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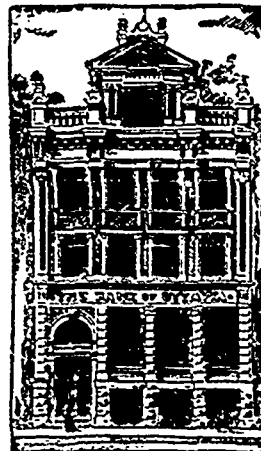
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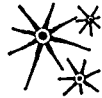
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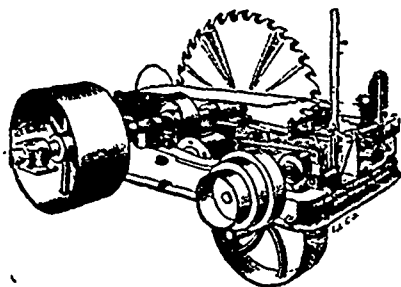
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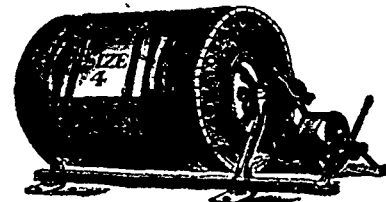
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WINNIPEG, SEPT. 23, 1899.

Souris and Other Coals.

Mr. Cockburn, of the Souris Coal Mining Co. is in the city from the mines this week. He reports business brisk at their mines at Coal Fields in the Souris district. The capacity of the mines has been increased and the output with the present plant could be increased to 600 tons per day, if required. Orders have been coming in earlier than usual this year, which is a good feature, as with the wheat shipments piling up, it is difficult to get cars for shipping coal. The Souris coal is being quoted at the same price as last year—namely \$1.50 per ton on cars at the mines. There should be a larger consumption of this home mined coal this year, on account of the sharp advance in imported and western anthracite coals, especially when it is selling at the same price as last year, while anthracite coals are \$2 per ton higher than last year.

D. E. Adams will handle the Souris coal in the city this year, as usual, and the price here is the same as last season, namely \$1.50 per ton delivered to consumers. Speaking of the high price of anthracite coals this season, Mr. Adams says that the cost of Pennsylvania anthracite at points of production is now about \$1.50 per ton higher than last year, while the high freight rate now prevailing further increases the cost to the amount of about 50 cents per ton, as compared with last year, making the cost laid down here, on the present basis of prices at point of production and freights, amount to \$2 per ton more than a year ago. Last winter coal was sold at practically cost—in fact less than cost—in this market, owing to a local fight among the dealers. This is a point further to be considered in comparing prices with what they were a year ago. Notwithstanding the high price of coal now, the margin of profit on Pennsylvania anthracite is a very moderate one, the difference in price compared with a year ago, being largely made up in increased cost at the mines and higher lake freight rates.

British Columbia Fruit.

Manitoba has not heretofore been much of a market for British Columbia fruit, the trade not having yet reached proportions which would entitle it to be called a regular business. This is largely due to the lack of experience on the part of British Columbia growers as to how fruit should be prepared for shipment to this market, a drawback which will no doubt be remedied in time. Some growers of plums have maintained a desultory trade with this market through Winnipeg commission houses. Shipments have been made in small quantities again this year and the outcome so far is not all that could be desired. We have seen a letter this week from a shipper in one of the plum regions of British Columbia in which he complains of the treatment he received from a commission house in regard to a consignment of plums. The shipper states that he is under the impression that his fruit was slaughtered to make room for California stuff. The fact of the matter is his fruit was offered side by side with California and Washington fruit and Winnipeg retail merchants simply refused to buy it. Nearly the whole consignment was sold to country merchants. The Winnipeg commission houses have really no say in such matters. They offer the goods for sale without any prejudice one way or another and have not the slightest interest in slaughtering British Columbia or any other kind of fruit. They put the stocks side by side and let the buyers judge.

Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Sept. 18, 1899.

The stock of creamery butter purchased before the advance in the east is pretty well diminished and new stocks are being ordered. On this account the price of creamery butter is higher. The same may be said of eggs. Fresh stocks of cheese are also being ordered from the east, which cannot possibly be sold under 15 or 16 cents. Oats have stiffened a little as the best qualities are found to be not very plentiful. Hay is coming in faster, sellers wishing to secure the high prices prevailing owing to the reported shortage.

Bank clearings in Vancouver this week again break the record, being \$1,198,521 with a balance of \$123,116. For three successive weeks the clearings have been over the million mark. The movement of the salmon pack and the heavy northern sales help much to swell the returns at this time of year.

The government has declined to change the coho salmon season and fishermen are making the most of the short term. The northern canneries as well as the Fraser salmon pack has been very large this year, but the northern canners will win out better as the fishermen did not get the enormous prices that prevailed on the Fraser. The deep sea fishing has commenced very auspiciously. This lucrative industry is in the hands of United States parties, who, season after season, are fishing our halibut banks dry. The New England Fish company's steamer New England arrived from the banks yesterday with 120,000 pounds of halibut, which represents two days' fishing. The British Columbia halibut banks have proved a veritable Le Roi gold mine to this company. It is claimed that should a Canadian firm attempt to go into the business they would simply be

boycotted in the New England markets—the only profitable market for these fish, where a taste for halibut has been cultivated by the fish importing firms.

The ship, Star of Italy, has left the ways in Victoria, having completed her cleaning. She now goes to Chemainus for a lumber cargo.

The ship, Elwell, arrived in Royal Roads on Thursday, and will proceed to Chemainus, there to take lumber for Australia.

The barques, Silo and Yosemite, have been chartered for lumber from Chemainus, the former for the United Kingdom, at 72s 6d. This is a very high figure. Owing to the extreme scarcity of tonnage fancy prices rule. The Norwegian steamer, Aker, now at Port Townsend, is also to carry lumber, her charter being for Buenos Ayres, at 73s 6d.

Visible Wheat Supplies.

Aside from a still further enlarged excess of visible wheat stocks held now as compared with one or two years ago, there is little that is new to report in this direction. Comparing, as current figures do, with critically situated wheat supplies at this time one and two years ago, present supplies naturally show heavy increases. When, however, comparison is made with earlier periods, when what was then regarded as normal stocks were held, the situation of supplies is not nearly so bearish. Summed up briefly, in fact, the situation is one of liberal present holdings, but these holdings have frequently been exceeded in other years, and current trade estimates of future requirements would seem to point to these aforesaid liberal supplies all being ultimately needed if reserves are to be kept at a point consonant with prevailing prices. The following table shows the stocks of wheat held in the United States and Canada on September 1, for eleven years past:

September 1, 1899	54,369,000
September 1, 1898	14,564,000
September 1, 1897	25,013,000
September 1, 1896	61,000,000
September 1, 1895	53,531,000
September 1, 1894	88,338,000
September 1, 1893	70,447,000
September 1, 1892	40,464,000
September 1, 1891	28,451,000
September 1, 1890	27,710,000
September 1, 1889	27,893,000

From the above table it will be seen that the stocks of wheat held in this country and Canada on Sept. 1, 1899, aggregated 54,369,000 bushels, nearly four times what they were at this time a year ago, when low-water mark was reached in wheat stocks, more than twice what were held on September 1, 1897, but over 6,000,000 bushels smaller than the stock held on September 1, 1896, about the same quantity as was held at this date in 1893 and 34,000,000 bushels smaller than the quantity held on September 1, 1894.

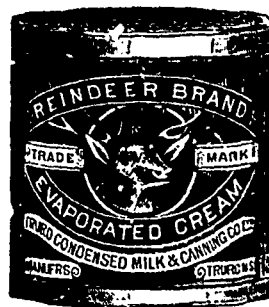
The total European stock on September 2 was 62,800,000 bushels, an increase of 25,000,000 bushels over the quantity held one year ago, of 19,000,000 bushels over 1897 and of 16,000,000 bushels over 1896, but 15,000,000 bushels smaller than in 1895 or 1894, 30,000,000 bushels smaller than in 1893 and 13,000,000 bushels smaller than in 1892.

The aggregate stock held in America and Europe on the first of the month was 117,169,000 bushels, an increase of 64,000,000 bushels over that held at this time a year ago, of 19,000,000 bushels over 1897 and of 10,600,000 bushels over 1896, but a de-

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The Consolidated Fire Mountain Mines Company, Ltd., has been formed to take over a number of mining properties at Fire Mountain Camp, fifteen miles from the head of Harrison lake.

A conference regarding the eight-hour law which is being so strongly objected to by mine owners in British Columbia, was held at Nelson on Friday, the 15th inst., between representatives of the Mine Owners Association and the B. C. minister of finance. The result was not very satisfactory to the mine owners.

The output of ore from Rossland for the week ending Sept. 16th totaled 4,666 tons. The shipments to date were as follows:

Mines—	Week, tons.	Year, tons.
Le Roi	2,400	62,188.5
War Eagle	2,006	37,987
Iron Mask	180	3,108
Evening Star	20	782.5
Deer Park	18	18
Centre Star	6,157	6,157
Columbia-Kootenay	60	91.5
Virginia	40	40
Total	4,666	110,373.5

In the last issue of the British Columbia official gazette notice was given of the incorporation of the following new mining companies: The St. Eugene Mining Co., Ltd., of Moyle, capital, \$1,000,000; Chickamoustone Copper Mining Co., of Fort Steele, capital, \$1,500,000; Noonday Curley Mines, of Silverton, capital \$1,000,000; Kate D. Green Gold Mining & Development Co., of Rossland, capital \$100,000; Willow Creek Miners' Water Co., of Pine Town, Atlin, capital, \$8,000; Consolidated Fire Mountain Mines, of Vancouver, capital \$125,000; The Boundary & Beaverton Mining Co., of Victoria, capital \$100,000. The extra provincial companies registered were Boston & British Columbia Copper Mining & Smelting Co., of Portland, capital \$3,000,000, local office Revelstoke, John M. Scott, agent, and Dundee Canadian Development Co., of Scotland, capital £10,000, local office at Rossland, John McKane, attorney.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

Development work is being commenced at the Elphinstone claim, on Shoal Lake Narrows.

There are five thousand theatres in America, and that one million and a half people attend them each week day night, spending seventy millions of dollars a year on theatre-going, are the surprising facts with which Franklin Fyles, the dramatic editor of the New York Sun, will open an important series in the next issue of The Ladies' Home Journal.

Sturgeon fishing is one of the industries of Lake Winnipeg. The fish are taken for the purpose of making caviare, a delicacy little known in Canada, but which is very much sought after by some classes in the States.

50 years and bearing interest at the rate of 1-2 per cent, which would be gradually increased so as to make the average rate for the 50 years 3-1-2 per cent. The outcome of the discussion which followed this proposal was that the circular will be laid before the school board and board of trade before any further action is taken.

Comparative Prices of Staples.

Bradstreet's gives the following table of comparative prices at New York, in its last issue:

	Sept. 15, 1899.	Sept. 16, 1898.
Flour	\$3.25 to \$3.35	\$3.25 to \$3.40
Wheat	73	70 7-8
Corn	38 1-2	34 1-8
Oats	26 1-4	24 1-2
Rye	64	52 1-2
Cotton	6 3-8	5 11-16
Printcloths	2 3-4	2 1-10
Wool, No. 1	33 1-2 to 34	30 to 31
Pork, mess	\$8.75 to \$9.50	\$9 to \$9.25
Lard	5.65	5.15
Butter, ex-cr.	23	20
Cheese	11	7 1-2
Sugar	5 1-4 to 5-16	5 1-2
Coffee, Rio	6	6 5-8
Petroleum	8.65	6.50
*Iron, Bess. pig... ..	23.25	10.50
*Steel billets, ton	39.00	16.00
Steel rails	32.00	18.00
Copper	18.50	12.25
Lead, br	4.60	3.95
Tin, lb.	32.75	16.05
* Pittsburgh.		

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—New, No. 1 hard wheat was offered at 70 1-2 to 71c in store Fort William.

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

Millstuffs—Bran, \$11 per ton; shorts, \$13, with \$1 per ton off for large lots.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 38c for old; new oats, 30c per bushel.

Barley—One car of new barley sold at 30c, and another of very fine grain offered at 40c.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers' prices, 13 1-2c.; fresh creamery 18 1-2 to 19 1-2c at factories.

Cheese—New, 8 3-4 to 9c at factories. Eggs—13 1-2 to 14c per dozen.

Hides—No. 1 green hides 7 1-2c.

Wool—3 1-2 to 9c for unwashed fleeces.

Seneca—19 to 20c per lb.

Hay—Baled on track here, \$5 to \$6 per ton.

Potatoes—New potatoes, 25 to 35c per bushel.

Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 11c per lb., live weight; live chickens, 5c to 60c per pair; spring chickens, 25 to 50c per pair; ducks, 65 to 70c per pair.

Game—Ducks, 15 to 40c per pair. Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef, city dressed, 5 to 6 1-2c; mutton, 7 to 8c for fresh; hogs, 6 1-2 to 7c for country dressed hogs; veal, 7 to 8 1-2c.

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

The latest news from Formosa is to the effect that the Japanese government intends after the monopoly system comes into force, to hold all camphor made in the island for six months or so, without making any sales, and then to fix the price according to the demand which may be found to exist for the drug in foreign countries. The recent abolition of some 200 kilns for the manufacture of camphor as the result of the operation of the new law threw many hands out of employment.

crease of 15,000,000 bushels from the quantity held at this date in 1895. With the exception of a slight increase over the quantity held on June 1 this year, the stock held on September 1 is the smallest reported this year, but is little below the quantity held on January 1, this pointing to the exceptional character of this season's movement, which, contrary to all precedent, has shown little or no decrease from the quantity held in the winter months. Examples of this are found in last year's decrease from January 1 to September 1, inclusive, amounting to 79,000,000 bushels, of 88,000,000 bushels in 1896 and 1897 and of 73,000,000 bushels decrease in 1895. American and European supplies combined, fell off only 2,000,000 bushels during August this year, whereas they decreased 6,000,000 bushels in August a year ago and 8,000,000 bushels in 1895. In August, 1897, however, they gained 1,000,000 bushels.

In the following table the stocks held in Europe and America are combined with those reported held in Australia and Argentina, the result being an aggregate of wheat supplies which comes near to being a genuine world's wheat visible supply statement:

	Sept. 1, 1899.	Sept. 1, 1898.
Europe and afloat	62,800,000	38,700,000
U. S. and Canada	54,369,000	14,564,000
Australia	4,900,000	3,200,000
Argentina	6,992,000	736,000
Totals	129,061,000	57,200,000

California Crops.

The weekly crop bulletin for southern California says: The remarkably cool weather, which has prevailed from the end of July to near the close of August, terminated in a hot spell, which continues at the close of this report. The warm weather and the absence of heavy fogs, were hard on beans and corn, though favorable for fruit drying, and maturing citrus fruits, where sufficient water was available. Peach drying is about finished, except on the late varieties; prune gathering and drying has begun; almonds are about gathered, yielding a fair crop. Beet sugar factories are in operation; beets in some sections run high in sugar percentage.

A. E. Waldon Dead.

The business community of Winnipeg was shocked on Monday morning last on learning through the columns of the daily press of the death of A. E. Waldon, of the firm of McGlashan & Waldon, manufacturers' agents, Winnipeg. His death occurred suddenly on Saturday night while being driven from the C. P. R. station to the residence of his partner. The fatal illness overtook him at Regina while on a business trip west.

Brandon City Council.

At a meeting of the Brandon city council held on Monday evening the question of the city's indebtedness was informally discussed. A copy of a proposed circular letter to the city's bondholders was read. It gives a statement of the financial position of the town and shows the cost of maintenance, etc. According to its estimates 25 mills on the dollar would have to be raised in order to pay 2 per cent interest on the city's indebtedness. A proposal is made to replace the present debentures by others maturing in

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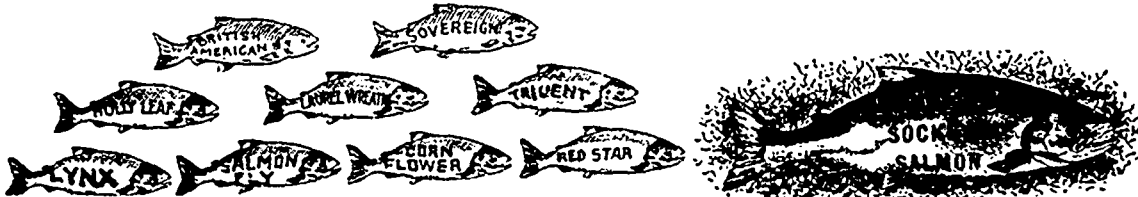
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Cost of Poor Roads.

"If ever there were two classes of people that had a good cause in common they are the bicyclists and the farmers. The question on which their interests agree is that of the need for good roads; for while a hard, smooth surface is an absolute necessity to the wheelman, it is of even more vital importance to the farmer, seeing that the condition of the road makes a serious difference one way or the other in his yearly profits. As the result of an inquiry made in 1895 by the United States department of agriculture, replies were received from over 1,200 counties, giving the cost of hauling crops in various parts of the United States. The average load hauled was found to be 2,002 pounds; the average length of haul, 12.1 miles; the average cost of hauling a ton of crops to market was \$8.02; while the average cost of hauling a ton for a distance of one mile was 25 cents.

