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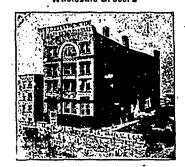
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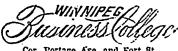
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#### New York Stock Activity.

New York, Dec. 19.—There is no appreciable let-up in the furious activity in the stock market to-day and in the exceedingly broad and varied trading. The market fairly turned reactionary throughout, at one time under the influence of some rather violent breaks in special stocks. Tin plate was the most effective of these, when it suddenly slumped 33-c, after a show of early strength. A drop of 14 points in New York Air Brake was impressive in its way, but it had little effect on the market. The reactionary tendency of some of the junior Vanderbilts' developed that speculators had been taking rather too sanguine a view of possible readjustments of securities of these companies. Cleveland C. C. & St. L. and the N. Y., Chicago and St. L. stocks fell back heavily, atthough some of them went up briskly in the morning.

an effort was made to reclaim the bull position in the final hour by sudden advances in Northern Pacific, Sugar, Illinois Central, General Electric, the Chicago Terminal Transfer stocks. The advances in these above the low point ran from two to six half points. Prices did stiffen, in sympathy but the speculative enthusiasm was not fully renewed, and the market closed feverish and unsettied, with a point or more lost on some of these sudden gains. Even the Erle stocks, which have been the real backbone in the market for several days, came to a pause to-day, and the first preferred, after rising 2½, reacted 1½, with a final fractional rally.

The total number of failures in Canada last week was 26, against 23 the previous week and 31 in the same week a year ago.

The Rublee Fruit Co., Winnipes, have imported from Solberga, Sweden, a large supply of the famous Swedish parlor matches. These matches are put up in boxes of 500 matches, and they will sell here to the trade at \$5.75 per gross. This is a very fine dampproof match.

proof match.

The total dividends disbursed by the various companies identified with the mineral industry of the United States in the eleven months ended November 30, as far as reported to the Engineering and Mining Journal, amounted to \$114, 567,452, paid by 200 companies. Of the total, the gold silver copper, lead, zine and quicksilver mines contributed \$48,750,942, or 42.5 per cont, while the remaining \$65,816,510, or 57.5 per cent, was paid by the petroleum, coal and coke, iron and steel and other companies. Copper mines paid \$30,439,529, or 62 per cent of the total mining dividends.

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#### CHRISTMAS GREETING.

The holiday season is again with us. The Christmas bells are ringing. At this time of the year the feeling of good will is expected to prevail among men more generally than at anv Sociability and friendother time. ship is for a short period at feast allowed to replace or displace business anxieties. Here in Western Canada we have every reason to allow for the full enjoyment of the holiday season. The year now drawing to a close has by no means been an unsatisfactors one. While in the grain growing districts the crop has not been up to the usual standard of excellence, yet it might have been worse. On the whole the country has made substantial progress, and a fair degree of prosperity is being enjoyed. Poverty and want, as it is known in meny other countries, is unknown here. In this new country, if we have not many very wealthy men, we have also very few cases of poverty. For those really in need, we are sure help will be freely extended during the holiday sesson, so that all will be made to feel that this is a time for good feeling and good will among mon. iness men are looked to to provide the bulk of the assistance for the needy. and they are usually not slow to do their duty in this respect.

The Commercial wishes all its readers a Merry Christmas.

#### SPREADING ACCOUNTS.

Ore of the dangers which constantly beset the average merchant is the tendency to spread accounts. This is a double danger, from the fact that in spreading accounts there is not only the disadvantage of increasing the number of creditors, but also to unnecessarily increase the liabilities at the same time. Where the accounts are kept down to the smallest sumber possible, it may safely be taken for granted that liabilities are also kept well within bounds. It is certainly a great advantage to the average merchant to have as few creditors as boasible. Only those who have exceptional financial standing can afford to buy widely with impunity. to buy widely with impunity. When a squeeze comes, the merchant who has kept his accounts down to a small number will certainly stand in a much better position then the one who has spread out liberally in this respect. The larger the number of crediters, the more difficult it will always be to arrange for any desired favor in time of need.

But while the spreading of accounts is a source of danger, owing to the difficulty of arranging with a large number of creditors in time of need. undoubtedly the greatest direct danger resulting from wide buying is the tendency which it exerts to increase liabilities. It is as sure to result in increasing liabilities beyond what is necessary, as is the course of the sun from the east to west. Every additional account is almost sure to something to the merchant's liabilities beyond what would have been necessary without this account. As the safety of the merchant whose financial position is not strong, lies largely in keeping his stock and liabilities down to the lowest point necessary to meet the demands of his trade, so also his greatest danger is in spreading his accounts, with its necessary incidious increase in liabilities.

A representative of a jobbing house which has a large trade on the west. and which has escaped with remarkably small losses during recent years, was heard to remark the other that when they found a merchant was spreading his accounts freely, they re very careful about selling him goods. He instanced one case of an order they had declined to fill, on the ground that the merchant had too Within two many accounts. years the merchant had assigned. This, he said, was a feature which they watched very closely, and whenever merchant was suspected of buy buving widely, his credit was curtailed.

It is surely a great source strength to any merchant to have as few accounts and as few creditors as he can get along with and meet the reasonable demands of his trade.

#### FINAL MANITOBA CROP BULLETIN.

The final official crop report for Manitoba was issued at the close of last week. The wheat crop is placed at 8.9 bushels per acre, making a total of 13,000,000 in round numbers. While this is a heavy reduction in the wheat crop, it is pleasing to note that a large increase in the production of live stock, poultry, dairy products, etc., is apparent. The production of dairy produce is placed at, 2,083,000 pounds of dairy butter, compared with 1,354,000 pounds hat year; and creamery at 1,254,000 pounds, compared with 1,002,000 pounds last year. Cheese 1,021,000 pounds, compared with 848,587 last year. Beef cattle exported, 16,000, compared with 12,-000 last year. The number of live animals held by farmers shows a good increase in all lines, except sheep, of which latter there is a decrease from 33,000 head last year to 25,800 this year. The decline in the sheep industry is no doubt due mainly to the trouble from wolves, which has rendered sheep raising unprofitable many farmers. There is a fair increase in the area of land prepared for crop in the spring, the figures standing at 1,558,800 acres, compared with 1,492,000 acres last year.

#### THE DAIRY TRADE

#### WANTIOBA CHEERE.

Manitoba, cheese has had considerable advertising of late which has not been very beneficial to the holders of the commodity, owing to what has been said about the poor quality of a portion of the make. This has tended to depress business in the Manitoba pro-It is therefore pleasing to be able to say something of a more encouraging nature about this industry.

While there are some factories which have not turned out first-class goods. it should not be taken for granted, as some have evidently supposed, that all our cheese is not good. There are a number of factories which make excellent goods. As a proof of this we are shown a letter this week from a party in Ontario who had received a shipment of our cheese, in which he stated that the goods were fine quality and thoroughly satisfactory. Manitoba makers have carried off first prizes on a number of occasions at the leading exhibitions of the continent. At the great Chicago fair the highest awards obtainable were secured by Manitoba exhibitors of both butter and cheese. Unfortunately more will be heard about one bad lot of dairy goods than is said about scores of shipments of fine goods, and thus the impression is created that all our cheese is medium or poor quality. Just as good cheese can be made here as elsewhere, and those who have heard about a poor lot of Manitoba cheese should not run away with the impression that it is all alike. Buyers need not unnecessarily shun our cheese, for by using care in selecting they will be able to get the quality they desire.

#### SHORT WEIGHT PACKAGES.

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Considerable inconvenience and annoyance has been caused produce houses by the custom of some creameries of packing boxes short weight an attempling and involcing them as full trimping to give us the names of creameries to give us the names of creameries which have habitually shipped 56 pound packages, stamped and involced at this weight, while containing only 52 to 54 pounds of butter. Where this occurs frequently in the shipments from a creamery, it may be considered as something more than currently for the shipments from a creamery, it may be sufficiently for the shipments from a creamery, it may be shipments from a creamery, it may be shipment from a creamery, it may be shipment from a creamery, it may be shipment from a creamery. It may be shipment from a creamery, it may be shipment from a creamery, it may be shipment from a creamery. It may be shipment from the shipment from a creamery, it may be shipment from the shipment

#### THE LUMBER TRADE.

#### CLOSE OF THE NORTHWESTERN MILLING SEASON.

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As the mills have shut down because of the closing in of winter, so cause of the closing in of winter, so cause of the closing in of winter, so have cargo shipments coased on the same reason and the various methods which depend for their plue upon the same reason and the various methods which depend for their plue in their plue in the superior are taking account of stock and making up their minds whether or not their buying policy of the past season was a wise one. Reports from the head of Lake Superior show that there is a large slock of lumber on docks, with the majority of it unsold. This by itself would seem to be an unfavorable feature and might indicate that the Reason has been an unsatisfactory one in the way of lumber distribution, but a study of the conditions at the markets shows a counterbalancing which the mill stock reports. All the markets all the stock that the winds were sold out more closely than ever before. One the weaker conditions and heavy buying and the markets which sometimes the necessity which sometimes the necessity which sometimes the necessity which sometimes and further would not take piace. Whet document would not take piace. What the markets have a support of the situation and were not disposed to relinquish the advantage drey had gained through two years or more of mastery. They refused to

make any material concessions beyond these noted, cheerfully piled up their stocks, and in some cases, when their docks were full, shut down the mill for a time.— American Lumber-

#### THE OTTAWA CUT.

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Something of interest about the important industry of lumbering is gathered from the remarks of the president at the recent annual meeting of the Bank of Ottawa. He consider the Bank of Ottawa he considered the figure of 800,000,000 or 900,000,000 feet of lumber produced within a radius of fifty miles of Ottawa city an over-estimate. The total manufacture of sawn lumber, he is informed, does not greatly exceed 600,000,000 feet. Then as to hewn pine, the quantity of white and red now held in Quebec is only 1,338,000 cubic feet, against 2,304,000 cubic feet a year ago. This quantity of square and waney pine at Quebec is the smallest on record.

#### LUMBER TRADE NOTES.

The demand for southern yellow pine has been unusually large this month and mills report an exceptionally good trade doing.

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The pulpwood resources of Northern Minnesots are being actively developed by capitalists from various parts of the United States.

Hardwood lumber trade is quiet in Western Canada and the United States at present and there is very little buying movement anywhere.

Manning & McClure, of Stonewall, Mann, are putting in a sawmill plant in the Gimil district, Lake Winnipes, the machinery for which they have ordered from The Stuart-Arbuthnot Machinery Co., Winnipes, Capacity about 20,000 feet per day.

S. and Levi Sanders are putting in a sawmill at Ethelbert, on the Canada Northern Rallway, northern Manitoha, Northern Rallway, northern Manitoha, The same company has also sold a portable plant to D. Cote, of Otterburn, Man.

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terburn, Man.

Ritchev & McDonald have purchased a sawmill plant from the Stuart-Arbuthnot Machinery Co., Winnipeg, which will be set up at Makinak, on the Canadian Northern Railway. In northern Manitoba. The first car of machinery has been forwarded. The mill will have a capacity of about 30,-1000 per day.

000 per day.

The lumber mills of Duluth and Superior report their season's operations during 1900 to have resulted in a cut of 416,326,000 feet of turner and against 423,768,000 feet last year and 223,933,000 two years ago. The turner mills 2000 feet as against 114,138,000 as year ago and about the same quantity two years ago.

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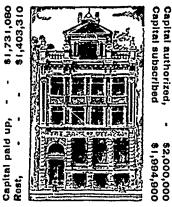
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#### Final Manitoba Crop Bulletin.

The last crop bulletin of the season. No. 63, has been issued by the department of agriculture, and contan a resume of weather conditions du og the year, the sield of the different grains, remarks in regard to for aton compiled from the returns of the regular correspondents of the of the tegular correspondents of the department throughout the province, it will be noticed that the wheat yield this sear averages 89 bushels per acre and that only a small percentage is No 1 hard in grade.

The following tables give a summary of the yields of the various crops of the province.

of he province.

	Wheat.		
	Area	Ave.	Total.
District.	Harvt'd.		Yid.
District	Acres	Bus.	Bus.
S. W	163,250		1,801,050
	607,130	7.9	4,796,327
S. W.		ıi.	2,265,560
N. Central			2,562,157
S. Central			1,510,158
Eastern	1.10,010	10.1	1,010,103
Province	1,457,396	8.9	13,025,252
	Oats.		
	Area	Ave.	Total.
District.	Haryt'd.	Yld.	Yld.
Digitie	Acres	Bus.	Bus.
S. W	102,300		2,251,290
	110,918		1.701063
s. w	12.70	1.1	1,701,013 1,523,120
N. Central .	63,200 96,010	20.1	1,836,201
S. Central	50,010	22.5	1,409,625
Eastern	62,650	22.0	1,-100,000
Province	429,108	20.5	5,811,312
	Barley	•	
	Area	Ave.	Total.
District.	Harvi'd.	Yld.	Yld.
District	Acres	Bus.	Bus.
2 W	16,300	17:3	252.370
		16:55	503,500
S. W	27,580	23.1	637,098
N. Central	12 776	17.6	752,857
S. c'entral	42,776	19.8	103,786
Eastern	35,070	10.0	100,100
Province	155,111		2,939,177
Flaz	, Rye an	d Pen	<b>\$</b> .
į.	rea in Y	ield po	r Total
_		Acre.	Yield,
		Bus.	Bus.
Plan		S.04	
	2,480	10.4	25,792
Rye		11.6	5,018
Peas	780	11.0	

## l'otatoes.

	Arva m	Tield per	Total
District.	Crop,	Acre,	Yleld,
	Acres.	Bus.	Bus.
Northwest .	2,500		310,000
Southwest .	4,520	116	524,320
North Centr			628,320
South Centr.	al 1.920	109	209,250
Eastern		136	524,960
Province	.16,880	132	2,058,210
	Roots	,	
	Area in	Yield per	
District.	Crop.	Acre,	Yleld,
	Acres.	Bus.	Bus.
Northwest .	, 1,200	201	-241,200
Southwest	2,090	198	413 S20
North Centra		187	314,160
South Centra		156	99.840
Province	". 7.4S2	191	1,452,780

#### Eastern .. .. 1,872 Poultry Disposed of by Farmers.

205

383,760

Province . . . 7,482

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	Turkey	Geese.	Chteke
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Northwest Dis.	11.400	11,100	73,400
Southwest Dis.	19.442	5,805	
N. Central Dis.	9,520	3,200	
S Central Dis.	13.840	5,600	
Eastern Distri		3,760	41,440
Province	64,762	29,465	270,005
Nov	v Buildir	ıgs.	
Northwest dist	rict	\$	250.S0a
Southwest distr			289,250
death, acce and			4343 434 44

Northwest district			280,800
Southwest district			261,360
North Central district			251,680
South Central district			
Eastern district	• •	• •	268,000
Province.		\$1	.351,600

#### Land Prepared for Crop of 1901.

	Acres
Breaking	153,056
Fellow ng	447,319
Fall plowing	958,462

.1.558.837  above given for fall plowing is divided among the various districts as follows:

				2/ 625.4
Northwest				69.165
Southwest			••	.221.915
North Central				209,180
South Central				290,102
Eastern	٠.	• •		167,940
Total				953,462

#### Wheat.

From the foregoing remarks it can readily be understood that this is an off year for No. 1 hard wheat. Only off year for No. 1 hard wheat. Only a small percentage of the crop grades 1 hard. A considerable quantity grades 2 hard. The greater part, however, is 3 hard and 3 tough or damp, with many cars marked "no grade" until it passes through the drier.

#### Oats and Barley.

Oats and Barley.

The remarks on wheat apply to oats and barley. Many fields of oats, after being cut and in stook, grew a second crop, with rank growth, during the wet weather that completely hid the stooks of the first crop not yet stacked. The quality of the oats is below the average. Complaint is also made that barley is thin or light. It is hard to estimate the amount of wheat that is to go to market for export. Farmers must retain enough good grain for seed and flour, and as there is not an overplus of coarse grains no doubt a considerable quantity of wheat will be used for feeding purposes.

Live Stock.

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Cattle.—The number of beef cattle exported this season was 16,500. There were 25,000 yearlings or stockers shipped to the ranches in the Northwest Territories and 3,000 shipped to the United States. The trade in stockers may now be said to be diverted to the Northwest Territories, where there is room and pasture for all the stockers that Manitoba can ever supply. ever supply.

ever supply.

Hogs.—During the winter of 1830-1900 at least 10,000 hogs were imported from western Ontario by Winnipeg packers, but during the summer of 1900 more Manitoba hogs were supplied to the packers than during any single season in the past. The receists for the month of November past were in marked contrast with those of November last year. It is estimated that the farmers of Mani-

toba supplied for all purposes during the year at least 25,000 hogs, Winnings, for packers' use and fresh meat trade, can readily take at least 100,000 hogs each year, and if to this is added the ever increasing requirements of the British Columbia fresh meat trade the number will be much increased. If the packers in Win ilpeg could secure a sufficient number of hogs to run their houses to the full capacity, so as to supply it? British Columbia market with curements, it would be a question of a short time only until the number of hogs required would be at least 200,000. The possibilities of further increase, as well as the indications of interest of farmers in this industry, are very encouraging.

