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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 23, 1891.

Manitoba.

J. H. Chaloner, lumber, Lauder, was damaged by fire.

James Walton, Stonowall, has sold out his grocery and butcher business.

Volume 1, No. 1, of the Melita Enterprise has been received. It is a neat eight-page paper.

A. S. Christie, boot and shoe manufacturer, Winnipeg, whose difficulties was mentioned in THE COMMERCIAL a week ago, has since assigned.

W. H. Barnes & Co., painters, Glenboro, have dissolved partnership; W. H. Barnes continuing.

W. Walker has sold out his livery business at Carberry to his son Robert and Samuel Humeston.

The flour mill at Troherne owned by H. J. & G. Greef, of Toronto, has been leased by the Treherne Milling Company.

Brandon claims a population of 4,542, according to a local census, as compared with the recent Dominion census of 3,700.

D. Morden and De Tauba will continue the meat business of Morden Bros., at Morden. A. Morden will go into dealing in stock.

The stock of J. W. Lannin, of Virden, will be sold at a rate on the dollar on Friday, the 27th of November, at Winnipeg. The stock consists of dry and fancy goods to the value of \$3,650.

The chief of police has notified Winnipeg tailors who had organized gambling clubs for

the purpose of drawing suits of clothes, that they must stop drawing lots, or he will take proceedings against them.

The Portage la Prairie Review says: "Good butter is scarce and will find a ready market at 18 to 20c a pound. Eggs are scarce and are next to impossible to get, the price ranging from 20 to 25c per dozen.

Geo. C. Stannard, representing the Toronto Construction and Electrical Supply Co., was in Winnipeg last week, in the interest of his company. He will proceed westward to the Pacific coast. The company has an authorized capital of \$250,000 and is composed of some of the leading business and financial men of Canada.

The amount of building done in Winnipeg since January last, according to statistics prepared by a city real estate dealer, far exceeds that of any year since 1882, some 225 dwellings having been erected. About 350 residences which were controlled by companies have been purchased during the year, principally by railway men. The amount spent in building exceeds \$1,000,000.

A meeting of the business men of Stonowall was held a short time ago to take into consideration the forming of a joint stock company with a capital of \$300,000 and erecting a large tannery that will manufacture all the raw hides of this province into leather and prevent them from going to the eastern tanneries and coming back to the province in the shape of leather. A committee was appointed to make inquiries and get all the possible information relating to tanning and report at a future meeting.

The Supreme Court has dismissed the appeal in the case of the Canadian Pacific railway vs. Cornwallis. Certain lands belonging to the Canadian Pacific railway, situated in the municipality of Cornwallis were sold for taxes and bought in by the municipality. Shortly before the time for redemption expired the Canadian Pacific railway paid the money necessary to redeem and then brought an action at law to recover these monies so paid. The action was tried before Mr. Justice Bain who entered a verdict for the Canadian Pacific railway for the full amount claimed. An appeal was taken to the full court when a motion to set aside the verdict for the Canadian Pacific railway was refused with costs, the court holding that under the terms of the Canadian Pacific railway contract with the Dominion Government, the lands were exempt from taxation from the date of the contract until 20 years after the issue of the patent, unless sooner sold or occupied. The defendants appealed to the supreme court and that appeal has been dismissed with costs. Hon. Edward Blake, of Toronto, and J. S. Tupper, of Winnipeg, appeared for the railway company, and Christopher Robinson and ex-Attorney-General Martin, of Manitoba, for the municipality.

A correspondent sends us the following:—Glenboro merchants have been considerably worked up over an attempt which was made by two brothers named West to defraud them of a large sum of money last week. It appears that these two rascals have enjoyed the confidence of the people around Glenboro for a long time, so the present affair has proved a surprise to the majority of them. The brothers have been farming for some time past about five miles south of Glenboro, and had acquired considerable property besides their farm, which was a

valuable one. This fall they went into the threshing business and made quite a lot of money, which fact, coupled with their previous good character, gained for them almost unlimited credit in the town. Some weeks ago they began to get goods on this credit from the merchants of the town and continued until they had obtained nearly two thousand dollars' worth, distributed amongst nearly all the merchants. Some of these goods they used instead of money to pay the men whom they had working as threshers. After they got as much credit as they could, they sold their wheat, raised all the money possible and prepared to skip. Very foolishly though, one of them had previously let it out that such was their intention and their creditors got wind of it. They immediately took steps to restrain them, and not only did they succeed in doing this but they frightened them so badly that they disgorged over eight hundred dollars in cash and consented to assign their farm and machinery. If no more claims are put in against them, the creditors will realize about forty cents on the dollar. This has been a wholesome lesson for the Glenboro merchants and will make them more careful in giving credit hereafter.

Alberta.

Boorne & May, photographers, Calgary, are asking for incorporation.

Assiniboia.

L. B. Cochrane, general store, Medicine Hat, has assigned.

British Columbia.

George H. Blakeway, of Nanaimo, druggist, is dead.

B. C. Mitchell, tailor, Kamloops, advertises giving up business.

Hull Bros., butchers, Kamloops, are opening a branch at Nanaimo.

Hamber, Thynne & Henshaw, commission, etc, Vancouver & Nelson, have dissolved. Thynne continues at Nelson, and Thynne & Henshaw at Vancouver.

An injunction has been served upon Marymont & Davis, dry goods and clothing, of Nanaimo. This is the business carried on by L. Davis, of Vancouver, which was written up in THE COMMERCIAL last week.

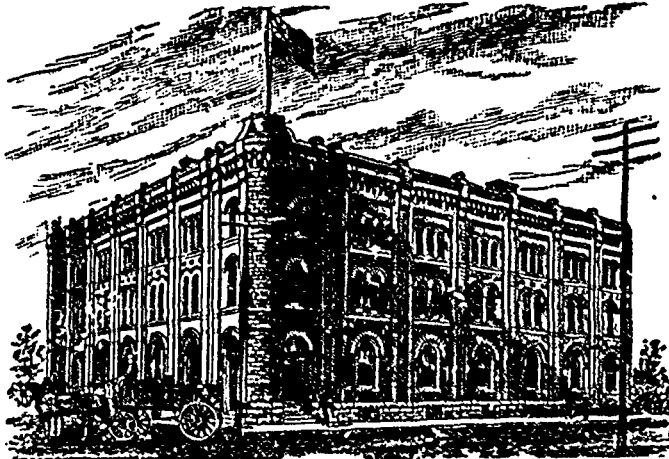
Hartly Gisborne, superintendent of government lines, received a telegram from British Columbia, stating the ship Sarah Yarmouth, with sugar from Manila to Vancouver, was totally wrecked of Carmanah Friday.

The machinery for the Royal Canadian Packing Company's cannery, at Claxton, Skeena river, has arrived. The principal shareholders in the company are J. A. Carthew, F. J. Claxton, R. Finlayson, W. Dalby and M. Bauckes.

The steamship Empress of Japan sailed Tuesday morning last from Vancouver for Japan and China, with 53 first-class saloon, 32 second saloon and 350 Chinese passengers. She carried nearly 10,000 tons of cargo and 87 bags of mail.

We have received the annual report of the British Columbia board of trade, of Victoria, published in pamphlet form. The report was published in THE COMMERCIAL at the time of the annual meeting. The volume contains a large amount of commercial and other valuable statistical matter, relating to the province.

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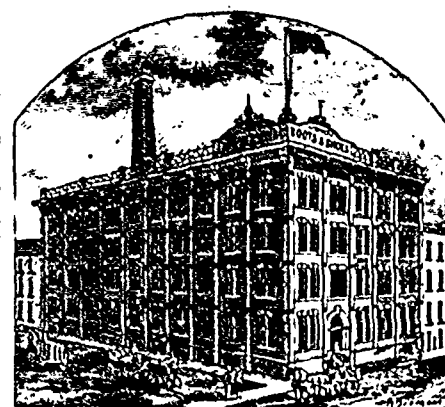
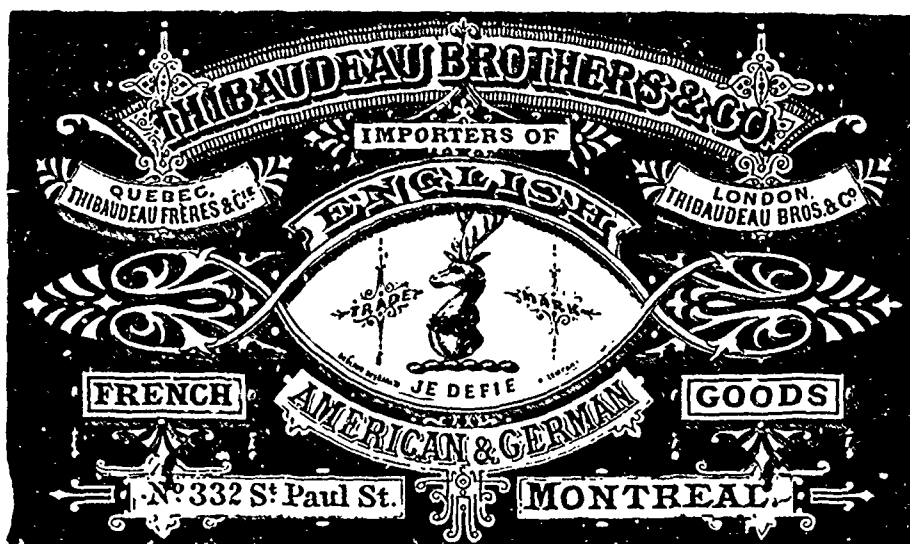
WINNIPEG, - MANITOBA.

The course of the markets has been firmer than usual for the month which is often a very depressed period.

The month's trade began with English wheat 6d dearer at Bristol, but rather lower at Manchester. This uncertain state of affairs was still prevailing on the 6th, when Liverpool advanced 1d per cental, but Hull and Leeds were lower on the week. On the 8th, however, the sellers had generally the best of the market and Bristol, Plymouth, Manchester and Birmingham were all rather dearer for wheat. London on the 9th was 6d dearer for foreign wheat, but English was slow at an average value of 36s 8d per qr. On the 10th, 13 country markets out of 25 were dearer for English wheat, but improvement was confined to sound grain. Millers showed a general disposition to operate where fairly dry corn was to be had, but such samples were not frequent away from east coast markets. On the 12th at Mark Lane American red winter made 41s 8d, and No. 1 northern spring 43s 9d per qr. On the 13th Liverpool advanced 1d per cental for American and Russian wheat, and Hull 6d per qr for both English and foreign. On the 14th the Scotch markets were 1s dearer on the fortnight, and in London for No. 1 Bombay cargoes 42s 3d was made, 39s 6d being at the same time accepted for No. 2 club Calcutta. Mark Lane on the 16th was weak for English wheat, the mean value of which fell to 35s 7d per qr. The price of American red winter on the other hand advanced to 42s 6d per qr. On the 17th the imperial average for English wheat was only 34s 9d per qr., though fine qualities were making over 40s. On the 19th at Mark Lane 1s advance on good English wheat was quoted, and 6d on American red winter. Flour was stationary with 39s for English top price and 32s 6d for American patents. The next few days' trade was rather dull, but on the 22nd the four great markets of Birmingham, Plymouth, Bristol and Manchester maintained quotations. On the 23rd the London average for English wheat showed an advance, 36s 9d being quoted. Foreign wheat was rather dull, and less money was accepted for American red winter. On the 24th most of the country markets were dearer for fair to sound wheat, but there were great complaints of condition, and in some cases of both weight and quality also. At Mark Lane on the 26th the market was once more decidedly firm, as the arrivals were light, and good dry grain, whether English or foreign, was decidedly in request. Red winter made 42s 6d off stands, and No. 1 Duluth spring made 44s 6d per qr. Cargoes of the former, however, were sold at the Baltic for 39s 6d per qr.; November shipment and No. 1 northern spring for 41s, also November shipment. The close of the month was marked by strong markets, though there is no scarcity of wheat if all sorts be lumped in together. Owing to the wet weather grain fit for prompt use in mills has been steadily appreciating in value.

Wheat Prices in England.

The London Miller, in its review for the month of October, says: October has been a month of very adverse weather for threshing the new wheat. Deliveries have been greatly affected in condition, and the miller is thrown back very largely on foreign sorts. With respect to cleaning damp wheat many millers say that cleaning it only makes it more liable to sweat and must. Some of the ingeniously minded mix bran with the new damp wheat for storing, as the bran prevents the wheat lying compactly and absorbs the moisture from it. After serving this useful purpose an ordinary rolling screen suffices to separate the bran without loss. No contrivances, however, can redeem the essential qualities of this year's home crop from being exceedingly disappointing. The weight is often very defective, but most millers are wise enough to buy on a specified weight, which farmers have duly to make up.