"In order to compare the roads of the United States with those of Europe, the bureau, through its consuls, made careful inquiry on the subject of cost of hauling in England, France, Germany, Belgium, Italy and Switzerland. The average cost of hauling one ton one mile was found to be in England, 10 cents; in France, 10 cents; in Germany, 81-2 cents; in Belgium, 9 1-2 cents; in Italy, 7 1-2 cents, and in Switzerland, from 6 to 8 cents, the average of all these European states being 8.6 cents per ton per mile. More than one cause may enter into this determination of cost, but that the great cost in America is due to our poor made dirt roads is proved by the fact that while over the superb roads of Europe a farmer will haul three or four tons at a load, our farmers are able to haul only a ton or less than a ton over the 'plow and scraper' ridge of soil, which even at this late day is dignified by the name of road in many parts of the country."

An exhibit of cheese is being prepared by the provincial dairy commissioner of Manitoba for the Paris exhibition.

The Caller—"I would like to see something in the way of a check."
The Tailor—"Excuse me, are you a customer or a debt collector?"

An Irishman, standing on London Bridge, said to a youth:
"Faith, and I think I know yees; what's your name?"
"Jones," said the boy.
"Jones! Jones!" said the Irishman; "and I knew seventeen ould maids by that name in Dublin. Was aither of them your mither?"

Little Mike (in the midst of his reading)—"Feyther, hoy d'yez pronounce I-i-l-o?"

McLuberty—"Pronounce ut? Ee-gorra! did yez niver hear a tur-r-rkey gobble?"—"Fuck."

"Does your wife do much fancy work?" "Fancy work? She won't even let a porous plaster come into the house without crocheting a red border around it and running a yellow ribbon through the holes."—Tid-Bits.

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Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	130,000
Toronto	72,000
Kingston	40,000
Coteau, Que.	50,000
Depot Harbor, Que.	2,000
Prescott, Ont.	24,000
Winnipeg	150,000
Manitoba elevators	700,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	1,034,000

Total Sept. 9... 2,208,000

Total a year ago ... 613,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, as reported by Bradstreet's on Sept. 9 were 50,922,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 12,284,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on September 1 were 3,288,000 bushels, compared with 3,065,000 bushels a year ago; 4,651,000 bushels two years ago; 3,512,000 bushels three years ago; and 8,799,000 bushels four years ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Sept. 16, was 39,288,000 bushels, being an increase of 2,171,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 10,188,000 bushels, two years ago 17,140,000 bushels, three years ago 49,655,000 bushels, and four years ago 36,385,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 5,661,000 bushels, compared with 4,701,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 7,617,000 bushels, compared with 19,247,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

	Bushels.
1899	117,169,000
1898	53,204,000
1897	68,113,000
1896	107,300,000
1895	132,341,000

CROP MOVEMENT.

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

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	7,204,680	8,369,970
Milwaukee	944,860	1,351,195
Duluth	8,612,104	3,171,704
Chicago	4,168,517	5,269,765

Total ... 20,930,211 23,162,634

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

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	8,520,467	5,984,148
St. Louis	4,571,757	3,028,358
Detroit	1,189,599	1,386,771
Kansas City	5,158,955	8,211,400

Total ... 19,435,718 19,410,677

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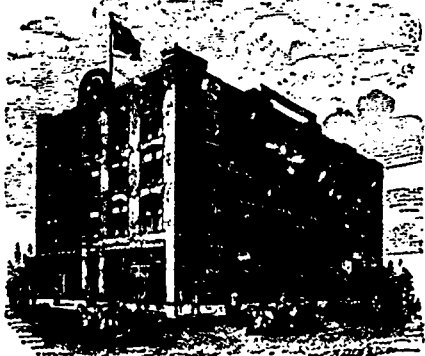
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Men Who Handle the Grain.

One feature of the grain trade is the fact that the business year begins at a certain period each season corresponding with the commencement of the new crop movement. In Manitoba the first few cars of new grain begin to put in an appearance about September 1, and it is customary with the trade to make the business year start with this date. Any changes in the old grain firms and companies or the establishment of new concerns are usually arranged for early in September. It has been customary with The Commercial to give a brief review of the trade about this time each year, showing what business changes have been made and what new concerns are preparing to do business. This year several new grain offices



Old Grain Exchange Building, Winnipeg.

are being opened in the city, and there are also some changes in the old firms as usual, which will be referred to in due course in this article.

The grain trade of Winnipeg is a matter of first importance. The great bulk of the crop of Manitoba and the Territories is handled by dealers who have their offices in the city, and here the grain trade centres. Among the well known dealers who have their headquarters in the city are the big milling companies. The Oglivie Milling company buys its vast requirements of wheat direct from the farmers, through the extensive line of elevators located at leading points throughout the wheat districts. The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. also has the headquarters of its grain buying department in the city, and purchases direct from farmers through a large line of elevators owned by the company. The Hudson's Bay Co., which operates a flour mill in the city, is a further factor in the market here, buying considerable quantities of wheat in car lots, etc.

The centre of the grain trade in the city is the grain exchange buildings. All the grain dealers, with the exception of the three milling companies just mentioned, have their offices in the grain exchange buildings. Of the numerous grain concerns here congregated, the Northern Elevator Co. is perhaps the most widely known. This company owns a very extensive line of country elevators and buys wheat from the farmers through their elevators and warehouses at 103 points throughout the country. The company also owns a large cleaning and handling elevator in Winnipeg, where tons of seeds and dirt are taken from the grain before it is exported, thus giving the grain a better appearance, as well as saving freight on refuse. The officers of the company are: N. Bawlf, president; Wm. Martin, vice president; G. R. Crowe, secretary-treasurer.

The Dominion Elevator Co. is an-

other concern controlling a large line of country elevators, amounting to about 80 in number. A number of separate dealers handle their purchases through this company. R. P. Roblin is the president of the Dominion Elevator Co., and the following are the firms and dealers who operate through this concern: R. Muir & Co., S. A. McGaw, Geo. Leary, D. H. McMillan & Co., and Jos. Harris. Owing to ill-health Mr. Harris is not actively engaged in the grain trade this year, but his interest remains with the company.

The Winnipeg Elevator Co. is not exactly a new concern commencing with this crop, as the organization of the company was complete and ready for business on the first of January last, when the grain business of Bready, Love & Tryon was taken over. The latter firm had been organized the previous year and pushed business in a very vigorous fashion, soon securing a large line of country elevators and doing an extensive general grain trade. The new company owns a line of about fifty country elevators, including some under construction, and also buys grain at a number of other points, through accommodation acquired in other ways. The officers of this company are: T. T. W. Bready, president; John Love, vice president; R. J. Howden, secretary-treasurer. Directors—Messrs. Bready, Love, C. R. Tryon, A. M. Nanton and James Carruthers, the latter a well known Montreal grain merchant.

H. S. Patterson, general grain merchant, is continuing business as in previous years, buying in car lots as well as at several country markets. Mr. Patterson does not confine his attention so closely to wheat as some dealers, but also handles considerable quantities of oats, barley, flax seed, etc.

Thompson, Sons & Co., will do a general grain commission business, as last year. Mr. Thompson was formerly located at Brandon and Fort William. Since coming to Winnipeg he has worked up a large connection throughout the country.

H. D. Metcalfe, grain exporter opened business in December last as a branch of his Montreal business. The Winnipeg office is in charge of T. H. Metcalfe, who is continuing this sea-

son as before, doing a car lot trade only.

L. A. Tulley, who was also a new man last season, is continuing as before. He does a car lot and export trade, through eastern connections.

J. K. McLennan has been connected with the trade for years. He buys on the street at a number of country points and does a general grain trade.

E. O'Reilly has also been known in grain circles for years. He represents Jas. Richardson & Sons, millers, of Kingston, Ontario.

Samuel Spink is one of the old timers of the Winnipeg grain trade. He



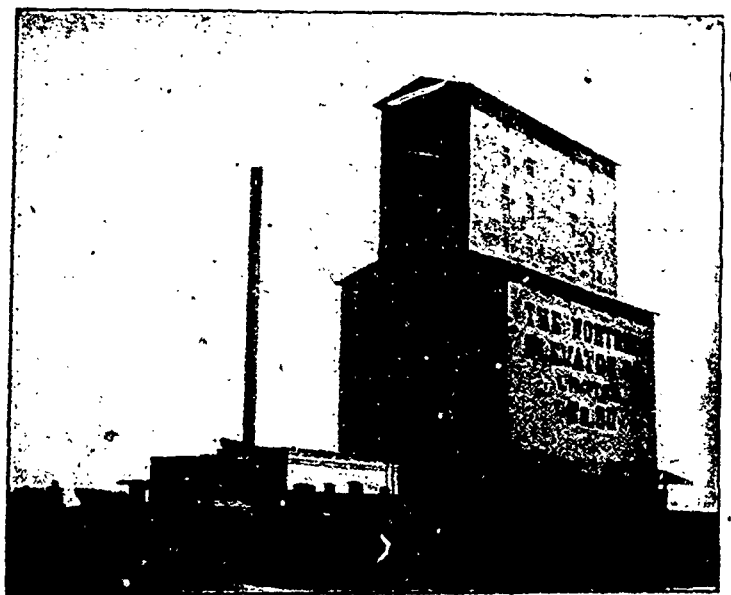
New Grain Exchange Building, Winnipeg.

does a large grain and commission business, and is still in evidence in the grain exchange premises.

W. Gibbons & Co. are doing a general grain, commission and brokerage business as in previous years.

Alex. McFee & Co. do business here as a branch of their Montreal business. C. A. Young is their manager here. Mr. Young is also interested in a line of elevators in southern Manitoba, controlled by Young Bros.

H. M. McBean & Co. are continuing the old business of Arch. McBean & Son. The members of the firm are H. M. and Geo. McBean, sons of the late Arch. McBean, who was long known to the grain trade.



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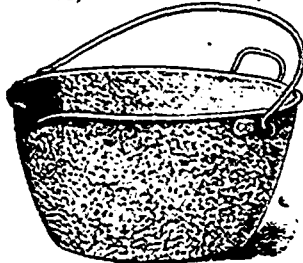
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D. G. and W. D. McBean do business as general grain commission merchants. D. G. McBean is one of the old timers in the Manitoba grain trade.

W. C. Graham is continuing the same as last year. He does a general grain business and also buys grain on the street at a number of country points.

A Campbell & Co. are in the grain commission trade as last year.

John McVicar is continuing this season as last.

A. Atkinson is also continuing the same as last year.

F. J. Parker is doing business on the same lines as last season.

RECENT CHANGES.

A few recent changes are to be noted in the trade. The old and well known grain firm of Parrish & Lindsay has been dissolved with the beginning of the new crop year, and a division of the interests of the firm has been made. W. L. Parrish will continue in business at Winnipeg, and W. J. Lindsay will continue at Brandon. This firm carried on business for many years at Brandon, and later an office was opened in Winnipeg, with Mr. Parrish in charge. The late firm owned several country elevators, which have been divided between the two partners by the dissolution agreement.

Another recent change is in the business of Reid & Co., which is now continued by Baker & Reid, the partners being T. B. Baker and Alex. Reid. Mr. Baker comes from Moose Jaw, where he has been engaged in the mercantile and grain trade for many years, and where he still retains his extensive business interests. Mr. Reid previously carried on business here as Reid & Co. The firm control the line of elevators of the Canada Northwest Elevator Co.

The business of Birch & Logan, who entered business as grain and commission merchants a year ago, is this season being carried on by W. S. Logan alone.

One business which was represented in the grain exchange last year, is not in evidence this season. This is the firm of Chalmers Bros. and Bethune, who have closed their Winnipeg office. This firm has extensive grain and commercial interests in southern Manitoba, and is one of the oldest and most widely known of the provincial firms.

NEW VENTURES.

Walker & Boston is the name of a new firm which is starting in the grain and commission trade with the new crop. Both are well known names about the exchange. Mr. Walker has been eight years with leading firms here, and was many years in the flour and grain trade before coming to Winnipeg. Mr. Boston has been for twelve years connected with the Winnipeg trade, formerly with N. Bawlf, and later with the Northern Elevator Co.

John McFarland, formerly with Jos. Harris, is branching out for himself this year, and has opened an office in the grain exchange.

J. A. Logan, who was with the Northern Elevator Co. last year, is also branching out on his own account as grain and commission dealer. He has also decided to buy grain on the street at a few country points.

Maclean Bros. is still another new firm in the trade this year, though this firm did not wait for the new crop, but started in some months ago.

BROKERS.

This, we think completes the list of Winnipeg grain concerns, old and new, announced to date, and it will be seen that there is quite a large list of them altogether. There are, of course, a number of dealers at country points who are not represented directly in Winnipeg. The Winnipeg Exchange has its brokers as well, who buy or sell only on orders between dealers. The list of brokers includes, Bruce McBean, W. W. Dines, Thos. Killet and W. McKinley. The option end of the trade is represented, as in past years, by Wm. Beech, who has a very excellent telegraphic connection with all the markets of the world, and keeps the members of the trade posted right up to the moment on all that is of interest to grain men.

ILLUSTRATIONS.

The illustrations given herewith show the two grain exchange buildings and the Winnipeg elevator of the Northern Elevator Co. The old grain exchange building was completed in November, 1892, but it did not long prove of sufficient capacity to accommodate the trade, and the new building was erected last year. The new building adjoins the old one and the floors are connected, thus practically forming one building. There is not a vacant room in the building at present.

The Winnipeg elevator of the Northern Elevator Co. is the most complete cleaning elevator in the country.

Grain and Milling Notes.

Charles A. Pillsbury, a prominent flour miller of Minneapolis, died on Sept. 17.

The new flour mill at Headingly, Man., is almost completed and will begin running at once.

F. W. Faulkner, has been appointed travelling inspector of the Manitoba Elevator Company's elevators on the main line of the C. P. R.

C. F. Travis, C. P. R. agent at Elkhorn, Man., has resigned that position, and will in future manage the Elkhorn roller mills, which he has leased.

The Waterous Engine Works Co., of Winnipeg, were recent purchasers of two No. 3 elevator separators of the Barnard & Lins Mfg. Co.'s make.

I. C. Funnis, grain, implements, etc., Neepawa, Man., is selling out his implement department to the Crawford company, of the same place, also in the implement trade.

K. Reimer is erecting an elevator at La Broquerie, Man., and the Lake of the Woods and the Dominion Elevator companies are erecting elevators at Clear Springs, Man.

Parrish & Lindsay, grain merchants, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. They have made a division of their interests, and each will continue in the grain trade, Mr. Lindsay remaining at Brandon.

Fort William has passed a by-law granting the Ogilvie Milling company a free site for the new mill, which is to be erected there, together with exemption from taxation. The voting was done on September 11.

Competition from Siberia in the wheat markets of the world may be expected in the not very distant future. It is reported that settlers from European Russia are moving into Siberia rapidly and are meeting with considerable success in farming, 10,000 people entered that region as settlers last year. The opening of the country by the new railway is helping to settle the land.

The Portage la Prairie farmers' elevator will be operated by the municipal council again this year, efforts to sell it to private parties having been unavailing.

The Headingly Milling company, of Headingly, Man., gives notice of application for incorporation under the joint stock companies' act of the province. The capital stock is placed at \$20,000.

Rain has improved the crop outlook in western India, according to advices of Sept 11, and fears of famine have been removed. The weather conditions foreshadow more rain. The cotton crop has also been benefited.

George Rogers has made arrangements for the building of a 125 barrel flour mill at Sidney. The new mill will probably be in operation next winter. Sidney district has given a bonus of \$5,000 and exemption from taxation for ten years.

The new flour mill at Indian Head which has been in course of erection all summer is now in running order and has made some trial runs. The result has been highly satisfactory. The machinery and equipment is all of the latest designs. Wilson, George & Wilson are the proprietors.

The London Mark Lane Express reports the French harvest nearing completion and satisfactory. In Germany the harvest is concluded. This year's wheat will not reach the yield of last season. Russia will have very little wheat to export. Austria will only give a medium crop.

The Larkivier Milling Company, Ltd., of Larkivier, Man., is seeking incorporation under the laws of the province. The purpose of the company is to erect and operate a flour mill and elevator and carry on a general grain trade at Larkivier. The capital stock is stated to be \$5,000.

A movement is on foot among the Winnipeg trade, for a revision of the commission rates charged for handling grain here. The arrangement, if it is taken up by the exchange and put into effect, will cover all our lot consignments, which would be handled on the open board instead of in a private way the effect would be to make a lively open market here.

While the different boards required in connection with the grain inspection act have not yet received the approval of the governor-general they have been selected as follows: Survey board, Messrs. McGaw, Nairn, Hastings, Spink, Thompson and Atkinson. Board of examiners, Messrs. Thompson, Spink, Muir, McGaw and Nairn. Representatives of the board of trade and the grain exchange on the western standard board, Messrs. McGaw, Thompson, Matheson, McCullough and Young.

"Only an accident can prevent the breaking of all previous records by the corn-crop production of the United States this year," says the Chicago Tribune. "A canvass of the eight states which raise the bulk of corn in this country warrants an estimate above that of 1896, which heretofore has been the record, and there is much in the advices received to justify a prediction that the crop will approximate 2,500,000,000 bushels. The first corn crop of the country to reach in round numbers 2,000,000,000 bushels was that of 1885. Including the crop now to be harvested, only nine crops of 2,000,000,000 bushels or over have been produced."

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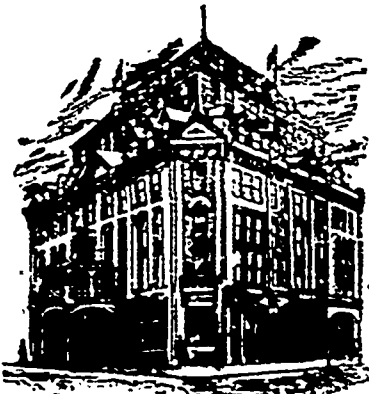
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Annual General Meeting.

