contractors and others buy at. The mills quote delivered prices at various points.

Dimension and Timber—No. 1, 2x4 to 2x12, 14 and 16 ft, \$18.50, 18 ft, \$19.50, 20 ft, \$20.50, 22 ft, \$21.50, 24 ft, \$22.50; 3x6 to 3x12, 4x4 to 4x12, 6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$20.00, 18 ft, \$21.00, 20 ft, \$22.00, 22 ft, \$23.00, 24 ft, \$24.00; 8x10 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$22.00, 18 ft, \$23.00, 20 ft, \$24.00, 22 ft, \$25.00, 24 ft, \$26.00; 2x4, 10 ft, \$20.50; 2x6 to 2x12, 10 ft, \$18.00. No. 2 dimension, \$1.50 less than No. 1. Dimension, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$26.00. Timber, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$28.00. \$1.00 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch in depth and width. Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M less than pine. Cull plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$30.00 per M., 32 to 40 feet, \$33.00, 40 to 60 feet \$36.00. \$1.00

per M extra for each 2 in. over 12 in. in width or depth.

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25.00, 2nd common, \$18.00, 3rd common, \$16.00; No. 1 cull, \$12.00, No. 2 cull, \$8.00; spruce, \$16.00. \$1.00 per M extra for stock boards. \$2.00 per M less for 10 ft. and under. No. 1 box, 14 in. and up, \$30.00, No. 2 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$20.00. Extra dressing \$1.50 per M.

Siding, Flooring and Ceiling—2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$36.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28.00, 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$30.00, 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25.00; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red and white, \$20.00; B.C. No. 1 fir, \$32.00; B. C. No. 2 fir, \$29.00; B. C. No. 3 fir, \$26.00; B.C. spruce, \$32.00; 4, 5 and 6 inch spruce, native, \$20.00; 8 and 10 inch pine, \$23.00, No. 1 cedar siding and ceiling, \$36.00; No. 2 cedar siding and ceiling, \$30.00; 1 inch cedar or fir siding and ceiling, \$26.00. \$1.00 per M advance for dressing both sides.

Bevel Siding—No. 1 white pine, \$26.00; No. 2 red and white, \$23.00.

Shiplap—Pine, 6 inch, \$18.00, 8 and 10 inch, \$20.00; Spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19.00, 6 inch, \$13.00; cull shiplap, \$16.00.

Shingles—B. C. cedar, per M, No. 1, \$2.50, No. 2, \$2.00; B.C. cedar dimension shingles, \$4.00; B.C. cedar dimension band sawed, \$5.00; No. 1 pine, per M, \$2.50, No. 2, \$2.00, No. 3, \$1.75.

Lath—Pine lath, per M, \$3.00.

Finishings—1 1/2, 1 1/4 and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00, 3rd clear, \$55.00, selects, \$45.00, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$32.00; B.C. cedar clear, \$55.00; B.C. fir clear and stepping, \$45.00; \$5.00 per M advance on 2 1/2 inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$60.00, 3rd clear, \$48.00, selects, No. 1, \$55.00, selects, No. 2 (extra 1st com) \$30.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$30.00; B.C. cedar, clear, \$55.00.

Oak—Red and White—1 sawed, \$35.00, 1st and 2nd, 55.00 to \$65.00; common, \$40.00.

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, 4x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 75c, 4x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 85c; window and door stop, 1 1/2 inch lineal, \$1.25, ditto, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; 1 inch round and 1/2 cove, 75c; 1 1/2 round mould, \$1.50; 2 round mould, \$1.75; 2 1/2 round mould, \$2.00; 3 round mould, \$2.25; 3 1/2 round mould, \$2.50; 4 round mould, \$2.75; 4 1/2 round mould, \$3.00; 5 round mould, \$3.25; 6 round mould, \$4.00; 5 round window stool, 1 1/2, \$4.50; 6 round window stool, 1 1/2, \$5.25; 4 round casings, \$2.50; 5 round casings, \$2.75; 6 round casings, \$3.25; 8 round base, \$4.50; 10 round base, \$5.50, 12 round base, \$7.00; hand rail, 2x4, \$5.00; wainscot cap, 2 1/2 inch, \$2.35, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 75c. Moulding made from 1 1/2 stock add 25 per cent; 1 1/2 add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings or mouldings to detail at special prices. All shop work at special net prices.

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BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, October 23, 1897.

Prices are steady this week, and no changes have been reported in staple lines. The variety of green fruits obtainable has narrowed down to a few lines.

Butter—Manitoba dairy 18@20c; Manitoba creamery 23@25c.

Eggs—Eastern eggs, 17@18c.

Cheese—Manitoba 12@.

Cured Meats—Hams 13@; breakfast bacon 14c; backs 13c; long clear 10c; short rolls, 10@; smoked sides 11@; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 9@ per lb, in pails and tubs 9c lb.

Fish—Founders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 5c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring 4c; spring salmon 10c each; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; smoked salmon 10c; Annan haddie 10c; kippered herring 12c; Columbia river oolochans 7c lb.; fresh halibut, 6c; sockeye, 4c.

Vegetables—Potatoes \$12@14 per ton; California onions 2c lb; onions 1@c lb; cabbage 1@c lb; carrots turnips and beets \$10.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons \$4.00 @ 4.50; cucumbers, 6 doz. box \$1.25; grapes, \$1.40 box; apples, 40 lb box, 60c@1.25.

Mead—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.75; 2-45 pound sacks \$2.80; 4-22 pound sacks \$2.90; 10-7 sacks, \$2.00; Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2-50's \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.50.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$6.50; strong bakers, \$6.25; Oregon jobbers price \$6.00.

Grain—Oats, new, 16@18 per ton; wheat, 25@30 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00@24.00 per ton; ground barley \$22 ton; shorts \$21.00 ton; bran \$19.00; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff. Higher prices for bran and shorts next week.

Hay—\$14.00 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef \$5.75 @ \$6.25; mutton 7@8c; Australian mutton, 6c; pork 7@8c; veal 6@8c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, grass fed \$3.65 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$3.75 per 100 lbs; hogs \$5.00 per 100 lbs; cows \$2.75 @ \$3.00.

Poultry—Chickens \$4.00@4.50 a doz. spring chickens, \$3.00; ducks, \$3.50.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 9c; plums 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7c; loose Muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12c; walnuts, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered and icing, 6@c; Paris lump, 5@c; granulated, 4@c; extra C. 4@c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3@c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1@c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2@c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$4 case of 10; 2 gallon tins, \$4.75 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11@c; good, 18c; choice 26c. Ceylons: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

Winnipeg Grocery Prices.