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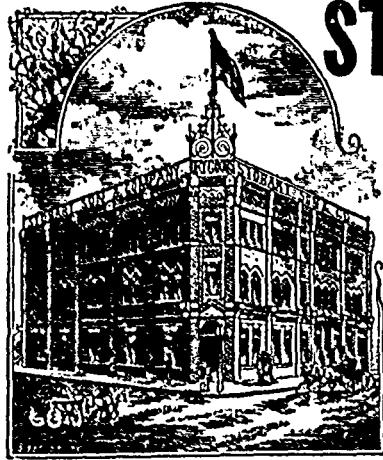
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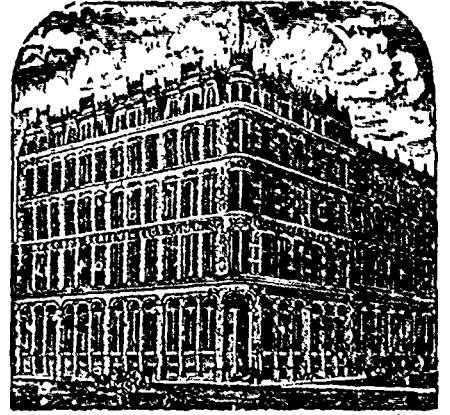
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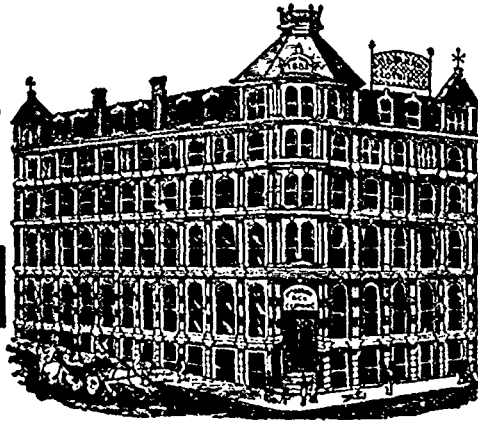
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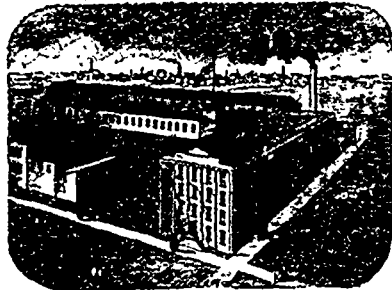
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The Commercial

WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 23, 1891.

MANITOBA FISHERIES.

The fishery department at Ottawa has issued a synopsis of new regulations, which it is proposed to enact for the "better protection of fish in Manitoba and the Territories." Unlike the new regulations which were suddenly enforced last spring, the regulations now proposed have been submitted for public criticism, before they are to be made law. This action of the department is no doubt due to the opposition which has been evinced against the regulations of last spring. THE COMMERCIAL took the lead in opposing the department orders of last spring, and we propose to have something to say upon the subject now. In the first place, we think that if the department is anxious to secure an expression of public opinion upon the matter, the proposed regulations should have been given to the public in full. In the synopsis which has been published, some very important points may have been omitted. There are some very obtuse clauses in this synopsis, which may have resulted accidentally from the abbreviation of the proposed regulations, or perhaps the clauses may have been purposely rendered difficult to understand, and after the public has consented to the proposed changes, some of these clauses may appear entirely different from the meaning which would now be taken from them. If the proposed regulations are therefore to be publicly considered and criticised, we repeat that they should have been submitted in full.

But to discuss the question, so far as we can from the synopsis published, we will begin by asserting what we said last summer, that the Ottawa department seems to be all astray in the matter of the Manitoba fisheries. The department seems to be, or at least tries to make it appear, that it is laboring under the belief that our fisheries are being rapidly destroyed. This was the burden of the orders issued last spring, and it was then intimated that the department was anxious to preserve the fisheries from threatened destruction; though really the restrictions then enacted tended to hamper and prevent fishing for local use, without curtailing the taking of fish for export to any extent, which latter is really the only source of danger in the direction of depleting the fisheries. There is no reasonable ground whatever for such a belief, and some of the arguments urged to the effect that Lake Winnipeg was becoming depleted of fish, were the purest fiction, and altogether unreasonable to those at all familiar with the facts in the case. When the fisheries actually show signs of depletion, it will be time to resort to extraordinary measures to preserve the fish. The fish required for local consumption, is not a drop in the bucket of the total annual catch in Manitoba. If the fisheries showed actual signs of exhaustion, they could readily be recuperated by the limitation of exports, or the total prevention of exports for a season. The latter system would give the people here the greatest benefit from the fish supply, and would

effectually preserve the fish for our people at home, without resort to arbitrary local restrictions. Reasonable restrictions upon wholesale fishing in the meantime, however, should not be objectionable. The present season has shown that there is no immediate danger of depleting the fisheries, for the large export fishing companies have had no difficulty in making the largest catch on record, and this notwithstanding that they were prevented from working a great deal the past season, on account of stormy weather. The fact that the export fishing companies have made very large catches this season, bears out fully the contentions of THE COMMERCIAL, that the regulations enforced last spring were useless for the alleged purpose for which they were issued, and were only an injustice to local fishermen.

The regulations now proposed, divide licenses into two classes, the same as now in force, namely: "Commercial" and "domestic" licenses. A commercial license entitles the holders to fish in Lake Winnipeg only. This means that fishing under commercial licenses will not be permitted on any other lakes or rivers in Manitoba and the Territories, but only on Lake Winnipeg. This, we believe, is unreasonable, at the present time. There are other large bodies of water which are teeming with fish, and these fish are only going to waste. For instance, the fish taken out of Lakes Manitoba and Winnipegosis, for local purposes, would in no wise affect the supply of those lakes. There was one feature of the regulations issued last spring which was valuable, namely: the prevention of fishing on spawning grounds. This, the only really valuable feature of the orders then issued, appears to have been dropped out, and it is now stated that commercial licenses will be granted for "Lake Winnipeg only," and no mention is made of reserving any portion of the lake from commercial fishing.

The next two clauses fix the amount of nets with which the holders of a commercial license may fish, namely: not in excess of 40,000 yards. Tugs are limited to 10,000 yards, and boats to 3,000 yards. We are not posted as to the requirements of the large fishing companies, but so far as we can learn, no objection is taken to the quantity of nets allowed. The fees of \$20 for a tug carrying 10,000 yards, and \$10 for boats with 3,000 yards, seem very reasonable.

Domestic licenses will be allowed to "farmers, settlers and bona fide local fishermen," which entitles them to the use of 300 yards of nets, on payment of a fee of \$2. This clause is very indefinite. If it means that a holder of a domestic license will not be allowed to fish for sale, or that he may fish for sale only for local consumption, it will be in either case a great injustice to many residents of Manitoba, particularly those settled about Lake Winnipeg. There are 3,000 Icelanders settled about the lake, who located there solely on account of the fisheries, and not on account of the other advantages of the region. These people would thus be deprived largely of their means of support. A large number of fish are caught in the winter season by these people, and sold either for local use or to parties who export them. This industry should not be interfered with.

This clause needs full explanation from Ottawa, before it can be at all intelligently discussed. If it means restriction in the manner suggested, it would be a most outrageous act on the part of the department. Another point is, that 300 yards of nets is too small a limit to be of much value. The limit should be not less than 500 to 600 yards, and the holder of the license should be allowed to sell without restriction. With this understanding, and amendment, the clause would be acceptable. We may note, however, that the fee for domestic licenses is proportionately higher, quantity of nets being considered, than for commercial licenses. Holders of domestic licenses are not restricted to Lake Winnipeg, as is the case with commercial licenses, but they are not to fish within half a mile of the mouth of any river flowing into the lakes. Whitefish nets must have meshes of at least five inches extension measure. All nets are understood to be gill nets. A decided improvement in the proposed regulations, is the clause which provides for the permission to use four inch nets for fish other than whitefish. In the lower portion of Lake Winnipeg, especially, there are a large number of other fish, such as goldeyes, tullibee, pickerel, mullet, etc., which are too small to be taken to advantage by the five inch nets now only allowed. In fact nets of three and a half inches would be none too small for some varieties, such as goldeyes. For fish other than white, for reasons which will appear below, we do not think it necessary nor wise to prevent fishing within half a mile of the mouths of rivers.

The close season is next defined as follows: For whitefish, trout and tullibee, from October 5 to November 30; pickerel, pike, goldeyes, from April 15 to May 15; sturgeon from May 15 to July 15. As for tullibee, a close season is altogether unnecessary. This fish are in large numbers, and very few are caught, as they are not wanted for export, and local consumption is so small that it will not affect the supply of this fish in the least. The same remarks will apply to goldeyes. The lower end of Lake Winnipeg swarms with these fish, and very few have ever been caught. As for the yellow pike, they are in vast numbers and at best are a very poor fish and not in demand. No restrictions should be placed upon the catching of these fish. It would undoubtedly be an advantage to have them exterminated, as they may justly be considered the shark of our lakes, and they must devour incalculable numbers of the more valuable members of the finny family. It is also asserted that the sturgeon visit the spawning grounds, to feed upon the whitefish spawn. If this be true, there would not seem to be much advantage in protecting this fish. Another point is, that the close season for the small fish comes in at the time when fishing could be carried on to the best advantage. Thus for goldeyes, the spring season is about the time when these fish can be taken most readily. The clause preventing fishing of any kind between nine o'clock on Saturday and the same hour on Monday, is altogether unnecessary, so far at least as fishing under domestic licenses is concerned.

It is further proposed to grant commercial licenses for the season extending from May 1 to October 4. This is the season in which the

large companies carry on their operations exclusively, and the proposed restriction will not interfere with any existing rights. Domestic licenses will run from December 1 to October 4. This gives holders of domestic licenses the right to fish all the year around, except during the close season for whitefish. Why not grant the license for the current year, with the understanding, of course, that fish of the various varieties should not be taken during the close season applying to the respective varieties?

Another clause which requires very careful consideration, is that which proposes to prohibit the use of gill nets, under commercial licenses, after the season of 1893. This would give the companies only two more seasons to fish under the system now in use. We believe that a good many fish are lost in gill nets, which cannot be reached in rough weather until the fish are spoiled. It is claimed by some, that pound nets would be subject to the same disadvantage to a considerable extent. The influence of this proposed change upon our fishing industry, should be at least very fully considered, before the principle is adopted.

Though we do not believe that extraordinary measures are at present necessary to protect our fisheries, yet at the same time no objection could be taken to reasonable measures for the protection of the fish. In time, further limitation of fishing may be found necessary, and this, we think, should be in the direction of limiting the summer catch for export. The main point in the regulations now proposed, is that which deals with domestic licenses. The department should define what constitutes a "local fisherman," and what are to be his privileges. Does the term "local fisherman" mean a permanent resident in the vicinity of the fishing ground, or is it intended to apply to any person who may fish for local sale only? These are very important questions, and with other obscure clauses must be explained before the matter can be discussed intelligently. As for the "farmers and settlers," who are to be allowed to take domestic licenses, we may say that very few of this class will have the time or opportunity to do so. Only the few settlers residing in the immediate vicinity of the lakes, would be in a position to take advantage of these licenses.

CANADIAN WHEAT IN ENGLAND.

The Miller, of London, England, in its review of the grain trade, for October, says:—

"The expectations of breadstuffs from Canada may be considered. The Dominion has always received particular attention in these columns, for we believe in its future, and we know the favor with which English millers regard Canadian and Manitoban wheat. But Canada is not exactly the spot which we would pick upon as an example of purity in official circles, and in the corn trade "a crop telegram" from Winnipeg or Ontario receives about as much credence as the world at large gives to a letter from the Mahatmas. Every August since and including 1887 has brought with it one or more "cablegrams announcing an export surplus of wheat which varied from ten to twenty-four million bushels but has in no case been under the former figure and in two cases has been the latter,

Now, turning from the fiction of the agricultural land agent to the fact of our own import returns, we find that our total receipts of wheat and flour from the Canadian Dominion were in 1888, 420,000 quarters; 1889, 550,000 quarters; 1890, 523,000 quarters. In three years we reckon that the Canadian export surplus has been misrepresented and exaggerated to the extent of 5½ millions. This year the crop is a good one and the average has increased, but seeing these experiences of the past we do not think that our October estimate of two million quarters (16,000,000 bushels) available for export can possibly be exceeded."

The London journal hits our crop boomsters rather hard in the above article, but not any harder than they deserve. It is a silly policy, as THE COMMERCIAL has frequently pointed out, to send out these boom crop reports long before the crop is gathered. Manitoba has suffered much from this senseless custom, and it has come to be the case, as *The Miller* states, that reports sent from here are simply taken as a matter for amusement, and are not now regarded at all seriously. This year there has not been so much of this class of boom literature sent abroad, and it is hoped the custom is dying out.

An Important Legal Decision.

The case of Stephens vs. McArthur, which was decided by the Supreme court at Ottawa last week, is one of great importance to the mercantile interest throughout the Dominion. Prior to December 8th, 1888, Madell & Robinson carried on a wall-paper and painting business at 239 Main street, Winnipeg. About that date the firm became indebted to G. F. Stephens & Co., wholesalers in paints and oils, to the extent of \$300 to \$900, and to other creditors in smaller amounts. Madell & Robinson had not been meeting their payments, and a few days before December 8th, 1888, Mr. Stephens felt that he could not allow his account to grow any larger without taking security, and on that date demanded and received a chattel mortgage on the stock in the store. When taking the chattel mortgage he did not, it appears, know that Madell & Robinson were insolvent, and on the original trial Justice Bain found that the mortgage was given "in response to a bona fide demand of Stephens for security for his debt."