A general meeting of the proprietors of the Bank of British North America was held on Tuesday, September 5, at the office of the Corporation, No. 3, Clement's Lane, Lombard street, London. E. C. Mr. E. A. Hoare, presiding.

The secretary (Mr. A. G. Wallis) read the notice calling the meeting.

The chairman said: Without going through the formality of reading the report which has been in your hands for some time past, I will with your permission proceed at once to read a paper which I have prepared with the object of amplifying the information contained in the report and explaining some of the figures in the accounts. The balance sheet in our opinion reveals satisfactory progress combined with a thoroughly sound position, and in order to substantiate this statement I will compare our present figures with those of the corresponding period of 1898, for in this way I think we arrive at a truer comparison than by placing the figures side by side with those of the half-year immediately preceding. Dealing first with our liabilities, the deposits on the 30th June, 1899, compared with those of 30th June, 1898, show an increase of £178,000. The notes in circulation show an increase of £31,000. This increase amounts to more than 10 per cent in the year, and is owing not only to general trade activity throughout the Dominion, but also to the opening of our new branches in the far north. The bills payable show an increase of £237,000, and these figures appear likely to increase still further, as we find an increasing demand for our acceptances in New York, due, I have no doubt, to the excellent credit which this bank has always enjoyed in that city. Turning to our assets, the cash and specie in hand show an increase of £59,000; and here I would particularly draw your attention to the fact that the cash and specie, amounting to £568,000, are in the ratio of 40 per cent to our immediate liabilities, that is to say, to the current and deposit accounts payable on demand and to the notes in circulation. This, you will agree with me, is a thoroughly sound position. The cash at call and short notice, amounting to £1,233,000, shows an increase of £135,000. As regards our investments, the consols remain a constant quantity, but our other investments are £9,000 lower than they were a year ago. The bills receivable show a decrease of £18,000 whilst the promises account has been reduced by £3,000. I have on a previous occasion drawn your special attention to the premises account, in which we had found it almost impossible to prevent a gradual increase. We have opened, as you are aware, several new branches, and these all involve an expenditure which cannot be avoided if our business is to be efficiently conducted; but nevertheless we have been reluctant to see the figures increase and we have on this occasion decided that in view of probable further expenditures which we believe to be inevitable and to which I shall take an opportunity of referring more in detail later on, it is imperative for us to set aside a portion of our profits to meet this expected outlay. The result of this increase in

every department of our business has resulted in increased profits. For the half-year ending June 30, 1898, the profits amounted to £29,519 13s 10d; while for the half year now concluded they amount to £33,550 1s 3d, an increase of £4,030 10s 5d, and this result has been obtained after making a very ample provision, not only for bad debts, but for every account respecting which we feel the least doubt or hesitation. From the last half year we brought into the account the sum of £5,036, and we are now carrying forward to next half-year £10,258. These figures are somewhat larger than those to which we have been accustomed—our object being the further building up of our reserve fund at the end of our financial year, an object which we must keep steadfastly before us. After the last annual meeting, when by the appropriation of £15,000 we brought the reserve fund up to £300,000, it was suggested to us by one or two of the shareholders that, having reached that round figure, we might now relax our efforts to build up our reserve and distribute a larger sum in dividends. We are most anxious ourselves for the time to come when we may take another step forward and declare an increase of dividend; and we trust that the time for doing so may not be far distant, but we feel that the building up of the reserve fund must take precedence of any other consideration. I do not wish you to think that we are acting in this matter in an arbitrary way and without substantial grounds for what we are doing, and I am quite sure that if I can show you now incumbent upon us it is to continue adding to our reserve, we shall in this matter receive as we ever have done, your cordial support. In making his budget speech to the Dominion parliament this year the Minister of Finance drew a comparison between the trade returns of the Dominion in 1894 and in 1898, and he showed in the course of a most interesting speech, that the total trade of the country had increased from 240,000,000 dols. in 1894 to 301,000,000 in 1898, thus showing an increase of 26 per cent. He gave many other interesting figures, but I have not the time necessary to repeat them to you now. I, however, wish to follow the example of the Finance Minister, and to compare our own figures of June 30, 1894, with those now in your hands. On the former date our total liabilities amounted to £4,560,000, whereas now they amount to £6,053,000, or an increase of 33 per cent. During the same period what have we been able to do for our reserve fund? We have added to it only £25,000, or an increase of less than 10 per cent. During the period under review banking has been by no means uniformly profitable; not only have we been unable to add to our reserve fund at all during some of those years, but we were even compelled to reduce our dividend, so that our reserve fund has not kept pace with the increase of our liabilities. It must, however, be evident to you, as it is to us, that with a constant increase in our liabilities it is manifestly our duty to continue to build up our reserve fund, and we hope that at the conclusion of the financial year, if our business continues to prosper, we may be able to take a further step in that direction. I think I have now thoroughly analysed these accounts, and I may now pass on to tell you something of the bank's business throughout the Dominion of Can-

ada. Beginning at the point nearest home, that is to say, the maritime provinces of Eastern Canada, it is satisfactory to learn that the lumbering trade, which is their most important industry, is enjoying a much greater degree of prosperity than at this time last year, the value of spruce in the American market showing a considerable improvement; while the crop of hay and oats has been good, and the former has realized excellent prices in the United States, principally in Boston, where the growers seem to find their best market. In the province of Quebec general business has been satisfactory and both wholesale and retail traders have been working with good results during the year. It is, therefore, the more curious that we should recently have seen two bank failures respecting which you are probably expecting to hear something from me to-day. The institutions which have suspended payment were comparatively unimportant, and although the consequences must be inconvenient and loss to their customers and depositors, which is much to be regretted, the accident will cause no disturbance amongst the community generally. The only way in which we can ourselves suffer any loss thereby may be to us contributors in common with all the Canadian banks to the Banks Circulation Redemption Fund. Allow me briefly to explain to you how it is that we and the other banks become responsible for the notes issued by a bank which suspends payment. Under the Canadian Banking Act of 1890 all banks carrying on business in the Dominion are required to contribute to the Banks Circulation Redemption Fund, the object of which is that in the event of the suspension of a bank the notes issued by such bank, with interest thereon, shall be paid in full. This is a most excellent object, because it efficiently secures the whole of the circulation of all the Canadian banks—a manifest advantage to the community generally in a country where paper money is the ordinary medium of circulation. The contribution required from each bank is a sum equal to 5 per cent. of its average note circulation. The fund is under the control of the Minister of Finance, and bears interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum, and it is further provided that the payment of the notes issued and in circulation shall constitute a first charge upon the assets of a bank in case of its insolvency. Now it appears to me that this is a reasonable proviso and one that should make the position of all the contributory banks perfectly secure, for it must be a very bad case indeed where the total assets of a bank on realization fail to produce a sum sufficient to redeem its notes in circulation, seeing that it is provided by section 51 of the act that the total amount of such notes in circulation at any time shall not exceed the amount of the "unimpaired paid-up capital of the bank;" but herein lies the danger, for it has been ascertained by independent investigation that in the case of one of the banks which have recently suspended, this section of the act has not been complied with. The bank had issued notes in excess of its nominal capital, although it was solvent at the time, and for some time previously, that the capital was not "unimpaired" and consequently the sum to be redeemed as a first charge upon the assets of the bank when realized is considerably larger than was contemplated by the framers of



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the act, I do not express any opinion respecting the realization of the assets, and I trust that they may prove sufficiently valuable to meet this first charge upon them, in which case the fund will not ultimately be called upon to bear any loss; but should the assets of the bank referred to realize less than the sum required to redeem the notes in circulation, then the loss will fall upon the fund—that is, upon the banks generally. Such a situation appears to call for some stricter safeguards against mismanagement and inaccuracy in the returns made to the government. It is true that the act provides for heavy penalties for excess of circulation; but inasmuch as it is further provided that the amount of penalties for which the bank is liable shall not form a charge upon the assets of such bank in case of its insolvency until all other liabilities are paid, they really are of no value whatever as a deterrent. The situation thus created is therefore, one that appears to call for careful consideration by the government of Canada, and I am glad to learn that a representative of the government has already been in communication with members of the Bankers' association with the object of thoroughly inquiring into the matter, and listening to any suggestions which may be put forward by the association. The result of such conferences can hardly fail to have a good result. Again, moving westward, the next point of special interest is the harvest in the Northwest. A bountiful harvest in this region, if garnered in good condition, means prosperity to Canada, for although we watch with interest the steady growth of subsidiary industries, the harvest in Manitoba must, for a long time to come, be the main-spring of Canada's trade. I see from a return prepared by the government of Manitoba, that the estimated yield of wheat is 33,000,000 bushels, and of oats 23,000,000 bushels, and unofficial estimates prepared at a later date have even placed the wheat crop as high as 40,000,000 bushels. The weather has been favorable for the harvest, and the crop which may by this time be regarded as secure, has been got in without damage by early frost, which constitutes the most serious danger from year to year. At the same time it has been stated that encouraged by those excellent returns immigration into the province both from the old country and from the United States has been upon a larger scale than for many years past. The result of this bountiful harvest in stimulating trade both wholesale and retail throughout the entire country cannot be over-estimated. I must next speak of an industry of a very different character—that is, the development of the mineral wealth of British Columbia, and of Rossland as its principal centre. The produce of the Rossland mines during 1898 amounted to 116,000 tons of ore valued at \$2,500,000, as compared with 68,000 tons in 1897, from which \$2,100,000 was obtained; thus showing an increase of \$700,000, or 33 per cent in the year. As in every other field, there are good and bad mines in the Kootenays; but it is interesting to notice that whereas in the first instance our friends from across the border line were the pioneers of this district, the Canadians themselves have recently been actively engaged, and have invested considerable sums in the purchase and development of promising properties, while I need not inform you that there has also been a large expenditure of capital drawn from this

country. The result has been a great growth in the population of Rossland, and as the city has increased, so has the business increased likewise. This is not, however, at the present time entirely to our own advantage, for, whereas in early days we had only one other bank as a competitor in Rossland, there are now no less than five, and business naturally becomes subdivided; but if the complete development of the mines proves successful, and many who are qualified to form an opinion appear now to have little doubt of this, the business of this city and district should so largely increase in the next few years that there may well be enough for us all. It is, however, not to be forgotten that the prosperity of Rossland and the surrounding country depends entirely upon the mining industry. As you are aware, we have five branches established in the mining districts of British Columbia. We hope that they may all become profitable and permanent, but it is yet too early to express a decided opinion on each of these branches. We shall give them all a fair trial, and in the event of disappointment we shall not hesitate to withdraw before any serious expenditure has been incurred, as we have already thought it prudent to do at Sleean. Passing on to the Pacific coast, we find Vancouver and Victoria enjoying considerable activity in all departments of business, chiefly through the demand for supplies for the Klondike. Business has been prosperous in these places, and this increased activity appears likely to continue, so long as the gold fields of the north attract both capital and labor. Finally, I must refer to the branches which we have recently established in those northern gold fields. You will have noticed from the report that since our last meeting we have opened branches at Atlin and Bennett; the former place is the centre of a gold field which a year ago excited no little enthusiasm. I think it is doubtful whether the fair promise of early days has been maintained; but at the same time we have felt that the possibilities of this country are great, and although there may have been a certain measure of disappointment in the results thus far obtained, we have felt from the evidence which has come before us, that there was reasonable ground for opening a branch there. The principal difficulty seems to have been not so much a failure in the discovery of the gold as legal questions respecting the title to claims, which have prevented regular operations over a large part of the country where gold is known to exist. These questions are now being dealt with by a judge who has been sent up by the government, and by his prompt and energetic action it already appears that the situation is considerably cleared. I am still unable to say that we feel confident of this branch proving profitable; but at any rate, we think the prospects are sufficiently favorable to justify us in giving the opening a fair trial. Bennett is a place where a considerable business is being transacted. It is a sort of a half-way house to Dawson City, and has developed into quite a business town. Should the railway be ultimately carried right through to Dawson, its importance may consequently be diminished and we have not been unmindful of this point in opening our branch there; but, nevertheless, the position has seemed to us to be worth a trial. Passing through Bennett we come to our most distant point in Dawson City.

I need not tell you that your directors have experienced a time of considerable anxiety respecting our branch there since we last met you, owing to the great conflagration which recently took place in that city by which our premises were entirely destroyed. It was some days before we received any information of a reliable character; and we waited in suspense for details of the disaster. We had taken every possible precaution to protect ourselves against loss by fire, but unfortunately the steel vault upon which we relied did not come up to our expectations, and failed to stand the test of the fierce heat of the conflagration—the result being that several documents and books were destroyed which I am afraid must be the cause of considerable inconvenience to our customers, although not of ultimate loss. Our manager has estimated the loss to the bank as not exceeding \$5,000, but I am not even yet in a position to confirm those figures, and I shall not be surprised if we find that they are exceeded. Let me, however, remind you that when we first opened this branch we set aside a sum of money to meet the original expenses of the branch, because we felt that such an exceptional step as we were then taking should be specially provided for. The sum was never required after all, and consequently it still remains to the credit of a special fund; and I have no doubt that our total loss, when finally ascertained, will not exceed that sum. In the earlier part of these remarks, when speaking of the accounts, I referred to the appropriation made in reduction of the premises account, saying that I should return to the subject again later on. You will see that the expenses of rebuilding in Dawson City, and of securing suitable premises both in Atlin and Bennett, must be heavy. We feel that we cannot rely upon steel vaults or any other substitute for solid masonry as a protection against these disastrous conflagrations. There are no bricks in the country, which consequently have to be imported at an enormous cost, of which you will be able to form a more clear opinion when I tell you that the freight on bricks to Atlin was recently quoted at \$100 per ton. We have, therefore, thought it prudent to make this provision, seeing that even at such a cost as this it is far cheaper to build a substantial vault, proof against any fire or attack, than to run the risk of loss which, without such protection, might at any time prove very serious. You may perhaps be inclined to think, on hearing these remarks that in the face of such difficulties it was perhaps hardly prudent to venture into so remote a country; but you must remember that there is another side to the picture. The future of Atlin is, perhaps still in the balance, but there is no doubt whatever about Dawson; the gold is there, and it has been estimated by a high authority that this season's production will not be less than \$40,000,000. This is a very large total and we secure our full share of the business attaching to such an industry; so that if we have been compelled in the first place, to run a risk, and therefore, to incur a heavy expenditure in order to avoid such risk in future we may hope for adequate remuneration in return. I think I have now explained to you the principal points of interest in those places where the bank is established, and I am confident that I have already occupied a longer time than is usual on these occasions; but even now I cannot conclude without reference to the loss

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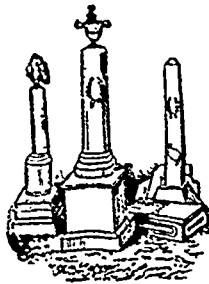
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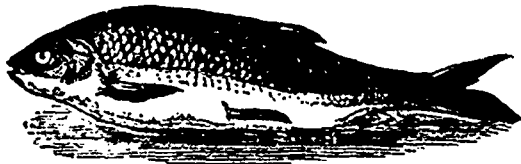
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which the bank has recently sustained by the death of Mr. Jeffrey Penfold, who spent a life time in the service of the bank, and was for no less than twenty years manager of our important branch in Montreal, where he had most deservedly earned the respect and esteem of all who knew him. I desire to take this opportunity of expressing our deep regret at his loss, and our sympathy with Mrs. Penfold and the members of his family. The chairman concluded by moving the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr. J. J. Kingsford seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

THE MONEY MARKET.

The usual fall demand for money is in evidence to a greater extent than ever at present. The indications are that the business which was spread over the entire fall and winter of last season will largely be done before the close of navigation this year. This means that for the next two months a very large amount of money will be in circulation. Financiers estimate that already the volume of circulation has gone up 25 per cent. The discount rate for ordinary paper remains unchanged at 6 to 7 per cent, but we hear of lower rates being accepted by some concerns for choice accounts. As low as 5 1/2 per cent has been taken. On mortgage loans the rate ranges from 6 to 7 per cent on choice city property with special loans on more valuable property at from 5 to 5 1/2 per cent. On farm loans the regular quotation is 8 per cent, but an increasing number of loans on choice property are going through at 7 per cent.

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

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

Week ended Sept. 21, 1899	...\$1,886,448
Corresponding week, 1898	...1,551,151
Corresponding week, 1897	...2,019,382

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

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan. ...	\$6,347,168	\$5,009,918	\$4,977,200
Feb. ...	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,052,000
Mar. ...	3,689,000	4,289,000	4,286,000
April ...	6,240,000	4,161,062	4,032,000
May ...	8,683,361	5,014,780	4,216,201
June ...	7,396,799	5,331,140	4,094,000
July ...	6,315,238	5,616,603	4,961,277
Aug. ...	6,180,385	6,208,574	4,646,959
Sept. ...	6,414,551	8,035,201	4,630,708
Oct. ...	9,547,692	12,291,879	7,535,472
Nov. ...	11,583,069	13,550,761	8,893,175
Dec. ...	16,708,731	9,784,493	7,730,945

Year ...90,672,798 83,435,121 64,143,985

	1899.
Jan. ...	\$7,088,052
Feb. ...	6,209,471
March ...	6,756,094
April ...	6,916,431
May ...	7,472,855
June ...	8,211,710
July ...	8,169,595
August ...	7,995,291

FINANCIAL NOTES.

