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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 1, 1888.

J. L. POWELL, stationery, Winnipeg, has sold out.

W. W. PHILLIP, blacksmith, Winnipeg, offers business for sale.

G. FARRELL & Co., dealers in furs, Winnipeg, have closed out business.

N. H. JACKSON, druggist, Winnipeg, is opening a branch at Stonewall.

THE estate of Saul Bros., contractors, Winnipeg, is being closed out under mortgages.

J. S. DOUGLAS & Co., boots and shoes, Winnipeg, have added furs to their business.

BOYD & Co., gunsmiths, Winnipeg, are packing up stock and will remove it to Montreal next month.

J. D. BURT & Co., dealers in sewing machines, etc., Winnipeg, have changed firm name to Jas. Haddock & Co.

THE balance of the clothing and gents' furnishing stock of the J. L. Coltart estate, Winnipeg, has been sold to J. K. McLennan.

McLACHLIN & SPEARE, general storekeepers, Treherne, have dissolved partnership; business continued by McLachlin, under style of McLachlin & Co.

THE exhibit of grain, vegetables, etc., sent by the Regina board of trade to the Provincial Exhibition at Kingston, Ont., has called forth a great amount of favorable comment from eastern newspapers. One report says: "The exhibits of the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, attracted much attention, but the palm is borne by the exhibit of products of Regina district sent by the board of trade.

VANETTERY has opened a lumber yard in this city.

TWENTY-EIGHT thousand pounds of binding twine have been sold at Regina this season.

PETER MITCHELL, blacksmith, Neepawa, Man., has given up business and gone farming.

ISAAC ERIKKILA has purchased the Windsor hotel, Port Arthur, and will open the house for the reception of guests.

W. PARRISH & W. J. LINDSAY, of Brandon, have formed a partnership for the purchase of wheat and all kinds of farm produce.

CHANGES in the Torrens' land act, similar to those made in the act in Manitoba, will be adopted in the Territories, it is said.

LAWLOR'S store at Killarney, Man., has been brick veneered, and is now one of the finest store buildings in that part of the province.

THE Mutual Insurance Co. formed a short time ago at Portage la Prairie, Man., has made formal application for a charter of incorporation.

JOHN WAKE, of Minnedosa, Man., has several carloads of hogs, sheep and cattle ready for shipment. He has experienced some difficulty in obtaining cars.

MCCURDY & TUCKER'S new foundry at Moosomin, Assa., is now almost complete. The engines and lathes are fixed and nearly ready for working.

D. C. CAMPBELL & THOS. HARKNESS, horse dealers and importers, the former at Calgary and the latter located at Brandon, have dissolved partnership.

THE prize list of the Indian Head, Assa., agricultural society has been issued. It is well classified and the prizes amount to \$800 in addition to a challenge cup, valued at \$100. The show is fixed for Oct. 5th.

ELSEWHERE in our columns will be found a report of the delegates from the Winnipeg board of trade to St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth markets, regarding the manner of working the call boards and inspection and grading of grain at those points.

EDMONTON Bulletin:—Crops are good at Victoria this season and are now nearly all harvested. L. Thompson has a field of oats which will yield 100 bushels to the acre. There has been no injury whatever from frost. Victoria is on the most northerly bend of the North Saskatchewan River, and is five degrees north of the U. S. boundary line. Farming has been carried on in this settlement since 1861.

THERE are some country merchants in Manitoba who do succeed in business, and one of them is W. F. Scarth, general merchant of Virden, who has sold out his business to J. J. Dunlop, late of Smith & Dunlop, Winnipeg. Mr. Scarth holds the position of postmaster at Virden, and that and looking after some property he has amassed, he thinks will be employment enough for him in the future.

RAT PORTAGE News: The creditors of J. B. Davies, general merchant, Norman, met on Tuesday last, when it was decided to accept fifty cents on the dollar and put in a receiver. The estate valued at \$5,600 and the liabilities at \$5,400. \$1,200 of the assets is in book debts and of the liabilities about \$1,200 secured by mortgage.

W. T. WALKER & Co., job printers, Winnipeg, offer to sell out.

SEVERAL train loads of cattle from the Alberta ranges have recently passed eastward over the C.P.R.

CUTTLE & MURPHY have commenced business at Rapid City, Man., in the hardware and tinsmithing branches.

J. C. McLEOD, of Killarney, Man., is building an extension to his blacksmith shop and also building an addition for his carriage building department.

ARCHIBALD McNEE, formerly connected with the Winnipeg Free Press, has purchased the Record, a paper published at Windsor, Ont., and will assume charge at once.

A CONSIDERABLE number of horses have been brought into Manitoba and the Territories this season from British Columbia in car lots. They come principally from the Kamloops district.

THE last issue of the Dominion Mechanical and Milling News, of Toronto, was a special holiday number, prepared for distribution at the Toronto exhibition. The paper was handsomely illustrated, and contained a number of contributed and other articles of an interesting nature.

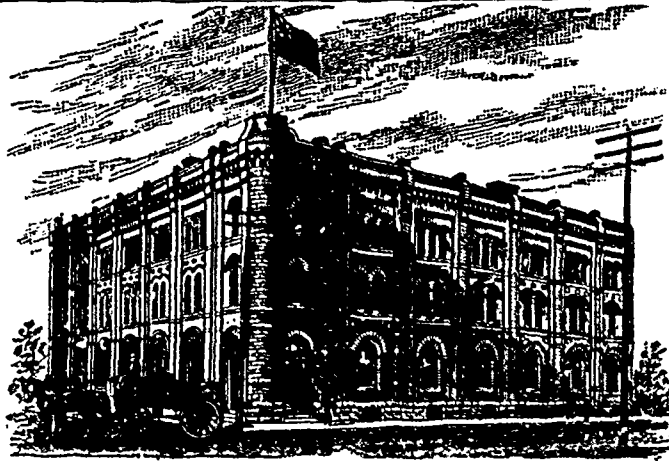
SURVEYORS under George A. Bain commenced last week to make the survey for the twenty miles of the Brandon branch of the Northern Pacific system which its proposed to build this season. The line will run due west from Morris the first twenty miles.

THE Imperial bank has opened an agency at Portage la Prairie. Mr. Moffatt, the accountant of the Winnipeg branch, is at present in charge. With the branch of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba just opened, this will give the Portage two chartered banks.

THE commissioners to investigate the financial affairs of the town of Minnedosa, Man., have been appointed by the Provincial Government, consisting of Judge Walker, Judge Ryan and Chas. A. Boxer. The commission will sit in Minnedosa on October 30th. It is to be hoped a satisfactory solution of the difficulties will result therefrom, so that the town may be placed in a position to enter upon a new season of prosperity.

MR. TAYLOR, cheese maker at Carman, Man., recently sent a sample of cheese to two of the principal cheesemen of Ontario. One sample was sent to D. M. McPherson, of Lancaster, president of the Eastern Dairymen's Association, another to D. Derbyshire, of Brockville, ex-president of the same association, and a heavy buyer and exporter of cheese. These gentlemen were asked to give an honest and unprejudiced opinion as to how Manitoba cheese would compare with Ontario make. Mr. McPherson reply was: "I congratulate you on the success of your make of cheese. If all your cheese are like this sample there will be no difficulty in getting the highest price on our markets. Write me full and precise details of your method of making, class of cows and feed and climate." Mr. Derbyshire's reply was: "It is a fancy cheese and flavor perfect. We cannot make finer here." This is encouraging to the infant dairying in Manitoba.

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PROFESSOR FREEM is among the latest men of note who have been expressing favorable opinions about the Canadian Northwest, and in an interview reported in the *Toronto Globe*, he shows that he has had his eyes wide open during his recent stay in this country. In speaking of supplying the fresh meat demands of Great Britain, the professor says Canada possesses a great advantage over its most likely competitor the Argentine Republic. The sea voyage from the latter to Britain requires the crossing of the tropics, and it would be impossible to ship live cattle through the Torrid Zone, on a paying basis. The meat trade is therefore the only branch in which Canada has to meet with competition therefrom, and even in that trade the advantages are decidedly in favor of the Dominion with only a voyage over the cool waters of the North Atlantic between it and its seaport market. Then Canada can send in its live cattle as well, and have only the United States as its able competitor.

The professor is credited with the following well timed note of warning to Canada: "The Argentine Confederation and the Australasian Colonies are sparing no efforts to possess themselves of the English markets. The former country is prepared to spend a million sterling in pressing her claims upon English capitalists and traders, and Canada must not allow herself to be left behind."

THREE weeks ago THE COMMERCIAL referred to the case of a Winnipeg firm which had ordered a consignment of rice to be shipped from Yokohama to Winnipeg, via Vancouver, and had been informed by their agent in the Japan port, that the steamship company refused to receive rice billed to Winnipeg. The *Morning Call*, which we suppose is paid for apologising for all the mistakes and misdeeds of the C. P. R. management, has hounded a correspondent after General Manager Olds, in Montreal, and last Monday that sheet contained an explanation from that functionary, from which we extract the following: "Mr. Olds said that the steamers running between Japan and Vancouver are not controlled by the C. P. R. company, but

belong entirely to other parties who have the right to take or refuse cargo just as they please and without reference whatever to C. P. R. officials. Mr. Olds added he had made special inquiry into the charge in question and found that there were insurmountable objections to shipping rice in the same steamer with tea. The odors arising from heated rice damage tea, and as vessel owners are responsible to underwriters for damages arising from improper mixture of cargo, they simply refused the shipment." On an authority equally as good as Mr. Olds' statement, we have it, that in the same cargo in which rice for Winnipeg were denied, were consignments of rice for other places, so that the cargo of tea must have suffered after all. Perhaps rice consigned to Winnipeg is the most objectionable kind of rice. If so that would explain the difficulty.