Dairy Products.

#### Dairy Products.

#### Butter.

Pounds. Price. Value. s. \$301,145.64 240,515.40

> 3,338,431 \$511,661.01

#### Cheese.

Factory . .1,021,258 10.02 102,330.05

Although the past season has been unfavorable to the production of dairy products, on account of the drouth and the extreme heat in the early part of the season, the business shows a thriving condition and a rapid increase. The price of dairy butter remains about the same, but the production has increased about 50 per cent. over last year's figures. The price of creamery butter is forty-three-hundredths of a cent higher than last year; which is higher than any year in the past five years for Ontario creamery. The production is 25 per cent. greater than last year, with little complaint as to quality. The price of cheese is twenty-three-hundredths of a cent less than last year, but the price of 10.02 cents per pound is greater than any year in the past ten years in Ontario.

The production is about 20 per cent. greater than last year, and of seven dealers in Wininger two report the Total value . . . . . . . . . . . . \$643,991.09

The production is about 20 per cent. greater than last year, and of seven dealers in Winnipeg two report the quality slightly inferior to last season while the other five report the quality as superior to last season. It is well known that the progressive farmers of Manitoba are keeping up with the times. the dimes.

the times. Some adverse criticism has been directed against the dairy industry of the province, but the foregoing report clearly shows that the industry is in a good healthy condition.

#### Live Stock in the Province.

The following figures, showing the number of live stock in the province, compare very favorably with those of last year. Of horses, horned cattle and pigs there has been an ducrease of 15,074, 17,312 and 11,901, respectively Sheep, however, show a decrease of 7,276. The following figures are from the assessment returns of 1900. District.

District.	Horses.	Cattle.
Northwest	14.656	46,316
Southwest		45,905
North Central	21.748	42.817
South Central		41,376
Eastern		61,146
Province	118.629	237,560
		Pigs.
	Snee.	1713.50
Northwest	4.114	9.873
Southwest	4,114	9,873
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#### Hay and Fodder.

The season was very trying to far-mers in their attempts to secure hay. There was so little growth of vegeta-There was so little growth of vegeta-tion in the early spring and summer months that there was no hay cut in the usual hay meadows. When rains came deep meadows became flooded and could not be cut. Attempts were made to cut and save the after-vrowth late in the season, but the continued rains destroyed, to a great degree, the quality of the hay then many districts to depend upon straw for fodder. The straw saved is much inferior to the usual quality of Mani-toba straw stacks, but pastures were so good until snow fail that all kinds of stock went into winter quarters in fine condition. The experiences of winter feeding with straw only will be watched with interest. Possibly the long neglected Manitoba straw may take its proper place as a fodder.

#### Marvest Laborers.

In the August bulletin it was estimated that 1,025 men would be required to assist in the harvest fields. About 2,000 men came west on the usual excursions, it was expected that this number would be sufficient to assist in taking off the harvest. Farmers were anxious to keep down expenses as much as possible, and tried to harvest their crops by their own exertions. When the rainy season closed early in October there was a special demand for men to hurry up the work before winter set in. About 100 men came from Ontario in response to this demand. The short period for work no doubt deterred others from coming. Continued fine weather in October enabled farmers to round up their work in fairly good shape for winter.

#### Grasshoppers.

Grashoppers.

Reference was made to grasshoppers in the August bulletin. Every method for the destruction of hoppers advised by this department was put into practice successfully by the farmers in the district infested. Millions of the young hoppers were destroyed, crops partially saved and every precaution taken to destroy eggs that may have been deposited this season. The extra rainfall during the latter part of the summer has no doubt assisted in the destruction of the eggs, and it is to be hoped that no trouble will be experienced the coming season.

#### Winnipeg Raw Fnr Prices.

Following is a list of the prices now being paid by responsible fur buyers in Winnipeg for consignments of furs from all parts of the west:—

Bear, black, small		From	То
Bear, black, middling S.00 13.00 Bear, black, large 12.00 20.00 Bear, brown, small 3.00 8.00 Rear, brown, middling S.00 12.00 Bear, brown, middling S.00 12.00 Bear, brown, large 12.00 18.00 Beaver, the second secon	Budger, prime	3 .25	5 .50
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Canada, says John Dryden, must have two hundred awards for agricultural and horticultural alone, at the Parls Exposition, beating all foreign countries including the United States, while in other groups, including manufactures, Canada has more than held her own. her own.

Work on the pler at Delta, the terminus of the Lake Manitoba branch of the Northern Pacific railway in Manitoba, from Portage la Prairie, is progressing rapidly and the stone work is now being constructed. The pier extends for about 1,200 feet into the lake. This now Manitoba summer resort will be ready for visitors by spring. by spring.

A. W. Campbell, Ontario road instructor, reports that over 50 townships in the province will vote at the municipal elections on by-laws to do away the system of statute labor. The progress made in the province during the last year in favor of good roads has been remarkable and excellent results has followed the abolition of the statue labor system in those districts where the new system has been tried.

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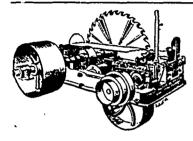
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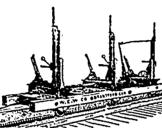
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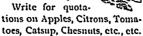
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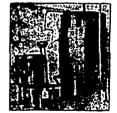
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#### <del></del> FLOUR MILLS AND ELEVATORS.

NEW PLANTS ESTABLISHED THIS YEAR. 

The year now near a close has not been a particularly active one in elevator and flour milk building in our western wheat belt. The unfavorable crop outlook was alone sufficient to deter many from embarking in eaterdeter many from embarking in eaterprises of this nature. Then the agitation among the farmers for restrictions upon the grain trade, has no
doubt operated to prevent the erection of elevators. Manitoba to-day
has undoubtedly the best system for
the rapid and economical handling of
grain to be found anywhere in the
world, and the most important part
of this system is the line of receiving
elevators which form the most conspicious landmarks at every market
throughout the wheat belt, This
system of country elevators is being
extended rapidly year by year, as new
times of railway are built throug;
the country and new districts re
opened up. Every little town has
usually from two to four or five elevators, provided with modern facilities for taking in grain from the farmers' vehicles, while at terminal
points large storage and cleaning elevators have been established.

Noi withstanding the unfavorable
season, owing to poor crop conditions,
we find that thirty-two elevators have
been erected at country points in the
wheat belt of Manitoba and eastern
Assinibola, and one elevator in the
grain district of Northern Alberta.

During the year three flour mills have
been erected, including one nearing
completion.

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#### PLOUR MILLS.

FLOUR MILLS.

At Yorkton, terminus of the Northwestern branch, J. J. Smith creeted a 100 barrel flour mill, for which plant was supplied by the Stuart-Arbuthnot Co., Winnipeg. This mill has since been sold to Lev! Beck, of Yorkton.

At Moose Jaw, D. McLean has a fine mill under construction, which will be completed in a few weeks. The capacity will be 250 barrels per day, and will be thoroughly modern in every particular, making one of the best plants in the country.

At Dominion City, Man., a small mill of about 50 barrels capacity has been built for the Hutterische Society, an association of the people known in Manitoba as Mennonites.

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#### ELEVATORS.

The Ogilvie Milling Co. leads in the number of new elevators erected this year. The fine system of primary elevators controlled by this company has been increased during the year by the construction of twelve new ones, having a capacity of 25,000 to 30,000 bushels each. These are located at the following points. On the Southwestern railway branch, one each at Starbuck, Elm Creek, Rathwell and Treherne. On the Pembina branch,

The Lake of the Woods Milling Company have built this year a total of four houses of 30,000 bushels' capacity each, which will materially add to the splendid line of receiving elevators owned by this company. These elevators have dump scales, so that wheat may be carried to them loose in wagon box, thus saving the labor of oagging the grain. They all have gasoline engines. The new elevators of this company are located at the following points: Rosthern, on the Prince Albert branch, Killarney, on the Deloratine line, Wapelia, on the Canadian Pacific Railway main line, and Miniota, on the Northwest Central.

the Deloratine line, Wapella, on the Canadian Pacific Railway main line, and Miniota, on the Northwest Central.

The Northern Elevator Co., of Winnipog, stands next after the Ogilvie Milling Co. in the number of elevators creeted this season Tals company has built two elevators of 30,000 bushels' capacity each, on the Belmont extension of the Northern Pacific Railway in Manitoba, one at Margaret and the other at Fairfax. A 25,000 bushel elevator has also been built at Birtle, on the Northwestern line, where the company formerly had a flat warehouse, and at High Bluff, on the Canadian Pacific Railway main, line, where the company formerly had a small steam elevator, a new 30,000 bushel elevator has been built. Two elevators of 30,000 bushels' capacity each have also been built to replace houses burnt, one at Treherne, on the Southwestern and the other at Hargare on the Canadian Pacific Railway main line, in Manitoba. This makes in all six new grain houses erected by the forthern Elevator Co. during the season.

The Winnipeg Elevator Co. have put in three new houses this season, of 25,000 bushels each. These are located at Holmfield and Killarney, on the Deloraine line and Beaver, on the Northern Pacific extension west of Portage la Prairie. The elevator at Killarney replaced one burned.

Baker & Reid, grain merchants, Winnipeg, have also erected three elevators this season, of 25,000 bushels' capacity each. Two of these are in the Regina district, at Phot Butte and Craven, and the third is at Caron, west of Moose Jaw, on the main line. This is the most westerly elevator of the wheat belt.

This concludes the list of elevators built by Winnipeg grain men and milling concerns during the year. The following elevators have been built by country grain dealers. Chas. Hall, of Alexander, Man., has built an elevator at Crandell. G. B. Murphy, of Carberry, Man., associated with Mr. Forsyth, has built a house at High Bluff. At Gilbert Plains, on the new branch west from Dauphin, the Canada Northern Company have estab-

purchased Sherar & Modeland's elevator at Elva, Man., which further increases their plant, in addition to the new elevators built. Besides the new elevators herein enumerated, a number of flat warehouses have been built for receiving grain at country points.

#### THE IMPLEMENT TRADE.

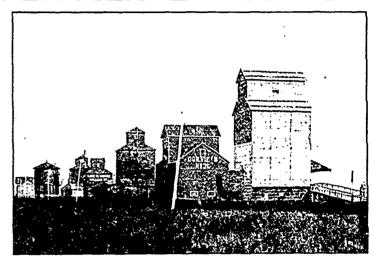
#### THE TWINE MARKET.

An increase of activity among twine An increase of activity among twine buyers is reported by some of the manufacturers, who state that considerable business has been transacted during the past week. Some of this has been done on unconditional contracts and some on contracts embodying guarantees of price against the seiler only, which latter condition the majority of houses now in the market are willing to accept. In capacity the concerns now seeking business constitute the larger part of the trade, while numerically they represent but a small portion. It is only the man

#### IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

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The statement and market report published the 3rd inst. by Ira A. Kip & Co., brokers, New York, shows that there were imported into the United States from Manila, from Jan. 1st, to date 205,711 bales of Manila hemp, while in 1899 the importations were 209,202 and in 1808, 302,931 bales. The importations of Manila hemp to the United States from Europe were 78,999-8,083-18,187 bales. During the mont 1 of November the total imports were 15,771, as against 23,031 in 1899 and 46,796 bales in 1898. The quantity of sisal hemp imported to the United States from Jan. 1st to Dec. 3: d, was 457,835 bales; in 1899 it was \$2,505 and in 1898 405,561 bales. The importations for the past month were importations for the past month were



Elevators at Plum Coulee, Man.

ufacturers who are supplied with fiber stock that are taking part in the present movement, as the narrow margin between the price of material and the price of twine offers no inducement to those who must buy hemp on the present market; and there must needs be a heavy drop in the price of hemp before the timid manufacturer will dare come into the market. market.

market.

How marrow that margin is may be judged from the fact that white the prevailing price of sisai twine is 4½ cents lower than it was a year ago, sisal fiber, in that time, shows a net decline of only 3 cents. The hemp price was lower than now for a few days some time ago, but only a small amount of stock changed hands at that price, and had there been shown

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45,199 bales. It will thus be seen that while there was a falling off in the importations of manita, themp there was a considerable increase of sisal.

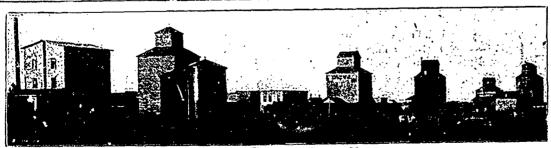
Win. Heath has arrived in Winnipeg from Galesburg, Ill., to take the management of the Deering Harvester Company's business here, in succession to O. M. Hatcher, who has gone into the plano business in the city. Mr. Heath has been with the Deering Company for the past thirteen years, two years of which time he spent at Fargo, North Dakota, and for the past eight years he has been at Galesburg, at which latter place he was manager of the branch for the last three years. Mr. Heath's residence at Fargo would give him some acqualintance with the cilmate and other conditions in this field. He has now a big territory to preside over and will no doubt keep the Deering Interests well to the front. The following reference to Mr. Heath's appointment to this field is from a Galesburg paper "William Heath, who has been connected with the Deering Harvester Company's office in Galesburg for the past eight years, left Monday night for Winnipeg, Manitoba, where he is to take charge of the work of the company. For five years he was assistant manager of the Galesburg office, and for three years has been general agent. The appointment is considered a very fine one, and shows Mr. Heath's standing with his company. His family will follow soon for Winnipeg."

It is stated that about 16,000 farmers have arrived and settled in Canada from the United States during the

wear.
Work on the new railway bridge over the Red Deer or Reindeer river.
In Northern Manitoba, will be carried on during the winter. This will be one of the longest bridges on the Canadian Northern system.

adian Northern system.

Wm. Levack, a Toronto cattle dealer, whose estate is being wound up, has made a very bad failure if current reports are correct. His liabilities are between \$90,000 and \$100,000 and his available assets \$1,500. Heavy mortgages have been found to exist against his real estate. It is expected that about two per cent, will be paid the unsecured creditors.



Flour Mill and Elevators at Carman, Man.

at La Salle and McTavish, both of these points being located between Winnipeg and Morris. On the Souris branch, at Pierson and Carievale. On the Northwest Central, at Crandell. On the Canadian Pacific main line, at Rosser, Poplar Point and Melbourne. What is most significant in connection with the new elevators of the Ogilvie Company is the number which have been established in the Winnipeg district. No less than seven out of the dozen are situated at points within about 40 miles of Winnipeg. This indicates the progress that is being made in the Red River valley section of Manitoba.

lished an elevator. At Wetaskiwin, Alberta, on the Edmonton branch, the Calgary Milling Co. have built an elevator. E. A. Holmes has built at Hargrave, Man., and Malcolm Orr has ercreted an elevator at Glenboro, Man. The last two were to replace houses that had been burned. At Moose Jaw, D. McLean has built a 50,000 bushel elevator, in connection with the new flour mill, which he is establishing at that place. At Yorkton, J. J. Smith built a 10,000 bushel house in connection with the new flour mill established at that place. Both mill and elevator have since been sold to Levi Beck. Baker & Reld, Winnipeg, 'lave

a tendency to buy heavily the return a tendency to buy heavily the return to higher prices would have been speedier. The future course of fiber prices, is of course, problematical, but the present differences between spot and shipment manila and other conditions, among which the immense stock of manila hemp is paramount, seem to promise reductions in fiber prices in the not distant future; but as before stated, it will require a radical decline to affect the price of twine.

Current prices, fo.b Chicago and other central points are as follows:



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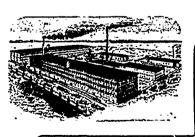


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#### MINING MATTERS.

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A Spokane engineer has bonded the Butcher Boy mine on the west for of the Kettle river for \$100,000.

The various producing mines of the toundary Creek district shipped 23,-Boundary Creek district shipped 23,-(80) tons of ore to smelters during November.

It is expected that the B. C. Copper Company's smelter at Greenwood will be ready for operation within two

montus.
The Fog Born mine, Ymir district, has been purchased by Spokane people for \$15,000. They intend commencing active operations at once.

The Granby smelter at Grand Forks is treating over 600 tons of ore per day. The capacity of this smelter may be increased in the near future.

A new forty-horse power boller has been added to the plant at the B. C. mine, Summit Camp. The main working shaft of the mine has attained a depth of 282 feet.

The gross value, calculated at New York price of copper, of the six car-loads of Brooklyn mine ore sent to the smelter some time since was \$10.40 per

ton.

A thirty-five drill compressor is being installed at the Mother Lode mine. After the new plant is working the output of this mine will be 300 tons

The Metropolitan group of nines in the Lardeau country has been purchased by Charles W. McCrossan, of Duluth, Minn., and will be actively operated next year. The group consists of six claims embracing 300 acres and is about nine miles distant from Ferguson.