C. A. Chesterton, of the Bank of Ottawa staff at Rat Portage, has been transferred to Winnipeg.

Large remittances of money have been made to the west lately for the purpose of moving the crops.

Another severe drop in stocks took place on the Montreal market Monday owing largely to the New York panic. Street Railway went down 6 1/2 points and others in proportion.

The total receipts of the Canadian inland revenue department for August amounted to \$778,682.53.

The Union Bank of Canada has opened a branch at Pincher Creek, Alberta, with H. E. Hyde as manager.

\$4,000 of Hamiota, Man., school debentures are being offered for sale. For particulars see our "tenders" column.

C. D. McIntosh, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce staff at Winnipeg, has been transferred to the head office, Toronto.

The shares of the newly formed Canada Cycle and Motor company, which were recently offered for sale were largely over subscribed for.

So much have the earnings of the Toronto Street Railway Company increased this year that an increase of dividend from 4 to 5 per cent is being considered.

W. Mowat & Son, private bankers, Stratford, Ont., who failed last week, have made a bad break, notwithstanding the favorable reports which were circulated at the time of their suspension. The creditors hold a meeting shortly.

The Commercial Loan and Savings Co. are applying to the Manitoba government for incorporation with a capital stock of \$50,000. The applicants are: S. P. Hodgson, Headingly; A. Reid, W. H. Sproule and Hugh Phillips, Winnipeg.

A. W. Falconer, principal of one of the public schools of Galt, Ontario, was arrested on September 15th, charged with obtaining money under false pretences. He has been acting as local agent for the Dominion Permanent Loan Association of Toronto for some time as well as for several other companies.

In the investigation of the Ville Marie bank, the officials of which are charged with having furnished false reports to the government, it was shown that other banks held notes of this bank to the amount of \$457,465, while the report of the government placed the circulation at \$261,000.

A number of important changes on the staff of the Bank of Commerce are announced at Toronto. A. H. Ireland, chief inspector, is to assume also the title of superintendent of branches, the assistant managership of the Toronto branch, rendered vacant by J. Aird's appointment to Winnipeg, is to be filled by Massey Morris, and V. C. Brown is to succeed the latter as assistant inspector.

Insurance Notes.

P. D. McKinnon, of the Ontario Mutual Life, started out this week on a short trip west.

Manager Richter, of the London Life Insurance Company of Ontario, and Valuator Emory, are in Manitoba on an official tour.

W. P. Sweatman, of the Mutual Life, contemplates starting shortly on a trip to the head office of his company at New York.

The sub-committee of the Winnipeg city council appointed to consider the matter of insurance of municipal buildings reported recommending that the city carry its own insurance. The report was referred to the finance committee. Mr. Strang said that when the new waterworks system was in working order the status of the city would be raised from class D to class B.

The town of Dauphin, Man., has decided to spend \$8,000 on fire protection apparatus, and accordingly is arranging with the Brandon Machine Works Co., for an outfit. A suitable building for a fire hall will be erected. A brigade will also be organized. This will materially reduce the town's insurance rate.

The fire loss of the United States and Canada for the month of August, as compiled by the New York Journal of Commerce, shows a total of \$9,703,700. The following table gives the losses by months:

	1898.	1899.
January	\$ 9,472,500	\$10,718,000
February	12,629,300	18,469,000
March	7,645,200	11,493,000
April	8,211,000	9,213,000
May	11,072,200	9,001,900
June	9,206,900	6,714,850
July	8,929,750	11,420,400
August	7,793,500	9,708,700

Totals\$74,960,350 \$86,829,860

Wm McBride, manager of the Winnipeg branch of the North American Life, returned this week from a trip through the Rainy River district. He spent nearly two months in that section and travelled through the district very closely. Mr. McBride said he was surprised to find such a large and prosperous agricultural settlement there. The farmers have good barns and residences and have excellent crops of oats, hay, vegetables, etc. Wheat is not grown to any extent, though there is a small local grist mill. The produce finds a market in the mining districts of the surrounding country. Mr. McBride noticed excellent crops of clover hay, the second crop being very heavy. If such crops of clover can be grown in Northwestern Ontario, why cannot this crop be produced to advantage in the sheltered districts of Manitoba.

Dairy Trade Notes.

C. C. Macdonald, Manitoba dairy commissioner, has completed a tour of inspection of the cheese factories in the Mennonite reserve.

Some offers of Ontario cheese for shipment to Manitoba were reported to have been made a few weeks ago. Of course at present prices here profitable importing is impossible.

Choice dairy butter was selling at 16 1/2 to 17c at country points in Ontario at the close of last week at which figures commission men say business could not profitably be done.

Butter reached the top notch of this season at Minneapolis a few days ago, 22 to 22 1/2c being paid for extra creamery at commission houses. An unusually active consuming demand was responsible.

It transpires that one of the factors in weakening the old country cheese market was the action of a certain Montreal concern in offering cheese at 5 1/2 for eastern and 5 1/2 for western when the regular market quotation was much higher, and the cheese could not be bought at producing points and laid down for that sum.

Exports of cheese from Montreal for the week ended Sept. 16 totalled 62,607 pounds as against 68,786 pounds last year. Since May 1, 1,318,261 pounds have been exported as against 1,114,750 pounds in the same period 1898. Of butter 31,458 pounds were exported during the week as against 38,895 pounds last year and for the period since May 1, 820,752 pounds as against 130,126 pounds last year.

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THE GROCERY TRADE.

GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

Coffee consumption has increased largely this year.

White beans are costing 10c per bushel higher to lay down from the east.

Rice is firm abroad and higher prices are being asked for some sorts, particularly Rangcon.

The price of the 2-ounce size of Boyril has been reduced from \$3.75 to \$3.50 per dozen.

New Corsican citron peel is now in stock in Canadian wholesale centres and shows very fine quality.

New California quinces are in the Minneapolis market. The opening quotations there were \$3.00 per box.

Cables indicate great strength in the market for high grade currants. The quality is said to be very fine.

The average cost per case of the salmon put up on the Fraser river this year is estimated to have been \$4.50.

Split peas are costing 10c higher and pot barley 15c higher to lay down here, compared with prices lately prevailing.

New stock Valencia raisins recently opened show quality above the average. Quotations for these at primary markets are firm and likely to remain so.

The United States pack of canned vegetables will be lighter than usual owing to unfavorable weather in some of the producing centres.

Rains have slightly improved the canned vegetables situation in Ontario with the exception of corn the crop of which is regarded as too far gone to be benefited by rains now.

English advices on the state of the rice market indicate continued strength. The rains in India, recently reported, have not been general and there is still strong likelihood of a restricted crop.

Mail advices on B. C. salmon say: Several of the largest canners in British Columbia have placed their entire pack. R. P. Ritche says his company has sold this year to Canada, and Australasia. Heretofore they have also sold to England.

Latest reports received by Winnipeg agents of eastern canners say that no corn can now be obtained at under 85 to 90c at the factories. Tomatoes are held firm at 75c. Peaches and gallon apples are being held higher. No cheap brands of peas are now available.

B. A. Lytle & Co. are putting up their pickles, etc., in new and more handsome shapes of bottles this season. The bottles have patent fasteners and some lines also have patent glass stoppers. The new samples with W. L. Mackenzie & Co., their Winnipeg agents, are very fine.

Advices from California indicate that the market for dried fruits has touched bottom and is now on the upward move. Latest reports are quite strong. Advices received in Winnipeg this week report an advance of 1-4c on peaches from the low point and a further advance is predicted as the market is strong. Apricots are reported 1-2c higher and pitted plums 1c higher. Pears and nectarines are firm. Prunes are reported steady at unchanged prices.

New Orleans papers speak with satisfaction regarding the rice crop of the past season as compared with that of the two previous seasons. The crop for the state approximated 1,200,000 sacks, of which 681,827 sacks were received in New Orleans. As a whole the crop was of a rather inferior quality.

Minneapolis wholesale grocery houses have advanced their prices on all lines of woodware in response to advices from manufacturers that an advance would immediately go into effect at factories. The advance on tubs and pails amounts to about 10 per cent, and is the second or third within a few weeks. The advance is caused by scarcity of hardwood lumber.

A second consolidation of starch manufacturers has taken place in the United States. Five of the leading companies not in the National Starch company have amalgamated with a capital of \$6,000,000. The new concern will be known as the United Starch company. Bitter rivalry between the two big trusts is expected to ensue. The companies in the new concern are: Duryea & Co., New York; Sioux City Starch Works, Sioux City, Ia.; T. P. Kingsford & Son, Oswego, N. Y.; Argo Manufacturing company, Argo, Nebraska; American Glucose company, Buffalo, New York.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

CITY MILLINERY OPENINGS.

The event of the city dry goods trade during the past two weeks has been the fall millinery openings. These have been conducted with unusual éclat and have been highly successful in every way. The leading millinery and dry goods stores, such as the Hud-



The Directoire Hat.

son's Day, Furner's, Robinson's, Bain's, Craig's and Preston's have all held formal openings and been thronged with shoppers, from morning to night. The styles of hats shown—and there is a multitude of them—have been decidedly attractive and consequently conducive to extensive buying. The prices too have been, in the estimation of the ladies, if not in that of their husbands and fathers, very reasonable.

In these days of correct styles and elegant fabrics the tailor-made girl is not complete without a tailor-made hat to match her costume, made of stitched felt and trimmed with breast, bird quill, and wing effects. For those who like elaborations these will not find favor, but elegant dressers will consider them good style.

The Directoire hat is at present the leading shape, but any shape is considered, "smart" sailors included, if the coloring and trimming is "chic" and

artistic. Drooping effects in back and front are great favorites, and one handsome design was shown with Tur crown of white satin finely folded in French folds of black satin and a small star crown of jet. The under rim was a mass of white shirring in white chiffon, smart black and white wings, a black bird and a handsome new fringed sash completed a very distingue hat. In toques the grebe and pheasant breast effects in the brim are made up with rich toul velvet crowns in brown and claret.

"Pastel"—An artist's term—is used to denote the hazy blending of the rainbow tints found in landscape painting.

Mink will be used extensively in mid-winter toques, and will be made up with the Persian bandana effect in panne velvet.

Ties in chiffon, net, ribbon velvet are the distinguishing features this year, the picture hats, a director's shape of semi-poke effect was charmingly built in amethyst velvet having an under facing of white chiffon in fine folds, and way in over-lying this was large double parma violets pressed flat. A white bird, a garniture of wide soft ribbons in two shades of violet and ties of black chiffon completed a very charming confection. A toque in claret velvet and pastel pink was declared "most artistic."

These are a few ideas gleaned from the hats shown at the openings; what the favorites will be for western wear remains, to some extent, to be seen, as a great deal of buying is yet to be done.

Lumber Trade Notes.

J. F. Boyl will open a lumber yard at Minnedosa, Man.

A combine of the saw mills of the interior of British Columbia is being discussed by some of the mill owners.

The damage done to the Hastings saw mill at Vancouver by the bursting of the engine fly wheel is estimated at \$15,000.

The lumber mills at Norman (at Portage) were threatened with destruction by fire on Sept. 14, by the partial burning of a residence of one of the mill foremen, close by. The fire was subdued.

There is a marked hesitation in regard to new projects in the building line in the northwestern states, due to the inability of lumbermen to supply the demand for lumber. Dry stock has long since become almost unknown in the market, and prices for green lumber have reached such a height that many building schemes will have to stand over.

D. L. Mather has secured a contract from the C. P. R. for from forty to fifty thousand jack pine ties to be delivered during the term of open navigation, says the Keewatin Enterprise. These ties are being taken out at Eagle Lake and will be loaded at Vermillion Bay. The use of jack pine is a new departure for the C. P. R. Owing to the scarcity of tamarac and the difficulty of handling it in the summer season the management decided to use jack pine in laying some of the branch lines that are under construction this season. Mr. Mather intends putting up a tie loading plant at Vermillion Bay.

H. Buckle, Sr., for many years connected with the printing business in Winnipeg, has gone to the old country to reside.

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F. S. Booth is opening in furniture at Elkhorn.

F. A. Wilkon has opened a drug store at Morden.

G. A. Ostrander has opened a drug store at Carman.

A. M. Kuno & Co. have opened a drug store at Rathwell.

Jas. Medill, general merchant, Souris, advertises a closing out sale.

G. C. Palmor & Co., painters, Winnipeg, have assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

Wm. Hanley, butcher, Boissevain, has taken into partnership Andrew Burgess.

A. Ballantyne & Son have bought out Felton and Durnin's general store at Neepawa.

A. P. Symon, of Acton West, Ont., has opened a jewellery store at Neepawa, Man.

Heppell & Co., Minnedosa, have opened a branch of their fancy goods store at Flumas.

L. May, a prominent Minneapolis seed merchant, contemplates opening a branch at Winnipeg.

E. B. Collins, of Acton, Ont., has bought out the furniture business of A. W. Rodgers at Neepawa.

A. R. Welch, Boissevain, has opened a branch of his boot and shoe and gents furnishings at Minto.

A. G. Hamplo, who has been for many years connected with the catering business in Winnipeg, died on September 18th.

Letters patent have been issued increasing the capital stock of the Fairchild Co., Ltd., of Winnipeg, from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

The Carman Trading Co. have purchased the stock and good will of the general store business of D. J. Graham & Co., of Carman, Man.

D. Campbell, lately engaged with J. Mathleson in the tailoring business at Neepawa, Man., will open business in this line on his own account.

Pursuant to application, Carman will soon be created a village corporation. At present it constitutes a portion of the rural municipality of Dufferin.

J. A. Green, manager of the Bradstreet's Co.'s Winnipeg branch, has resigned his position with the company. His successor is C. G. Shaffter, of the Toronto office.

The stock of Edgar W. Pack, general merchant, Hartney, will be offered for sale at auction by Bertrand, Newton & Davidson on Tuesday next. The stock is valued at \$1,697.06.

A steel bridge will be erected over the Pembina river near La Riviere, to cost about \$3,000. Another steel bridge will be built over the same river 20 miles south of Manitou.

In announcing his succession to the general store business of Meikle & Coppinger at Morden, to take place on October 16th, H. Meikle states that his intention is to conduct the business on a strictly cash basis.

H. M. Belcher, who will be manager of the new wholesale dry goods house which will be established in Winnipeg by Gault Bros. Co., of Montreal, is in the city. Mr. Belcher will make a trip through the west with Mr. Crawford, western representative of Gault Bros. Co.

Mackenzie Bros., manufacturers' agents, Winnipeg, have been appointed to represent P. D. Dods & Co., proprietors of the Island City Paint and Varnish Works, of Montreal. Mackenzie Bros. will carry a stock of these goods in Winnipeg.

The market committee of the Winnipeg city council has decided to purchase a site for a hay market, if the council is agreeable at a cost of \$12,500. The present premises on Higgin street, which are held under lease will be purchased.

The M. & N. W. railway has issued a new time table. The west bound train now leaves Winnipeg every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10.35 a. m. The east bound will arrive in Winnipeg on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 20.45 o'clock.

The C. P. R. has decided to adopt a suggestion made at the Toronto exhibition and send a number of thoroughbred bulls and boars to Manitoba for use in improving the stock of this country. Land Commissioner Hamilton has already been purchased and will arrive in Winnipeg about the end of this month.

A new station, known as Steinbach, has been opened between St. Anne and La Broquerie upon the Southeastern railway. Two elevators will be constructed at once, one by the Lake of the Woods Milling company, and the other by the Dominion Elevator company. The location of the station is close to the Clear Springs and Steinbach settlements.

The McLaughlin Carriage Co., of Oshawa, Ontario, will open a branch in Winnipeg about November 1 next, when a full stock will be put in here. R. Mackenzie, of Manitou, will be manager. Premises have been secured on Princess street, facing the Market square, which is right in the centre of the implement quarter. R. J. Latimer, of the McLaughlin company, was in the city this week assisting Mr. Mackenzie in starting the new branch and will spend a few weeks in the west.

Northwest Ontario.

D. Sinclair and J. D. Davis have opened as butchers and cattle dealers at Mine Centre.

The stock of Wm. Gauvreau, painter, Ret Portage, has been taken over by H. A. Longley.

Port Arthur has now an evening daily paper, called the Chronicle. F. R. Allen is the publisher.

S. Stevens has started a combined chopping and shingle mill at Fort William. The machinery plant is new and was supplied for this special order by the Waterous Engine Co.

1,500,000 pounds of scale fish have been taken this season—or will be by the time the lake freezes up—in the Lake of the Woods by the Norman Fish Co. This represents a value on the cars at Keewatin, \$55,000. \$20,000 worth of caviare has also been produced.

A number of Mine Centre business men have been in Winnipeg recently purchasing supplies for next winter. Among the number were L. Hamel, D. M. Taylor, O. Jalbert, H. Percival, J. Sutherland and W. A. Preston. Wholesale dealers report that a greater quantity of goods are going into the Seine river district from Winnipeg than ever before at this season of the year.

The Keewatin Enterprise says: "A combination of extensive fishing interests on Georgian Bay, Lake Huron, Lake Superior, Lake Michigan and Lake of the Woods under the name The Dominion Fish Co., Ltd., has been effected. The new company includes prominent fishing concerns in all the waters above mentioned, and will have head offices situated in Winnipeg. The Norman Fish Co., is included in the combine."

Alberta.

James Lauder, baker and confectioner, Edmonton, offers to sell out.

Wm. Postil, general merchant, Red Deer, has taken in J. H. Wright as a partner.

