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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 7, 1889.

WM. PEPPER, livery, Calgary, Alberta has sold out.

DAVID CLARK, blacksmith, Virden, is giving up business.

J. McDonald will open a meat shop at Prince Albert, Sask.

McDowell & McIntosu, butchers, Virden, have dissolved.

GRAIO & ROTHNIE, dealers in flour and feed, Vieden, have dissolved partnership.

J. G. TURIFF, general storekeeper, Carlyle, Assa., has sold out to J. W. Wilcox.

H. Coy, lumber and livery, Grenfell, Assa., has given up lumber branch of business.

E. A. Baker, general storekeeper, Douglas, Man., contemplates admitting a partner.

RUTLEDGE & Co., druggists, Whitewood, Assa., are about to dispose of their business.

JOHN CAULFIELD, dealer in groceries and liquors, Virden, Man. is closing out his business.

JAMES AGNEW, dealer in boots and shoes, Dominion City, Man., has decided to move to

The reported sale of the Commercial hotel at Maple Creek, Assa., is denied. J. Flemming is still in charge of the house.

FREE BY on coal from Medicine Hat to Winnibeg is \$4 02 per ton, in car lots, which is a protty steep figure. The distance is 650 miles.

J. CORBETT & Co., recently from England, have opened in the clothing line in Winnipeg. A stock of British goods has been imported, and also a line of Canadian make purchased.

D. McSweeny will open a butcher's shop at Medicine Hat, Assa.

MARTIN & CURTIS have given an order for an electric light plant for lighting Portage la Prairie. Man.

S. A. Hamilton, hardware dealer. Emerson and Dominion City, Man., is closing out his business at the latter place. He will open a hardware store at Morden.

THE annual fall fairs were being hell all over the country last week. The Portage la Prairie fair, which was held on Wednesday and Thursday, was a great success.

RAT PORTAGE was excited last week over the discovery of gold while workmen were digging a drain on Main street. It is reported that some of the earth was washed and gave good returns of gold.

D. H. GLOVER has retired from the Ralston pottery at Rapid City, Man, and is establishing a new company to manufacture pottery. Buildings for the purpose are being erected near/the railway station.

THE insolvent estate of P. A. D'Auteuil, dry goods dealer, of Winnipeg, will be offered for sale on the premises, by public auction, on Thursday, October 10th, at 11 a.m. The stock is made up as follows:—Dry goods, mantles, carpets, house furnishings, etc., \$32,647.06; shop fixtures, \$1,000; book debts, \$1,628.82.

At a meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade, held last week, a committee was appointed to take up the question of improvements to the navigation of Red river, and to press on the government the advisability of placing a sum in the estimates of this year to carry out improvements which were practically promised by the government to a deputation of the board last session.

THE partnership existing between John D. McCallum and W. M. Vaughan doing business at Rapid City, Man., as butchers and traders, under the firm name of McCallum & Vaughan, has been dissolved by mutual consent, W. M. Vaughan retiring from the business. The retiring partner will give his attention to his fruit and green grocery business, recently established at Rapid City.

Hemp Yarns, the little paper published by A. W. Morris & Bro., of Montreal, says:—The manufacturers of binder twine have no doubt been disappointed at the result of the last harvest, and it is claimed that large quantities of twine will be carried over The particularly short and light straw throughout the west, owing to drought, has, to a great extent caused the trouble.

The Stair coal mine, near Medicine Hat, Assa., is turning out about thirty-five tons per day. Shipments are being made to Winnipeg. The mine will be increased to over 100 tons per day, it is said. The new mine opened this summer a little south of Medicine Hat is not yet connected with the Canadian Pacific railway, but an effort is being made to raise money to build a short railway about eight miles in length, to connect the mines with the Canadian Pacific railway. If these two mines are kept in operation, it will help the business of the local merchants at Medicine Hat very much.

THE shingle mill at Revelstoke, B.C., is turning out about 50,000 shingles daily.

A FIRE occurred recently in Campbell's hardware store, Oak Lake, Man. By determined efforts it was got under control, after the whole stock, valued at one thousand dollars, was more or loss damaged.

The saw mill at Cowichan, B. C., which has been idle for several years, started up a few weeks ago. W. Clark, millwright, is placing the machinery in condition, and the mill will continue to work steadily in the future. It has a capacity of 30,000 feet per day. A branch lumber yard for the mill may be opened in Victoria.

THE wheat crop of Manitoba this year is continually growing, at least in the minds of a good many, judging from the items appearing from time to time in eastern papers. Nothing less than a surplus of 12,000,000 bushels will now suit, and this is the estimate of the surplus wheat crop of Manitoba most generally accepted in eastern Canada, so far as can be learned from observing articles appearing in eastern papers. Now, it may just as well be understood, first as last, that Manitoba will not have any such quantity of wheat this year, for export. Nobody here at all informed as to the situation, looks for twelve million, nor for ten million bushels of surplus wheat this year. Estimates by local grain men run from four to six million bushels for export, and the happy medium between these extremes is probably a pretty liberal allowance, when we consider that the tendency in the past has invariably been to over-estimate the crop. Government returns in August pointed to a total yield of from eight to nine million bushels, but these figures are considered by the best authorities to be very considerably above the mark.

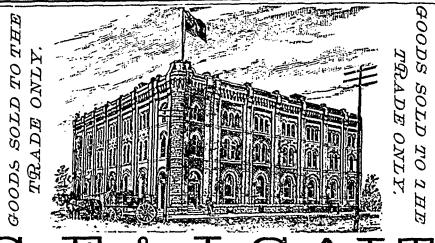
INLAND revenue returns at Winnipeg for September were:-

Spirits	\$7,772	08
Malt	. 2,298	52
Tobacco		
Cigars	. 492	00
Inspection of Oil	. 246	00
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Following is a statement showing value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption, with duty collected thereon at Winnipeg, during the month of September, compared with the same month of last year:

	VALUE	VALUE
DESCRIPTION.		1889.
Exported	\$ 94,142 00	\$262,544.00
Imported dutiable		175,370.00
Imported free	17,337.00	33,490.00
Total imported		\$208,860.00
Entered for consumption dutiable.	\$120,025.00	\$180,221.00
Entered for consumption free.	17,337 00	33,490.00
Total consump-	\$137,362.00	\$213,711.00

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Editors Table.

A pamphlet on Strawberry Culture, by W. W. Hilborn, horticulturalist of the Central E) perimental Farm, Ottawa, has reached the Table. We know personally something of Mr. Hilborn's long practical study of small fruits in general, and strawberries in particular, and can recommend his work to those interested in the cultivation of the luscious berry.

A. W. Morris & Bro., proprietors of the extensive factories at Montreal for the manufacture of binder twine, cordage, bags, etc., have undertaken the publication of a fortnightly journal, devoted to the interest of the hemp yarn trade. The new publication will be known as Hemp Yarn, and will be distributed gratis to the trade. The first number of the journal, which has reached the Table, is a model of neatness, and quite interesting in its reading matter.

The Dominion Illustrated for September 28 is an excellent number. It contains four effective views of scenes connected with the recent terrible disaster at Quebec, which has sent a thrill of horror through the country. The engravings are realistic, and convey an idea of the terrible nature of the catastrophe. Several pages are devoted to the illustration of the Halifax carnival, of which some capital views are given. Altogether, this week's issue is of more than ordinary interest.-Dominion Illustrated Publishing Company, Montreal.

A thrice welcome visitor reached the Table this week, which was at once recognized before the wrapper had been removed, as The Bystander. The Canadian public, who have been deprived for some time of the opportunity to peruse regularly articles from the pen of Professor Goldwin Smith, will welcome the resurrection of The Bystander. New series No. 1 of The Bystander is similar in appearance to the former issues of the publication under the same name, and the power which guides the pen is at once recognized as also the same which controlled the pages of the old series. The Bystander will at once come into prominence all over Canada, and will be regularly looked for by many who may not agre in every articular with the opinions put forth in its

The articles in The Bystander will be refreshing in the sense that they will certainly be free from party biass. The first number gives prominence to Manitoba questions, upon which the writer is quite competend to dwell. Mr. Smith has for years taken a deep interest in western affairs and he has made it a point to visit this part of Canada at least once a year. Published monthly by Hunter, Rose & Co., Toronto. Subscription rate \$1 per year.

Eastern Business Changes. ONTARIO.

Peter Taylor, baker, Hamilton, has assigned. R. V. Somerville, printer, Dundas, has sold

W. H. Blackstock, physician, Thorold, is dead.

I. F. Belfry, druggist, Shelburne, has assigned.

Sexsmith & Son, tailors, Toronto, have assigned.

Emma R. Hale, jeweler, Woodstock, has assigned.

C. J. Bott, dealer in shoes, Ottawa, has assigned.

J. A. Girard, dealer in tobacco, Ottawa, has assigned.

T. T. Kennedy, hotelkeeper, Aylmer, has sold out.

J. E. Taylor, confectioner, Hamilton, has sold out.

J. J. McQueen, carpenter, Hamilton, is in difficulty.

C. E. Neil, general storekeeper, Feversham, has assigned.

C. W. Briggs, dealer in shoes, North Bay, has assigned.

Geo. Bleakley, dealer in furniture, Norwich, has assigned.

