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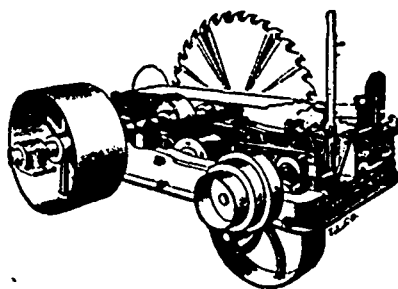
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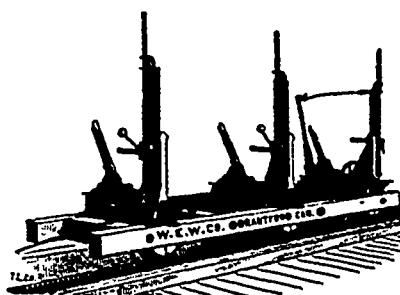
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PROHIBITION.

The Prohibition plebiscite has come and gone, and the question is about where it was before the vote was recorded. The result is certainly unsatisfactory to the friends of prohibition, while at the same time it can hardly be satisfying to the anti. The popular will has not been pronounced with emphasis either way. On the parliamentary principle of majorities by constituencies, the prohibitionists have scored a good victory, as they have clear majorities in a large number of constituencies. On the other hand, the total prohibition vote is too small to show clearly what the will of the people is on this question, while there were also large majorities for the opponents of prohibition in some quarters. On the whole, it would appear that prohibition is not practical as a Dominion measure at the present time. It would be useless to attempt to enforce such a radical change in our customs, unless the change were earnestly desired by a large majority of the people. The moral effect of a prohibitory law which does not prohibit would perhaps be more dangerous to society than even a loose license system. In the Maritime provinces, where the prohibition element appears to be quite strong, a combination might be formed to experiment with prohibition within the boundaries of these three provinces. Canada as a whole is evidently not ready for the experiment.

The question of revenue seems to have been one of the leading features presented in opposition to prohibition, during the campaign. Much greater stress was laid upon the revenue question than its importance would warrant. The few million dollars raised from liquor taxes is a comparatively trifling matter. The whole thing in a nut shell is this: It is the people, and not the liquor, who pay the taxes. The people have to make up the revenue in one way or another, whether as a tax on liquor or in some other way. The really important question is, whether or not prohibition is the remedy for intemperance. Many good people believe it is not. On this point there is certainly room for great difference of opinion.

What the effect of the plebiscite vote will be on the temperance sentiment of the country, time alone will develop. Will it lead to the amalgamation of the temperance element on some more moderate policy, or will it tend to further divide them? Temperance people have been considerably divided in the past, between the extreme views of a section who looked to political action, and those who preferred to work on moral and educative lines. The result of the vote will no doubt give a set back to those who favored

working on political lines and with prohibitory measures, but it may not prove a great injury to true temperance sentiment.

THE WHEAT SUPPLY

Every now and again some crank or faddist tries to alarm the world by predicting some pending calamity. Several dates now past, have been set for the end of the world, and thousands of weak minded people have in the past accepted these prognostications of diseased minds. One alleged scientist startles the world with the statement that the dry land is being slowly but surely engulfed by the rising waters of the ocean. Another finds that the temperature is growing colder, so that eventually, some thousands of years hence, we will all be frozen to death. Another computes the time when our fuel supply will be exhausted, which would certainly be an awkward predicament for Canadians at least. If we worried over these things we would be in uncomfortably warm water all the time. Sensible people, however, will attend to their business and give little thought to such predictions, leaving the worrying to the alleged scientists and faddists who propounded the apparently startling problems.

The latest scare crow is the prediction of Sir W. Crookes, president of the British association, who announces that the world's limit of wheat production will be reached by 1921, and a few years later the world will enter the first stage of starvation by reason of the shortage of foodstuffs. With all due deference to the exalted position of Sir W. C., we can hardly take his prediction into serious calculation at the present time. Sir William may have figured the thing down very fine in a highly scientific manner, but in the light of a little horse sense, and the experience the past century or so, his conclusions seem simply nonsensical.

Predictions have been made in the past of impending calamities through shortage of foodstuffs. About 100 years ago T.L. Malthus declared that the time was close at hand when the demand of increasing population would exceed food supply. The good man was so worried over this matter that he proposed that the increase of population should be immediately regulated by legislation. Predictions have been freely made regarding the time when the United States would cease to export foodstuffs, but in spite of these alarming forecasts, the surplus food supply of the country keeps on increasing. From the last crop the United States will have about as large a surplus of grain for export as it ever had before in any one year, and the area sown to winter wheat this fall shows a large increase. In

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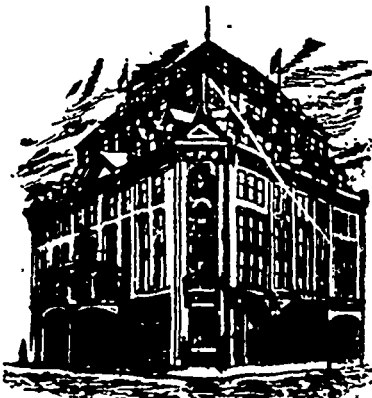
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Canned Goods.

The Montreal Gazette says: Canned tomatoes and corn give strong indications of advancing at present. Agents here who had bids of 80c in hand for the former vegetable had their offers refused this week, the canners stating that existing contracts on hand were more than sufficient to absorb all the stock of tomatoes they had on hand. One leading wholesale firm here was successful in placing an order for the purchase of 4,000 cases at 80c, and consider that the goods are a decided bargain as matters look at present. In fact, well informed people consider that it would be difficult now to gather in 4,000 to 5,000 cases of tomatoes even if 90c were bid. The conditions in corn are equally strong, and leading canners state that they cannot quote prices either on corn or tomatoes because it is absolutely impossible for them to do so, as they have none to sell. Prices on both lines are held very firm as a result of this position of affairs, and much higher prices are looked for, while values are now from 5c to 10c higher than they were a fortnight ago. The strength this year is due also to legitimate scarcity, and not to speculation as was the case last fall, when large amounts were held by speculators. As a matter of fact, supplies are light. All leading dealers admitting that their stock of both these staple lines of canned goods that own began boasting that they is light.

J. Birbeck, hardware, Boissevain, Man., is reported to have sold out.

The coal from the new Crow's Nest Pass mines is now on the market. Some has been received at Brandon by D. M. McMillan, who is handling the coal at that place. Harstone & Byrnes, Winnipeg, expect a sample car of the coal shortly.



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- Bran—Per ton, \$8.00.
- Shorts—Per ton, \$10.00.
- Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 25@28c for new.
- Barley—A few loads of new sold at 25c here.
- Butter—Dairy, Shippers buying at 12@14c, and 19½@20c paid for creamery at the factory.
- Cheese—9½@10c paid to factories.
- Eggs—Buyers paying 15c net.
- Beef—City dressed, fresh, 4@5c.
- Mutton—5@6c.
- Hogs—Dressed, 6½@7c.
- Veal—5@7c.
- Lambs—7@8c.
- Cattle—Butchers 2@2½; export 3@3½.
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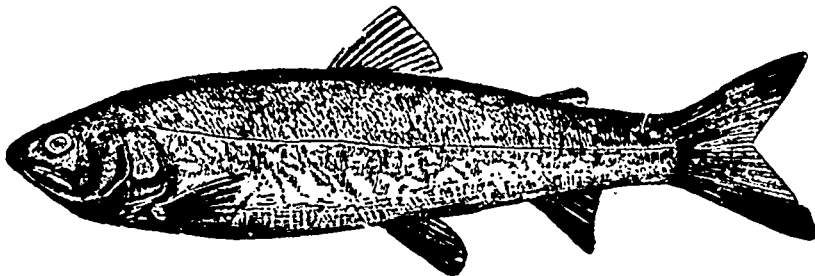
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The Dried Fruit Market.

With the single exception of French and Austrian prunes, the tendency of dried fruits in general is either towards steadiness or in the direction of much higher prices than was the rule for full importation last year. Perhaps figs are the most notable illustration in this respect throughout the entire list. Importers here have paid 60c for shipments of these, similar consignments last fall costing only 25c so that compared with last year figs will cost 50 per cent more this season. This week local wholesale houses are offering 10-lb. figs to arrive at \$1.85, the same goods selling for \$1 in 1897, and 2-row 12-oz. fruit at 14c, as against 8c last year. Primary notices on dates are also very firm, though little or no business has yet been done for importation, and no firm offers are obtainable, owing to the uncertainty which prevails regarding the date of the first shipments. It is expected that the earliest will be made from Buenos about the 30th of the present month, and the next about the 15th of October.

Valencia raisins manifest a much stronger tendency in Spain, and it is understood that some of the early contracts made in this market will have to be filled at a loss of 6d a box to the seller, owing to this fact. Offers are made this week by local jobbers of new crop Valentias to arrive at 4 1-2c for fine off stalk, 5 3-8c for selected, and 5 3-4c for 4-crown layers. California raisins are very firm in tone, and business for forward delivery has been checked, owing to the attitude of the Growers Association, on the coast, regarding the question of prices and deliveries. If they are successful in carrying out their intentions, prices will have to advance, and at present no business has been put through for October, at which time the earliest deliveries of Pacific coast raisins will be made in this market. Offers on these fruits to arrive are made as follows: Two-Crown loose muscatels, 5 1-2c; 3-crown do., 6 3-4c; 4-crown, 7 1-2c; seeded, 9 1-2c to 11c per lb.; fancy clusters, \$2.30 to \$2.50; Dehesa, \$2.75 to \$3; and Imperial, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per box. Opinions in the trade seem to be divided regarding the action of the Growers Association, and complaints are made about its method of doing business. On the other hand, it is held that through the work of the association the practice of indiscriminate consignments, which have had such a demoralizing influence in the past, has been made impossible and placed the eastern distributors of the fruit in a much more satisfactory position than they have occupied for a number of years.

Currants are firm in tone, also in line with other fruits. The first arrivals are expected shortly, and prices on goods to arrive are as follows: Filistrias in barrels, 4 1-4c; in half-barrels, 4 3-8c; in 1-2 cases, 4 1-2c. Patras, in 1-2 cases, 5c; Vostizans, in 1-2 cases, 5 1-2c and extra choice do., 6c. In their circular, J. C. Houghton & Co., of Liverpool, say of currants: "We reported last week the arrival of the Aarat on the 1st inst., bringing about 400 tons of the new season's fruit. Business on the opening day was restricted by the paucity of samples offering, but the two following days saw a complete clearance of the supplies by this vessel, and our market was ready for the further arrival of 800 tons per Sargossa, on Monday morning. This

latter cargo consisted almost entirely of provincial fruit, of which a considerable quantity had been sold previous to arrival. The quality in general of Pyrgos, Provincial and Amalhas—descriptions is satisfactory. An ample selection of all growths is now offering, as the Marootis, Cyria and Palm are discharging their cargoes. The first parcels of Gulf are quite satisfactory, and decidedly superior to what we have handled of this growth for the past two or three years. In Vostizza little has yet been seen of strictly fine; the majority consists of medium-sized, rather harsh fruit. Total sales made so far of all descriptions are fair, but the general feeling is that more would have been done were it not for the prolonged heat, it being generally recognized that the dried fruit trade does not settle down seriously to business until the summer is past."

California prunes are strong for future delivery, the first receipts of new crop being due here the first week of October. Reports from the coast state that supplies are not ample, and that higher prices are anticipated. On the first deliveries local jobbers are quoting the following prices to arrive: 40 to 50s, 10 3-4c; 50 to 60s, 9 1-4c; 60 to 70s, 8 1-4c; 70 to 80s, 7 3-4c; 80 to 90s, 7 1-4c, and 90 to 100s, 6 3-4c. No business of importance on forward account has transpired in French prunes, but reports indicate that they will be much cheaper than last year. The same is the case with Austrian fruit and others of Bosnia, 110 to 115s, in 35lb. boxes, are being made this week at 4 3-4c, the same fruit costing 6 3-4 last fall. The prune situation is thus reviewed by the California Fruit Grower: "There is an active enquiry for large prunes, 40-50s, and 50-60s for export to Europe. These sizes are scarce and but few are being offered at any price. Choice Santa Clara, 40-50s, would sell up close to 7c, and 50 to 60s, 5 1-2 to 6c, as to quality. There is as much, if not more difference in the quality of prunes as in other fruits. Prunes cannot now be sold upon count alone. There has never been enough difference in price between the large, medium and small sizes. In France, 30 to 40s, 40 to 50s, command a large premium over the basis price of the 4 sizes. Last season the Santa Clara County Fruit exchange was a free seller and at prices below the outside dealers. This displeased the stockholders, so this season the Exchange is holding out for prices above those at which outside dealers are loading up the trade east and west. It is hard to try and please every one and meet the market at one and the same time."

Demand for nuts to arrive is naturally assuming more activity, and the general disposition points to steadiness. This is particularly the case in Grenoble walnuts, on which importers have found it impossible as yet to get a firm offer. Shelled walnuts rule firm at 20c to 21c; Tarragona almonds, 10 1-2 to 11c; do. shelled, 25c, and Sicily filberts in 220-lb. packages, 7c to 7 1-2c per lb. /

Experimenting with Fruits.

From the many experiments now being carried on, it will soon be learned what fruits can be grown successfully in Manitoba. In addition to the experiments being carried on on a large scale at the experimental farms, many farmers and other private citizens have been experimenting with fruits. A large number of persons evidently

believe that fruit growing can be carried on successfully in Manitoba, as is evidenced by the fact that large quantities of nursery stock are brought here every spring and fall. E. P. Blackford & Co., nurserymen, of Toronto, have for some years given special attention to the Manitoba trade, and their shipments of nursery stock have been growing each season. This fall we are informed they have very large shipments to make to Manitoba. The writer has had a couple of packages of trees from this firm, and found their stock very healthy and vigorous.

The large quantity of nursery stock being brought in from this and other nurseries, will have a good effect in time. While many varieties are doomed to failure here, other varieties of fruit are proving equal to the climate. Those who first began experimenting are now beginning to meet with success even with some of the large fruits, and several parties have succeeded in growing apples in Manitoba, while a great measure of general success has been attained with small fruits.

Spring Styles in Boots.

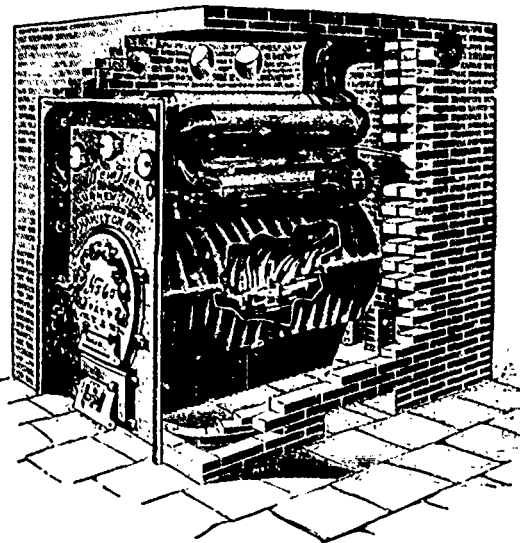
The question of colors in the coming season's boots and shoes is at present one of considerable interest. The immense popularity of chocolate, especially in women's shoes, created such a demand for this shade of leather for the past two or three years that the stock could not be supplied. Fancy is taking hold of lighter shades and in the samples a pre-eminence will be noticed in these shades. Vesting tops have been somewhat unsatisfactory as to wear, but the coming season, notwithstanding this will see many handsome samples in combinations of leather and vesting tops in which the defects as to durability will have been remedied. The demand for cloth in handsome designs for vesting tops has brought out many attractive specialties in this line. Fancy facings, ornamentation, etc., will be more noticeable than ever in the construction of spring shoes. Fancy facings, foxings and flies prevail. In the vesting tops the patterns are much quieter. Buttoned boots for men in both black and tan are being introduced more freely than for years. Imitation buttoned in congress in the lighter shades of chocolate and tan will be found very popular. In regard to shapes the tendency is towards wider toes, especially in ladies'. Some quite wide styles are shown, and it is predicted that another season will see wide bull dog toes in women's stylish shoes quite the thing. In ladies' slippers the finest lines show best work on vamps and quarters with silk bows and gemmed buckles, long mohair tongues and Louis XV. heels.—Trade Review.