J. D. Clarke, grocer and confectioner, Edmonton, is offering his stock and fixtures for sale.

Trimble Bros., general merchants, Leduc, deny the report which was circulated about a month ago that they had sold out their business.

The delegates from Finland who have been looking over Western Canada with a view to starting a colony of their countrymen, have selected a tract of land in northern Alberta.

In a review of weather and crop conditions in its issue of September 18, the Edmonton bulletin says: "Rain on Tuesday and Thursday night last were the only breaks in the fine weather which set in on Wednesday, the 6th inst. To-day is magnificent. Two-thirds of the grain is cut, but blunders are still going out from the dealers' warehouses. The condition of the crop is yet a matter of some doubt. It is certainly heavy and a large portion of it is certainly all right, but there will be some loss from too early cutting, from wet and from too late ripening. So far there has been little or no damage by frost. Some damage is reported north of the Sturgeon mill, but throughout the district as a whole there has been practically none. Only a fraction of the wheat remains uncut. Oats form the principal part of the uncut grain. So far they have suffered no damage and are not likely to."

Saskatchewan.

Harry E. Holden, jeweller, Prince Albert, Sask., is selling out and will engage in the same branch at Moosomin, Assa., where he has purchased a business.

Live Stock News.

The export demand for cattle continues good, but it is said that buyers are finding difficulty in securing the right kind of stock. The trade in sheep is receiving considerably more attention this year.

During the week ended September 9, 2,676 head of cattle were shipped from the port of Montreal to British markets, in the same week 3,959 head of sheep were shipped to the same ports and 136 horses.

An outbreak of hog cholera is reported from Carman district, Manitoba, and one of the Dominion veterinarians of the Dominion government is in that district investigating with a view to its immediate suppression, if the report be true.

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WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, Sept. 23, 1899.

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DRUGS.

Trade in this line is active and prices remain for the most part unchanged. A sharp advance has been made in the price of cocaine, the old quotation of \$4 to \$5.25 having been replaced by one of \$6 to \$6.25. Several new drug stores have been opened recently at country points, and this has added to the volume of business being done. Morden, Carman and Rathwell in Manitoba, and Kimberly in British Columbia, have had additions of this kind recently.

DRY GOODS.

Placing order shipments for fall trade are practically speaking all cleaned up and interest begins to centre around the sorting trade. Travelers will be out with samples for these in a short time and a good business is anticipated. The feeling is that all orders placed from now on should be subject to the higher prices which prevail at manufacturing centres. Money is not coming in yet but the collection departments will be very busy for the remainder of the season.

FISH.

Whitefish are becoming more plentiful again as considerable quantities of Lake Manitoba fish have been placed in the market. The advanced quotations of last week still hold good, however. Other kinds of fresh fish remain unchanged in price. Consignments of oysters are now reaching the city regularly and are quoted at \$2.00 per gallon for standards and \$2.25 for selects. Salt Labrador herring is also offering in half barrels at \$3.85.

FUEL.

Fuel prices remain unchanged, but the feeling in regard to both wood and coal is very firm. Pennsylvania anthracite is being sold by Winnipeg colliers retail, delivered in the city at \$10 per ton, which is a close price when the high prices at lake ports are figured on. There has been some talk of a cut on this rate as a result of the operations of a new firm which contemplated opening here, but the margin at \$10 is so close that there is really no room for cutting. Canadian anthracite and soft coals remain unchanged as given on our "prices current" page. Wood stocks in the city are getting low and there is difficulty in getting fresh supplies owing to scarcity of cars. Moreover, stocks at shipping points are becoming very much depleted. It would not be surprising if advances should take place in the cost of wood fuel this coming winter as men are scarce, wages higher and longer hauls are necessary now in some places to get wood to the railways.

GREEN FRUITS.

The season for peaches, pears and plums is now far advanced. Two cars of Crawford peaches came in this week which is the last of this variety. Ontario grapes are coming in in large quantities and show first class quality. Tomatoes are also coming in freely from the east. Crab-apples are very scarce. Fall apples are offering at \$2 to \$3.50 per barrel, according to quality. Cape cod cranberries to arrive are quoted at \$7.50 per barrel.

Lemons, new, \$1 per case; apples, Ontario, \$3 to \$3.50 in barrels; crabs, 60c per basket, in barrels, 5.00; pears, per case, \$2.25 to \$2.50; California peaches \$1.25 per case; Washington plums \$1.25; California grapes in twenty-pound cases \$2.00; Ontario grapes in 10 lb. baskets, 28 to 40c. California prunes, \$1.60 per case; Washington prunes, \$1.80 per case; coconuts in sacks of 100, \$5 to \$6; Grenoble walnuts, 15c; Tarragona almonds, 15c; peanuts, green, 9c; roasted, 12c; pecan nuts, 15c per lb; comb honey, \$2 per dozen sections, strained honey, \$1-2c per pound; maple sugar, per lb. 11c; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrel and half barrels; fruit cider put up in 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 40c; figs, in boxes, 7c per lb; layer figs in 10 lb boxes, \$1.75, dates 7c per lb; onions, 3c per lb; celery, per dozen, 30c; cucumbers, 15c per dozen; tomatoes per basket, 50c; sweet potatoes per barrel, \$3.

GROCERIES.

The grocery market has had an active week and there have been an unusual number of price changes of more or less importance. Sugar has been the subject of another advance of 1-8c extra standard granulated being quoted now at \$5.30 per 100 pounds. Canned vegetables show continued strength, and it is questionable if Winnipeg jobbing houses have not been too cautious in not stocking up more extensively earlier in the season. Considerable buying has already been done, but local stocks are not at all large. Canned beans have been reduced 10c. White Ontario beans are 10 to 15c per bushel higher. Currants have advanced 1-4c all around. New provincials in barrels are now worth 53-8 to 51-2c and Filiatras in barrels 51-2 to 53-8c. Oli Valencia raisins are practically out of the market. A few 1898 Muscatels are held by local houses at an advance of 1c per pound which makes the price at Winnipeg 71-2 to 73-4c for three crown. New Valencia raisins are expected in to-day. The quality of these is reported to be very fine. The price, although not yet definitely fixed will be something over \$2 per box. Rio coffees have advanced a little and are now worth 81-2 to 9c, inferior grades 8 to 81-4c. All classes of California dried fruits show considerable strength. Apricots, nectarines, silver prunes and pitted plums are now offering here. Although the crop in these lines has been a good one the demand has been so much in excess of other years that an unusually firm feeling has been generated.

HARDWARE.

Further advances of a very substantial character mark the hardware situation this week. Steel chain has gone up another 50c all round. Rope is higher at an advance of 1-2c on sisal and of 1c on manila. This brings quotations here into line with the latest changes at Montreal. Wire nails made a further advance of 15c per keg early in the week and predictions of another rise of 2c to take place immediately were freely made at the time. At time of writing it is not yet in effect. Boiler tubes have been the subject of another advance, 2 inch being quoted now at 16 1-2c per foot as against 14c last week. 2 1-2 inch tube is now worth 21 1-2c and 3 inch 24c, an advance of 6c on each of these sizes. Bar iron has gone up another 15c per 100 pounds and band iron is also 15c higher. The discount on iron pipe larger than 2 inch is now 3c per cent. Instead of

55c. There is a reported scarcity of some kinds of shot shells here. Notwithstanding the phenomenal advances which have gone into effect on all classes of hardware, commenting on which one dealer was led to remark this week that "we are all bulls now," the hardware trade at this point has never been in a more active condition. Builders hardware is especially active.

The advance on wire nails predicted above went into effect to-day although it does not amount to quite as much as was at first expected. 20c per 100 pounds has been added all around to the list making the base price now \$3.80. Plain wire has also advanced to-day 15c per 100 pounds all around. The market continues active and bullish, and further advances in the near future may be confidently expected.

LEATHERS.

So far this season there has been no change in the market price of leather here, notwithstanding the fact that higher prices prevail in the east. Recent purchases of leather by Winnipeg wholesale houses in eastern markets reflect the firmer feeling there. Saddlery hardware is in common with all other metal goods on a much firmer basis than last year at this time. A large demand is being experienced for all kinds of harness and shoemakers supplies.

PAINTS.

A turpentine famine is the feature of the paint and oil trade. Stocks in Winnipeg are exhausted and it is hard to say when they will be replenished, as importers are afraid to place orders at present high prices east. Silver Star and oleophene coal oil have advanced 1-2c, making the price 18 1-2c and 21 1-2c respectively here. Trade is active in all lines except turpentine which of course is not moving for the reason above stated. There is a very large demand for glass, and in view of the difficulty of getting further supplies makes the jobbing houses here very saving of their stocks.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Quite a number of travellers are now on the road with their spring samples and nearly all the travellers will be out within a few days. The tendency of prices is very firm. At the recent meeting of manufacturers held at Montreal, about all the concerns in Canada were represented. It was recognized that manufacturers would have to ask more money, in view of the fact that goods used in the manufacture of boots and shoes have been advancing for the past two years. A circular has been issued, signed by all the manufacturers, stating that it was resolved to advance prices 10 per cent over last season's figures. It was stated that sole leather and upper stock has advanced 25 to 50 per cent, and linings, eyelets, nails, buttons, thread and other findings are 25 to 300 per cent higher.

SCRAP.

All kinds of old material are in good demand at firm prices. We quote as follows: No. 1 cast iron, free from wrought and malleable, \$10 per ton, No. 2 do., \$4.50 per ton; No. 1 stove plate, \$3.50 to \$4 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$3.50 to \$4 per ton, heavy copper, \$1-2 to 9c per pound, copper bottoms, 8c per pound; red brass, 8 to 81-2c per pound, yellow brass, heavy, 71-2c per pound; light brass, 41-2 to 5c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2c per

pound; zinc scrap, 1c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c per cwt; clean, dry bones, 30c per cwt; rubber boots and shoes free from articles and rivets, 6c per lb. Good quart beer bottles are worth 25 to 30c per dozen; pints 10c per dozen; square gin bottles, 30 to 35c per dozen.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—Stronger markets is the record of the wheat trade the past week, for a gradual advance in prices has taken place daily since Monday, resulting in a gain of fully 2c per bushel in the Chicago market, and 1c per bushel in New York. Spot wheat in Liverpool did not respond to the quickening movement until yesterday, when it was in better demand and price improved equal to about 1-2c per bushel. The principal cause of the advance seems to be the demand for September wheat in Chicago, to fill short sales of this month's option. Contract wheat for September delivery there, has advanced 3c per bushel on the week, against 2c for December and May, and yesterday Chicago September closed at 74c, while New York September closed at 74 1-2c, only 1-2c more for the same wheat, although the freight to carry it from Chicago to New York is fully 3c per bushel. No doubt the sentiment caused by the situation between Great Britain and the Transvaal has a tendency to stiffen the market, but this alone does not fully account for the present advance. The improvement in price does not as yet seem to stimulate the demand for actual wheat. Lake freights continue high and vessel space scarce, which hinders the trade a good deal and there seems little expectation of any improvement in the freight situation this side of the close of navigation. Primary receipts in the States are large and are reflected in the large increase last week in the American visible supply, amounting to 3,171,000 bushels. The total supply now stands at 39,596,000 bushels against 10,188,000 bushels same date last year. The world's shipments last week were 6,165,000 bushels, and the increase in the world's visible supply was 6,098,000 bushels. This week the Argentine shipments are heavy, 1,300,000 bushels against nothing last year, and the American exports from both coasts for this week are also large, 4,630,765 bushels. The above statistics showing large increases in visible reserve stocks, and liberal current shipments from exporting countries are not calculated to advance the value of wheat in the near future, however much the short interest in Chicago September wheat may excite that market in the meantime in their attempts to cover.

The local market has followed the advance in Chicago and the price of 1 hard has risen about 2c per bus. on the week. On Monday and Tuesday spot wheat Fort William commanded 67 3-4c per bus. 1 hard, and by Thursday the price was 68 1-2c, and yesterday after beginning at 68 1-2c in the morning, it gradually rose to 69 1-2c after outside markets closed. The situation is firm in the meantime, and while the demand is not extensive, it is good. Wheat en route to Fort William, which has passed Winnipeg, sells for the same price as spot wheat. For October delivery sales were made yesterday from 68 1-4c up to 69 1-2c for 1 hard, tional, 2 hard and 1 northern are although the latter price was except 3c less than 1 hard. 3 hard and 2 northern are 7c less than 1 hard,

and 1 frosted 6c under 3 hard. Old 1 hard sells at 11-2c less than new. Dried wheat is practically out of the market. Wheat in store Duluth sells for 1-2c less than in store Fort William.

FLOUR—Ogilvie's Hungarian patent is worth \$1.75; Glenora, \$1.55; Manitoba strong bakers, \$1.35; XXXX, 95c; Lake of the Woods patent, \$1.75; strong bakers, \$1.55; second bakers, \$1.35. XXXX, \$1.05 per sack of 98 pounds, delivered in Winnipeg.

MILLFEED—Bran is quoted at \$10.50 per ton and shorts at \$12.50. Stocks are very light.

GROUND FEED—Best grades of corn feed \$19, inferior grades \$17.50. Oat chop \$22 for best. Mixed feed of barley and oats, \$20 per ton. Oil cake \$24 per ton.

OATS—Carlots of oats are arriving more freely and the price has declined again this week, 28 to 30c is now the prevailing quotation for cars on track Winnipeg. Deliveries at country points while sufficient to keep the market fairly well supplied are not by any means liberal. Farmers are too busy to bother drawing out oats yet and would rather devote themselves to more pressing work even if they have to sell at much lower prices later on. This fact is helping to keep up the price as deliveries would probably drop off altogether if too low a level was adopted by buyers.

CORN—Cars of corn is still arriving occasionally, 40 1-2c was paid for a carlot on track Winnipeg on Friday.

BARLEY—The market is dull. Dealers do not want to pay more than 28 to 30c for new barley in cars here.

HAY—Baled hay on track is worth \$5.50 to \$6.50 per ton. The demand has brightened up this week. The quality of offerings is not extra good as the hay has been left in the fields too long consequently does not press up nicely.

COUNTRY WHEAT—55 to 56c is being paid to farmers at Manitoba country points, according to freights between 200 and 300 carloads per day has been received at country elevators.

FLAX—The market for flax has opened at 80c per bushel to farmers at country points, and a few loads have already been delivered. This price is for clean, new seed and is an advance of 15c over what was paid last year. At 80c flaxseed should pay the farmer very well. The seed is showing, so far, much better quality than last year when it was damp and dirty.

OATMEAL—Carlots of oatmeal on track Winnipeg are worth \$1.65 per sack of 80 pounds. Some cars of new meal have been handled this week at that figure, which is the price paid by wholesale firms to the brokers.

BUTTER—Creamery factories have been getting 20c this week for choice creamery butter put up in boxes. This is an advance of 1c over a week ago. The demand exceeds the supply.

BUTTER—Dairy—For finest dairy 14c is the price now offered by commission houses, net rate. For round lots from 12 to 14c is paid according to quality and age.

CHEESE—Buyers are paying 11 to 11 1-2c and selling at 12 1-2 to 13c per pound.

EGGS—16c is being paid for candled eggs delivered at Winnipeg.

VEGETABLES—Deliveries of potatoes are small as yet, but digging will commence on a more active scale next week and the market will then be filled

up. No change in prices has occurred since our last report. The hard frost of Thursday night finished vegetable plants effectually. We quote prices to-day as follows: Choice new potatoes, 25c per bushel; peppers, 10 to 20c per dozen; citron, 11-2 to 2c per pound; carrots, 45c per bushel; turnips, 20c per bushel, parsnips, \$1.00 per bushel; green onions, 10c per dozen bunches; cauliflower, 40 to 50c per dozen; tomatoes, native, 21-2c per pound, cucumbers, 10 to 20c per dozen; cabbage, 25 to 35c per dozen; celery, 20 to 25c per dozen bunches; pumpkins, 11-2 to 2c per pound; squash, 1c per pound for ordinary, 2c for Hubbard; marrow, 30 to 50c per dozen.

HIDES—We quote: Inspected hides, No. 1, 7c; No. 2, 6c; No. 3, 5c; Branded hides grade No. 2 and bulls No. 3; kip, 6 to 6 1-2c; calf, 8c; deakin skins, 55 to 55c each; shearing sheepskins, 10 to 20c horsehides, 50 to 75c each.

WOOL—7 to 8c per pound will be paid for mixed lots.

SENECA ROOT—Very little root is coming in. One or two lots is all we have heard of this week. The price is now up to 30c delivered at Winnipeg, for round lots of root. Business seems to be about over for the season as diggers have found more profitable work in the harvest fields lately. About all the root now to come in is some lots which have been held for high prices.

DRESSED MEAT—We quote prices as follows: Beef, good to choice, 6 to 7c mutton, 9 to 10c; lamb, 10 to 11c; veal, 7 1-2 to 9c; pork, 7c per pound.

POULTRY AND GAME—Quotations are: Fowl 55 to 60c per pair; spring chickens 35 to 50c per pair; ducks 60c per pair; geese 60 to 75c each, turkeys, 11c per pound; wild ducks, 25 to 40c per pair according to size and variety.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Export cattle are moving freely and shipments have been large this week. Choice export cattle are worth from 31-1 to 31-2c off cars here and butchers' cattle 3 to 3 1-4c. There are no stockers moving.

SHEEP—Some loads of western sheep have come in and are quoted at 4 to 4 1-2c per pound.