Alex. Wilson, blacksmith, Granton, is leaving for Manitoba.

Wm. Hamilton, general storckeeper, Newry, has sold out.

I. E. York & Co., druggists, St. Ihomas, have sold out. . Cada & Mailloux, grist mills, Pike Creek,

have dissolved. Chas Malone, hotelkeeper, Alvinston, is

moving to Aylmer. W. J. W. Graham, dealer in harness, Beach-

burg, has assigned.



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W. J. Rowe, dealer in flour and feed, Toronto, has sold out.

Chas. Herrenden, baker, St. Thomas, style now Herrenden & York.

A. A. Vernon dealer in groceries and liquors, Hamilton, has assigned.

Henderson & Stiegler, general storekeeper, Mildmay, have dissolved.

Brantford Vinegac, Broom & Brush Co., Ltd., Brantford, have sold out the vinegar branch.

QUEBEC.

Sarah E. Laverty, grocer, Montreal, has as-

Leon Joubert, dealer in shoes, Montreal, has assigned.

Brosseau & Duval, builders, Montreal, have dissolved.

Boyer Freres, sailors, Montreal, are asking an extension. Mrs. G. Lacas, milliner, Montreal, demand

of assignment. Joseph Fiset, general storekeeper, Montreal.

has assigned.

P. Leduc & Co., hotelkcepers, Montreal, have dissolved.

Gauthier & Dessureaux, builders, Montreal, have dissolved.

Dompierre & Menard, butchers, Montreal, have dissolved.

Racine & Bolduc, dealer in carriages, Laprairie, have dissolved.

Thomas Potvin, general storekeeper, Baie St. Paul, has compromised.

E. Migneron, general storekeeper, Ange Gardien, demand of assignment.

Peruse & Chretien, general storekeepers, St. Jean des Eschaillon, have assigned.

J. Varrier & Freie, grocers, Montreal, J. Varrier has ceased doing business under this style. .

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Lonsdale, Reid & Co., wholesale dry goods, Montreal, have dissolved; T. H. Lonsdale retires business continued by Wm Reid & A. B. Mapherson under same style.

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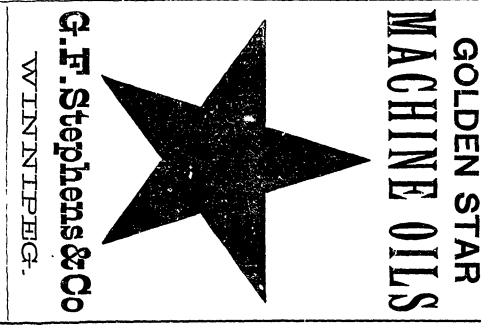
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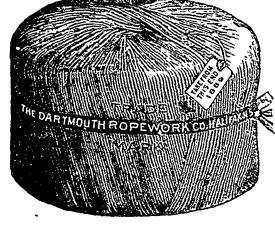
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CONGRESS OF AMERICAN NATIONS.

Canada must consider herself finally done for at last. The great congress of American na tions, which has been the theme for years, has at last assembled at Washington, and Canada of course not being a nation, but a portion of an empire which is not an American nation, is not represented at the gathering. This con gress has been under discussion for years, and its purpose is therefore well known. The scheme was set on foot by Sccretary Blaine, during the Garfield administration. Briefly, it may be stated that this gathering of American delegates is for the purpose of discussing trade matters principally. The act of congress set forth as the purpose of the convention, among other things the consideration of measures to preserve the peace and promote the prosperity of the several American states; of measures towards the formation of an American customs union; the establishment of a uniform system of customs' regulations; of a uniform system of weights and measures and of patent right and copyright measures, the adoption of a common silver coin to be issued by each government, and to be legal tender between citizens of all the republics; and the consideration of a plan of international arbitration for the settlement of disputes. These are all very important matters in themselves, but the main idea with the shrewd Yankee originators of the scheme is to gain a monopoly of the trade of Mexico, Central and South America. The trade of these countries is now largely handled by Great Britain, Germany, and France Now it would be a grand scheme if the United States could just get the southern nations te adopt a sixty per cent, protective tariff against the world, while admitting United States manufactures free, under the provisions of a customs union. It is hardly likely, however, that the southern nations will be trapped into such an alleged mutual benefit scheme. The idea of establishing uniform tariff and customs regulations over a number of different countries, with their constantly changing governments and political conditions, seems ab surd in the extreme. South American republies, with their frequent revolutionary movements, are not likely to long hold to any arrangement of that nature The scheme is one similar to that of commercial union between Canada and the United States, though even more absurd, in that it includes a number of nations, and the greater the number of diverse interests, the more difficult it will be to make the scheme work. The protective policy in the United States has held out a long time, but even there the future of protection is by no means assured, and a few years may bring about a revulsion of sentiment upon the question. At any rate, it is evident that the highly protected manufacturers of the United States are unable to compete on a legitimate basis for the trade of these southern countries, hence the endeavor to rope them into an alleged mutual benefit, customs union scheme

America for the Americans the schemors shout. I.e. us keep out the Europeans and get rich by trading among ourselves. The patronizing Yankees allow that the Spanish and Portugese speaking people of the southern countries are Americans when they talk of America for the Americans in this connection, but while shouting the words in their broad sense, it is evident that they mean that the benefits shall all go to the people who delight to restrict the application of the words America and American to themselves.

Though some minor matters may be dealt with and decided upon by this congress, it is not at all likely that the commercial conditions existing between the countries of America will be greatly altered as a result of the assembling of these representatives of the various nations of the double continent. At any rate, Canadians have yet no cause to feel alarmed because they have been counted out. The congress will come and go, and the world will wag on just the same, and a few months from now the whole thing will probably be forgotten.

MUST PAY UP.

We notice from the Minneapolis Trade B lletin that a strong effort is to be made by the jobbers and wholesalers of Minneapolis and St. Paul to close up accounts this fall. It appears that accounts with country traders throughout Minnesota and Dakota have been allowed to run along for the past few years, until there has been a considerably accumulation of overdue amounts. The past few years, are described by our Minneapolis contemporary as years of depression in trade circles throughout the country tributary to that market, and on this account it is said the jobbers have been very lenient with their country customers, to the extent that "many burdensome accounts have accumulated." In times of depression it is true that leniency has sometimes to be shown by wholesale dealers. Many excellent traders. who get into a temporarily cramped position, would be anable to pull through, if a cast iron rule were followed. It is questionable, however, if the practice of allowing a general accumulation of accounts for years, such as the Trade Bulletin speaks of, can be considered as really beneficial to the retail trade as a whole. The influence of such a system, at best, would he to encourage careless and unbusinesslike wavs of carrying on the trade of the country.

At any rate the jobbers, we are informed. are now going to push for the settlement of all back accounts. The crop has been a good one in Minnesota, and they think it a good time to start in with the intention of putting business on a better basis. The Bulletin advises retail dealers to "push collections for all they are worth," and adds that they "will be justified in adopting severe methods to obtain what is due them, as it is their only salvation." It is evident from this that the wholesalers are in earnest in their movement to wipe off old scores, and in order to pay up, retailers will also be obliged to press hard to make collections. The adoption of such a policy will no doubt lead to the downfall of some retailers, but if the movement is faithfully carried out, it will result in placing business upon a very much more satisfactory basis, and in the end will be better for wholesalers and retailers alike.

Why such a move, if followed up in the future, will be better for wholesalers, it is not necessary to discuss. The reasons are within the comprehension of all. It will be an advantage to retailers because it will lead to a better system of doing business. I will cause retailers to look more closely after their collections, and discourage the system of allowing accounts with their customers to run on for years. It will also lead to the weeding out of a few unsound concerns, which are as a rule the worst competitors the legitimate retailers have. The cutting and slashing of prices, which is so destructive to legitimate retail business, very often originates with unsound concerns. For the existence of many of these unsound concerns, wholesalers are responsible, through the loose credit system and auxiety to do business even under risky circumstances.

In regard to Dakota the Minneapolis Journal says:-

In some localities where there have been continuous failures of crops for years, the jobbers do not care to trade at all, unless it be conducted on a cash basis. They are of the opinion that to wait for prosperous times in these localities is out of the question, and that it is best to press matters now and secure what its possible of acbts contracted in the past. This may be the cause of closing many establishments in these unfortune districts.

From this it is evident that business has not been conducted on a very setisfactory basis in the states to the south of Manitoba, and so far as Dakota is concerned the outlook appears to be extremely blue. Manitoba has suffered a good deal from trade difficulties somewhat similar to those referred to by our Minneapolis contemporary, and the heroic measures which the jobbers there intent taking, will be watched with interest by the trade here.