John Kuetner has sold his interest in the Commercial hotel, Morris, Man., to Messrs. Spence.

James Foreman, of Alexander, Man. furniture dealer, will sell his stock by auction and go out of this line.

The English bondholders have refused to accept the offer of the Winnipeg city council to buy the water-works property for \$40,000.

On October 10 the Canadian Pacific railway rate of 7c per bushel on wheat from Fort William to Ontario points goes into effect. East of Peterboro, 8c.



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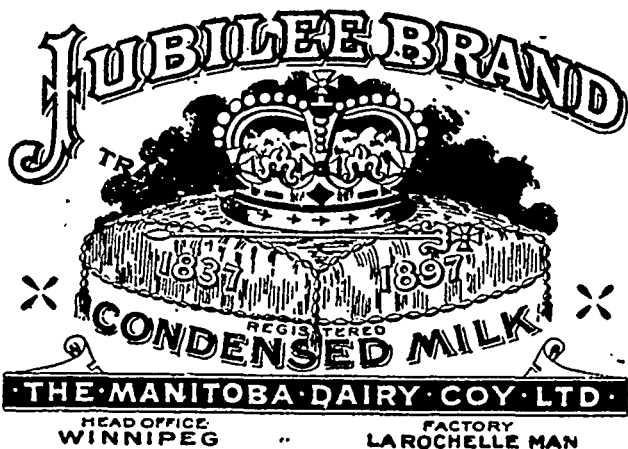
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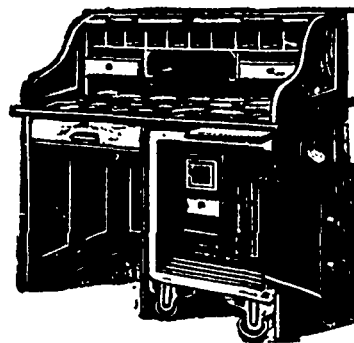
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CHANCES OF LIFE.

M. J. Holt, Schooling, works out from the current life table for England and Wales some interesting results as regards the chances of males at ages 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, and 90, living for ten years more; twenty years more, thirty years more, etc. For example as regards 1,000 men aged 20, 939 of them "live ten years more," i.e., to age 30; that is 91 per cent live to age 30 and nine per cent do not, so that the chance at age 20 of living to age 30 is not quite 16 to 1 in favor of living. Similarly, 559 out of 1,000 "live forty years more," i.e., that is to age 60, so that the odds in favor of a man aged 20 living to age 60 are 66 to 44, say 5 to 4, in sporting phrase. Again as only 10 out of 1,000 "live seventy years more," i.e., to 90, the chance of a man aged 20 attaining age 90 is only 1 to 100, or odds of 99 to 1 against him. As to the chance for men aged 50, 770 per thousand live ten years more, i.e., to age 60; therefore we say that the chance of a man aged 50 living to 60 is represented by odds of 27 to 23, or about 7 to 2 in favor of the man aged 50 living ten years more. This chance, favorable as it is, is of course not nearly so great as the 16 to 1 chance in favor of a man aged 20 living to age 30. Glancing at men aged 70, we see that only 235 per 1,000 live ten years more, i.e., to age 80; this means that 34 per hundred live the 10 years and 66 per hundred do not, so that the chance at age 70 of a man living to age 80 is represented by odds of 2 to 1 against him. As for men aged 90, of 1,000 men alive at age 90 only four live to age 100. Thus, at age 90, the chance of living ten years is very small, it being represented by the long odds of 249 to 1 against the man—quite an outside chance.—English Illustrated Magazine.

INSURANCE ITEMS.

T. B. Earl, travelling inspector of the Ontario Mutual Insurance company, has returned from a trip to the coast.

F. G. Cox, of Toronto, president of the Imperial Insurance company, who has been visiting the western agencies of the company, was in Winnipeg this week on his way east.

R. G. Macdonald, of the Manufacturers' Life, Winnipeg, was married in Toronto last week to Miss Miller, daughter of W. R. Miller, inspector of the North American Life. Mr. Miller was a resident of Winnipeg for a short time as manager of the Manufacturers' Life.

Application has been made to the Ontario government for incorporation of the Anglo-American Fire Insurance company, capital \$1,000,000, whose headquarters are to be at Toronto. The provisional directors are S. F. McKinnon, Rev. D. C. Hoessack, Dr. J. Orlando Orr, J. A. McIntosh, J. N. Shoensstone, of Toronto, and John Knox, of Hamilton.

It is a well known fact that many fires result from leaving rubbish in yards about buildings. While many fires originating in rubbish about buildings are discovered and extinguished in the incipient stage, it some-

times happen that serious damage is done by such fires, as was the case in one instance at least in Winnipeg a few months ago. In Vancouver a by-law has been passed which provides for an inspection of yards, with punishment for neglect in leaving inflammable material about. This is a very excellent regulation, which might be followed to good advantage in other cities.

Fur Trade Notes.

The New York Fur Trade Review says: Soneca root rules higher in price; the collection is daily increasing in quantity.

At the sale of salted Copper Island fur seals on September 8, the skins advanced three per cent, as compared with the prices in the spring sale of this year.

The New York Fur Trade Review says: The present is a fur season, not prospectively, but as a matter of fact, as evidenced by very general activity in the trade; importers have met a very good demand, and manufacturers generally are more active than in some years past at the same date. Manufactured goods being sold comprise garments, collarettes and numerous smaller articles, including fur trimming, which is being used upon cloaks, wraps, dresses and millinery.

The last series of London fur sales for the year will be held October 25 to 27 by C. M. Lamppson & Co. Following are the quantities of furs to be offered: Raccoon, 7,300; muskrat, 70,000; mink, 25,000; marten, 7,300; beaver, 1,100; bear, 3,900; wolf, 800; opossum, 28,000; otter, 800; lynx, 600; kangaroo, 700; grebe, 5,200; grey fox, 1,700; white fox, without tails, 1,600; chinchilla, real, 1,200; chinchilla, bast, 30,000; hair seal, dry, 5,400; Tibet lamb, 15,000; Australian opossum, 600,000; Japanese fox, 8,200; Russian sable, 8,000; wombat, 40,000; wallaby, 47,000; wild cat, 800; red fox, 3,500.

Alleged Fraud in Obtaining Goods.

The failure of Sibbald & Co., Winnipeg and Marquette, though a small affair in point of extent of liabilities, promises to be one of the worst failures ever recorded in Winnipeg. There is practically nothing in the estate for the general creditors, a dividend of only 3 or 4 cents on the dollar being expected. Fortunately the liabilities are under \$6,000. Reference was made last week to the prosecution of C. R. Sibbald at the Winnipeg police court, for obtaining goods by false pretences, and his commitment for trial. Further charges will be preferred against Sibbald before a justice of the peace, at Keaburn, on Saturday, for concealment of goods, with intent to defraud his creditors. J. S. Currie, the partner in the business, has disappeared from view, though he is being sought for.

Sibbald & Co. only opened business in Winnipeg in March last, at which time it is alleged he represented they had \$5,000 in the business, on the strength of which credit was obtained. The condition at the time of the failure would represent their capital was merely nominal. In May last they borrowed \$400 from a private party named Bell, giving chattel security, for the satisfaction of which claim the bailiff was put in possession about

the end of July. The failure showed assets of only \$1,900, which leaves practically nothing after preferred claims, etc., are paid. It is further alleged Sibbald tried to collect accounts after the assignment, of which there were no entries in the books. Currie was in business at Marquette, a small village west of Winnipeg, before opening in the city, which business was also continued, and the liabilities include the two stores. Currie failed at Marquette some eighteen months ago, but the business was continued in the name of an alleged brother, whose existence is said to be a matter of some doubt. Later the style was changed to Sibbald & Co. Sibbald is father-in-law of Currie, and is a gentleman who gained some notoriety some years ago in connection with a ballot box scandal in a Manitoba election.

Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Oct. 3.—Business men continue to speak hopefully of trade prospects. Railway, logging and mine camps are very busy at this season of the year and create a steady demand for provisions, dry goods and hardware. Building is in progress still to such an extent that idle mechanics are scarce. Building brick is very scarce—that is a good quality—and the man who can find suitable clay in the province for the manufacture of good brick has a better thing than a gold mine. Shipping is still active. There are forty vessels now unloading in British Columbia, divided as follows: Fifteen in Vancouver, 12 in Victoria, 7 in Nanaimo, 1 in Chemamus and 5 on the Fraser river. The great activity in the lumber market has stimulated shipping. China, South Africa, Australia, Russia and Honolulu are making deep incursions in the fir forests of British Columbia and the charters ahead are very numerous. There is great activity in the coal market, so much so that explorers have been prospecting for new fields and have located good veins at Queen Charlotte Islands and on the coast. This has been decidedly an off year for fishing. There was an unusually low pack. Two canneries were destroyed by fire with their total packs, besides a large number of nets and boats belonging to fishermen. Mining contiguous to Vancouver is showing much activity. A deposit of free milling ore is being developed within five miles of Vancouver and machinery has been installed in eight mines about Phillips' Arm. Vancouver is prosperous. According to the directory people the population of Vancouver has increased about 5,000 in twelve months, and is now placed at 27,000.

Wholesalers report a brisk trade in produce generally, but a ruinous competition in dairy articles. An attempt was made about ten days ago among local wholesalers to raise the price of dairy produce to a figure consistent with the cost of the produce laid down in Vancouver. A small broker in the meantime had secured a car load of eggs from the east at a very low rate and quietly slipped around to the wholesalers' patrons and undersold them. As soon as this was known eggs commenced to go at any price. The tendency of the produce market now, however, is to stiffen in price.

Tenders will be received up to October 15 for the purchase of the debts owing to the Shortreed estate, Merden, Man.

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Monthly Trade Returns.

Canadian Government Savings bank transactions at Winnipeg for the month ending September 30, were: Deposits, \$21,180; withdrawals, \$21,180.41; deposits exceed withdrawals by \$281.56.

The following showing the value of exports and imports entered for consumption at the port of Winnipeg with duty collected thereon during the month of September, 1898, compared with the same month in 1897:

Description.	1897.	1898.
Exported	\$206,574	\$119,003
Entered for consumption, dut.	246,893	353,622
Entered for consumption, free	62,756	123,377
Total for consumption	\$309,619	\$476,999

Duty collected ...\$73,516.09 \$103,699.68

The inland revenue collections in the Winnipeg district, for the month of September last, were as follows:

Spirits	\$23,551.62
Malt	1,053.68
Tobacco	13,864.80
Raw Leaf	493.50
Olgars	1,819.95
Metn. Spirits	208.39
Petroleum	440.10
Total	\$41,229.74
Sept., 1897	36,317.59
Increase	\$ 7,912.15

New Rubber Combination.

After protracted negotiations involving more or less mystery the announcement has been made that a controlling interest in the Boston Rubber Shoe company has been acquired by the United States Rubber company. Some months ago these two organizations suspended their quarrelling and cutting prices for their products, and have since conducted their operations under an alleged trade agreement. The best information on the subject is to the effect that a controlling interest of about \$5,000,000 stock of the Boston concern is to pass into the possession of the United States Rubber company, and that in due time, probably after the actual payments and transfers have been carried out, the details will be given to the public.—Bradstreets.

M. & N. W. Changes Hands.

The announcement was made last Saturday that a new company had been formed to purchase the Manitoba and Northwestern railway. E. B. Osler, of Toronto, is to be president and Wm. Hendrie, of Hamilton, Ont., vice-president. The new company are coming into possession of this valuable property at a time when everything points to a successful future for the road. The railway serves a rich and prosperous section of country, and will undoubtedly prove a good investment. It is to be hoped a vigorous policy will be followed in extending the road to its natural terminal both east and west—Winnipeg and the North Saskatchewan.

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Statistical Wheat Reports.

WHEAT IN CANADA

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

Montreal	43,000
Toronto	4,000
Kingston	
Winnipeg	98,000
Manitoba elevators	1,350,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	425,000

Total September 24 1,920,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's on Sept. 24, were 15,892,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 29,194,000 bushels, and two years ago 61,954,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Sept. 1 were 3,065,000 bushels, compared with 4,615,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains for the week ended October 1, was 11,263,000 bushels, being an increase of 1,955,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 21,104,000 bushels, two years ago 50,116,000 bushels, three years ago 41,832,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U.S. POINTS.

Chicago	1,183,000 bushels
Duluth	2,023,000 "
Minneapolis	596,000 "
New York	752,000 "
Buffalo	322,000 "

STOCK OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 5,417,000 bushels, compared with 10,719,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 21,406,000 bushels, compared with 37,048,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe, on Aug. 1, for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report: August 1, 1898, 59,533,000; Aug. 1, 1897, 64,040,000; August 1, 1896, 108,331,000; Aug. 1, 1895, 140,417,000.

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets from the beginning of the crop year, August 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Minneapolis	14,010,310	11,114,590
Milwaukee	2,323,045	2,005,002
Duluth	15,013,893	16,971,734
Chicago	8,161,457	10,617,052
Total	40,508,705	37,778,378

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Toledo	7,147,227	6,620,462
St. Louis	4,796,194	5,854,837
Detroit	1,858,295	2,381,244
Kansas City	10,102,350	15,436,500
Total	23,904,066	30,293,043

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Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

Tin—Lamb and Flagg, 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb 19@20c.

Tin Plates—Charcoal plates, 1 C, 10 x 14, 12 x 12 and 14 x 20, \$4.50@4.75; I X, same size box, \$5.75@6; I C, charcoal, 20 x 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50@9; I X, box, 20 x 28, 112 sheets, \$10.50@ \$11.

Terne Plates—I C, 20 x 28, \$8.50@9. Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.05 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.65@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @6; sleigh shoe steel, 2.75@3; best cast tool steel, lb., 9@11c; imitation Russian sheet, 7@8c; genuine Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

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

Canada Plates—Garth and Blain, 3.00 @3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 guage, \$3.75; 22 and 24 guage, \$4; 26 guage, \$4.25; 28 guage, \$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, \$6.75 lb., broken lots \$7.00.

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 guage, \$6 @7.50, shot, Canadian, soft, 6 1/2 c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6 1/2 c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; 1/2 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$20 per 1,000. No. 10 guage, \$23.00 per 1,000.

Dupont Powder—Dupont Rifle FFg, 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 FFg, 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, \$6; 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, 1/2 canisters, \$1.00.

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$3.00.

Axes—Fer box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.15 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4 1/2 @6 inch, \$2.35 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes.

Horse Nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$9.75 box No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount of above list prices 45 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron shoes, \$3.90; steel hoes, \$4.15; Snow shoe, \$4.15 per keg.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 12c base; manilla, lb., 13 1/2c base; cotton, 1/2 to 1/4 inch and larger, 16c lb.

Building Paper—Anchor brand plain 45c; do tarred 65c; Jubilee plain 57c; do tarred 73c.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.50 100 lbs; No. 1, \$5.50.

Prepared Paints—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 6c; 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, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18@20c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3 1/2c; less quantities 4c 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, \$1; 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, sheets, 15c lb; broken, 12 1/2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 16@25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$3.50; benzine, case, \$3.50. 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 \$3.00, 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 \$1.90@\$2.00 per box of 50 feet and \$2.25 for second break; 3rd break per 100 feet, \$5.00.

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, 60c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 27@30c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 13c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1, steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 17c; crescent, 20 1/2c; oleophene, 21c in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 2 1/2c for cocene and 2 1/2c for sunlight. Straight car lots Silver Star 1c less, other brands 2c less.

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

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

Dimension and Timber—No. 1, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 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 2 x 12, 10 ft, \$18.00. No. 2 dimension, \$2.00 less than No. 1. Dimension, 20, 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 \$25.00 per M., 33 to 40 feet, \$30.00, 41 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, \$18.50, 3rd common, \$16.50; No. 1 cull, \$13.00, No. 2 cull, \$9.00; spruce, \$16.50. \$1.00 per M extra for stock boards. \$2.00 per M less for 6 to 8 ft. and under. \$1.00 per M less for 10 ft. No. 1 box, 14 in. and up, \$30.00, No. 2 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$23.00. Extra dressing \$2.00 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; Cull siding, red and white, \$16.00; B.C. No. 1 and No. 2 edge grain flooring, 3, 4 and 6 inch, \$32.00. \$2.00 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, \$18.00; cull shiplap, 8 and 10 inch, \$17.00; do., 6 inch, \$14.00.