His contention was that his object was to carry on the business and pay all other creditors in full, and that he had not intended to pay himself a dollar until all the other creditors were paid. In pursuance of this intention he paid off some of the debt of the business, and advanced new stock to the mortgagors. About the 3rd of January, 1889, Tees & Persse, of Winnipeg, and McArthur & Worthington, of Montreal, joined their accrued claims against Madell & Robinson, and issued a writ against them in name of McArthur & Worthington, and shortly afterwards the stock in the store was seized under their execution. G. F. Stephens & Co., claimed the goods seized, and an interpleader issue was directed to try whether they were the property of the execution creditors, McArthur & Worthington, or of the claimants, G. F. Stephens & Co. McArthur & Worthington contended that the chattel mortgage was given by Madell & Robinson while in insolvent circumstances with intent to prefer G. F. Stephens & Co., and that even if there was not such

intent, the chattel mortgage "had the effect of" preferring the mortgagor and was, therefore, void under the "act respecting assignments for the benefit of creditors," 40 Vic. c. 45, s. 2. For G. F. Stephens & Co., it was replied that there was no intent to prefer, and that without the intent to prefer there could not be "the effect of a preference," because the word preference is a bankrupt term incorporating intent in its very meaning. Save, if there was the effect of a preference this chattel mortgage was saved under the provisions validating such transfers where they were followed by advances of cash and goods to carry on the business and pay the creditors. At all events the provisions of the act were bankruptcy provisions and therefore ultra vires, as the Dominion parliament alone has power to enact bankruptcy legislation. The interpleader issue was first tried in the early part of 1889 before Mr. Justice Bain who decided against G. F. Stephens & Co., and declared the chattel mortgage void. The case was then carried to the Court of Appeal, when the Chief Justice and Judges Dubuc and Killam affirmed Judge Bain's decision. It was then carried to the Supreme Court at Ottawa, where the Manitoba decisions have, it appears, been reversed, the whole court with the exception of Mr. Justice Patterson, deciding in favor of G. F. Stephens & Co. The case is a leading one in chattel mortgage and preference law, and will probably completely reverse the current of decisions in Ontario as well as in Manitoba. In both provinces numerous decisions have been withheld awaiting the pronouncement of judgment in this case.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

Since September 1st, the beginning of the new crop year, to October 31, there were 1346 cars of wheat inspected at Winnipeg. These graded as follows: No. 1 hard, 124; No. 2 hard, 237 cars; No. 3 hard, 196 cars; No. 1 northern, 43 cars; No. 2 northern, 44 cars; No. 3 northern, 3 cars; No. 1 rejected, 42 cars; No. 1 regular, 213 cars; No. 2 regular, 181 cars; No. 3 regular, 74 cars; rejected, 105 cars; no grade, 58 cars; feed, 26 cars. The bulk of this wheat was inspected in the two weeks ended October 31, the movement having been very light previous to this. Wheat inspected at Winnipeg for the week ended Nov. 7 was 430 cars, made up of 24 cars No. 1 hard, 86 cars No. 2 hard, 75 cars No. 3 hard, 3 cars No. 1 northern, 32 cars No. 2 northern, 8 cars No. 1 rejected, 40 cars rejected, 50 cars No. 1 regular, 39 cars No. 2 regular, 24 cars No. 3 regular, 36 cars no grade, 13 cars feed. For the second week of November, ended Nov. 14, there were 617 cars inspected, grading 1 car extra Manitoba hard, 12 cars No. 1 hard, 123 cars No. 2 hard, 48 cars No. 3 hard, 2 cars No. 1 northern, 34 cars No. 2 northern, 14 cars No. 1 rejected, 19 cars rejected, 147 cars No. 1 regular, 115 cars No. 2 regular, 50 cars No. 3 regular, 31 cars no grade, 21 cars feed. The Winnipeg inspection figures include wheat marketed on the Northern Pacific branches in Manitoba, and taken out of the province via West Lynne, to Duluth. About all wheat going to Duluth is inspected under Winnipeg inspection regulations, before leaving the province. Less than half the wheat going east via the Canadian Pacific railway, is inspected at Winnipeg, a considerable portion being inspected at Fort William. When shipments begin all rail, after the close of lake navigation, a larger proportion of wheat moving east will be inspected at Winnipeg.



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Ontario.....xd	117	—
Molson's.....	165	162½
Toronto.....	—	—
Merchants'.....xd	159½	148
Union.....	—	80½
Commerce.....xd	132½	132
Miscellaneous.		
Montreal Tel.....	114	112½
Rich. & Ont. Nav.....	51½	40
City Pass Ry.....	185	176
Montreal Gas.....	202½	200
Can. N. W. Land.....	79	77
C. P. R. (Montreal).....	87½	87½
C. P. R. (London).....	—	39½
Money—Time.....	7	—
Money—On cal.....	4½	—
Sterling 60 days, N. Y. Posted rate.....	481½	—
“ Demand “ “ “.....	481½	—
“ 60 days Montreal rate between Banks.....	8½	8½
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“ New York Exchange.....	—	1-10 prom

The Montreal Gazette of November 14 says: “Robert Bickordiko received a cablegram today announcing that the steamship Ontario, which sailed from Montreal on the 30th of October, has arrived in Bristol and reported the loss of 120 head of cattle. She carried 432 head, shipped by the following: J. D. McGregor, 98; R. Bickordiko, 18; Stavoly Hill, 265; H. Samson, 41; W. H. Price, 10. The cargo was mostly western ranch cattle.

At the weekly cheese market at London, Ont., on November 14, nine factories boarded 4,300 boxes of September and balance of season cheese. Sales: 250 at 10c, 500 at 10 1-16c, 2 270 at 10½c, 300 at 10 3 16c and 350 at 10½c. Market very active.

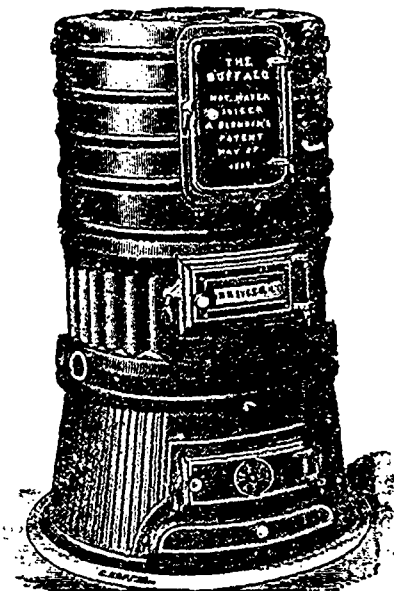
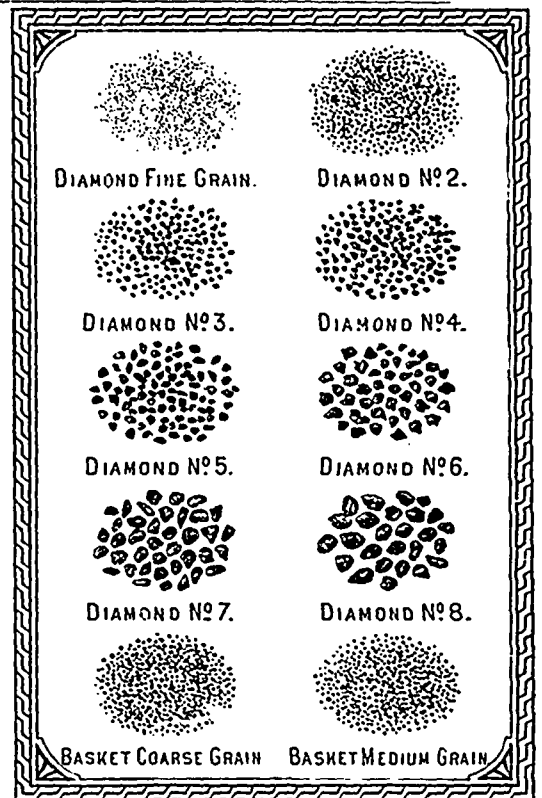
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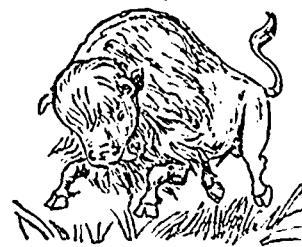
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FISH AND OYSTERS.

British Columbia halibut and salmon are in the market most of the time. Prices of fresh fish are: Lake Winnipeg whitefish, 6c per pound; salmon, 14c; halibut, 15; trout, 9c. Lake Superior herrings, 40c per dozen. Oysters, \$2 to \$2.20 per gallon, as to quality. Smoked haddies are selling at 11 to 11½c per pound, and smoked goldeyes at 35c per dozen.

FUEL.

There has been a brisk demand for fuel, owing to the early advent of cold weather. Pennsylvania anthracite sells, delivered in the city, at \$9.50 per ton for all grades, as stove, nut, egg and grate. At the yards the price is \$9 per ton. Pennsylvania soft coal is sold at \$7.50 at the yards, or \$8 delivered, and Lethbridge coal at \$7 or \$7.50 delivered. These are retail prices. There are practically no wholesale prices here for coal. Wholesale prices are quoted at lake ports, and vary widely, according to point where shipment is to be made. Wood on track in car lots is selling at about \$4.50 for good tamarac, and \$2.50 to \$3 for poplar. Retail prices at yards, 50c per cord more; retail delivered price, \$1 per cord more.

GREEN FRUITS.

Apples are having a fairly large sale at steady prices. Florida oranges are in good demand. The crop of this fruit this year is large and of fine quality. The grape season is about over, except for Malagas. Eastern grapes are done, and California grapes are out of the market, though a few more small lots may yet arrive, which will likely sell at higher prices. Tomatoes are done for the season. New Messina lemons are expected in a few days, being now on the way. Stocks of lemons at present are low, and the quality not choice. New Messina fruit is expected to be of finer quality and the price lower. Prices are:—California fruits—Winter pears, 40 pound boxes, \$3.00 to \$3.25; Tokay grapes, 20 pound crates, nominal at \$3 to \$3.25. Ontario barrel apples, \$2.90 to \$3; Ontario pears, per keg, \$3.25 to \$3.50. Lemons—New Maori, \$8.25 to \$8.50 per box; bananas, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per bunch. Florida oranges, \$5.00 to \$5.50 per box. Cape Cod cranberries, \$10.00 per barrel; Catawba grapes, 8 pound baskets, 70c each; sweet potatoes, \$6.00 per barrel. Malaga grapes, \$7.50 to \$8 per keg.

GROCERIES.

Prices mostly steady. Willett & Gray, of New York, in their last weekly sugar report say: In raws the sales of the week have reduced the stock in United States importers' hands to 13,861 tons (against 17,650 tons last year). The stock in the island of Cuba is 59,034 tons against 44,448 tons last year. These stocks of sugars must be the main reliance of buyers until new crop sugars become available.

The Brazil crop is backward, and thus far but 2,000 tons have been shipped for the United States. The beet crop is also backward, and so much wanted by the United Kingdom and local refiners, that prices are constantly advancing, and keep beyond the parity of the United States markets. As European cables say that Mr. Licht intimates a reduction in his estimates, it cannot be expected that lower quotations will come from Europe. The situation, therefore, for American refiners is somewhat critical, and indicative of some difficulty in holding on to the present low range of values until increased supplies are available. In view of the strength of the raw sugar markets of the world and the possible difficulty of a continuance of supplies on the present basis of values, it is somewhat singular that granulated sugar is still being sold at 3.98c net cash in New York, and 3.92 net cash in Philadelphia, the cost of centrifugal being in both cities at least 3.44 net cash, and likely to be higher rather than lower in the very near future, is evident that refiners are for some reason now acting the part of philanthropists and giving sugar to the country without any profit to themselves. This is probably done as a matter of policy to keep raw sugars quiet until liberal supplies can be obtained. The notable fact is that the trade are getting refined sugars at unprecedentedly low prices, as compared with raws.

HARDWARE.

Dealers are busy rushing in their winter stocks before the close of navigation. Prices are firm, with higher winter freight rates in view. Reports of a decided improvement in collections were received from some dealers in this branch, one dealer reporting collections aggregated double what they were for the same season a year ago. Some other dealers did not notice such a marked improvement.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Manitoba linseed oil is now in the market in sufficient quantities to meet the demand, without bringing in eastern oil. Prices on oil are irregular, but the home product is quoted lower, and now meets prices in eastern oil. Quotations are:—

White leads—"Crown Pure," association guarantee, ground in oil, in 25 lb irons and 100 and 200 lb kegs. \$6.75 to \$7.25 per 100 lbs; No. 1, do, \$6.25 to \$6.75; No. 2, do, \$5.75 to \$6.25. White lead, in assorted 1 to 5 pound tins, 10c per lb.

Prepared paints—Pure liquid colors, per gal, \$1.35 to \$1.40; second quality, do., \$1.10 to \$1.20.

Dry colors—White lead in 100 lb kegs 7½c per lb., do. less than kegs, 8c per lb.; red lead, in kegs, 6½c per lb., do less than kegs, 7c per lb; yellow ochre, in barrels, 2½c per lb, do less than barrels, 3c per lb; golden ochre, in barrels, 4½c per lb, do less than barrels, 5c per lb; Venetian red, French, in barrels, 2½c per lb., do less than barrels, 3½c per lb; Venetian red, English, in barrels, 3c per lb, do less than barrels, 3½c per lb; English purple oxides, in barrels, 4c per lb, do less than barrels, 4½c per lb; American oxides, in barrels, 3½c per lb, do less than barrels, 4c per lb; Zanzibar vermilion, in kegs, 15c per lb., do. less than kegs, 20c; English vermilion, in kegs, \$1.10 per lb., do., less than kegs, \$1.25 per lb.