THE CHINESE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

W. J. Buchanan, general manager, of the Bank of Montreal, who recently returned from an extended trip through the west, reports that in British Columbia public opinion is setting in in favor of the Chinese. It is well known that for some time back the Chinese have not been regarded with universal disfavor in British Columbia. Indeed, in certain circles in Victoria. and perhaps elsewhere in the province, quite the opposite is the case. The Chinese furnish British Columbia with a population without which it would be altogether impossible to successfully carry on some of the industries which are now established in the province. A certain proportion of cheap labor is absolutely necessary to carry on many industries in that province, in competition with cheap eastern or foreign labor. The Chinese afford this cheap, industrial population, and they thereby induce the investment of capital in local industrial enterprises. For instance, the manufacture of boots and shoes has become quite an industry at Victoria, and this has been rendered possible by the ability to procure cheap labor, furnished by the Chinese. Without the Chinese there would not have been an opening for the investment of capital in these enterprises. The presence of the Chinamen has therefore benefitted the country to the extent of the advantages derived from such enterprises. Of

course it has been a popular cou-se, about election times, to cry out against the Chinese, "in the interest of the poor hard-working man, or more properly as a dodge to catch votes; but those who are agitating against the Chinese should consider that they are working for the destruction of home industries, which are competing with cheap labor elsewhere. Were the Chinese forced to go, would these people refuse to purchase the products of cheap outside labor, in favor of the products of costly homemanufactured goods? It they are not, they should hold their peace. In a country like British Columbia, where labor has been dear and white domestic servants not procurable at any price, the Chinese have served a very useful purpose. In time, as the industrial population increases and rates of wages decline, the Chinese will not be as great a necessity as they have been in the past. The Chinese are certainly not a very desirable population in many ways, but industrially and commercially they have been very useful to the community.

AIRING THEIR GRIEVANCES.

The visit of Governor-General Stanley to the West has called additional attention to the Behring sea question. The Sealers' Association of British Columbia will interview the Governor, on his arrival at Victoria, and endeavor to impress upon him the necessity of an early settlement of this unpleasant matter. As the direct representative in Canada of the British Government, it seems proper that this matter should be forced upon the attention of the Governor at every opportunity. Just what he can do or say about it is difficult to imagine, though no doubt the scalers will be assured, as they have been for the past three years, that the matter is receiving the "most serious" attention of the proper authorities. There are, of course, two sides to every question, and while all the displays of loyalty and enthusiasm, mock and genuine, are being made over the Governor's visit, it is no wonder that from some quarters, sentiments of a somewhat opposite nature have emanated. The shabby and weak manner in which Canada's interest in the Behring sea has been dealt with by the home Government, has it is observed caused some to do a little serious thinking in connection with these attempts at celebrating the Governor's visit. Indeed, the important scaling interest at Victoria, which has suffered the loss of a whole season's work at the hands of the United States pirates, while British ships of war were cruising in the vicinity without any apparent purpose-idle spectators of the robberies-will hardly be expected to go wild with enthusiasm over the Governor. British Columbia scalers have been touched in a very son-itive place, namely; their pockets. Is it any wonder then that they are endeavoring to discover just what the advantages are which they gain from sailing under the grand old flag, which has braved a thousand years, and never allowed a subject under its protection to suffer wrong with impunity. The rejoicing at the sight of the banners and the celebration over the Governor's visit will to them be a pleasure equal to that which is supbosed to be derived in the work of extracting unbeams from cucumbers. It is to be hoped. owever, that long before the West receives another visit from the representative of the Imperial Government, all causes of irritation will be removed.

FRUIT GROWING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

British Columbia is becoming known throughout Canada as a fruit growing country. Recent exhibits from the province at the great exhibitions of Eastern Canada, have done a great deal to advertise the capabilities of the country for growing fruit. The exhibit of British Columbia fruit at the Toronto Industrial Exhib tions this year is said to have been very fine. A telegram from Toronto regarding this exhibit says that it was a revelation to those visiting the exhibition, and created very favorable comment. British Co'umbia has been principally known as a country of mineral and fishery wealth. She has been represented as a country pessessing mountains of mineral ore, and with her coast and inland waters teeming with fish. More recently considerable attention has been directed to her wealth of timber, and considerable capital from outside sources has been invested in developing the lumbering interest. Now it would seem that the fruitgrowing capabilities of the country are to be made use of. Heretofore occasional sample shipments of fruit have been made from British Columbia, and a few shipments have once or twice been pliced in the Winnipeg market. The quantity obtainable, however, has not been sufficiently large to make a regular business

The difficulty in the way of developing the fruit interest of British Columbia will be in finding a market sufficiently large to encourage the cultivation of fruit on a large scale. At the outset it may be said that the only available market over local requirements will be in Manitoba and the Territories British Columbia will have to look to the prairie country east of the mountains for a market for her fruit. The population of the prairie region, however, is so small and scattered over such a vast area. that it will not for some time provide a very large market. Another disadvantage is, that the centre of population in the prairie region is in the portion most distant from British Columbia, the bulk of the population being in Manitoba. The markets are yet too small to allow of the shipment of green fruits in car lots, with the exception of apples, although a few cars of other fruits could perhaps be taken in Winnipeg. Freight rates on small shipments are so high that it has the effect of diminishing consumption. At Winnipeg the fruit would come into competition with fruit from southern points and from California, brought in by low freight rates. British Columbia will therefore have to depend largely upon the western portion of the prairie country for a market, and the growth of the trade will depend very largely upon the enccuragement given the industry in the way of freight rates by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. giving a favorable freight turiff upon green fruit shipped from British Columbia castward, the railway company could greatly encourage the industry, and at the same time largely increase consumption in the prairie country by reducing prices to reasonable figures. The prairie country east of the mountains is not adapted to the growth of many kinds of fruits, and there will be a large demand for fruit from other quarters as the population increases and freight rates are reduced. British Columbia should be in a position to handle this trade as it increases.

There is also the question of canning, drying and otherwise preserving fruits, which might be considered. There is already a very considerable market in Manitoba and the Territories for canned and dried fruits, etc. Why should not British Columbia, with her fruitgrowing capabilities, secure a portion of this trade? We will leave the answering of this query to those better posted as to the fruitgrowing advantages of the province.

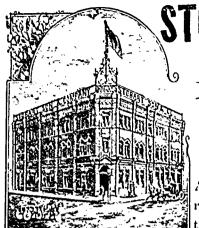
INTERESTING INFORMATION.

Some Eastern Canada papers evidently need a few lessons on the geography of the western part of this great country, as well as a little general information concerning the same. The following for instance is from the Montreal Journal of Commerce, a paper which should be a little better posted:

"The Northern Pacific railway is heading through Montana and the Territories for the Saskatchewat, river, and it is expected to reach there next year. The Canadian Pacific, it is said, has just let a contract to build seven hundred miles of new road. It will build this fall from Regina to Prince Albert on the Saskatchewan, to which place the Northern Pacific is heading. Next spring the line will be extended westward through Edmonton and Yellow Head Pass of the Rocky Mountains to Vancouver."

This paragraph is absurd in several particulars, but especially ridiculous in the last sentence. It would take years to build the road to Edmonton and through the Mountains as described. And what would the U.P.R. Co. want with a second expensive line through the mountains to Vancouver anyway? The seven hundred mile contract referred to is the Regina & Long Lake road, length 235 miles, about 80 miles of which is all that can be completed this year, and the balance to carry the road to Prince Albert will be built next year. The Northern Pacific road mentioned is no doubt intended for the Northern Pacific and Manitoba, an entirely different corporation, and the "heading through Montana," as stated by the Journal of Commerce, should read, "heading through Manitoby." To reach the Saskatchewan river, the Northern Pacific and Manitoba company would have to build about 500 miles of road, which it is not likely to do in the direction indicated. A leading official of the road has recently stated that the company intends confining its operations to Manitoba for some time. But the Saskatchewan river might be in Manitoba, evidently for all the Journal of Commerce knows to the contrary.

The "information" contained in the quoted paragraph was doubtless obtained from an -icle first published a short time ago in a St. Paul, Minnesota, paper. The article in question was full of absurdities and errors in geography, etc., but nevertheless it was copied by a number of Canadian journals. A glance at a map of western Canada would have shown the improbability of a number of the statements made therein. Canada in journalists should evidently study up the geography of their country a bit.



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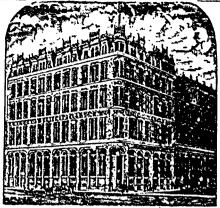
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Last week was an important one in collections, the 4th of the month being a heavy settling day in textile lines. The day was looked forward to with misgivings. The slowness in collections of late and the fact that there has been scarcely any cash movement of wheat yet, prepared dealers to look forward to an unsatisfactory showing for the day. In this they were not disappointed. As the 4th came late in the week, several had not made up their returns, and an average percentage of payments cannot be given. but it will be very low. Dealers are hoping that the next few days will supplement returns with amounts coming late, to some extent, In real estate loans business has been quiet. Several large sales of Winnipeg city property have been reported. The purchases have been made by outsiders for purposes of investment.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

TEXTILE LINES.

The feature in these lines is the early movement to send travellers on the road. Clothing men have been going out with spring samples for some time, and last week a number of dry goods travellers arrived from the east. The latter are not carying full lines of spring samples, and expect to do business more in sorting orders of winter goods, though it seems early to look for much trade in this direction, as wholesalers are barely through shipping out fall stocks. In clothing there has been some call for fur goods. Coon coats are of course the staple now that the buffalo has disappeared, and a buffalo coat now would be shown as a curiosity.

DRIED FRUITS AND NUTS.