HOGS—Deliveries are very light and will be for a few weeks yet, until farmers have more time for marketing. We quote 13-4 to 5c per pound here, the latter price for good bacon hogs. Extra choice hogs are worth 5 1-8c and this figure has been paid for some.

MILCH COWS—Good new milkers are worth from \$30 upwards in the city.

HORSES—There is a good demand for work horses, and from \$100 upwards is freely paid for these.

A large deposit of coal is said to have been discovered near Dawson City, Yukon.

C. P. R. traffic receipts for the week ending Sept. 14th, were \$563,000; for the same week last year these were \$511,000.

Scarcity of vessels still seriously menaces the coal trade of the western states. Stocks at lake ports are nothing like what they ought to be.

M. Aldous, of the Hudson's Bay company's land department, Winnipeg, arrived home on Monday from a 626 mile drive across country from Edmonton to Yorkton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial.
Vancouver, Sept. 23.

Ontario creamery is now held at 24c straight, instead of 24 to 25c as quoted last week. Eggs are steady at 21c. New British Columbia oats and feed wheat are now offering freely at much lower prices than was quoted for old stock. Oatmeal is 40c per sack lower, due to the advent of the new crop in the market.

BUTTER—Ontario creamery, 24c; Manitoba creamery, 23 to 24c; Manitoba dairy, 15 to 18c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 30c per dozen; eastern eggs, 21c.

CHEESE—14 1-2 to 15c.

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

LARD—Tins, 10c per lb; in pails and tubs, 9 to 9 1-4c.

FISH—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut 6c; salmon 7c; blunders 7c; cod 6c per lb.

VEGETABLES—New potatoes, \$15 per ton; cabbage 11-2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 ton; red onions, 1c per lb; silverskins, 2c; tomatoes, \$2 per box; cucumbers, \$2 per box.

GREEN FRUIT—California lemons \$3.75 to \$4; peaches, 9c; plums, \$1.25 box; apples, \$1.50 to \$2 box; prunes, \$1.25 box; pears, \$2.25; bananas, \$1.85 bunch. These prices are for imported. British Columbia fruits are quoted as follows: Plums, \$1 per box; green gages, 75c per box; apples, \$1 to \$1.50 box.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.50; two 45 lb. sacks, \$2.60; four 22 1-2 lb. sacks, \$2.80; ton 7 1-2 lb. sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal, in 10 lb. sacks, per 100 lbs. \$3.25; in 5 lb. sacks, \$3 per 100 lbs.

FLOUR—Delivered B.C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.60; strong bakers, \$4.30; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

GRAIN—Oats, new, \$20 per ton; wheat, \$22 for new and \$28 for old.

GROUND FEED—National mills chop, \$25 per ton; shorts, \$22 ton; bran, \$20; oil cake meal \$35 ton; f.o.b. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—New hay, \$12; old, \$10 per ton.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 8 to 8 1-2c; mutton, 9 1-2 to 10c; pork, 9c; veal, 10 to 11c per lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$4 per 100 lbs.; cows, \$3.50; sheep, \$4.50 per 100 lbs.; hogs, \$6.50 per 100 lbs.

POULTRY—Chickens, \$6 per dozen.

EVAPORATED FRUITS—Apricots 10 to 17c per lb; peaches 10 to 12c; plums 9 to 10c; prunes, French, 5 to 7 1-2c per lb; loose muscatel raisins 6c; London layer raisins \$1.00 box; Italian prunes 6 to 8 1-2c lb.

NUTS—Almonds 18c; filberts 12 1-2c; peanuts 10c; Brazil 12 1-4c; walnuts 13c lb.

SUGARS—Powdered, icing and bar, 6 3-4c; Paris lump 6 1-4c; granulated 5 1-4c; extra C. 4 5-8c; fancy yellows 4 1-2c; yellow 4 3-8c lb.

SYRUPS—30 gallon barrels, 21-4c lb; 10 gallon kegs 2 3-4c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins \$4.50 case of 10; 1-2 gal. tins \$5.25 case of 20.

TEAS—Congo: Fair, 11 1-2c; good 18c; choice 20c; Ceylon and India: fair 20c;

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Special to The Commercial.

Nelson, B. C., Sept. 23.

The butter market is firmer. Creamery is tending higher. There is a demand for choice dairy butter. Cull'd over stock is unsaleable. Cheese is 1-2c higher and eggs 1c higher this week. Pickled eggs are offering, to arrive, at 20 to 21c.

Butter—Manitoba fresh creamery,

23c; choice dairy butter, 17c.

Cheese—13 1-2c.

Eggs—Ontario, fresh, 20c.

Oats—Per ton, \$40.

Flour—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.90.

Potatoes—Per ton, \$20.

British Columbia Items.

A. Archibald has opened a drug store at Kimberly.

Cross & McMillan are opening in dry goods at Kimberley.

A. E. Fleming is opening a sash and door factory at Columbia.

E. McCormick, harness, New Westminster, is out of business.

John Cunningham, general store, Metlakatla, has assigned.

The town of Midway is to have a smelter in the near future.

John Dickinson, of Dickinson & Brown, Vancouver, is dead.

John C. Richards, grocer, Victoria, is selling out to J. F. Rausch.

McAlpine & Sucksmith are starting a sawmill at Grand Forks.

Newland & Farren, hotel, Vancouver, have dissolved, A. Newland continues.

Shook & Arnott, saw mill, Lemon Creek, have sold out to Window & Bell.

Fishing for color salmon begins on September 25 according to the new regulations.

The business of F. F. Raitt, grocer, Victoria, is advertised for sale by auction.

D. C. MacKenzie has sold out his tailoring business at Kamloops to Wilson & Savage.

C. M. Edgington, who formerly carried on a drug store business on Market street, Winnipeg, has opened business in this branch at Vancouver.

The employees of the Wellington coal mines, Vancouver Island, owned by Dunsmuir & Co., are out on strike, according to a telegraphic report from the coast.

A Vancouver dispatch of September 15 said: The New England company's fishing steamer has returned from the halibut banks to-day with the first catch of the season's halibut, amounting to over one hundred thousand pounds of fish, representing two days' actual fishing. The fish are for the Boston, Chicago and New York markets.

The olery owned by the Fraser River Oil and Guano syndicate, and situated opposite Lander's Landing was almost totally destroyed by fire on Sept. 19. During the past year the company has expended about \$100,000 in new machinery and improvements to buildings. H. Wymonde, manager of the company, says the loss exceeds \$50,000, but is covered by insurance.

On September 18th the regular train service on the Columbia and Western Railway extension from Robson to Grand Forks was inaugurated. This line will shortly be completed to Midway where the terminus will remain for some time, probably two or three years. The opening of a road to Grand Forks will make several of the Boundary Creek mines shippers to Trail and perhaps Northport.

Advices from Victoria, dated Sept. 20, say: The schooner Mary Taylor, the first of the sealers to return from Behring sea, arrived to-day with a catch of 54 skins. The others schooners reported are the Victoria, 570 skins, the Hatzic, Capt. Daley, 650 skins; Arletes with 475, Dora Steward,

475; and Alnoka, with 411. The Beat-the City of San Diego with 270. The Penelope was spoken on Aug. 4 with 28.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 781,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Sept. 16, compared with 75,000 bushels a year ago. Receipts for the week were 130,000 bushels and shipments were 132,000 bushels. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points were estimated approximately at 2,000,000 bushels compared with about 500,000 bushels a year ago.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

Returns for the last week report 732 cars of grain inspected, which graded as follows: 1 hard, 540; 2 hard, 102; 3 hard, 23; 1 northern, 26; 2 northern, 1; 1 spring, 2; rejected, 11; no grade, 20 cars. Oats, No. 1 white, 1 car; 2 white, 1 car. Flax seed, rejected, 1 car. Last week there were 174 cars inspected. The "no grade" is old wheat, but about everything else is new grain.

Western Business Items.

Robt Jackson has opened a meat shop at Franklin, Man.

Thos. Jones, confectionery, Keewatin, is out of business.

R Dunlop, harness, Lethbridge, Assa., has sold out to A. Easton.

Mrs. R. E. Carr, photographer, Winnipeg, is selling out by auction.

L. C. Porteous is opening a stock of hardware and groceries at Carlyle.

Geo. H. Rodgers & Co., dry goods, Winnipeg, are selling out by auction.

The Commercial Loan & Savings Co., Winnipeg, is applying for incorporation.

Lilli & Edmunds, blacksmiths, Alameda, have dissolved partnership; John Edmunds continues.

J. J. Heasly, hardware and implements Alameda, Man., has sold out his implement business.

Ashley & Smith, manual workers agents, Winnipeg, have dissolve partnership. E. W. Ashley continues.

The labor market of Winnipeg is active and men are still very scarce. A considerable number of men are wanted for railway work, and great difficulty is experienced in securing them.

A Halifax dispatch of Sept. 11 says: "Fishermen who have returned from the cod grounds on the Labrador coast report a serious situation in that bleak, northern country. The cod fishery has been almost an absolute failure, and all vessels are returning with small fares. As the fisheries are the chief support of the people, the failure will be followed by privation and possibly much suffering."

The steamships plying on the great lakes have had the tables turned on them in some ways for the exorbitant advances which they have been exacting in rates. Vessel fuel has been advanced in price 15c. per ton and will likely go much higher. Another advance of 25c. is already talked of. This is the sea man's revenge for the way he has been made to pay for the carriage of his stuff to western ports.

New York, Sept. 20.—All grades of refined sugar have been reduced 1-3c.

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago mill-feed is 50c higher, oats 1c higher, corn 11-2c lower, eggs 2c higher, flax seed 4c higher.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.75 to \$3.85; second patents, \$3.55 to \$3.60.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$11; bran in bulk, \$10.75; corn feed, \$12 to \$13.75 per ton as to quality.

Oats—No. 3 white, 23 1-4c.
Corn—Quoted at 23c for No. 3.
Barley—35 to 37c for feed. Maltling barley, 38 to 40c.

Flax seed—\$1.09 per bushel.
Eggs—15 to 15 1-2c for strictly fresh including cases.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 9 1-2 to 12c, fair to good, 7 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 20 to 22c for choice to extras; seconds, 16 to 18c; dairy, 16 to 20c for choice to fancy; seconds 12 to 15c.

Dressed meat.—Mutton, 6 to 7 1-2c; lamb, 5 to 10c; veal, 6 to 9c.

Poultry—Live chickens, 5 to 5 1-2c; spring chickens, 9 to 10c; turkeys 6 to 11c; ducks, 7 to 8c, geese, 7c.

Potatoes—New, 20 to 22c per bushel.

Hides—Green salted hides, 9 1-4c for No. 1; 8 1-4c for No. 2; steers over 60 lbs., \$3-4 to 9 3-4c; sheepskins 25 to 30c each, veal calf, 10 to 11 1-2c; tal low, 3 1-4 to 4 1-4c; seneca root, 28 to 30c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 10 to 12c; medium, 11 1-2 to 16c; coarse, 14 to 15c.

Hay—Timothy, \$7 to \$8.50.

Live stock—Hogs sold readily at \$1.25 to \$1.70 per 100 lbs. Cattle strong. Cows sold at \$1.60. Choice sheep \$3.75 to \$3.85. Lambs \$5.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKET.

London, Sept. 18.—The firm market for cattle continues. Prices show no change from a week ago, at 12 1-2c for choice United States, 12c for Canadians, and 11 1-2c for Argentines. There was a weaker feeling in the market for sheep, and prices declined 1-2c as compared with a week ago, choice Canadians selling at 12c and Argentines at 11 1-2c.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial,
Liverpool, Sept. 22.

Canadian cattle are slightly higher at 11 3-4 to 12 1-2c per pound (estimated dressed weight.)

CHEESE MARKETS.

Ingersoll, Sept. 19.—Offerings to-day 2,220 boxes; no sales; 10 5-8c bid.

Campbellford, Sept. 19.—1,450 boxes boarded. Several sales all at 11 3-16c.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

London, Sept. 18.—This series of wool sales has opened strong. Lambs were in exceptionally strong demand, and Merinos sold at 15 per cent advance. Crossbreds were in steady request at prices ranging from 10 to 15 per cent higher. Fine greasy cross-breds were quickly disposed of. A good selection of washed cross slips was taken by the home trade at an advance of 10 per cent.

The strike of C. P. R. freight handlers at Owen Sound was suspended after a three days fight. The matter in dispute, namely an increase of wages, is not settled, but simply reserved for later discussion. A fifteen days' truce has been agreed upon.

A Duluth advice of Sept. 19, says: A second advance from September has taken place in coal, and yesterday all commercial grades of both hard and soft coal went up 25 cents a ton. This makes 50 cents advance on large sized hard coal, 45 cents on pea and buckwheat and 40 cents on soft coals this month. Receipts of coal are very small, though they have been good most of the year. To September 1, there were shipped into Lake Superior 509,000 tons of hard coal, against a total for all 1898 of only 510,000 tons, and but 277,000 to the corresponding date. The plea of coal men that receipts are light is, therefore, not true. But the demand is far greater than usual. Hard coal is now retalling at \$6.50 and October will probably see it \$7.

American Lumberman: "It is stated that logging operations during the coming winter will be considerably more expensive than last season, that in fact it will cost at least \$1 more to put in a thousand feet of logs. Wages last season averaged \$18 to \$20 a month, whereas this year from \$26 to \$35 is being paid, while beef and pork are nearly 2 cents a pound higher. Axes that could be bought last year for \$7.50 a dozen are now sold for \$11, and crosscut saws which last season were bought for 55 cents a foot now cost 78 cents, while log chains have doubled in value. These being the facts with a reported total shortage of 100,000,000 feet in the white pine districts as compared with last year's cut, why should any one be surprised if advances in prices of lumber hold into another year?"

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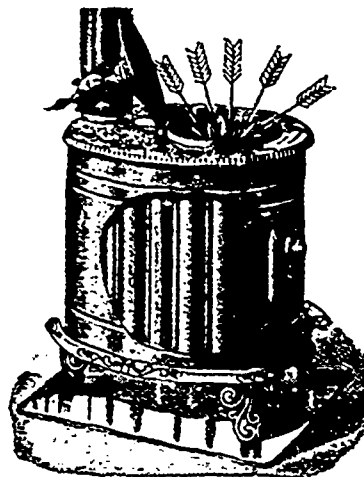
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Hardware Trade Notes.

Prices of pig iron advanced \$1 to \$3 between the beginning and end of last week in Chicago.

Seal oil is assuming a firm position in the east owing to the stock having drifted into the hands of a small number of holders.

A cable to the Toronto Globe says: "An order of a thousand tons of special brands of iron has recently been placed in Glasgow by Canadian buyers, owing to the high prices ruling in the United States. Good judges think the movement is likely to increase."

Following are Montreal jobbers' prices on rope since the 1-2c advance went into effect there, noted last week: Sisal, 12-1-2 to 13c for 7-16 and up, 13 1-2c for 3-5, and 14c for 1-4 and 5-16. Manila, 15c to 15 1-2c for 7-16 and up; 16c for 3-5, and 16 1-2c for 1-4 and 5-16.

A dispatch from Pittsburg, Pa., on Sept. 16, stated that James A. Chambers, president of the American Glass Company, is authority for the statement that a window glass combine has been finally effected. The new company will take in fifty of the largest concerns in the country, their aggregate capacity being about 2,000 pots. This is said to leave only about 600 pots outside the combination. The new company will bear the old name "American Glass Company," and will be capitalized at \$17,000,000.

Prices on iron pipe have been advanced. The following is the new list quoted by Montreal jobbers: Black—1-3 inch, \$3.41 per 100 feet net; 1-4 \$3.30 per 100 feet net; 3-8, \$3.30 per 100 feet net; 1-2, \$3.41 per 100 feet net; 3-4, \$3.83 per 100 feet net; 1, \$5.52 per 100 feet net; 1 1-4, \$7.24 per 100 feet net; 1 1-2, \$3.08 per 100 feet net. 2, \$12.07 per 100 feet net; 2 1-2 to 3, 47 1-2 per cent. Galvanized—1-1 inch, \$3.62 per 100 feet net; 3-8, \$4.13 per 100 feet net; 1-2, \$6.24 per 100 feet net; 3-4, \$7.96 per 100 feet net; 1, \$11.24 per 100 feet net; 1 1-4, \$15.92 per 100 feet net; 1 1-2, \$19.90 per 100 feet net. 2, \$25.97 per 100 feet net; 2 1-2, \$33.93 per 100 feet net; 3, \$46.76.

New Crop Oatmeal.

E. Nicholson, commission merchant, Winnipeg, has received the first oatmeal from the new Manitoba oat crop, from Dow & Curry's mill at Pilot Mound. Mr. Nicholson is the wholesale agent for these mills. He received two carloads from the mills this week and three more cars were shipped from the mills to western points. The quality of the meal is extra fine.

Manitoba oatmeal millers have been laboring under great difficulty during the past two years, owing to the very inferior nature of our oat crop during these two years. The millers have experienced great difficulty in securing oats suitable for grinding, in consequence of which Manitoba oatmeal mills have been closed down a considerable portion of the time, while the home requirements of oatmeal were being brought in from the United States. This year we have a fine oat crop, so that the outlook for the home milling trade is now quite satisfactory. This important home industry will once more be placed on a prosperous basis. With a new crop of good quality to work upon, Manitoba millers will soon be in a position to shut out imports of oatmeal.

At the London sheepskin sales on September 14th, prices ranged above the previous sales.

The Commercial Men.