Shingles—B. C. cedar, per M, No. 1, \$2.75, No. 2, \$2.50; B.C. cedar dimension shingles, \$4.00; B.C. cedar dimension band sawed, \$5.00.

Lath—Pine lath, No. 1, per M, \$3.00. No. 2, \$2.50.

Finishings—1 1/2 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 clears, \$50.00; do., over 12 inch, \$55.00; B. C. fir edge grain No. 1 stepping, \$45.00; No. 2, \$40.00; B. C. fir, flat grain, No. 1, \$37.00; No. 2 do., \$32.50; B.C. finishing up to 12 in., \$37.50; do., over 12 inch, \$42.50. \$5 per M advance on 2 1/2 inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$55.00, 3rd clear, \$48.00, selects, B, \$38.00, selects, C, \$30.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$30.00; B.C. cedar, clear, \$50.00. B.C. fir finishing, \$37.50; do. over 12 inch, \$42.50.

Oak—Red and White—1/2 sawed, \$85.00; 1st and 2nd, 55.00 to \$65.00; common, \$40.00.

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, 1/2x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 75c, 1x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 85c; window and door stop, 1 1/2 inch lineal, \$1.25, ditto, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; 1/2 round and 1/2 cove, 75c; 1 1/2 inch mould, \$1.50; 2 inch mould, \$1.75; 2 1/2 inch mould, \$2.00; 3 inch mould, \$2.25; 3 1/2 inch mould, \$2.50; 4 inch mould, \$2.75; 4 1/2 inch mould, \$3.00; 5 inch mould, \$3.25; 6 inch mould, \$4.00; 5 inch window stool, 1 1/2 inch, 6 inch window stool, 1 1/2, \$5.25; 4 inch casings, \$2.25; 5 inch casings, \$2.75; 6 inch casings, \$3.25; 8 inch base, \$4.25; 10 inch base, \$5.00; 12 inch base, \$7.00; hand rail, 2x4, \$5.50; wainscot cap, 2 1/2 inch, \$2.35, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 60c. 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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Canned Goods		Raisins, Val., old, box of 2 lbs... 1 75		Lily, 5s, cuds... 00 63		Alum, lb... 3 1/2 1/2	
Apples, 34, 2 doz... 2 15	2 25	Raisins, Val., Layers, per box 1 90		Crecent, 5s, cuds... 00 60		Alcohol, gal... 5 50	5 75
Apples, preserved, 3s, 2 doz... 3 00	3 25	Loose Muscatels, 2 crown... 05 5 1/2		T. & B. Black Chewing, 5s or 16s... 00 61		Bleaching Powder, lb... 06 08	
Apples, gallons (per doz)... 3 00	3 25	Loose Muscatels, 3 crown... 05 5 1/2		T. & B. Mahogany Chewing, 5s or 16s... 00 61		Bluestone, lb... 06 07	
Blackberries, 2s, 2 doz... 3 50	3 75	Loose Muscatels, 4 crown... 05 5 1/2		T. & B. in 1-12 pkg, cut... 00 89		Bluestone, barrel lots... 01 1/2 05	
Blueberries, 2s, 2 doz... 1 90	2 00	London Layer, 20 lb boxes... 1 90	2 00	T. & B. in pouches, 1-4... 00 91		Borax... 11 13	
Beans, 2s, 2 doz... 1 85	1 85	Apples, Dried... 05 1/2 06		T. & B. in 1/2 tins... 00 99		Bromide Potash... 70 75	
Corn, 2s, 2 doz... 1 85	2 00	Rvap Apples, finest quality... 0 1/2 10		T. & B. in 1/4 tins... 00 80		Camphor... 60 75	
Cherries, red, pitted 2s, 2 doz... 3 75	4 00	California Evaporated Fruits		T. & B. in 1/2 tins... 00 87		Camphor, ounces... 80 90	
Peas, Marrowfat, 2s, 2 doz... 1 90	2 00	Peaches, peeled... 17 15		T. & B. in 1/4 tins... 00 87		Carbolic Acid... 40 05	
Peas, sifted, 2s, 2 doz... 2 25	2 25	Peaches, unpeeled... 11 1/2 12		Orinoco, 1-12 pkg... 00 85		Castor Oil... 15 17	
Pears, Bartlett, 2s, 2 doz... 3 25	3 50	Pears... 10 1/2 11		Orinoco, 1-15 tins... 00 91		Chlorate Potash... 20 25	
Pears, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz... 4 50	4 75	Apricots... 15 16		Tuckets Cherub Cigarette... 00 87		Citric Acid... 50 55	
Pears, Bartlett, 3s, 2 doz... 5 00	5 50	Pitted Plums... 10 1/2 11		Brier, 5s, cuds... 00 61		Copperas... 03 1/2 04	
Pineapple, 2s, 2 doz... 4 50	5 00	Prunes, 100 to 120... 5 1/2 6		Derby, 3s and 4s, cuds... 00 67		Cream Tartar, lb... 30 35	
Pineapple, imported, 2s, 2 doz... 5 00	6 00	Prunes, 90 to 100... 10 1/2 11		Derby 5s, cuds... 00 65		Cloves... 20 25	
Peaches, 2s, 2 doz... 3 25	3 50	Prunes, 70 to 80... 7 1/2 8		P. & W. Chewing, Cuds... 00 66		Epsom Salts... 03 1/2 04	
Peaches, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz... 4 50	5 00	Prunes, 60 to 70... 5 1/2 6		P. & W. Chewing, Butts... 00 66		Extract Logwood, hulk... 14 18	
Peaches, Canadian, 3s, 2 doz... 5 00	6 00	Prunes, 40 to 50... 10 11		Canadian Leaf, 50 lb bales... 21 25		Extract Logwood, boxes... 15 20	
Plums, 2s, 2 doz... 2 85	3 00	Matches	Per case	Wooden Ware	Per doz.	German Quinine... 35 45	
Plums, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz... 4 50	4 50	Telegraph... 3 85		Pails, 2 hoop clear... 1 50	1 60	Glycerine, lb... 25 30	
Pumpkins, 3s, 2 doz... 2 00	2 25	Telephone... 3 65		Pails, wire hoop... 2 25	2 30	Ginger, Jamaica... 30 35	
Raspberries, 2s, 2 doz... 2 75	3 00	Tiger... 3 50		Pails, Star fibre... 1 00		Howard's Quinine, oz... 50 55	
Strawberries, 2s, 2 doz, new... 3 10	3 25	Nuts	Per pound	Tubs, No. 0 common... 9 50	10 50	Iodine... 5 00	5 50
Tomatoes, 3s, 2 doz... 3 15	3 25	Brazils... 11 12 1/2		Tubs, No. 1 common... 8 50	9 00	Insect Powder... 30 35	
Salmon, talls, 1s, 4 doz... 5 50	5 50	Paragon Almonds... 13 15		Tubs, No. 2 common... 6 50	7 00	Morphia, sul... 2 10	2 25
Salmon, Cohoes talls, 1s, 4 doz... 4 75	4 75	Peanuts, roasted... 9 10		Tubs, No. 3 common... 5 50	6 00	Opium... 4 50	5 00
Sardines, domestic 1/2s... 05 08	05 08	Peanuts, green... 9 10		Tubs, fibre, No. 0... 16 50		Oil, olive... 1 25	1 40
Sardines, imported, 1/2s... 09 15	09 15	French Walnuts... 13 15		Tubs, fibre, No. 1... 14 50	15 00	Oil, U.S. Salad... 1 25	1 40
Sardines, imported, 3/4s... 18 25	18 25	Sicily Filberts... 11 13		Tubs, fibre, No. 2... 12 50		Oil, lemon, super... 2 75	3 25
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless... 20 33	20 33	Shelled Almonds... 25 30		Tubs, fibre, No. 3... 10 50		Oil, peppermint... 3 00	4 00
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s... 12 12	12 12	Syrup		Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2)... 48 50		Oil, cod liver, gal... 50 2 00	
Imported Fresh Herring, 1s, 1 doz... 1 60	1 60	Extra Bright, per lb... 3c 3 1/2c		Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3)... 75 80		Oxalic Acid... 14 16	
Imp. Kipperd Herrings, 1s, 1 doz... 1 85	2 00	Medium, per lb... 2 1/2c 3c		Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tin... 6 00	6 75	Potass Iodide... 3 75	4 00
Imp. Herrings, Tom. Sauce 1s 90	2 00	Molasses, per gal. (New Or.)... 35c 45c		Porto Rico... 40 50		Paris Green, lb... 20 22	
Imp. Anch. Sauce 1s 90	2 00	" Barbadoes... 48 50		Sugar		Saltpetre... 10 12	
Imp. Shrimp Sauce 1s 90	2 00	Extra Standard Gra... 5 1/2 5 1/2c		German Granulated... 7c		Sal Rochelle... 30 35	
Canned Meats	Per case.	German Ground... 5c		Extra Ground... 6 1/2c		Shallac... 35 40	
Corn Beef, 1s, 2 doz... 3 50	3 75	Powdered... 6 1/2c		Bright Yellow Sugar... 1 1/2 1 1/2c		Sulphur Flowers... 3 1/2 05	
Corn Beef, 2s, 1 doz... 2 90	3 00	Maple Sugar... 11c 12c		Salt	Per pound	Sulphur Roll, keg... 3 05	
Lunch Beef, 2s, 1 doz... 3 00	3 00	Rock Salt... 1 1/2c 1 1/2c		Common, fine... 1 90	2 00	Soda Bicarb, keg of 12 lbs... 3 75	4 25
Lunch Tongue, 1s, 2 doz... 6 00	6 50	Common, coarse... 1 90	2 00	Dairy, 100-3... 3 25	3 50	Salt Soda... 2 00	3 00
Lunch Tongue, U.S. 2s, 1 doz... 6 75	6 75	Dairy, 60-5... 3 15	3 30	Dairy, white duck sack... 00 50		Tartaric Acid, lb... 45 55	
Braven, 2s, 1 doz... 2 75	3 00	Common, fine jute sack... 00 45		Spices	Per doz.	Strychnine, pure crystals, oz... 85 1 00	
Pigs Feet, 1s 2 doz... 2 50	2 75	Spices	Per doz.	Allspice, whole... 15 20			
Roast Beef, 2s, 1 doz... 3 00	3 50	As-sorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins... 75 90		Allspice, pure ground... 15 22			
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 1s 2 doz... 75 5 00				Allspice, compound... 15 18			
Potted Ham, 1/2s... 75	75			Cassia, whole... 15 20			
Devilled Ham, 1/2s... 75	75			Cassia, pure ground... 20 25			
Potted Tongue, 1/2s... 75	75			Cassia, compound... 13 18			
Potted Ham, 1/2s... 1 50	1 50			Cloves, whole... 17 20			
Devilled Ham, 1/2s... 1 50	1 50			Cloves, pure ground... 25 30			
Potted Tongue, 1/2s... 1 50	1 50			Cloves, compound... 18 20			
Coffee	Per pound.			Pepper, black, whole... 14 15			
Green Rio... 9 1/2 10				Pepper, black, pure ground... 16 18			
Inferior grades... 5 1/2 9				Pepper, black, compound... 10 13			
Cereals	Per sack			Pepper, white, whole... 20 23			
Split Peas, sack 9s... 2 25	2 50			Pepper, white, pure ground... 25 30			
Por Barley, sack 9s... 2 25	2 40			Pepper, white, compound... 18 20			
Pearl Barley, sack 9s... 4 00	4 50			Pepper, Cayenne... 25 30			
Roll'd Oats, sack 5s... 1 50	1 55			Ginger, whole, Jamaica... 25 30			
Standard Oatmeal, sack 9s... 2 25	2 35			Ginger, whole, Cochin... 20 25			
Granulated Oats, sack 9s... 2 25	2 35			Ginger, pure ground... 23 25			
Beans (per bushel)... 1 20	1 25			Ginger, compound... 15 25			
Corneal, sack 9s... 1 25	1 25			Nutmegs, (per pound)... 55 80			
Corneal, 1/2s ac 49 (per 1/2sac) 0 05	0 05			Mace (per pound)... 1 00	1 25		
Rice, B... 4 1/2c 4 1/2c				Tons	Per pound		
Pata... 5 1/2c 5 1/2c				China Blacks-			
Rice, Japan... 6 1/2c 6 1/2c				Choice... 35 40			
Sago... 4 1/2c 4 1/2c				Medium... 25 35			
Tapioca... 4 1/2c 4 1/2c				Common... 13 20			
Cigarettes	Per M			Indian and Ceylon-			
Old Judge... 85 90				Choice... 32 40			
Athlete... 8 90				Medium... 25 32			
Sweet Caporal... 8 90				Common... 16 22			
Sweet Sixteen... 5 70				Young Kingsons-			
Derby... 6 60				Choice... 35 45			
Cured Fish				Medium... 25 35			
Boneless Hake, per lb... 05 05 1/2				Common... 16 22			
Colfish, whole cases, 100 lbs... 6 00	6 00			Japan-			
Colfish, Pure per lb... 6 1/2 07				Finest May Picking... 35 40			
Herrings, in half-barrels... 3 75 4 00				Choice... 30 35			
Dried Fruits				Fine... 25 30			
Currants, Prov'l Barrels... 07 1/2 7 1/2				Good Medium... 20 25			
Currants, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels... 07 1/2 7 1/2				Common... 15 20			
Currants, Prov'l Cases... 07 1/2 7 1/2							
Currants, Vostizza Cases... 08 5 1/2							
Currants, Filistria, bbls... 07 1/2 7 1/2							
Currants, Filistria, cases... 07 1/2 08							
Currants, cleaned, cases... 08 1/2							
Dates, Cases... 06 07							
Figs, Eleme, about 10 lb box... 12 1/2 15							
Figs, Cooking, Sux... 05 1/2 06							
Prunes, Bosnia, Cases... 08 09							
Sultana Raisins... 9 1/2 10							

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Manitoba

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J. R. Duke has opened in boots and shoes at Elkhorn, Man.

Geo. A. Mathers has sold out his bookstore business at Neepawa.

Over 500 men are at work on the Southeastern railway, east of Winnipeg.

A confectionery store has been opened by Wm. Stoenon at Dauphin.

E. Sprout, blacksmith, Arden, has sold his business to McMillan, of Gladstone.

Stevenson & Clare, general merchants, Neepawa, purpose adding millinery to their business.

John McKelvie, of Brandon, has formed a partnership with J. Nation, of Souris, to carry on the Transit hotel at the latter place.

About 100 men are employed in the Pipestone railway extension. This number will be increased in a few days in order to complete the line this season to a point thirty miles west of Reston.

The hardware business carried on at Buissevain for the past ten years by J. N. Birbeck, has been sold to F. G. Davis and J. S. Wilson, who will carry on the business under the firm name of Davis & Wilson.

The Gladstone Age is out with a large edition, with many illustrations, devoted to a special write up of the town and surrounding country. Much information in regard to the district is given.

Lake Winnipeg fishermen have formed a union, to be known as The Fishermen's Protective Union. Hugh Armstrong has been appointed agent for the union, for the sale of fish, with head office at Selkirk. The union includes the small fishermen, and not the large fish companies.

Ramsay & Co. have succeeded to the business of Gardner & Ismael, cigar manufacturers of Brandon. Mr. Ramsay is a well known business man of Virden, where he was connected with the general store trade. His business qualifications fit him for carrying on the enterprise successfully.

Mr. Bole, manager of the Bole Drug Co., Winnipeg reports that their business to date has far exceeded their expectations, in consequence of which they have already been obliged to increase their warehouse accommodation. A portion of the Turner, McKeand warehouse on the transfer railway spur track has been rented for storage purposes.

Between Clearwater and Cartwright, on the Deloraine branch of the Canadian Pacific railway the company has recently laid out a new townsite to be called "Mather." Jas. Lawrence, cattle breeder, has commenced work on a \$5,000. stone block at the new town, and other buildings are being erected.

Somerville & Co., of Brandon, who claim to have the largest and best equipped marble works in the Dominion, are now manufacturing native Granite of Manitoba. It is a beautiful dark red in color, very fine texture, and takes the highest possible polish. It is claimed to be the purest, handsomest, and most durable stone on the market, and equal in finish and luster in the grain than the best Scotch or New Brunswick granite, and much cheaper, owing to the saving of duty and freight.

Assiniboia.

Colling Bros., of Toronto, will open a branch drug store at Moose Jaw.