New Valencia rasins are to hand in small lots and have sold at \$3 per box. This figure of course is a fancy price for early arrivals, and as soon as full stocks are received prices will be materially reduced. Dried apples are firm and evaporated very scarce. New figs are arriving. Prices are as follow: - Dried apples 7c to 71c per pound, evaporated apples, 9c; Figs -choice in 10 lb. boxes, per lb., 15c; figs. in 1 lb. cartoons, per doz., \$1.75; dates—Persian, in 50 lb. boxes, per lb., 10c; Fard, in 15 lb. boxes, per lb., 12c; California dried fruit-fancy apricots, in 25 lb. boxes, per lb., 18c; fancy peeled peaches, 25 lb. boxes, per lb., 24c; Nectarines 18c; Nuts, S. S. Taragona Almonds, 20c per lb; Grenoble walnuts, 18c; filberts, Sicilian, extra large, 15c; pecans, polished Texas, 17c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c; cocoanuts, \$9 per 100. GREEN FRUITS.

Ontario preserving fruits are now out of the market, and the season for these is over. Crabs are in the market, but are not expected to hold out long. Ontario apples are coming forward and held at firm prices:—Qnotations are as follows:—Lemons, \$750 per box; Jamaica oranges in bbls, \$12, in boxes, \$6; apples, good to choice, \$3.75 to \$4.00 per barrel; California peaches, \$2.25 to \$2.50; California pears, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per box; California Mustat grapes, per crate of 20 pounds, \$2.75; Tokay grapes, \$3.25, crate 20 lbs.; Rose Peru grape, \$3.00 per crate 20 lbs.; Coñcord grapes,

65c a basket of 10 lbs.; Delaware grapes, 10 lb. baskets, \$1 25. Bananas, \$2.00 to \$3.25 a bunch, according to quality and size; tomatoes, per basket \$1.75; crab apples, \$6 00 to \$7.00 per barrel as to size of barrel and quality Melons, \$3.00 to \$4.50 per dozen; cucumbers, 25 to 40c dozen, onions—Southern, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; Spanish onions, \$1.50 crate; Sweet potatoes, \$6 50 a barrel; Cuder, per gal., 35c; comb honey in 14 lb. boxes, 25c per pound.

GROCKRIES.

The sugar situation is dult and weak in eastern Canada markets. Stocks of American cane sugars are said to be barely sufficient to last until the new crop comes in. In Europe the situation is steadier, the large beet crop having been fully discounted. The large European beet crop has been the main cause of weakness of late, and has brought about the decline in the face of a strong statistical position. The beet crop is estimated by an authority at 3,155,000 tons, against 2,850,000 tons a year ago. Valencia raisins are strong and cables continue to report higher prices. At a big auction sale of tea at Montreal on Sept. 26 bidding was brisk, and all low grade Japans were picked up rapidly, at 14 to 151c. Offerings amounted to 3,000 packages, and up to 25c was paid Sugars are lower in the local market, in sympathy with prices east. New Valencia raisins are offering here at \$3 per box, but will be lower when fall stocks arrive. Prices are Sugars, yellows, 71 to 81c, as toquality; granulated, 91 to 91c; lumps, 102 to 11c. Coffees-Rios, from 22 to 25c: Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 69c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56e per pound; P. of W., butts 47e; P. of W. caddies, 474c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48a; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c.; Beaver, 61c; Oldcrow, 47c; Woodcock, 52d; Silver Ash, 62; Standard Kentucky, 80d. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40, Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HIDES AND SKINS.

Dealers complain that prices are above a paying basis, and that they are handling at figures which do not allow a margin. The situation east is dull and weak. A lot of Manitoba hides was offered at Toronto at 49c all around without a taker. From 27 to 42c is the range for fresh hides at Toronto, as to grade. Quotations here are as follows :- Hides, Winnipeg inspected No. 1, 41c; No. 2, 31c; No. 3, 24c per lb. Calf, 7 to 13 lb. skins are quoted at 5c. for No. 1 and 4c. for No. 2. Deacon skins, 10 to 20c each, the lower price for cut skins. Sheepskins, new, 40c each; Lambskins, 40c each. Tallow quoted: rough, 21c rendered 5; wool, low grades, 10c; shropshire and Southdowns, 11 to 12c; washed, 15c.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

The situation continues very firm, and advices of dvances in British and American markets are being received. Prices here are: Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.40; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates double, \$11.50 to \$12.00; Canada plates, \$3.90 to \$4.00; sheet iron, \$4.00 to \$5.50, according tograde; iron pipe, net pieces, 1'inch, 9½; 1½ inch, 12c;

1½ inch, 15½; 2 inch, 23½c, ingot tin, 29 to 30c per lb., bar iron, \$3.35 per 100 lbs; shot, 6½ to 6½; per lb.; tarred folt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6½c nett.

PAINTS, OF ETC.

Linseed oil continues strong and quotations are close. Turpentine is 1c higher. Prices are as follows - Turpentine in barrels, 20c per gallon; in 5 gallon lots 85c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 77c; boiled 80c, benzine and gasoline 50c pure oxide paints, in barrels, 00c per gallon; coal tar \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$4.75 a barrel Michigan plaster, \$3.40 a barrel, putty, in bladders, 31c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whiting in barrels, \$..50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.50; Royal Charter, \$7.00; Railroad, \$6.50; Alabastine, \$7.50 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.10.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

f. Leading American wheat markets were considerably less active last week as compare? with the previous week. The feeling was quieter and prices averaged lower The norvous, excitable feeling of the previous week has disappeared to a great extent. The feature of the week was the big movement of wheat which has set in the northwest spring wheat states. Railroads have been taxed to their utmost capacity to carry the grain. Farmers deliveries in Minnesota and Dakota were estimeted at 750,000 bushels daily. On Monday Minneapolis got 663 cars and Duluth 222 cars of wheat. Duluth continued to run about 200 cars per day for the week, but Minneapolis received only 333 cars on Wednesday. Exports from the United States for the first three months of the crop year are 4,000,000 bushels less than last, is a weak feature, as the hope for higher prices must be based on the export movement largely. The visible supply increase on Monday was 656,000 bushels.

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The local situation has been marked by keen competition, and as a result prices advanced sharply at Manitoba country markets toward the close of the week. Up to 65c per bushel for No. 1 hard was paid to farmers at a number of country points on Thursday, and as high as 67c was paid on Friday. These prices are not expected to hold, unless a strong movement sets in in outside markets, as hey are above actual values. The very slow movement of wheat deliveries led to the advance. Though quotations from Montreal and Toronto were reported as high as 95 to 98c for . No. 1 hard, yet it is not likely that these prices represent actual sales to any extent. Dealers claim that 92 to 93 cents is the best they can get for cash offers in eastern markets, and at present prices here it will be seen there is no margin to work on. A sale of 5,000 bushels of No. 2 Northern was made here at 73c., delivered afloat at Port Arthur. The weather has been favorable for farmers' deliveries, but the movement has not been large yet, though steadily increasing.

FLOUR.

There has been no further change in local flour prices, which hold at the recent decline. Millers claim that they cannot manufacture to advantage for shipment at present prices for wheat, and that flour is relatively lower than wheat. The outlook is therefore not ver, satisfactory unless flour values east appreciate, or wheat prices are as follows per 100 pounds to the local trade: Patents, \$2.40; strong bakers, \$2.20; second bakers, \$2.00; XXXX, \$1.40; superfine, \$1.10. Graham flour, \$2.20; middlings, \$2.40 per 100 pounds.

MILLSTUFFS.

Held at \$12 per ton for bran and \$13 for s' orts, in car lots, and at \$1 per ton advance on these prices in ton lots. Ground feed scarce and held at \$23 to \$25 per ton, as to quantity and quality.

OATMEAL, POT BARLEY &C.

The situation is very ansatisfactory to local manufacturers of outneal, owing to the scarcity and high prices of outs, which latter are now held at figures altogether above their miliing value. Millers cannot pay present local prices for oats and compete with eastern manuontario, and the result is that eastern oatmeal is now coming into this market. Two ears arrived last week, and this has caused a dop of 10 to 5c on oatmeal and 20c on rolled oats. Manicoba oatmeal millers are talking of attempting to bring in oats for milling from the east. Prices are as follows. Standard per 100 lbs. \$2.50; granulated, \$2.65; rolled oats in \$0 lb. sacks, \$2.80. Cornmeal is held at \$1.65 per 100 pounds. Por barley, \$2.75 and pearl barley, \$3.25 per 100 pounds.

The market for oats is irregular and in an experimental state. The local supply has been very limited. Few new oats are moving yet, and the prospect seems to be that there will be a scarcity for home requirements. In fact some importations from Untario have already been made, and more are on the way. oats can be laid down here at 42½ to 45c, the latter in bags. On the market here loads sold at 40 to 45c per bushel and one sale to a private at 40 to 45c per busnel and one sale to a private party for own use was reported at 47½c. This, however, was an outside figure, and was for choice old oats New bring about lowest quotation for average quality. Lots are selling in the city at 45 to 50c by dealers. Prices at Ontario points on track are quoted at 25 to 30c. No importations have been made from Minnesota, though there has been some figuring by to he cost of laving them down here. ing as to the cost of laying them down here from that quarter. Prices are considerably lower in Minnesota than Ontario, but the duty on oats from the south would bout make up the difference. Minneapolis quotations range from 20 to 22c per bushel.

BUTTER.