Canned Goods		Per case		Cereals		Per sack		Nuts		Per pound		Tons		Per pound		
Apples, 35, 2 doz.	2	25	50	Split Peas, sack 95	2	25	50	Brazils	12 1/2	15	China Blacks—					
Apples, preserved, 35, 2 doz.	3	25	50	Pat Barley, sack 95	1	50	200	Paragon Almonds	13	15	Choice	35	40			
Apples, gailons, (per doz.)	2	25	50	Pearl Barley, sack 95	1	00	40	Peanuts, roasted	13	15	Medium	25	35			
Blackberries, 25, 2 doz.	3	25	50	Standard Oatmeal, sack 95	2	00	20	Peanuts, green	10	15	Common	15	20			
Blackberries, 25, 2 doz.	2	50	75	Granulated Oatmeal, sack 95	2	00	20	Grenoble Walnuts	15	15	Indian and Ceylon—					
Beans, 25, 2 doz.	1	50	75	Beans (per bushel)	1	25	30	French Walnuts	13	15	Choice	32	40			
Corn, 25, 2 doz.	1	50	75	Cornmeal, sack 95	1	45	15	Spicy Filberts	12 1/2	15	Medium	25	32			
Cherries, red, pitted 25, 2 doz.	4	75	50	Cornmeal, 1/2 case 49 (per 55) 95	75	00	80	Shelled Almonds	25	30	Common	21	28			
Peas, Marrowfat, 25, 2 doz.	1	50	200					Syrup			Young Hysons—					
Peas, sifted, 25, 2 doz.	2	00	25					Extra Bright, per lb.	3 1/2c	4c	Choice	35	45			
Pears, Bartlett, 25, 2 doz.	3	50	75					Medium, per lb.	2 1/2c	3c	Medium	30	35			
Pears, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4	75	50					Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	27	00	Common	22	30			
Pears, Bartlett, 35, 2 doz.	5	50	600					Molasses, per gal.	35c	45c	Japan—					
Pineapple, imported, 25, 2 doz.	5	50	600					Sugar			Finest May Picking	35	40			
Peaches, 25, 2 doz.	3	50	400					Extra Standard Granulated	4 1/2c	4 1/2c	Choice	30	35			
Peaches, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4	75	500					German Granulated	4 1/2c	4 1/2c	Fine	25	30			
Pears, 25, 2 doz.	3	50	400					Extra Ground	6	6c	Good Medium	20	25			
Plums, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4	50	500					Powdered	6	6c	Common	15	20			
Pumpkins, 25, 2 doz.	3	25	50					Bright Yellow Sugar	1 1/2c	4 1/2c						
Raspberries, 25, 2 doz.	3	25	50					Maple Sugar	12 1/2c	15c	Tobacco					
Strawberries, 25, 2 doz.	3	50	75					Salt			Per pound					
Tomatoes, 35, 2 doz.	2	25	400					Rock Salt	1 1/2c	1 1/2c	T. & B., 48, Cads.	00	76			
Salmon, talls, 15, 4 doz.	5	50	600					Common, fine	1	90	2	00	61			
Salmon, Cohoes talls, 15, 4 doz.	5	50	600					Common, coarse	1	90	2	00	61			
								Dairy, 100 1	3	25	3	50	61			
								Dairy, Co-5	3	15	3	30	61			
								Dairy, white duck sack	60	50	00	99				
								Common, fine jute sack	00	45						
								Spices			Per doz.					
								As-sorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins	75	90	Old Judge	58	90			
								Allspice, whole	18	10	Athlete	8	90			
								Allspice, pure ground	20	25	Sweet Catawba	8	90			
								Allspice, compound	18	20	Sweet Sixteen	5	70			
								Cassia, whole	18	20	Darby	6	60			
								Cassia, pure ground	20	25						
								Cassia, compound	13	18	Woolen Wire					
								Claves, whole	18	25	Pails, 2 hoop clear	1	50	1	60	
								Claves, pure ground	25	30	Pails, wire hoop	2	25	2	40	
								Claves, compound	18	20	Pails, Star fibre	0	50	4	00	
								Pepper, black, whole	10	15	Tubs, No. 0 common	9	50	10	50	
								Pepper, black, pure ground	11	15	Tubs, No. 1 common	8	50	9	00	
								Pepper, white, whole	20	25	Tubs, No. 2 common	6	50	7	00	
								Pepper, white, pure ground	25	35	Tubs, No. 3 common	5	50	6	00	
								Pepper, white, compound	18	20	Tubs, nests (3)	1	65	1	75	
								Pepper, Cayenne	30	35	Tubs, wire hoop (3)	2	25	2	40	
								Ginger, whole, Jamaica	25	30						
								Ginger, whole, Cochina	20	25						
								Ginger, pure ground	25	30						
								Ginger, compound	15	25						
								Nutmegs, (per pound)	60	1						
								Mace (per pound)	1	00						

WINNIPEG DRUG PRICES

Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for broken packages.

Alum, lb	3 1/2	4 1/2
Alcohol, gal.	5	50
Bleaching Powder, lb.	06	07
Bluestone, lb.	06	07
Borax	11	13
Bromide Potash	65	75
Camphor	65	75
Camphor, ounces	80	90
Carbolic Acid	40	65
Castor Oil	13	15
Chlorate Potash	25	30
Citric Acid	55	65
Copperas	03 1/2	04
Cocaine, oz.	4	50
Cream Tartar, lb.	30	35
Clives	03	04
Epsom Salts	03 1/2	04
Extract Logwood, bulk	13	15
Extract Logwood, boxes	15	20
German Quinine	30	40
Glycerine, lb.	30	35
Ginger, Jamaica	30	35
Ginger, African	20	25
Howard's Quinine, oz.	35	50
Iodine	5	50
Insect Powder	30	40
Morphia, sul.	2	25
Opium	4	50
Oil, olive	25	40
Oil, U.S. Sassa	25	40
Oil, lemon, super	75	85
Oil, peppermint	08	10
Oil, cod liver, gal.	1	25
Oxalic Acid	13	16
Potass Iodide	3	40
Paris Green, lb.	18	20
Saltpetre	10	12
Sal Iochelle	30	35
Shellac	35	40
Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2	05
Sulphur Roll, keg.	3 1/2	05
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	3	45
Sal Soda	2	30

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Winnipeg, Saturday Afternoon, Oct. 23

Reports from the city wholesale trade are generally favorable. In some lines, such as paints, hardware, fruits, etc., business is quieting down, which is natural to the season. In textile lines generally, including dry goods and clothing, business is good. A brisk business is reported in winter foot-wear, including felt shoes, moccasins, overshoes, heavy socks, etc. There has also been an active demand for gloves and mitts, and though it is early in the season, repeat orders in these lines have already been coming in. As an indication of the increased trade doing this season The Commercial has been shown several letters this week replicating earlier orders for winter lines, and in some cases the earlier orders were doubled. This shows that consumers are buying early this season, when repeat orders come in so early. The grain movement from first hands is not so brisk, as farmers are busy with fall work, but the movement eastward continues heavy and an unusually large portion of the crop will be out before the close of navigation. Live stock shipments have been heavy, though scarcity of cars for moving stock has hampered the trade. Winnipeg bank clearing continues to show an enormous increase over the corresponding period of previous years.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

Winnipeg, Saturday Afternoon, Oct. 23

DRUGS.