The firm of Smith and Ferguson, butchers, Moosomin, has dissolved. Mr. Ferguson retiring from the business.

Thos. Meredith is erecting a building at Saltecoats in which he will open business as a general merchant.

S. J. and W. H. Wetton have bought the restaurant business of George Holder at Medicine Hat.

Bull & Dunlop, of Yorkton, have leased the old Grand Central hotel building at Saltecoats and will open business in the furniture and harness line.

W. W. Bole, druggist, of Moose Jaw, has sold out to Drs. Turnbull and McCulloch, and is moving to Winnipeg, where he has taken an interest in the business of the Bole Drug Co. Mr. Bole has had several years experience in the wholesale drug trade, and has been very successful in the retail trade, so that he will add strength to the company with which he will hereafter be connected.

Northwest Ontario.

About 600 men are employed on the construction work of the Ontario & Rainy River railway.

R. I. Ahn, is establishing a reduction works at Norman. The mill is intended to treat the ores of a number of properties in which he is interested.

The proposal to utilize the immense water power at Kakabeka Falls, near Port Arthur and Fort William, is taking shape. The town of Port Arthur has made arrangements with E. S. Jenison for the supply of 500,000 horse power and 500,000,000 gallons of water per annum from the proposed power canal. The contract is to be submitted to the people for their approval. Jenison agrees to have the works completed within three years. The estimated cost of his works is \$1,000,000.

Dry Goods Trade.

Cotton was weaker in United States markets last week on continued heavy movement, and cotton goods, especially print cloths, were thereby sympathetically affected.

Two large wholesale dry goods houses in Halifax, N. S., are giving up business. They are the houses of Murdoch's, Nephews and Kenney & Co., both old established houses.

Some of the travellers for hat and cap houses, have arrived with their spring samples. Some of the local clothing houses that handle hats and caps, will not send travellers out with samples for some time yet. The travellers are now out on their first trip with their spring clothing samples, after which they will take out hats and caps.

Suits of clothes, with an extra pair of bicycle pants, are being offered for spring trade by some of the clothing houses, and will no doubt meet with the approval of the trade, so wide has the ramifications of the bicycle become. The ordinary full tyled suit is offered, with the option of a pair of bicycle pants added, making four garments to the suit instead of three. As a coat and vest will usually wear out several pairs of pants, the idea of an extra pair of pants is not a bad one, aside from the demand for bicycle pants.

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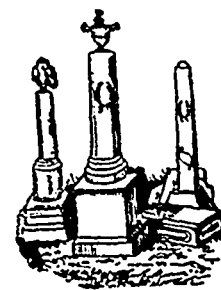
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Winnipeg Clearing House.

The clearing house returns this week, compared with the corresponding week in previous years, show as follows:

Week ended Sept. 15, 1898	\$2,001,775
Corresponding week, 1897	3,116,163
1895	1,358,643

Following shows the bank clearings at Winnipeg by months, for three years:

	1898	1897	1896
January	6,317,168	5,009,819	4,977,700
February	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,052,000
March	5,960,000	4,829,000	4,361,000
April	6,140,000	4,162,000	4,032,000
May	8,683,764	5,011,786	4,262,001
June	7,309,000	5,531,000	4,694,000
July	6,316,218	5,616,603	4,911,277
August	6,186,375	6,208,574	4,616,50
September	6,114,551	5,052,201	4,630,766

Big Bank Robbery.

Winnipeg was startled on Wednesday morning by rumors that a big bank robbery had been perpetrated in the city. Much secrecy was maintained about the matter, but gradually the statements became more definite, and were to the effect that the Molson's bank branch here had been robbed of \$62,000.

The money, \$37,000 in ordinary bank notes, and \$25,000 in clearing house certificates, was in the treasury on Wednesday, the 28th of September, the last time the treasury was opened prior to the discovery of the theft on Tuesday afternoon. On the 28th the money was seen by those in charge; it was not counted, but by its bulk it appeared to be intact. Tuesday afternoon last when the treasury was again opened for the purpose of making a deposit, the compartment was empty. The lock combinations of the vault and the vault itself presented no signs of having been tampered with.

Five combination locks and one key lock had to be opened before the treasury compartment can be entered. Each combination is known only to one man, and the final door opening into the treasury compartment has two combination locks and two men must be present when the door is opened. One of these combinations is supposed to be known only to the manager of the bank and the other to the accountant, or in the absence of either by some one designated by the manager. There are probably three or four members of the staff who knew the combinations of the main portion of the vault.

First came the massive vault door, fastened with a combination lock. Inside of this is a second iron door, locked with a key. A massive burglar proof iron door, locked with two combinations, opened into the vault proper. Inside this vault is the safe in which the money is stored. The door of the safe is massive and locked with a double combination. The treasury compartment inside this again is also locked with a combination lock. It will be seen by this that six combinations would have to be known in order to get to the money.

The money stolen was in Molson's bank bills and legal tender, including a large number of Dominion of Canada one and two dollar bills.

Financial Notes.

The Winnipeg branch of the Bank of Hamilton will be moved to the handsome new bank building about the first of November.

J. Turnbull, cashier and general manager of the Bank of Hamilton, arrived in Winnipeg this week. Mr. Turnbull will spend some time inspecting the country and the western branches of the bank.

It appears that the talk of cutting in interest rates has not amounted to as much as has been reported. The Commercial has interviewed several of the local loan company managers, and they all report that they are holding farm loan rates steady at 8 per cent., which is the same rate which has prevailed for some years. A few loans are reported to have been taken by some of the insurance companies at 7 per cent., but these loans have been made in connection with insurance policies taken out in the companies. Straight loan business is still being done on the 8 per cent basis for farm properties and 6 and 7 per cent for ordinary city loans. Occasional city loans for large amounts, on extra security, however, are taken at considerably lower rates.

Lumber Trade Notes.

Some few grades of lumber have advanced in the United States markets east.

J. A. Smith, of Glenboro, will open a lumber yard at Minto, a new town on the Belmont extension of the Northern Pacific railway in Manitoba.

The last number of the Ontario Gazette contains notice of the incorporation of the North Shore Timber company of Port Arthur. This company is the outgrowth of the firm of Hazlewood & Whalen, pulp wood contractors. The new company is capitalized at \$80,000 divided into 600 shares of \$100 each. The members of the North Shore Timber company are P. Weldner, E. W. Voight, O. L. E. Wober, A. K. Kiefer, of Detroit, Mich., and R. A. Hazlewood and James Whalen of Port Arthur. The object of the company is to carry on a general lumbering and pulpwood business.

The Minneapolis Lumberman says: "A leading lumberman of this city recently closed a contract for logging at 62 1-2 cents a thousand more than he paid the same logger for logging under the same conditions last year. This price is \$1.12 1-2 more than was paid the same logger two years ago. The cost of labor about the mill is this year ten per cent more than that paid a year ago or not less than twenty cents a thousand feet advance. This brings the cost of production in the matter of labor alone up \$1.32 1-2 cents per thousand feet. Interest on borrowed money is lower, but taxes are enough higher to counter-balance that advantage. With lumber selling at \$9.50 and at near cost two years ago the reason seems strong for an \$11 list to-day.

The following is from the Minneapolis Lumberman: "Since giving you my order for a car of red cedar shingles at \$1.97 l. o. b. Minneapolis, I have received a list from the coast offering for \$1.95. Unless you can fill my order at this price you may cancel it." This is the copy of a letter received to-day by a Minneapolis dealer from a retailer of Minnesota. Such an episode is not an uncommon item in the mail of wholesale shingle dealers here. Suppose the wholesaler should write

the retailers the following: "Since accepting your order for a car of shingles at \$1.95 the market has advanced to \$1.97. Unless you can pay this we will cancel your order." The chances are that dealer would have no more dealing. Yet there are retailers who think themselves abused if the wholesaler forces them by law to stand by their orders.

Hardware and Paint Trade.

The strong statistical position and active foreign demand for petroleum have advanced quotations for the crude product quite materially in the United States.

The feature of the situation in iron, steel and, in fact, nearly all metals in the United States is the strength of values, which reflects the unprecedentedly heavy consumption now going on throughout the country.

The feature of the week, says the Montreal Gazette, again continues to be the strong tone to glass and the advance noted in our last report has been fully maintained, with every indication at the present of a further rise in the near future. In paints and leads there is no change to note, but values generally are firm. The market for linned oil has been stronger and prices have advanced 1c per gallon, which is due principally to the small supply on spot.

A Montreal report says: Strong cable advices have been received from some of the makers of cement in Belgian and German, which note an advance in prices of 4d to 1s per cask. This is due to the continued active demand, and the fact that manufacturers are oversold in many instances. In regard to English cement late advices to hand report the market active and firm with prices tending upward as makers in many cases have sold their output for some months ahead.

Grain and Milling News.

Parrish, Lindsay & Co., will erect elevators at Argue and Barber, new towns on the Belmont extension of the Northern Pacific.

R. J. Chalmers, of the new grain firm of Parrish, Lindsay & Co., Winnipeg, is moving his family into the city from Manitou, where he formerly resided.

The new tank elevator at Fort William is completed and was taken over by the Canadian Pacific railway company last week. The receipts of wheat at the Fort William elevators last week aggregated 410,000 bushels and the shipments 58,000. There were 600,000 bushels in store at the end of the week.

W. W. Ogilvie, of Montreal, head of the great Ogilvie flour milling industries, arrived in the city this week with the Sir Wm. Van Horne party. Mr. Ogilvie spoke very enthusiastically of the prospects for our western country. He expressed his pleasure at the progress being made with the big oatmeal milling industry which is being established here by his company. The mill, which will shortly be ready for operation, will give Winnipeg the largest oatmeal mill in Canada, and will add greatly to the importance of the city as a cereal manufacturing centre.

Owing to the present high price of hops and malt, Montreal brewers say beer is likely to go up about a dollar a barrel.

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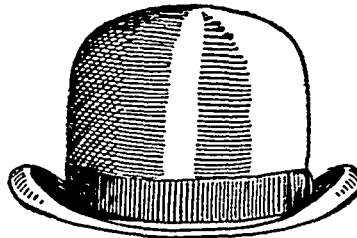
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The Commercial Men.

W. G. McKert, of Montreal, representing Jns. Cristino & Co., furs, arrived in the city this week.

D. K. Book, Geo. Hilton and J. A. McLean, representing Donald Frasier & Co., wholesale clothing, Winnipeg, are now out with their spring samples.

Alex. Frasier, of London, Ont., dealer in furs and hats, has arrived on one of his frequent western trips with his spring samples of hats.

J. R. Gallagher, western representative of Greenshields, Son & Co., returned to the city this week, after visiting Montreal and Toronto.

A. W. Lasher, western representative of W. R. Johnston & Co., wholesale clothing, Toronto, has arrived from the east with his spring samples.

E. M. Kalimeyer, of Toronto, representing the R. Greene Manufacturing company, went west this week with spring samples of clothing.

A. L. Gilpin has located in Winnipeg as manufacturers' agent, representing Flett, Lounds & Co., Toronto, Dominion Brussels Carpet Co., Galt Knitting company and other concerns.

Thos. Foster, western representative of E. A. Small & Co., Montreal, who has made his headquarters in Winnipeg for some years, is moving to Vancouver, where he will open a branch store for the sale of Fit Reform clothing.

J. H. Wallace has arrived in Winnipeg as representative of The Merchants Dyeing and Finishing Co., of Toronto, successors to Caldecott, Burton and Spence, and will make his permanent headquarters here, representing the Toronto Feather and Down Co., and the Toronto Cloak Manufacturing company.

Grocery Trade Notes.

A plug tobacco combination is reported from the United States.

A cable received from Greece quoted an advance of 1s in the price of fine currants.

Refined sugar in United States markets last week was easier as a result of the approaching close of the canning season and the inauguration of the so-called sugar war between the trust and the new refineries.

The estimates of the fig crop are being continually reduced, and some shippers estimate that the crop will not exceed one-third of last season. Market in Smyrna has been very much excited and prices advanced to prohibitory figures.

An easier feeling has developed in the molasses market during the past week, says the Montreal Gazette, as compared with previous seasons and prices for round lots of Barbadoes have declined a full cent and even at this reduction buyers are not very anxious to operate.

Reports from the coast continue to speak of a very strong market for canned salmon, owing to the partial failure of the sockeye pack. The coho pack is also said to be turning out poor, and some of the canneries are closed. Some Winnipeg orders have not been filled, while other orders have been filled or partially filled. A telegram received here from the coast on Wednesday said that an offer of \$5 per case for salmon had been refused by a coast holder, \$5.25 being asked. Some brands, however, were

selling at \$5. This shows a big advance over prices made early in the season, when orders were booked as low as \$3.50 f.o.b. coast for red fish.

Lake of the Woods Milling Co.

The annual general meeting of the Lake of the Woods Milling company's shareholders was held at the head office of the company, 27 Board of Trade building, Montreal, on Oct. 5. The statement of the year's business was placed before the shareholders and the report of the directors was unanimously adopted, and a dividend of 8 per cent was declared on the capital stock of the company for the year ending August 31, 1898. The following directors were elected: Robert Meighen, W. A. Hastings, R. B. Angus, John Turnbull, Montreal; and John Mather, Ottawa. At a subsequent meeting of the directors Robt. Meighen was elected president and managing director; W. A. Hastings, vice-president and general manager, Geo. V. Hastings, manager of Winnipeg and general superintendent; F. E. Bray, secretary; and Frank S. Meighen, treasurer.

Souris Coal.

D. E. Adams, Winnipeg, agent for the Souris coal, reports that they have everything in readiness at the mines for a large output this season. Some new plant has been put in, and new roads through the mine have been opened up or extended in readiness for the rush for the fall and winter trade. This coal is meeting with a steadily growing demand throughout the country. As this coal is produced at home, it represents money invested and labor employed in our own community.

Freight Rates.

The Montreal Transportation company has contracted to carry about 100,000 bushels of wheat from Fort William. The rate is quoted from Fort William to Montreal at 51-c per bushel.

There is no prospect of any change in lake coal freights, remarks an exchange. They will remain at 20c to Lake Superior and 25c to Lake Michigan points, from Buffalo.

Tenders.

More tenders will be called for Winnipeg city street improvements.

Tenders for the construction of a bridge over the Little Saskatchewan river, north of Kemnay, Man., will be received up to Oct. 21st.

Tenders will be received up to Monday, Oct. 10, for six tons of hard coal, and one hundred cords of green body wood, birch, tamarac, and jack pine, to be delivered at the court house, Rat Portage, during the coming winter.

Flour Frauds.

A case is now before the criminal courts of New South Wales, Australia, which will certainly prove interesting to the readers of the Free Press. The defendant in this case procured some "Lake of the Woods" Milling company's bags, filled them with an inferior brand of flour and palmed them off on the public as the company's product, which is the highest priced flour in the Australian markets. It appears that this practice of using

"Lake of the Woods" bags in order to foist on the public an inferior brand of flour is quite common in Eastern Canada and in order to protect itself and the public from deception the company has taken steps to bring the guilty parties to justice. Following is an account of the case at Sydney, N. S. W.