The local butter market has held steady, and fairly firm in tone. There is considerable demand for choice dairy for city and local trade. There have been enquiries from the west for creamery, but this article cannot be had in quantities to any extent. The quantity of creamery butter manufactured in Manitoba is small, there being only about four creameries in the province in operation, and a good deal of this is sold direct to retail dealers. If it were obtainable, it would probably be at about 25c per pound. Choice dairy has sold at about 18c per pound, and a few selected packages, in very small lots, have been taken a little higher, but nothing to speak of. A good deal of fair to good dairy has sold at 16 to 17c, and poor down to as low as 13c. Shipments from the country are frequently received which are sent in as choice, but they usually average fully one half of second or third quality, and are therefore use soleshly at het appet these are therefore not saleable at best quotations. Montreal quotations last week were from 18 to 21c for medium to choice creamery, 15 to 20c for medium to choice dairy, and 14 to 19c per pound for western butter. Toronto market -cuotations were 20 to 23c fer creamery, 16 to 13c for dairy, and 11 to 15c for store packed, per pound.

CHEESE

There has been a firmer feeling in cheese here, in sympathy with the higher prices cast. Jobbing prices in this market are higher at 10 to 10ic. Factorymen appear to have advanced their views, and it is said that most factories are holding for 10c per pound for September and August make. Purchases a little earlier at factories were reported at 91 and 91c. The ienti to of the week has been the boom in cheese in Outario. August and September cheese has

sold freely in Ontario at 103 to 103c, at Brockville, Woodstock and other cheese markets, on fair days, and some factories were holding for 107c. The situation was afrong and excited. Liverpool cables were advanced early last week to 48 shillings, and even higher prices were reported. At Montreal finest September was quoted at 10½ to 10%c, finest August at 10½ to 10ge, and medium to fine 9 to 10c.

A sharp advance has occurred in eggs in this market. Receipts of fresh have been light, and not nearly sufficient for the demand. Stocks of limed have therefore been drawn upon, and have sold in jobbing lots at 20e per dozen. Fresh, when obtainable, would be worth about the same, and they are not as a rule of better quality than limed. Eggs advanced le at Toronto last week to 17 to 18c per dozen.

LARD.

Held at \$2 to \$2.10 per pail in 20 pound pails. CURED MEATS.

Home packers are now doing considerable work. Quotations are as follows: Dry salt, 91c; spiced rolls, 11 to 12c; breakfast bacon, 13 to 131c; hams, 14 to 141c per pound; bologna sausage, 7c per pound; fresh pork sausage, 8c per pound.

DRESSED MEATS.

There has been a considerable drop in dressed hogs, offerings being made freely by wholesale butchers at 6c per pound, which is 1c under prices of last week. This is considered a close price, and will have an easier tendency on prices of live hogs. Farmers were offering a frices of five flogs. Farmers were offering a few dressed hogs, which were taken by packers and butchers at the same figure of 6c. Other prices are unchanged. Beef is held at 5c for good and mutton 8 to 9c, by wholesale butchers, Lamb is quoted at 10c and yeal at 6 to 6½c per pound.

DRESSED POULTRY AND GAME.

Spring chickens bring 121c per pound dressed, and old fowl about 10c. Wild ducks bring from 25 to 30 per pair.

LIVE STOCK.

No sales of large lots of hogs were reported. Last sales were laid down here at about 41c per pound, but with dressed offering freely at 6c, the tendency is casier. Cattle are un-changed at last quotations. There has been an improved tone in the Montreal cattle market, in sympathy with stronger cables from Liverpool. In the latter market cables early last week reported finest Canadian cattle at 12 to 123c and medium to choice at 10, to 12c, with inferior and bulls at 8 to 93c. Considerable export business was done at Montreal, and dealers there expect strong prices, as they say the quantity of fine cattle in the country is light, owing to poor pasture. At Montreal choice butchers' cattle sold as high as 4 to 42c, and good at 3½ to 3½c, with poor to fair at 2½ to 3½c. Choice heavy export would be worth a fraction above highest quotations. Live hogs were easier, owing to liberal offerings, and quoted at 5 to 5½c.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes were scarce on the market some days, and prices ranged considerably higher, from 40 to 50c per bushel being paid. Some look for continued high prices, as they claim the supply in the country will be short. Other prices are fairly steady with offerings of imported stuff liberal. Prices as follows:—Potatoes, 40 to 50c per bus. for loads on market; carots \$1 bus.; parper bus. for loads on market; carois \$1 bus.; parsnips \$1 to \$1.25 per bushel, beets, 75c per bushel, turnips 60c per bushel, onions \$1.50 per bushel, cabbage 40c to \$1.00 per dozen as to quality, celery 40c per dozen, cauliflower scarce and only poor offering, which bring 50 to 60c per dozen, toma oes, ripe, \$1.50 bushel, do green, \$1 bushel, hubbard squash, \$1.50 per dozen, vegetable marrow, \$1 to \$1.50 dozen, pumpkins, \$2 dozen, citron, \$1.50 per dozen; green corn. 15c dozen ears, sweet potatoger 5c green corn, 15c dozen cars, sweet potatoes, 5c pound; cucumbers, 25c dozon; small pickling cucumbers, \$1.75 per small bushel basket; red peppers, \$1.75 per small bushel basket.

MEDICINAL ROOTS.

Prices are lower, and quoted at 26 to 27c. The demand is said to be slower and outside prices easier.

Offerings on the market here are fairly large, and loads sell at \$8 to \$10 per ton as to quality. Bailed hay i. held at about \$12 to \$13 per ton Bailed hay i. held at about \$12 to \$13 per ton for choice, in broken lots, but car lots are offering at \$10 per ton. A good deal of hay is offering, but some holders are asking fanny prices, which they think they will get before the winter is over. The general opinion, however, seems to be that there will be abundance of hay for all requirements, as the light crop and prospects of a scarcity has had the effect of leading a great many into putting up hay on speculation in expectation of high prices. At any rate, it is known that a large number of mowers were sold this year for the purpose of cutting hay. cutting hay.

On the market poplar wood is selling at \$3.50 to \$4, and tamarac at \$5 to \$5.50 per cord. By the car lot prices on track would be 50c per cord under these quotations. Coal is now quoted all around at about \$1 per ton under the prices current at the commencement of last prices current at the commencement of last season, or say a year ago. Pennsylvania anthracite is held at \$9.50; Pennsylvania soft coal at \$7.50, and Lethbridge Galt mine coal at \$7.50 per ton. These prices are by the single ton, delivered to purchaser in the city. The drop in soft coal is owing to the lowering of Lethbridge coal prices. Some Pennsylvania anthracite, which has been exposed to the weather for some time, is offering at \$9 to \$9.25 delivered per ton. It is reported that Medicine Hat coal per ton. It is reported that Medicine Hat coal will be put on the market here at \$7 per ton, delivered.

British Columbia.

Thos. Greenhow, general store, Okanagan, is dead.

R. Campbell, boots and shoes, Vancouver,. has sold out.

The rails are being laid for the street railway at Vancouver.

Pollard & McMillan, hotelkeepers, Clinton, have dissolved.

J. B. Johnson & Co., grocers, etc., Victoria, have dissolved.

C. G. Meek, general store, Vancouver, has taken a partner.

Sparrow & McDonald, saloon keepers, Vancouver, have sold out.

Miss Emily Foxley has opened a stock of millinery and fancy goods at Vancouver.

The new mining town of Nelson wants a bank, a doctor, shoemaker, blacksmith and barber.

The stock of D. Levy, tailor, Victoria, who skipped out, has been sold at auction by the sheriff.

The Vancouver World has celebrated its first birthday, and it is apparently a pretty healthy yearling.

Capt. Urquhart, of Victoria, has purchased the new Vancouver schooner, Venture, 50 tons register.

R. G. Gordon and S. W. Robinson have decided to established a business college and night school at Vancouver.

The "Longshoremen's strike" at Vancouver continues. The steamships refuse to recognize the union. In the meantime the steamers are being loaded and unloaded by men brought from Puget Sound.

Real estate at Vancouver, according to the World is moving briskly, outsiders being the chief investors. Building continues active.

E. Crow Baker, member of Parliament for Victoria, has resigned. Thomas Earle, a Victoria merchant and contractor, is a candidate for the vacancy.

The steamship Abyssinia arrived at Van coaver on September 28th from Yokohama with a cargo of tea, rice and silk, 21 saloon passengers and 82 steerage.

The Halson's Bay Company shipped thirtythree bales of beaver skins, weighing seven tons and representing about \$75,000 in money, to London recently, via the Canadian Pacific Railway from Vancouver.

An application has come before the New Westminster puncil for the franchise of an electric street railway, which it is proposed to build. The three coast cities are all going in for street railways at once, and the spirit of progress is evidently abroad in British Columbia.

Lenz & Leiser the well known wholesale dry goods house, of Victoria, will erect a new brick block at the corner of Yates street and Commercial alley. The new building will be 90 feet in length, by 57 in width, and will be a handsome structure. It is evident from this that the trade of the house continues to grow.

Westminster Columbian: Hunt, Baines & Co., fish dealers, Montreal, have notified W. H. Vianen, of Westminster, that they will take all the salt salmon he can send. A standing rder for eight box (about 2,000 pounds) of

salmon, every day, all summer, has constituted this firm's business with Vianon's fish house.