The only change in this market is in quinine, which has been advanced in sympathy with the sharp advances abroad. Quinine bark is now very high, compared with prices a year ago. Further advances are reported abroad this week. See quotations on another page.

FISH.

As the close season is now in force for whitefish, very little fishing is being done at the Manitoba lakes. Owing to the extension of the Dauphin railway to Lake Winnipegosis, that large body of water will hereafter be fished extensively, and a number of men have already gone out to that lake to prepare camps and take in supplies for winter fishing, which will begin after the end of the close season, on the first of December. The only change in the market here is a decline of 1-2c in haddies to 11c. Local jobbing prices are as follows for fresh fish: White 51-2c, pickerel 4c, trout 9c, salmon 12c, halibut 10c per lb; kippered gold-eyes, 30c per dozen; smelt haddies, 11c per lb. Oysters are quoted at \$2.50 per gallon in bulk, and \$8 per barrel for shell.

GREEN FRUITS.

Business is becoming narrowed down, owing to the reduction of the variety of fruits obtainable. Summer fruits are now out of season, and business is principally in apples and grapes. The

apple situation is somewhat perplexing, but there can scarcely be any risk in buying good stock at present prices. It is feared, however, that the recent warm weather east and south has injured the keeping quality of the apple crop, as it is well known that apples do not keep as well after an unusually warm autumn season. Some very poor looking apples have been seen here this fall, shippers having been less careful about quality on account of the light crop. There is still a plentiful supply of grapes, but Ontario shippers report that the crop has ripened up too fast on account of warm weather, and that there will not be many more to come forward. Tomatoes are very scarce. Crabs have not been obtainable, except a few retail lots. A few bananas have been coming in, notwithstanding the yellow fever scare south. California peaches are done. Ontario pears are coming still, but are often not very good quality for shipping. Prices are as follows: Mexican oranges, \$0.50 box; Bananas per bunch, \$2.50 to \$3; California lemons, \$5 to \$5.50 a box; tomatoes, 20-lb baskets, 70c; Washington and Oregon pears, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per box; apples, \$4 to \$4.50 per barrel for fall and winter varieties; Concord grapes, 30c 10-lb. baskets; California grapes, \$2.50 to \$3 per crate for Tokays; Ontario pears, 65 to 85c per 20-lb. basket; Cape Cod cranberries, \$9.50 per barrel; sweet potatoes, \$5 to \$5.25 per barrel.

GROCERIES.

Lines of new seas in goods continue to come forward. New currants arrived early in the week and there is now a moderate supply of these goods in the market and further supplies will come to hand later. Prices are high on the new currant crop and cases are held at 7c upward. New California muscatel raisins are also in and they show better quality than last year's crop. Some Valencias have been selling here for a few weeks, but the prospect appears to be that the California raisins will have the principal sale. Prices are firm and higher than on the old crop. Evaporated and dried apples are almost out of sight for new goods. Only a few evaporated apples have come in so far, and on account of the high prices demanded it is expected that consumption will be greatly curtailed in apples and more California fruits will be taken. For evaporated apples as high as 9c is asked in the east, or equal to 10c laid down in Winnipeg, and they are reported scarce at this price in the east. Samples of new dried apples shown have been very poor, indicating that on account of the light crop east apples which would usually be fed to the pigs have been dried this year. For dried apples they are asking 5 to 6c in the east, which is equal to 6 to 7c here. There is a little old stock held in this market yet, but scarcely any new goods have come in. California prunes and apricots are in fairly liberal supply. All dried fruits are very firm. Domestic canned goods are firm. Advances from the east reported advances on gallon apples and tomatoes, the former being quoted at 90c and the latter at \$2 per dozen east. Canned vegetables are also firm, but domestic canned fruits, except apples, are offering at moderate prices, thus tending to restrict the sale of California canned goods. Teas and sugars are steady. The recent change in cigars at the refineries has not affected the situation here. The advance at the refineries is largely a

nominal one. While the quotation was advanced, a discount was arranged at the same time, which makes the actual cost about as before, the previous basis of quotations being not prices.

HARDWARE, PAINTS, ETC.

Prices are unchanged this week, but all staple lines are very firm. Glass is selling freely, and stocks have been considerably broken, though full fall importations are not yet to hand. Turpentine is firm in sympathy with the advance in the east and south, but is not quoted higher. Refined petroleum (Canadian) was quoted 1c higher east, but is unchanged here.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—Wheat was comparatively steady the first four days of the week and slightly lower than the average of last week, but on Friday there was a big advance in prices, amounting to quite a "boom" again, caused, according to telegraphic advices by increased export buying at New York, continued drought in the western winter wheat states, and higher cables. It is said that the recent rains have not been sufficient to relieve the situation in the winter wheat states.

In Manitoba country markets the deliveries of wheat by farmers have continued to fall off, farmers being busy with farm work. Marketings have ranged from 125,000 to 150,000 bushels per day. The movement eastward has been heavy, and a large portion of the crop will be shipped out before the close of navigation. About 4,500,000 bushels of wheat are in store at principal country points, over 1,000,000 bushels is held at Fort William and between three and four million bushels have been shipped east by the lakes, making a total of 9,000,000 to 10,000,000 of the crop out of farmers' hands, though some of the wheat in store is held by farmers. Prices have been more irregular in country markets, ranging about 75 to 78c to farmers for No. 1 hard at most Manitoba points and 72 to 74c at more distant western points.

In the Winnipeg market about 91c was quoted on Monday for No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William. On Tuesday there were sales at 90 1-2c to 91c. On Wednesday sales were made as low as 90c early in the day, but toward the close the tendency was higher. On Thursday 91 1-2c to 92c was realized. On Friday 92c was realized in the morning, but prices advanced to 93c, and it was alleged that one sale touched 93 1-2c, but this was not confirmed. No. 2 hard was quoted 21-2c to 3c under No. 1, and No. 3 hard 4c under No. 2, afloat Fort William.

FLOUR—There has been no change in the local price of flour. Millers report a good demand for shipment, and some large export sales were reported from Montreal. Prices are the same as last week. We quote prices as follows: Patent \$2.40 to \$2.45; strong bakers' \$2.20 to \$2.25; second bakers' \$1.75 to \$1.80; XXXX \$1.40 to \$1.50 per sack of 48 lbs. These are local quotations in broken lots.