At the central police court yesterday, Claud Henry Tietzens, 30, commission agent, was charged with obtaining the sum of £10 10s from Felix Greenwood by means of a false pretense, to wit, that one ton of flour sold by the said Claud Henry Tietzens was "Lake of the Woods" Milling company's brand, and was in good order and condition, which statements were false, with intent to defraud. Detective Goulder stated that he saw the accused yesterday in a cart with a man named Arthur Solomon. He called them both, and asked Solomon what he had to do with the flour which was sold to Greenwood. He replied: "I bought half of it back from him for what he paid for it." He said, in reply to questions, that he paid about £3 a ton for it, and that he knew it was damaged, and only fit for paste. Solomon said that he assisted Tietzens to robag the flour. Witness then arrested the accused, and charged him. Felix Greenwood, a baker, carrying on business at 757 George street, said that on July 18 accused came to his place of business, and said he had a ton of "Blue Manitoba" flour for sale cheap for £11 cash. Witness asked where he got it, and was told he bought it from a man who wanted the money. He guaranteed it sound and in good condition. He showed a sample of the flour. Next day he brought a bag of flour. It was used, and was all right. On July 20 accused came and asked how the flour turned out. Witness said all right, and when the balance of the flour came, said that he sold him the "blue" brand, but bought the "red." Witness, anyway, bought it, and paid 10s less, giving him a cheque for £10 10s for the flour, and receiving ten bags in all. He purchased it on the assurance that it was "Lake of the Woods," which is the highest priced in the market. He knew that the price of Blue Manitoba was £13 a ton, and "Red" £12 10s, and one of the reasons he bought it was because it was cheaper than current rates. Two bags he used were all right. The next three he used—mixed with seventeen other bags—when baked were such that the people would not take the bread. Solomon took five bags away, and paid £5 5s for them. Witness lost his bread, his customers, and his reputation, as the flour had carbolic acid in it. Charles Miller Terry stated that he was the attorney under power of R. W. Cameron and Company, New York. His firm were the Australasian agents of the "Lake of the Woods" Milling company. Witness detailed an interview he had with accused on August 6. Tietzens stated that the bags came from Sussex street, and that he bought ten. Witness said to him, "You quite well knew that it was not 'Lake of the Woods' flour that you were bagging," and accused replied, "Yes, but when I bought the bags I did not know they were 'Lake of the Woods' brand." This brand of flour brings the highest price in the market. John Degenhart, a baker in the employ of Mr. Greenwood, said that he undid three bags of the red Manitoba flour, and mixed it into the trough, and he noticed little lumps of carbolic in it. He called Mr. Greenwood when he found the carbolic in it. The man who mixed it got the

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sack for not reporting the fact that he found the lumps. Mr. Edwards, S. M., held that a prima facie case had been made out, and committed accused for trial to the quarter sessions on September 19. Bail was allowed, self in £80, and two sureties in £40.

Dry Goods.

Dry goods merchants seem to be well satisfied with the opening of the fall trade, and say that the first half of this month was the best two weeks' opening of the fall trade ever experienced in the market. Travelers went out on their routes again at the beginning of this week. From the number of orders they have sent in to date and from the tenor of the reports they are communicating to their houses it would appear that the prospects for an exceptional sorting trade in fall and winter goods are very promising. Farmers are now getting through with their threshing and it is expected that in the next month the deliveries of wheat and other grains will show a large increase and that the demands for fall goods will soon be much more active. The feeling in all departments of the dry goods trade was never more hopeful than it is at present. The general condition of the market is very healthy, the demand not only being larger than usual at this season, but the stocks being comparatively light in some leading lines and a difficulty being experienced in getting prompt delivery from the home mills. The trade had a slight taste of cooler weather this week, and it demonstrated what a dip in the weather will do for the business. The weather was cooler at the first of the week, it is true, but it was not really cold, and yet an improved demand was felt at once, as a result of the change, for a few lines. With cool, bright autumn days the demand for sorting parcels for the fall will soon become quite active.

Another reassuring feature in the trade at the moment is the firmness of prices. Most of the mills are very stiff in the matter of quotations. A good many refuse to accept orders for prompt delivery at any price. This is true of certain lines of cottons and blankets and knitted goods. Some lines of white and bleached cottons are scarce. Local firms would doubtless import them from the United States, but owing to tariff conditions there would be an amount of uncertainty and they do not care to take too much risk on large lots. The policy of the Canadian manufacturers is to keep out foreign products, and market conditions might in the case of imported goods be found, after purchases had been made, to be unfavorable to them.—Montreal Trade Review.

Teas and Teas.

Of course every one knows that we drink a good deal that isn't tea when we drink a cup of tea. We drink—or are supposed to drink—some tea, some lead and some straw. But there are several "teas" that the drinkers know are not made of tea leaves and yet are not adulterated.

In Peru they drink mate, a tea made from the *Ilex paraguensis*, a species of holly. This is the only mate tea, but there is a Brazilian tea, gorgonha, called mate there; another tea used in Austria, called Brazilian tea, and several other so-called mate teas are

made from different varieties of the *Ilex*. In Labrador they make a tea from two species of ledum. Oswego tea was from the scarlet mourinda, and mountain tea from the dwarf evergreen, *Gaultheria procumbens*. Then clover tea and tansy tea and catnip tea and mint tea are used, though not as beverages.

In Sumatra they use coffee leaves to make tea out of, and the beverage is said to be very refreshing. In Mauritius the leaves of an orchid, *Angroecum fragrans*, are used. The Tonganese have teas of their own, made of leaves, berries, barks and wood. The Abyssinians make tea out of the leaves of the *Catha edulis*. When a sentinel can't leave his post to get a cup of tea, he can chew a leaf or two of this plant, and he won't feel like going to sleep all night. In Tasmania there are said to be more than 200 substitutes for tea; in England they use to make a tea of sage, betony or rosemary and of raspberry leaves; in France they use black currant leaves and borage to make tea, and a century or so ago they gathered in English gardens and meads ash, elder and sloe leaves, and the leaves of whitethorn and blackthorn, out of which to make tea. So it is evident that there are teas and teas.

Distinguished Visitors.

President Sir William Van Horne and party, including Dr. William Peterson, principal of McGill university; W. W. Ogilvie, St. B. Angus, and E. B. Osler, M. P., of Toronto, arrived in Winnipeg on Monday.

To a reporter Sir William said: "This, as you are aware is my annual fall visit to the western portion of our line. We will go through to the Pacific coast over the main line, and on our return will inspect the Crow's Nest Pass railway. That line will be open for traffic to Nelson as soon as it reaches Kootenay lake, which will be by the end of this month. By that time all freight consigned to Southern Kootenay points will be sent over the Crow's Nest Pass line, being freighted by boats to Nelson. Work on the Boundary Creek line is making good progress, but the country is very heavy and presents many difficulties for railroad construction."

The Failure Record.

Failures in the Dominion of Canada for the nine-months' period make an ominently satisfactory showing, aggregating as they do, only 1,091, with aggregate liabilities of \$7,392,510, a decrease of 26 per cent. in number and of 29 per cent. in liabilities from last year, and of 34 per cent. in number and of 38 per cent. in liabilities from 1896, and it is possible, in fact, to go back ten years in the Canadian failure records without finding a total of failures or liabilities for the nine-months' period as small as that reported for the current year, thus again confirming the almost unanimously good reports received as to Canadian trade during the present year.—Bradstreet.

Crude Petroleum Advancing

The Pittsburg Dispatch says: The recent upward movement of the petroleum market is calculated to revive memories of the old-time autumn booms in the minds of oil producers. The causes for the advance are not far to seek. The statistical situation

in the producing fields has been favorable for months. The export trade has advanced to the greatest proportion in its history. Home consumption is gradually increasing, despite the competition of gas and electricity. An advance in price is not only natural but indispensable to the stimulation of supply to meet the increasing demand. It is not meant by this that the long-talked-of oil famine is at hand, but that higher prices are likely to prevail during the coming winter than during the last.

School Land Sales.

Ottawa, Sept. 27.—Sales of school lands will be held in Manitoba during November and December at which opportunity will be given the public of securing farms. The sections to be disposed of are said to be conveniently situated as far as transportation and marketing facilities are concerned, none of them being more than a few miles from the towns in which the sales will be held. The lands will be sold by public auction to the highest bidder, so that everybody will have an equal opportunity, the lowest upset price being \$5 per acre and the highest \$15 an acre, the average being about \$7. There is a feeling in Manitoba that the terms upon which these lands have been sold in the past, one-fifth in cash and the balance in four years, are not as satisfactory as they would be if the time of payment were further extended. While the disposition of the government is to extend the time, it is found that in reference to the coming sales it will be impossible to depart from the regulation as it is a matter of statute law. The government have had regard to the convenience of settlers by arranging for a wide distribution of selling permits and by the selection of places where it is believed the greatest demand for land exists. Sales will take place as follows:

September 19, Brandon.
November 20, Virdan.
November 21, Oak Lake.
November 21, Carberry.
November 22, McGregor.
November 22, Morden.
November 22, Portage la Prairie.
November 23, Souris.
November 23, Miami.
November 25, Gladstone.
November 25, Emerson.
November 28, Birtle.
November 29, Crystal City.
November 30, Rapid City.
December 1, Killarney.
December 1, Melita.
December 3, Bolssvain.
December 3, Baldur.
December 5, Holland.
December 6, Deloraine.
December 7, Winnipeg.

All sales will be at 1 o'clock except that of Birtle, which will be at 10 a. m.

A flint glass bottle trust is being formed in the United States.

The Montreal Gazette of Thursday last says: Although the demand for flour continues good, both from local and country buyers, the undertone to the market is easy, and prices for Manitoba grades was reduced 5c to 10c per barrel yesterday.

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British Columbia Markets.

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BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, Oct. 8, 1896.

Jobbers have been trying to get ¼c more for butter, to meet the advance east, but they do not seem able to get the price up, and quotations are the same as last week. Eggs unchanged but firm. Cheese is still selling by jobbers at 11c, though new stock would cost 11c laid down here. Market is therefore firm. Beef and mutton are ¼c higher. Lard ½c lower.

Butter—Creamery, jobbers price, 21¢@22¢; Dairy, jobbers price, 16¢@17¢.

Eggs—Local, 35¢; Eastern eggs, jobbers prices, 18¢@19¢.

Cheese—Ontario, 11c, jobbers price.

Cured Meats—Hams 12½@13¢; breakfast bacon 12½@13¢; backs 12½@13¢; short clear 10½¢; short rolls 10½¢; smoked sides 11¢@12½¢; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10c per lb, in pails and tubs 9½c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut, 6c; salmon, 6c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$10@12 per ton; California silver skin onions, 1½¢; cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12.00 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons, 5¢@5.50 box; bananas, bunch \$2.75; peaches, 85¢@1.10; grapes, \$1.40; pears, \$1@1.25 box; apples, 65¢; tomatoes, 3c lb; valencia oranges, \$2.75; watermelons, \$2.50 doz.; nutmeg melons, \$2.00.

Meal—Rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 245 pound sacks \$2.90; 422½ pound sacks \$3.10; 10.7 sacks, \$2.50; Oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$5.00; strong bakers \$4.70; Oregon, jobbers price, \$5.00.

Grain—Oats, 18.00@20.00 per ton; wheat, 23.00@25.00 per ton;

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00 per ton; shorts \$20 ton; bran \$18; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 6¢@7½¢; mutton 10¢@10½¢; pork 10c; veal 10¢@10½¢; Pemmican 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, \$3.50 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$4.00 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$7.00 per 100 lbs; cows, 3.00 per 100 lbs live weight.

Poultry—Chickens, \$4@56 dozen.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 10½¢ per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9¢@10c; prunes, French 5¢@7½¢; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6¢@8½¢ lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12½¢; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½¢; walnut, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered, icing and bar, 6½¢. Paris lump, 6½¢; granulated, 5c; extra C. 4½¢; fancy yellows 4½¢; yellow 4½¢ lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 2½¢ pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½¢; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.50 case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.25 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11½¢; good 18c; choice 29c. Ceylon: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

Toronto Hardware Market.

Toronto, Oct. 8.

Pig Iron—Canadian, \$14.00.

Bar Iron—Base price, \$1.45 @ 1.55; band iron, \$1.85 for Canadian and \$2.00 for imported; hoop iron \$2.

Sheet Steel—12-gauge, \$2.25 per 100 lbs; 16-gauge, \$2.40; 18@20, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24, \$2.30@2.40; 26, \$2.35@2.45; 28, \$2.45@2.55.

Galvanized Iron—16-gauge, 3½¢; 18@24, \$3.87½¢; 26, 4½¢ and 28 at \$4.37½.

Lead—Pig, 4¢@4½¢; sheet, 4½¢@4½¢ per lb; shot, can., dis. 7½¢ per cent; pipe, dis. 25¢ per cent.

Black Iron—10@12 gauge, \$2.25@2.40 per 100 lbs; 14@16 gauge, \$2.60@2.70; 18@20 gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24 gauge, \$2.25@2.35; 26-gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 28-gauge, \$2.45@2.55.

Coil chain—½ in., \$4.65; 5-16 in., \$3.75; ¾ in., \$3.25; 7-16 in., \$3.15; 1 in., \$3.10; 1½ in., \$2.80; 1 in., \$2.75.

Sheet Zinc—6½¢@6½¢ per lb.

Antimony—10½¢@11c; solder 11½¢@12½.

Ingot Copper—12½¢@13 per lb.

Ingot Tin—18½¢@19c.

Canada plates—Half-polished. 52-sheet boxes, \$2.35; do, 60-sheet boxes, \$2.40; dull 75-sheet boxes, \$2.50; all-bright "Garth," \$2.60 per box; do, "alaska," \$3.00.

Tinplates—Cokes, \$3.00@3.10 for 14x20; do, squares, \$3.15@3.25; \$6.25 for 20x28; charcoal plates, \$3.50@3.60 basis for good brands.

Iron Pipe—Black pipe, per 100 ft., ½ to ¾ inch, \$2.10; 1 inch, \$2.20@2.30; 1½ inch, \$2.65@2.75; 1 in., \$3.65@3.80; 1½ in., \$4.85@5.05; 1½ inch, \$6.30@6.60; 2 inch, \$8.50@8.75. Galvanized, ½ inch, \$3.87½; ¾ inch, \$4.75; 1 inch, \$6.75; 1½ in., \$9.00; 1½ inch, \$11.50; 2 inch, \$15.12½.

Barb Wire—\$1.75, terms 30 days or 2 percent., ten days f.o.b. Toronto.

Fence Wire—Annealed, oiled and annealed, 35 per cent.; galvanized, 30 per cent.; terms 4 months or 3 per cent. 30 days. Bright wire 35 per cent.

Nails, Wire—Base price, \$1.75@1.80.

Cut Nails—\$1.75 base price, with 5c keg, Toronto, Hamilton, London and Montreal.

Horse Nails—Discount on regular brands, 50 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron, light and medium pattern, \$3.25 per keg, Toronto and Hamilton.

Screws—Flat head bright, 57½¢; round head bright, 80¢; flat head brass, 82½¢; round head brass, 75 per cent.

Bolts—Common carriage bolts, ½@5-16, 70 per cent; tire bolts, 70 and 5; machine bolts, 60 and 10; blank bolts, 60 per cent; sleigh shoe bolts, 80 per cent; plough bolts, 60; stove bolts, 70 and 5; nuts, square, 4½¢; hexagon, 5½¢.

Rivets—Iron, 60 per cent; copper rivets, 45 per cent.

Glass—First break in 50-foot boxes, \$1.70, and in 100-foot boxes, \$3.20; double diamond, under 25 united inches, \$4.75. Toronto, 4 months, or 3 per cent 30 days.

Green Wirecloth—\$1.20 per 100 square feet; terms, 4 months or 3 per cent for 30 days.

Spades and Shovels—Discounts 40 and 10¢@45 and 2½¢ per cent.

Rope—Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 10½¢; ¾ in., 11c; ½ and 5-16 in., 11½¢; Manila, 7-16 and larger, 11½¢; ¾, 12½¢; ½ and 5-16, 13.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, Oct. 8.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4½¢; yellows, 3 13-16@4½¢.

Syrup and Molasses—Syrup medium, 30¢@32c; special bright, 35¢@42c. Molasses—West Indian, brls, 32¢@45c; New Orleans, 25¢@30c; for medium and 35¢@47c for bright.

Teas—Japans, low grade, 16¢@18c per lb; Young Hysons, seconds 16¢@19c; firsts, 25¢@45c; Indian, 18¢@50c; Congous, low grades, 10¢@15c; mediums, 22¢@25c, and fines, 40¢@55c; Ceylons, 17¢@25c; Formosa Oolongs, 25¢@65c.

Coffees—Green, Rio, 7½¢@11½¢; Mocha, 23¢@28c; Java, 22¢@30c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, 80c; peas, 75c; sifted peas, \$1.05 @ 1.20; corn, 80¢@90c; beans, 70¢@90c; pumpkins, 70¢@75c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.50 @ 1.80, raspberries, 2's, \$1.50@1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.65@1.75; 3's, \$2.40@2.50. Cohoes Salmon, \$1.15@1.20; sock-eyes, \$1.40@1.50; lobsters, halves, \$1.75; tall lbs, \$2.80; flats, \$3.25.

Nuts—Marbots, 10c; filberts, Sicily, 9c; Grenoble Walnuts, 12¢@13c.