What are Manitoba millers doing? The Victoria Colonist says: The steamer Michigan's freight yesterday consisted of flour and pilot bread, all from Portland. Five carloads of Washington state flour also arrived by the Islander, ex steamer Premier, last evening, and the steamer R. P. Rithet last evening discharged a large quantity of flour and 1,500 cases of stilmon at the wharf.

Concerning the smelter being established at Revelstoke, the Star says: The sampling works are nearly completed and ready for ore. There is storage for 300 tons and the capacity will be enlarged as needed. In about ten days everything will be ready for operation. The water pipes exceed half a mile in length and can be finished in a week. A large force of bricklayers is now employed. The foundations of the smoke stack, the dust flue and the smelter are laid. The roaster is finished except the arches, and its smoke stack is up about ten feet.

Personal.

- F. Fairchild, wholesale implements. Winnipeg, has returned from an eastern business trip.
- J. A. Moore, recently in the wholesale crockery trade at Winnipeg, left last week for Vancouver, B.C.
- J R Miller, a well-known western traveller, is this year representing M. Vineberg & Co., hats, caps and furs, Montreal. He arrived from the cast last week with samples.

W. S. Rough, representing John Macdonald & Co., wholesale dry goods, Toronto, arrived from the east last week.

Schator W. E. Sanford, of the W. E. Sanford Manufacturing Company, Hamilton, Ont., arrived in Winnipeg last week from the East.

- E. C. S. Wetmore, representing McMaster, Darling & Co., wholesale dry goods, Toronto, arrived at Winnipeg from the east last week. He is on one of his regular business trips.
- R. A Tearsley, representing C. Davidson & Co., wholesale saddlery goods, etc., Toronto, has recently worked Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia, in the interest of his house, and reports having found business fairly good. He was at Shoal Lake, Man., the night of the fire which nearly wiped out that place, and had the pleasure of sleeping on the floor in the railway station for one night, with a Commercial representative for a bed fellow.

Western Manager Scott, of the Manufacturers' Life, returned from Toronto last week.

- A. Holloway, of Winnipeg, has been appointed general manager for Manitoba and the Territories of the Eastern Assurance Company of Canada, and the National Assurance Company of Ireland.
- T. C. Livingston, western manager for the Mutual Life, claims to have the finest offices in Winnipeg. He has a suite of five nicely furnished rooms in the Rowan block, corner Main street and Portage avenue, which command a view of both of these thoroughfares, and overlook the very busiest portion of the city.

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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, September 30, wheat opened 1 to §c. higher than Saturday's close, October starting at 81c. and December at 827c. The range for the day was from 80h to 81hc. for October and 82 to \$33c. for Docember. The market was weak and strong by turns. The visible supply increase of only 656,000 bushels, which was nearly one-half under expectations, was a strong feature. Cash purchases of lard were heavy at \$6.05 to \$6.10 per 100 pounds. A large sale of cash green hams was made at \$7.31\frac{1}{2}. Lake freight rates were steady at 2\frac{2}{2} to 3c. to Buffalo for wheat. Cash sales of spring wheat were as follows :- In store and to go to store; No. 2, 3 cars at Slc., 1 at 814c., I hard at 827c. Free on board and switched: No. 2, 1 car choice hard at 84c.; No. 3, 1 car fair at 68c., 1 at 68hc., 1 at 69hc., 2 good at 70c, 1 at 71c., 2 choice at 72c., 1 at 73c., 2 at 731c., 1 fancy at 75c., 1 at 77c.; No. 4, 5 cars fair at 58c-, 1 at 59c., 5 good at 60c., 2 at 601c., 1 choice at 62 dc., 1 at 53c., 1 at 64c. Closing prices for futures were :-

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	813	_	831	85]
Corn	217	313	312	333
Oats	193		19}	227
Pork	11.45	9.60		
Lard	6.00	5.90		
Short Ribs	4.87}	4.85		_

Wheat opened steady on Tuesday, and had a higher tendency early, but closing prices were at the bottom. October ranged from 811 to 821c., and December from 82% to 84%c. An advance of lc. was made over opening prices, but this was soon lost, owing to week outside



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domestic markets and easier cables. In provisions the October pork deal is exciting interest. This option fell \$1.05 in price to the close, and it looks uncomfortable for the clique. Closing prices were :-

	Oct.	Nov.	Dcc	May.
Wheat	81}		S21	958
Jonn	31	31}	312	359
Oats	19}		197	223
Fork	10,40	9.571		
Lard	5.971	5.90	5.85	
Short Ribs	4.90	4.821		

Wheat opened ic, lower for October and ic. lower for December on Wednesday. The range of prices was narrow, October ranging from 80½ to 81c., December from 82½ to 82½c. and May from 85 to \$53c. The market was less excited, and also less active. The nervous feeling of last week seems to have subsided. Large northwestern receipts depress values. The deal in October pork kept up the interest in provisions, and prices for this option were advanced 60c. for the day. Cash sales of spring wheat to-day on change were as follows: In store and to go to store, No. 2, 1 car at 80 lc., 1 at 805c., 1 at 81c. Free on board and switched, No. 2, 2 cars choice hard at 83c., 1 at 83 c.; No. 3, 2 cars of fair at 67c., 15 good at 68c, 2 at 69c, 1 at 70c, 1 at 71c, 1 at 72c., 2 choice at 73c., 1 at 74c., 2 at 75c.; No. 4, 2 cars poor at 51c., 1 fair at 55c., 3 at 57c., 8 good at 58c., 1 at 59c., 1 at 60c., 2 choice at 62c., 2 at 65c. Cash sales of lard were at \$6 to \$6.071 per 100 pounds. Dry salt longs and shorts sold, at 53c. boxed. Lake freights to Buffalo were quoted at 21 to 3c. for wheat, and 21 to 21c. for oats. Prices for futures closed as follows:—

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Wheat	ક0ક્ર	814	821	851
Corp	313	311	513	33]
Oats	191	192	191	223
Pork	11.00	9,45		`
Lard	5.971	5,871	_	
Short Ribs	4.90	1.75	_	<u> </u>

Wheat was quieter on Thursday, and had a lower tendency. December opened at 82%c. and ranged downward to 81 Jc. May ranged from 843 to 85gc. Closing prices were :-

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	May.
Wheat			82	843
Corn		311	31}	331
Oats				
Pork	9.40			
Lard	5.873			
Short Ribs				

On Friday wheat was quiet. December wheat closed at 823c. and May at 851c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

No. 1 hard wheat at Duluth closed on Friday, October 4, as follows :- October, 811c; November, 813c; December, 823.

The Globe hotel, Nanaimo, has been purchased by Charles Martin.

Medicine Hat, says the Times, has many resources, not the least valuable of which is the splendid building stone, found in abundance within a few miles of the town. The stone of which there is two distinct varities is a free working sandstone. The more valuable sort is of a uniform light grey color, compact and unvarying in structure. It is very easily cut and when dressed presents a smooth regular surface, which becomes hard by exposure.

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Young man, stop swearing. It is a disgusting habit, and indicates a weakness in your moral character. The great business men of the country are not swearers. You err greatly if you deem it necessary to swear to be smart. Young man, resolve that you stop swearing at

Young man, pay your bills. If you borrow a dollar from a friend make it a point to pay him at the time you intimated or promised you would when you borrowed it. Its payment will be the foundation stone of your future credit. If you are careless in paying your small obligations your friends will be quick to observe it, and it will not take them long to learn that you are not to be trusted. Young man pay your bills.

Young man, be honest. Make an early resolve never to cheat a man out of a cent. Do not make a practice of calling a prohibitionist a crank. Perhaps he isn't. He may be in advance of you in reasoning. The same rule will apply to all other classes of thinkers. Live a pure life and you will be thankful for it when you marry a oure woman. Study good literature and read a newspaper daily. Resolve to reach the top rung; put these rules in force, and you will do it. Young man, be honest and true to your employer and your business success is assured. If your employer fails to recognize your worth as he should, you will make your own advancement. Begin to live right to-morrow.—Commercial Bulletin.

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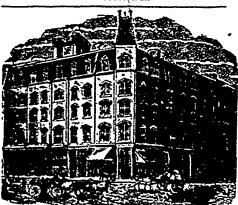
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RAPID CITY.

At Minnedosa, a branch railway known as the Saskatchewan and Western railway, operated by the Manitoba Northwestern, connects with the main line. This road follows the valley of the Little Saskatchewan river down tion Minnedosa to Rapid City, the terminus of the branch. The side along this road brings more than the usual diversity of scenery oliserved in railroading on the prairie. Arrived at Rapid City a very considerable change is noticeable in the appearance of the place since our last visit, which took place before the construction of the railway into the town. The principal business enterprise of Rapid City is its fine flour mill and woolen mil, owned and operated by Geo McCulloch & Co. The company is c mposed of Geo. McCulloch, Wm. Herriot and Jas. A. Ovas, the latter gentleman being the resident manager. The mill building is solid stone, size 69x50, four storeys The walls are massive, being five feet through at the base, three feet at the second story and two and a half feet for the balance. The mill has a capacity of 150 barrels per day. The machinery was manufactured by Goldie & McCulloch, of Galt, Out., and is full roller process. Adjoining the mill is an elevator. with a capacity of 40,000 bushels. The elevator is substantially built on a stone foundation. Between the elevator and the mill, and con necting the two, is a building full size of the mill in height, containing the cleaning machinery, and used for storage purposes.