THERE has been a growing feeling among grain dealers this season against the indiscriminate slaughter of frosted wheat, which has hitherto been the rule in connection with the inspection system in Canada. Quite a number of exporters claim that a certain proportion of frosted wheat should be allowed in nearly all of our grades, just the same as is allowed this year in Minnesota grading, and were the work of fixing standards for this year's crop left to the voice of Manitoba grain men only, there is no doubt but a large majority of them would follow the sample Minnesota has set this year. That work, however, is now being done at Toronto by representatives from boards of trade all over Canada, and it is questionable if the wishes of these class of Manitoba dealers will be adopted to any material extent. The great argument used in favor of allowing a proportion of frosted wheat in the higher grade standards is that shrunken and otherwise injured kernels are allowed in nearly all of these grades, and there is no reason why there should be a special bar against all frosted symptoms, for an admixture of slightly frosted wheat is no worse than an admixture of slightly bleached wheat. There is undoubtedly some show of consistency in this argument, although to act upon it

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would open up a gateway through which incalculable damage could be done to the representation of Northwestern wheat, more damage in frost in one year than could be repaired in ten. However, if the system could be confined to medium and lower grades, the damage might be in a great measure averted. No sane man wishes to see Manitoba in the same position this year as Minnesota, namely, without a wheat standard of any grade free from frosted grain. If any allowance of this kind is made all our No. 1 grades should be kept out of it. Our No. 1 Hard, No. 1 Northern, No. 1 White Eye and even our No. 1 Spring should be preserved absolutely free from frosted admixture. It is to be hoped that these grades will always be maintained pure and high, so that we may not commit the folly of destroying our own country's reputation.

THE scene on the Chicago board of trade last Thursday must have been one long to be remembered by operators there. There have been on the same board scenes when the bottom fell out of a corner and prices made a terrible drop, but a jump of 21 cents on wheat is a new feature in the eccentricities of grain markets. The prices quoted furnishes a unique as well as a strange spectacle. With September wheat closing at \$1.25, and October quoted at \$1.00, a strong proof existed of the peculiar state favorable to a corner in which the wheat market was. It also proved the hunger that existed for the coming crop, and indicates that bullish speculators will be encouraged to more daring attempts during the coming fall and winter. Already rumors are rife that an organized attempt will be made to hoist prices to fancy figures, and bull matters through the whole year. With the probable surplus of wheat available for export daily reaching lower estimates, until it may get down, as some assert it will, to a lot of a few vessel loads, an attempt to carry such a high handed and lasting corner would depend entirely upon the organization and financial strength of those who might make the attempt. This year it is certainly not among the things that are impossible. The moralist may well

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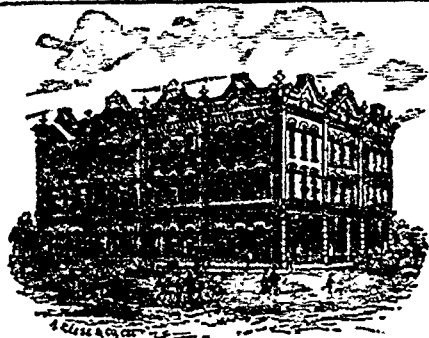
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...sight over the speculative level to which our bread markets can be brought down. But this is the age of combinations, or combines as they are now called, and corners, and even the bread of the million is not free from their influences. If pure air or pure water had a price and could be bought with money thousands if not millions of mankind might some day die from thirst or suffocation in order that some gigantic corner might be manipulated.

Those Big Profits In Wheat.

Considerable comment and surprise was occasioned by our reference last week to the immense profits made by certain members of the Montreal Corn Exchange, through the late unprecedented advance in the price of Manitoba hard wheat; and as some of our financial authorities appear to be dubious about the extent of the gains realized, which we placed at from \$50,000 to \$250,000, we have made further and more careful enquiries and find that we were under the mark in our outside estimate. For instance, one well known firm in this city bought about three million bushels, and two others a million and a million and a half bushels respectively of last year's crop, most of which have been sold. Further, we know that an accepted cheque for \$300,000 would be refused by a certain firm for profits to date on their Manitoba wheat this season. It requires only a little figuring to convince those who are inclined to take exception to our estimates of the big profits mentioned above, that they



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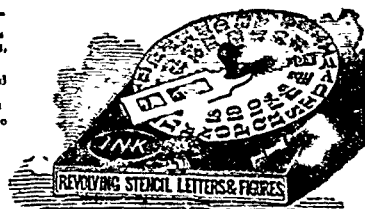
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are within the realm of fact, for if they will refer to the files of the *Trade Bulletin* they will discover that our wheat buyers operated in Manitoba at 50c to 52c for No. 1 hard and from 48c to 50c for No. 1 Northern, a considerable portion of which was secured at these figures. If to this we add an average freight of 15c per bushel to Port Arthur, 6c storage, interest, etc., and 6½c for freight to Montreal, the wheat is laid down here at 78c, 80c and 82c per bushel, and in following up results the same wheat will be found to have realized \$1.20 to \$1.22 in large quantities. Some idea can therefore be formed of the enormous profits that a few Montrealeers have succeeded in rolling up.—*Montreal Trade Bulletin.*

The first instalment of new crop Cape Cod cranberries has been received in New York and are jobbing at \$7 to \$7.50 per bbl. for best. The crop is later than usual, and the berries in consequence are not quite up to the standard in color. The yield of the Cape Cod district is estimated at about that of last year, or say 80,000 to 90,000 bbls. The crop of New Jersey is also late and not far different in magnitude to the Cape Cod yield.

An exchange says.—Ten thousand eels from Nova Scotia, weighing five tons, might have been seen wriggling in the well of a schooner at Portland, Maine, recently. They were to be unloaded into eel cars, or perforated tanks, moored to the wharves, thence put into barrels with ice and shipped to Boston, New York, and other places, arriving there alive and fresh.

Montreal Journal of Commerce.—Smith, Fischel & Co., cigar manufacturers, of this city, have been served with a demand of assignment. The only partner in the concern was Mr. Smith's mother, who advanced her son \$3,000 to start with in the summer of 1885. Both the ostensible partners had been in trouble before, and could not do business in their own names. Smith, who was very popular from his pleasant manner, was formerly a member of the firm of Hartlaub, Smith & Co., who failed in this city some years ago. He is now in Chicago and does not intend returning, as it has been discovered that the paper he discounted at the Union Bank, is not exactly what it purported to be. Liabilities will reach \$45,000, of which \$15,000 is due to foreign creditors. The firm was always a shaky one and enjoyed only a limited credit among those who knew their history.

The Commercial

WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 1, 1888.

THE HUDSON'S BAY RAILWAY

The latest mishap which has befallen the Hudson's Bay Railway project is the refusal of the Dominion Government to render any further assistance thereto and the decision is a heavy blow to the promoters of the road, for their hopes have been high of late, and they looked for some additional assistance from the Dominion, not only for the value of such assistance in itself, but also for the incentive it might be to the Provincial Government to come up to the scratch. Undoubtedly the road stands a poor chance of being constructed under present circumstances, and some radical change is necessary before its prospects improve much. The alleged reasons of the Dominion Government for refusing the aid sought for, are certainly not flattering to the Provincial Government. The refusal, it is said, is only a following up of the apathy on the question which the province through its present rulers displays. That the reason is advanced with the most hypocritical intentions is obvious, for the project is not a purely provincial one by any means. It is in no way astounding, however, that such a reason should be advanced, and our local Government are indirectly, if not directly responsible for leaving room for its advancement. No sane or unbiased Manitoban believes otherwise, than that the present Dominion Government are more anxious to block, than to further the Hudson's Bay railway project, and indeed we can look for no Government at Ottawa, which will be anxious to hurry its completion. Eastern influence is too powerful there, and too strongly arrayed against the construction of a road, that would divert much of the traffic to and from this country through other than eastern channels. The action of the local Government is therefore very opportune for the Dominion authorities, and furnishes them with a very plausible subterfuge under which to impede the opening of this, to us, all important northern outlet.

Had Manitoba never offered any greater assistance, than is now offered by the present Government, there would be no pretext available for the present action of the Dominion, which could be based upon

the action of the province. There is certainly strong ground for argument in favor of the assumption, that the \$2,500,000 guarantee is all that the present resources of the province will warrant, and had that been the highest offer ever made the Dominion authorities would have had to hunt for an argument elsewhere, if they were determined to make use of one. But Manitoba having at one time offered a \$4,500,000 guarantee for the construction of this road, when there was no hope of further aid from Ottawa, furnishes the strongest possible proof, to parties looking for a negative argument, that provincial anxiety for a Hudson's Bay outlet was now much less than it was a year or two ago.

We hear a great deal of argument in favor of the stand taken by the local Government, based upon the changed circumstances of the province since the guarantee of last year was given, some of which is scarcely worth the designation of argument. But it must be remembered that the Dominion Government can also make use of this argument of changed circumstances, and when our provincial guarantee is reduced nearly one-half, it is not too great a stretch of reasoning, for outsiders to assume, that the people of Manitoba are satisfied for the present with the abolition of the late C. P. R. monopoly, and are content to wait a few years longer for the construction of the Hudson's Bay road. The provincial Government will find, that our Ottawa rulers are not the only parties who will construe their action into such an argument; although there is not a member or supporter of Mr. Greenway's administration who will dare to assert that the people of the province are satisfied with such delay.

We have no partizan motives in thus criticising the actions of Mr. Greenway and his colleagues, and we still give them credit for acting honestly and to the best of their judgment. We must confess, however, to having a very poor opinion of the judgment. They have struck, and we believe unintentionally, too, the most staggering blow the Hudson's Bay railway project has received, since the first application was made for a charter for its construction. Doubtless they have formed a clear and decided policy, for Mr. Greenway and his colleagues have shown their ability to form opinions and enforce them. Like other men, however, they are liable to form mistaken ones, and they have made a huge mistake upon this Hudson's

Bay railway question, one they would do well to rectify even yet, although too late to repair some of the damage it has caused. It is not at all impossible that if the mistake is persisted in, they have applied the mattock to the foundation of their own tenure of power.