Varnishes—No. 1 furniture, \$1 per gallon; extra furniture, \$1.35 per gal; elastic oak \$2 per gal; No. 1 carriage, \$2 per gal; hard oil

finish, \$2 per gal; brown Japan, \$1 per gal; gold size Japan, \$1.50 per gal; No. 1 orange shellac, \$2 per gal; pure do, \$2.50 per gal. These prices are for less than barrels, and would be shaded for full barrel lots.

Linseed oil—Raw, 72c, boiled, 75c per gal., in barrels. These prices are shaded for good sized orders.

Turpentine—Pure spirits, in barrels, 72c per gallon; less than barrels, 75c.

Glue—S.S. in sheets, 15c per lb; white glue for kalsomining, 20c per lb.

Burning oils—Eocene, 34c., sunlight, 9c., 2 headlight, 33c, water white, 33c. Stove gasoline, \$3.30 per case; benzine, \$3.50 per case.; benzine and gasoline, per gallon, 50c.

Lubricating oils—Capitol cylinder oil, 58c., Eldorado engine, 41c, Atlantic red, 41c, golden 32c; black oil, 25c to 30c; lard oil, 75c; wool oil, 50c; Mica axle grease, \$3.75 per case; gem axle, \$3.20 per case.

Sundries—Coal tar, \$8 per barrel; Portland cement, \$4.75 per barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per barrel; putty, in bladders, 3½c per lb, do in barrels, 3c; whiting in barrels \$1.25 per 100 lbs; alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages.

Window glass—1st break, \$2. This price would be shaded for larger quantities.

RAW FURS.

C. M. Lamson & Co., of London, England, report by cable in reference to prospects for the winter and spring sales as follows: Muskrat Fall and winter will be much lower; do, spring will be a trifle easier. Lower prices are expected for raccoon and red fox. Marten and lynx will probably sell at last sale prices. Skunk is likely to follow suit, provided the demand in America for black and short striped continues. Former prices on mink will be maintained, provided the American demand continues. Sea otter, silver fox, cross fox and fisher give indications of being much lower. Beaver also is likely to decline materially, notwithstanding the small importation by the Hudson's Bay company. In Winnipeg there is an improvement in the quality of furs coming to market, earlier arrivals having been of very poor quality. The following quotations will give a fair index to the range of values in Winnipeg for very inferior to prime skins:—Badger, from 5 to 80c; bear, black, from 50c to \$30; bear, brown, 50c to \$30.90; bear, grizzly \$1 to \$20; beaver, 50c to \$8.25; beaver, castor, \$2.50 to \$4 per pound; ermines, 1 to 2c; fisher, \$1.50 to \$6; fox, cross, 75c to \$6; fox, kit, 10 to 45c; fox, red, 25c to \$1.60; fox, silver, \$5 to \$80; lynx, 25c to \$3.50; marten, 75c to \$1.85; mink, 5c to \$1.20; musquash, 2 to 12½c; cotter, \$1.50 to \$11; raccoon, 50 to 85c; skunk, 5 to 95c; timber wolf, 25c to \$3.50; prairie wolf, large, 25c to \$1.90; prairie wolf, small, 25 to 65c; wolverine, 50c to \$3.25. Deer skins are practically without value.

TEXTILE GOODS.

Last year there was great grumbling in this country among the dry goods and clothing trade, on account of the long, mild fall and late winter. The winter was nearly half over, they said before the people knew it, and consequently they would not buy winter clothing, which they otherwise would have done. This year the winter has set in early enough and cold enough to suit the most fastidious dealer, and this combined with a good crop year should make the outlook good in these branches. The

first of the week set in very cold. There was no mistaking the fact that winter was here, and those who were short of requisite clothing were obliged to look after it at once. Dealers were consequently happy. The weather was more moderate towards the close, but the week was a cold one for the season, and the first day would be considered a rough one for mid-winter.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

GENERAL WHEAT SITUATION.

Wheat has experienced several ups and downs during the week, but the general tendency has been easier. Repeated rumors to the effect that Russia would prohibit further wheat exports on this crop, have affected the market, causing a temporary advance, which would be lost when the report was denied. It was reported on Friday that orders prohibiting exports from Russia, had actually been issued. British markets were 1 to 2s higher per quarter (eight bushels) on Monday, than a week ago, foreign wheats leading in the advance, but prices were not maintained on Monday, cables on that day being 6d lower at London. United States markets were also slightly lower, with heavy receipts. For two days, Sunday and Monday, Duluth received 1,361 cars of wheat, and Minneapolis got 886 cars. The Chicago visible supply statement on Monday, showing stocks at principal points in Canada and the United States east of the Rocky Moun-

tains, showed a decrease of 113,000 bushels. This was a surprise, as a large increase was expected, and it was concluded that a mistake had been made in the count. United States markets were a turn firmer on Tuesday, on cold weather. Liverpool cabled $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ d per cental lower, and London 3d per quarter lower. Berlin, Paris and Antwerp were $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1s lower, per bushel. Imports and home farmers' deliveries in England exceeded consumption for the week by 1,500,000 bushels. Wheat and flour on ocean passage increased 2,480,000 bushels for the week. Duluth receipts were 414 cars, and Minneapolis 319 cars, a total of 733 cars, against 364 cars a year ago. Prices were steady on Wednesday. Cables were firmer. The cold wave was reported from nearly all over the winter wheat states. *Bradstreet's* weekly report showed an increase of 1,044,000 bushels east and a decrease of 337,000 bushels west of the Rocky mountains, in wheat stocks. Liverpool cabled $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1d higher. Duluth received 397 cars and Minneapolis 376 cars, a total of 773 cars, against 423 cars a year ago. Prices were generally lower on Thursday, New York and Chicago declining 2c. Cables were also mostly lower. There was heavy selling on account of parties who had loaded up on the strength of rumors regarding the prohibition of exports from Russia. Cables were again lower on Friday, but reports regarding Russian prohibition of exports caused a sharp advance in United States markets, which was partly held. There was considerable talk of a grain blockade in Dakota, and at some country points buyers had to stop, as elevators were

full and cars could not be had to move the grain. Still, notwithstanding the large movement, stocks at all points in Minnesota and Dakota, country and terminal, were about 1,500,000 bushels less at the middle of last week, than a year ago. This shows what a heavy shipping movement is going on from these states. Wheat prices on the first of November, in London, ranged from four to eight shillings per quarter higher than a year ago. Higher prices now, however, in England, are offset here to some extent by higher freight rates on exports.

LOCAL WHEAT SITUATION.

Wheat marketings at Manitoba points were lighter early in the week, owing to rough weather, but later they were very heavy, Thursday and Friday being the heaviest grain deliveries of the season. There was a heavy snow at Winnipeg to-day (Saturday), and if general there will now be sleighing throughout the country, as previously there was more snow in most other districts than about Winnipeg. Fair weather will likely keep deliveries up heavy for next week. The snow will not be an injury now, unless it should thaw to wet the stacks. A large portion of the threshing remains to be done yet, and favorable weather for this work is desirable, though more or less will have to remain unthreshed until spring, the quantity depending upon the weather. Threshing was interfered with by the rough weather on some days this week. Grain men mostly reported that the railways were getting the grain out fairly well, though in a heavy movement.

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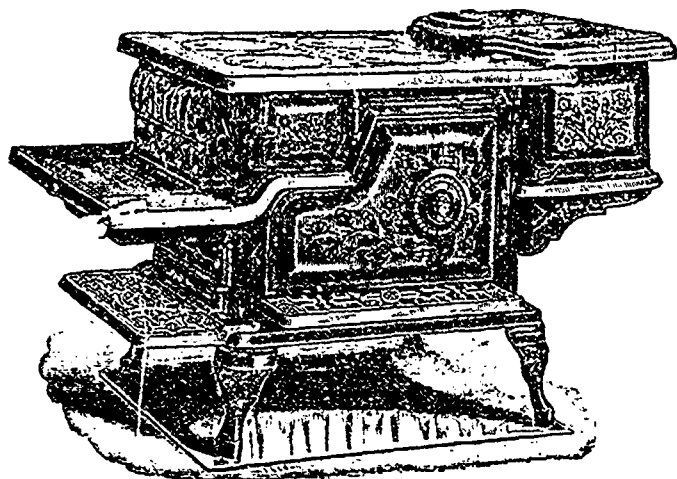
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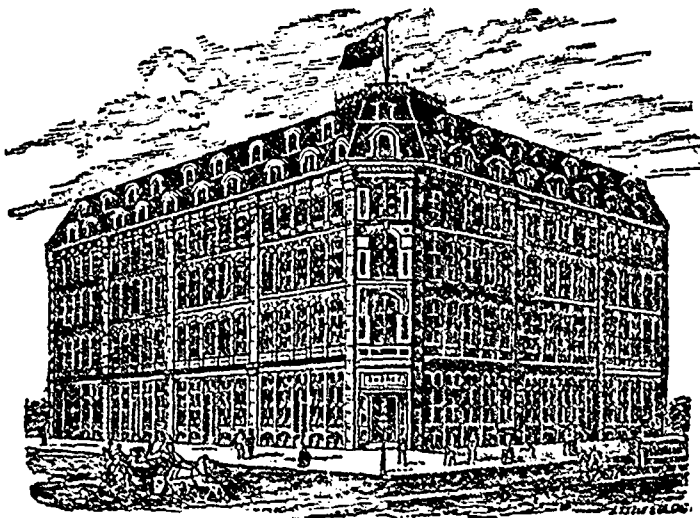
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occasional delays must be expected. Grain was moving to Fort William, to take the lake route to Buffalo, for export. Lake rates were very strong. Vessels per loading at Fort William on Friday at 8 cents per bush on wheat to Buffalo, and it was reported that 9 to 9½c was being asked for future, and that next week vessels would likely hold for 10 cents. The high rates at Fort William has drawn some offers from shipping at Duluth to carry grain from Fort William. The last boat on the Canadian Pacific line is expected to clear from Fort William on Nov. 29, but this will depend on weather. Buying in Manitoba, for shipment via the lakes, will cease with this week, and with the higher, all rail freights in view, prices are easier, with the probability of a lower range the first of the week. Prices to farmers in Manitoba country markets ranged from at about 69 to 71c for No. 2 hard. No. 1 regular quotable at about 50c, and No. 2 at 40c.

A ridiculously absurd report has been sent abroad and quoted in the east, to the effect that wheat at Neche, Dakota, has been bringing a much higher figure than at Gretna. Neche is just across the boundary from Gretna, and the report has no doubt been sent out to make capital for the commercial union movement. The fact is that the quotable price of No. 1 hard wheat at the Dakota town has been compared with the price of low grade wheat at the Manitoba town. Now, grain men give quotations for all regular grades of wheat, but this does not mean that they are getting qualities equal to all grades. The fact is, the price quoted for No. 1 hard at Neche, is purely fictitious, or at least merely nominal, as there is no wheat there which equals this grade. We have seen a statement of wheat receipts at Neche, and No. 2 northern was the best wheat received. The price at Neche of No. 3 northern is 57c per bushel. This grade is about the same quality as Manitoba No. 3 hard, for which about 60c is paid at Gretna, thus showing that when quality is compared, prices are higher in the Manitoba town than at Neche though freight rates are 2c. lower from the Dakota town. The fact is, No. 3 hard is about the best wheat which has come out of Gretna this year, as the inspection returns will prove. This wheat has been bought at a price ranging from 60c to 75c per bushel, to date this season, and the great bulk of it has been bought at 10c to 15c above a shipping basis.

FLOUR.

Millers report a good eastern demand, at firm prices, for good Manitoba grades. The Canadian Pacific railway announced that they would not receive flour for transport eastward by their lake steamers after Monday last. This was not welcome news to millers, who do not think they should have to stand aside on account of the rush of grain. Quotations to the local trade in broken lots are as follows, per 100 pounds, for standard qualities: Patents, \$2.50; strong bakers', \$2.30; second bakers', \$2.00 to \$2.20; XXXX, \$1.50; superfine, \$1.30. Country mills are selling in the city, at 5c. under these prices.

MILLSTUFFS.

There has been no change yet in bran and shorts which are held in broken lots at \$11 for bran and \$13 for shorts, per ton.

FEED.

Ground oat and barley feed is offering in broken lots at \$16 per ton, though some choice is held higher.

MEALS.

There is still some eastern oatmeal in the

market, but not a very large quantity. With an upward tendency in oatmeal in eastern Canada markets, there is not likely to be much more brought this way. Broken lots are held at \$2.45 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs. for standard, and granulated at \$2.55 to \$2.60. Rolled oats, per sack, \$2.55 to \$2.60. Car lots about 25c. lower. Oil cake, in bags, \$20 per ton; oil cake meal, \$23 per ton, these prices for fine ton lots; cornmeal is held at \$1.95 to \$2 per 100 pounds. Pot barley, \$2.75 per 100 pounds. Pearl barley, \$3; fine, do., in 50 pound sacks, \$3 per sack. Split peas, \$2.40 to \$2.50, per 100 pounds. Beans, \$1.90 to \$2 per bushel.