MILLFEED—Bran is quoted at \$8 per ton and shorts at \$10 per ton delivered in the city to retail dealers.

GROUND FEED—Ground feed is held at \$10 to \$18 per ton, as to quality for good straight grain feed.

OATMEAL—The market is firm and higher prices are asked, broken lots being quoted at \$1.80 to \$1.90 for rolled, though round lots have been

offered here at \$1.00. The scarcity and high price of oats, renders it almost imperative that millers should have higher prices, as at the present price of oats there is a very small margin in the business. At the same time if prices are advanced materially, it would only leave an opening for some one to bring in meal from the east, or from the United States, where prices are much lower than here, contract oats being quoted at under 18c at Chicago, having touched as low as 17c this week, while Ontario millers are getting their supplies at 20 to 22c. This places the Manitoba millers at a decided disadvantage. In fact it was reported this week that a car of meal was on the way from Chicago for this market, quoted to lay down here at a price considerably under local quotations.

OATS—Only a few cars have been offered and these have been held at 30 to 32c on track here for feed grade, including No. 2 white. Loads on the street have been taken at 28 to 30c per bushel of 34 pounds. Farmers appear to be careless about selling even at these prices, as they are realizing all the cash they require from wheat, which pays them better, even at the present high prices for oats.

BARLEY—Nominal at 28 to 30c for bushel of 48 pounds. None offering.

WHEAT—Local farmers' market.—The mills have been paying 81c for No. 1 hard and 78c for No. 2 hard to farmers here. Low grade wheat for chicken feed is in demand at about 60c. Several cars of wheat damaged by fire in the recent elevator fires, have been brought in here for feed.

BUTTER—Creamery. Prices are about the same as quoted last week, and the market is firm. Factories are pretty well cleaned up and they have mostly closed for the season. We quote 19 1-2 to 20c for creamery, as to quality.

BUTTER—Dairy. The market is firm. Prices are steady, and we quote 14c for choice lots of dairy and 12c to 14c as to quality for good to choice round lots. There has been considerable slipping of dairy grades to the west.

CHEESE—The local market holds very strong for cheese, and high prices have been paid, compared with values in the east. From 10 to 10 1-2c has been paid.

EGGS—Buyers are paying 15c net for receipts of fresh.

POULTRY—The first lots of dressed poultry are beginning to come in. Nice dressed chickens bring 10c per lb., and old fowl 8c to 9c as to quality. Turkeys will bring 11c to 12c and geese and ducks 10c per lb., dressed.

GAME—Dealers have paid 15 to 30c per pair wild ducks, as to quality. Wild geese, 30 to 50c each. Waxies 25c each.

LARD—Prices are Pure \$1.70 for 20 lb. pails and \$4.25 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard, in 5, 5 and 10-lb. tins, quoted at \$6.00 per case of 60 pounds; tierces 8 to 8 1-4c per lb.

CURED MEATS—Prices are as follows: Smoked meats, hams, asorted sizes, 12 to 12 1-2c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 12 to 12 1-2c; do., backs, 10 1-2 to 11c; short sliced rolls, 9 to 9 1-2c; shoulders, 8 1-2 to 9c; smoked long clear, 9c to 9 1-2c; dry salt meats are quoted; long clear bacon, 8 1-4 to 8 1-2c; boneless shoulders, 8c to 8 1-2c; backs 9 to 9 1-4c; barrelled pork heavy mess, \$14.50 to \$15, short cut \$16 to \$16.50; Pork sundries, hologna sausage 7c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package;

pickled hocks, 8c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 20 to 25c per lb. Pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per pull.

DRESSED MEATS—The feeling is easier in all lines, particularly in hogs. Country dressed hogs are beginning to come in and the drop in live hogs this week causes a weak feeling. City dressed hogs have still sold as high as 7c, but a decline is looked for. One lot of country dressed sold at 6 1-4c yesterday. Beef is easy as is also mutton. The general price for good beef is 4 1-2c. Beef is selling at 4c to 5c as to quality. Dressed hogs 6c to 7c; veal 5 to 6c; lambs 7 to 8c as to quality.

HIDES—While the feeling is decidedly easier, prices paid are about the same. Up to 7c has still been paid for No. 1 city hides, but 6 1-2c is the top quoted by some buyers, with 6c offered here for country hides. Calf skins, 8 to 15 pound skins, 7c to 8c per pound; deerskins 10c to 20c each; kips 5c to 7c; sheepskins, fresh take off, 30 to 35c; lambskins, 30 to 35c. Hides hold 75c to \$1.25.

SENECA ROOT—Quoted at about 16c to 17c per lb here. Nothing now coming in.

WOOL—We quote 8 to 9 1-2c here for unwashed fleece. Next to nothing offering.

TALLOW—Quoted steady at 3 1-2c for No. 1 and 2 to 2 1-2c for other grades, as to quality.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes are firmer, and are now selling at 25c to 30c per bushel for loads on the street, most sales being at 27c to 30c. Cauliflower, 30 to 75c per dozen; cabbage 25 to 40c per dozen; celery 40 to 50c per dozen bunches; 11-1 to 11-2c per pound; cetrions are 11-2c to 2c per b; squash 11-2c per lb., pumpkins 1c per lb.; carrots 40c to 50 cents per bushel; leets 25c per bushel; turnips 15c per bushel; parsnips 1c per lb.

HAY—There is a good demand for baled to ship west to the Crow's Nest construction, and also to send east with trainloads of cattle, for feed en route. Prices are firm, though offerings are liberal, \$5 to \$6 per ton being asked for car lots at point of shipment in this district.

CORDWOOD—Prices are firm. We quote car lots here on track as follows: Tamarac, \$4.25 to \$4.50; pine, \$4 to \$4.25; poplar, \$3 to \$3.25 for car lots on track here, per cord.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Export shipments of both range and domestic cattle have again been large this week. Prices are easier. Butchers' cattle range from 2c for rough common up to 2 1-2c for good cattle, and 2 3-4c for fancy. Sales were said to have been made at 2 1-4c in the yards here for very fair lots of butchers', but good car lots are usually held at 2 1-2c. Export cattle are about 1-4c lower.

HOGS—Prices are easier in sympathy with lower markets at Toronto, Montreal, Chicago and elsewhere, and the decline which we noted last week as expected, has taken place, quotations this week being 1-4c lower all around. We quote choice bacon hogs weighing 150 to 250 lbs. at \$4.50 per 100 lbs.; 250 to 300 lbs., \$4.00; heavy hogs, over 300 lbs., \$3.25 to \$3.50, as to quality, off cars here.