We dislike very much the style of argument adopted by party journals, in raking up the pledges and avowals of the members of a Government made before they went into power, but the tenacity with which Mr. Greenway and his supporters stood by the Hudson's Bay railway project, while they were in opposition, contrasts strongly with their treatment of it now. It is safe to say that not one of their outside supporters ever suspected them of the course they have now adopted. Even the faults and shortcomings of the Hudson's Bay Railway Co., which the Attorney General takes such pains, and goes so far out of his way to show up, were never mentioned in Legislative debate, but were carefully hidden and ingeniously condoned by the opposition leaders during Mr. Norquay's last year of power. Now they seem to have discovered every essence of evil in the company, and very little to call for any legislative effort or consideration in the project itself. With others who contributed to the elevation of Mr. Greenway and his colleagues to power, we confess our disappointment as well as our astonishment at the course they now pursue towards this great project.

TRADE INTERCOURSE WITH AUSTRALIA.

By the round about way of London, England, the news reaches us that at Ottawa overtures have been received from the Australian Government suggesting negotiations for closer trade relations between that colony and Canada, and the probability is that the news is true, as it is a very natural move for either of these Colonial Governments to make, and the wonder is, that some move of this kind has not been made long ago. Of course there is a class of gushing imperialists who may be tempted to look upon it as a step towards the closer political union of portions of the British Empire hitherto distinct and separate, if not as yet antagonistic or discordant. The commercial economist may not be prepared to entertain any such prospect, but taking the most sordid view possible of the question, the value to both colonies of closer trade relations is beyond question. Each can use quite a proportion of the products of the other, and in return find a market for much of its own products.

Then there is the additional advantage to Canada of this trade growing to such an extent, as to warrant the establishment of first class steamship lines between our Pacific ports and those of Australia, in which case Canada would undoubtedly become one of the highways of traffic and travel between Great Britain and its Antipodean colonies.

It does seem strange, but is nevertheless true, that Canada and Australia have never had any special postal arrangements between them. A letter from here to Australia costs fifteen cents postage if sent by San Francisco, and twenty-two cents if sent by Brindizi, while a newspaper costs five cents. So long as these postage rates last, it is not at all likely that there will spring up among the trading community in either country any intelligent desire for closer trade relations. A freer interchange of ideas is necessary before the general public in either could discover the advantages to be gained. About the first duty on the part of both Governments will therefore be, the arrangement of a postal union between the two colonies, so that the press of the one can have an unimpeded circulation in the other. There will soon afterwards be a growing knowledge of each other, which cannot fail to culminate in some arrangement for equally unimpeded trade intercourse between them. It is to be hoped that this postal arrangement will be speedily made, for as yet Canada is to Australia and Australia to Canada, in a trade sense, little better than a *terra incognita*.

There is but one great obstacle to our opening up valuable trade intercourse with Australia, and that is, the hoggish selfishness of a great proportion of the protectionist element in this Dominion. That class are prepared to trade with any outside country on the "heads I win and tails you lose" principle. In the case of Australia they will no doubt show their selfishness as usual, but it is to be hoped that their cupidity will for once receive a check. Against Australian trade intercourse absolutely free from tariff they cannot apply either the disloyalty cry or that of pauper labor. Australia is as free, if not freer from pauperism than Canada, and her working classes are as well, if not more highly paid for their labor. As to the disloyalty cry, that is at a heavy discount. The most gushing Imperialist in Canada can tolerate the admission free of duty of goods from a

loyal colony like Australia, and the arrangement will not prevent him from hugging the "British Lion" until the royal animal slings his tail around like the lash of a mule driver's whip, and literally bellows with joy in the fondness of the hug.

CROP ESTIMATES.

It is amusing, were it not for the damage they may do, to note the reports of men in the East on the crop of Manitoba and the Northwest, and particularly the damage from frost and other causes, which these irresponsible reports from uninformed persons state with such assumed accuracy. If a prominent politician or a personage of any note has been three days in the Northwest during the past two months, supposing he had not the knowledge of grain, to tell wheat from barley unless the one was in bread and the other in beer, or of agriculture to know a plow from a harrow unless he was told the difference, his opinion is heralded by the eastern press, as just the correct estimate of our crop for the present year. In the most flippant manner a percentage of fifteen, twenty or twenty-five per cent is published as the extent of the damage just in proportion to the figures fixed in the mind of the individual who has furnished the worthless estimate.

One very noteworthy fact is, that where opinions have been expressed about our crop by eastern men, who have lately visited the country, and who have the practical knowledge to form an estimate under ordinary circumstances, such opinions have been anything but definite as to the extent of damage. The reason for this is to be found in the fact, that the men here best able to form an estimate have themselves acknowledged their utter inability to do anything more than make a good guess on the matter, and the best guessing these well informed individuals can make is after all only a very rough approximation.

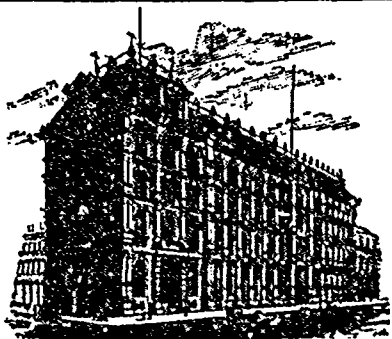
A telegram from Montreal to a Winnipeg daily gives credit to Mr. Hague, general manager of the Merchant's Bank, for some utterances upon Manitoba's crop of 1888, and these utterances are by no means so rose colored as some of our eastern friends would like them to be. Mr. Hague has spent quite a long day, if we may call it so, in the Northwest this fall, and he has not only made a close personal investigation of the matter he speaks about, but has made use of the

information of others here, who were well able to assist him, and the result is a very clear and comprehensive review of the whole matter, which will be found elsewhere in our columns.

Mr. Hague, with the caution peculiar to men of his business acumen, is careful not to attempt an exact estimate of the aggregate of our crop, or the extent of the damage that has befallen it. He goes so far as to say that half of the crop or thereabouts has been harvested safely, but to what extent the balance is damaged he believes no man can say at this stage, and in the latter statement he tells the absolute truth. The damage is so scattered and so erratic in distribution, that the bulk of the crop will be thrashed and ready for market before a properly collected and properly compiled estimate could be reached. Where side by side grew fields of wheat, the one an abundant crop, and the next a badly damaged if not a ruined one, the difficulties of reaching such an estimate can be easily imagined if not calculated.

Mr. Hague speaks the language of genuine sympathy, when he states: "There is a certain quantity that is so far damaged as to be worthless—not enough to hurt Manitoba or affect the Northwest, but enough to hurt the poor farmers, who have had to stand the brunt," and from sympathy he glides with an elastic tread to wholesome advice when he adds: "Manitoba farmers are learning that there are other things in the world than wheat-growing to make farming profitable."

We have no intention of furnishing a certificate of the correctness of Mr. Hague's approximation on our crop of this year, but we do say, that it is one of the best that has yet come from an eastern man or source, and is probably not far from the actual facts as they exist. But it has the additional recommendation, that on its very face it bears evidence that it is the result of a careful and intelligent course of inquiry by one who is anxious only to get at the truth. It certainly stands out in bold relief from the flippant estimates from much less reliable sources, some of which would lead people at a distance to think, that we had escaped crop damage entirely, while others infer, that Manitoba has as usual lost its crop by frost, and is consequently only a hyperborean region, where a crop gathered in safe occurs only by accident, probably when the clerk of the weather has overlooked the details of his weather programme for a few weeks



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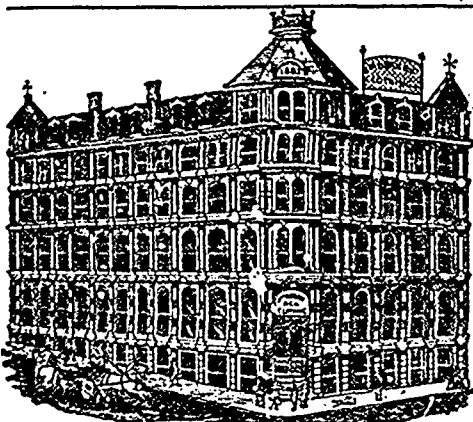
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Although considerable volume of funds has been called for from the banks for grain handling, very little of it has yet gone into general circulation, much less than probably would have gone had the past week been one of good bright weather in which threshing could have gone on uninterruptedly. As a natural consequence the volume of cash in circulation is still limited, while the general trade paper coming to discount has been very light in volume as it usually is near the close of a month. This week, however, quite a share of the sales of fall goods will be represented in the paper going to discount, so that banks look upon this slow season as being at an end. There has been no marked feature of any kind in connection with the trade financial affairs, and discount rates are steady and unchanged, 7 per cent being the rate for top notch and 8 for regular. Mortgage loan business is still moving very little, and the business being done is of the most scattered nature. The regular fall and winter demand for farm loans has only commenced, and scarcely that, while city calls are still few and far between. The interest rate on farm loans is still quoted at 8 per cent.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

There has been but little change in the state of the city wholesale trade since our last report, but what change there has been has tended towards a more active feeling. It is very probable that this would have been more marked but for the wet and backward weather during the greater portion of the week, which has effectually stopped threshing and stacking all over the country for a time. Houses in season goods lines still continue to ship out orders taken during the summer, but are nearing the end of that work. A few supplementary or sort orders have been received, but that trade will not fairly start up until an October frost stirs it up. In goods of every day consumption there is a steady volume of business being done, but all buying is done on a hand to mouth principle, and scarcely a retailer thinks of yet stocking up for future wants. Of course there are one or two branches in which there has been considerable activity, but these are in ones of minor importance, and owe their activity to special circumstances. The worst report heard is about cash returns, which are very slender indeed, but with a few days of bright weather grain would move more freely, and the scarcity of money would begin to disappear.