The woolen mill adjoins the flour mill building on the opposite side from the clevator. It is a frame building, with stone basement, size 70x30, three storeys. This is filled with machinery for the manufacture of yarns. other ingredients are used, and the article turned out is pure wool, the product of Manitoba sheep. The yarns from this establishment have gained a name all over the west as being the best in the market. About 60,000 pounds of wool will be handled from this year's clip The quantity of wool obtainable is not as large as could be handled, but it is increasing every year. The company intends putting in either looms or knitting machines this fall, and eventually both, as soon as the quantity of wool obtainable will warrant the extusion. present only yarn in manufactured, all from the long wools of Manitoba. Two self feeders are being put in this fall, for the carders. The process in manufacturing yarn is first washing the wool, af er which it passes through the picker, then it is sent to the dyeing department, after which it is again put through the picking machine, then carded, spun and reeled, etc. It is then put up in the proper size packages, labeled, and is ready for the market. A car lot of yarn was recently sent from the mill to Stobart, Sons & Co, wholesale dry goods, Winnipeg, who handle the product of the mill. The engine room, with power sufficient to run both the flour and woolen mills, is in the basement of the woolen mill, and is built in with solid stone walls around the engine and boilers. The mills also have the advantage of wateryower, furnished by the Little Saskatchewan

river, which gives water-power sufficient to run both mills for seven to eight months of the year. This being an unusually dry season, the water is very low, and at present steam is being used to run the flour mill, and water power is used for the woolen mill department. This year a large fire-proof warehouse has been erected near the mills, size 36x48, two storeys The upper portion is used for storing wool and yarn, and the lower part for flur. Altogether the business carried on by Geo. McCulloch & Co., is one of which Rapid City may feel proud. The null building is claimed to be the best of the kind in Manitoba, outside of Winnipeg. Sufficient wheat to run the mill the year around can be purchased at the mill door, in an average year, though last year the crop was a little sho t of the desired quantity Plenty of wheat of fine quality is calculated upon this year. The product of the flour mill is shipped east, in addition to the local trade

The business places of Rapid City, all told, number about forty, and include about all lines found in Manitoba towns, including two local papers, the Vindicator and the Spectator A. Patterson has a che se factory near the place, which has had a good season. Malcolm Thompson will establish a saw mill in the place. He has purchased Jas. Jermyn's saw mill at Minnedosa, and will move it to Rapid City. War M. Vaughan has recently opened a fruit, vegetable and produce store, which is a convenience to the residents. Mr Vaughan. recently purchased a number of cattle in the district, for shipment to Montreal. The farmers of the district are well supplied with stock and are in a position to stand a short crop, as they make a good deal from butter, chee-e, and sales of surplus stock, etc.

Rapid City suffered a good deal owing to the removal of settlers to take up second homesteads but the vacated farms are now being taken up M. Turriff, who does a real estate and loan business, reports that he has so'd fifty-one quarter sections this season, many to actual settlers, though some were taken by residents who are extending their boldings Sales range at from \$3 to \$5 per acre, which shows that the lands are held at reasonable prices, and not at speculative values The principal business places of R pid City, are :-- H. C Ross, general store; Kennedy & Hopper, general store; Jos. M. Hall, general store; Jas. White, hardware, tinware, etc : W. N Harris, groceries, D A. Hopper, bank; Zink Bros., boots and shoes; A. Laurens, general store. There are also harness, furniture. blacksmith, carriage shops, implement agencies, There are two licensed hotels, the Windsor house and the Queens. The Windsor, kept by August Basler, has good sample rooms for travellers

The people of Rapid City have just recently had their hopes raised at the prospect of getting a second railway, through the reports that the portion of the Northwest Central, graded last year, will be completed and operated this fall This road runs within a mile of Rapid City, which is close enough to derive all advantage from it.

Resuming the trip northwestward from Minnedosa and passing Newdale and Strathclair, where at each place a few business places have

been established, the next important point reached is the unfortunate town of

SHOAL LAKE,

which was recently nearly wiped out by fire. The business part of the town consisted of two rows of buildings, one on the north and the other on the south side of the railway track. The north side of the town, with the exception of A. E. Munson's drug store, was cleaned out by the fire The wind was blowing a gale from the northwest, at the time the fire started, right in a line with the row of buildings, and it was at once apparent that there was no hope of controlling the fire Indeed, there was very little time to save anything from the buildings. so quickly did the fire do its work. The Hudson a Bay Company's store; C'. Christie general s'ore; Geo Manson, grocer; A. H. Zeigler, furniture, and Marshall's boarding house, together with several minor business establishments on the south side of the track, were safe from the fire. The uniquity of those burnel out will probably rebuild R. Scott, general merchant, has already procured a new stock of goods, and opened out in a building on the south side. C. Christie, who formerly carried groceries alone now has a general stock, and has enlarged his store.

Shoal Lake is well represented in manufac. turing lines, having a flour mill, cheese factory and creamery. These institutions were all out of range of the fire. The roller flour mill is owned by the Shoal Lake Milling Company and Mr. Squire, of Virden, will have charge of the mill this year. A Marshall, the grain dealer, estimates that there will be 60 000 bushels of wheat to be marketed at the place this year. Crops suffered some from drought and gophers, as in other parts of Manitoba, but nevertheless some good crops have been raised this year. Shoal Lake is an excellent stock as well as grain country, and a great many of the settlers have sufficient stock to carry them through, in case of a failure of crop. Shoal Lake is a big butter market, and the existence of a creamery and cheese factory shows the progress the district has made in a short time in stock raising. The cheese factory is located on the west side of the lake, from which the town takes its name. about half a mile from the town, and is opera ed by J. G. Waldock. The creamery is just on the opposite side of the lake. It was established this spring by R. Scott, general merchant. D. Steel, from Teeswater, Oat, who is claimed to be one of the best butter makers in Canada. is in charge. The lake furnishes abundance of good water, and also ree in the winter, which is stored for summer use. The cream is gather ed every other day by teams sent out for the purpose, and is purchased from the farmers at so much per pound, butter value. The cream is tested to find out its butter value, as it varies at different seasons of the year and also on the same day, cream from different parties will vary in value. When the cream gatherer goes around he measures the quantity of cream of each farmer on what is known as the Guelph inch standard. Thus the quantity of cream supplied by each farmer is kept track of, while the cream itself is placed in a can indiscriminately with the cream from other patrons. A sample, however, of each farmers' cream is kept separate in a small bottle or tester, made

for the purpose, and this being tested gives the butter value of the cream of each patron every day the cream is gathered, per inch of cream. The price paid for the cream is thirteen cents per inch, on a basis that each inch will make a pound of butter If the cream goes over or under this basis the difference is allowed. Though only a small quantity of cream is tested, the butter value of the article is guaged very closely. This is shown by the returns, for in 20,000 pounds of butter manufactured in one month, the quantity was only 40 pounds over the amount indicated by the tests. During August the average for each cow was 273 pounds of butter, and the cows will realize about \$20 each for the six months from the first of May to the first of November, which the creamery will be working. The creamery will not wo.k full time this year, as it was not completed until June this summer, but the results so far show that there is money to the farmer in keeping cows for the purpose. The advantage of the cream-gathering system is that the farmer still keeps his milk for feeding stock, etc. The milk is set in constwenty inches deep, the idea being that all farmers selling their cream to the factory should have the same style of cans, thus securing a uniformity in the cream. These cans should be set in a tank of water and Lept cool with ice in warm weather, to a ten perature of about 36 degrees. Ice will be taken out in the lake this winter and distributed to farmers. This year the c: camery was at a disadvantage in not having arrangements made for all the details of the industry, but next year matters are expected to be in better shape. Mr. Scott, who has handled a large quantity of butter annually for years, and who is well posted in the requirements of the butter trade, is going to put up some butter in tins, after the plan so successful in Denmark. The tins will be five, ten and twenty pounds, in size, and being air tight the Lutter should keep for a long time, in any climate, in good condition. It is to be hoped Mr. Scott will be thoroughly successful in his enterprise, for he is undertaking a work of great importance to Manitoba. If he succeeds in solving the butter problem, he will be a real benefactor of the province.

To the visitor the feature of Shoal Lake is its lake. The lake is about five miles long, and forms a very pretty sheet of water, with its clear water, gravely beach and wooded shores. It affords good boating and excellent fishing, and is visited by ducks and other water fowl. The country around Shoal Lake is rolling prairie, dotted with numerous bluffs and little lakes and ponds. It is altogether a region calculated to delight the eye of the traveller or the land hunter, and is destined to be one of the finest districts of this province.

BIRTLE.