SHEEP—This market is now heavily stocked with sheep. All the city butchers have large flocks on hand, and they are not open for further purchasing. There are very few buyers now for sheep, unless a big cut was made in the price as an inducement

to take on further supplies. A few odd cars have gone through to the east, one or two cars which were offered here having been shipped east in the absence of a local demand. Some of the heaviest local butchers have sheep enough on hand to about carry them over winter. We quote prices nominal at about 2 1-2c, though the sheep held have mostly cost about 2 3-4c. Lambs about 3 to 3 1-4c per lb. live weight.

Dairy Register.

Ottawa, Oct. 21.—Under the terms of the dairy act of last session which provided among other things for the registration of cheese factories and creameries, a register was opened a few days ago by the department of agriculture. As a result numerous applications for registration certificates have been issued from all the provinces. Over 200 have passed through Prof Robertson's hands and at the rate at which they are coming in they will soon reach a thousand. The act provides that the person to whom a registration number is assigned shall have the exclusive right to its use to designate the dairy products he manufactures. This means that he obtains free of cost what is practically a trade mark under which he may make a name for the butter or cheese he puts on the market.

C. P. R. Steamers.

Victoria, Oct. 21.—At a meeting of the Board of Trade Sir William Van Horne gave his assurance that the steamers which the C. P. R. intend to put on the Alaskan route will arrive at and depart from Victoria. The company have already purchased two first class steamers and will buy at least two more. Details of the service have not yet been arranged, but the company will probably have steamers to carry passengers round for the mines by Sitka, Dyea and Skagway, as well as the St. Michael's route. The company could not afford to ignore Victoria in this matter, as all the United States companies' steamers for the north now make this their last and first port of call.

Bank Clearings.

New York, Oct. 22.—Bank clearings, totals at eighty-seven cities for the week ending October 21, as telegraphed to Bradstreet's show total clearances \$1,306,993,851, an increase of 25.2 per cent, as compared with the corresponding week last year. Outside of New York city the clearances were \$527,892,524, increase 15.2 per cent.

Clearances for the Dominion of Canada were: Montreal \$13,463,878, increase 21.3; Toronto \$7,678,463, increase 17.4; Winnipeg \$3,080,572, increase 57.1; Halifax \$1,317,248, increase 18.1; Hamilton \$657,907, increase 1.8; St. John \$542,060, increase 1.8; St. John \$542,060, decrease 2.0.

Liverpool Markets.

Liverpool, Oct. 22.—12:30 p.m.—Wheat—Spot firm. Corn—Spot steady. Wheat—No. 1 California 7s 11 1-2d to 8d; No. 1 red northern spring 7s 6 1-2d to 7s 7 1-2d. Receipts of wheat for the past three days were 427,000 cwt., including 409,000 American. Receipts of American corn 68,800 cwt., weather fine.

Closing—Wheat—No. 2 red western winter firm at 7s 7d; No. 1 red northern spring new firm at 7s 7d. Corn—Dull; American mixed 3s 1-2d; Oct. dull at 3s 3-4d; Nov. 3s 1-8d; Dec. 3s 1 1-2d.

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The Live Stock Trade.

The following live stock shipments are reported.

Robert Sinton shipped one hundred head of cattle from Medicine Hat, Colter & McQuarrier shipped sixty-four head from the same place. Gordon & Ironsides shipped a train load of cattle from Calgary on October 9 and another train load from Morley the previous day. A train load of fat beef cattle, consigned to Gordon & Ironsides, went east from Macleod. V. Baupre shipped nine carloads of cattle from Manitoba to Gichen for his beef contracts on the Blackfoot reserves. Jones Bros., of Moose Mountain, sold five carloads of fine cattle to Mullins & Wilson, of Toronto. They averaged thirty-seven dollars and a quarter. Colin McLean shipped six car loads of steers from Mooseomin, and Gordon & Ironsides, one car of hogs. Hobson & Peterson shipped east 160 head of cattle from Grenfell, and report having 200 head held for want of cars. Powell & Robinson shipped five cars of cattle east from Brandon. F. Speers shipped 750 head of cattle to Gordon & Ironsides at Winnipeg. From Brandon J. M. Paul shipped out a couple of carloads of cattle from Prince Albert for Gordon & Ironsides. A report from Yorkton, dated Oct. 18, says: Eleven hundred head of cattle are blockaded here, waiting cars in which to export them; over 3,000 have been shipped out, and there are still more to ship that haven't been called. P. Bonneau, of Willow-Bunch, disposed of some 270 head of cattle to Balderstone & Sinton, Regina, buyers for Gordon & Ironsides. Four cars of cattle were shipped from Dauphin for Galloway Bros. Gloucester, three cars of which were billed for Hochelaga, Que. S. L. Head shipped two cars of cattle from Makkak, Dauphin district. Elliott Gordon made a large shipment of cattle from Pilot Mound on Tuesday. He had about 750 head in the street, but shipped about 600 of them.

Live Stock Markets.

London, Oct. 18.—Business was slow in this market for cattle and sheep, but there was no material change in prices, choice States cattle selling at 11c and Canadian at 10c. Choice sheep brought 10 to 10 1-2c.

Liverpool, Oct. 18.—The market for cattle was weaker owing to heavy supplies and prices declined 1-2c per lb., as compared with this day week, choice Canadlans selling at 9 1-2c.

At the East End Alattor market Montreal, on Oct. 18, the offerings of

live stock were 700 cattle; 500 sheep; 300 lambs and 25 calves. The only export buyer on the market was Mr. Ironsides, and his best bid for steers and heifers was 3 1-2c per lb. There was some demand for lulls for shipment to Buffalo at 11-2c per lb. The scarcity of really choice cattle continues, and shippers have been compelled to buy in Chicago in order to fill their freight space. A few good lutchors' steers sold at 1c, but the general run of prices paid for the best cattle was 3 1-2c to 3 3-4c; fair stock brought 3c to 3 1-4c; and lower grade, 1 1-2c to 2 1-2c per lb. live weight. The demand for sheep for shipment was fair and good to choice stock sold at 3c to 3 1-4c, and culls at 2 1-2c to 2 3-4c per lb. live weight. There was an active demand for lambs for shipment to New York and Boston at \$3.50 to \$4 for choice. Common sold at \$2.50 to \$3 each.

The receipts of live stock at the Point St. Charles stock yard, Montreal, on Oct. 18, were 100 cattle and 200 hogs. There was some demand for the best cattle and a few small lutchors changed hands at 35-5c per lb. The supply of hogs was small but notwithstanding this the tone of the market was weaker and prices declined fully 15c to 25c per 100 lbs. since last Thursday. Sales of light weights were made at 57-4c per lb.

Movements of Business Men.

James Drewe, of the Gurney company, Toronto, was a guest at the Leland hotel, Winnipeg, last week.