BOOTS, SHOES AND LEATHER GOODS.

In this branch business has been quiet, and even the shipping out of fall orders is about over. No sorting trade has as yet sprung up, and wholesalers are looking forward to the fixing up of samples from which to hook spring orders. In harness lines only has there been any fair share of sales, and the feeling in these even has been a little quiet.

DRY GOODS.

The feeling has become even quieter since our last report, as the rush of sending out fall goods has subsided to a great extent. No sorting orders are to hand yet, and the only sales worthy of notice are in fur goods and such like, after which buyers are now beginning to look

Collections are reported as about the lowest ebb.

DRUGS.

There seems to be no change in this branch of business. The report is one of satisfaction without any reason for exultation. Prices seem to keep almost stationary and are as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.75; iodide of potassium, \$1.25 to \$1.75; bromide of potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 40 to 45c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerino, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 70 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$8 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5; copperas, to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 7½ to 8½c.

FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Now Valencia raisins are in the market and quoted at \$3 for first consignments. New currants are also to be had at 8½c a pound. Other articles are quoted as follows: Evaporated apples 13c a pound; apricots \$25c; pitted plums 22c; cherries 23c; raspberries 35c; golden dates 8c; Malages, London layers, \$3.50; Elme figs, in different sized boxes, 15c per lb; Walnuts, 18c per lb; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb; cocoanuts, \$1.20 per dozen.

FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

In this branch there has been a fair business done, and a better one might have been done, but for the wet unpleasant weather. The changes in prices of goods have been trifling and no new varieties outside of grapes have been on the market. Quotations are: Lemons, \$7 to \$7.50 a box; California pears, \$4.25 to \$4.50; California tokay grapes — in crates of 10 lbs; Concord's in 10 and 20 lb. baskets, 8 to 10c a pound, according to quality; Black Rogers, 8 to 10c, and Red Rogers, 10 to 12c; Delaware's, 10 to 12c, all in 10 and 20 lb. baskets. Apples are easier and range from \$3 to \$3.50, the latter for fancy only. Tomatoes in bushel baskets are worth \$2 to \$2.50; Southern onions, \$2.75 per cwt; Valencia onions \$1.75 to \$2.00; Maple syrup, ½ gal. tins, \$7.75 dozen, quart tins, \$4.50 dozen; Maple sugar, 13c pound, small cakes; cider, rectified, per bbl of 2 gallons, \$13.00; in ½ barrels, \$6.50.

GROCERIES.

In this staple branch there has been a moderate volume of sales, nearly all to supply the immediate wants of customers, but there has been no marked activity, or rush of any kind. Collections are reported as very slow. Prices of goods are unchanged and as follows: Sugars, yellows, 7½ to 8½c; granulated, 9½c; lumps, 9½ to 10c. Coffees—Rio, from 21 to 24c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. Syrups, corn, \$2.40 to \$2.60; sugar cane, \$2.50 to \$2.75; T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 48c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Prier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright-Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace,

6s, 48c. Brunetto Solace, 12s, 48c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrior, \$30 per 1000.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Business has changed very little, only there has been a little better movement in heavy lines. Shelf goods have been in fair demand. There is very little, if any, improvement in collections. Prices are unchanged and as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.50; I. C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$6; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11 to \$12.00; Canada plates, \$3.60 to \$4.; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 40 to 45 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 30 to 35c per lb., according to quality; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs., shot, 6½ to 6¾; per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.60 to \$2.75 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6½ to 7c.

HIDES.

Receipts are on the increase, but the demand keeps prices firm. Quotations stand steady as follows: No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; bulls, 3c; calf, fine haired real veal, 7 to 11 pound skins, No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; sheep pelts, 30c.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

There has been some improvement in this branch so far as sales are concerned, but collections are slow as ever. Prices of goods are unchanged and as follows. Spanish sole, 26 to 30c; slaughter sole, 26 to 30c; French calf, first choice, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; Bourdon kip, 70c, slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 27 to 31c for plump stock. American oak butts, 50 to 55c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings, 12c.

LUMBER.

There has been no change in the state of this trade. Business is still lively, and if anything getting a little more so as the season nears a close. Millers and dealers begin to smile when they speak of the season's business as a whole, and it is the first one they have smiled over for some years. Prices hold steady as follows: Dimension — 2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$15; do 10, 18, and 20 ft long, \$16. Fifty cents per M advance on each foot over the above length up to 24 feet long. One dollar per M advance on each foot over 24 feet long. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inches surface. Surfacing, 50c per M; Surfacing and sizing, \$1.00 per M. Boards—1st, common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd common rough \$15, dressed, \$16; Culls, rough, \$11; dressed, \$12; 1st common, stock, 12 in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do, 8x10 in, rough, \$18, dressed, \$19; 2nd common, 12 in, rough, \$17; dressed, \$18; do, 8x10 inch, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17. Ten feet long and under, \$1 less per M. Shiplap—13 inch, \$17.50; 8 inch, \$17. 8 and 10 inch flooring and siding at \$1 per M advance. Siding, ceiling and flooring—1st, 6 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd, do, \$21; 4th, do, \$18; 1st, 5 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd do, \$20; 4th do, \$17; 1st, 4 inch, \$29; 2nd do, \$25; 3rd do, \$19; 4th do, \$16. \$1 per M advance for dressing on both sides. \$1 per M less

for lengths 10 feet and under. Bevel Siding—No. 1, 1st siding $\frac{1}{2}$ in x 6 in, \$20; No. 2, do, \$17. Stock—B, \$35; C, \$30; D, \$25. Clear, 1 inch—1st and 2nd, \$32; 3rd, \$28. $1\frac{1}{2}$, $1\frac{1}{2}$, and 2 inch—1st and 2nd, \$40; 3rd, \$35; select, \$30; shop, \$25. Mouldings—Window Stops, per 100 feet lineal, 75 cts; Parting Strips, do, 50 cts; $\frac{1}{4}$ round and cove, per 100 feet lineal, 60 cts. Casing—4 inch, O. G., per 100 feet lineal, \$1.50, 5 in, do, \$1.75, 6 in, do, \$2; 8 inch, O. G., base, \$3; 10 in, do, \$3.75. Lath, \$1.75. Shingles—1st quality, \$3; 2nd do, \$2.50; 3rd do, \$1.50; 4th do, \$1. Dealers are requested to order by number. No delivered prices.

PAPER AND STATIONERY.

There has been a livening up for two weeks or so, and with a talk of good weather business would be lively. Collections are not so slow as they are irregular.

THE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT.

Owing to the wet weather of last week, the movement of grain to market has increased very little since our last report, but this week the thresher will probably accomplish more. Not much over a score of cars have as yet reached the city, and there has not been enough to fix prices of all grades on change. This week the new standards will come from Toronto, and after that selling on grade will be general. All that can be said of last week's transactions is that the price of prime Red Fyfe was hovering around 95c. The street receipts were nil, and the normal quotations for the best quality of such differers very little from those of last week, 93 or 94c being the usual figures named. In our next we will probably have a more definite report to furnish.

FLOUR.

The local trade holds out moderately active, but there is as yet very little temptation to exporting in the state of the eastern markets. Prices are not changed and stand as follows Patents, \$2.70; strong bake, \$2.50, XXXX, \$1.90; superfine, \$1.50.

MILLSTUFFS.

There is a ready market still for all the mills can produce, and prices hold firm at \$12 a ton for bran and \$15 for shorts.

BARLEY.

There is still too little coming to market to fix prices definitely. For an extra fine lot 50c could be had, but it is not expected that there will be much of such a high grade. For feed lots 35c is offered, but none to be had.

OATS.

New crop is still slow in coming in, and prices are still kept up. Receipts are scarcely sufficient for local wants and small lots have sold at 35c.

OATMEAL.

No export business reported, and the local trade has been quiet but steady. Prices are firm, and likely to keep so until oats are cheaper. Quotations are: Standard, \$2.50; granulated, \$2.65; rolled, \$3.

CHEESE.

Factories still claim to be holding for 10c, but some are weakening. There has been no sell out like the one reported in our last at 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, but one sale of 40 was made at 9c.

BUTTER.

Receipts have fallen off to a very low ebb, but stocks have been sufficient for local wants. Fine grades are not too plentiful, and some fancy lots have sold up to 19c. The top figure, however, may be fixed at 18c, and some really good stock sold at 18 to 17c. Lower grades were not wanted at any figure, although offered down as low as 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

EGGS.

A large share of the stock in the city is made up of lots, which have been held back by farmers for higher prices, and the quality is anything but first-class. Good case lots have sold at 16c, but the poor stuff placed on the market of late has knocked the demand flat.

LARD.

No change to report. Prices are firm and tending upwards. 20 pound pails at \$2.75.

CURED MEATS.

There has been but little change since our last report, only supplies of some meats are getting very low. Prices range: Dry salt, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; rolls, 15c; breakfast bacon, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 16c, with 17c for the best; Chicago cured hams range from 17 to 18c.

DRESSED MEATS.

Beef sides and quarters, are unchanged in price. Dressed hogs are very scarce and would bring from 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9c.

Personal.

Mr. J. Wilson, of Tees, Wilson & Co., wholesale grocers, Montreal, is in the city doing the Northwest in a fall trip.

Mr. F. W. Stobart, of Stobart Sons & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants, Winnipeg, returned from a rather lengthy visit to England, and was at business as usual on Monday last, looking none the worse from his trip.

Mr. Huxley, of Lightbound, Ralston & Co., wholesale grocers, Montreal, is one of the old time commercial men that are in the city at present pushing business.

An Eastern Crop Estimate.