Ferguson.

At a meeting of the Golden Star it was decided that the present company sell out to a new company to be formed with a capital of \$1,500,000. The shareholders in the old company are to have shares in the new stock to be 95 per cent, paid up, subject to 3 per cent, calls at the discretion of the directors.

The annual general meeting of the

tion of the directors.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Arctic Slope Hydraulic Minling Company, Ltd., was held at the head offices of the company, Victoria, on Monday, December 10th. The shareholders expressed themselves as well catisfied with the financial statement. A dividend of 50 per cent is said to be in sight.

#### N. W. ONTARIO.

The Nevember clean-up at the Sultana mine, Rac Portuge, was a little above the average.

The November clean-up of the Mik ado mine, Rat Portage district, amounted to about \$12,000, Improvements to the equipment of the mine, which have just been completed, will, it is said reduce the operating expenses about \$1.50 per ton.

penses about \$1.50 per ton.
Steady shipments are being made from the Sakoose, says the Wabigoon Star, four or five cars a week being sent out regularly to the Keewatin Reduction Works. The quality of the cre is keeping up to a high standard and in the south drift from No. 1 shait, there has been lately taken a lot of visible gold. The mine seems to be keeping up to its good reputation acquired during the earner stages of development.

The Ontario government has pro-mised a bonus of \$5,000 to the Central Canada chamber of mines as a re-sult of representations made by a desult of representations made by a deputation which recently went from Winnipeg to Toronco for the purpose of interviewing the minister. This grant is to be used in advertising the Raby River mines. The Dominion government has also promised \$5,000 towards the work of this institution and the C. P. R. is giving \$1,000.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

The directors of the Republic mine of Washington met last week and organized as follows. President, Robt. Jaffray, vice-president, A. A. Ayer, secretary, D. H. Hallahan; treasurer, James Hutchison; directors, James Crathern, D. H. Burrell, A. Kingman, A. Speir and D. H. Hallahan.

A. Speir and D. H. Hallahan.
A careful estimate of the total yield
of gold from the F. ndike and Alaska,
including Nome, for the present year,
has been completed by a smelting
company, acting in conjunction with
the statistician of the San Francisco
rent The amount aggregates \$25,
721,223,81, divided as follows: Klondike, \$21,358,329,17; Nome, \$4,367,
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#### Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

Matters.

"On November 5 the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad placed an order with the Pullman Company for three 60-foot mail cars, the equipment being urgently needed for a new train. As November 6 fell on election day the shops were closed, and actual work was not begun until November 7," says the Railway Age in relating the story. "On November 17 the cars were delivered to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy fully equipped and ready for service, the time consumed in constructing the cars complete, including bodies, trucks and interior littings, having, been but ten days."

Orders will be placed soon by the

structing the cars complete, including bodies, trucks and interior sittings, having, been but ten days."

Orders will be placed soon by the management of the Camadian Pacific Rallway for ten new strst-class passenger coaches. It is expected the new coaches will be ready for use inside of three months. They will be sixty-five feet in length, and equipped with Westinghouse high-speed brakes, steel platforms and Pulman vestibules. They will be steam heated and lighted with acme lamps, also wired for electric fillumination. The trucks will be of the company's standard six wheels, sitted with steel three and hollow break-beams. The coaches will weigh 95,650 pounds. The interior arrangement will be with a view to the greatest comfort. They will be finished in mahogany, with inlaid panels, cellings of green and gold, and plate glass windows. The senting arrangement is one of the best that has yet been devised, the seats being low and capacious. Another feature is the placing of the smoking room, which will be completely shut off from the rest of the car. The passages to the smoking room, which will be completely shut off from the rest of the car. The passages to the smoking room will be beautifully finished, and the corners, instead to being square, will be heaten and sofas will be large, and the chairs and sofas will be infished in leather. The coaches will probably be put into service on all branchs of the Canadian Pacilic system before the end of the new year.

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Canadian Pacific officials report that never in the history of the Kootenays has the freight business in that part of British Columbia been so good as at present. In the month of November 40,500 tons of ore were handled in the Kootenays and Yale, outside of that which was sent to Northport. About 17,000 tons were sent to Northport, which would bring the total up to 57,500 tons for November, which is the largest output for 1 month that the Kootenays has ever produced. The incoming tomage handled by the C. P. R. is very large. For the first ten days of December, 45 carloads of freight per day have been handled between Kuskatnook and Nelson, making a total of 450 carloads for this part of the month. This freight is distributed to Nelson, Slocan, Rossland and the Boundary country. There was a time, a few years ago, when the freight coming into the Kootenays over the Canadian Pacific railway only amounted to a couple of carloads a day. Then it was that the bulk of the freight came in by way of the Red Mountain railway has increased with each year, but that of the Canadian Pacific has shown a still greater increase.—Rossland Miner.

Winnings Prices a Year Ago.

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Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year.

Wheat—No. 1 hard closed at Give in store Fort William.

Flour—Local price per sack. Patent, \$1.506,15.00; best bake \$\frac{1}{2}\$. \$1.70.

Oatmeal—\$1.70 per \$0 ib sack to the retail trade.

Millstuffs—Bran. \$9.504\$10.00 per ton; shorts. \$11.506\$12.00, delivered to city dealers.

Oats—Carlots on track, new oats, 24 62 27c, according to quality.

Rarley—256/25c per bushel for feed grades of new, 256/352c for malting.

Country wheat —1876/25c per bushel according to grade and freight rate to farmers at country points.

Corn—In carlots, 386/40c per bushel of 500.

Flax—\$1.20 per bushel.

Butter—Datry, 186/20c per fb. for best grades.

Cheese—Regular sizes, 1361/34.

Butter—Dairy, 18(22)c per 10. of vest grades.
Cheese—Regular sizes, 13(113);
Eggs—18e for Manitoba fresh.
Hides—No. 1 green hides, 71(4) sc per lb.
Wool—S(Oc for unwashed flee'c.
Sencea Root—37c per lb.
Hay—Baled, 55,50(36,55) per too on cars.
Potatoes—Choleo new 1stocs, 40c
(145c per bushel.
Poultry—Turkeys, 11c per lb; chickens,
De; ducks, 9c; and geese, 9c per lb

Dressed Ments-Beef, 54404c; mutton, 3c; lambs, 9410c; hogs, 54404c. as to grade sheep, 4., hogs, 444414c off cars, according to quality.

#### Statistical Wheat Report.

#### WHEAT IN CANADA.

Stocks of wheat in Counda at pal points of accumulation are rep tollows:	
Montreal	72,000
Coteau, Que	472,000
Kingston Fort Willam, Port Arthur and Keewatin	1,317,000
Whutpeg	360,000
Total Dec. 8	6,403,000

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

Rushols

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1899									٠	Ċ												166,465,000
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The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

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	This Crop. Last Crop
Minneapolls	38,775,790 40,184,280
	3,885,520 5,435,372
Duluth	11,201,553 32,121,782
Chicago	27,094,024 15,382,729
Total	81,046,887 93,124,163
The following to	ble gives the receipts
of wheat at the	four principal United
States winter who	eat markets, from the
	trop movement. July 1,
1900, to date, cor	upared with the same
period of last year	

	This Crop.	Last crop.
Toicdo	. 0.916.733	9.889.893
St. Louis		6,789,850
Detroit	. 2.080.786	2,813,601
Kansas Clty	25,233,817	9,923,290

48,800,951 29,416,081 Total

#### Grain and Milling Notes

It is reported from Ottawa that a commission will be appointed to investigate certain complaints coming from the United Kingdom regarding Canadian grain certificates.

The December Illinois state crop re ort makes the condition of winter wheat 102 in the northern section, 94 in the central and 93 in the southern section. The area is 10 per cent. less than last year's.

A St. Petersburg dispatch says: A St. Petersburg dispatch says.

The official estimates for this year's winter and spring crops in 64 departments of European Russia are as follows Wheat, 659,800,000 poods, 172, 1.401,700,000 poods; and cats, 721,600,000 poods.

Work on the new flour mill at Moose Jaw, Assa, is being pushed ahead as fast as possible. This mill is being built for D. Molecan, who was formerly connected with the mill at Calgary. The muchinery is being supplied by the St. rt-Arbuthnot Machinery Co., of Win does. This will be a thoroughly modern milling plant, with a capacity of about 250 barrels per day. The mill will be lighted by electricity and will have every other up to date con-



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venience. A special plant for purifying and softening the water used for the boilers, is one of the features in connection with this mill. This is being put in to avoid the trouble experienced in the country, owing to the alkali in the water, which coats the boilers badly. A 50,000 bushel clevator has seen built in connection with this mill. The mill will be completed in January.

#### Tenders.

Tenders.

Tende, i will be received up to 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, Jan. 28, 1901, for the construction of a brick church building for the Presbyterian congregation, Brandon, Man.

The following advertisement is appearing in Canadian papers: "The Inspector General, South African Constabulary, Pretoria, is calling for tenders for supplies for his force. Full information can be obtained at the office of the Chief of Police. Also please see Public Notice Board."

Tenders addressed to the chairman

Tenders addressed to the chairman of the committee on works, Winnipeg, will be received up to 8.30 p. m. on Wednesday, December 26th inst., for the construction of a cedar block pavement, 18 feet wide, on lane between Smith and Donald streets, also sowers in Furby street from Notre Dame avenue to Ellice avenue, and in Schultz street from Dufferin avenue to Flora avenue and in Flora avenue from Schultz street to Charles street.

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#### Manitobs.

1: B Fisher has opened in the gro-cery business at Carman.

Chas. Linklater has opened a and feed store at 222 Main Winnipes.

C. W. Barkwell has opened in gro-ceries, confectionery and gent's fur-nishings at Treherne.

8. H. Roseborough, jeweller, Dau-phin, has opened a branch at Grand View, with Robt. Armit in charge.

H. C. Fisher has bought the Jewelry stock of H. H. Millie, at Carman, at a rate on the dollar and will sell it out retail.

Notice is given that David G. Thiesen, general merchant, Rosendon, has made an assignment of his estate and effects to C. H. Newton.

Morrow Bros., grocers, Portage la Prainte, are dissolving partnership, Bert Morrow retiring. He intends moving to British Columbia.

The firm of Steele & Toms, manufacturers' agents, Winnipeg, has been dissolved by mutual consent, and the business will be continued by M. B.

The damage The damage to the stock of a. Wyatt, hardware, Wdnnlpeg, by the recent fire in his premises, is placed at about \$3,000, which is covered by Insurance.

rate outleing in which Campbell & Campbell, furniture dealers, of Brandon carry on their business partially collapsed a few days ago. The damage was not great. The building in which Campbell &

The proprietors of the woolen mill at Morden, ask for tax exemption for twenty years, in return for which is is proposed to increase the capacity of the mill so as to employ 15 mands.

The veterinary firm of Rutherford & Hilton, Portage la Prairle, have desented partnership. Hilton win carry on the practice. Rutherford will likely move to other parts next

Dr Good, who has lately returned or Good, who has lately returned to Winnipeg from the Klondike, has opened a surgery in the Melntyre block. The doctor announces that he is not returning to the far north, preferring to resume his professional gractice there.

W. F. Alloway will erect in the spring a block of four stores on the property on Portage avenue from property on Portage avenue from which the buildings were burned a few months ago, when Conway's auc-tion rooms and J. McLeod Holiday's store were destroyed. The new build-ing will be two storeys high.

ing will be two storeys night.

The promises and stock of J. M. Richmond, wholesale grocery and tea merchant. Portage la Praéric, were damaged by fire on Saturday morning last. The damage to stock is estimated at \$\$0,000, on which there was \$1,000 insurance and the damage to the building is placed at \$500, which is also covered by insurance. The fire originated from the furnace.

The fire originated from the furnace. Forrester & Hatcher, planos and musical goods, etc. Włanipeg, have moved this week across Portuge avenue to the corner store in the fine new Y. M. C. A. block, where they will have excellent quarters for their business. O.M. Hatcher, formerly manager at Winnipeg for the Deerling Harvester Co., has joined this business, which was previously carried on by C. H. Forrester, making the firm of Forrester & Hatcher. Forrester & Hatcher.

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James Robertson, whose death at Montreal is announced this week, has for years been largely interested in the trade of Western Canada, as president of the James Robertson Co. Limited. The company established a wholesale hardware husiness in Winning early in the eightles, and also a retail store on Main street. The wholesale business here is managed by Mr. Reaman, who has been in tharge for several years.

#### Assinibola.

Chas. Gass has opened in the general store business at Moose Jaw.

Thes. Miskiman, butcher, Broadview, is succeeded by Jas. Gathercole. T ... & Martin are opening in the undertaking trusiness at Medicine

Gen. H. Brown has bought the stock and business of E. McCarthy, general merchant, Condie.

The implement firm of Nugent & Martin, Wapella, will be succeeded by Kid. & Clements, on January 1.

E. J. Brooks, general merchant, Indian Head, has sold his branch stock of dry goods at Sintaluta to Smith &

#### Saskatchewan.

T. J. Agnew was elected mayor of Prince Albert on Thursday of last week, and J. E. Bradshaw, A. Stewart A. Macdonald were elected councillors.

#### Alberta.

Baker, general merchant, Lewis-

Larsen & Case, butchers, Ponoka, have dissolved partnership.

Tyner Bros. have opened in the general store business at Ferrybank, near Ponoka.

Carscadden, of Strathcona, ubert and Moll, of Leduc, Rubert and Moll, of Leduc, have formed a partnership as the Conjur-ing Lake Saw Mill Co. and have pur-chased Townsend Bros, saw mill at chased Townsend 1808. Saw min at Clearwater. They have transferred the outfit to Conjuring Lake and are under contract to cut 650,000 feet of lumber there this winter on Telford & Townsend's limit.

#### Northwest Ontario.

J. S. McNulty has opened in clothing and men's furnishings at Port

Wm. Cameron has opened a general lore at Fort Frances. He was former-employed in another store in that

The Lake of the Woods is now frozen sufficiently to allow of light traffic over it. This is expected to improve business, etc., in that district.

The name of the Rainy Lake Herald, formerly published at Koochiching. Minn has been changed to the Fort Frances Times. The office of publication has been changed to a location on the Canadian side of the boundary.

the Canadian side of the boundary. The Dominion Express Co. is now accepting goods for shipment to Italny Itiver. Fort Frances. Boucherville and other points on the Lake of the Woods. All shipments should be accompanied by invoice and consigned accompanied by invoice and consigned accept of stage line at Beaudette. C. F. R. trains connect with the stage leaving Beaudette Tuesday and Friday mornings. mornings.

#### Annual Report Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association.

The following report will be presented at the meeting of the association called for this evening :

To the members of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada '—

of Canada —
Dear Sirs.—It is with a great deal of pleasure that your board of directors now present to you the eighteenth annual report of the association. The year just ending has been by far the most successful of any in the history of the association as will be noticed by referring to the printed report making a comparison between the year ISE and the present year.

The total membership is now 675, showing a gain over last year of 46 members. For this we are largely indebted to British Columbia who have increased their membership by 36.

have increased their membership by 38.

Your board held nine meetings during the past year with an average attendance of seven members.

Regarding the investments with the Manitoba Trust Co. This company have during the past year amalgamated and became part of a new financial institution known as the National Trust Co., who have a paid-up capital of one million dollars with a reserve of \$250,000.00. This company is managed in this country by the same officers as the late Manitoba Trust Co., and your board therefore permitted the Manitoba Trust Co. to transfer the investments of this association to the National Trust Co. These trusts have been so well mannged and so eminently satisfactory to the association in the past that your board have this year made a further investment to the extent of \$1,000, which makes a total investment with this company of the handsome sum of \$27,000, on all of which the association is guaranteed 4½ per cent. The remaining two mortgages are also being managed on our behalf

by the company and are to-day in satisfactory condition.

The accident insurance placed by

The accident insurance placed by last year's board with the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation has again proved quite satisfactory, claims being promptly paid, and this year in consequence of the very bad water throughout the country there has been a large number of claims on account of typhoid and other fevers. Your board have again renewed the contract for the year 1901. The association is now indebted to its members on Mortuary benefit account in the sum of \$141,635. We have this year lost two of our members, one the late Mr. Stephen Nairn, a very old member of this association, whose death was much regretted

bers, one the late Mr. Stephen Nairn, a very old member of this association, whose death was much regretted by all. The other Mr. R. J. Galma, a more recent member of the association, whose early death we sincerely regret. In this connection your directors would like to call attention to the urgent necessity of the members filling very fully the new application form which has been distributed to all memers of the association, as in the past it has not been the custom to furnish necessary information with regard to the beneficiaries of the members. As you will notice by referring to the financial statement only one of the above claims belongs to this year's business, the other occurring so close to the end of our financial year as to necessarily go into next year's business.

Your board much regret that after

next year's business.