OATS.

Locally there was some tendency toward higher prices, in the prices paid for loads on the street. A few loads were bought at 22c per bushel of 34 pounds, but very few were obtained under 23c, and 24 and even 25c was paid for feed qualities. At the mill 24 to 25c was paid for milling oats. In Manitoba country markets prices ranged from 18 to 22c per bushel to farmers, and 21c was about an average price on track. Farmers are not marketing oats freely yet, owing to low prices.

BARLEY.

Very little doing, and quoted locally at 28 to 30c for malting, and 25c for feed. In Manitoba country markets, quoted at 20 to 25c per bushel of 45 pounds, for all grades, with very little marketing. In eastern Canada barley is being bought up for export to Britain quite freely. Plump samples, even when off color, were meeting with a good export demand.

BUTTER.

The market holds firm, and some dealers report that they have been able to obtain higher prices. Some increase in receipts was reported. We quote 18 to 21c for good to choice selected dairy, with creamery selling in a small way at 25c per pound. The future of butter prices is uncertain, but there are evidently some believers in high prices, judging from the long figures paid in some country markets. While eastern butter markets have been on a better basis than they have been for years, owing to large export business, there would nevertheless seem to be some risk in the fancy prices which country dealers in Manitoba are paying at some points.

CHEESE.

Jobbing prices are strong at 10 1/2c for large, and 11c for small sizes. The trade has been considerably inconvenienced through the peddling by factories direct to retail dealers. This hurts the trade for jobbers, and is not an advantage to the factories, but often rather the contrary. In fact, the factories would probably have been able to obtain a better price from jobbers, but for the fact that prices have been kept down through the selling of factories to retailers. When factories sell to retailers at nearly the same rates as they have sold to jobbers, the effect is to break the market down, and prevent jobbers from getting a reasonable margin upon their sales. The jobbing price is thus kept lower than it would have been, and jobbers cannot pay as high prices to factories as they otherwise might be inclined to do. It does not pay the factories to peddle a few small lots of cheese to retailers, for the sake of a fraction of a cent more than they are getting from jobbers, when the effect is to break the market price generally, or at least prevent a legitimate advance. Prices are strong in the east, and factories have recently been closing out the balance of the season's make at an advance.

CURED MEATS.

Further receipts of dressed hogs have arrived from Ontario, to be packed here. Local packers have not done anything with Manitoba hogs yet, as country receipts are too light, and prices too high. Prices are: Dry salt long clear bacon, 10c; smoked long clear, 10 1/2c to 11c; spiced rolls, 11 1/2c; breakfast bacon, 13c; smoked hams, 14c; mess pork, \$16 to \$18 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 10c per pound; Bologna,

sausage, 8c per pound; German, sausage, 8c per pound. Ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per 1/2 lb package.

LARD.

Compound unchanged at \$1.85 to \$1.90 per pail. Pure at \$2.40 per 20 lb pail.

POULTRY AND GAME.

With colder weather, receipts of dressed poultry have increased, and prices are easier. Chickens have brought 8 to 10c as to quality, ducks and geese about 10c and turkeys 11 to 12c. Rabbits are about the only small game offering, and bring 10c each.

DRESSED MEATS.

Country dressed beef is commencing to be offered on the market, though not in large quantity yet. Good quality brings between 4 and 5c per lb, and down to 3c for poor. City dressed beef sells mostly at 5c for good ordinary quality. Some few country lots of hogs have arrived, and have sold at from 7 to 7 1/2c per pound. It looks as though the price of hogs will have to be lower, as several car lots have been brought in from Ontario, and have been laid down here at under 7c, for good qualities of hogs. Local packers will not touch Manitoba hogs, as they are working on eastern, which they can lay down cheaper than they can buy country lots here. If prices keep lower in Ontario, packers expect to lay eastern hogs down here to cost; about 6c. Mutton is unchanged at 10 to 11c.

VEGETABLES.

There is a firmer feeling all around, due to colder weather, which has reduced offerings. Growers have their stuff put away in winter quarters, and will not bring them out unless to sell at firm prices. This is particularly the case with potatoes. Potatoes were reported to be quite scarce at some country points, on account of light offerings, and some shipments were being made from here. Following are the prices at which city dealers buy on the market: Potatoes, 25 to 30c per bushel; carrots 30 to 35c per bushel; beets, 25 to 30c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1/2 to 1 1/4 lb; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; cabbage, 40 to 75c per dozen; celery, 25c dozen; onions, 2 to 2 1/2c per pound for choice, poor have sold as low as 50c per bushel; horseradish, 8c lb. Dealers are selling sweet potatoes, \$6 per barrel.

EGGS.

Fresh practically out of the market. Lined held at 19 to 20c, with a firmer feeling at the close.

HIDES.

Outside markets continue very dull and weak in sympathy with the very low prices for leather. Dealers here are talking 3c for frozen hides, and offering 3 1/2c for No. 1 cows, and 4 1/2c for No. 1 heavy steers. Holders, however, will not sell at these prices. Freight rates will soon go up 12c per 100 lbs., to winter rates, which adds to the local weakness, sheep pelts bring 50 to 60c for fair to good new skins.

HAY.

Holdings are stronger on account of the early advent of snow and cold weather, which will cause a large consumption of hay this winter. About \$7 for pressed is quoted, but many are holding higher.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat was slightly lower on Monday, with good demand, but weaker speculative feeling. Receipts were 609 cars. Regular No. 2 closed about 1/2c lower than Saturday, as follows:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan	May
Wheat	92 1/2	91	—	1.00 1/2
Corn	52 1/2	45 1/2	—	43 1/2
Oats	32	31 1/2	—	32 1/2
Pork	—	8.07 1/2	11.52 1/2	11.90
Lard	—	6.25	6.37 1/2	6.67 1/2
Short Ribs	—	5.87 1/2	5.87 1/2	6.12 1/2

On Tuesday there was a good demand for cash wheat, at firmer prices, influenced by stronger speculative feeling. Receipts were

511 cars. After some fluctuations, No. 2 regular closed 1/2 to 3/4 higher, as follows:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	93 1/2	91 1/2	—	1.01 1/2
Corn	51 1/2	45 1/2	—	43
Oats	32	31 1/2	—	32 1/2
Pork	—	8.02 1/2	11.47 1/2	11.80
Lard	—	6.25	6.35	6.65
Short Ribs	—	5.85	5.85	6.12 1/2

On Wednesday wheat was in good demand and steady. No. 2 red winter sold at 91 to 95c, No. 3 red at 90 to 91c, and No. 4 red at 73 to 81c. A fair demand existed for spring wheat on speculative and shipping account. No. 2 spring sold at 93 1/2 to 93 3/4—inside price for Rock Island elevator receipts; closed at about 93 3/4c for regular and 91 1/2c for northern. No. 3 spring sold readily, with sales at 87 to 87 1/2c. No. 4 spring sold at 80c. No. 3 white sold at 85c. Spring wheat by sample was in moderate request. Good milling wheat sold all right, but poor was dull. No. 4 spring sold at 77 to 78c for common, 80 to 82c for fair to good and 82 1/2 to 85c for choice. No. 3 spring sold at 83 to 90c. No. 3 white sold at 84 to 86c. No. 3 white sold at 78 to 80c. No. 2 spring, hard variety sold at 95 1/2c. Receipts of wheat 429 cars. The speculative grade of regular No. 2 closed the same as yesterday. Freights were at 4c wheat to Buffalo:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	93 1/2	91 1/2	—	1.01 1/2
Corn	52	44 1/2	—	42 1/2
Oats	32 1/2	31 1/2	—	32 1/2
Pork	—	8.45	11.30	11.05
Lard	—	6.17 1/2	6.30	6.60
Short Ribs	—	5.80	5.80	6.07 1/2

On Thursday wheat closed 2c lower, due to denial of report yesterday in regard to the Russian ukase prohibiting exports. Receipts, 372 cars. Closing prices:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	91 1/2	92 1/2	94	99 1/2
Corn	53	—	41 1/2	40 1/2
Oats	32 1/2	31 1/2	—	32 1/2
Pork	—	8.40	11.15	11.47 1/2
Lard	—	6.07 1/2	6.20	6.50
Short Ribs	—	5.65	5.65	5.95

On Friday a dispatch that Russian prohibition of wheat was actually decreed caused the market to open 1 to 1 1/2c higher, and at the close 1/2 of the advance had been retained. Receipts 310 cars.

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	92 1/2	93 1/2	94 1/2	1.00 1/2
Corn	55	—	42 1/2	43
Oats	33 1/2	32	—	32 1/2
Pork	—	8.45	11.30	11.62 1/2
Lard	—	6.17 1/2	6.30	6.60
Ribs	—	5.72 1/2	5.75	6.00

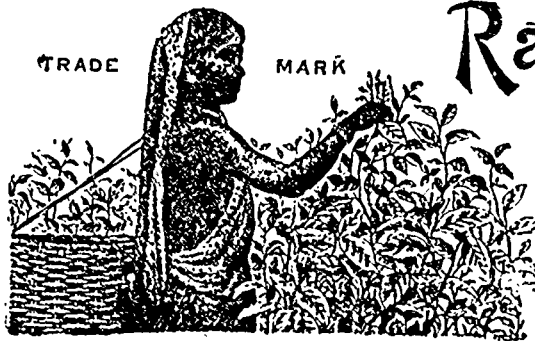
Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.

At Minneapolis, on Saturday, November 21, wheat prices closed as follows for No. 1 northern: Nov. 87 1/2c; December option, 87 1/2c; May, 95 1/2c. A week ago prices were: November 85c; December, 85c; May, 95 1/2c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

No. 1 northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week for December option: Monday, 89 1/2c; Tuesday, 90c; Wednesday, 89 1/2c; Thursday, 87 1/2c; Friday, 88 1/2c; Saturday, 89 1/2c. On Saturday (November 21) cash No. 1 northern was quoted at 89 1/2c; No. 1 hard December at 91c, and No. 1 hard November at 91 1/2c.

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Toronto Grocery Market.

Sugars, syrups and molasses—Local sugar is dull and unchanged. Granulated is going at 4½ and 5c, yellows at 3½ to 4½c for very dark to very bright, and raws at 3½ to 3¾c for fair samples of Porto Rico and Trinidad. The product of the Canadian beet refinery has come to hand and has been distributed among the trade: so far reports have been satisfactory; it is, of course, not to be compared with the granulated made by the other refiners from cane, but at the money the trade say good value is given; it now remains to hear what consumers say. The general situation in sugar is a firm one. Sugars—Granulated, 1 to 15 bbls, 5 cents; do, 15 bbls. and over, 4½c; grocers' A., 1 to 15 bbls, 4½c; do., 15 bbls. and over, 4¾c; Paris lump, boxes, 5½ to 5¾c; extra ground bbls, 5½c; do, boxes or less than bbls, 5½c; powdered bbls 5½c; do, less than bbls, 5½ to 5¾c; refined, dark to bright, 3½ to 4½c; Trinidad, raw, 3½ to 4c; Demorara, 4½ to 4¾c. Syrups—D., 2½ to 2¾c; M., 2½ to 2¾c; B., 2½ to 2¾c; V. B., 2½ to 3c; E. V B., 3 to 3½c; ex-super, 3½ to 3¾c; X.N., 3½c to 3¾c; XXX and special, 3½ to 3¾c.

Dried fruit—In both currants and Valencia raisins there is a great difference in quality and a consequent long variation in price. For good samples of ordinary Provençal and Filiatra currants in bbls, 6 to 6½c is asked, but off grades are quoted at 5½c. Figs are steady: new Malaga in bags, offer at 5c to 5½c. Valencia range from 5½ to 6½ for good to choice. Currants—Bbls, now, 5½ to 6½c; half bbls, 6 to 6½c; cases, 6½ to 6¾c; Vostizza, new, cases, 7 to 10c; Patras, bbls, 7 to 7½c; half bbls, 7½ to 7¾c; cases, 7½ to 7¾c. Raisins—Valencias, 5½ to 6½; sultanas, 10 to 13c; London layers, \$2.35 to 3.50; black baskets, \$3.50 to \$3.75; do ¼ boxes, \$1.20; blue baskets \$4 to \$4.50; finest Dehessas, \$6.50; do ¼ boxes, \$2 muscatel, 2 cr, \$2.25; do 3 cr, \$3. Figs—Flemes, 10 lbs and up, 12 to 13c. Malaga 56 lb bags, 5 to 5½c. Dates—Hallowee, 5½ to 6 cents. Nuts—Almonds, Tarragona, new, 13½c to 15c; Ivica, 14 to 15c; do shelled Valencia, 29 to 35 cents; filberts, Sicily, 10½ to 11c; walnuts, Grenobles, 16 to 17c; Marbotts, 12 to 13c; Bordeau, 12 to 12½c.

Teas and coffees—Brokers and importers have been doing a good business in teas, but retailers have bought cautiously. Values remain much about the same. Coffees are improving slightly in demand and are held steadily. All outside advices are steady and strong in tone. Prices are: Rios, 18 cents to 20c; Jamaica, 21c to 24c; Java, 27c to 32c; Mocha, 29 to 33c; Porto Rico, 25 to 28c.