Rice—Rice, bags, 3½¢@4c; do Patna, 5½¢@6c; do Japan, 6¢@6½c.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencias, new off-stalk 5½¢; fine off-stalk, 6c; selected, 7c; layers, 6½¢@7c; Provincial, currants, 6¢@6½¢; Filiatras, 6c; Patras, 6½¢; Vostizzas, 7½¢. California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 10½¢@14c; pears, 9c@10c; prunes, 70's to 80's 7½¢@8c; 80's to 90's 7¢@7½¢; 90's to 100's, 6½¢@7½¢. Bosnia prunes, 5½¢@6½¢; Sultanas, 9c@13c. Peel—Orange, 12c@15c per lb; citron, 18c@20c; lemon 11c@14c. Halloween dates, 5¢@5½¢. Malaga, London layers, \$1.30@1.50 per box; black baskets, \$2.00; blue baskets, \$2.25; royal clusters, \$4.00; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, 75c; blue baskets, 85c; Dehesia, clusters \$1.25.

Spices—Ginger, Jamaica, 25c; Cochín 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15¢@18c; Amboy, 18¢@25c; allspice, 20c; nutmegs, 50¢@\$1; cream tartar, pure, 25¢@28c, and 15¢@23c for compound.

PROVISIONS.

Mess Pork—\$16.00@16.50 for Canada mess; short cut, \$17; clear mess, \$15.50.

Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots 8½¢@8½¢, ton and case lots, 8½¢@9c.

Smoked Meats—Breakfast bacon, 11½¢; hams, large 11c and 11c to 11½¢ for medium; rolls, 9c; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Tubs, 7½¢; pails, 7½c.

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bills 2 7-8 per cent.St. Louis, Oct. 7.—Modern Miller says:
Southwestern mills are running full
time, largely on local and domestic or-
ders, although there has been a fair
export demand at prices which many of
the mills have been able to accept.
Southeastern mills are generally run-
ning to full capacity and keeping down
surplus stocks, but complain of lagging
trade. Foreign inquiry is improved and
export orders are being more freely
booked, but at close prices.Washington, Oct. 7.—W. Beech — The
government bureau announced last night
that it was revising and would increase
its estimate of the wheat acreage. At
this date last year it made the same
announcement and in December increas-
ed its previous estimate by five mil-
lion acres. Our own information from
threshers lead to the conclusion that
the bureau estimate this year will show
about 14.5 bushels per acre for winter
wheat and 14 and 15 for spring wheat.
When the acreage has been revised we
believe the bureau estimate for the
crop will reach a total of 675,000,000.
Advices are such that it is expected the
report will show an average of 28 bus.
of oats per acre, or a total of 700,000-
000 bushels.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, October 8.

There is considerable complaint about collections being slow. The 8th of October was not up to last year in payments. This is easily accounted for in the small quantity of grain sold by farmers. Last year the weather was favorable for the early marketing of wheat and high prices were paid. This year the weather has been unfavorable for early deliveries of wheat and prices are comparatively low. After a taste of the high prices paid on the last crop, farmers would be inclined to hold off, even if they were all threshed and ready to sell. This is shown by the fact that much of the grain brought in to the elevators is being stored by the farmers and is not passing into the hands of dealers. There is a large crop in market, however, and if the money does not come in for it now, it will later on. The slow grain movement is reflected in the bank clearings. Last week bank clearings at Winnipeg were over \$1,000,000 less than for the corresponding week a year ago, and about the same shortage, as compared with a year ago, is again shown this week.

The weather has been very unfavorable again for threshing and marketing grain. Last week closed with heavy general rains through the grain districts, the rain turning to snow in some districts. The storm was one of the very heaviest of the season, accompanied by thunder and lightning and a strong wind. Badly built grain stacks would be liable to suffer, as would also grain in stook, of which there was still a small part of the crop not stacked. Cool weather and a brisk wind after the rain minimized the damage. Experience has shown that what will stand a thorough soaking even for a prolonged period without much damage, if the temperature is low and the grain is dried with a brisk, cold wind, while warm, close rainy weather is very destructive. The rains, while frequent this season, have been accompanied by low temperature and followed by heavy winds, otherwise the crop would have been in very bad shape from the many soakings which it has been subject to. Since Wednesday the weather has been fine but very little progress has been made with the crop this week.

An announcement of the utmost importance to the trade of the city was made this week, namely; the completion of the Crow's Nest railway to Kootenay lake. It is expected that the road will very shortly be opened for traffic through to Nelson and other Kootenay points, by steamboat connection on Kootenay lake between the

Columbia and Kootenay railway and the Crow's Nest road. This will give Winnipeg a shorter and direct entrance to the heart of the great Kootenay country, a factor which is bound to prove of vast importance to the trade of the city, which with this road completed will be advantageously situated to command a liberal share of the trade of the Kootenay region. On the several other railway lines under construction, work is being pushed forward, and a very considerable addition to the railway mileage of the country will be completed before the end of the year. A number of new towns have already sprung into existence along the new railway lines, providing openings for the establishment of business enterprises, the building of grain elevators, etc.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, Oct. 8

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

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Crude rubber, after a long period of advances in price, has had an easier turn in United States markets. Boot and shoe men are about all out with their spring samples.

COAL.

The fight in the coal trade is being carried to the bitter end and prices for Pennsylvania anthracite are now down to \$5 per ton, delivered to consumers in the city. The coal has cost from \$1 to \$1.75 per ton at Lake Superior ports, \$1.75 per ton being the present wholesale quotation at Duluth. The freight rate to Winnipeg is \$3 per ton, and the cost of delivering 50c per ton, making, even at the \$1 quotation, the cost of coal, delivered stand at \$7.50 per ton, leaving only 50c per ton to pay yard and office expenses and profit. As the 50c will be eaten up in yard and office expenses, with the trade divided among so many dealers, \$8 coal means actual cost price to those who bought at the very lowest price, while it means a loss to those whose coal cost them higher. Early in the season it was understood among the dealers that the price of Pennsylvania anthracite would be \$9.25. One or two dealers, however, tried to get the start of the others by sending around canvassers to the large consumers, offering to contract for their season's supply at cut rates. Other dealers soon became aware of this game and general cutting ensued, one dealer at once putting the price down publicly to \$8.50, from which it later dropped to \$8. Country buyers who contemplate getting in car lots of coal, should order at once, as cars are likely to be scarce soon. Great trouble was experienced in getting cars to ship coal from the Souris mines last season, after the grain rush started, and the same thing is likely to occur again.

FISH.

The close season for whitefish started on Thursday and lasts until December 1, during which time no fresh caught fish can be offered for sale. Frozen cold storage stock only will

be obtainable. Haddies are only arriving in small express lots yet and cost high. Oysters vary in prices according to brand, some brands of standards being offered at \$2 and others are held at \$2.25. Of course there is considerable difference in the quality of different brands.

GREEN FRUITS.

The variety of fruits in the market is narrowing. Peaches and plums are still coming. It is mostly British Columbia plums that are now offering. Grapes are the principal sellers now. Cranberries are now in season again. Apples have been selling at very close figures, as in fact has been the case with nearly all fruits this year, plums and peaches having sold lower than ever before in this market, particularly plums. Tomatoes are about out of the market. Quotation nominal. Crabs are still offering to some extent. Bananas are becoming scarce, and weather too cold and changeable to handle them to advantage. Prices are: Oranges, late Valencia, \$3.50 a box; bananas, a bunch, \$2 to \$2.50 as to size; California lemons, \$7 per box; Ontario tomatoes, 20 pound basket, 60 to 65c; Washington peaches, \$1 to \$1.25 per box; British Columbia plums 75c per box; Oregon pears, \$2 to \$2.25, Ontario apples, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per barrel; crab apples, \$5 barrel; California grapes, \$2.50 for four basket crates; Ontario grapes, 10 lb. baskets, concords, 23c to 25c; Ontario pears, 40 to 50c per basket, as to quality; cranberries, Cape Cod, \$8.50 barrel; sweet potatoes, \$5.00 barrel; coconuts, \$1 per dozen; Sicily filberts, large, 11 to 12c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 14c; Fargona almonds, 12 1-2 to 13c; peanuts, green, 9c; roasted, 12c; pecans, 14 to 15c; strained honey, 7 1-2 to 10c per pound; maple sugar, 11 to 12c; syrup per dozen half gallon tins, \$6.50; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels.

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GROCERIES.

Canned vegetables continue very firm. We have learned that 80c was refused by an eastern packer for 2,000 cases of corn. Tomatoes are also held firm, packers asking \$5 to 90c at the factories. Corn particularly is said to be very scarce and local stocks are light. Canned salmon continues upward. The local market has a very moderate supply as orders placed were not fully filled. Only one-third the amount of goods ordered was filled in some cases. Packers are asking \$5.25 at the coast for red fish where obtainable at all, and cohoes have been offered at \$1 to \$4.25 f.o.b. coast. The pack of the latter is also turning out poor. Apricots, peaches and eastern Valencia raisins are the only new fruits offering on spot. The latter continues very firm. New prunes are not looked for for about a month. New currants are expected to arrive in about 10 days. Figs, dates, almonds and walnuts are costing high, and new stocks, which will arrive next month, will likely be higher, particularly for figs. Porto Rico molasses is scarce and high, owing to the invasion and recent blockade of the island by the United States. Stocks of oatmeal are low. Dealers have been holding off from importing meal from the States, in the hope that new crop local meal would soon be on the market in abundant supply. The wet weather, however has kept back the crop and the Manitoba mills have not been able to do anything yet. There is considerable complaints about freights having been very slow lately, which has caused delay in filling orders, thus causing jobbers much trouble on account of the urgent demand for goods from their customers, which they have not been able to supply promptly. Retailers in the country do not understand the cause of delay always, and they sometimes feel themselves aggrieved at what they consider neglect to ship promptly, though jobbers are quite as much inconvenienced themselves on account of such delays. In the way of local price changes, cohoes salmon are quoted 50c per case higher, old Valencia raisins 10 to 15c lower per box; pitted plums 1 1/2c to 3c higher, canned corn, 10c higher for best brands, baked beans 5c higher.

HARDWARE, PAINTS, ETC.

The feature of the week is an advance of 10c on glass, per 50 feet. Glass has been steadily advancing at the factories for a long time, and Eastern Canada markets have been

advancing in sympathy with the foreign market. The local market, however, refused to follow the advance, until prices here were away below a parity with other markets. The advance of 10c this week still leaves the local market much below a parity with other markets, and a further advance here is looked for in a week or ten days' time. The inside price on first break, per 50 feet, is now \$1.90, for large lots, and it is quoted at \$1.90 to \$2. Turpentine is firm. Other lines steady and unchanged.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The wheat markets have steadily improved during the past week, advancing a little every day except Tuesday, the total advance on the week averaging about 1 1/2c per bushel. Receipts at primary points in the United States aggregate about eleven million bushels for the week, being the largest quantity on record for one week. The export demand is excellent and that along with the demand from the milling trade is absorbing the large receipts, and preventing the heavy accumulation which would otherwise take place. As it is the United States visible supply increased almost two million bushels last week and is expected to increase about as much for the current week. The aggregate of the world's visible reserve continues very small, only about three-fourths of what it was a year ago, and less than half compared to same date two years ago. The sowing of winter wheat in the United States is practically completed. It has been sown under most favorable conditions, and over a large area of growth has made a fine start. A considerable increase in the acreage is reported. The wheat crop in Australia is making splendid progress and a large surplus for export is confidently anticipated. The Argentine crop also promises well up to latest reports.

In the local market the trade has been quiet, the volume of business being unusually small for the time of year. The storm of Saturday and Sunday which covered the whole wheat growing area of the country west of Winnipeg, put a stop to threshing and delivering, and probably prevented the development of a more free marketing by farmers, which would have doubtless resulted in lower prices as the price still being paid for Manitoba wheat in this market leave no margin of profit on export values. In the beginning of the week sales on basis No. 1 hard afloat Fort William

were made at 66c. to 66 1/2c for delivery all October. The latter part of the week sales on same basis were made at 67c to 67 1/2c. Straight 1 hard will fetch 1c. per bushel over sales on basis. 1 hard on spot, Fort William, has sold at 69c to 70c during the last two days. Earlier in the week 68c was all that could be got. Spot 1 northern is not wanted at over 65c afloat Fort William. Sales on basis No. 1 hard allow of 2 hard or 1 northern being delivered at a difference of 3 c per bushel. No. 3 hard, 2 northern and 1 spring are quoted at 60c afloat Fort William. No business is reported in scoured wheat, but it may be quoted as worth about 10c per bushel under 1 hard.

FLOUR—There is a good demand for old wheat flour at a premium over new wheat, and stocks of old wheat and flour are getting worked off. Not much grinding of new wheat has been done yet, though some new wheat flour is on the market. Country mills have been buying new wheat to start operations, as they were about all out of stock, but they have had to pay liberal prices for wheat, owing to the small quantity offering. Quotations are the same as last week. Prices here to retail dealers: \$2.05 for patent, \$1.85 for strong bakers, \$1.45 for second bakers and \$1.15 for XXXX per sack of 98 lbs.

MILLFEED—There is no accumulation yet. In fact so far there has been a scarcity. Prices hold at the decline noted last week. Bran is quoted at \$9 and shorts at \$11 per ton for small lots, with large lots at 50c to \$1 per ton less, as to quantity.

GROUND FEED—Mixed oats and barley chop from new grain is now offering, and prices have taken a big drop from the high prices that ruled on the last crop. Mixed chop is quoted at \$17 to \$20 per ton as to quality.

OATS—The wet weather which prevailed at the close of last week and the beginning of the present week checked the deliveries of oats. Though we are now well into October, the supply of oats continues very limited. There are no old oats left, and so few of the new crop have been marketed that there was hardly enough to supply the demand this week. Railway contractors wanted a few cars which it took a good deal of skurmlishing to supply. In view of the wet weather, the feeling was firmer this week. Shippers demanded 25c per bushel of 34 pounds for car lots at country points, equal to about 31c on track Winnipeg, freight paid, and even at this price they were not prepared to

ship promptly. The few farmers' loads brought in brought 28 to 30c here. So far the quality shows up poor. The samples sent in for the grain standards board this week were mostly very trashy stuff.

BARLEY—A few cars have been taken at 30c per bushel of 48 pounds for grinding for feed, but the tendency is lower, and as soon as the present scarcity of feed stuffs is relieved, lower prices are looked for. Brewers are offering 30c.

BUTTER—Creamery—The market is firm, at about the same range as last week. Some of the factories are holding out for 20c. Buyers have paid 19 to 19 1-2c, as to quality. The pastures have been unusually good this fall, and the make should be large. Seldom has Manitoba had such a favorable season so far as the pasture is concerned.

BUTTER—Dairy—The market is firm. Round lots of good average quality bring 13 1-2c here, and up to 14c has been paid for choice lots. We hear of some large lots having been bought in the country at 13 1-2c, which is about equal to 14c here. The supply seems fairly liberal.

CHEESE—The local market has been firm and a fraction higher has been paid, ranging up to 9 1-2c for choice September goods. We quote 9 to 9 1-2c as to quality, to factories.

EGGS—The market is firm. Prices this week show a tendency to advance, 1-2 to 1c higher having been paid, owing to light receipts. Fresh stock is selling here at 16 to 17c and dealers are paying 15c here for receipts. Market firm and offerings light.

DRESSED MEATS—Pork continues very scarce. Veal is plentiful. Mutton holds steady and at a comparatively high price. There is a wide range in the quality of beef offering, but 5 to 5 1-4c is the general price. Mutton, 7 to 7 1-2c; lamb 9c; dressed hogs, 7 to 7 1-2c; veal, 6 to 7c; beef, 4 3-4c to 5 1-2c.

POULTRY—There is a good demand for poultry, supplies of which have not been sufficient for requirements. Quotations are as follows: Chickens, 50 to 60c per pair live; spring chickens, 30 to 50c per pair as to quality and size; turkeys, 10 to 11c per pound live weight; ducks, 65 to 80c per pair, or 8c per pound live weight; geese, none.

GAME—Mallard ducks bring 25c to 30c per pair; canvas backs, 35 to 40c, and small varieties 15 to 20c per pair.

VEGETABLES—Quotations are as follows: Potatoes 25 to 35c per bushel; turnips, 20c bushel; carrots, 40c; cets, 40c per bushel; cabbage, 25c to 40c per dozen; cauliflower, 40c to \$1 per dozen; celery, 20c to 25c per dozen; cucumbers, 10c per doz, corn, sweet, 8 to 10c per doz ears; onions, 75c to 90c per bushel; green tomatoes, 40c per bushel. Local ripe tomatoes, 2 to 3c lb; mushrooms, 10 to 12 1-2c per lb. Citrons scarce at 1 to 1 1-2c lb.