Your board much regret that after the appointment of a strong committee who used every effort in conjunction with the board to carry out the resolution passed at the last general meeting to obtain a satisfactory rate for an excursion to the Pacific coast, that their effort ended in failure, the railway companies as they declaring at the time of the nc coast, that their effort end-ed in failure, the rallway companies positively declaring at that time of the year they could not possibly accommu-date such an excursion. We are pleased, however, to notice that an-other effort in the direction of a sum-mer excursion is to be made this year and trust it will meet with more suc-

cess. We have been called upon the past year to lose our old and esteemed secretary. Mr. John M. O'Loughlin, who for so many years filled this position - acceptably to us all, but we trust that our loss will be his gain. The new secretary, Mr. F. J. C. Cox, who resigned the position of vice-president to accept this position, occupies the same office, 404 McIntyre block, an his predecessor.

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same office, 404 MeIntyre block, an his predecessor.
Your attention is directed to the amount received on account of the emergency relief fund. The small amount received was judged to be so entirely unsatisfactory for the large membership of the association that your board have caused the reissue of the circular inviting subscriptions to this fund and trust that 'will result in a prompt and more unanimous response.

Our relations with the railway companies continue to be harmonious and they, as heretofore, are willing to consider and if possible remedy any grievance that we bring before them. During the current year we have received some concessions, the principal one being a reduction from 3c to 2½c on all the lines in Manitoba of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Northern Pacific, Great Northern. Canadian Northern, including the old Manitoba & North Western now controlled by the Canadian Pacific Italiway Co. This concession will no doubt be much appreciated by all our members and the firms they represent, but while we have received something we are always looking for more, and consequently requested our president. Mr. Wm. Hargreaves, to make a trip cast, interviewing the sister associations and securing their coperation to endeavor to obtain still greater concessions from the railway companies. The result of this trip will be more fully laid before you in the annual meeting.

Your board cannot close their report without invading somewhat the province of the treasurer and referring to

Tour board cannot close their report without invading somewhat the province of the treasurer and referring to finances as this, from a financial standpoint, is essentially the banner year of the association, as the closing year of the 19th century should be. The funds of the association are satisfactorily invested, bringing in an income which in another year or two will almost pay the expenses of the management of the association.

In conclusion, your directors cannot but be somewhat disheartened at the lack of interest shown in the welfare of the association as indicated by the poor attendance in the past at the general and annual meetings of the association. The bulk of the members ap-

pear to think that because the association is prospering under the management of the various boards that they don't need to take any other interest in the matter, but such should not be the case as the oilicers and directors look for and expect a hearty co-operation of every individual member of the association, and this can be certainly shewn by the attendance at the annual gatherings. Trusting that this year will prove an exception and that a large attendance of members will be on hand Dec. 22nd to discuss the statements and reports then laid before them. Respectfully submitted,

WM. HARGREAVES, FRED J. C. COX. Secretary. President.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Gentlemen,-

It gives me great pleasure to present to you this, the eighteenth annual financial report of this association. The gross income continues to increase year by year, being \$7,500.52 for this year, and I am happy to say increase year by year, being \$7,500.52 for this year, and I am happy to say that the expenses of the management do not show a corresponding increase, thus enabling the association to accumulate this year a further addition to our assets amounting to \$5,053,-27, making a grand total of \$30,-27, making to that fund has more than paid the claims of this year, which only amounts to \$200,00. The old mortgage account has been still further reduced by payments made on account, and the property owned by the association has been sold at its last year's valuation, \$2,-(800,00), \$700 being paid on, account, the balance, \$1,300,00, being left on first mortgage, there being no interest overdue on either of these mortgages. All the surplus funds of the association are now invested with the National Trust Co. at a satisfactory rate of interest and with sultable guarantees, the sum of \$9,000 being added to that class of investment this year, making the total investment with that company \$27,000,00.

The books and vouchers of the association have been duly audited, the auditors' report being submitted herewith.

with.

In conclusion, I must again thank you for my re-election and trust that the coming year and century will only add to and confirm the prosperity and usefulness of the association.

Yours respectfully,

L. C. MacINTYRE,

Treasurer.

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#### The Commercial Men.

D. K. Book, who is now western re-D. R. Book, who is now extent.

presentative for McKenna, Thomson & Co... Montreal, has completed his trips for spring business, and will be at his permanent sample rooms in Winnipeg for the next couple of at his perman Winnipeg for

months.

W. Ii. Leischman, a well known commercial traveller, is suing the Garland Manufacturing Co., of Toronto, for \$200 damages in the county court before Judge Morson, for alleged wrongful dismissal. The firm, in defence, say that Leischman left of his own accord, and allege that he overdrew his account \$650.23, for which they present a counter claim.

The annual general meeding of the

which they present a counter claim.
The annual general meeting of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association for the election of officers, for 1971, the receiving and consideration of the annual reports, and other business, will be held at the board room, Grain Exchange building, on Saturday evening. Dec. 22, at eight o'clock. A warm contest is being waged for the presidency, between Mexers. Bryan and Jeffreys, both being very popular with the "boys."

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Winnipeg council, No. 154, United Commecdial Travellers of America, met in council at Eureka hall. Saturday night, Grand Deputy O. M. Hatcher presiding. The following travellers wended their way "hotfoot" over the burning sands: E. A. McBain, with Massey-Harris Co., Winnipeg, W. J. Nelson, auth Paulin, Chambers & Co., Winnipeg: J. L. Wetherall, with Donald Fraser & Co., Winnipeg: A. M. McMahon, Winnipeg, D. D. Stewart, with McCormack Mfg. Co., London, Ont. It was decided to hold a ball New Year's Eve, in the hall, with a supper. A special meeting of the council will be held the first Saturday night in January.

#### THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, Dec. 22.

The weather this week has been quite mild, not at all like December weather. This has interfered with trade in some ways although it has favored it in others. Shoppers have been able to move about much more comfortably than usual. Snow is wanted to improve the sleighing. The week's retail trade in the city has been a little disappointing to Main street merchants and they have not taken in as much money as they hoped to. In the toy and fancy goods trade this has been especially noticeable. The falling off may, perhaps, be partly due to the increased number of stores competing for the trade. Jobbing houses report a fairly good week in some lines. In the country business has been only fair. Farmers have delivered more wheat at elevators, but the movement of other grains is light Outside of the dairy butter business there is very little movement of produce. Labor is well employed and men are still wanted for bush work. There has been a large passenger traffic eastward for the Christmas holidays. Bank clearings at Winnipeg have been about \$200,000 smaller than last week and about \$000,000 less than a year ago.

#### WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, Dec. 22. (All questions, union ethorwise speci-fied, are wholense for such quantities as are smally taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.) BOOTS AND SHOES.

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The extremely mild weather is adversely affecting the retail demand for winter goods and trade is dull in consequence. Jobbing houses report no changes of any kind in the attuation. Travellers are now pretty well through with spring orders and have found these if anything a little better than it was expected they would be when the season opened, but the amount of business done is smaller than usual. Country merchants bought very cautiously.

DRY GOODS.

#### DRY COOPS

DICE GOODS.

Travellers are now out with samples of spring goods. At the jobbing houses the week has been a quiet one so far as seiling is concerned. Some sorting business has been done in fancy lines for Christmas trade. Winter goods are slow sale owing to the mild weather.

#### DRUGS

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There is a steady trade at wholesale houses. Proprietary medicines and winter lines are being taken freely by both city and country dealers. Pancy lines such as perfumes, brushes, etc., for gift purposes have had a very good run this year. In outside markets the feature of note this week has been the easier tendency in cod liver oil quotations at Newfoundland.

#### FIRH

Prices are as follows: White-fish, 4c to tie per pound: pickerel, 4c; pilke, 3c; trout 10c; salimon, 12½c; salibut, 12½c; lake Superior ber-ring. 3c per per per per per per per 6½c; Labrador herring, 2c; en ser-tion 10c; sali mackeral, 3c; 2c; en ser-sion; boseless cod, 7½c D; boseless fish, 5½c D; finana haddles 10c per pound: oysters, selects, \$2.25 per gallon; standarbs, \$2.00.

#### FUEL.

The sulid weather which has prevailed this week has greatly curtailed the demand for fuel and trade is quist for the ecason. An advance of Zic per ton in the price of Crow's Nest Pass coal is the only recent change in prices. This coal is now selling at \$8.50 per ton. Owing to the sulid weather and the consequent lessanting of demand for Pennsylvania austractic throughout the Northwest-cert States and Canada it is not expected now that there will be any difficulty militing the supply now at the head of the lakes last until the sean son of narigation symmagain. Some fears were entertained when the winter opened that the stocks then on the docks were inadequate. Wood is completely and some of the city dealers are selling

direct from the cars instead of from their yards, thus saving the extra handding. Stocks in yards are large, and most of the wood has been car-ried over the summer, which means that a lot of money has been iled up for some time in these &die stocks. For Winnipeg prices see "prices current"

#### GREEN FRUITS, ETC.

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Trade has been good this week and shipments of Christmas goods to country points quite larger. Some houses report a larger volume of this business than last year. Travellers wound up their work on the road early in the week and are all in for the holid tys. At the warehouses likere has been great activity getting out orders. Some fine bananas for Christmas have sold well, also Japanese oranges. It is expected that trade will be stack for a while now. We duote: Apples. Spies, \$4.00: Baldwins, Ben. Davis and Pippins, \$5.50 to \$1.75.1 Greenings, \$3.25. Russets, \$3.59. California navel oranges, 176 to 200 count, per box. \$5: 150 count, \$4.50. It California lemons, per box, \$1: California pears, per case, \$4.60: Malega grapes, per keg. \$8.50. Caliswbs grapes per pony basket, 35: Califorse per box, \$4.50: Malega grapes, per keg. \$8.50. Caliswbs grapes per pony basket, 35: Califorse per bastrel, \$2.50. can be pound; carton dates, per packles of the larger of the larger

#### GROCERIES.

GROUBELION.

Shipments of farry lines for the Christmas trade have been going forward this wont quite actively and there has been a onderstely determed for staple lines as wall. The scarcity of money throughout the country has checked the demand to a considerable extent. As regards nrices the only change to note is an orices the only change to note is an scarcity of money throughout the scountry has checoled the demand to a considerable extent. As regards prices the only change to note is an advance of about 30c per half barrel in the quotient of about 30c per half barrel in the quotient of about 30c per half barrel in the quotient of about 30c per half barrel in the quotient of about 30c per half barrel in the quotient according at \$4.25 as against \$6.75 to \$2.90 herestofore, against \$6.75 to \$2.90 herestofore, against \$6.75 to \$6.85 here to some and the market owing to the fact that a vessel with sarge consignments for Wisnipag which left Brauli some time uso has twice been delayed and compelled to run into part on the voyage. However, she is expected at Now York about the cad of the seenth and feer consignments for this market should get here about the 10th of should get here about the 10th of should get here about the circles of changes in customs valuations have not yet gone into effect, but are confidently expected in wholesale circles. Valencia raisins of good quality hold firm at the figures we give on our market page, but there here beet; quite farm at the figures we give on our market page, but there here beet; quite a lot of cutting in prices for the inferior grades which have been offering here fadely. This fruit is vain damaged and of very poor quality. Choice goods are scarce and firm in price. Canned goods, sucara, syrups, etc., all remain unchanged.

#### HARDWARE.

The situation here is one of great quietness and there have been no changes this week in prioss or conditions. After the first of the year a little more interest will be taken in business perhaps, but there can be no very great revival in trade until the spring movement sets in.

#### OLD MATERIAL.

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We quote buyers prices here as follows: No. cast fros. free from wrought and malicable, 512 to 513 per ton: No. 2, \$4.00 to 35 per ton: wrought iron rerap, \$5 to \$6 per ton: wrought iron rerap, \$5 to \$6 per ton: wrought iron rerap, \$5 to \$6 pen ton: wrought iron rerap, \$5 to \$6 pen ton: light brass, \$5c to 6c per pound: lead by \$6 to \$6 per \$6 to \$6 per pound: lead \$15 per to \$6 pen to \$6 per to \$6 pen to \$6 per to \$6 pen to \$6

#### RAW PURS.

Elsewhere in this issue we gubbish a bist of raw far prices now current in Winniper. Boodpis of raw turn bare are increasing as the season advances. Some nice lots have been received this week from the hunting regions.

#### GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The wheat markets have dragged through another week with generally very little change on prices from day to day, and no change as compared with a week ago, as a decline of 3/c, which kook place on Tuesday has been gradually excovered since. Demand continues light, although it is claimed that there has been more four selling by Minneapolis mills in the last few days than previously, so that while actual demand for wheat is poor there is a firm under tone to prices, which prevents a dentone to price, which prevents a dentone to price which the process of the prices. Ior wheat is poor there is a firm under tone to prices, which prevents a tendency to deckine. The receipts at primary points in the States keep up wonderfully considering the shortage of crop in the Northwest, the daily figures averaging about 200,000 bushels over the same dates last year. The world's shipments last week showed considerable increase over previous world's suppressed showed considerable increase over previous two weeks and resulted in an increase of over 2,6,00,000 bushels on ocean two weeks and resulted in an increase of over 24,00,000 bushols on ocean passage. There is a considerable surplus of wheat in the Pacific coast ports. At Portland, Oregon, every warehouse and dock is filled with wheat waiting vesseds to ship it to Europe. Latest reports from Argentine are allogether favorable. Harvest is general in that country now, and it is said that not enough occurred and it is said that not enough on increase in the acrease which will so increase in the acrease which will so sideration has been given to the large increase in the acreage which will go to make up deficiency in yield. The winter wheat crop in the States is progressing favorable. In Europe the crop is ta good condition, the weather having been favorable for the growth of the young plant. In anything the weather in Contral and Western Europe has been too mild and moist and colder and drier weather is wanted, but generally agricultural prospects are favorable. Autoralia and India continue to be favorably reported of. The American whible supply decreased 412,000 bushets the past week compared to a decrease of supply decreased 412,000 bushets the past week compared to a decrease of 085,000 bushels the previous week, and an increase of 901,000 bushels has repeat to the world's shipments were 8,418,000 bushels, against 6,028,000 bushels the previous week, and 5,103,000 bushels the same week last 19,000 bushels the same week last 19,000 bushels the same week last 19,000 bushels the previous past 19,000 bushels the previous week and 5,220,000 bushels the previous week and a decrease of 1,237,000 bushels last year. The local market is also and star-

bushels last year.

The local market is slow and stagnant. The movement of wheat on the rallways has fallen off heavily, but if the supply has declined the demand for shipment is also small. Prices are being held up well, as while demand is light holders are not preside anything on the market, and local millers continue to buy freely. Prices show practically no change on the week. They are 1 hard 16½c, 2 hard 72c, 3 hard 65c, 3 northern 61½c to store Fort Whism. Tough 3 hard 61½c, tough 3 northern 85c, dried 3 hard 65c, and dried 3 northern 60c in King's elevator, Port Arthue.

FLOUR—We quote: Lake of the

King's elevator, Port Arthur.

FLOUR-We quote: Lake of the
Woods, Five Roses, \$2.10; co.
Patent, \$1.95; MeGora, \$1.00; XXXX, \$1.35 per suck of 8
pounds, Oglivie Milling Co., Huengarian, \$2.10; Glenors Patent, \$1.55;
Manidola, \$1.00; and Imperial XXXX,
\$1.20 per suck of 36 pounds.

MILLFEED-Stocks are very light and prices dold firm at last week's ad-vance. We quote: Bran in bags, \$13 per ton; shorts, in bags, \$15 per

son.

GROUND FEED — Quoted here
at \$25,00 per 100 for pure
out only \$25 for mixed harter and
outs, and \$20 for corn. These prices
are for pure ground feed of good qualty in broken lots, delivered in the city.

city.

WHEAT — Receipts at country points have been larger this week, probably due to the need of ready movey by fearners for Christians purposes. It is expected that next week will show a falling off again and that deliveries will the light for the rest of the white. Prices to farment cover a pretty wide range varying according to freight rate and quality of grain. As high on the probable is being plad for No. I hard wheat and the range in from about 55 to the.

OATH-Receipts the week week to the country of th

OATS-Receipts during the week have been moderate and the market shows no new festive. The quality of the Menitohs oats offering has been very poor, but there there been such fine lots sold here from morthern Al-

berta. As high as 38c per bushet has been paid for these. Prices on track here range from 30c for light sample, up to 34 to 36½c for the best. At Mankoba country points 25 to 28c k paid to farmers, as to quality.

OATMEAL—The market is stead; at \$1.60 per 80 fb sack for carlots on

BARLEY—Offerings very light and quoted at 34 to 36c for feed grades. Maining quoted at 38 to 40c as to

grade.

CORN—The market is slightly easier. Prices range from 43 to 44c per bushel for carlots of No. 3 corn on

rack here.

FLAX—The flax crop is practically all bought now and there is nothing doing. The last price was heard or was \$1.47 per bushel at point of ship-

ment.