Canned goods.—Fish—Salmon, One's flat, \$1.60 to \$1.70; salmon, 1's tall, \$1.35 to \$1.45; lobster, Clover leaf, \$2.95; lobster, other 1's, \$2.10 to \$2.30; mackerel, \$1 to \$1.10; sardines, French, ¼'s, 11c; sardines, French, ½'s, 17c; sardines, American, ¼'s, 6 to 8c; sardines, American, ½'s 9c. Fruits and vegetables—Tomatoes, 3's, \$1.05 to \$1.10; Corn, 2's, \$1.00 to \$1.05; corn, 3's, \$1.50 to \$1.60; peas, 2's, \$1.10 to \$1.25; beans, \$1; pumpkins, 85c to \$1; strawberries and raspberries, 2's, \$2.25 to \$2.40; peaches, 2's, \$1.90 to \$2.10; peaches, 3's, \$2.75 to \$3.50; plums, 2's, \$1.45 to \$1.65; 3's, \$2.60; pears, 2's, \$1.90 to \$2.00; pears, 3's, \$2.90 to \$3.

Rice, spices, etc.—Rice, bags, 3½ to 4½c; do., off grades, 3½ to 3¾c; do, Patna, 6½ to 6¾c; do, Japan, 4½ to 5½c; Carolina, 8 to 8½c; sago, 3½

to 4½c; tapioca, 4½ to 6c; pepper, black, 12 to 18c; do, white, 18 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 25 to 30c; cloves, 15 to 20c; allspice, 12 to 15c; nutmegs, 90c. to \$1.10; cream tartar, 25c. to 35c.—*Empire*, November 13.

Toronto Live Stock Market.

Cattle—There was a more plentiful supply of good fat cattle suitable for the export trade today, and all were in demand at from 4c to 4½c per lb. with some rather light ones going a fraction under 4c. The last boat leaves Montreal November 19, and exporters have already purchased about all that they can get space for up to that time, and were doing very little to day, except for some choice lots which suited them both as to quality and price. Tuesday's market will see the close of the export trade for the season, and that day will probably see the market glutted worse than it was to-day. There were a great many stockers in to-day of all grades, but only about half of them were sold, and only those of the better qualities. Exporters took some of the best, but mostly all were taken for the feeding stables here, paying from 3 to 3½ per lb for good to choice, and 2¾c to 3c for fair to good. A great many thin inferior animals were on the market, and the only demand for them was from farmers for barnyard feeding, and they sold down as low as 2½c per lb. A good many stockers are yet wanted for the distillery stables here and other points in Ontario, and until they are supplied there will be a moderate outlet for all really good animals, but inferior stuff will be a drug on the market. Local butchers were fair buyers, but were choice in their selections and seemed to be unwilling to pay more than 3½ per lb for the best, and ranged down from that to 2½ for inferior, with a very poor demand for the latter. Springers were wanted and scarce. Anything that could be called a springer to-day found a market at from \$35 to \$50 each. Milch cows were in fair demand at from \$30 to \$45 each. Calves were in moderate supply and all that were required. Prices remain unchanged at \$6 to \$9 each for choice, \$4 to \$6 for good to choice, and \$3 to \$4 for inferior.

Sheep and lambs—The market for sheep was firm, with all really good animals in demand. There was some export demand, and about 100 head were taken for this purpose at \$5.50 to \$6.50 per head. Local butchers bought sheep at \$4 to \$5 per head. Lambs were dull with only a moderate demand at \$2.50 to \$3.50 each. About half the lambs were left over unsold.

Hogs—The market was easier under heavier receipts, and about \$4.15 per cwt was the highest price paid, ranging from that down to \$3.75 per cwt for good straight fat animals. Stores sold at \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt, and were in very little request. Heavy rough sows and stags were not wanted, and what few were on the market were taken at \$3.25 to \$3.50 per cwt.—*Empire*, Nov. 14.

Cattle for the Experimental Farm.

Mr. Bedford of the Manitoba experimental farm at Brandon, returned from the east on Saturday's train. While east he selected fifteen head of fine cattle for the farm. Ayreshires, Holsteins, Galloways and milking strains of Shorthorns. As the beefing strains of Shorthorns have already been extensively imported and the accommodation of the farm is limited, the handling of that strain has been put off for

a time. The four head of Shorthorns comprise the cow Rose of Sydenham bred by Thos Guy, Oshawa, Ont., and is a fine large cow, with a good milking record. The other three are young animals of good pedigree. Two Ayreshires were purchased from D. Morton & Son, Hamilton, Ont., and were both imported from Hugh Taet, of Irvine, Scotland. One of them took second at Toronto this year. The bulk of this breed was bought from Cain Bros., Byron, Ont., and took first at London, Ont., this year.

The two Holstein cows were purchased from the well known herd of A. C. Hallman & Co., New Dundee, Ont. One of them took first as a two year old at both London and Toronto and the other took second at Toronto this year. The young Holstein bull was bred at the Central Experimental farm from good milking strains. The three Galloways are all from the herd of Thos. McRae, of Guelph, one of the cows, Violet III, was imported by him from Jas. Cunningham, Dabatlle, Scotland, and was a prize winner at the Highland Agricultural society show in Scotland. The other two animals are also very fine representatives of their breed.

Wheat on the Pacific Coast.

The price of wheat is higher now in this state than it ever was before, says a telegram dated Tacoma, Washington, Nov. 10. Last Saturday a firm here sold 10,000 bushels of blue stem wheat at \$1 per bushel, and 10,000 bushels of club wheat at 97c. This is the first wheat that has ever been sold in Washington at \$1.00 per bushel. The cause of the sudden rise in price is the surplus of tonnage vessels can now be chartered at 8 to 12 shillings, while last year the rate was up to 40 shillings. Farmers in Washington are now getting 40 per cent more for their wheat than they did at this time last year, and many of them are still waiting for a higher price. There will be shipped from this port this year from 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 bushels of wheat.

Business Prospects.

Business ought to be good this season in southern Manitoba. During the summer an immense number of cattle have, in this district, been purchased for export. The excellent pasturage that existed during the entire season was favorable for increasing the quantity of dairy produce and large supplies of butter have been manufactured. The marvellous yield of grain that is now in the country and the fairly good prices paid must cause large sums of money to be circulated, and although all the wheat may not be of the highest grade, much is of fair quality and a great deal is excellent. The unusually large crop of good, plump oats now in the province, should direct attention to the lack of oatmeal mills in Manitoba. Could the surplus supply of oats be made into meal, suitable for export, the amount of money that would be realized would be much greater.—*Pilot Mound Sentinel*.

British Cattle Markets.

A cable dated Liverpool Nov. 16, says: "The markets here are stronger for cattle; but the range is not notably changed. The Canadian cattle arrived too late for this market and were sold at Birkenhead. The range was as follows: Finest steers, 12c; good to choice, 10½c; poor to medium, 9½c; inferior and bulls, 7 to 8½c.

Eastern Business Changes.

ONTARIO.

Samuel May, hotel, Sudbury, has assigned.
 W. J. Barr, shoes, Hawkesbury, has assigned.
 C. Pearce, dry goods, Leamington, has sold out.
 Singer Bros., dry goods, Toronto, have assigned.
 Louis Gratton, undertaker, Ottawa, has assigned.
 John Chester, general store, Widder, has assigned.
 Glavo Bros., general store, Lamhask, have assigned.
 Daniel Barrett, grocer, etc., Alexandria, has assigned.
 W. D. Folkin, furniture, etc., Toronto, has assigned.
 Strachan Shoe Co., Toronto Junction, have assigned.
 S. S. Young, wholesale grocer, Trenton, has assigned.
 S. Wigle & Son, general store, Leamington, has assigned.
 J. W. Gilpin, hotel, Bobcaygeon, was burned out; insured.
 John Stinson, general store, Singhampton, has assigned.
 S. F. Fullerton, carriagemaker, Owen Sound, has assigned.
 E. Leask & Co., mens' furnishings, Hamilton, have assigned.
 Grant & Co., hats, etc., Toronto; meeting of creditors held.
 N. H. Young & Bro., hardware, Orangeville, have sold out.
 T. H. Taylor & Co., millers, etc., Chatham, Taylor is dead.
 C. B. Griffin, flour and feed, Norwood, has moved to Havelock.
 B. Doran & Co., dry goods, Kingston, are retiring from business.
 Hammill & Davidson sawmill and lumber, Barrie, have dissolved.
 J. W. Dill, general store, Bracebridge, has moved stock to Moosomin.
 Fergus Park, general store, N. Buxton, stock advertised for sale by trustee.
 Upper Canada Furniture Co., Bowmanville; stock advertised for sale by tender.
 A. Swartout & Son, grocers, Toronto, have dissolved—style now Swartout & Co.
 C. J. Thomas, grocer, Toronto; stock advertised for sale on the 17th of November by trustee.
 Batchelor & Morse, general store, Leamington, have dissolved, and Batchelor continues alone.
 Staples, Anderson & Co., general store, Victoria Road, have dissolved; R. A. Anderson continues alone.
 Wm. Paterson, wholesale confectionery, Brantford, has admitted Wm. Ferrier into partnership—style now W. Paterson & Son.

QUEBEC.

Cyr & Frere, shoes, Montreal, have assigned.
 Harris Minkouskie, trader, Montreal, has assigned.
 L. P. Methot, general store, Fraserville, has assigned.
 D. F. Bedard, general store, Richmond, has assigned.
 Picard & Chevalier, dry goods, Joliette, have assigned.

Auguste Bordeau, dry goods, Montreal, has assigned.

D. Desjardins & Co., tailors, Montreal, have assigned.

L. Julras, general store, Richmond, has compromised.

Abraham Blondeau, general store, Black Lake has assigned.

J. A. Savard, jeweler, Fraserville, is offering compromise.

James Methot, general store, Grand Riviere, has assigned.

A. E. Lamalico & Co., dry goods, Montreal, have assigned.

Adolard Delage & Co., grocers, Montreal, have dissolved.

E. Falardeau & Frere, curriers, Quebec, offering compromise.

F. Forest & Co., dry goods, Joliette, meeting of the creditors 13th inst.

J. L. Roberge, general store, Thetford Mines, held meeting of creditor.

Gedeon Lalond, general store and baker, Co. teau du Lac, has assigned.

Stanislas Robitaille, wholesale stationery, twines, etc., Montreal, has assigned.

Pierre Peltier, manufacturer agricultural implements, St. Guillaume, has assigned.

Montreal Lumber Co., Montreal. R. C. Carter has ceased doing business under this style.

John Sloan & Son, manufacturer boots and shoes, Montreal. G. & J. J. have been admitted partners under style of John Sloan & Sons.

NOVA SCOTIA.

A. B. Stronach, flour, etc., Margaretville, is dead.

McLellan & Black, lumber, West Brook, have dissolved.

A. Frame & Son, general store, Maitland, have assigned.

T. E. McLean, mill, Truro, has sold mill to Spencer Bios. and Turnor.

A. J. Johnstone, confectionery, etc., Weymouth, has sold out to E. C. Neily.

Bessonett & Wilson, wholesale carriage hardware, Halifax. R. S. Bessonett of this firm is dead.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

John Sharp, carpenter, St. John, is dead.

W. D. Walker, hemlock bark, Moncton, has assigned.

J. R. Tupper, undertaker, Woodstock, has assigned.

Norman Harris, boots and shoes, Fredericton, has assigned.

Jos. Read & Co., grindstones, Stonehaven, have assigned.

Frank Roderick, jewelry, St. John, has closed up here and moved to the United States.

Mrs. Maude Thompson, boots and shoes, St. John; stock sold off at auction and business closed.

Freight Rates.

The Minneapolis *Northwestern Miller* of Nov. 13th, says—"The lines running via Duluth and West Superior have all stopped taking flour, and shipments are now going via Milwaukee and Chicago and Green Bay, the Lackawanna still receiving via the latter port. The capacity even via these three routes is limited and may be curtailed at any time. It is thought by Nov. 25 all the lake lines will practically be out of the market. The across-lake lines will then afford the cheapest rates, though 6c per bbl

higher than the lake-and-rail rates now in force. Ocean rates are steadily advancing every day, and millers feel that there will be a reaction after awhile, when they will be able to get room at cheaper rates than now prevail. The lowest rates obtainable Wednesday were: To London, 54½c; Liverpool, 55c; Glasgow, 59½c. This is per 100 lbs through from Minneapolis, for immediate shipment."

The Chicago *Trade Bulletin*, of Nov. 16th, in its weekly review says:—"Quite a good demand prevailed on freights during the past week, and the feeling was strong. Rates ruled higher by most routes. Considerable property being forwarded to the seaboard markets and to the interior. All rail rates were well maintained on the basis of 20c flour and grain, and 30c provisions to New York. Lake and rail freights were in active request and rates were stronger and higher on the basis of 20c flour, 9½c wheat and 9½c corn to New York, 9½c wheat and 8½c corn to Philadelphia, and 8½c wheat and 8½c corn to Baltimore. New England rates quotable at 11c corn and 7c oats. Through rates to Liverpool were in moderate request and firmer in a general way, and rates ruled higher, quotable at 43½ to 43¾c flour, 42 to 42¾c grain and 58½ to 63¾c provisions according to route. Oats to London quotable at 17 to 18c per bus. Lake freights were in good steady demand throughout the week, with a fair supply of vessels offering. Rates were firmer and higher to Buffalo, closing at 4½c wheat and 4c corn."