HIDES—Hides easy at unchanged prices. We quote hides, No. 1, 7 1-2c; No. 2, 6 1-2c; kip 6 1-2 to 7 1-2c; calf, 7c to 9c; deacon skins, 15 to 25c each; sheepskins and lambskins 20 to 40c; horse hides 75c to \$1.75 each; colts, 25c each.

WOOL—We quoted 8 1-2c to 9c for unwashed Manitoba fleece.

TALLOW—No. 1, 3 1-2c; No. 2, 2 1-2 to 3c.

SENECA ROOT—Nominal at 19 to 20c.

HAY—The market is firm owing to damage from wet weather. The recent heavy rains, it is said, have flooded some of the hay meadows and done much damage to stacks. On account of the rains earlier in the season, some farmers left their hay until after cutting grain, hoping the weather would be better, but it has been worse, and such persons have had great difficulty in getting any hay put up. Hay is quoted at about \$6 on cars here for baled per ton.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Export cattle are quoted in Winnipeg at 3 to 3 1-4c, and butcher's 2 1-2 to 3c as to quality, the latter prices for butchers', being an extreme price for choice cattle, such as only a few butchers use for the best class of trade.

SHEEP—Prices are steady at last week's quotations of 3 to 3 1-2c for good to prime animals, the top price being for straight lots of good wethers, and 4 to 4 1-4c for lambs.

HORSES—Good, smooth horses of ten to eleven hundred pounds weight \$125. to \$175 each, bronchos, 25 to \$50 unbroken.

HOGS—Offerings are very light. All coming are taken by butchers at 5 to 5 1-4c off cars here. Packers are not getting any, but offerings to ship later on are being made more freely.

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago, flour is 20c per barrel lower, milled 25c ton higher, flax seed 3-4c higher, corn, oats and barley not materially changed, eggs 1-2 higher, butter 1-2 to 1c lower, cheese 1c higher.

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents, \$3.55 to \$3.75; second patents, \$3.35 to \$3.55.

Milled—Shorts in bulk, \$8.00 to \$8.25; bran in bulk, \$8.00 to \$8.25; corn feed, \$10.75 to \$12.25 per ton as to quality.

Corn—Corn quoted at 27 1-4c for No. 3.

Oats—Oats held at 22 3-4 to 23c for No. 3 white.

Barley—Malting 31 to 38c, feed quoted at 23 to 30c.

Flax seed—\$6 1-4c per bushel.

Eggs—12 1-2 to 14c for strictly fresh, including cases: seconds, 6 to 7c.

Cheese—Choice fancy, 9 to 10 1-2c; fair to good, 8 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 18 1-2 to 19 1-2c, seconds, 15 to 16c; dairy 15 to 17c for choice to fancy; seconds, 12 to 14c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 1-2 to 7c; lamb, 6 to 10c; veal, 7 to 8 1-2c.

Potatoes—Car lots mixed, 25 to 27c.

Poultry—Hens, 6c; roosters, 4c; spring chickens, 8 to 9c; turkeys, 7 1-2 to 8c, ducks, 7 1-2 to 8c; geese, 5c; all live weight.

Hides—Green salted hides 9 1-4c for No. 1 8 1-4c; No. 2: bulls, oxen and brands 7 to 8 1-4c; sheepskins 25 to 80c each; veal calf, 9 1-2 to 11c; tallow 2 1-4 to 3 1-2c; seneca root, 20 to 21c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine 11 to 12c; medium 13 to 14c, coarse 15 to 16c.

Hay—\$7 to \$7.50 per ton for timothy; mixed clover, \$4.50 to \$5; prairie \$4.50 to \$6.50.

Cattle—Good butcher cattle in demand. Cows sold from \$1.90 to \$3.45; stockers from \$3.50 to \$5.00; heifers \$3.50 and calves \$4 to \$5.50.

Sheep—Lambs \$5.00; buck lambs, \$3.60; muttons \$3.80 to \$4; stockers \$3.60 to \$3.75.

Fixing the Standards.

The grain standards board met in Winnipeg this week and fixed the standards for grading the present crop. The persons composing the board were mentioned in a previous issue. The samples of wheat gathered in from various parts of the country showed considerably more variety in quality than last year, though most of the wheat is of very good quality. The color of the wheat is not as good as last year, but last year's crop was an exceptionally fine, even sample. Standards for the following grades were made—Extra Manitoba hard, No. 1 hard, No. 2 hard, No. 3 hard, No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern. No standards were fixed for white type. Very little of this wheat is grown, and the grade is practically obsolete. A few samples of frosted wheat showed up; but the quantity of this is very limited, and confined to a few districts. Owing to there being some low grade wheat it was found necessary to make a standard for one grade lower than No. 3 hard, consequently a No. 4 hard standard was made. Into this some frosted wheat was mixed and the grade was dubbed No. 1 frosted. This seems to be a very absurd action on the part of the standards board. The standard is really a No. 4 hard wheat, bleached and showing some frosted grain, but really containing much good wheat. It looks as though the board wished to take special pains to advertise the fact that a few patches of wheat in some isolated districts were somewhat frosted. Besides this, it is wrong to class a No. 4 grade as a No. 1 wheat. The reason given for this apparently stupid action is that the wheat might not sell well if classed as No. 4, hence it is called a No. 1. While it may serve the purpose of the grain men to have a frosted grade, the country should resent the action of the board.

No standards for oats or barley were selected, owing to the small number of samples received of these grains. The few samples of oats were very poor.

Manitoba Country Markets.

Prices for wheat to farmers, at Manitoba country markets, at points having a 16 1-2 and 17 1-2 cent freight rate to Fort William, range at about 52c most of the week, but notice was sent out on Thursday night to buyers to advance 3c, consequently yesterday's prices were as follows: No. 1 hard, 55c; No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern, 52c; No. 3 hard and No. 2 northern, 46c; No. 1 rejected, 40c; No. 2 rejected, 36c. Prices, however, varied greatly in different markets, according as they were influenced by local conditions. There was a great deal less business doing this week than last, owing to the bad weather. At Winnipeg there was a very heavy rain, and thunder storm, lasting all night on Saturday night last, but in western Manitoba and Assinibola the storm was more prolonged, the rain turning to a heavy snow storm. The snow went off slowly and left the roads in bad shape, so that little or nothing has been done at many markets during the week, either in delivering or threshing grain.

Mr. Head, cattle buyer, shipped 75 head of cattle from Strathclair, Man. last week. He also drove about 200 head of stockers to Rapid City.

New York Wheat.

New York, Oct. 3.—Wheat receipts, 370,000 bushels; exports, 377,320 bushels; sales, 275,000 bushels futures; 72,000 bushels spot. Options opened weak and declined under heavy spring wheat receipts, lower cables, a big visible supply increase, short selling and large world's shipments. On a later attempt to cover, prompted by the English visible supply decrease and French buying prices recovered, closed 1-8c not higher. Sales included No. 2 red; January 68 1-8 to 68 7-8c, closed 68 4-8c; May 67 3-8 to 68 1-8, closed 68 1-8c; Dec. 67 to 67 3-4c, closed 67 3-4c.

New York, Oct. 4.—Wheat receipts, 320,050 bushels; exports, 225,864 bushels; sales, 940,000 bushels futures; 116,000 bushels spot. Options opened weak under heavy receipts and lower cables. After a mid-day rally on recovering and steadier northwest markets, prices eased off on a heavy increase in world's stocks, closing steadier at unchanged prices in a final response to more covering. May, 67 3-4c to 68 1-4c, closed 68c; Dec., 67 1-4c to 67 13-16c, closed

New York, Oct. 5.—Wheat — Receipts 123,950 bushels; exports 145,537 bushels, sales 685,000 bushels futures; 56,000 bushels spot. Options opened steadier on continental buying, favorable cables, and activity among shorts. A brief mid-day reaction under realizing was followed by renewed strength on export demand, bullish Russian news and higher late cables, closed 1- to 7-8c net higher. March closed 69 3-4; May opened 68 3-8 to 69 1-8, closed 69 1-8; Dec. opened 67 7-8 to 68 1-2, closed 68 1-2.

New York, Oct. 6.—Wheat, receipts 237,000; exports 139,607 bushels; sales 1,255,000 bushels futures; 400,000 bushels spot. Options opened weak and declined under disappointing cables and foreign selling, particularly May, which ruled weak all day and closed 3-8c net lower. Other options, however experienced an afternoon rally on covering, strength in cash circles, and a big export demand closing unchanged to half a cent higher. No. 2 red, March, 69 5-8 a 70 1-4 closed 70 1-4; May, 68 9-16 a 68 7-8, closed 68 5-8; Dec. 68 1-8 a 6 5-8, closed 63 1-2.

New York, Oct. 7.—Wheat — Receipts 189,625 bushels; exports 421,050 bushels; sales 1,025,000 bushels futures; 35,000 bushels spot. Options opened firm and ruled strong on nearly months all day, closing 3-8c to 1-2 net higher, with May wheat under renewed selling pressure, finally but 1 3-4c higher. Foreign houses bought both spot and options, cables were higher and clearances very large. Sales included No. 2 red, March 70 1-2 to 71 1-8, closed 70 3-4; May 68 7-8 to 69 3-8, closed 68 7-8; Dec. 68 5-16 to 69 7-16, closed 69c.

New York, Saturday, Oct. 8.—December wheat closed at 69 1-8c, and May at 68 3-4c.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Prices are quoted per bushel of 60 pounds for wheat, bushel of 56 pounds of corn, bushel of 32 pounds of oats, per barrel of mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, Oct. 3.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat — Oct. 63 1-4c; Dec. 62 1-8 to 62 1-4; May 63 7-8c.

Corn — Oct. 28 7-8c; Dec. 29 1-8 to 29 1-4c; May 31 3-8 to 31 1-2c.

Oats—Dec. 20 7-8c; May 22 1-2c.

Chicago, Oct. 4.—The leading futures closed as follows:—

Wheat—Oct., 65 1-8c; Dec., 61 3-8c; May, 63 1-2c to 5-8c.

Corn—Oct., 29 1-8c; Dec., 29 3-8c to 1-2; May, 31 5-8c to 3-4c.

Oats—Oct., 21 1-8c to 1-4c; May, 22 5-8c.

Pork—Oct., \$7.65; Dec., \$7.80; Jan., \$8.87 1-2.

Lard—Oct., \$4.57 1-2; Dec., \$4.02 1-2; Jan., \$4.72 1-2.

Ribs—Oct., \$5.22 1-2; Jan., \$4.57 1-2.

Chicago, Oct. 5.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Oct. 62 1-2, Dec. 62 1-2, May 64 5-8.

Corn — Oct. 29 1-2, Dec. 29 7-8, May 32.

Oats—Dec. 21 1-2, May 22 7-8 to 23.

Pork—Oct. \$7.65, Dec. \$7.80, Jan. \$8.87 1-2.

Lard—Oct. \$4.60, Dec. \$4.65, Jan. \$4.75.

Ribs—Oct. \$5.20, Jan. \$4.57 1-2.

Chicago, Oct. 6.—The leading futures closed as follows.

Wheat—Oct. 62 1-4; Dec. 62 1-2 to 62 5-8, May 64 1-4.

Corn—Oct. 29 1-8; Dec. 29 5-8; May 31 7-8.

Oats—Dec. 21 3-8; May 22 7-8.

Pork—Dec. \$7.65; Jan. \$8.85.

Lard—Dec. \$4.75; Jan. \$4.85.

Ribs—Oct. \$5.20; Jan. \$4.65.

Chicago, Oct. 7.—The leading futures closed as follows.

Wheat — Oct. 63 1-4c, Dec. 63c, May 64 1-4 to 3-8c.

Corn—Oct. 29 1-4 to 3-8c; Dec. 29 3-4c, May 31 5-8c.

Oats—Dec. 21 3-4 to 1-2c; May 22 7-8c.

Pork—Dec. \$7.80; Jan. 8.92 1-2.

Lard—Dec. \$4.75; Jan. \$4.85.

Ribs—Oct. \$5.20; Jan. \$4.65.

Chicago Saturday, October 8.—December wheat opened at 62 3-4c, and ranged from 62 5-8 to 63c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—Oct. 63 1-4c; Dec., 62 3-4c; May, 64 1-8c.

Corn—Oct., 29 1-4c; Dec., 29 5-8c.

Oats—Oct., 21 5-8c; Dec. 21 1-4c.

Pork—Oct., \$7.57 1-2; Dec. \$7.67 1-2.

Lard—Dec., \$1.70.

Ribs—Dec., \$4.57 1-2.

A week ago December option closed at 62 1-8c. A year ago December wheat closed at 91 5-8c, two years ago at 69c, three years ago at 60 1-2c, four years ago at 53c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—Dec., 60 1-8c; May, 62 7-8c.

Tuesday — Dec., 60 1-8c; May 62 7-8c.

Wednesday—Dec., 60 5-8c; May, 63 1-2c.

Thursday—Dec., 60 7-8c; May 63 3-4c.

Friday—October, 64 3-4c; Dec. 61 1-4c; May, 64c.

Saturday—Oct. 64c; Dec. 60 7-8c; May 63 5-8c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 67 1-4c, and cash No. 1 northern at 64 1-4c.

A week ago December wheat closed at 60c.

A year ago December wheat closed at 88 7-8c. Two years ago December option closed 67 7-8c, and three years ago at 57 1-4c, and four years ago at 56c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, Oct. 8.—Flax seed closed at 91 1-2c for cash and 89c for December.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

To-day a little No. 1 hard spot could be sold at 70c. Fort William, but No. 1 northern spot would not bring over 65c. October delivery quoted at 67c basis No. 1 hard, with No. 2 hard and 1 northern 3 to 3 1-2c lower.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Liverpool, Oct. 8.—Wheat closed 1-8d lower.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Saturday, Oct. 8.—No. 1 northern wheat closed at 61c for October and 59 3-4c for December. Cash No. 1 northern 61 3-4c; cash No. 2 northern 59 1-4c.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

London, Oct. 3.—Owing to heavy supplies of both cattle and sheep the market was weaker. Choice States cattle sold 1-2c lower at 12c; choice Canadian, 1-4c at 11c, and Argentine were unchanged at 11c. The market for sheep was very weak and prices broke 1c, choice Canadians selling at 10c; and Argentine at 10 1-2c.

Liverpool, Oct. 3.—Supplies of cattle heavier and prices ruled much lower, choice Canadian cattle selling at 9 1-2 to 10 1-2c; and sheep at 9 1-2c.

A private cable received from Liverpool quoted choice Canadian cattle at 10 3-4c, and one from London quoted them at 11c.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool Oct. 7.—Cattle hold steady. Canadians 10 to 11 1-2c, estimated dressed weight.

SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial.

London, Oct. 7.—Cane steady. October beet quoted 9s 8 1-4d; November, 9s 9d.

CHEESE.

Liverpool, Oct. 7.—Cheese, colored, quoted at 42s; white, 42s. These quoted at 42s, white 42s. These prices white colored unchanged.

ALBERTA.

Mr. Shackleton has sold his general store business at Olds to a Mrs. Grass, formerly of Medicine Hat and will go farming.

The Canadian Pacific railway hotel at Banff will close for the season on October 7. The tourist travel was large this summer.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, Oct. 7.—The stock market opened weak. Burlington, 114 3-8; Louisville, 54 1-2; Manhattan, 93 1-8; Missouri Pacific, 32 1-2; Northwest, 130 1-4; Northern Pacific, 40; do., pfd., 75 1-4; People's Gas, 104 5-8; Sugar, 114 1-4; St. Paul, 107; Tobacco, 124 1-4; Union Pacific, 32 1-2; preferred, 64 3-4; Western Union, 91 3-8.

American primary receipts of wheat on Friday were 1,769,000 bu.; last year, 1,575,000 bu. Clearances — Wheat and flour, 959,000 bu.; corn, 374,000 bu.

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The Canadian Route.