IIAY—\$\$ has been paid for choice baied, but most of the hay offering is very poor quality for which the usual quotation is about \$7 to \$7.50 per ton as to quality; loose hay, \$7 to \$7.00 per ton. Offerings of hay are large.

HOG PRODUCTS—A brisk demand is reported for hog products, for which lines prices are reported steady.

POULTEY—The market is awail sun.

which lines prices are reported steady. POULTRY—The market is well supplied with both home grown and Onitario stock. The soft weather has not been favorable for seiling. The usual Christmas demand as being experienced. We quote: Mixed lots of chickens, 80 per pound; ducks, 19 c; geens, 84c; turkeys, 11c. These are the not prices which dealers will pay delivered here.

GAME-Frozen wild ducks are selling at 25c to 30c per pair for fall ducks. Dealers are paying 6 to 7c each for rabbits, and 25 to 30c each for Jack rabbits.

for rabbits, and 25 to 30c each for Jack rabbits.

DIESSED MEATS—A large quantity of dressed meat is being shown for the Christmas trade, and this has been absording all attention. The cliy market is as usbal resplendent with the display of beef, mutton, pork and game, which the butchers have been preparing for this purpose for some time. There has been some trade doing in a wholessle way in Christmas meats during the week, but generally speaking this was arranged for cariller. Deliverice of dressed hogs have been quite large and prices hold steady and firm at our quotations. Beef, country dressed, 4 to 4½c; clty dressed, 5c to 6c; stags and rough leef, 4 to 4½c; veal, 5 to 7c; mutton, 5½c; larnb, 3 to 10c; hogs, 6 to 6½c.

BUTTER—Creamery—Nominal.

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RUTTER—Dairy — Receipts this week have been larger, but really choice butter is scarce. As Migh as 17c per pound is being quoted for choice dairy, commission basis. The regular range of prices is from 14c to 17c per pound, commission basis, for tubs, relis or bricks.

CHEESE—Dealers will pay Sc for choice factory cheese and tic for dairy, net, delivered here.

EGGS-Supplies are very small and prices have advanced to per doz-nover a week ago. Dealers are now quoting the per dozen net, delivered at Winnipeg.

at Winnipeg.

VEGETABLES—We quote: Potatoes, farmers' loads, 40c bushel; parsley, 30c; carrots and beets, 35c per
hushel; turnipa, 30c per bushel; parsnips, 2c ib; ontons, 2½ to 3c ib; cabhage, 30 to 60c per dozen; celery, 20c
per dozen; lettuce, 40c.

per dosen; lettuce, 40c.

HIDES—Reccipts are fairly large and there appears to be a good buying darken. There has been some talk during the tweek of lower prices but there have week of lower prices but there have the actually gone into of 45c per pound in both of 45c per pound in the state of 45c per pound in still paying 65c per pound are still paying 65c per pound and the still paying 65c per pound and the still paying 65c per pound and the still paying 65c per pound and for the still paying 65c per pound still paying 65c per pound still paying 65c per pound star rate, less the regular five-pound tare. Kips are bringing the same price as hides. Deakin skins, free killed, 45c.

WOOL—Market is manufacil. Poul

WOOL-Morket is neminal. Dealers quote 8 to 8½c per pound for un-rashed Secce and 12½c per pound for reached.

TALLOW-Quoted at fc for best

SENECA ROOT. — Prioss from.
For good, clean, dry root 35:
would be paid delivered here, and the
market may be quoted as ranging
from 33 to 35.

LIVE STOCK. CATTLE-Cattle are quoted steady

at 2% to 34c off cars here as to quality, for the general run. Funcy Xmus cattle, of course, not included.

SHEEP—The market is nominal, as none are offering. Liberal stocks of mutton are held here.

HOGS—Packers are paying 5c per pound for best weights, off cars here, and there is a good demand for all offering.

MILCH COWS—There is the usual good demand for milking cows. From 30 to \$45 is being offered for these.

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HORSES—The market is very quiet.

Horses are decidedly slow sale at present, and the only demand is for bush work. Good sound working horses of medium weight are worth from \$125 to \$175 each. A good many farmers have been offering their work horses for sale as they have no feed for them.

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA OFFICE OF THE COMMERCIAL

#### Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Dec. 17.

The market was almost without change iast week. There is a brisk retail trade in the coast cities owing to the approach of Christmas, but the bank clearings, which continue to fall away at the rate of about \$100,000, show the difference with the corresponding took of last year, indicating

bank clearlings, which continue to fall away at the rate of about \$100,000, show the difference with the corresponding week of last year, indicating that the volume of business is not so great as in the year 1839.

Among the rumors this week, is one to the effect that the Coast Kootenay railway will be built shortly by Mckenzle & Mann, and there is a Geal on by which the Great Northern and Grand Trunk will make connection with the East Kootenay road and thus inaugurate a new transcontinental line. Of course British Columbians hope this rumor is correct because they believe that with the construction of the Vancouver-Victoria and eastern road from Victoria to a point on the Columbia river through the Hope mountains, they could control the trade of the Kootenays. It will probably be a long way off yet before this great scheme becomes a realized fact. There is little news from the coal, fishing and mining industries this week, except that at a meeting on Friday at which forty-two canneries were represented, it was decided to renew the combine in force last spring and thus a dream of one Wurzburg to buy up all the canneries and discourse strikes by taking all the fishermen in as partners, sharing the profits with them, has vanished into thin air. In fact Mr. Wurzburg's meetings with the fishermen and his alleged demoralizing affect upon them by promising them alleged impossibilities, was the means, it is said, of the canners hastly patching up their differences which had prevented their amalgamation heretofore, and hastily arranging a combine. and hastily arranging a combine.

#### British Columbia Markets.

(All quotations, unlers otherwise speci-fied, are wholesale for such quantities is are usually taken by retail dealers, and large quantities, and to cash discounts.)

#### PRICES AT VANCOUVER. (By wire to The Commercial.)

Vancouver, Dec. 22

The principal feature of the market this week is a sharp drop in live and dressed hogs. Local creamery butter is higher, but dairy stock is easier and sales are being made ic lower. Hay is easier. Nalls, cut and wire, are lower. Rope is lower.

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GRAIN—Oats, \$25 per ton; wheat, \$23.

FLOUR—Delivered B. C. points—Manifola patent, per barrel, \$5.00; atrong bakers, \$1.40; Orexon, \$4.50 per barrel; Enderity, B. C. patents, \$5.00; atrong bakers, \$1.40; Orexon, \$4.50 per barrel; Enderity, B. C. patents, \$5.00.

FEED—National mills chops, \$24 per ton, bran, \$29; shorts, \$22; oil cake meat, \$25 ton, f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—Per ton, \$12.

MEAI—Rolled oats, \$000 sack, \$2.00; two \$500 sacks, \$2.70; fonr \$29,50 sacks, \$2.70; ton \$29,50 sacks, \$2.90; ten 7th sacks, \$2.50; oatmeat in 10th sacks, per 100th, \$2.23; in 50th sacks, \$2.00 per 100th.

Hibles AND WOOL—Sound heavy steers, 71,6c per lbt.; medium, 64,c; light own, 54,c, sheep pelts, November killed, 50c each; deer skins, green, \$6 th.; deer skins, dr. 20e lbt.; wool, 66,10c lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steera, \$4.50 per 100 lbt.; succhera' cows, \$5 per 100 lbt.; sheep, \$5.00 per 100th.; lambs, \$4.00354.50 each; hogs, \$1.50 per 100th.; hiller, per 100th.

FOULTRI—Chichens, \$3,635 doz.; dacks, \$4.655, seese, \$10 doz., turkers, \$1500c lb. live weight.

DRESSED MEATS—Reef, 714c; mutton, 11c; pork, \$62; veal, \$6,10c.

4. ase, \$1.25 per pair, ventson, \$67c., snipe and plover, \$50c.

OYSTERS-Caus, 65e dozen; shell, 35e

Otten. MEATS—Hams, 14c; breakfast bacon, 16c, backs, 142c; long clear, 123c, rolts, 123c, smoked sides, 133c.

LARD-Tins, 13c per ib; pails, 1214c;

tubs, 124c.
RUTTER-Local creamery, fresh, 35c;
Munitoba creamery, 25425c; govt. creamery, 26c; fresh dalry, 25c.
RGGS-Fresh local, 50c, eastern eggs,

cry, 25c; frosh datry, 25c.
EGGS-Fresh local, 50c. eastern eggs.
214/214/c.
CHKESE-Eastern, 126/134/c.
VEGFTABLES-Asheroft potatoe \$22
per ton: silver skin onions. 23/c per
lit: lettuce, \$2 crate.
FISH -Flounders, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea
lass, 4c; whiting, 5c; soles, 5c, hailbut,
6c; salmon, 7c; cod, 6c per lb.; crabs, 6bc
per dozen, smoked salmon, 10c; smoked
lantbut, 10c.
GREEN FRUITS-California navel oranges, \$2.50. Oregon apples, \$1.00/(\$1.50
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OF THE STRUITS - Appleats.

Oregon appres, sugaros vos, vanous, sug. \$3.50.

DRIED FRUITS — Apricots, 11c; prunes, french, 5½g/10c; London layer raisins, £7cnch, 5½g/10c; London layer raisins, £2.20 per box; Muscatel raisins, £2 crown, 8½c; 3 crown, 9c; 4 crown, 9½c; dates, 9c, black figs, 6c; white figs, 9½c; layer figs, 10h box, \$1.25; silver prunes, 9½c; quartered pears, 10g/11c; half pears, 11g/12c; ucctarines, 11c; suitanas 11g/14c, blackherries, 15c; raspherries, 25c, seeded raisins, 11c.

nectarines, 11c; sultanas 116/14c, binckberries, 15c; rispberries, 25c, seeded ralsins,
11c.

NUTS-Almonds, 17c - filberts, 12½c,
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Nuts, 5½/410c; Brazil, 16c; walnuts,
14c per th.; peanuts, 5c per ib; cocoanuts,
10c/151 doz.

SUGARIS - Powdered, ieing and harric; Parls lump, 0½c, grannlated, 5½c;
extra C, 4½c; fancy yellows, 4¾c, yel10w, 4¾c per B,
SYRIUS-30 gal. bairels 2¼c B: 10 gal.
kegs, 2¾c; 5 gal. tins, \$1.75 cach: 1 gal.
tins, 54.30 case of 10; ½ gal. tins, \$5.25
case of 20.

TEAS-Congo, fair, 11½c, 500d, 18c;
choice, 20c; Ceylon and India, fair, 20c,
S304894 ton; taplace, 5c; sago, 5c.

CANNID GOODS-Corn, \$1.05481.10;
peas, \$1.05481 10; tomatoes, \$1.25; beans,
\$1.10.

\$1.10.

HARDWARE—Bar fron— Base, \$2.75.

Horse shoes here, \$2.50.

Horse shoes kerse, \$5.00. When halls—lase price, \$5.50.

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Hard Manual St. White lend, \$5.50.

Putty, \$3.50.

Hardel wire, \$4.75 per 100.

Ho. Glass, first break, \$4.75.

#### PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY. Special to The Commercial:

Nelson, Dec. 22.

Trade is steady. Eggs are firmer The best stock is now selling at 30c per dozen. Stocks of dairy butter have been exhausted. Creamery is firm. The market is overstocked with poultry, which owing to the prevalence of very mild weather, is with poultry, which ow prevalence of very mild slow sale.

Butter-Choice dairy, 21c; cream-ry, 24½ to 25½c. Cheess-New cheese, 13c. Ekgs-Choice fresh, 30c. Oats-Per ton, \$28. Millfeed-Bran, \$20; shorts, \$22 per

ton.
Flour-Manitoba patent, \$5.20.
Hay-Per ton, \$23.
Potatoes-Per ton, \$18.

#### British Columbia Notes.

M. J. Delatisky will open in the gracery business at Nelson.

W. G. Brown will open a confec-tionery store and lunch counter at

McFarland and Brockman will open a crockery and chinaware store at Nelson

A movement is on foot at the coast to establish a yard for the building of vessels of the wooden schooner type for the lumber trade.

Acton & Thomson will open a fruit and confectionery business at Nelson. Acton was formerly employed with F R. Stewart & Co., and Thomson halls from Greenwood.

La Franco-Canadienne has licensed as an extra-provincial com-pany. The head office is in Doual, France, and the local office at Kasio.

The "Emily Edith Mines, Limited," has been licensed under British Columbia laws as an extra-provincial company, with a capital of £75,000. The head offices are in England, the local offices in Vancouver.

The landsome new store building of the Hudson's Bay Company at Vancouver was opened to the public last Saturday evening for the first time and this week the event has been celebrated by a series of "at homes" to which the public have been cordially invited. The new building is four storeys in height and of large dimensions. It is departmental upon the most modern plans and gives Vancou-

ver a retail establishment which is among the finest in Western Canada.

among the linest in Western Canada. The Cowlchan Improvement Company, Limited, has been re-incorporated with a capital of \$24,000. The objects of the company are to improve the navigation of Cowlchan lake and Cowlchan river from Cowlchan lake to the ocean.

chan lake to the ocean.

Notice of application for the following charters hats been given in British Columbia. To incorporate a company to construct and operate a railway and ferry from Victoria to Chilliwack. To incorporate a company to construct a railway ferry from Grand Forks to the mouth of Eagle Creek. To incorporate a company to excavate a tunnel from Sherton to Sandon. To have the Vancouver and Lulu Island Railway declared to be a road for the general advantage of Canada. To incorporate a company to conduct a general a company to conduct trus business

The shipping of frozen fish from this city to eastern and old country markets keeps up in a quiet way, says the Westminster Columbian, but says the Westminster Columbian, but the substantial amounts shipped show the importance of what is destined to be a very large factor in the fishing business of this river and the commerce which centres in this city. The St Mungo Canning Co. yesterday shipped a car of frozen salmon and sturgeon to New York. Speaking of the shipment, the manager said the year had not been marked by very heavy shipments, as there was such a year had not been marked by very heavy shipments, as there was such a poor catch during the salmon season. At present it was rather an off season very little activity till March. The shipment just sent out was one of the last they would likely be sending for some time. The Columbia Packing Company shipped two cars of frozen salmon on Saturday to Portland. Maine, for forwarding to Liverpool, England. This company, with its big freezing plant, the most complete and extensive of its kind on the coast, are doing a steady and progressive business in the freezing and shipping of Fraser River salmon from New Westminster to the markets of the world. minster to the markets of the world.

#### Minucapolis Markets.

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Minneapolis, Dec. 22

Compared with a week ago flour is 5c lower, corn 3c lower, flax seed 2c higher, eggs 1c lower, butter 1c lower, hay \$1 lower.

Flour prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.70 to \$3.90, second patents, \$3.50 to \$3.70.

Milifeed Shorts in bulk, \$11.50 per ton, bran in bulk, \$12.00 per ton, corn feed, \$13 to \$13.75.

Oats 23 to \$14 as to quality.

Barley 35 to 50c as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at \$2% per bushel for No. 3.

Flax Seed—Cash flax, \$1.67. May

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Eggs-25c for strictly fresh, includ-

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Butter—Creamery, 21 to 23½c for choice to extrus; seconds, 20 to 21c, dairy, 17 to 19c for choice to fancy, seconds, 16 to 18c.
Cheese—8 to 12c per pound.
Dressed Poultry—Roosters, 4c; hens, 6 to 6½c, spring chickens, 6 to 8½c; turkeys, 6 to 9c; geese, 6 to 8½c; turkeys, 6 to 9c; geese, 6 to 8c; ducks, 7 to 8c.
Dressed ments—Veal, 4 to 6½c; mutton, 5 to 6½c; lamb, 7 to 8c.
Vegetables—Potatoes, 35 to 45c; ontons, red, 60 to 80c, white, 75 to 90c per bushel.

milton, 5 to ogc. cans. Type to the continuation, 5 to ogc. Vegetables—Potatoes, 35 to 45c; ontons, red, 60 to 80c, white, 75 to 80c per bushel.

Hides—Green salted, heavy cows, 8c for No. 1; 7c for No. 2; steers, over 60 fbs., No. 1, 85t., No. 2, 75t., sheepskins, 25 to 60c each, veal, calf, 8t. to 10c for No. 2 and No. 1, seneca root, 30 to 35c, according to quality; thilow, 33 to 43c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 13c to 14c; nedium fine, 14 to 15c, medium, 15t. to 16c; coarse, 14 to 15c.

Hay—Timothy, 80 to \$13 per ton, as to quality, prairie, \$7 to \$10.50.

Beans—Fancy hand picked, \$2; medium, \$1.-25 to \$1.50.

Apples—Ben Davis, \$2.75 to \$3.00. Greenings, \$2.75. Haldwins, \$3 to \$3.25; Jonathan, \$4.50 to \$5.00 per barrel.