D. R. Dingswall, jeweler, Winnipeg, has returned from an extended tour in Great Britain and Europe.

John Parsons, of the Parsons Produce Co., Winnipeg, has returned from a trip to Missouri, where he went to buy apples. Owing to the light apple crop in the east Manitoba is this year drawing her principal supply of apples from Missouri, Kansas and neighboring states in that region.

Mr. Glass, of London, Ontario, one of the first commercial men to visit the west in the shoe trade branch, arrived in the city the first of the week. Mr. Glass has been visiting the west periodically since the early days of the province.

Gairdner & Harrison, of Edmonton, have issued a map showing the routes to the Klondyke, via Edmonton, with other useful information.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
 Montreal, Oct. 23.
 No change reported in staple lines of hardware and paints, etc., this week, but all lines are reported very firm.

White lead, government standard, \$5.37 1-2c; No. 1, 5. Lard oil, raw, 43c, boiled 46c. Turpentine, barrel lots, 46c.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
 Montreal, Oct. 23.
 Quotations in staple groceries are the same as a week ago, no change in prices of any important line being noted. Quotations are: Granulate sugar, 4 1-16c in lots of over 250 barrels, and 4 1-8c for 100 barrel lots, at the refiner's; yellows, 23-8c to 33-1c Barbadoes molasses, round lots, 25c; Jobbing lots, 26c. Syrups, 1 3-4 to 2 1-2c as to quality. Valencia raisins from 5c to 8c. Coffee, Rio, 10 to 13c; Mocha and Java 20c to 24c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.
 Montreal, Oct. 23.
 Oats have gained about 1-4c on the outside prices over a week ago. Other quotations are about the same as a week ago, all around. Prices are:

Oats—No. 2 white in store, 26 to 26 1-4c.
 Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$1.90 to \$5; Manitoba patents, \$5.10 to \$5.45.
 Millfeed—Manitoba bran including sacks, \$12.50 per ton. Shorts, \$12.50.
 Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1 60 to \$1-65 per bag.
 Hides—Unchanged at 8c for No. 1
 Eggs—Candled, 13c; new laid, 16c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.
 Montreal, Oct. 23.
 Export cattle were weak and the outside quotation is about 1-4c under a week ago. Hogs have also declined again this week 1-4c, making a decline of 1-2c in two weeks.
 Cattle—Export, 4c; choice shippers, 4 1-2c; cattle, butchers, 3 to 4c.
 Sheep—2 1-2c to 3c per lb.
 Hogs—5 to 5 1-4c.
 Exports this week were as follows:
 Cattle, 3,051; sheep, 3,259;

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
 Mulins & Wilson wire The Commercial the following reports of prices realized at the semi-weekly live stock market at Toronto, on Friday, October 22.

Toronto, Oct. 23.
 Ninety-five car loads were offered including 3,657 hogs and 2,327 sheep and lambs.
 The market was slow and weak on almost every line, particularly for hogs, which were very dull and 1-2c lower, compared with a week ago, making a decline in hogs of 3-4c in two weeks. Sheep were also easier. Outside prices on export stock ranging 1-4c lower. Export cattle were weak and 1-4c to 1-2c lower on the outside range.

Cattle—Exporters paid 33-4c to 4c. Butchers cattle sold at 21-2 to 31-2c. Bulls—Shipping 3 to 31-2c. Stockers 2 1-2 to 3c. Feeders 3 to 3 1-2c. Stock bulls 2 to 21-2c.
 Sheep—Export sheep brought 3c; hucks 2 1-4c per lb.; lambs 33-4 to 4c.
 Hogs—Hogs, hot bacon, 43-4c per lb.; thick fat, 41-2c, and light fat 4 1-2c per lb. weighed off cars.

MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents \$1.90 to 5.05; second patents, \$1.80 to 4.00.
 Milled—Shorts in bulk, \$7.25 to \$7.50; bran in bulk, 7c to \$7.25, corn feed, \$10 to \$11 per ton.
 Corn—Quoted at 22 1-2c to 24c, for No. 3 and No. 4.
 Oats—19 to 19 1-4c for No. 3 and No. 4.
 Barley—Feed quoted at 23 to 24c as to quality per bushel of fifty pounds, malting samples, 28 to 34c.
 Flax seed—\$1.00 1-2 per bushel.
 Eggs—13c to 14c for strictly fresh, the latter price including cases.
 Cheese—Choice to fancy, 9 to 10 1-2c fair to good, 7 to 8c.
 Butter—Creamery, 20 1-2c to 22c; seconds, 15c to 18c; dairy, 12c to 20c.
 Dressed meats—Mutton, 4 to 6 1-2c; lamb, 6c to 9c.
 Dressed hogs—3 3-4c for heavy; medium to choice, 4 3-4 to 5c.
 Potatoes—Car lots mixed, 27 to 30c; choice white, 35 to 40c per bushel.
 Poultry—Chickens, 7c; old fowl 4c to 5c; turkeys, 8 to 8 1-2c; ducks 7c; geese, 5c.

British Columbia Business Notes

P. Olsen has opened in groceries at Central Park.
 P. Bromley, blacksmith, Chilliwack, has removed to Ashcroft.
 J. K. Campbell, tail. r. Chilliwack, is succeeded by T. B. Henderson, of Armstrong.
 Gill & Kirkland, general store, Grand Forks, closed business.
 H. B. Moore has opened business in fruits at Greenwood City.
 W. J. Sanders & Co., cigars, fruit, etc., Kaslo, are succeeded by Sanders & Derlin.
 Abey, druggist, Revelstoke, is burned out. Loss \$1,200; insurance \$600. Fire caused by lamp explosion. Two buildings, owned by Mrs. Ross and J. Petreth, were also burned. Loss \$1,000 and \$500 on furniture.
 Stevens Bros., toys, etc., Nanaimo, have dissolved, C. B. Stevens retiring.
 O. C. Luther is opening a general store at Nelson.
 Lund & Mallette, Kootenay hotel, Nelson, have dissolved, Miss Mallette continuing.
 H. Blair & Co. are opening in clothing at Nelson.
 G. F. Hopkins, butcher, Silverton, has sold out to H. Cleaver.
 The estate of S. Grossman, clothing, Silverton, has been closed out.
 James Keith & Co., grocers, Trail, have dissolved, James Keith continues.
 F. P. Carey, clothing, Trail, has sold out to Miss A. D. Rae.
 M. J. O'Brien, hotel, Vernon, has added soda water works to his business.
 The following business items are reported from Vancouver: J. J. Canaling, is opening in tobacco. Clarke & Stuart, stationery, etc., are adding printing. A. T. Wilson, house furnishings, has given up business and moved to Klondyke. The Vancouver Hardware Co., is opening a branch at Nelson. The Merchants' Bank of Halifax, is opening a branch at Vancouver, with W. M. Batsford as manager. Wm. Garden & Sons, wholesale teas, are succeeded by Edgett, Garden & Edgett. Edgett Bros., grocers, are succeeded by Sivart & Anderson. Atlas Canning Co sold to Chas. Nelson. Wulfsolin & Bewicke, financial agents, are giving up business in British Columbia. Wilson & Dixon, agents, have dissolved.
 T. E. Mahaffy, general store, Warrenter, has given up business.
 Mrs. H. C. Scovel is opening in groceries, at Ymir.