Alex. McPhee, president of the Montreal corn exchange, was interviewed in the Hotel Manitoba Thursday by a reporter of the Free Press. Mr. McPhee has been representing the Montreal grain interests, with Mr. Crane, at the meeting of the standards board, and speaking of the decisions arrived at, said: "I think the representative men of the west have shown that they appreciate the responsibilities of their position in selecting the present standards consistent with the requirements of the trade. The grades adopted will enable the grain to be moved so that the farmers of the province and the Territories will receive the greatest value possible for their present crop. The standards, I am sure, will be satisfactory to the eastern grain men and millers. But there is a great question affecting us in the east which I am convinced will receive your sympathy in the west. As you are aware the tonnage of vessels leaving Fort William for the Georgian Bay ports is not sufficiently large to carry away your crop. The result is that United States vessels compete for the trade and take large quantities to Buffalo and other United States ports. Thus Ontario and Montreal lose a great part of this trade. Montreal merchants desire to see all this grain carried to a Canadian port. It rightly belongs to us, but according to the existing laws no foreign vessel is allowed to engage in coast trade in this country. A United States vessel can't carry grain from Fort William to the Georgian Bay ports. The result is that Buffalo, Toledo and other cities benefit by it. Now, what the Montreal exchange would like to see accomplished is either the tonnage of the Canadian fleet increased by subsidies granted by the government or the United States vessels allowed the privilege of going from one to another of our ports. We should be placed on an equal footing with Duluth in the grain business, as far as transportation facilities are concerned. Then our grain would find its way through Ontario and to sea-board by Montreal. When there is a free movement of grain our tonnage is insufficient to meet the requirements of the trade. As a consequence the surplus grain goes to Buffalo. Now, we think it would be in the interests of Ontario and Manitoba people, and naturally to us in Montreal, to have all this trade pass through Canadian channels. We would like your assistance in pressing this matter upon the attention of the government."

"You are making extensive improvements to the waterways of Montreal, are you not?"

"Yes, we are spending nearly \$3,000,000 in a graving dock and a harbor. The revenue from the traffic passing through the harbor is now sufficient to pay the interest on all past and present improvements. The maintenance is well looked after, but what we would like to see is Montreal made a free port. We should have further improvements made in order to give us the most modern accessories. The channel between Montreal and Quebec should be deepened to thirty feet and widened in order that the largest ships may visit Montreal. Vessels have cleared our harbor carrying 350,000 to 400,000 bushels of grain, but with an increased depth still larger vessels would come to our port and naturally it would enable us to compete with any other

port, where the largest ships now trade. The St. Lawrence highway is handicapped by the excessive rates of insurance now in force, which would be modified if the government adopted a liberal policy in relation to the river, such as preparing charts, and other necessary protections, in the way of lighthouses, telegraph service, and fog whistles. These are our views in Montreal. Canada should have a free port and the government should move at once in the matter." Mr. McPhee left Friday for Killarney on a visit to Mr. Finlay Young, M. P.

Western Business Items.

R. J. Whitla went west Friday evening.

Another big flour mill is talked of for Winnipeg.

D. C. Cameron of Rat Portage, was in the city this week.

R. Wallace is opening a general store at Langenburg.

W. F. Hartwell, is opening a general store at Wawanesa.

Wm. T. Corby, boots and shoes, Calgary, sold out to Jas. Freely.

Edwin Smith, hotel, Fort William, has assigned to C. W. Jarvis.

J. H. Shell, saddler, Port Arthur, has assigned to H. A. McKibbin.

E. L. Williams, jeweller, Fort William, has assigned to F. R. Morris.

S. Rogers, carriage and blacksmith, is starting business at Fleming, Assa.

Thos. Logan has opened business at Carberry, Man., in groceries and flour and feed.

James Kines, grocer and baker, Carberry, Man., has sold out to Albert Whaley.

A match factory is proposed for Winnipeg. The projector, Erick Sedvall, wants a bonus of \$15,000.

Jas. Munro, of the Sandford Manufacturing Co., left for the west Friday evening on a business trip.

Another large shipment of cattle was made from Qu'Appelle last Sunday, when about 350 head were shipped by Heubach & McDonald, of Fort Qu'Appelle.

British Columbia Items.

J. Hayes, is opening in groceries at Victoria.

R. Wintemute, furniture, New Westminster, has assigned.

W. T. Heddie & Co., groceries, Nanaimo, reported offering to sell out.

Delage & Lafortune have opened up business at Fernie, as painters, paper hangers etc.

M. J. O'Brien, soda water manufacturer, Vernon, is establishing a branch at Revelstoke.

Challoner, Mitchell & Co., jewellers, Victoria, have dissolved. Jno. W. Spring retiring.

Rossland—Challoner, Mitchell & Spring, jewellers, Rossland have dissolved. John W. Spring continues alone.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser announces that there is every probability of a railway to Cariboo being built within a short time.

Jas. McMaster, of Macleod, Alberta, has gone to Fernie, where he takes charge of a branch meat store for Mannsell Bros., of Macleod.

Notice is given of the application for incorporation of a company to construct a railway from Chilcoot Pass along the Dalton trail to Fort Selkirk and on to Dawson.

A telegram from Montreal says: A. R. Muskett, a storekeeper of Vancouver, B. C., is under confinement in the

central police station. Muskett is alleged to have defrauded his creditors of a large amount.

The following items are reported from Vancouver: Urquhart Bros., groceries and liquors, have sold their grocery business to Phoenix & Macklin. The stock of D. W. Howard has been sold to F. M. Wetzel. E. C. Langley & Co., grocers, are succeeded by John Shortree. D. McNaughton, tobacconist, is dead.

FLOUR MILLERS MEET.

The annual meeting of the Manitoba and Northwest Millers' association was held in Winnipeg on Thursday. The officers elected were: President—A. Kelly, Brandon; vice-president, Mr. McKay, of Hurt & McKay, Bolssevain; second vice-president, S. C. Elkington, Fort Qu'Appelle; secretary-treasurer, R. Muir, of Winnipeg. There are now sixteen members on the roll.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, Oct. 7.—Money on call steady, 2 1-2 to 3 per cent; last loan 2 1-2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 2 1-2 to 4 per cent. Sterling exchange, easier at \$4.84 to 1-4 for demand, and at \$4.81 3-4 and \$4.82 for sixty days; postal rates \$4.82 1-2 and \$4.85. Commercial bills: 4.82 1-2. Silver certificates 60 1-2 to 61 1-2. Bar silver 60 1-2 Mexican dollars 46 7-8; government bonds strong.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Oct. 7.—12.30 p.m.—Wheat, spot, steady; No. 2 red western winter, 5s 10 1-2d; No. 1 red northern spring 6s 1-2d. Corn—Spot steady; American mixed, 5s 4 1-2d.

Liverpool closed to-day 7-8d higher. The 130 cable was 3-4d higher; corn, 1-4d higher. Paris opened unchanged, and closed 20c lower, and flour 10 to 35 lower. Antwerp wheat market unchanged.

MONTREAL STOCKS.

Montreal, Oct. 7.—C. P. London 87; Comme cial Cable, Montreal, 180 3-4.

Mr. Nesbit, of Hutchison, Nesbit & Auld, Toronto, arrived in the city this week on a business trip. He will go through to the coast, leaving early next week, going west on the C. P. R. main line. Mr. Nesbit has a full line of samples in woollens and tailors' trimmings for the spring trade.

Argentine shipments of wheat were all this week.

New York, Oct. 7.—Exporters report good acceptances to-day on last night's offers to Europe for all kinds of grain. There is a very good demand for rye. The continent has raised its bids on rye 2 cents a bushel since last Wednesday.

Rather lighter than usual is the verdict which the reader is likely to give of the October "Canadian Magazine." The lightness is due to short stories and photographs in abundance. "Cyrus Pincher's Threshing Bee" is a humorous tale which will appeal to all observers of country life. Charles Lewis Shaw tells a good hunting story under the title "Dodging a Moose." Principal Grant writes on "Newfoundland and Canada," in which he advocates the confederation of Newfoundland and the extension to her of more liberal terms on the part of Canada. S. T. Wood writes on "Social Amelioration." Among the illustrated articles is the last of Sir John G. Bourinot's articles on the "Makers of Canada." Among the portraits in the issue are photographs of all the provincial legislative buildings.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Oct. 8.
Flour has declined 10c per barrel for Manitoba brands. Jobbers are selling at \$1.30 to \$1.40 for bakers, and round lots have been offered at \$1 for old wheat and \$1.35 for new wheat flour. There is a good demand for old flour. A good export demand is reported for oats. The butter market has been quiet, and weaker Creamery shows a decline on the week of 1-2c on the outside price. Dairy not materially changed. Cheese quiet and easy. Other commodities unchanged.

Oates—No. 2 white, 28c in store; 28 1-2 afloat.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers \$4.30 to \$4.40; Manitoba patents, \$4.60 to 4.70.

Milfeed—Bran \$11.50 per ton, shorts, \$14, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.75 per bag. Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 9c; No. 2, 8c; No. 3, 7c; calfskins 8c to 10c, sheepskins, 40 to 50c; lambskins, 50 to 70c; tallow, 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c.

Eggs—14 to 14 1-2c per dozen.
Butter—Choice dairy, 16c to 17c; western dairy, 14 to 15c.

Butter—Creamery in tubs, 18 3-4 to 19c. Boxes 19 1-4 to 19 3-4c.

Cheese—Choice western, 9 to 9 3-8c eastern, 8 7-8 to 9 1-8c.

Beans—85c to \$1 per bushel as to quality.

Potatoes—Car lots, 50 to 55c per bag.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Oct. 4.

Receipts at the East End abattoir market yesterday were 700 cattle and 1,200 sheep and lambs. Shipments of live stock from the port of Montreal to date total up 72,400 cattle, 21,500 sheep and 4,900 horses, compared with 91,400 cattle, 42,425 sheep and 7,940 horses for the same period last year. This shows a heavy falling off in all classes. Ocean freight to Liverpool is quoted at 35s; London 30s, Glasgow 42s, 6s.

There was a good demand at the market yesterday for stockers for shipment to Buffalo, at 2 1-2 to 3c, the latter for steers, and 2 to 2 1-4c for bulls. Fat cattle for local trade were in good demand. Choice cattle 4 1-2c; good 4c to 4 1-4c; fair, 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c, and poor from 2 3-4 to 3 1-4c. The demand for sheep was good and all offerings fit for export were taken at 3 1-4c to 3 1-2c per lb. Lambs 3 3-4 to 4 1-4c.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards the receipts of hogs were large and the market was lower, sales being made at 4 1-4c per pound, fed.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Oct. 7.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 900 head, sheep and lambs, 1,200.

Choice cattle were scarce and in good demand. Low grades plentiful and easy in price. Prices for cattle and sheep were the same as at Monday's market. Hogs sold at 4 1-2c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Oct. 8.

Business has been steady this week. Linseed oil is firm. Cement and glass are held very firm. Ingot tin has advanced 1-2c. Quotations are as follows:

White lead, government standard, \$5.62 1-2; No. 1, \$5.25; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 4 1-2c; linseed oil, raw, 48 to 49c; boiled, 51c to 52c; turpentine, 46 to 47c; bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1 50, tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90, I C charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75, Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15; tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25, galvanized iron, 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c, lead, \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4; putty in bulk, \$1.65; in bladders, \$1.80; ingot tin, 17 to 18c. Cement, English brands, \$2.25 to \$2.35, Germany, \$2.35 to \$2.50, and Belgium, \$1.85 to \$2.05 per barrel ex-wharf. Rope, sisal 10 1-4 to 10 1-2c, Manila, 12 to 12 1-2 for 7-16 size and larger.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Oct. 8.

There is no change to report in prices. Business is steady. Canned vegetables are firm.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, standard, 4 1-2c at refineries, yellows, 3 11-16 to 4 3-16c; molasses, 30 to 31c, syrups, 2 to 2 1-2c as to quality, Valencia raisins 4 3-4 to 5 1-2; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 8c to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1-4c, B, 3 3-4c.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Oct. 8.

Grain deliveries have improved somewhat. There is a good demand for export. Oats are 1-2c higher. Manitoba wheat for immediate delivery is scarce and 1c higher. Barley is 5c higher.

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4.40; Manitoba bakers, \$1.00, Ontario straight roller, \$3.10 per barrel in wool, in car lots.

Wheat—Ontario red and white winter wheat, new, 60 to 63c for cars at country points; No. 1 hard, 50c Toronto.

Oats—New white, 23 1-2 to 24c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 40 to 45c at country points.

Milfeed—Shorts, \$11 to \$13 per ton at country points. Bran, \$8 per ton.

Oatmeal—\$3.25 in bags per barrel.

Eggs—15 to 16c for fresh gathered, and 13 to 14c for held fresh.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, 15 to 16c; for choice fresh goods; medium grades, 11 to 13c; creamery, tubs, 17 1-2 to 18 1-2c; prints, 20 to 21c.

Cheese—9c.

Hides—No. 1 green, 8 1-2c; cured, 9 1-4c; sheepskins and lambskins, 50c to 60c; calfskins 8 to 10c; tallow 3 1-2 to 4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 15c; unwashed, 10 to 10 1-2c.

Beans—50 to 95c per bushel as to quality.

Dressed hogs—\$5.25 to \$5.75 per 100 pounds.

Dried apples—3 1-2c for round lots, evaporated 9 to 9 1-2c.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Oct. 4.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 75 cars, including 450 sheep and lambs and 1,750 hogs.

Export cattle—Prices were a shade. Export bulls, 3 1-2 to 4c.

Butchers' cattle.—Prices were

firm owing to limited offerings. Butchers' choice cattle sold from \$2.75 to \$3.25 per swt. and \$3.35 for selections. Common, quiet at \$2.75 to \$3 per cwt.

Stockers—There was a good demand for stockers for Buffalo, but prices 1-4 to 1-2c lower. Stockers sold from \$2.75 to \$3.20. Bulls, 2 to 3c.

Sheep—Export and butchers' sheep sold at \$3.50 to \$3.65, and selections at \$3.70 to \$3.75 per cwt. Lambs \$3.75 to \$4 per cwt. or \$2.75 to \$3.50 each.

Hogs—Too many light hogs offering. Choice bacon sold at \$1.50 per cwt. Light \$1.73 per cwt and thick fat hogs \$1.25 to \$1.38. Sows \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Oct. 7.

Receipts of cattle were 42 carloads, including 700 sheep and lambs and 3,000 hogs.

Export and butchers' cattle both ranged 1-4c higher than on Tuesday, best export touching 4 1-2c, and choice butchers' selling as high as 3 1-2 to 3 5-8c. Stockers recovered the decline of Tuesday, selling 1-2c higher, at 3 to 3 3-4c. Hogs and sheep were the same as on Tuesday.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Oct. 8.

Dry goods—Business has been somewhat depressed owing to wet weather. It is feared that the tendency among farmers to hold wheat will make buyers conservative. Prices of spring goods in Europe are very firm, with advances reported in wools, yarns, Mohair and silks.

Hardware—Good demand, especially for winter specialties. Manila hemp is firm, but no actual change in rope yet. Scrap copper is 1-4c up. Galvanized iron in good demand and firm. Wire nails are unsettled, and prices unsatisfactory. Samuel, Benjamin & Co. are retiring from shelf hardware, and will devote attention to metals exclusively.

Grain—Trade fairly active. Sugars firm, but a big drop in refined is reported from New York, making buyers hold off. The feature of the week is the new price list on sugars. Ontario and Quebec equalizing price according to freight rates to different points. Salmon is stronger. Horseshoe brand \$1.50 to \$1.60; co-hoes \$1.15 to \$1.20. Advances from the coast on salmon are higher. Tomatoes firmer. New figs 19 to 25c.

CHEESE MARKETS.

Belleville, Ont., Oct. 5.—Twelve factories offered 570 white, and 50 colored cheese; no bid made; factorymen are holding back.

Ingersoll, Ont., Oct. 4.—Offerings today 1,745 boxes; no sales; 83-8c highest bid.

The total receipts of cheese to date at Montreal since the 1st of May are 1,618,627 boxes; exports, 1,310,869 boxes, leaving a stock in Montreal of 307,758 boxes. Last year at the same date the receipts amounted to 1,881,699 boxes and the exports, \$1,495,430.

The Montreal Gazette of Wednesday last says cheese was dull yesterday with a very heavy tendency for to do any business holders would have to accept a decline of fully 3-8c to 1-2c from the prices they were obtaining a week ago. Trading on spot centred chiefly in eastern makes, and business was noted at 9c for September colored, while 87-8c was bid for white and refused.