#### Canada Rank Clearings.

CALLETT AMERICA CHARLE	
Montreal	16,380,810
Toronto	11,235,339
Winnipeg	2,540,573
Halifax	
Hamilton	
St. John	717.367
Vancouver	973,590
Victoria	532,815

#### The Money Market.

Locally there is no change to note. Money is scarce and collections very slow. Interest rates remain at about 6 to 8 per cent at, the banks, according to name and security and about the same range will cover the loan company rate.

#### Cost of Trading Stamps.

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For the first two weeks of November \$2,500 in cash was paid by the Red Trading Stamp company in Winnipeg, in redeeming books Resides the cash payments, a good many of the parties holding books, selected artirles of furniture, etc., instead of cashing their stamps. The total cost to the merchants handling red stamps would run about \$6,000 per month, and this, it must be remembered, comes out of the profits of the retailers. This sum does not include what is paid for the blue stamps, which are used by a number of merchants.

The Knechtel furniture factory, at Hanover, Ontario, said to be, the largest furniture factory in Canada, has been burned.

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TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE. Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 22.

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Dry Goods-Mild weather has checked the movement started last week in heavy lines. Stock taking is over. All wholesale departments show sub, antial increases in year's turn over. Profits have been good. Values of spring goods are steady. Some spring stuples have been shipped this week.

Hardware-Kept active till to-day Many sorting express orders. Building paper is dearer. Ready roofing, three ply, is worth \$1.05. do., 2 ply, \$1.40 per square. Coll chain is slightly higher. Quarter inch is now \$8 to \$8.50, and ½ inch \$4.05 to \$4.50. Glass is firm and may advance before long Metals are in good demand. Pig fron is firm.

Groceries-Quiet Sugars unchanged London advices to-day say dried fruits are quiet with slightly higher tendency Increased activity is expected next month. Large shipments of grenoble walnuts have arrived to sell at 25 to 30c for shelled Unshelled are worth 12½c for future and rather casy Cambed goods are slow. Tomatoes, \$0 to Sec. peas and corn. 75 to \$0c.

#### TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 22. All grain deliverles have been larger and there is less difficulty in securing cars for export shipments—via Portcars for export shipments via Portland. There have been large export shipments of wheat and oats. All wheats are unchanged in price. Oats. No. 2, white, are lee higher, at 264c. Flour is dull and there is no export demand. Offerings of dairy rolls are large and the demand light. Prices remain unchanged. Eggs. are quiet and standard December 1975. arrest and the demand light Friest remain unchanged Eggs are quiet and steady Dressed hogs are firmer, and 7c is now being asked for car lots here. It is rumored that live hogs will advance to be again next week Foultry is weaker owing to heavy re-

recipts.

Celpts.

Flour — Manitoba Patent, \$4.20,
Manitoba bakers, \$3.50, for car lots at
Toronto. Ontario patent, \$2.55 to

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 63 to 1312c for red and white west. Ontario spring, 66 to 660½c, No. 1 hard, 91½c, and No. 2, 860½c, grinding in transit. Toronto and west, 890½c for No. 1 hard

hard.
Oats—No. 1 white, 26½ to 27c east.
2 white, 26½c on cars north and west.
Barley—37½c for No. 3 extra at
country points west.
Milfeed—Shorts, \$14 per ton for
cars west bran, \$12.
Oatmeal—33.20 in bags per barrel,
and \$3.30 in wood for carlots, Toroute.

Hay-Carlots on track, \$5 to \$10 per

Hay—cariots on class, so the from ton.

Eggs-16 to 20c for fresh hert, and 28 to 30c for new laid per dozen, as to quality, limed, IN to 10c.

Butter—Choice fresh dairy in tubs and pails, 18 to 10c, as to quality, medium, 13 to 14c; large rolls, fresh, 17 to 181c; pound rolls, 18 to 19c, creamery packages, 20 to 22c; orints, 22 to 23c.

Cheese—11½c for job lots

Hides—Sc for No. 1 cows, No. 1 heavy steers, 9c; country hides ½c under these prices; calfsking, 8c for No. 1, and 7c for No. 2; sheepskins, 90c each; tailow 5 to 51c.

2: sheepskins, 90c eaon; tanow of 50c.
Wool-Washed fleece, 16 to 18c; unwashed, 9 to 10c.
Beans-\$1.35 to \$1.45 per bushel for handreked, Job lots.
Dried Applies 33 to 33c for round lots; evaporated, 55c.
Honey-10 to 104c per pound.
Poultry-Chickens, 25 to 50c per pair, turkeys, 7c to 9c per pound ducks, 50 to 70c per pair; geese, 6 to 65c per pound.
Potatoes-45 to 31c per bushel for carlots.

Carlots.

Dressed Hogs—Car lots offering at \$7.00 per 100 pounds.

#### TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET. Special to The Commercial

Toronto, Dec. 19.

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Recelpts at the Semi-weekly market yesterday were 420 cattle, 910 sheep and Jambs, and 1,047 hogs.

Export Cattle—The offerings were not large, but there was a steady demand and everything sold well. Prices are steady at \$4.00 to \$5 for choice and \$4.25 to \$4.00 for light.

Butchers' Cattle—The inquiry for "Christmas cattle" continues strong, and some fine beasts were sold. Good slock moved well and prices were firm for the higher grades. Medium and inferior were dull, as usual, and

sold slowly. Picked animals brought \$175 to \$5.00, choice \$4.25 to \$4.75, and common \$2.00 to \$2.50 per hun-

Export Bulls—There is a good mand and prices are steady at \$3.25 to \$3.75 for light and \$3.75 to \$1.25 for

Feeders—The principal activity is in light, which are selling well at \$3 to \$3.40. Short-keep are unchanged at \$3.75 to \$.25 and heavy are worth \$3.40 to \$3.75. Stockers—The market is steady.

Stockers—The market is steady, with prices ranging from \$2.40 to \$3.25 for weights of 500 to 800 lbs.
Feeding Bulls—Prices are easier at \$2.50 to \$3.

Sheep and Lambs—The market is weak at \$3 to \$3.15. Lambs are slightly firmer, being quoted at \$3.50 to \$4.35 per cwt and \$2.50 to \$4.00

Hogs—Prices have declined. Selected hogs of 160 to 200 lbs natural weight dropped from \$6 to \$5.8714 and lights and fats went from \$5.75 to \$5.50.

#### FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 22.

Receipts at the somi-weekly markets yesterday were 24 cars, including 400 sheep and lambs, and 1,000 hogs.

Export cattle were in good demand changed. Export bulls sold higher Best brought \$4.3745. Sheep sold lower Export ewes \$2.75 to \$3.00 per cwt. Lambs lower at \$3.50 to \$4.00 per cwt. Hogs firmer, but not quotably changed.

MONTREAL GRAIN & PRODUCE. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec 22

The grain markets are quiet. Oats steady. Flour, demand steady. Feed active and firm Rolled oats quiet and steady. Hay in good demand and firm. Cheese quiet and &c lower for western. Butter is in good demand and \(\frac{1}{2}\)c to \(\frac{1}{2}\)c higher. Eggs are active and higher. cold storage stock having jumped up 4 to 5c per dozen. Maple syrup is dull. Honey steady. Poultry is very active. Game is out of season. Dressed hogs quiet. Meats demand fair Beef hides \(\frac{1}{2}\)c lower and demand better

Wheat—No. 1 spring wheat, 73 to 73);c. Montreal, Dec

and demand better
Wheat—No. 1 spring wheat, 73 to 733/5c.

Barley—45c.
Oats—30 to 304/c.
Flour— In fair demand. Manitoba patent \$1.50 to \$4.35; Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.85 to \$4.05, straight rollers, \$3.15 to \$4.0.

Rolled Oatmeal—\$3.20 to \$3.25 per barrel and \$1.55 to \$4.60 for bags.
Feed—Market firm, good demand. Manitoba bran, bags, \$16; shorts, \$17.

Baled Hay—Choice, \$10 to \$11 No 2, \$9.0. to \$7.50
Cheese—Western September, 11c to \$1.50 to 104/c for late, and 10 to 104/c for under grades.

Butter — Finest creamery, 224/5 to 23c; seconds, 204/2 to 21c; western dairy, 19 to 20c.
Eggs—Prices firm. Now laid, 24c; choice cold storage stock, 18 to 20c. Montreal limed, 15 to lic. western limed 14 to 15c.

Maple Syrup—64/27c in wood, tins, 50/260c.

Honey—White clover, comb, 13 to 144/c; buckwheat comb, 10 to 124/c.

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Honey-White clover, comb, 13 to
144c; buckwheat comb, 10 to 124c.
extracted, 7 to Sc.
Hides-No. 1, Sc. No. 2, 7c; No.
3, 6c. calfskins, Sc and 6c, lambskins, 90c for good fresh skins.
Potatoes-Carlots, 40c, broken lots,
45350c.

outry—Turkeys St<sub>2</sub> to 9½c, chick-7 to 7½, ducks, S to 9c, geose, 5½ Poultry-

Game—Partridge, firsts, 70c a pair; seconds, 45@50 ,deer, carcases, 45@50 pound

Meats—Beef hinds, he to Se: fores, is to he. lamb, he to Se. mutton, 44e to he, hogs, 74e to 74e.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK MARKET Special to The Commercial.

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Montreal, Dec. 18.

Receipts of live stock at the East

End abattoir on Monday were 600

licad of cattle and 200 sheep and

lambs. There was very little excitement or notivity at the cattle markets to-day. The display of cattle was not much larger. The quality of some of it was better and for such a slight advance in prices was paid. The weather was ravorable: and the attendance of buyers good. Demand was steady. Choice steers sold at 4½ to 5c, good

at 4 to 4½c; fair at 3½ to 3½c; common at 2½ to 3c and interior at 1¾ to 2½c per lb. Sheep sold at 2½c to 3½c per lb. and choice lambs at 4½ to 4½c, with ordinary at 3½ to 4c per lb. The demand for live hogs was good at 5½ to 6c per lb.

#### THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, Dec. 21.
At the East End abbatoir yesterday receipts were 500 cattle, 500 sheep and lambs.

Trade in cattle was not so active as

Trade in cattle was not so active as on Monday owing to the fact that butchers generally had laid in their Christmas supplies early in the week. The demand was only fair. Some of the offerings were left unsold. A few very choice bunches mot with buyers at 4½ to 4½c and 5c per lb. One extra choice fancy helfer sold at 6c per lb. The slow trade will likely continue for next week or two. Good cattle sold at 4 to 4½c, fair at 3½ to 3½c and common at 2½ to 3c per lb. Demand for sheep was good and prices steady at 2½ to 3½c. Offerings of lambs were of good quality and the demand was good. Live hogs met with a good sale at 5 to 5½c per lb.

#### MONTREAL GROCERY TRADE Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 22.

Sugar is quiet and steady. Teas are firmer. New Japans are worth lib- to 22c. Ceylons 13½ to 18c, Monings 13 to 15c, Gunpowders 15 to 17. Raisins are steady. Currents are weaker, half cases selling at 8½ to 9c. Provisions are steady and fairly ac-

Sugar, granulated, \$1.85 per 100 fbs. yellows, \$4.05 to \$4.65, molasses, 40 to 41c Valencia raisins, fine off stalk, 7½ to \$c. selected, \$1½ to \$1½c. layers, \$3, to 9½, currants, \$½, to 9c; canned goods, tomatoes, \$2½ to \$5c, peas, 75 to \$0c, corn, \$0 to 90c, salmon, \$6 to \$675 per case, Japan teas, 16½ to 22c.

Provisions—Quotations are Pork, \$17.50 to \$18.50, lard, pure, 10½ to 11 ½c. hams, 12 to 14c, bacon, 13 to 14c.

#### MONTREAL HARDWARE MAR-KET.

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Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 22.

Market quiet and steady. Cement is dull. Seal oil firm. Prices are: Pig iron, summerice, No. 1, \$24 to \$25.00, Nova Scotia, \$18.00 to \$20.00, bar Iron, \$1.50 to \$1.00, tin plates, cokes, \$3.85 to \$4.00; charcoal, \$4.25 to \$4.50. Canada plates, \$2.50 to \$2.90; terme plates, \$7.50; Ingot tin, 29 to 30c, copper, 18 to 19c, lead, \$4.15 to \$4.25; manila cordage, 12 to 13c; sisal, 9 to 10c; linsoed oil, raw, \$1 to 82c, boiled, \$4 to \$5c, seal oil, 55c to 60c, turpentine, 62c to 63c, cement, German, \$2.50 to \$2.70. English, \$2.40 to \$2.50. Belgian, \$1.90 to \$2.10; Canadian, \$2.20 to \$2.33; white lead, standard, \$6.50; coal tar, \$4 to \$4.50.

#### HOG PRODUCTS. Special to The Commercial

Toronto, Dec. 22.

Hog products are firm in sympathy with the market for hogs. Lard is the lower, therees being quoted at 9 the tabs at 19th and palls at 10c.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET. Special to The Commercial.

CHECSE quoted Steady at 51s od to 52s Gd, which is unchanged from a week ago.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET. Special to The Commercial .

Cattle be higher at 11% to 12%c dressed weight; extra choice, 136; sheep, 11 to 12%c, lambs, 13% to 11c.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

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Special to The Commercian.

London, Dec. 21

Beet sugar is easier and 3d lower than a week ago at 9s 2%d.

#### Movements of Business Men.

H. A. Mullins, cattle, dealer, of Russell, Man., was in Toronto last week. He is siving good accounts of the cattle business of Manitoba.

#### Western Business Items.

Richard Sweet, saddler, Regina, has assigned. W. B. Pocklington, of the same place, is assignee

W. H. Hatch, formerly of the Oriental hotel, Winnipes, has taken over the proprietorship of the Grand Pacific hotel, Market square.

A Grand Forks paper says There promises to be a potatoe famine in North Dakota Already the tubors are retailing for 75c a bushel.

#### Additional Tenders.

Penders will be received up to Jan 28, 1901, for the supply of provisions, ammunition and twine, at points in the provisional district of Athabasca. Particulars will be furnished by the Indian Commissioners office, at Winninger.

The Commercial Travellers Asso-ciation of Canada held its annual meeting in Toronto on December 1. M. C. Ellis was unanimously elected president, and Wm. Coldwell, vice-president.

resident.

The Western Ontario Commercial Travellers' Association held its annual meeting on December 1, in London, Ontario. A good financial statement was presented to the members, receipts for the year being \$24,\$20,62. W. L. Underwood was elected president, ym. Turnbull, vice-president, and Samuel Munro, treasurer.

The statistics of traffic through the Canadian canal at Sault Ste. Marie for the season ending November 30 show that, compared with the season of 1899, there was a decrease of 632 in the number of vessels which passed through the Canadian canal, and a failing off in the freight carried of 970,614 tons.

At a rough estimate, there are

At a rough estimate, there are about 150,000,000 chickens in the United States. They produce each year about 11,000,000,000 eggs, which represent \$175,000,000. Besides, \$130,000,000 worth of poultry is exten in the country during a year, and the value of the living hons, at 30 conts apiece, is figured at \$150,000,000. Thus the hen stands for about \$155,000,000 in the yearly economics of the United States.—Bradstreets.



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ALES—Bench, 30 and 10 per cent; chopping axes, per dozen, \$76312; double bit, ter dozen, \$126313.

BARS—Craw, \$0.50 per 100th.
BELLOWS—20.24, \$3.501, 26.2, \$1.95; 29, \$3.40; 30, \$3.83; 32, \$5.301, 34, \$7.25; 30, \$1.01, 33, \$51, 40, \$10.35.

KAU: 30, \$3.83; 40, \$10.35.

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## Winnipeg Prices, Paints, Oils, Glass, Etc.

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ALAHASTINE— Cases of 20 packages, \$4.50; Murato, do. \$6.50.

BENZINE—Case, \$3.50.

DIRY COLORS—White lead, ib, 7½c red lead, kegs, 7c; yellow ochre in barrel fots 2½c, less than barrel sots, 3½c, less than barrels, 3½c; less than barrels, 3½c; ancelean vermillion, 15c; English vermillion, 32 per B; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel tots 2½c, less than barrels, 3c, English purple oxides, in casks, 3½c; less unmittee, 4c ib.

GANDLINE—Stove, per case, \$3; naph.

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Darrels. T. & P., cases, \$2.75; Solar, case, \$2.55.
TURIPENTINE—Pure spirits in barrels, 71c, less than barrels, 70c per gal. An additional charge for packages of small quantities.
VARNISHES—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1. extra furniture, \$1.35, pale oak, \$1.50; leakite oak, \$1.55; No. 1 carriage, \$1.500; \$1.75, hard oil tinish, \$1.500022; brown Japan, \$1.70; coach painters gold size Japan, \$1.70; per 100m; \$1.7

#### New Cordwood Tariff.

A new freight tariff on cordwood to Winnipeg, from points on the main line, east of the city, will come into effect on December 24. The new tariff makes a rate of 3 cents per 100 lbs, from all points between Bird's Hill and Buchan, to Winnipeg. From Milner to Culver inclusive, the rate is 3½ cents, Rennie to Cross Lake, 4 cents, Ingolf to McMillan, inclusive, 4½ cents, and Minnietakl to Tache, 5½ cents, and Minnietakl to Tache, 5½ cents, Millimium carload, 30 000 lbs. A minimum of 24,000 pounds may be allowed if londed to actual capacity, when capacity is under 30,000. When actual weight cannot be assertained by weighing, the following weights will be used. Dry Birch, tamarac, spruce, ash, soft maple, 3,000 pounds per cord, except green ash, at 4,500 pounds green, 4,000 pounds. Dry basswood, popular and pine, 2,500 pounds, green basswood, 3,500 pounds, green pine, 5,000 pounds.