W. A. Walker, of J. D. King & Co., is at the Leland.

J. G. Stead, of Toronto, is at the Clarendon this week.

R. A. Garratt, of John W. Peck & Co., has gone to the coast with his spring samples.

The Ames Holden Co., Winnipeg, will have their travellers on the road in a few days with spring samples of boots and shoes, etc.

John W. Irwin will take out spring trade samples this season for Donald Fraser & Co., clothing, Winnipeg.

Mr. Munroe, of the Sanford Manufacturing Co., left for the east yesterday and will return shortly with spring trade samples.

W. B. MacNamara returned from the east this week. He is taking the samples of Wyld, Grasset & Darling, of Toronto, this season.

J. F. Whiting, representing M. Erb & Co., Berlin, returned east yesterday. Mr. Whiting has had a three months' trip, working the country right through to the coast.

D. K. Book, of Donald Fraser & Co., returned from the east yesterday. At Toronto he participated in a very interesting ceremony, whereby Miss E. A. Ratcliffe became Mrs. Book.

John W. Peck & Co., Winnipeg, expect to have seven men on the road by the end of the week, with spring samples in their two departments, some taking clothing and others hats and caps, etc.

Mr. Bradford, employe with Melke & Coppinger, general merchants of Morden, Man., for some years, has engaged to go on the road for Donald Fraser & Co., and will be out in a few days with spring samples.

Mr. Couse, of Strachan & Couse, Winnipeg, has returned from an eastern trip, bringing along his new season samples. Mr. Strachan also returned from the east with new samples and has gone through to the coast.

P. Cooper, representing G. H. Middleton & Bro., Winnipeg, went out this week with new samples. Mr. Middleton reports a very active trade in his several lines, particularly in furniture in which line he represents leading eastern manufacturers.

W. G. Shea, representing McKenna, Thomson & Co., has returned from the east with his spring trade samples, and is at his rooms this week in the Sanford block. Mr. Pennington, representing the same house, has gone west with spring samples.

S. D. Fernie, western representative of Joseph Horsfall & Sons, clothing, and the Hudson Bay Knitting Co., both of Montreal, arrived in Winnipeg this week from the east, and is opening a sorting stock of the manufactures of these concerns at 253 James street. It is the intention to carry a regular sorting stock here, thus practically opening another jobbing house in the city. Mr. Fernie will represent these lines here as in the past, assisted on the road by his brother.

W. A. Walker who made a trip last season in the west for the J. D. King Co., returned to Winnipeg this week and has secured premises in the S o-hart block, where he is opening a stock of rubber goods in the interest of this company. Later it is proposed to put in a full shoe stock in Winnipeg. Two floors and basement have been secured in this block. John Damer will work the western end of the territory this season for the J. D. King company.

J. R. Wapren, of R. J. Whitla & Co., Winnipeg, is now doing Southern Manitoba, and A. H. Madill is working the western part of the province and adjoining portion of the Territories. J. J. Tomlinson, of the same firm, expects to start out on Monday over his usual ground. All are working on sorting orders.

Jas. Ross, representing the John McPherson Co., of Hamilton, Ont., arrived in Winnipeg this week with his spring trade samples and will go through to the coast. Mr. Ross reports a great scarcity and strong prices for leather in the east. Dongola is particularly scarce at the present time. He received a letter on his arrival here from his company, informing him of a further advance on some lines, and the letter added that the trade must be prepared for still further advances owing to the strong leather market.

Movements of Business Men.

E. F. Hutchings left Winnipeg on Wednesday for a business trip to Rat Portage.

G. F. Stephens, Winnipeg, returned on Thursday from an extended tour through British Columbia.

H. W. Hutchinson, of the Fairchild Company, returned to Winnipeg from a trip east this week.

John Lang, vice-president of the Lang Tanning company, of Berlin, Ontario, is in Manitoba on a business trip.

A. D. Rankin, of Wilson & Rankin, a leading mercantile firm at Brandon, Man., returned this week from a business trip to Europe.

J. E. Moorehouse, manager of the E. F. Hutchings wholesale department, Winnipeg, returned on Monday from a holiday trip south.

W. A. Hastings, vice-president of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, has returned to Montreal from a trip through Western Canada. He expresses himself as being highly pleased with western growth and progress and intimates that his company contemplates an extensive addition to its milling capacity.

Tenders.

The Rat Portage council wants tenders for the construction of sewers.

The Rat Portage waterworks commissioners want tenders for the supply of 500 cords of wood.

Agents of fire insurance companies were requested to submit plans of policies and rates for all or part of Winnipeg's insurance, on the 20th instant.

Tenders are wanted by D. B. Hanna to cut and deliver 3,000 cedar telegraph posts, on the right-of-way on the line of the Manitoba and South-Eastern railway.

Tenders addressed to the Commissioner, N. W. M. P., Regina, will be received till noon, October 10, for the supply and delivery of 6,000 bushels of oats, also 600 bushels potatoes.

Tenders will be received until the 7th of October, for the purchase of \$1,000 six per cent twenty year debentures of the Hamiota school district, Manitoba, by J. H. McCounell, secretary-treasurer, Hamiota, Manitoba.

The H. B. Co. are about to establish telephone connection from Fort Smith to Smith Landing, a distance of sixteen miles, on the Great Slave river.

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Manufactured at the Portage la Prairie Mills

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A. J. CRIGHTON WHOLESALE PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE
MERCHANT**Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.**

TIN—Lamb and flagg, 56 and 28 lb. ingots, per lb., 38c.

TIN PLATES—Charcoal plates, 1 C, 10 x14, 12x12, and 14x20, \$5.50; 1 X, same size box, \$6.50; 1 C charcoal, 20 x28, 112 sheets to box, \$10.50; 1 X box 20x28, 112 sheets, \$12.50.

TERNE PLATES—1 C, 20x28, \$10.50.

IRON AND STEEL—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.80, band iron, 100 lbs., \$3.10; Swedish iron, 100 lbs., \$5 to \$6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.25; tire steel, \$3.75; cast tool steel, lb., 9 to 12 1-2c; imitation Russian sheets, 7 to 8c; genuine Russian sheets, lb., 12 to 13c.

STEEL BOILER PLATE—3-16 inch, \$3; 1-4, 3-8 inch and thicker, \$3.

BOILER TUBES—2 inch, 16 1-2c per foot; 2 1-2 inch, 21 1-2c, 3 inch, 23c per foot.

SHEET IRON—16 to 20 gauge, \$3.50, 22 to 26, \$3.75, 28 gauge, \$4.

CANADA PLATES—Garth and Blain, \$3.35.

GALVANIZED IRON—American, 16 gauge, \$4.25; 13 to 22, \$4.50; 24 gauge, \$4.75; 26 gauge, \$5; 28 gauge, \$5.25 per 100 lbs. Queen's head, 25c advance on American prices.

IRON PIPE—Quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1-4 inch, \$4.25; 3-8, \$4.25; 1-2 \$5.25; 3-4, \$5.75; 1 inch, \$8.25; 1-1-4 \$11; 1-1-2, \$13.50; 2, \$18; larger, 50 per cent.

GALVANIZED PIPE—1-4 inch, \$6.40; 3-8 inch, \$6.40, 1-2 inch, \$6.80; 3-4 inch, \$7.60; 1 inch, \$10.40; 1 1-4 inch, \$14.40; 1 1-2 inch, \$17.60; 2 inch, \$23.60.

STAMPED TINWARE—Plain, 70 and 15 per cent.; retinned, 70 and 21-2 per cent.

CHAIN—Proof coil, 3-16 in. per 100 lbs., \$8; do. 1-4 in. \$7.50; do. 3-16 in. \$6; do. 3-8 in. \$5.75; do. 7-16 in. \$5.50; do. 1-2 in. and up, \$5.50, trace, per doz. pairs, \$3.75 to \$5.50; jack chain, iron, single, per doz. yards, 15 to 75c. jack chain, double, per doz. yards, 25c to \$1.

COPPER—Tinned copper sheets, 30c; planished, 35c; boiler and TK pits, plain tinned, per lb. 29c; spun 33c.

LEAD—Pig, per lb. 5 to 6c.

SHEET ZINC—In casks, \$9 per 100 lb.; broken lots, \$9.50.

SOLDER—Half and half, per lb., 22c.

SHOT—Soft, 5 1-4c per lb.; chilled, 5 3-4c; buckshot, 6 1-4c.

AMMUNITION—Cartridges, rim fire, American discount 40 per cent; Dominion 50 and 5 per cent; centre fire, pistol, American discount 10 per cent; Dominion discount 30 per cent; military and sporting, American, net list, Dominion 15 per cent; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to \$8.50.

LOADED SHELLS—Elex's black, 12 gauge, per 100, soft \$1.50, chilled \$1.65; No. 10 gauge soft, \$2; chilled, \$2.15; Elex's smokeless, 12 gauge soft, \$1.90, chilled, \$2.05; No. 10 gauge soft, \$2.40, chilled, \$2.55.

WADS—Grey felt, 75c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 12 and smaller gauge, 20c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 10 gauge, 25c per lb. Chemically prepared black edge grey cloth wads, in boxes of 250 each, 11 and smaller gauges, 65c per 1,000; 9

and 10 gauges, 75c per 1,000; 7 and 8 gauges, \$1 per 1,000.

ANVILS—Per lb. 10 to 12 1-2c; anvil and vice combined, each \$3 to \$4.50.

AUGER BITS—American, 60 to 65 per cent Jennings' Excelsior, 50 per cent; post hole, Vaughan's, each 60 to 90c.

AXES—Chopping axes, per dozen, \$6; to \$12; double bit, per doz. \$11 to \$18; bench axes, 40 per cent.

BELTING—Extra, 30 to 35 per cent; No. 1, 50 to 60 and 10 per cent; agricultural, 65 to 60 per cent.

BOLTS—Carriage, 1-4 and x5-16, 47 1-2 per cent; 3-8 and up, 42 1-2c; tire, dis. 55 per cent, stove, dis. 60 per cent; machine, discount 47 1-2; coach screws, dis. 60 per cent; plough bolts, 40 per cent.

VICES—B. S., Wright's 14c; Sampson, 40-50 pounds, \$6.50 to \$7 each; parallel, \$2 to \$7 each.

BELLOWS—20-24, \$4.50; 26, \$4.95; 28, \$5.40, 30, \$5.85; 32, \$6.30; 34, \$7.25; 36, \$8.10, 38, \$9; 40, \$10.35.

BUTTS—Loose pins, cast, dis. 60 per cent; wrought steel, fast joints, dis. 65 per cent; loose pins, dis. 65 per cent; Berlin bronzed, dis. 45 per cent; gen. bronzed, per pair, 35 to 85c.

HINGES—Light T and strap, 60 per cent; heavy, per 100 pounds, \$5.75 to \$6.75; screw hook and hinge, 6 to 10 in. 5c per lb., 12 in. up, per lb. 4c.

HARVEST TOOLS—60 per cent.

ROPE—Sisal, lb. 1 1-2c base; manila, lb. 16 1-2c base, cotton, 1-4 to 1-2 in. and larger, 15c lb; deep sea, 16 1-2c; lath yarn, 10 1-2c.

BUILDING PAPER—Anchor brand plain 45c; do. tarred, 65c; Jubilee, plain 57c; do. tarred, 70c.

HORSE NAILS—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5 \$7.50 per box; No. 6, \$6.75; No. 7, \$6; No. 8, \$5.75; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount on above list prices, 40 per cent.

HORSESHOES—Iron shoes, keg, 0 and 1, \$4.50; 2 and larger, \$4.25. Less than full kegs, 25c extra. Steel shoes, 0 and 1, \$4.90; 2 and larger, \$4.55.

NAILS—Wire—4 1-2 in. up, \$3.80; 4 in. \$3.85; 3 in. \$3.90; 3 1-2 in. \$4.95; 2 in. \$4.10; 1 1-2 in. \$4.20; 1 1-4 in. \$1.45; 1 in. \$4.80.

NAILS—Cut—30d up, \$2.75; 20d, \$2.80; 10d, \$2.85; 8d, \$2.90; 6d, \$3.05; 4d, \$3.15; 3d, \$3.40; 2d, \$3.75.

SCREWS—Wood F.H. iron and steel dis. 75, 10 and 7 1-2 per cent; wood R.H. iron dis. 70 and 10; wood, R.H. brass, dis. 65 per cent. Bench, wood, per doz. \$3.75 to \$4.50; bench, iron, per doz. \$4.50 to \$6.

SOLDERING IRONS—Per lb. 32c.

WIRE—Brass and copper wire, 20 per cent advance on the list; clothes line wire, 18 gauge, per 1,000 feet, \$3.50.

FILES—Cam 60 and 10 per cent; Nicholson's black diamond, 50 and 10 per cent.

WIRE FENCING—Galvanized 4 barb. regular, \$3.75; galvanized, plain twist, \$3.75.

STAPLES—Galvanized, \$4.25 per 100 lbs.

RIVETS AND BURS—Carriage, section, wagon box rivets, etc., steel 37 1-2 per cent; black M rivets, 37 1-2 per cent;

black and tinned 37 1-2 per cent; copper rivets and burrs, 33 1-2c; cartons 1c per lb. extra net.

GLUE—Sheets, 15c lb.; broken, 12 1-2c; glue, white, for kaisoming, 18 to 25c.

AXLE GREASE—Fraser's, per case, \$3.75; Diamond, light \$1.50 case, dark \$2; Mica, \$3.35.

COAL TAR—Per barrel, \$5.

PINE PITCH—\$4 per barrel.

CEMENT—Portland cement, barrel, \$4 to \$4.25.

PLASTER AND HAIR—Plaster, barrel, \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, Etc.

WHITE LEAD—Pure, \$6.75 100 lbs No. 1, \$6.50

PREPARED PAINTS—Pure liquid colors, gallon, \$1.20 to \$1.60, as to shade and quality

DRY COLORS—White lead, lb. 7 1-2c; red lead, kegs, 6 1-2c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1-2c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1-2c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3 1-2c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb.; Paris green, 18 to 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 to \$1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50 to \$2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 to \$2.25; No. 1 orange shellac, \$2.25; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

PUTTY—In bladders, barrel lots, 2 1-2c lb.; in 100 lb. kegs, 2 3-4c; do. less than barrels, 3c lb.

ALABASTINE—Cases of 20 packages, \$6.50.

GASOLINE—Stove, per case, \$3.50.

BENZINE—Case, \$3.50.

WINDOW GLASS—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.25; 26 to 40, \$2.50 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$5.50; 51 to 60, \$6.00; 61 to 70, \$6.50 per 100 feet boxes.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, gal., 61c; boiled, gal. 64c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gal. extra, with additional charges for cans and cases.

TURPENTINE—Pure spirits, in barrels, 83c; less than barrels, gal. 88c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

OILS—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c gal.; clear, machine oil, 27 to 30c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c; a s to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb.; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gal.

REFINED PETROLEUM—Prices here are as follows: Silver Star, 18 1-2c. Oleo-phene, 21 1-2c in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 25 1-2c for Eocene and 22 1-2c for Sunlight. Straight car lots Silver Star 1c less, other brands 2c less.

WHITING—\$1.25 per 100 lbs. Gross weight,

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Sept. 23.

Dry Goods—Active as a result of cooler weather. Stocks are growing smaller. Values are stiffening for imported goods. As many as three repeats have been sent but deliveries are slow.

Hardware—Good demand for general seasonable goods. Prices continue to advance. Smooth steel wire and wire nails are 20c dearer. Discounts off fine steel wire are reduced to 12 1-2 per cent. Locks and steel squares are dearer. Spades and shovels are \$1 and scoops \$1.50 dearer. Sisal and manila rope are 1c higher. The discount on Canadian locks has been reduced to 33 1-3 per cent. Cheaper grades English table cutlery have advanced 7 1-2 per cent. Quotations on harvest tools have been withdrawn. It is likely that next year will see many harvest tools imported from the United States. Iron pipe is 25 to 50 cents per 100 pounds higher and the discount on 2 1-2 to 6 inch sizes is now 50 per cent. Bar iron 5 to 10c dearer.

Groceries—Trade is better. Sugars are unchanged. Tapioca is scarce and higher at 5c per pound. New currants have arrived to-day. Syrup is 1-5c dearer. Canned goods are firmer. The feeling on tomatoes is easier. Purchases of tomatoes for the Northwest are lighter than was expected.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Sept. 23.

Wheat prices are steadier. Ontario grades remain unchanged. Manitoba is 1-2c higher. Flour is in demand from the maritime provinces and steady. Barley is offering more freely and easier.

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4; Manitoba bakers, \$3.70; Ontario straight roller, \$3 to \$3.10 per barrel for car lots, Toronto freight.

Wheat—Ontario new winter wheat, 67c for cars at country points. No. 1 hard, 80 1-2c, grinding in transit, or 78c Toronto freights.

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

Barley—No. 2, 38c, feed quality, 33c country points.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$15 per ton; bran, \$11 to \$12 per ton at country mills.

Oatmeal—\$3.40 in bags per barrel, and \$3.50 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—Fresh, 16c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, choice fresh 16 to 18c; seconds, 12 to 14c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 21 to 22 1-2c.

Cheese—11 to 11 1-2c for job lots to the local trade.

Hides—8 1-2c for No. 1 cows, 7 1-2c No. 2, and 6 1-2c for No. 3; No. 1 heavy steers, 9c; cured cows, 9 to 9 1-4c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 40 to 60c; calfskins, 7 to 9c for No. 1 and No. 2; tallow, 4 to 4 1-2c.

Wo. 1—Washed fleec, 11c; unwashed, \$1-2 to 9c.