Brandon Farmers Market.

Wheat—A fair volume coming in during the past week. The highest price paid yesterday was 72c a bushel, but the sample that brought that price was really good. The greater part that was sold during the week did not go over 60 cents a bushel.

Oats—Owing to low prices very few loads coming in. From 20 to 22 cents a bushel is the highest that can now be obtained.

Barley—Little coming in and the highest we have seen paid was 25c a bushel.

Cattle—A good enquiry for fairly good handling animals. At present our butchers are depending on a supply from the west for their winter stock. Prices range all the way from 2 to 2½c a lb.

Sheep and lambs—Still enquired after and readily bring from 5 to 5½c a lb.

Dressed hogs are now in request and are selling from 6 to 6½c a lb. In this class of goods the demand is away beyond the delivery, in fact so much so, that dealers have been compelled to send to Ontario for supplies.

Poultry—All kinds are still scarce and command high prices. Any where from 11 to 15c a lb may be quoted as the price of really well dressed birds.

Butter—Is still getting scarcer and good rolls are now at a premium. We saw a basket of very nice prints sold yesterday at as high a figure as 20c a lb. The figures quoted to us however are from 16 to 18c a lb.

Eggs—Still scarce and those that have really good fresh can almost command any reasonable prices they may ask.

Potatoes—Are very scarce and as high as 40 cents a bushel has been asked by those who had a few bushels in. They are retailing now at 60c a bushel.

Hay—Hay has been in fair supply and sold at from \$6 to \$8 a ton.—*Times*, Nov. 19.

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Toronto Markets.

Flour—Was firmly held and met with a fair demand at slightly better prices than could be obtained early in the week.

Bran—Firm and higher. Local mills have advanced prices 50c per ton, to \$14 for broken lots here.

Wheat—Quiet with light offerings and an easier market on all grades excepting Ontario spring, which is firm and in demand. There were sales of the latter at 94c north and west and on the Midland at 90c straight weights being in both cases the basis. Some standard white sold north and west freights at 91c, and bids of 93c were made for straight weights. A number of cars of Manitoba sold by sample, No. 2 hard sold at \$1.04, and choice No. 3 at \$1.

Barley—Firm and in good demand, though prices are irregular. For the lower grades of good weight the British demand was strong, but choice bright was quiet. No. 3 was bought by exporters at 44 to 47c, and No. 3 extra at 46c, 46½, 47 and 48c, all outside. For No. 2 the best bid reported was 50c.

Sales on track were reported at 36c, and west at 33c. Manitoba white offered at 38c to arrive; 38c was bid North Bay, with sellers at 39c to arrive.

Grain and Flour—Car prices are: Flour (Toronto freights)—Manitoba patents, \$5 30 to \$5.50; Manitoba strong bakers', \$1.00 to \$5.10; Ontario patents, \$4 35 to \$4.40; straight roller, \$4.25 to \$4.30; extra, \$4 to \$4.10; low grades, \$2 to \$3.75. Bran—\$13 50 to \$14. Shorts—\$14 to \$15. Wheat—White, 96 to 97c; spring, 94 to 95c; red winter, 93 to 97c; goose, 85 to 86c; No. 1 hard, \$1.06 to \$1.09; No. 2 hard \$1.04 to \$1.05; No. 3 hard, 98 to \$1. Peas—No. 2, 65 to 67c. Barley—No. 1, 56 to 57c; No. 2, 53 to 54c; No. 3 extra, 51 to 53c; No. 3, 49 to 50c. Corn—70 to 71c. Buckwheat—52c. Rye—90 to 92c. Oats—35 to 36c.

Dried apples—Offerings not so large; lots sold at 4 to 4½ delivered here, and dealers resold at 4½ to 5c. Evaporated quiet; only a few selling; odd boxes are going out of store at 7½ to 8c; cars of prime offered outside at 60 f.o.b.

Poultry and game—Receipts of poultry were fair, but the demand was very active and prices were firm. Ducks were sold at 60 to 75c a pair; geese, 7c per lb, and chickens at 69 to 60c a pair. Game unchanged; partridges plentiful and easy at 40c; there were also liberal receipts of venison, which sold at 9 to 10c for haunches; 2 to 3c for fores, and 5 to 6c for the carcasses.

Hogs and provisions—Dressed hogs were quiet to-day, receipts being light and the demand not heavy. Prices were steady. Market hogs were taken by the packers at \$5 to \$5.75, according to weight, top prices being for heavy carcasses. Rail lots to arrive were bought at \$5.60 for desirable packing weights; on the spot consignments were credited up at \$5 to \$5.62. Quotations are: Mess pork, United States, \$14 to \$14.50; short cut, \$16 to \$16.50; bacon, long clear, per lb, 8 to 8½; lard, Canada, tubs and pails, 9½ to 10½; compound do., 8½ to 9c; smoked meats—hams, per lb, now, 11 to 11½; bellies, per lb, 10½ to 12c; rolls, per lb, 8½ to 9c; backs, per lb, 10 to 11c; dressed hogs, \$5 to \$5.75 per cwt.

Fruits—Apples are coming in freely, and find a ready sale at \$1.50 to \$2 50 per bbl. Pears are somewhat scarce, and Duchess varieties are

firmer, selling at \$3 to \$3.25 per bbl. Grapes are selling slowly at unchanged prices, with light offerings. Sweet potatoes are easier, and are meeting with a fair request at \$2.50 to \$3. Prices are: Apples, per bbl, \$1.50 to \$2.50; pears, common, 30 to 40c per basket; Duchess, per bbl, \$3 to \$3.35; grapes, per lb, Niagaras, 3 to 4c; Concord, 2½ to 3c; Malagas, \$5 to \$5.50 per bbl; Catawaba, 6 to 7c per lb; sweet potatoes, per lb, Jerseys, \$2.50 to \$3; cranberries, \$8.50 to \$9 per bbl; \$3 to \$3.25 per box; Spanish onions, \$1 to \$1.10 per crate; pineapples, 12 to 18c each.

Dairy produce—Butter receipts were larger to-day and prices were rather easier. Demand is dull. It has been falling off lately owing to the liberal shipments from the country direct to the retail trade here. The consumptive demand is also lighter, many families having put in a winter's supply from the country. Today's tubs sold from 15 to 19c and rolls at 15 to 17c. Low grades quiet; not many offered and not many wanted. Cheese—Quiet and unchanged. Quotations are: Butter, good to choice northern and western, 17 to 19c; dairy, medium to good, 15 to 16c; common, 10 to 14c; creamery, tubs, 25 to 26c; rolls, 28 to 29c. Cheese, 10 to 10½c.

Hides—Are dull and feeling weak. Chicago is now down to 5c for choice buff, and leather in the States has not been so low for 40 years. Eastern tanners are asking for offers at 5c, but they do not say they will accept even that figure. Local dealers ask 5½c, but cannot sell at that price again. They are buying green at 4½c, but are not inclined to further reduce prices unless the present low quotations continue. Quotations are: Hides—Cured, 5½c; green steers, 60 lbs and up, No. 1, 5c; do, steers, 60 lbs and up, No. 2, 4c; do, steers, 60 lbs and up, No. 3, 3c; do, cows, No. 1, 4½c; do, cows, No. 2, 3½c; do, cows, No. 3, 2½c. Skins—Pelts and lambskins, 90c; veal, 8 lbs and up, No. 1, 7c; do, 6 lbs and up, green, No. 2, 5c; do, 3 lbs and up, cured, 8 to 9c.

Wool—Fleece, unwashed, 10 to 12c; rejects, 13 to 16c; combing, 18 to 19c; clothing, 20 to 21c; do, pure down, 22 to 24c; pulled, super, 22 to 23c; do, extra, 26 to 28c.—*Empire*, Nov. 14.

United States Corn and Potato Crop.

The statistical returns of the Washington Department of Agriculture for November, deal with corn and potatoes and make the corn crop one of the largest in volume and slightly above the average of 26 bushels per acre. Condition has not been very high at any period of its growth, but it has been quite uniform, with no record of more than 10 per cent of disabilities from all causes. Frosts made early threats of disaster, and then delayed their appearance through the entire month of September, which was warm and forcing, drying out soft corn and shrivelling the immature growths. The result is a well-ripened crop, somewhat variable in quality. The eastern and western ends of the corn belt—Ohio, Iowa and Nebraska—gave somewhat better yields than Indiana and Illinois or Missouri and Kansas. Much of the crop is yet in the shock, and its condition and rate of yield may be somewhat better known after garnering and marketing. Yet it is evident that the product will be not less than 2,000,000,000 bushels, or 31 bushels per unit of population.

The October condition of potatoes has only been equalled once since 1880, and the average yield according to these preliminary estimates has not been surpassed in the past ten years. It averages 93.9 bushels per acre. The warm weather in September dried out the soil and checked the incipient potato rot which was threatened after the rains of August so effectually that it is scarcely reported except in Pennsylvania, some counties in southern New York and certain districts in New Jersey. Quality is generally reported good except in regions infested by rot.

Wheat Stocks.

On the 7th inst. the total available stocks of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky mountains, as reported to *Bradstreet's*, were 54,213,356 bushels, or 12,909,191 bushels more than were reported on a like date in November, 1890. The increase of stocks east of the Rocky mountains for the week ended November 7 was 3,638,902 bushels.

On the Pacific coast the increase of stocks of wheat reported amounted to 199,502 bushels, or for both coasts a total increase of 3,838,494 bushels. In the first week of November, 1890, the increase of available wheat stocks east of the Rocky mountains was 3,365,406 bushels, nearly as much as last week, but on the Pacific coast it was 678,734 bushels, more than three times what it was last week, a total of 4,544,140 bushels for both coasts in the week one year ago.

The significance of this lies in the fact that, notwithstanding the exports of wheat (including flour) from both coasts of the United States for the ten weeks under consideration aggregated about 44,000,000 bushels, as against about 14,000,000 bushels in the corresponding ten weeks of 1890, an increase in this year over last of 30,000,000 bushels, yet the increases of available stocks of wheat (Canada included) were about 18,000,000 bushels more in the ten weeks of 1891 than in 1890.

Wheat Prices in England.

The Miller, of Nov. 2, gives the following values for principal varieties of wheat, in the London market:

	Prices Nov. 3, 1890.	Prices Nov. 2, 1891.
English Wheat	1890.	1891.
Kent or Essex, white, new	33s 39s	40s 45s
" " red, new	31s 37s	39s 43s
Old, white	36s 41s	40s 45s
Old, red	34s 38s	40s 42s
Norfolk, white	35s 37s	40s 43s
Norfolk, red	32s 36s	39s 42s
"Rivets"	30s 31s	37s 38s
Imported wheat		
American—Duluth	40s 6 41s 6	44s 46s
" No. 2 spring	37s 6 38s	43s 44s
" red winter wheat	37s 38s	43s 44s
Californian and Oregon	37s 6 38s	44s 45s
" " red	36s 37s	42s 43s
Canadian	37s 38s	43s 45s
Chilian	none	42s 43s
Australian	38s 40s	43s 46s
New Zealand	37s 38s	42s 46s
Bombay, white	34s 37s 6	41s 46s
" " red	32s 6 33s	37s 39s
Calcutta, white	34s 37s	40s 43s
" " red	31s 6 33s	38s 40s
Karachi	31s 35s	38s 40s
Persian	30s 37s	36s 40s
Dantzic	36s 40s	42s 45s
Danubian and Roumanian	33s 35s	39s 41s
Konigsberg, Rostock, etc	36s 39s	42s 45s
Hungarian	35s 38s	42s 45s
Azima	33s 37s	40s 43s
Petersburg	33s 36s	40s 42s
Saxonska	36s 38s	42s 43s
Sebastopol	35s 39s	40s 43s
Odessa, Ghirka	33s 36s	39s 42s
Taganrog	33s 36s	39s 42s
Rubanka	34s 36s	none

English wheats are quoted per 504 pounds, and imported per 496 pounds.

Grain and Milling.

The farmers' elevator at Morden, Man., has been completed. It is the largest elevator in Morden.

It has finally been decided to hold an international exhibition of milling machinery in London, England at the agricultural exhibition in July next.

Geo. Rogers, who operated the mill at McGregor, Man., last year, has taken the mill at Carberry for this season. He has formed a partnership with W. Blackador of Winnipeg, under the style of Geo. Rogers & Co.

Duluth, Minnesota, is getting to be a big milling centre. The correspondent of the *Northwestern Miller* says:—"It has come to be quite the thing of late for the Duluth mills to break some record each week. They turned out 18,448 bbls. flour for the week ended Nov. 7, breaking all previous records, with an average daily production of 3,075 bbls. The Imperial mill made another record for a single day's production, grinding 2,830 bbls last Tuesday. This amount of flour was turned out by machinery that was put in to grind 1,500 barrels."