John Daykin has opened a butcher I new freight tariff on cordwood to

John Daykin has opened a butcher shop at Lacombe, Alberta.

J. M. Silverthorn is opening a general store at Olds, Alberta.

Geo. Petrello has opened in the shoemaking business at Lacombo. Al-

S. M. James is succeeding A. B. Harris in clothing and gent's furnishings at Morden, Man.

The partnership of Tocher & Klump, butchers, Wapella, Assa., has been dissolved. J. C. Tocher continuing the business.

#### Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chicago Bebard of Trade Prices.
Chicago hee 17 —Wheat, Dec Spende at 63% high 70, low 63%, close 76448; Jan open 7046, high 70%, low 70, close 70748; Corn, Dre. open 37%, high 39%, low 37%, close 30%, close 35%, low 37%, close 35%, low 35%, low 35%, close 35%, high 39% low 37%, close 35%, Fac. Park, span, open 812.17, light 812.20, low 812.15, chose 812.15, Lard, Irec, open 57.05, close 87.07 Jan. opened 80.85, chosel 86.85, Flax, the open 81.61%, close 81.02, liths, Jan. open 80.20, close 85.22.

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Chicago, Dec. 18. Wheat, Dec. opened 70, high 70%, but 61%, low 63%, close 63%, Jan opened 70%, high 50%, but 63%, close 70c b, Corn, Tac open 60, high 41, box 40, close 41c Jan open 30, high 37, low 30%, close of 35% free Dark 10c closed 21% Jan opened 21% b, chosed 21% Jan open \$12.12, close \$12.07 a, Lard, Dec. opened \$702, close \$710 Jan open \$6.20, close \$6.22 Hills, Jan open \$6.20, close \$6.22 Flax, Dec. open \$1.03%, close \$1.01% a.

6. Chleago, Dec 19 - Wheat, Dec open 699, high 605, low 4394, close 695, Jan. open 698, high 709, low 699, close 708, close 708, close 198, high 419, low 405, close 41 c. Jan open 303, high 379, low 305, close 41 c. Jan open 303, high 379, low 305, close 37 c. house 215, close 215, dept. Pork, Dec. open 511 25, close 51 25, Jan. open 52 25, high 512 25, low 512 15, loose 51 25, high 512 25, low 512 15, close 51 25, high 512 25, low 512 15, close 51 25, high 512 25, low 512 15, close 51 25, high 512 25, low 512 15, close 51 25, high 512 25, low 512 15, close 51 25, high 512 25, low 51 25, high 512 25, low 51 25, high 512 25, low 51 25, low 51 25, high 512 25, low 51 25, low 51 25, high 512 25, low 51 25, lo

Jan. apen 30, 26184.30, mgr 80.20, low 80.20 close 86.30. Flax, Inc. \$1.60%.

Chicago, Ire. 20 Wheat, the opened 9, high 70 tow 80%, close 80%, 676° Jan opened 70%, high 70 tow 70% close 80% of 70% of 10% of 10%

May \$1.00. Byc. Dec. 463/c. Hay 434/c h.
Chicago, Dre. 21.—Wheat, Dec. agen 704/a
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open \$7.17. close \$7.17. Jan. open \$6.83.
close \$6.82. Flax, Dec. close \$1.58 b.

close \$6.82. Flax, Dec. close \$1.58 b.
Chicago, Dec. 22 — January wheat
opened at 70½c and ranged up to 70
%c. Closing prices were: —
Wheat—Dec., 70½c, Jan., 70‰c,
May. 73c,
Corn—Dec., 37%c, May. 23%c,
Oats—Dec., 21½c, May. 23%c,
Pork—Dec., \$11.15, May, \$12.15,
Lard—Dec. \$7.20, May. \$6.87%
Ribs—Dec., \$6.35, May. \$6.87%
A week are December owten elected.

A week ago December option closed at 70c. A year ago December wheat closed at 654c two years ago at 654c, three years ago at 944c. four years ago at 514c, five years ago at 55%c; and six years ago at 57%c, ad sat Duluth

#### New York.

New York, Dec. 17 - Wheat, May open 75% b, high 79, low 75%, close 79c. 75% b, high 79, low 75%, close 79c. March close 70%.

New York Dec. 16, Wheat, May open 70%, 1 high 79% tow 75%, close 76% r 1 Dec. close 76% r 2 New York Dec. 19 - 10%.

New York Dec 19.—Wheat Dec close 77c n. May open 78%, high 78%, low 78%, close 78% c.

New York, Dec. 20.—Wheat. Dec. open 77% h. close 77% a. May open 78% h. high 79. low 75% h. close 75% a. March open 79. high 73% h. low 79, close 75%.

New York, Dec. 21.—Wheat, May open 79, high 79, low 7834, close 79c at New York, Dec. 22.—Wheat closed at 704c for March option, May closed at 79c.

#### Minneapolis Wheat.

Minneapolis, Dec. 17 - Wheat, Dec. open 70% b, close 71%c. May open 73%, a, close 74%c.

74%c.
Minneapolis, Dec. 18—Wheat War open 74% b. high 74%, low 73%, close 73%26%c.
Minneapolis, Dec. 19.—Wheat, Dec. open 70% a, high 75%, low 75%, close 75%c.
Minneapolis, Dec. 20.—Wheat, Dec. open 75%674c, low 75%63%, close 73%674c.
Minneapolis, Dec. 21.—Wheat, May open 74 a, high 74%, low 75% close 74%c.
Minneapolis, Dec. 21.—Wheat, May open 74 a, high 74%, low 75% close 74%c.
Minneapolis, Dec. 21.—Wheat, May open 74 a, high 74%, low 75% close 74%c.

Minneapolis, Dec. 22.—Wheat closed at 71%c for Dec., and 74%c for May option. Cash No. 1 hard closed at 74%c, No. 1 northern at 72%c.

#### DULUTH FLAX MARKET

Dulith, Dec 22.—The market for flax seed closed at \$1.68 for cash and December.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT. The market is very quiet Some bust ness has been done for May delivery, but generally trading is slow. Prices were unchanged to-day at quotations given for the close yesterday.

#### Duluth Wheat.

Duluth Dec 17-Whent Dec open at ally, close 71 c b. No. 1 hard 234c, No. 1 northern 714c b.

ruinth, Dr. 18.—Wheat, Dec open at 71% b, class 71c b. May open 75% b, light 75%, low 74%, close 75c. No. 1 hard 75c b. No. 1 northern 71c b.

No. 1 northern 74c b.
Duinth, Doc. 19.—Whent, May open 74%,
aigh 75%, tow 74%, those 75%c. No. 1
hard 72%c No. 1 northern 70%c.
Pulnth, Doc. 20. Whent, Doc. open 71 a,
high 74 a bon 76%, those 74c b. May open
75% a ligh 75% a bow 75% those 75%c. No.
1 hard 73 b. No. 1 northern 71c b.

I hard 73 b. No. 1 horthern 71c b.
Induth. Doc 21—Wheat, I bec. open 71 b,
close 71c b. No. 1 hard 73c b,
Duinth, Dec. 22—December option
closed at 71c, and May at 73kc for
No. 1 northern wheat. Cash No. 1
hard closed to-day at 73c, and cash
No. 1 northern at 71c.

A week ago December wheat closed at 71c. A year ago December wheat closed at 61%c, two years ago at 64 %c, three years ago at 92%c; four years ago at 81%c, five years ago at 56%c.

## CHICAGO FLAN MARKET. Chicago, Dec 22 -- Flan seed closed to-day at \$1.58 for December.

#### LONDON CONSOLS.

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London, Drc. 21.—4 p.m.—Consols for money 97, do, for the account 87%, Atchison 45%, C. P. R. 88% St. Pant 137. Ittl noise Central 144%, Louisettie 88%, I. P. pfd 85%, N. Y. C. 147 Len. 26. Pennsylvania 74%, Reading 18. Lene 1st pfd 35%, N. P. pfd 92%, G. T. R. 6%, Anaconda 18. Rand Mines 38%, Bar silver stready at 20% per cent. 38% for silver stready at 20% per content of obscumb in the open market for short bills 46% per cent. 40. for three months bills 46% per cent.

LIVI.BPOOL WHEAT
Liverpool, Bec. 21.—Wheat, quiet; No. 1
Califormia to 22d. No. 2 red nestern win
ter 5s 1td No. 1 northern spring 6s 23d.
Futures quier: American mixed new 4s
12d. do. old 4s 22d; futures quiet, Jan.
3s 10sd. March 3s 9d.
Liverpool, Dec. 22.—Wheat unchanged to 3sd lower, at 6s 3sd for
No. 2 red, March, per cental.

#### MARKET HOLIDAYS.

Grain markets will be closed on Monday and Tuesday next.

#### Tornoto Grocery Market.

Tornoto Grocery Market.

Toronto. Dec. 22

Sl'GARS-- Granulated, delivered Toron to \$4.35453.G; yellows, from \$4.254433. SYNUTS-- Imperial gations, medium, 52c, speech bright, 35642c.

MOLASSIS-- West India, barrels, 32G doc. New Orleans, 22G30c for medium, and 35647c for bright, COFFEE-Hito, green, 10G14c; Mocha, 25G25c; Java, 25G32c.

TEAS-Japans, low grade, 16G20c per th; Young Hysons, seconds, 16G10c; firsts, 25645c. Indian, 15G30c, Congous, low grades, 10G15c, mediums, 22G25c, finest, 15G50c, Teyron St. Terror Ceylons Transfers.

grades, 10415c, mediums, 2425c, Anest, 40455c, Cerions 17635c; Formoss colongs 2565c.

CANNED GOODS—Tomators, 0 48 No. peas, 75486c coru, 75636c; beans, 50635c; sitted selected peas, \$1.05451.20; pumpkins, 20c, raspherries, 2s. \$1.55631.20; pumpkins, 20c, raspherries, 2s. \$1.55631.20; pumpkins, 2c, \$1.50635c; 3s. \$2.50635c; 5d. 24; s. \$2.50635c; 5d. 25; compound, 15475c; panela, 25c; Cochin, 20c, cloces, Zanzibar, 20472c; Amborna, 25427c; Pennar, 30435c; allspice, 15c; nutmers, 50645f; erram tartar, pure, 25d. 25c; compound, 15475c; pepper, bure white, 25d. 25c; compound, 15475c; pepper, bure white, 25d. 25c; compound, 15475c; pepper, bure white, 25d. 35c.

DRIED FRUITS—Raisins, Valencia, selected, 7549c, off stalk, 71c. California 3-crown loose Muscatels, 35405c; Fillatras, currants, 114 12c; Fatras, 13d. 14c, Voluzais, Livitic, California dried fruits Apricore, 114115c; peaches, 8614c, prines, 10s to 10s 25645c; 15s to 90s, 55665c; 90s to 10s 25656c; 15s to 90s, 55665c; 90s to 10s 25656c; 15s to 90s, 55666c; 90s to 10s 25c; shelled walnuts, 12613c; Grenoldes, 124c; Sicily niberts, 12613c.

PEEL — Orange, 12413c; lemon, 10446c; cltron, 17620c.

PERI — Orange, 12813e: lemon, 1048 12c; ettron, 17620c.

It is reported in the east that English capitalists are endeavoring to secure control of the salmon canneries in British Columbia. The recent serious strikes have rendered it almost impossible for canners to carry on the business profitably.

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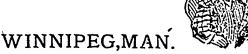
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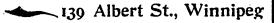
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#### British Cattle Markets.

London, Dec. 17.—There has been no change in values to note since a week ago. The trade in cattle was firmer and choice States sold at 13the States sheep sold at 11the to 12c, and lambs at 14c to 15c.
Liverpool, Dec. 17.—The trade in Canadian cattle was firmer, but prices were unchanged at 11c. The market for sheep was bad at 11c.

The Bank of Hamilton is opening a branch at Stonewall, Man.

The statistics of population in France for 1890 have just been tabulated. The figures for 1890 report births us \$47.627, which is 10,000 less than the average for the past decade. The excess of births over deaths was but 31-334. France now has 38,000,000 in-394. Fra

#### Winnipeg Retailers Organize.

In spite of the busy season a large number of retail merchants assembled in Rialto hall Tuesday to continue the work of perfecting their organizathe work of percecting their organiza-tion and to receive the reports of the canvassing committee. The list of those who have agreed to discontinue the use of stamps has been signed by about 300 business men and firms, in fact it is practically a unanimous agreement, as the names of only three retailers in the city are not found thereon.

it was decided to advertise the list and a committee was appointed to interview the daily papers regarding

terms.

The old retail association, which has been almost defunct, was revived under the name of "The Commercial Association of Winnipeg," and will embrace the various branches of retail trade. A committee was appointed to secure board rooms and to canvass for members. The membership fee was fixed at \$5 per annum, and all those present signed the roll when it was opened. The prospects of the association are considered bright and consensus of opinion of the members seemed to be that it would prove of material benefit to the trade.

The next meeting will be held in the same hall on the second Tuesday in January, when the officers will be elected and the by-laws adopted.

#### Running Trains by Electric Power.

Rossland, B. C., Dec. 17.-The Miner It was learned yesterday that one of the chief reasons of the recent visit of Mr. R. Marpole, general superintendent of the Pacific division of the Canadian Pacific railway, and Mr. Cross, the master mechanic of the line west of Winniper to this city was to confer with the officers of the West Kootenay Power and Light company in reference to furnishing the company with electric power for the haulage between Rossland and Robson. The railroad company fluds that it costs considerable to haulaffelght over the route between here and Robson and naturally desires to cat the cost of this haulage down as much as possible. In the conference v. 1 at the the chart Robson and naturally desires to substitute electricity for steam, and that they would want about 2,000 horse power, available at all times. They would pay, however, only for what power they used. Provided the power could be had at such a price that it would be more economical one of the chief reasons of the recent They would pay, however, only for what power they used. Provided the power could be had at such a price that it would be more economical than steam power, the intention was to put in a complete electrical equipment, including trolley wire and electric locomotives. The freight and passenger cars will, of course, be the same as those at present in use, but as soon as a train bound for Rossland arrived at Robson the steam locomotive would be taken off and the electric one attached to it and it would be brought to this city. One reason given for the contemplated change is because the wear and tear on a locomotive on the steep grades between here and Trail is very great. The Shay locomotive, which at present is doing the heavy work, is in the shops frequently, and repairs to it are shops frequently, and repairs to it are expensive. In view of the situation the officials of the C. P. R. have de-termined to use electricity as a motermined to use electricity as a mo-tive power on the road between here and Robson. It is quite possible, too, that after its chapabilities have been fully proven its use may be extended to other portions of the road where the grades are steep. On the main the grades are steep. On the main the grades are not steep, it is claimed that it will be some time before electric power will be used.

The Great Northern rallway has ungles

the Great Northern railway has under consideration a plan for using
electric power to haul their
over the Cascade mountains. There
is splendid water power on both
slopes of the Cascade mountains, and
these are to be utilized for the generation of the electric power.

#### Rossland Mining News.

Rossland, B. C., Dec. 17.—Returns from the richest carload of ore ever sent from this camp have been received from the Northport smelter by Mr. Roy H. Clarke, manager of the I. X. L. The ore was taken from No.

1 and 2 levels and consisted of 23 tons. Two tons of this was vere the hand went \$2,830 to the ton, white 21 tons averaged \$112 to the ton or a rate of \$7.840 for the carload. The development of the newly discovered ledge continues with satisfactory results. The lower tunnel is in for a distance of 300 feet, and the work of crosscutting for the vein has been commenced.

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The I. N. L. is in very good shape. Mr. John S. Baker, the managing director of the I. N. L., has secured a bond on the O. K. property, which adjoins the I. N. L. Mr. Baker is expected here from Tacoma shortly, and it is thought he will, while here, begin the development of the O. K. This mine was formerly operated by the O. K. Mining company, and considerable rich ore was extracted from it. The company got into financial difficulties and went through the process of liquidation, and the old National Bank of Spokane, which was the principal creditor of the company, bought the property in when it was disposed of by the liquidator. Since then nothing has been done with it. There is a good stamp mill on the O. K., which Mr. Baker will doubtless utilize for

considerable attention to this country

in the future Appended are the shipments for the Appended are the shipments for the past week and total for year to date: Le Roi for the week 4,153, for the year 158,180; Centre Star for the week 2,122, for the year 38,182; War Eagle for the year 10,922; Le Rot No. 2 for the week 31, for the year 2,922, Iron Mask for the week 135, for the year 2,623, Glant for the week 22, for the year 563, I. N. L. for the year 572; Evening Star for the year 428; Monte Cristo for the year 273; Spitzee for the week 22, for the year 111; Iron Colt for the year 80. Total for the week 6,495, for the year 214,836.