Western Business Items

WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.
 Ed. Fraser, buyer for Jns. Hall & Co., wholesale, gloves, mitts, etc., Winnipeg, has gone east to make arrangements to replenish their stock. Owing to the unusually large trade this fall in their goods, the house has found their stock badly broken at a much earlier date than usual, hence the necessity to replenish stocks. Several repeat orders have already come in.
 Arthur Congden, jobber in felt shoes and other lines of warm winter footwear, reports an unusually brisk trade, and it has been difficult to keep up the stock of these goods. Quite a number of country dealers, who bought earlier, have already sent in additional orders and some have doubled their original orders. One merchant wrote this week: "My stock is already broken; repeat my order." This is remarkable at such an early date in the season. Mr. Congden has also filled several large orders recently in moccasins, snow shoes, etc., for the Klondyke trade.
 J. M. White, jeweller, Moosomin, Alta., has sold out to J. D. Hall, a former employee.
 Wm. Hines has opened a harness shop at Lauder, Man.
 Chas. L'Acze, banker, has opened a general store at St. Pierre, Man.
 G. A. Allen & Co., tobaccos, Calgary, Alberta, have sold out to Geo. Mitchell.
 The following items are reported from Maple Creek, Assn.: Wm. McCarthy, hotelkeeper, has succeeded J. Fleming. J. F. Hastie has opened a butcher shop. Jos. Nutrie, jeweller, is out of business.
 John Nixon is opening a harness shop at Qu'Appelle, Assn.
 F. M. Clarke, confectionery and fruits, Yorkton, Assn., is dead.
 Mr. Longpre, who has for several years been with Mr. Beauchamp, general merchant, of Qu'Appelle Station, Assn., will embark in business at Lebert, near Qu'Appelle, taking the business lately carried on by Pihson. The latter gentleman will move to Indian Head, Assn.
 D. Evans is opening in flour and feed at Edmonton, Alberta.
 Mr. George Nuzent is starting a lumber yard at Wapella, Assn.

Northwest Ontario.
 J. C. Werner, late manager for W. D. Coates, druggist, Rat Portage, is opening business on his own account at that place.
 The Rat Portage Lumber company has donated a carload of lumber for the benefit of the sufferers by bush and prairie fires in Manitoba.
 The Marks, Clavet, Doble Co., Ltd., general storekeepers, has been incorporated at Port Arthur, with a capital stock of \$75,000.
 W. D. Coates, druggist, Rat Portage, recently reported sold out, will continue business at that place.

Important Business Change.
 The Rat Portage Lumber company, as previously noted in The Commercial, opened a branch warehouse in Winnipeg for the sale of their sash, doors, etc. They have now made another important move by the purchase of the wholesale sash and door business of H. Byrnes, of this place. The company rented a large building on Lombard street for their Winnipeg branch, but it has not been decided whether they will retain this or occupy the Byrnes warehouse.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Chicago, Oct. 18.—The leading futures closed as follows:
Wheat, No. 2, Oct., 91c; Dec., 91c to 91 1-8c; May, 88 3-4c.
Corn, No. 2, Oct., 34 5-8c to 34 3-4c; Dec., 26 1-8c to 26 1-4c; May, 29 7-8c to 29 1-2c.
Oats, No. 2, Oct., 18c; Dec., 18 3-8c to 18 1-2c; May, 20 7-8c.
Mess pork, Dec., \$7.90; Jan., \$8.85.
Lard, Dec., \$4.37 1-2; Jan., \$4.52 1-2.
Short ribs, Oct., \$4.70; Dec., \$4.60; Jan., \$4.55.

Chicago, Oct. 19.—Closing prices were: Wheat, Oct. 90 1-2c; Dec. 90 7-8c to 91c; May 89 1-8c to 1-4c. Corn, Oct. 24 1-8c. Oats, Oct. 17 3-8c. Ribs, Dec. \$4.45. Pork, Oct. \$7.70. Lard, Dec. \$4.32.

Chicago, Oct. 20.—Closing prices were: Wheat, Oct. 91 1-4c; Dec. 91 1-2 to 5-8c; May 89 7-8c b. Corn, Oct. 24 1-2c. Oats, Oct. 17 1-8c. Ribs, Dec. \$5.50. Pork, Oct. \$7.75. Lard, Dec. \$4.30.

Chicago, Oct. 21.—The leading futures closed as follows.

Wheat—No. 2 Oct. 90 1-8; Dec. 91 1-8; May 89 3-4.
Corn—No. 2 Oct. 24 1-4; Dec. 25 3-4; May 29 1-2 to 29 5-8.
Oats—No. 2 Oct. 17 to 17 1-8; Dec. 18 to 18 1-8; May 20 5-8.
Mess pork—Dec. \$7.87 1-2; Jan. \$8.82 1-2.
Lard—Dec. \$4.40; Jan. \$4.55.
Short ribs—\$1.62 1-2; Dec. \$4.57 1-2; Jan. \$4.62 1-2.

Chicago, Oct. 22.—The leading futures closed as follows.

Wheat, No. 2—Oct., 93 1-8; May, 93 3-8; Dec., 91 1-8.
Corn, No. 2—Oct., 28 1-2 to 28 5-8; Dec., 26 3-4 to 26 7-8; May, 30 5-8.
Oats, No. 2—Oct., 17 7-8; Dec., 18 7-8; May, 21 3-8.
Mess pork—Dec., \$8.05; Jan., \$8.97 1-2.
Lard—Dec., \$4.45; Jan., \$4.60.
Short ribs—Oct., \$4.65; Dec., \$4.65; Jan., \$4.70.

On Saturday, October 23, wheat opened at 94 to 94 1-4c for December option and ranged from 93 1-2 to 95c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—Oct 94c, Dec. 95c, may 93 1-2s.
Corn—25 3-8c, Dec. 26 5-8c.
Oats—Oct. 17 1-2c, Dec. 18 5-8c.
Pork—Oct. \$7.82 1-2, Dec. \$7.87 1-2c.
Lard—Dec. \$4.35.
Ribs—Dec. \$4.55.
Flax seed—Cash \$1.06 1-4. Dec. \$1.04 3-4, May \$1.07 3-4.

A week ago December wheat closed at 92 1-2c. A year ago December wheat closed at 69 3-4c, two years ago at 60 1-2 and three years ago at 52 1-4c.