Under date of September 24 the Montreal correspondent of the *Morning Call* furnished the following: Geo. Hague, general manager of the Merchants bank, has just returned from a trip to the Northwest. Despite the damage in sections by frost Mr. Hague reports the prospects exceedingly bright for the farmers of Manitoba and the Northwest. After a searching enquiry into the damage by frost he arrived at some like the following as the general result: There has been a very large yield of grain in almost every part of Manitoba that has been harvested in the best of condition and will make the finest Manitoba wheat. This we may call the back bone of the whole crop. I should say it will be a good one—half of the whole, or thereabouts. Then there is a large quantity that has been more or less damaged by frost or blight and depreciated in value all the way to fifty per cent. But how much of this residue is damaged to the extent of ten per cent and how much much to the extent of twenty, thirty or fifty per cent, I don't think any one can say at this stage. Then there is a certain quantity that is so far damaged as to be utterly worthless—not enough to hurt Manitoba or affect the Northwest, but enough to hurt the poor farmers who have to stand the brunt. Manitoba farmers are learning that there are other things in the world besides wheat growing to make farm

ing profitable, and farmers who have lost the whole of their wheat crop generally have something else to fall back on. Now, finally, comes the question of price. The price of wheat has risen more than 25 cents per bushel since last year. This extra 25 cents counts far more heavily in Manitoba than Ontario. It means fifty per cent. This increase of price, if maintained, will fully make up for damage done this year, excepting what has been totally destroyed. My impression is, that if the whole wheat crop of Manitoba as it now is, could be brought out and put on the market to-morrow, the value will fall very short of the magnificent crop of last year, and the loss by total destruction would be made up by the fine yield of barley and oats. I tried to look at the matter practically and in a business-like way. It is not absolutely a rose-colored picture, and many farmers in Manitoba will have a sorrowful experience, but the greater part will not. Farmers there are finding out by experience the best way of managing their land and making the best of it, and it must be confessed that the land and country is worth all the care and labor bestowed on them.

A Grain Weigher.

Following up the report of the delegates who recently visited Minnesota grain centres, a deputation from the Winnipeg Grain Exchange yesterday waited upon the Council of the Board of Trade to secure the Board's influence in the appointment of an official weighman for grain shipments, an appointment which, it was stated by the deputation, was favored by the C. P. R. management. After considering the matter the Council passed the following resolution, and appointed Messrs. Nairn, Spiuk, Mitchell and Bell to draft details of the proposed change, and report back to the Council:—

"Whereas the volume of grain shipped from the Canadian Northwest has now assumed great proportions and the system of weighing at accumulating and terminal points has not been in many respects satisfactory to the trader; And whereas it is the custom at similar points in the American Northwest for the weighing of grain to be done by a government official termed a weighmaster, whose duties are regulated by act as in the case of grain inspector; And whereas a tariff of fees can be imposed on grain so weighed which would yield a revenue sufficient to pay for the services of a weighmaster and the office made self-sustaining; And whereas, it is the opinion of this board that the introduction of this system would be beneficial and more satisfactory to the trade in the Dominion of Canada: Be it therefore resolved that the boards of trade of Canada be requested to join with this board in petitioning the Dominion Government to enact the legislation necessary to establish the office of grain weighmaster and to regulate his actions in accordance with the general principle outlined.

The following motion was also passed:—

That the grain examiners of this board appointed to attend the annual meeting of examiners at Toronto on the 1st of October next, be directed to present to the meeting a copy of the above resolution and to enter into such general details of the system proposed as may be desired.

ed and that they also press the examiners present to urge their boards to take early action in the matter so that joint attention may be secured.

WALKER's lumber yard at St. Boniface was sold out by bailiff on Saturday last.

MULHOLLAND BROS., hardware merchants, Winnipeg, have decided to suspend, and have probably assigned in trust by the time of this issue.

THE Morden Monitor, of Thursday last says: The Ogilvie Milling Co. have shipped twenty-five car loads of new wheat from their elevator here since the opening of the season.

Messrs. Stephen Nairn, R. P. Roblin and D. G. McBean have been chosen to represent the Winnipeg Board of Trade at Toronto to-day in the selecting and fixing of grain standards to govern the grain inspection of the crop of this year. The two former left for that city on Friday, where they will meet with Mr. McBean. By the end of the week standard samples will be in the hands of the Deputy Inspectors here.

AN application was made to Chief Justice Taylor at Winnipeg last week on behalf of the official liquidator to have the sale of the Saskatchewan coal mine, near Medicine Hat, Assa., affirmed. An order was made about a year ago that a sale should be made and this has been carried out, E. R. C. Clarkson, of Toronto, being the purchaser. The price agreed upon is \$7,200, of which \$4,000 is cash, and the balance is to remain upon mortgage.

His Lordship granted the order as asked. The Saskatchewan mine has been closed for some time, the company being in liquidation. It is to be hoped the property will now be put in operation.

Lumber Cuttings.

The Fau Claire Lumber Co. of Calgary, Alb., will add a mill to their establishment for chopping grain.

Mitchell has sold out his lumber business at Brandon and contemplates starting a yard at Douglas.

The traffic on the Selkirk branch of the C. P. R. is very heavy at present, largely owing to shipments of lumber from the Lake Winnipeg mills.

The Rainy Lake Lumber Company property of Rat Portage which has been mainly in the hands of the Bank of Montreal for some years, has been purchased by a new company known as the Western Lumber Company. The president of this company is John McRae, formerly of Ross & McRae, railway contractors of Quebec.

The owners and managers of the different saw mills on Burrard Inlet, B. C., which cut lumber for the local trade, have agreed on a new schedule of prices. The prices now asked are; Bridge and wharf plank and lumber from \$12 to \$16 per M feet, B.M., according to length. Flooring from \$17.50 to \$27.50, according to the size and quality. Rustic from \$17.50 to \$22.50, according to quality. Boards S. S. \$20 to \$22.50, D. D. \$25.50 to \$25. Lath and shingles \$2. The demand is good.

For some time the saw mills located in the Rocky Mountains, on the line of the C.P.R., have complained of the high freight rates which have been charged on lumber shipped to the only available market, in the Territories to the east. The C.P.R. have now made the following reduction in lumber from points named to Calgary: Pallester, from \$18.50 to \$16.50; Golden, from \$20 to \$17; Donald, from \$22.50 to \$18; Beaver Mantle, from \$23 to \$18.50; Six Mile Creek, from \$23 to \$16; Rogers' Pass, from \$24.50 to \$20.50; Illecillewaet, \$25.50 to \$22.

Application for incorporation is made by the Ross-McLaren Lumber company, with a capital of half a million dollars, for the purpose of manufacturing, shipping and dealing in lumber. The applicants are Hon. James Ross, Quebec, J. McLaren, Buckingham, Leonard Greenham, Little Montreal; William Henry Higgins, New Westminster, and Charles David Raud, of Vancouver. The latter gentleman who has been here promoting this enterprise says that the chief point of operations will be at New Westminster, B. C., where it is intended to erect a mammoth mill, and that it is proposed to ship lumber to the Australia, Japan, South American and other markets.

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EASTERN MARKETS.

CHICAGO

The closing of the previous week was bearish and their power was in the ascendancy, but it was only the calm before the storm kind, and the opening of the week was the commencement of a new order of affairs. The enormous extent of damage to the Northwestern States crop and the fact of wheat being below its value for some time past gave such a bound to prices that at times during the week there was almost a panic. Duluth markets have been a genuine indication of higher values for some time, the advance there being steadily maintained, cent by cent, and the close of the week was three to five cents in advance of Chicago's figures. It was from this market that the climax came when 10c was offered for cash wheat above the Chicago quotation.

Monday's opening on the board was some what nervous, although there was no marked excitement, when prices advanced and were steadily maintained, the closing figures being 1/2c ahead of Saturday's closing. Pork products were also on the move in sympathy and trading was fairly active. Closing figures were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	99	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2
Corn	40 1/2	40 1/2	37 1/2	35 1/2
Oats	23 1/2	23 1/2	—	25
Pork	14.52 1/2	14.52 1/2	—	—
Lard	10.50	10.40	—	—
Short Ribs	8.47 1/2	8.45	—	—

On Tuesday in all quarters there was a fair trade at the opening, but later all interest was centered in cash wheat and there was a big rush; every rise was maintained and the highest point was at the close, being 5c ahead of Monday. Corn also came in for the elevated feeling under strong buying, and pork was not behind, gaining 12 1/2c. Closing figures were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	\$1.02	97 1/2	98 1/2	\$1.00 1/2
Corn	42 1/2	42 1/2	38 1/2	35 1/2
Oats	23 1/2	24	—	25 1/2
Pork	14.65	14.65	—	—
Lard	10.50	10.50	—	—
Short Ribs	8.67 1/2	8.65	—	—

Wednesday was an up-and-down day although still of a strong tone with a reaction in futures. Large quantities of "long" wheat was let go, which was followed with a decline and dullness, and advances were signalled by scrambles. Corn suffered a collapse from yesterday's rise, and the decline was steady throughout the day. Provisions were somewhat weaker than yesterday. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	\$1.04	99 1/2	97 1/2	\$1.00 1/2
Corn	41 1/2	41 1/2	37 1/2	35 1/2
Oats	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Pork	14.57 1/2	14.57 1/2	—	—
Lard	10.50	10.50	—	—
Short Ribs	8.52 1/2	8.05	8.85	—

Thursday was the most exciting day on the board for a long time. The onset was a conflict between the "bull" and "bear" element with the bear on top, but it lasted but a short time. September wheat at noon stood at \$1.20, the advance being made steadily, and the bears retired in disorder. Figures continued to rise, the highest point being \$1.26. Futures were well maintained and December topped the \$ mark. Provisions were also in sympathy and strong. Closing figures were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	\$1.25	\$1.00 1/2	98 1/2	\$1.00 1/2
Corn	40 1/2	40 1/2-41	37 1/2	35 1/2
Oats	22 1/2	22 1/2	24 1/2-48	25 1/2
Pork	14.00	14.00	—	—
Lard	10.65	10.55	—	—
Short Ribs	8.07 1/2	8.07	—	—