Beans—\$1 to \$1.05 per bushel for hand picked.

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

Honey—6 to 10c in bulk.

Poultry—Chickens, 45 to 60c per pair; turkeys, 10 to 10 1-2c per lb.

Potatoes—Steady at 50c per bag.

Lard—6 1-2c for tierces, 7c for tubs and 7 1-4c for palls.

Hogs—Dressed hogs 6 to 6 1-2c.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Sept. 19.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 70 car loads comprising 1,100 cattle, 1,500 sheep and lambs, 1,300 hogs.

Export cattle—The top was \$4.85 per cwt. Prices ranged from \$4.50 to \$4.85 for choice, and \$4 to \$4.50 for lighter cattle.

Butchers' Cattle—Demand less active and prices easier. Picked lots brought a little over 4c, and good mixed lots at \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.

Stockers and Feeders—Stock bulls for Buffalo sold at \$2 to \$2.25 per cwt. and bulls for feeders, weighing from 1,000 to 1,300 pounds at \$2.75 to \$3 per cwt. Heavy feeders \$3.50 to \$4.

Sheep and Lambs—Exporters sold at \$3.60 to \$4.10 per cwt; lambs \$4 to \$4.40.

Hogs—Prices steady, choice per cwt, \$4.62 1-2; light fats \$4.12 1-2; heavy fats \$4.12 1-2; corn fed \$4.25; sows, \$3; stags, \$2.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, Sept. 22.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 71 cars, including 2,000 hogs.

Export cattle ruled firm and butchers' cattle easier, although not notably changed from Tuesday. Stockers weaker at 2 1-2 to 3 1-2c. Feeders 3 to 3 1-4c, Lambs lower at 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c. Hogs firm.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Sept. 19.

At the East End Abattoir market yesterday the offerings of live stock were 600 cattle and 1,000 sheep and lambs.

Cattle were quiet and steady. Lower grades were in excess of requirements. Choice cattle sold at 4 1-2c to 4 3-4c; good at 3 3-4 to 4 1-4c; fair at 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c, and lower grades from 1 3-4 to 3c per lb. There was a good demand for sheep and shippers at \$3.50 to \$3.65 per 100 lbs. Lambs active at 3 3-4 to 4 1-2c, the bulk at 4 1-4c per lb. Hogs weighed off cars brought 11 1-4 to 4 1-2c and selected lots 4 3-4c per lb. As to freights, engagements to Liverpool have been made at 35s. to London, 30s to 32s 6; and to Glasgow, 40s.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, Sept. 22.

On Thursday the receipts at the East End Abattoir market were 500 cattle and 1,000 sheep and lambs.

The demand for good stock was active. Choice cattle held at 4 3-4c with some sales reported at 4 1-2c; fair to good cattle held at 3 1-2 to 4 1-4c. Lower grades remained unchanged from Monday. Shipping sheep brought \$3.50 to \$3.60 per 100 pounds, and butchers' sheep \$3.00. Lambs sold at 4 to 4 1-2c per pound; hogs at 4 1-2c for good, and 4 3-4c for selects, off cars.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Sept. 23.

Oats are in good export inquiry at 1-2c advance on last week's prices. Flour is in demand locally and prices remain steady. Feed is firm and active. Hides have advanced 1-2c per pound. Lambskins are higher at 50 to 55c and receipts are larger. There is an active export demand for eggs at firm prices and receipts are becoming heavier. Butter is firmer and

creamery has advanced 1-2c on the top price of a week ago. Dairy butter remains steady. Cheese is firmer at 1-4c advance on both white and colored western and 1-4 to 1-2c advance on choice eastern. Potatoes are 2 1-2 to 5c higher. Quotations are now as follows:

Oats—30 to 30 1-2c for new oats afloat.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.50 to \$3.60, Manitoba patents \$3.50 to \$3.90.

Millfeed—Bran, \$13.50 to \$14.00 per ton; shorts, \$16.00 to \$17.00, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.70 to \$1.75 per sack.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 9 1-2c; No. 2, 8 1-2c; No. 3, 7 1-2c; calfskins, No. 1, 11c. No. 2, 9c; lambskins and skins, 50 to 55c; tallow, 3 3-4 to 4 1-4c.

Eggs—Choice fresh, 14 1-2 to 15c, second grade, 11 1-2 to 12c.

Butter—Choice, fresh dairy, 16 1-2 to 17 1-2c.

Butter—Choice creamery, 22c to 22 1-2c.

Cheese—Western, white, 11 1-4c colored, 11 1-2c; eastern white, 11c; colored, 11 1-4c.

Beans—95c to \$1.00 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—Potatoes, bags, 40c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Sept. 23.

The metal and hardware market continues very strong with further advances. Smooth wire has advanced 15c, to \$3.15 f.o.b. factory. There have been two distinct advances in wire nails during the past ten days. They were first marked up 15c, to \$3.05 per keg f.o.b. Montreal. Later another rise of 20c was made to \$3.25 per keg, making the aggregate rise 40c. Bar iron is 10c higher at \$2.25 per 100 lbs.

Heavy iron for importation is strong and with light stocks of Canadian plate tin plate and galvanized iron, higher prices are not improbable. Coke tin is held at \$4.40, and charcoal at \$1.80; while Canada plate is quoted at \$2.60, and galvanized iron at \$4.75 for No. 28 in case lots.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Sept. 23.

The grocery market is quiet. Canned goods remain unchanged and prices generally are without change, as follows:

Granulated sugar quoted at 4.65 per 100 lbs. at refineries; yellows, 4.75 to \$4.80, molasses, 33 1-2c in round lots, and 35c in car lots; syrups, 13-4 to 21-4c, as to quality Valencia raisins, 43-4 to 51-2c; Valencia layers 6 1-2c. currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand. coffee, Rio, 7 to 9c; Mocha, 21 to 23c. Java, 22 to 24c. Rice—Crystal Japan, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c; standard B., 3 3-4 to 4c. Canned goods—Canned corn, 90 to 92 1-2c; peas, 75 to 77 1-2c; tomatoes, 75 to 77 1-2c. beans, 75 to 77 1-2c.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Sept. 22.

Quotations are 6d higher than a week ago for colored at 54s, and remain unchanged for white at 52s 6d.

SUGAR.

London, Sept. 22.

Beet sugar is firmer at 9s 9d for September and 9s 7d for October.

New York Wheat

New York, Sept. 18.—Wheat, Sept. opened 73 3-8c, closed 72 1-2c. Dec. opened 75 7-8 to 76c, closed 75 1-2c. May opened 78 7-8 to 79c, closed 78 1-2c.

New York, Sept. 19.—Wheat, Sept. opened 72 5-8c, closed 73c. Dec. opened 75 3-4c, closed 75 3-4c. May opened 78 5-8, closed 78 5-8c.

New York, Sept. 20.—Wheat, Sept. opened 73c b, closed 73 1-4c. Dec. opened 75 7-8c, closed 76 1-2c, May opened 78 3-4c, closed 79c b.

New York, Sept. 21.—Wheat, Sept. opened 73 5-8c, closed 73 5-8c. Dec. opened 76 5-8c, closed 76 5-8c a. May opened 79 1-2c, closed 79 1-2c b.

New York, Sept. 22.—Wheat, Sept. opened 73 5-8 b, Dec. opened 76 5-8c b, closed 77 3-8c. May opened 79 1-2c b, closed 80 1-4c.

New York, Sept. 23.—Wheat prices close, to-day as follows: Sept. 71c, Dec., 76 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, Sept. 18.—Wheat, Sept. opened 71 1-4 to 5-8, closed 70 5-8c a. Dec. opened 71 1-4 to 1-8c, closed 70 3-8c b. May opened 73 7-8 to 1-4c, closed 73 1-4c b. Corn, Sept. opened 32 3-4c, closed 32 3-4c b. Dec. opened 28 7-8c, closed 28 3-4 to 7-8c. May opened 29 3-4 to 5-8c, closed 29 3-4c b. Oats, Sept. opened 21 5-8c, closed 21 5-8c. Dec. opened 22 1-2c, closed 21 5-8c. May opened 22 7-8 to 23c, closed 22 3-4 to 7-8c b. Sept. Pork opened \$7.95, closed \$7.95. Oct. opened \$8.07, 1-2, closed \$8.10. Lard, Sept. opened \$5.25, closed \$5.25. Oct. opened \$5.30, closed \$5.35. Ribs, Sept. opened \$5.15, closed \$5.17 1-2. Oct. opened \$5.20, closed \$5.22 1-2. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.12 1-2. Sept. \$1.11 1-2c a. Oct. \$1.09 1-4. Dec. \$1.08 3-4c b.

Chicago, Sept. 19.—Wheat, Sept. opened 70 1-2c, b, closed 70 5-8c b. Dec. opened 70 1-2c, closed 70 5-8c a. May opened 73 1-2 to 3-8c, closed 73 1-2 to 5-8c. Corn, Sept. opened 32 7-8c, closed 34 3-8c a. Dec. opened 28 7-8c, closed 29 1-4c b. May opened 29 1-4c, closed 30 1-8 to 1-4c b. Oats, Sept. opened 21 3-4c a, closed 22 1-8c b. Dec. opened 21 3-8 to 1-2c, closed 21 5-8 to 3-4c. May opened 22 7-8c, closed 23 1-4c. Pork, Sept. opened \$7.95, closed \$7.95 to \$8.07 1-2. Oct. opened \$8.10, closed \$8.10 to \$8.12 1-2. Lard, Sept. opened \$5.27 1-2c b, closed \$5.27 1-2 to \$5.3 0. Oct. opened \$5.35, closed at \$5.35. Ribs, Sept. opened \$5.17 1-2, closed \$5.17 1-2. Oct. opened \$5.22 1-2, closed \$5.22 1-2. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.13. Sept. \$1.12 1-2. Oct. \$1.10 1-2. Dec. \$1.10 1-2.

Chicago, Sept. 20.—Wheat, Sept. opened 71 1-8c, closed 71 5-8c. Dec. opened 70 5-8c, closed 71 1-8 to 1-4c. May opened 75 5-8c, closed 74 1-8 to 1-4c. Corn, Sept. opened 34 3-8c, closed 34 1-4c b. Dec. opened 29 1-4 to 1-8c, closed 29 1-4 to 3-8c. May opened 30 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 30 1-8c. Oats, Sept. opened 22 1-8c, closed 22 1-8c. Dec. opened 22 1-4c, closed 22 7-8c. May opened 22 1-4c, closed 22 5-8 to 1-2c. Pork, Sept. opened \$7.95 b, closed \$8.02 1-2. Oct. opened \$8.10, closed \$8.17 1-2. Lard, Sept. opened \$5.27 1-2, closed \$5.30. Oct. opened \$5.35, closed \$5.37 1-2. Ribs, Sept. opened \$5.17 1-2, closed \$5.17 1-2. Oct. opened \$5.22 1-2, closed \$5.22 1-2.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—Wheat, Sept. opened 72c, closed 72c. Dec. opened 71 7-8 to 3-4c, closed 71 7-8c a. May opened 74 7-8 to 3-4c, closed 71 3-4c. Corn, Sept. opened 31 1-4c, closed 34c a. Dec. opened 29 3-8c, closed 29 3-8c b. May opened 30 1-4c, closed 30 1-8c. Oats, Sept. opened 22 1-8c, closed 22 3-8c. December opened 22 1-8c, closed 22 1-8c. May opened 23 1-2 to 5-8c, closed 23 1-2 a. Pork, Sept. opened \$8, closed \$8.02 1-2c. Oct. opened \$8.17 1-2, closed \$8.15. Lard, Sept. opened \$5.35, closed \$5.30. Oct. opened \$5.40, closed \$5.40. Ribs,

Sept. opened \$5.20, closed \$5.15. Oct. opened \$5.25, closed \$5.20. Flax, cash \$1.13. Sept. \$1.13. & Oct. \$1.10 1-2. Dec. 1.10 1-2.

Chicago, Sept. 22.—Wheat, Sept. opened 71 5-8c, closed 74c. Dec. opened 72 to 71 7-8c, closed 72 7-8 to 73c. May opened 74 3-4c, closed 75 5-8 to 3-4c. Corn, Sept. opened 31 1-2c, closed 34 3-8c b. Dec. opened 29 1-4c, closed 30 1-8c. May opened 30 to 1-8c, closed 30 1-2c. Oats, Sept. opened 22 1-2c, closed 22 3-4c b. Dec. opened 22 1-8c, closed 22 3-4c. May opened 23 1-2c, closed 24c a. Pork, Sept. opened \$8.05, closed \$8.07 1-2. Oct. opened \$8.17 1-2, closed \$8.27 1-2. Lard, Sept. opened \$5.32 1-2, closed \$5.30. Oct. opened \$5.42 1-2, closed \$5.40. Ribs, Sept. opened \$5.12 1-2, closed \$5.12 1-2. Oct. opened \$5.17 1-2, closed \$5.17 1-2. Flax, cash N. W. \$1.13. Sept. \$1.13. Oct. \$1.10 1-2 b. Dec. \$1.10.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Wheat opened at 72 3-4c for December option and ranged from the opening price down to 72 3-8c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—Sept. 73 1-2c, Dec. 72 3-8c.
Corn—Sept. 31 3-8c, Dec. 29 7-8c.
Oats—Sept. 22 5-8c, Dec. 22 5-8c.
Pork—Oct. \$8.17 1-2.
Lard—Oct. \$5.22 1-2.
Ribs—Oct. \$5.17 1-2.

A week ago September option closed at 71 1-8c. A year ago September wheat closed at 66 3-4c; two years ago at 91 5-8c; three years ago at 65 3-8c, four years ago at 62c, and five years ago at 50 3-4c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Flax seed close to-day at 1.12 for cash, and September and November \$1.09.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET

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

Monday—Sept. 67 3-4c, Dec 67 3-4c.
Tuesday—Sept. 68c, Dec. 68c.
Wednesday—Sept. 68 3-4c, Dec. 68 5-8c.

Thursday—Sept. 69 3-8c, Dec. 69 1-8c.
Friday—Sept. 70 1-4c, Dec. 70c
Saturday—Sept. 69 7-8c, Dec. 69 3-4c.
Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 72 3-8c, and cash No. 1 northern at 69 7-8c.

Preparations are in progress to make a week ago December wheat closed at 67 7-8c. A year ago December wheat closed at 61 5-8c, two years ago at 68 1-8c, three years ago at 65 3-8c, four years ago at 60c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Saturday, Sept. 23.—No. 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 68 1-4c for September option, and 68 5-8c for December, cash No. 1 northern 68 1-2c.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Sept. 23.—Market closed 1-8d higher.

A. H. Martin, representing Thos. Lese, has opened an office in the Sanford Block, Winnipeg, as export grain dealer.

Brockville factory men have made themselves the subject of much favorable comment by cheerfully accepting the reduction of 1-4c in the price of choice cheese, which the government is proposing to entail, and letting their goods go with the same freedom as if the price had remained stationary, instead of holding for advances which may have occurred. The general expectation is that cheese and butter makers gain nothing by holding their goods for higher prices. The makers who sell as they make are usually found to be furthest ahead at the end of the season.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Market quiet and easier to-day, closing about 1-1c under yesterday's quotations. The wheat now moving is mostly held by farmers.

Winnipeg Board of Trade.

A meeting of the council of the board of trade was held yesterday afternoon, when the secretary presented a report of matters attended to by him when at Ottawa recently in connection with the board's action regarding the establishment of legal grades for flax seed and the arrangements for inspection for such grain, and the appointment of a board of examiners to examine candidates for certificates of qualification to act as inspectors or deputy inspectors of grain. Official notice of the appointment of this board, which is a permanent one, was received yesterday and comprises the following members: S. Spink, chairman; Robert Muir, S. A. McGaw, S. Nairn and T. W. Thompson.

Mr. D. W. Bole was accredited as representative of the board to the International Commercial Congress to be held in Philadelphia during the week commencing the 10th of next month. Mr. Bole expects to attend.

Letters in acknowledgement of the resolution regarding discrimination in freight arriving at Fort William and Duluth by the independent steamboat lines, which was passed at a recent meeting of the board, were received from the minister of railways and canals and the minister of the interior and the secretary of state. Information asked by Mr. Sifton in connection with this matter will be at once forwarded to him.

Mr. F. H. Mathewson resigned his seat on the board and the council will convey to him their expression of regret on his removal to Montreal. Mr. John Aird, Mr. Mathewson's successor to the management of the local branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, was elected to his place on the board.

Arrangements will be made for an address by Sir Henri Joly on the metrical system of weights and measures on his return from the coast in about ten days.

Mullins & Wilson have moved 35 carloads of cattle east from Moose Jaw and Yorkton this week.

J. H. Aird, of Toronto, who has been appointed to manage the Winnipeg branch of the Bank of Commerce, was tendered a farewell banquet at the National club, Toronto.

The production of anthracite coal in the United States for August is officially placed at 4,257,000 tons, against an output of 3,783,000 tons in the same month last year.

The British board of trade's report on Great Britain's foreign commerce for the month of August shows an increase of £3,489,200 in merchandise exports as compared with 1898, and an increase of £2,072,500 in exports.

The demand for Canadian bacon in Great Britain has fallen off largely and in consequence, prices have lost ground to some extent. Six shillings has been taken off by dealers, the price being fixed now at 45s to 52s for No. 1, 44s to 48s for No. 2, 41s to 45s fit and stout. Top price of American 40s. Hams are steady, Canadian long cut green sells at 54s to 64s.