New York Wheat.

New York, Oct. 18.—Wheat receipts, 354,175 bushels; exports, 161,167 bushels; sales, 5,865,000 bushels; futures, 280,000 bushels; spot, \$1.00. No. 2 red, 98 5-8c f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern, New York, 95 3-8c f.o.b. afloat; do. No. 2 hard, 97 1-8 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened easy and sold off all day in consequence of unsatisfactory cables, local liquidation, foreign offerings, liberal spring wheat receipts and improved crop news, closing 3-4 to 1c net lower; No. 2 red, Jan., 94 5-8c to 95 5-16c, closed 94 5-8c; May, 91 7-8c to 92 7-8c, closed 91 7-8c; Oct., closed 94 1-8c; Nov., closed 94 1-8c; Dec., 93 7-8c to 94 7-4c, closed 93 7-8c.

New York, Oct. 19.—Wheat closed today at 94 1-8c for December and 92c for May option.

New York, Oct. 20.—Wheat, Oct. 94 7-8c; Dec. opened 93 5-8c, closed 94 7-8c n. May opened 91 1-2 n, closed 92 1-2c b.

New York, Oct. 21.—Wheat—Receipts 225,525 bushels; exports 212,961 bushels; sales 2,100,000 bushels; 9 futures; 200,000 bushels' spot. Spot easy; No. 2 red 97 1-2 to 98 f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 hard 96 1-2 fob afloat. Options opened stronger and was influenced all the morning by an abundance of bull news including higher cables, foreign buying, small northwestern movement and fair clearances; broke sharply in the afternoon under tired long selling and closed unchanged to 1-8 net lower. Sales included No. 2 red, May 92 1-2 to 93 3-16, closed 92 1-2; Oct. 95 to 95 1-4, closed 95; Nov. closed 94 3-4; Dec. 94 3-8 to 95 1-4, closed 94 1-2.

New York, Oct. 22.—Wheat—Receipts 175,200 bushels; exports 48,055 bushels; sales 4,170,000 bushels; futures; 500,000 bushels spot. Spot strong No. 2 red \$1.01 5-8 f. o. b. afloat, No. 1 northern Duluth 99 7-8 fob afloat, No. 2 hard New York 99 1-4 fob afloat; No. 1 northern New York 99 1-8 fob afloat. Options opened strong and advanced all day with scarcely a pause, closing with a sensational bull flourish at 23-8 to 3c net rise. Buying motives were extravagant export rumors, higher cables and a bad scare of shorts. Sales included No. 2 red January, 95 5-16 to 97 3-4, closed 97 3-4; May 92 7-8 to 95 9-16, closed 95 1-2; Oct. closed 97 7-8; Nov. closed 97 5-8; Dec. 94 7-8 to 97 1-2, closed 97 3-8.

On Saturday, October 23, wheat closed at 97 3-4c for December, and 95 1-2c for May option. A week ago December wheat closed at 94 7-8c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, October 23, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 91c for October, 90c for December and 90 3-4c for May option. A week ago December wheat closed at 88 1-4c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

No. 1 hard, o.d. this (Saturday) morning at 93 and 93 1-2c, but holders were higher, in some cases asking 94c. No. 2 hard sold at 90 1-2c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—October \$7 7-8c, December \$6 3-8c, May \$7 1-4c.

Tuesday—October \$7 5-8c, December \$6 3-8c, May \$7 1-2c.

Wednesday—October \$8 1-4c, December \$6 7-8c, May \$8 1-4c.

Thursday—October \$8 1-4c, December \$6 5-8c, May \$8c.

Friday—December \$9 1-4c, May 91 1-4c.

Saturday, Oct. 91 7-8c; Dec. 89 5-8c; May, 91 5-8c.

Cash, No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 93 7-8c, and cash No. 1 northern at 91 7-8c.

Last week December option closed at \$7 1-8c.

A year ago December option closed at 69 5-8c, and two years ago at 56 7-8c; three years ago December option closed at 55c, and four years ago at 63 1-4c.

MONTREAL STOCKS.

Montreal, Oct. 22.—C. P. R. in London, 83 1-4; Com. Cable, 182.

DAIRY QUOTATIONS.

Montreal, Oct. 22.—Cheese—Market weak, 81-2 to 91-8.
Butter—Market weak, 18 to 10c.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, Oct. 22.—Money on call easier at 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 to 4 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.84 7-8 to \$4.85 for demand and \$4.82 1-4 to \$4.82 1-2 for sixty days. Posted rates \$4.82 1-2 to \$4.83 1-2 and \$4.85 1-2. Commercial bills \$4.81; bar silver 58 1-4; Mexican dollars 45; government bonds strong.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, Oct. 22.—American securities opened easier and remained so all day, in sympathy with the money market. The close was easy with demand light. Consols for money 111 3-8; consols for the account 111 1-2; Canadian Pacific 83 1-4. Bar silver 27 1-8d. Money 1 1-2 to 1 3-4 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for both short and three months bills 2 5-8 to 3-4 per cent.

VISIBLE SUPPLY.

New York, Oct. 18.—The visible supply of grain on Saturday, Oct. 16, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange, is as follows: Wheat, 23,933,000, increased, 1,139,000. Corn, 40,498,000, increased, 2,794,000. Oats, 1,884,000, increased, 1,501,000. Rye, 3,100,000, increased, 212,000. Barley, 3,407,000, increased, 635,000.

Wheat Stocks.

New York, Oct. 20.—Special cables and telegraphic dispatches to Brautstreet's covering the principal points of accumulation, indicate the following changes in available supplies last Saturday as compared with the previous Saturday:

Wheat—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 2,274,000; afloat for and in Europe, increase 2,000,000; world's supply, net increase 4,274,000.

Corn—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 2,430,000.

Oats—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 1,315,000.

SASKATCHEWAN.

J. B. Mercer, druggist, Battleford, is adding stationery and fancy goods to his business.

At the live stock market at Toronto on October 19, export cattle were quiet at 33-4 to 4c. Choice butchers sold at 31-2 to 33-4c. A few loads went to Buffalo. Stockers were in good demand for Buffalo, at 23-4 to 3c, and feeders at 31-4 to 33-4c, some choice feeders touching 4c. Sheep were dull at 3 to 3 1-4c for export. Hogs were easier at 47-8c for best bacon.

A train of cattle from Russell and another from Yorkton reached Winnipeg Saturday en route to Montreal. A train of stockers for Yorkton left Winnipeg.

Ingersoll, Oct. 19.—Offerings at the cheese board to-day, 3,089 boxes. No sales; 83-4c general bid. Good attendance, but no life in the market.

John Dupoo wires from Chicago: "This wheat is not going to stay at 91c all winter. It has been right in one place for six weeks. Our foreign advices are strong and bring buying orders."