Friday was another gala day for bulls in cash wheat on the board and prices again bulged, reaching \$1.50. In the forepart of the session considerable activity was manifested among the huge crowd present and all markets were advanced. At noon settlements were made at the \$1.50 basis. Futures declined from yesterday's figures, the whole speculation seemingly being confined to cash wheat, and this is now well under control. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	1.49 1/2	95 1/2	98 1/2	1.00 1/2
Corn	41 1/2	41 1/2	38 1/2	35 1/2
Oats	23 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2	25 1/2
Pork	15.00	15.00	—	—
Lard	10.62 1/2	10.62 1/2	—	—
Short Ribs	8.72 1/2	8.70	—	7.00

Prices were still on the upturn and all futures shared in the advance. Closing figures were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	—	1.02 1/2	1.03	1.03 1/2
Corn	41 1/2	41 1/2	38 1/2	35 1/2
Oats	23 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2	25 1/2
Pork	15.30	15.30	—	—
Lard	10.90	10.90	—	—

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

Closing prices for No. 1 hard on each-day of last week were:

	Cash.	Sept.	Oct.	May
Monday	1.08	1.08 1/2	1.08 1/2	1.08 1/2
Tuesday	1.10-11	1.12	1.12 1/2	1.11
Wednesday	1.10	1.10 1/2	1.10 1/2	1.10 1/2
Thursday	1.11 1/2	1.11 1/2	1.11 1/2	1.09 1/2
Friday	1.10	1.10 1/2	1.09 1/2	1.10

Closing prices on Saturday were:—Cash, 1.12; Oct., 1.12 1/2; December, 1.11 1/2.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Closing quotations on Thursday for wheat were as follows:—

	Cash.	Oct.	On track
No. 1 hard	1.11	1.11	1.12
No. 1 northern	98 1/2	1.00	1.00 1/2
No. 2 "	1.02	—	1.03

The Northwestern Miller says of flour:— This market has been on a continual rise during the week with the advance well maintained by local millers. Sales for general distribution have been made to some extent at the new quotations. There is evidently getting to be more active looking around, which will most likely be followed by good buying when dealers abroad make up their minds that wheat and flour bull easily on a short crop. The new wheat is in fine condition and will in a week or two be in good form for flour. While the crop is short, the wheat now being laid aside for future grinding shows a high standard of milling qualities and it is quite certain to make grades of equal excellence with the previous crop. Foreign buyers and buyers at the Atlantic coast, who have been holding off for lower prices are growing very uneasy and beginning to take hold at present values.

Closing quotations for flour were Patents, \$5.50 to \$5.55; straights \$5.00 to \$5.60 first; bakers, \$4.25 to \$4.55, second bakers, \$3.75 to \$4; best low grades, \$1.90 to \$2.20 in bags; red dog, \$1.70 to \$1.90, in bags.

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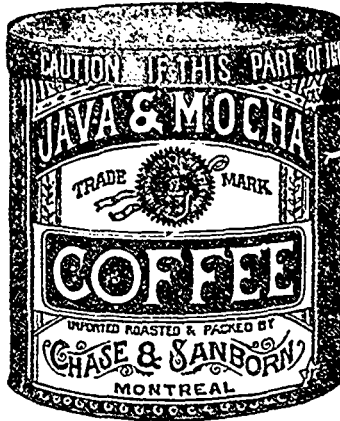
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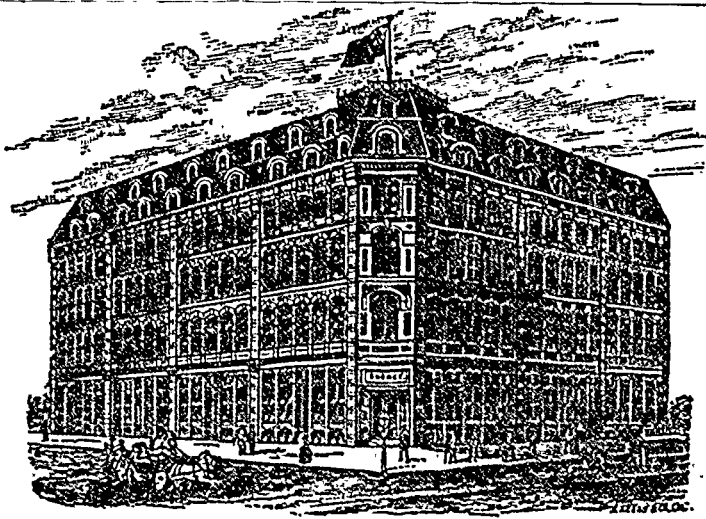
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Applications are in from two sources to establish a street railway system in Victoria, cars to be run by electricity.

Wright & Williams, Vancouver, exhibited lately at their store a monster halibut, weighing 160 lbs. It was caught in the Inlet.

Geo. C. Mesher has been awarded the contract for the erection of a two-story brick building at Nanaimo, for the bank of British Columbia.

The rate on coal from the Nanaimo mines to San Francisco is \$3.00 to 3.25. Exports of coal for the month of August were 36,474 tons, valued at \$182,370.

Private advices from Cariboo state that the yield of gold in that district for the season promises to be greater than it has been in any of the past four years.

Alex. McLean, an old and respected resident of Victoria, is dead, he formerly carried on the extensive clothing business known as the Scotch House, from which he recently retired in favor of a son and another party.

Some very large grain averages are reported from the Surry district, near the mouth of the Fraser river. Several farmers threshed 120 bushels of oats to the acre, and one claims to have threshed 140 bushels to the acre.

The cultivation of hops is engaging considerable attention in the coast region of the province. Hop growing is now carried on on a large scale in Washington territory, and the conditions are equally favorable in this province.

Park & Morton, implement agents, Kamloops, have dissolved partnership. J. R. Park has accepted the general agency for the province, for Prior & Co., of Victoria. The business here will be continued under the management of A. Morton.

There is a movement on foot at Vancouver to establish a street railway company, composed of local business men. The proposed company, it is said, will have ample capital, and will probably adopt electricity as the motive power for running the cars.

The Vancouver city council has passed a by law providing for the establishment of a market

and the purchase of a site upon which to place the necessary buildings for that purpose. The matter will come before the electors for their decision on October 19th.

A number of sealing schooners have recently returned to Victoria. Several vessels have had prosperous trips, one schooner bringing in over 2,000 skins. None of the vessels have been molested this season by the United States authorities, whilst fishing in Behring's sea.

The Vancouver Herald the daily evening journal, has suspended. This left the News-Advertiser, the morning paper, alone in the field, but a new evening journal, the H. H., has since commenced publication. The suspension of the Herald was no doubt hastened by the movement to establish a second evening paper.

Colonist. As an evidence of the wonderful fertility of the soil of the Spallumcheen valley, the yield of a field of fourteen acres on Frank Young's rancho will serve to show. From this he threshed twenty-three tons of clear wheat, and gathered up 1,100 pounds suitable for stock feed. The yield throughout the Spallumcheen and Okanagan valleys will have an average of 50 bushels, or 3,000 pounds to the acre. This yield is probably unequalled in any portion of the world.

The seizure of the Victoria sealing schooner Aruana, by Russian authorities, whilst sealing in the North Pacific, has caused considerable interest. The matter will be made the subject of diplomatic correspondence. The Aruana was a new schooner of 73 tons burden, belonging to Hall & Goepel, of Victoria, and was brought round the Horn by Captain Seward last year from Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. The captain is confident that he can prove that the capture took place on the high seas.

Tall crop stories are plentiful. The Westminster Columbian is authority for the following:—The largest yield of oats recorded this season is credited to Thos. Shannon, of Clover Valley. He has threshed from a field of five acres a little over 700 bushels of oats, which gives the magnificent average of 140 bushels to the acre. The above figures can be verified by responsible persons who were present when the grain was taken from the field and threshed. We could mention half a dozen instances where 120 bushels of oats was the average to the acre, but as this yield is so common it is unnecessary to make special note of them. We challenge any other province in Canada or any state in the American Union to equal this yield.

Since the woollen mill was established in this city, says the Westminster Columbian, sheep-raising is gradually gaining ground among the farmers of the lower Fraser. The price of wool is from 6 to 10 cents per lb., and we are told that the woollen mill here furnishes a market for all the wool the farmers have for sale. Many parts of the district are well adapted for sheep raising, that are not so suitable for other things. These could be utilized for sheep runs almost exclusively; but there is probably not a farmer who could not profitably add sheep raising, on some scale or other, to his usual branches of farming. In the Chilliwack valley there is a large tract of country, principally foothills, that is principally adapted for sheep runs, and when it is opened up, which will be

soon, sheep raising will be entered into extensively. British Columbia is constantly demonstrating that its outlook as an "agricultural country" is not nearly so forlorn as some wise-acres and interested villifiers would have the world believe.

General Notes.

Plums are said to be a great crop in Nova Scotia.

A great deal of smuggling is going on at Sault Ste. Marie.

The Londonderry, N. S., Iron Co., has received an order for 2,000 car axles.

A sample of granulated sugar, refined by electricity, was shown in New York recently.

The Howell Pulp Factory has commenced working at Ottawa, Ont. The concern at present employs about forty hands. Sawdust is the staple used in the manufacture of the pulp.

Granulated sugar was advanced ½c on Monday at the refineries, and the price of retailers' lots will be advanced at least ½c. Yellows were also held higher. Refiners were asking ½c advance, on certain grades.