Situated 1:7 miles from Portage la Prairie, is the next important point on the railway. The Birtle district was a favorite place for settlement some years before the railway was built, and the town was established and became a flourishing place early in the present decade. Like the earlier settled districts, Birtle suffered a good deal from the removal of settlers, who went to less thickly settled parts in order to take up second homesteads. Many farms were

left vacant in this way, but they are gradually being re occupied by new settlers. The town of Birtle, like Minnedosa, is situated in a river valley being in the valley of Bird Tail. The river is a small one, but like our western streams generally, it runs through a valley varying in width, and at a considerable depth below the level of the country. Travellers going through Manitoba by rail, are often greatly misled as to the nature of the country, while the train is crossing some of these valleys. They imagine that they are passing through a country so hilly for many mi . that is is practically worthless for agricultural purposes, when they are only crossing the valley of a small stream. The railways, in crossing these valleys, descend into the valley by following the course of a ravine, and ascend to the level country above in the same way. Thus a good many miles are travelled over descending to and ascending from the valleys, and the traveller in the car erroneously imagines that all the country around is of a broken and hilly nature, when a clime to the top of the bank would disclose a level or rolling prairie, and the hilly country through which he imagined he was passing would appear, as it really is, to be merely a narrow ravine leading down to a valley of half a mile or so in width.

The town of Birtle, as stated, is situated down in one of these valleys, and therefore has the appearance of being surrounded by a range of high and abrupt hills. The location is picturesque and inspiring. The town has not grown much of late, largely owing to the injury received through the removal of settlers to take up second homesteads, as previously loted. In time the lands left vacant will all be reoccupied, and this drawback will be overcome. One sign of progress is the erection of a fine roller floor mill. 'The mill building which is now completed, is one of the best in Manitoba. It is four storeys high, the first storey being a heavy, solid stone wa'l. The upper storeys are frame, sheeted on the outside with galvanized iron. There is a large, solid stone engine and boiler house, separate from the mill, and also stone offices. The timbers of the mill are heavy and were brought from Ontario where they were used for a short time in a mill. The mill will have a capacity of 100 barrels per day. Markle & Clemens are the projectors of the enterprise, which will be conducted under the name of the Arrow Milling Company. The mill is located on the river bank near the central part of the town. There is also a stone system flour mill, established at Birtle in 1882. This mill has not done much work of late years. It was operated by water power, furnished by the Bird Tail. The Birtle saw mill, which was to have been operated this season by W. L. Tait, has been idle owing to the dry season, which made it impossible to bring logs down to the mill. Several million feet of logs were cut in the Riding mountain last winter, intended to be floated down the Bird Tail for the Birtle mill and also for Christie's mill at Brandon, but they could not be taken out on account of the low water. Another Birtle industry is the cheese factory, owned by Joseph Dutton. The business institutions of the place number in all about thirty.

From Birtle to the end of the track the distance is about sixty-five miles, Saltcoats being the present terminus of the line. Grading is now going on for an extension of fifteen or twenty miles which will be completed this year. About seventeen miles beyond Birtle is located Binscarth station, near which is the celebrated Binscarth stock farm. From Binscarth a branch road runs in a northerly direction about eleven miles to Russell, where the Barnardo home for boys is located. At Millwood, where the road crosses the Assiniboine river, Mitchell & Bucknall have established a saw mill and roller flour mill.

The country through which the Manitoba Northwestern railway runs, as a whole, differs from some other parts of Manifoba in topographical appearance. It differs from the eastern and some southern parts of the province in that it is rolling rather than level prairie. Instead of wide stretches of open prairie as is found in some southern portions, the view is continually broken by bluffs of trees, and as a rule it is better supplied with wood and water. It is what might be termed a park region. As a stock country it certainly has advantages over the south, and is therefore well adapted to mixed farming, though the south claims to excel in grain. Southern Manitoba has settled up more rapidly, as many prefer the open prairie for grain in preference to the park country, as it takes a little more time and trouble to bring the latter under cultivation, but it is a question if in the long run the northern portion of the province will not excel in value the open prairie sections.

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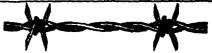
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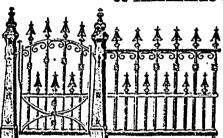
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A grist mill is to be creeted at Sandy Lake Indian agency, Saskatchewan territory.

Roblin & Atkinson, grain dealers, Winnipeg, have appointed A. C. Sewell their agent at Minnedosa.

The meeting of farmers held at Rapid City. Man., to consider the question of shipping their own grain, was not sufficiently representative and was adjourned until Oct. 5.

The amount of Manitoba wheat in store at the Canadian Pacific Railway elevators, Lake Superior, on Monday last, was 187,176 bushels; the amount shipped during the week to that date was 65,983 bushels. The quantity shows a slight increase over the previous week.

S. P. Clark & Co., of Winnipeg, have leased the Waddell elevator at Dominion City, Man. J. C. Cruse will buy for them this season. N. Bawlf, of Winnipog, has leased the Agnew elevator at the same place W. A. Markill who represented the Lake of the Woods Milling Co. last season will buy for him

In Ontario when wheat equal to 60 lbs. per bushel is received for gristing the miller gives out to the farmer as his share of the product 37 lbs. of flour and 10 lbs. offal. The 53 lb. wheat nets the farmer 25 lbs. of flour and the offal. The farmers claim that this is too much toll, but it is the standard as agreed upon by the Millers' Association.

D. R. Wilkie, ex-president of the Toronto board of trade and cashier of the Imperial Bank, who recently visited Manitoba, is reported to have said all the Western farmers require to make them wealthy is a good crop every three or four years. With all due deference to Mr. Wilkie we beg to differ with this idea. A good crop once in three or four years will barely keep the farmers from starvation. If Mr. Wilkie had said a "big" crop once in three years and a good crop the other two years, we would be inclined to agree with him.

Samples of the standards selected by the grain examiners at Winnipeg for grading this year's crop of Manitoba wheat, have not been received with favor in the east, according to telegrams received from Toronto. It is caimed that the northern grades are smutty. It may be said in reply to this, that the standards for all grades with the exception of No. 2 northern, were never better. No. 1 and No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern are remarkably fine this year, and the standards selected are very high. No. 2 northern, however, is not up to the mark, and is rather unsatisfactory to grain men here. The standards selected for this grade show some smut balls.

The standard prices at which members of tue Dominion Millers' Association, of Ontario, buy their wheat are as follows:

For 64 lbs. to more than standard price. For 63 lbs. 3c more than standard price. For 62 lbs. 20 more than standard price. For 61 lb. Io more than standard price. ('er 60 lbs. standard price.

for 50 lbs. 1c less than standard price.

For 58 lbs. 2c less than standard price.

For 57 lbs, 5e less than standard price.

For 56 lbs. So less than standard price. For 55 lbs 12c less than standard price

For 54 lbs, 18; less than standard price.

For 53 lbs 20c less than star dard price.

The price of white is to be I to 2c more than

The result of the trials with eight varieties of wheat, put in with a drill on summer fallow, in acre lots, one and half bushels per acre on the Dominion Government Experimental Farm, Indian Head, Assa., was as follows .

Varlety.	When		Yield per acre bush.	lbs per bush
Ludoga	. Aug.	10	213	623
Redforn	. "	20	23 4 15	63
Eureka	**	20	24	623
Saxonka	.,	14	123	623
Club		20	18 11 60	6.3
Indkett	**	20	12%	591
White Fyfe	. ,,	24	not threshed.	
Red Fyfe	.,	93) not threshed.	

The wheat was all sown on the same day, April Sth, and it will be seen that the Luloga, the new Russian wheat, ripened six days earlier than the Fvfe.

Lumber Cuttings.

Mr. Colyder has succeeded the late J. Joslyn as lumber merchant at Proadview, Assa.

Lumbering operations on Lake Winnipeg, are about over for the season, and the bulk of the cut has been delivered by boat at Selkirk.

Another large lumber mill may be bailt on the Fraser river, B. C., next spring. It will be nearly opposite the McLaren Riss mills and will be as large as any in the province.

Last year the lumber cut at Minneapolis. Minnesota, was 339,000,000 feet. This year the cut is likely to be about 255,000,000 feet. This would be a shortage of about 85,000,000.

The planing mill at Selkak, Man., is kept busy. A large number of fish boxes have been turned out lately for the Lake Winnipez fisheries. Formerly all the boxes used in packing fish were imported.

The Revelstoke Star says there is a bonanza better than a gold mine for the person who will establish a saw mill at that place. The banks of the Columbia river are lined with cedar, hemlock, fir, spruce, pine, etc. Navigable water for floating logs to Revelstoke, etc.

Jas. Jermyn who sold out his saw mill at Minnelosa recently to Malcolm Thompson, of Rapid City, will give up his lumber business at Minnedosa, and devote his time to his flour mill. He is jobbing off his stock of lumber. The saw mill will be moved to Rapid City.

Logging railways are coming into vogue in Minnesota and Wisconsin. The Mississippi Valley Lumberman says :- Engineers are at present engaged in surveying and laying our the right of way for a new logging railway to run from a point on the Wisconsin Central railway, one mile and a half south of Mellen, to Bladder lake, about aix miles.

An Ottawa telegram says: Articles of incorporation of the Joggius Raft company, to handle Canadian and American timber on the Pacific, have been filed. The company starts with a paid-up capital of \$300,000 and a reserve of over double that amount O'Donoghue, of over double that amount O'Donoghue, of the statement of the stateme will build rafts of eight to ten million feet and tow them to the mill at San Francisco. Tobacco and Cigarette Agency.

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