The week ended Nov. 7 marked Duluth's record of receipts and shipments of wheat another peg higher says the correspondent of the *Northwestern Miller*. Nothing like it was ever known before and the brightest visions of Duluth's past dreamers are being realized. The total receipts for the week were 4,508 cars, or 2,779,908 bus. The shipments were 2,338,333 bus wheat. Besides this, 3,441 bus barley were received and 23,829 bus shipped; 41,855 bus flour received and 68,000 bus shipped and 3,550 bus rye received.

The grain section of the Toronto board of trade, after considering the proposition of the Grand Trunk railway to charge half a cent per bushel for elevating peas and wheat and a quarter of a cent for barley and oats, decided to ask the Railway to accept a quarter of a cent all round and make it compulsory for all grain for delivery here to be weighed. The members further suggested that the Government appoint a weigher and gauger who will superintend weighing and elevating, for which twenty-five cents per car would be paid. This would secure an official who would be independent of both the grain trade and railway. The Grand Trunk will consider the matter.

A party at Port Arthur, Ontario, writing to the *London Miller*, says that place is prepared to give a bonus of \$5,000 for a roller mill of 200 barrels capacity. He sent the *Miller* a sample of wheat grown at Port Arthur, which the *Miller* says in a foot note, was valued on the Mark Lane Corn Exchange, at 46 shillings per quarter. The Port Arthur correspondent further says that 10,000 bushels of wheat could be grown in one of the townships adjoining Port Arthur. This quantity however, would not amount to much, as it would be less than two days' grinding for a 200 barrel mill, and would be only equal to what is taken in from farmers, at any one of a number of country points in Manitoba, in a single day.

Montreal Hardware Market.

Iron.—It has been an extremely quiet week, and we have no sales of anything at all to note. The high freights have effectually checked any desire for business at the moment, but as the

supplies in consumers' hands work off some demand is expected. Quotations are not changed in any particular. Edgington could be moved at \$20, Carnbroe, \$19, and Summerlee and equal brands, \$21 to \$22.

Bar iron—There is no news at all about bar iron which rules nominally \$1.85 from makers and \$2 in the ordinary way.

Sheet iron, etc.—Sheets, hoops and bands, and other similar lines have furnished no business. For sheet iron up to No. 20 \$2.60 is asked; for the higher numbers proportionate increases have to be given.

Tin plates—The demand from canners having subsided, there is no call for tin plate. Cokes rule easy at \$3.60 to \$3.75, and charcoal \$4.25 to \$4.50.

Terne plates—Terne plate has little or no sale in a wholesale way, and we quote \$7.75 to \$8.25 according to grade.

Canada plates—Business in Canada plate is unimportant, and prices are unchanged from \$2.65 to \$2.75.

Copper, lead, etc.—Copper is dull and nominal. Tin is unchanged and the same can be said of galvanized and zinc sheets.

Nails.—There is nothing to say about the nail market, the nominal idea still being \$2.00 to \$2.15; but makers are moving goods for less.

Oils—There is little or no business doing in oils except in a small way for actual requirements. Linseed is easy at 60 to 64c for unboiled the others are unchanged. Cod, Newfoundland, 40 to 45c; seal, steam refined, 47½ to 50c; linseed, raw, 60c; linseed, boiled, 62c to 64c; castor oil, 9½ to 10c; cod liver oil, Norway, 95 to \$1.15.

Glass—There is no change in glass, which is quiet, and we quote \$1.35 to \$1.40 for first and second grades.

Leads—Leads rule quiet and unchanged. We quote: Choice, 6 to 6½c; No. 1, \$5.50; No. 2, \$5; No. 3, \$4.50; dry white, 6c; red ditto, 4½c.—*Gazette*.

British Grain Trade.

The *Mark Lane Express* of Nov. 16, in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: "English wheats sell at an average rise of 1s. Several provincial markets held out for an advance of 1s. 6d. Foreign wheats are strongly held under the belief that the prohibition of the export of wheat from Russia is imminent, and there has been a general rise of 2s. California is quoted at 47s, American red winter at 42s., fine white Indian at 44s, and Russian at 42s 6d. Corn is firm. American oats are held at 21s, 6d, and barley, beans and peas are in sellers' favor. At to day's markets prices were just maintained. Foreign wheats were 6d lower. Flour was weak, and American corn declined 3d, while barley and oats were neglected at unchanged prices. Flax seed, rye and pulse were dull."

Toronto Dry Goods Trade.

The report for this week varies but very little from that of the last two or three weeks. A very fair sorting-up trade is being done both through travellers on the road and through the wholesale houses. Preparations are being made and approaching completion to place before the retail trade of this country samples of several lines of Canadian manufactured goods for the spring trade, which it is assured are the most

attractive yet offered by Canadian manufactures. This very early showing of spring goods may be considered injudicious and not an advantage to either buyers and sellers, for a retail house at the present moment can be in a position to know what the probable requirements of the trade will demand for the spring of 1892, but competition is forcing the samples on the road, and there is no doubt but that a certain amount of trade will be done, and as prices remain pretty firm in all departments on the score of value, no more take will be made in ordering now. Reports from all hands say that money has come in freely during the past week and little or no complaint either upon the grounds of want of business or unprofitable turnover of goods is heard of.—*Empire*.

Montreal Cattle Markets.

At the East End abattoir at Montreal on Monday, Nov. 16, there was quite a brisk trade early in the day; but the butchers were not long in filling their wants. The supply of fair to good butchers' cattle was larger than for some weeks, and while the choicest stock did not bring such high figures the prices obtained were on the whole more satisfactory. One shipper brought over 100 head of nice heifers at prices ranging from 3½c to 3¾c per lb., and stockers were sold for feeding in Canada and Scotland at 2½c to 3c. The best butchers' cattle sold at about 4c, 3½c to 4c being the range for the best offering, while the inferior stuff sold down as low as 2c. Good lambs sold freely at \$3 to \$4; but the offerings of this class were small, the majority being of inferior quality. Sheep ranged in price from \$3 to \$5. Calves sold freely at \$4 to \$12 each, and lean hogs at \$3 to \$10 each.—*Gazette*.

Northwest Ontario.

J. A. Smith, furniture dealer, Port Arthur, has assigned.

Navigation is closed for the season on the Lake of the Woods. The *Shamrock* arrived at Keewatin on Nov. 14 from Fort Frances, the last boat of the season. Nearly all are now in winter quarters. Camp supplies are distributed, and good ice will soon be welcome.

A Fort William item, of November 15 says: The elevators, though taxed to their working capacity, are unable to unload all cars of wheat arriving here, and by doing extra time could get through almost double the number of cars now arriving, which is on an average of 160 cars per day. Work on the "Annex" is being pushed along rapidly, and in another ten weeks will be ready for the reception of grain.

Engineers have begun a survey of the water power on the westerly outlet of the Lake of the Woods at Keewatin. It is rumored that an immense dam will be built below the lower falls to concentrate the power from which water will be supplied to mills as required. This will be a gigantic enterprise, and now that the west is raising its millions of bushels of wheat this place may easily rival in its flour product the far-famed mills of Minneapolis. Already "Keewatin flour," the product of the Keewatin mill, is known and appreciated throughout Canada, and in Canada, and in the markets of Great Britain such is the demand that the output is seventy-five car loads behind the sales.

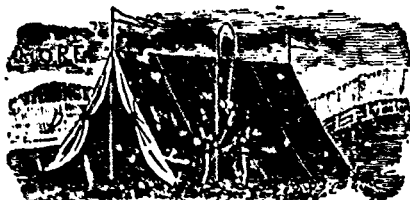
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Montreal Markets.

Flour—It now looks as if the market had touched bottom for the season, as under a good local demand prices have moved up 5 to 10c all round. A leading miller has placed a considerable amount of strong bakers for delivery during the next two weeks at \$5.10, which is an advance of 10c on the week. He has also placed large quantities of straight rollers at \$5 to be delivered at points in the Eastern Townships. The lowest price of straight rollers in this market is now \$4.70, some holders refusing to sell under \$4.75. Patent, winter, \$5.05 to \$5.30, patent, spring, \$5.15 to \$5.35; straight roller, \$4.70 to \$4.85; extra, \$4.40 to \$4.55; superfine, \$4.00 to \$4.25; fine, \$3.50 to \$3.75; city strong bakers, \$5.10; Manitoba bakers, \$4.60 to \$5.00; Ontario bags—extra, \$2.10 to \$2.20; superfine, \$2.00 to \$2.10.

Oatmeal, etc.—The market continues firm with an upward tendency in prices, in sympathy with the advance in oats. We quote: Granulated and rolled oats, \$4.30 to \$4.40 per barrel, and \$2.15 per bag; standard and fine oatmeal, \$4.20 to \$4.25 per barrel, and bags \$2.05 to \$2.10. Pot barley \$4.15. Pearl barley No. 1, \$7.25 per barrel.

Wheat—Quite a lot of Ontario wheat has been shipped to England, on the basis of \$1.04 to \$1.05 here. No. 2 Manitoba hard wheat, is quoted at \$1.06 to \$1.07, and No. 3 do at 97c to 98c.

Mill Feed—Ontario bran \$14 to \$14.50 as to quality and quantity; shorts, \$16 to \$17; middlings, \$19 to \$20, and moulee \$22 to \$25.

Oats—The market is firm, sales of car lots having been made at 36½c to 37c per 34 lbs, some holders refusing to sell at the outside figure.

Barley—The market is firm and higher, No. 3 being quoted at 55c to 56c, and No. 3 extra at 57c to 58c, and No. 2 at 60c to 62c. Feed barley 48 to 52c.

Cured Meats—Canada short cut mess pork, per bbl., \$16 to \$17; mess pork, American, per bbl., \$14.50 to \$15; extra mess beef, per bbl., \$14.50 to \$15; hams, city cured, per lb., 10½ to 11c; lard, pure in pails, per lb., 9½ to 10c; lard, compound in pails, per lb., 7½ to 7¾c; bacon, per lb., 9½ to 10c; shoulders, per lb., 8½ to 9c.

Dressed Hogs—We hear the sale of a car to arrive for this market at \$5.75 f.o.b. west of Toronto, which is equal to \$6.10 here; the sale has also been reported of a car at \$5.75 laid down here, and we quote jobbing lots at \$6 per 100 lbs. Packers, however, say they cannot cut up hogs at these prices.

Eggs—Selected fresh stock has sold at 17 to 18c, with limed selling at 15 to 16c. Country limed stock has sold at 14½ to 15c. The export demand keeps up splendidly.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys 9 to 10c; chickens 5½ to 7c; geese 5 to 6c and ducks 8 to 9c per lb. It is expected that a good demand will be experienced soon for the English market.

Cheese—The general tenor of the market since our last report has been one of improvement, with a increase of orders from the other side for finest goods, the sale of a lot of 1,047 boxes occurring yesterday on this market at 10½c, a few lots of underpriced goods having been picked up at 9½c to 10c. As we go to press there is a much firmer feeling, 10½c to 10 3/16c having been paid at Brockville.

Butter—A good steady business has been accomplished for export account at firm prices, 23½c to 24c having been paid for choice late made creamery, but holders are now asking 25c for October made, and we quote 23c to 24½c. Eastern Township dairy is scarce especially for fine fall ends, and prices may be quoted at 19c to 21c, and the same for good to choice Morrisburg. Western is steady at 15c to 17c, and Kamoraska at 16c to 16½c. The English market keeps very firm with advancing prices.

Apples—All offerings this week were readily disposed of at \$2.00 to \$2.10 for fair to good winter varieties. Evaporated apples.—The sale of a round lot was made at 6c per lb laid down here but the quality was not good. Car lots of good fruit are offered at 6c f.o.b. in the West which is equal to about 6½c laid down here, and we quote jobbing lots 6½ to 7c per lb. Dried apples steady at 4½c to 5c per lb as to quantity and quality.

Hides—No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; No. 3, 3c; tanners pay 1c more; lambskins, 75c; calfskins, 7c.—*Trade Bulletin*, Nov. 13th.

Coalescing Implement Companies.

It is but a few months since the announcement was made that the large Canadian implement manufacturing companies of A. Harris, Son & Co., and the Massey Manufacturing company, would be amalgamated, under the name of Massey Harris company. The amalgamation of these companies was effected on the first of the present month. Very recently the announcement was made that the implement manufacturing concerns of Patterson Bros. & Co. and J.O. Wisner, Sons & Co. had been merged in one corporation, under the name of the Patterson-Wisner Company. Last week the surprising announcement was made, that negotiations had been concluded for the amalgamation of the new companies of Massey-Harris and Patterson-Wisner, thus forming one stupendous implement manufacturing concern. The different factories will be used each for a special line of implements, and by the fusion of so much capital in one concern, it is expected that the company will be enabled to turn out a superior class of implements, at a lower cost. It is stated that the new company will be in a position to place its manufactures upon the market for next season, at considerably lower prices than have heretofore ruled.

The effect of the union will be to considerably reduce the implement agencies throughout the country. Instead of three or four agencies at each country point, but one will now be necessary. Fewer men will therefore be necessary as agents, competition will be reduced, to the advantage of the farmers as well as the dealers, and a large amount of capital invested in country warehouses will be released. In Manitoba this year competition with imported implements has been quite keen, and the union of these strong concerns should enable the new company to compete on very advantageous terms with any outside manufacturers.

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