Supplementary letters patent have been issued to the Nova Scotia Steel Company (Limited) increasing the capital stock from \$310,000 to \$1,000,000, and extending the objects of the company to the manufacture of steel and iron in all branches.

A private cable to Montreal parties from Denia quotes Valencia raisins at 22s for off-stalk, and 27s cost and freight for layer—showing a shilling advance over last previous cables, based, as is supposed, on continued wet weather, in connection with light shipments. A cable from Patras quotes currants 17s cost and freight.

A Montreal exchange says:—One of the largest apple crops ever produced in Canada is expected this year, and very reasonable prices are looked for both in Canada and the States. West of Toronto farmers are wanting to contract at \$1 per bbl on the tree, which would bring the price laid down here to \$1.90 and \$2, which dealers here say is too high in view of the large crop to be moved.

Paris Ont voted on the by law to grant a bonus of \$5,000 to F. Wylie for the purpose of establishing a winery mill. The bonus was carried by a large majority, the vote standing 265 for and 35 against.

Dodds & Jolly, of Yarmouth, N. S., have started a knitting factory, giving employment to about 25 hands. The present capacity of the factory is 400 pairs stockings and 200 shirts or drawers per day.

One of the largest sales of raw sugar in the Montreal market for some time was made recently. The lot consisted of 479 hhd's Barbadoes, weighing about 2,000 lbs. each. The price was 6c per lb., and it is said nets the importers a handsome profit.

The recent heavy rains in Virginia are said to have been injurious to the crop of peanuts, and as the yield is estimated to be not above half the usual quantity, the price has further improved, with considerable business closing at 5½c for best hand-picked and 4c for seconds.

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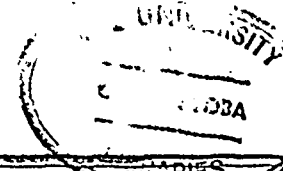
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Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

In our last issue we reported a meeting of this Exchange at which Messrs. C. N. Bell and J. A. Mitchell were appointed to visit Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth, to secure information as to the practicability of establishing a Call Board here, and to inquire as to the particulars of grain grading in Minnesota. These gentlemen returned to the city on Monday, and at a meeting of the Exchange held on Wednesday they presented the following report which was received and adopted:

WINNIPEG, Man., 26th Sept., 1888.

To the President and Members of the Winnipeg Grain and Produce Exchange:

Having been appointed by the Exchange as a deputation to proceed to Duluth and Minneapolis to gather information regarding the methods pursued at those places of grading wheat and managing the Call-Board, we beg to submit our report.

Leaving here on Sunday, the 16th, via the Red River Valley and Northern Pacific railways, we arrived in Minneapolis on Monday morning and between us interviewed officials here and afterwards in St. Paul.

Mr. Clausen the deputy grain inspector at Minneapolis, informed us that no change had been or would be made either in the grades of last year or the mode of inspection. Frosted grain was held to be simply damaged to the extent of its loss of milling value and would be graded in accordance with that view taking its place with grain affected by rust, blight or other injurious causes. It has been customary to allow a small percentage of frosted grain in all grades where bulk of the grain in other respects was sound, plump and clean, or in other words, where the grain in the main was equal to the general requirements of the regulation governing inspection.

Reports here obtained from various persons connected with the grain trade were to the effect that the crop of Minnesota and Dakota would turn out from 30 to 50 per cent of last year's crop.

In Minneapolis and St. Paul we met with numerous inquiries regarding our barley crop, its extent, quality and the likelihood of its being shipped to American markets. An idea seemed to prevail that eastern Canadian houses had controlled and would control in the future the barley shipments of Manitoba. We explained that graded barley if shipped to eastern Canada would probably be exported to the United States from there, and have to meet the American customs duty of 10 cents per bushel just as it would in direct shipments to St. Louis, Chicago and Milwaukee from Manitoba.

Proceeding to Duluth we spent the next day on 'change, amongst the elevators and with the grain inspecting officials. On every hand we were met with the greatest courtesy and attention, and every facility was afforded us to obtain the information we were in quest of.

There is no regular call-board working on 'change. Quotations from all the leading markets of the world are regularly posted between 9:30 and 13:15, trading proceeding. The bids and sales are taken down by an attendant as made, the quantities, and prices

only being registered, and not the names of the dealers. Sales and purchases are recorded by dealers on cards carried for the purpose, and these are checked over at the close of the market. No other records are kept on 'change. A call-board was worked at Duluth until about a year ago, but as wheat is the main article dealt in, the necessity of continuing was not apparent and was abandoned. The secretary informed us that the present system is simple and efficient in practice.

In Duluth frosted wheat has no recognized grade except 'rejected, but in conversation the inspector and different dealers stated that they recognized frost simply as an injury to the grain, affecting the grade in the same manner as smut, speant, bleach, weight, etc., and they therefore grade it accordingly, looking more to the value and actual damage sustained, so that it is quite possible for some of the lower grades to contain a small portion of frosted wheat. They also contended that their No. 1 hard would average fully two thirds hard Red Fyfo wheat.

We found the system of inspecting and weighing very complete and wholly under the control of the State and operated by State officials. We can better illustrate the system by following a car from its arrival to its being loaded on the boat.

The inspector or deputy first examines the seals, opens the car and draws a proper sample, which is weighed with a small test scale, then thoroughly cleaned by a small sieve and again weighed, and the amount for shrinkage for dust, etc., fixed. He then fixes the grade, and examines if the car is in good condition, and fills out a card with his decision (which is placed in the car), giving date, car number, initial grade test, weight, shrinkage and condition of car, and as to actual or apparent leakage. He then takes a duplicate, with his reasons for grade, all of which is registered in the inspector's office in a book kept for the purpose, and which is open for examination. He then issues a certificate of grade, which gives all the above particulars. The State weighman then weighs the wheat and hands the weight, with the inspector's car ticket fixing the shrinkage to the warehouseman, and also a copy to the railroad company, who issue their expense bills on the gross weight so furnished. The weighman then registers the car number, initial, place weighed, date, contents, states weight in pounds, and shrinkage, and issues a certificate giving the above particulars with the net outturn of properly cleaned wheat for which the warehouse man is responsible. The cleanings are considered to be valueless. The State inspector then weighs out in shipping, for the inspector inspects as he grain runs from the bins into the boat, and gives his certificate accordingly, specifying in which compartment of the boat it is loaded if there are more grades than one loaded in the the same boat, or different lots of wheat, endorsing on each certificate the quantity, position and grade of the whole cargo.

The cost of inspection is 25c. per car, and 50c. per thousand bushels for vessel.

The weighing charge is 20c. per car, and 40c. per thousand bushels for each cargo.

You can see by this system that the ware-

houseman is not allowed to weigh anything, in or out, and is also limited to the amount of shrinkage fixed by the inspector.

The State has also a system of warehouse receipt registration, which can better be explained verbally.

There is for the State of Minnesota one chief inspector and three chief deputy inspectors, the three last being stationed at Duluth, St. Paul and Minneapolis. The grades are fixed for the whole State, and it is the duty of the chief inspector to see that the deputies grade closely together.

At Duluth, as at Minneapolis, we were informed that no change had been made in the grades from those in force last year.

From what we could learn there will be no difficulty in shipping in bond via Duluth, it being the intention there to have separate bonded bins for Manitoba grain if shipped, and the opinion of the Exchange members was that grain so held in elevators might be bought and sold on 'change on an export basis.

The question was frequently asked us as to whether Manitoba grain would be kept according to Manitoba grades or if it would be regraded there by the Duluth inspector on the Minnesota standards. On this point we held no opinions, presuming that the owner would take advantage of which ever inspection would enable him to sell for the best prices.

To the officials of the different boards of trade visited and to Mr. James, the chief inspector, and Messrs. Clausen and Shelly, chief deputies at Minneapolis and Duluth, we were greatly indebted for the courteous attention paid and the facilities placed at our disposal for acquiring information.

We also desire to express our thanks to the Northern Pacific railway officials, who placed transportation and other facilities at our disposal.

Copies of the various forms used in connection with the inspection, weighing and registration at Duluth are herewith submitted.

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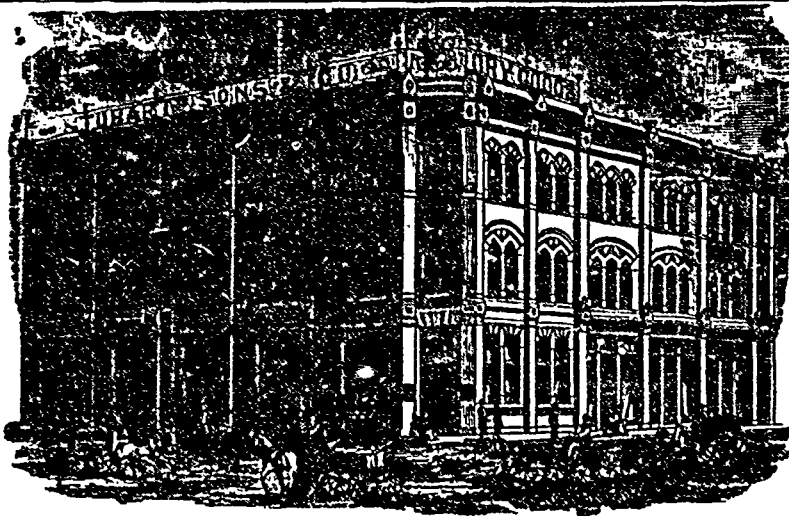

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Calgary Tribune:—J. S. McEwan and Mr. Grahame arrived from Minneapolis last week, and are going out to Red Deer to erect the mills for the Alberta Lumber Company.

The C. P. R. premises, says the Port Arthur Sentinel, present the appearance of a large lumber yard. There is already about 3,000,000 feet of material for the elevators. The present lumber contract calls for 5,000,000 feet—mostly square stuff, and two-inch stuff in the walls. The lower stories are laid with 2x12, the next 2x8, and the upper ones 2x6. These are laid one upon another and spiked together, forming solid walls of timber—the exterior being covered with iron.

Grain and Milling.

Work on McMillan's new elevator at Morden, Man., has been commenced.

It is reported that another elevator is to be built at Indian Head, Assa., this fall.

W. M. Alexander, of Alexander, Kelly & Co., went out shooting recently. The traces broke, resulting in a general smash up, and Mr. Alexander had his collar bone broken.

A representative of the Keewatin Milling Company arrived at Morden, Man., lately, to locate the site for an elevator. The company will have buyers at all the principal wheat markets shortly.

Most of the farmers in the Moose Jaw district, it is said, have secured their crops in excellent condition, and threshing has commenced. It is estimated that there will be 120,000 bushels of No. 1 hard marketed at Moose Jaw this season.

The News, published at Lethbridge, Alberta, says:—We have in our office a sample of fall wheat grown at Lees Creek, by Geo. L. Farrel, which is as fine a sample as can be found in any country. It is, we believe, the first fall wheat grown in this section of country and shows that fall wheat if properly tended to can be raised to good advantage. This crop, which is of the Odessa variety, was sown on the 8th October and was ready for cutting on the 11th Sept.

A 25,000 bushel elevator has been commenced at Regina.

Oats are worth money in the far northwest. The Edmonton Bulletin says:—The first grain marketed this season was a load of 70 bushels of oats delivered recently to M. McCauley, by McLeod Bros., of Little Mountain. The price was \$1 a bushel.

During the year ended September 1, Atlantic exports from America were 27,720,188 bushels, and 10,328,960 barrels of flour, altogether equalling 74,202,411 bushels of wheat. The Pacific coast sent out in the same period 19,154,173 bushels of wheat and 1,301,216 barrels of flour, together equalling 25,099,652 bushels of wheat. More than three-fifths of the Atlantic exports went as flour, while of the Pacific only about one-fourteenth went as flour.

Last week C. A. Pillsbury & Co., the big Minneapolis millers, distributed a \$40,000 dividend among their employes, and every one who had been on their pay roll for two years or more received a portion of this comfortable sum. In no case did it amount to less than one month's salary. This firm has been working on the principle of distributing a portion of the profits among its employes, notwithstanding that full wages are paid. This is a very commendable action.

Prime writes:—“If the average crop of merchantable spring wheat in the Territory of Dakota should ultimately yield eight to ten bushels per acre it is all we may expect. Threshing returns in the south, one-third of the territory, have so far not exceeded six bushels per acre of a poor quality of wheat, the central one-third has not exceeded eight bushels per acre of a fair to good quality, and the northern one third not to exceed twelve bushels, and not more than ten bushels of that is of good wheat. It is a very serious question what will be done with all this large proportion of low grade wheat. It cannot take its place in the eastern market with the 1887 crop, and therefore cannot be used by mills that have good wheat, and it will make flour, at least one-third to one-half of it, that will not be fit even to “feed the pauper laborers of Europe.”

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Business East.
ONTARIO.

J Hill, grocer, Simcoe, has sold out.
 R. Wynn, shoes, Brighton, has sold out.
 E. Coyle, greener, Kingston, has assigned.
 W. F. Lunn, barber, Galt, was burned out.
 Andrew Watt, baker, Paisley, has sold out.
 John Fluagin, tailor, Hamilton, has assigned.
 W. Kench, fruiterer, Hamilton, has assigned.
 W. H. Nelson, hotelkeeper, Dutton, has sold out.
 W. D. Balkie, stationer, Barrie, has sold out.
 F. Jewell, saloonkeeper, Toronto, has sold out.
 Jos. Smith, cooper, New Dundee, has sold out.
 Green & Co., butchers, Parkdale, have assigned.
 Wm. Brown, contractor, Toronto, has assigned.
 Samuel Whiddon, shoes, Ripley, has assigned.
 J. & J. Kerr, lumber, Petrolia, planing mill burned.
 McBurney & Sherman, tailors, Galt, have sold out.
 John Martin, hotelkeeper, New Lowell, has sold out.
 J. O. Johnston, stationer, Newmarket, has sold out.
 Wm. O. Heard, blacksmith, Manchester, has assigned.
 Geo. Smith, general storekeeper, Milton, has assigned.
 Richard Bolton, shoes, Forest, has sold out and away.

W. A. Hungerford, saw mill, Glen Lewis, was burned out.
 Walter Applegate, gents' furnishings, Hamilton, has assigned.
 Wm. Judge, general storekeeper, Orangeville, has assigned.
 Martin, Toins & Co., physicians' supplies, Toronto is out of business.
 Mrs. Menhennett, groceries and bakery, Port Hope, has sold out to Mrs. George

QUEBEC.

Patrick Dowes, contractor, Montreal, is dead.
 F. Beltrand, grocer, Coaticook, has assigned.
 Dr. Avila Gauthier, drugs, Montreal, is dead.
 Robt. Howard, physician, St. Johns, is dead.
 Etienne Milard, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.
 Wm. F. Pagols, tobaccos, Montreal, has assigned.
 Blais & Emond, dry goods, Quebec, have assigned.
 Brodie Jamieson, varnish, Montreal, has assigned.
 Callahan & Co., grocers, Montreal, have assigned.
 Ferdinand Begin, butcher, Levis, has assigned.
 Tellier, Charland & Co., grocers, Sorel, have assigned.
 A. A. Lapointe, hotelkeeper, Montreal, has assigned.
 A. Limogus, general storekeeper, Calumet, has assigned.
 W. Laurie & Co., spool factory, Louiseville, have assigned.
 Dover & Rubenstein, jewelers, Montreal, have assigned.

John Dougall & Son, publishers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 John McIntosh & Son, machinists, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Albert Caldwell, picture frames, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Napoleon V. Marcotte, hotelkeeper, Montreal, has assigned.
 C. S. Muetto, general storekeeper, Richmond, has assigned.
 Raoul Dufresne, manufacturer of paints, Bedford and Montreal, have assigned.
 P. H. Norton & Co., manufacturers extracts, Montreal, P. H. Norton of this firm is away.

NOVA SCOTIA.

J. F. Sibbett, dry goods, Halifax, has assigned.
 McKel & Quigley, furniture, Halifax, have dissolved.
 A. A. Taylor, general storekeeper, Margaree, has sold out.
 Alex. Avery, general storekeeper, Larry's River, has assigned.
 E. R. Moffatt, general storekeeper, North Sydney, has assigned.
 Chat. McDonald, general storekeeper, Lake Ainslie, have assigned.
 Mrs. A. R. Jordan, general storekeeper, Waterville, has given up business.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

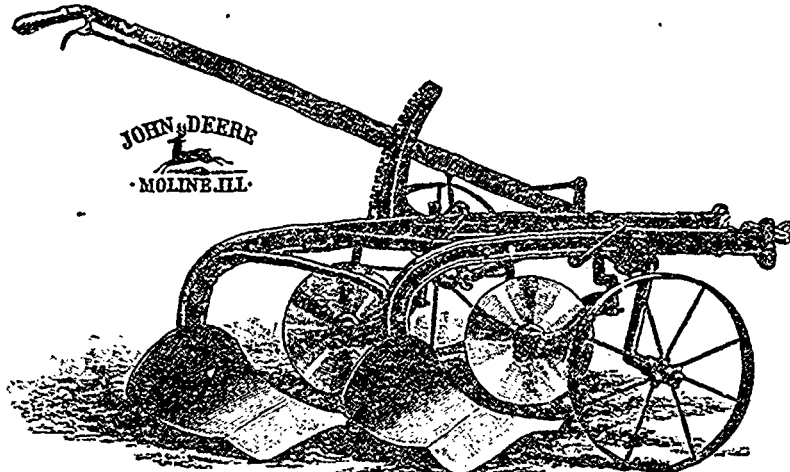
Placide Goguen, general storekeeper, Buc-touche, has assigned.
 The Michael's Bay, Lake Superior, lumber company has suspended and a receiver is in charge of its affairs.

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WINNIPEG.

Mining in Northern Ontario.

The Mining Commission appointed by the Government of Ontario has begun its work, and appears to have laid out for itself an extensive round of visits in addition to those already made. The commission has already been upon a tour through the region lying along the north shore of Georgian Bay from Sault Ste. Marie to Sudbury, and has also visited the Silver Mountain and Whitefish Lake silver district.

The investigations of the commission also extended to the Lake-of-the-Woods region, the Rainy Lake region, and the region south of Lac des Milles Lacs, where, according to Mr. Chariton, the chairman, extensive deposits of iron and rich gold indications are found. Further investigation, this gentleman has recently stated, will be made by the commission respecting the iron and phosphate deposits in Eastern Ontario. The salt district of Gooderich and Kincardine, the pretroleum region of Lambton county, and the gypsum deposit in the Grand River Valley will also be visited. The commission will start for the Madoc region in the course of a few weeks, and the work of investigation will probably be completed towards the end of October.

The Port Arthur silver district is one of the richest on the continent, and is said by old and practical miners to be far ahead of the silver districts of Colorado. About 80 miles west of Port Arthur is the iron district, which promises to be one of the richest on the continent of America, commences. *Monetary Times.*

Fourteen Mistakes.

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To expect uniformity of opinion in this world. To look for judgment and experience in youth.

To endeavor to mold all dispositions alike. Not to yield to immaterial trifles.

To look for perfection in our own actions.

To worry ourselves and others with what can not be remedied.

Not to alleviate all that needs alleviation, as far as lies in our power.

Not to make allowances for the infirmities of others.

To consider everything impossible that we can not perform.

To believe only what our finite minds can grasp.

To expect to be able to understand everything.

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17 50	 Minnedosa	9 45
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22 00	160 Russell	5 00
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