#### J. Y. Griffins's New Warehouse.

The cut shown herewith gives a front view of the new premises of J front view of the new premises of J. Y. Griffin & Co., produce and provision merchants, Winnipeg. This well known firm has been identified with the produce and packing trade here for years and is now one of the largest concerns in this line doing business in Canada. They have a pork packing establishment close to Louise bridge where something like 500 hogs per

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Warehouse of J. Y. Griffin & Co., Winnipeg.

the reduction of the ore from both the O. K. and the I. N. L.

Mr. Ethelberg G. Woodford, an eminent engineer of South Africa, is in the city. He has been the engineer of the Kimberley mine, state engineer for the Orange Free State and chief engineer of mines for the Transvaal. Mr. Woodford is here in the interest of a London and Paris capitalist and is much impressed with the cmp. In an interview he said: "From what I have seen of the country I think very favorably of II. You have advantages here over the miners of South Africa. In the first place your ores are generally free of inferior grades. I have been given to understand that the area of the Rosaland camp for instance, up to the list of January last averaged semething over \$23 to the ton and that owing to the reduction in freight and treatment of ore of from \$12 to \$18 and even less is now being mined, shipped and smeited at a profit. In South Africa the ores average about \$8 to the ton. Here you have plenty of wood and water and good laws. In South Africa wood and water are scarce and the laws have been against the interests of the miners. In South Africa the expenses of opening a mine are large, while here they are comparatively small. Here a man can operate a mine on a capital of from \$50,000 to \$250,000, but in South Africa it takes a much larger sum. After a claim is crown-granted here it costs only \$12.50 a year to hold it. But there it costs a much larger sum. The country in South Africa has been torn and devastated by a war which lasted considerably over a year, and it will take some time to evolve order out of the chaos there. I intend to devote

can be handled. The machinery and plant is up-to-date in every way and includes a complete ammonia re-

frigeration system, which has a cool lag capacity equal to the melting o 25 tons of ice per day.

This new jobbing warehouse and office is on Bannatyne Street East, close to the corner of Rorie street. It backs on the transfer railway track which fice is on Bannatyne Street East, close to the corner of Rorie street. It backs on the transfer railway track which gives very desirable shipping facilities. The building is not exactly a new one, but it has been thoroughly overhauled and remodelled that it is as good as new. It was at one time occupied by Turner, Mackeand & Co., wholesale grocers. In the early part of 1900 it was partially destroyed by fire, since which time it has been undergoing the repairs which fitted it for the use of the present occupants. The building is 35x150 feet in dimension and has in addition to its three floors above the ground a fine roomy basement. It will make an excellent produce warehouse, as it is easily kept cool. A shipping entrance for the city trade has been secured through the adjoining warehouse on the east to Rorie street.

It is now over its years since the business of J. Y. Griffin & Co., was established in Winnipeg. The firm is composed of J. Y. Griffin & Co., was established in Winnipeg, and F. M. Griffin, of St. Thomas, Ont. When the business was begun here there were not enough hogs produced in Manitoba to keep their factory going and importations had to be made from the east and south. Now their splendid new factory is supplied almost exclusively with Manitoba grown hogs. They have branch houses in Nelson, Vancouver, Calgary and Rat Portage, where the produces of the factory are sold and a large produce

and commission business done as well At Nelson the flum have recently erected a two-storey warehouse and a cold storage plant which is modern in every way and gives excellent facilities for handling their important Kootenay trade. The Vancouver branch is managed by D. Natsmith, the Nelson branch by R. Robertson, the Calgary branch by C. R. Dixon and the Rat Portage branch by M. Kyle. The produce department at Winnipeg is under the management of W. J. Cluff, formerly of Brockville, Ont., a man of wide experience in this particular line. Besides these branches the firm keeps a staff of travellers on the road constantly. As showing the magnitude of the produce business transacted by this firm it may be noted that its cash value amounts to about \$1,000,000 each year. It is only within the past year or two that serious attention has been given to the produce business as pieviously there were so many concerns competing for the trade that there was very little middle in the Singe the heavy failures among Winnipeg produce houses, which occurred last winter, however, pressure has been brought to bear on this house by country shippers to induce the handling of their staff and it has been found advisable to branch out in this direction, until now under M. Cluff this has become a most important department of the business.

#### British Columbia Patent Suit.

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British Columbia has had an experience new to its history, a patent suit. B.H. Short sued the Federation Brand Canning Co. for the infringement of his patent for a machine for soldering oval cans, lost in the trial court, won on appeal to the supreme court of British Columbia and won again in the supreme court of Canada, Dec. 11th, 1900, where he was represented by John G. Ridout, of Ridout & Maybee, Toronto, and Wilson, Q.C., V.an. Sacca, for the company. The suit is of importance as the supreme court of British Columbia followed British practice in interpreting the patent and the reasons for the judgment of the supreme court of Canada will aid materially in settling the practice in the interpretation of claims and specifications.

It is announced that Frank W. Petthe coast lines of the Canadian Pa-eific at Nelson, B. C., is preparing a directory of the East and West Koo-tenay and the Bou dary country, which will be completen nevery detail.

which will be comple, a every detail.

Tees & Perse, agents at Winnipeg for Coleman's mustard and starch, are sending out a couple of very neat fittle pletorial story books to the trade for distribution among the children of their patrons. These are supplied by the Colmans' in pursuance of a policy followed for years. They are also supplying the patrons of Sunlight soap with a handy waistcoat pocket diary.

It has been collective assertion.

diary.

It has been officially ascertained, says a London letter, that the approximate total preduction of rubber annually is 57,500 tons, of which 21,000 tons are taken by the United States and Canada, 21,000 tons by the United Kingdom and 15,000 tons by the rest of Europe. Of the total production of 57,500 tons the Amazon district (Brazil, Peru, Bolivia) produces 25,000 tons. 25,000 tons.

The Fort William Times-Journal three teen to the flow and inscribed number. It contains a number of articles and illustrations which reflect the

ber. It contains a number of articles and illustrations' which reflect the progress made by the town and district of Fort William during the past year. The town appears to be making steady advancement as is evident from the large amount of building which has been done during 1900. Some of the views of the town and district are very good.

Mail advices from Dawson report that customs returns for the summer season. 1900, May 16 to Oct. 31, show imports of machinery and merchandise to have exceeded thirty thousand tons, over 65 per cent of which entered from Canadian ports. The gold export records show that \$14.25,500 was entered as having been taken out of the country during that period. Officials allow a margin of three milions taken out, which was not entered, and place the Yukon's gold output for 1900 at \$15,000,000. It is also estimated that 6,300 people left Dawson and five thousand odd arrived there during the past summer.

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#### THE GROCERY TRADE.

CALIFORNIA'S WEALTH IN OR-ANGER

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The California orange season is at its height in January. In that month, to quote the San Francisco Argonaut, the orchards of the south are alive with plokers, and the fruit is being plotted in the control of the control of the south are alive with plokers, and the fruit is being plotted in the control of the control of the south are alive with plokers, and the fruit is being nurried to the east there & good markets awaits. The yield this year is the greatest ever known in the history of the industry, and the demand and prices the strongest and best. The total for 1890-1900 will probably be 14,000 carloads, perhaps 14,500, against 13,000 for the year before. Even this excludes the product of the northern citrus belt, which would increase the output by about 500 carloads. Statistics at best make dryreading, but those relating to an orange crop possess a peculiar interest, showing as they do a steady increase that has added much to the wealth of California and makes for the future appropriate the control of t

ger. but in California it is at a minimum. In the winter of 1892-93 the crop brought less than the carrying of to market; and in 1893-96 there were killing frosts, sufficient in severity to injure the fruit, but doing no damage to the trees.

The orange producing belt of California includes the counties of Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Ventura. Added to this is the foothill region skirting the Sierras. In this principal belt there are now 45,000 acres. The bearing trees in Southern California number 2012-600, the non-bearing trees have been sufficient to 27,000 carloads and the summer 2012-600. The capital invested is already about \$44,000,000. While oranges were first grown by the monks at San Gabriel Mission as long ago as 1804, the present industry is all of recent growth. It was in 1870 that John Wolfskill planted the first orchard in California. Land adapted to the purpose of orange orchardist went from a valuation of \$30 per acre to \$4000, and a single tree that once could have been procured from the nursery of 10 cents reached a value of \$1.60. Of course, in being brought to its present stage of development, orange-growing was attended by many costiy experiments. Fortunes have been suck, but fortunes have been made, and from the lessons of experience the laduatry has been placed on a reference and the conditions of the profession of the profession of the laduatry has been placed on a reference the laduatry has been placed on a reference delication of the luncious orange.

GROCERY TRADE NOTES

Strictly fresh and fresh held eggs advanced at Minneapolis last week, the market being 2 cents higher on each

Potatoes took a remarkable advance at Minneapolis last week. The total advance on the common white vertex ties was 5 and 8c a bushel in carlots.

Last week an advance of 50 cents a barrel occurred on nearly all brands of New York apple cider, due largel to the scarcity of apples, caused by the heavy snow storms and blizzards throughout the New England apple districts. There are possibilities of a still further advance.

still further advance.

There is a great activity in dried fruits and the market is a little unsettled, says the Toronto Globe. Valencia raisins and currants have been reduced and the trade say that this is concession to their customers in view of the state of the markets showhere the state of the markets showhere the state of the markets showhere the state of the markets show here the state of the state of the customers in view of the state of the markets show here the state of th she will be in the best position a few weeks hence to manage the market. The trade here has been fairly good under the circumstances, but the high prices have strongly curtailed the de-mand. There has been a nervous feel-ing with regard to the future dealings in dried fruits. It is certain that all the goods available will be used, as next season's crip will not be ready for nearly nine months yet.

#### THE DRY GOODS TRADE

DRINGS GOODS.

Sales of dress goods have been quite large. The amount of business booked so far is perhaps not as great as it was a year ago. There are two booked so lest is perusage not as given as it was a year ago. There are two reasons to account for that fact in the count for that fact in 1899, and owing to the slow sale of winter goods this season retailers were not so keen in placing orders for the spring as they would have been if they had seen winter stocks well broken into early in the season. There are an special features in this department this week. Values have been well maintained on foreign goods. The trade here are expecting un advance ment tims week. Values have sevel mainteined on foreign goods. The trade here are expecting an advance in some fine wool lines when the next series of wool sales take pisce. In view of this they have covered euch lines as cashmeres for spring deliveries, not caring to take any chance in getting repeat orders in at the prices at which they bought the goods last summer. The sales of cashmeres for the spring have been large. Cashmeres look as if they would be good property. A color that has been largely sold in cashmer is green in different popular shades; the pastel shades have also figured well in orders for the spring as well as the other leading staple shades.—Globe.

#### DRY GOODS TRADE NOTES.

DRY GOUDS TRADE NOTES.
High colored serges with black,
white and contrasting stripps are a
feature in the demand for dress goods.
They are popular for waist material.
There is considerable talk in New
York to the effect that yellow will be
fashlonable in spring dress goods, but
it is still too early to know just how it
will take.

Gent's furnishings of all kinds were in big demand at Winnipeg retail stores this week for Christmas gift purposes. Slik mufflers and ties have been special favorites.

heen special revortes.

A feature of the dry goods trade this week has been the large sales of lines goods, particularly handkerchiefs. All kinds of handkerchiefs have been in good demand for Christmas gift purposes. There has also been a good enquiry for table linen, sideboard scarfs dollies, etc.

dollies, etc.

Advices on linen from Europe are of such a bullish nature that there does not seem to be an incentive to quote lower prices in America. Manufacturers claim that everything point to a continued firm market for fax and yarn, and that even on the present hasfe for the finished product there is no profit in making goods.

#### Hardware Trade Notes.

No. 1 wrought scrap iron advanced 5c per hundred at Toronto last week.

The first blast furnace of the Canadian Iron company, at Midland, Ont., was formally opened on Dec. 18.

Scotch from and steel manufacturers are said to be considering closing their works during January, in view of the scarcity of orders and the high price

The pig tin market has developed some weakness lately. In London last week prices went 5s below the low figures touched the previous week.

In twelve months the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., at Sydney, proposes to turn out ships' plates and steel rails. The directors have decided to erect a plate and roll mill in connection with their works. The company will issue five million preferred stock for that

#### INSURANCE MATTERS.

REASONS FOR NOT INSURING.

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The following, in use as a leaflet by a prominent life company, is good enough to pass around:

1.—If you are sure you cannot die, there is no use providing for a contingency when there can be none.

2.—If you expect to get insurance for nothing, don't insure.

3.—If you know that you are too careless and indifferent to keep up your insurance, don't insure.

4.—If you need your money for tobacco and whiskey and get your support from your family, don't insure.

5.—If you prefer useless luxuries for yourself, to reasonable provision for yourself, to reasonable provision for your family, don't insure.

6.—If you are too selfish to wish any comfort to others, because you cannot enjoy it yourself, don't insure.

7.—If you feel good over the idea that your children may be dependent on the cold charities of the world after your death, don't insure.

8.—If you are happy over the idea of going to heaven while you are contemplating the probability of your family going to the poorhouse, don't insure.

But before you exterminate your-

But before you exterminate your-self, work out the following problem. Put down in figures the year in which you were born; to this add three, then add your age at your next birthday, provided it comes before. January 1. provided it comes before January 1, otherwise your age at your last birth day, multiply by 1,000, from this deduct 688,432, substitute for the figures the corresponding letters of the alphabet as A for 1, B for 2, C for 3, etc. The result will give you a name by which you are propably known.

#### INSURANCE AND MARRIAGE.

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At the meeting of the conference on charities and correction, held in Toronto, Alfred O. Crozier, of Grand Rapids, Mich., discussed "Organized and Unorganized Charity" and submitted some suggestive thoughts to the conference.

Referring to life insurance as a preventative of poverty, he showed that within the last thirty years \$2,500,000,000 had been paid out as insurance by the American companies alone, \$200.000,000 of which had been distributed during the last year. The speaker especially commended companies for the relief they afforded the poorer classes, and said "It has come to pass that an insurable man with a family who does not provide such protection in some amount is almost considered an ingrate, or guitty of criminal carelessness. I have no hesitation in saying that every insurable married man should be insured, and every aninsurable unmarried man should not marry."

#### DON'T DELAY INSURANCE.

Because you may not be insurable to-morrow.

to-morrow.

Because your family may need its protection any day.

Because conscious duty should be discharged promptly.

Because opportunity should be seized

at once.

Because your premiums will be larger if you wait.

Because it will set your mind at

ease.

Because that peace will help to prolong your life.

Because you will enjoy better what else you may have to spend.

Because the temptation to wait a while will be broken.

Because your profits will begin at

Because your endowment will mature sooner than if you walt.
Because you may die before to-mor-

#### INSURANCE NOTES.

The Commercial is indebted to the Mutual Life, of New York, for a very useful reference book for 1901, giving spaces for notes for each day in the year, with calendars for four years. This is a particularly useful book for a newspaper of the programmer of the prog a newspaper office.

A life insurance policy is an immense A me insurance poincy is an immense comfort to a dying man, an assurance that, through his forethought, his wife and children will not be left destitute, and it is to them like an anchor to a helpless vessel in a storm, security from wreck and ruin.

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After some time spent in negotiation it has been all but arranged that the Farmers and Fraders Life and Accident Assurance company, of St. Thomas, Ont., shall be amalgamated with the Northern Life Assurance of anada, headquarters in London.

A demand of assignment has been made bn Thomas Temple and Sons, insurance agents, Montreal, by John J. McRae, insurance clerk. Temple and Sons have an office at St. John, N. B., and were managers of the Victoria-Montreal Insurance company, which has been in legal difficulties.

which has been in legal difficulties.

The pact Whittler said of life insurance: "It is of vast beneficence—a step towards the abolition of poverty—a check to hazardous speculation for the benefit of posterity—a grateful relief to homes saddened by worry and anxiety. It is more and better than charity, for it involves no loss of self-respect and independence on the part of those who are benefitted by it."

The Manitoba Hall Insurance Act

The Manitoba Hail Insurance Act, which allows municipalities to put a local system of hail insurance into effect, is said to have proved unsatisfactory. This is about what might have been expected. A local system of hail insurance could hardly be expected to prove satisfactory as the or nail insurance could hardly be expected to prove satisfactory, as the
nature of losses from hall are contrary to a local system. To be safe
and effective, the risks should be
widespread, and not centred in a single circumscribed area.

gle circumscribed area.

An adjourned meeting of the Victoria-Montreal Fire Insurance company was held in Montreal on the Sthinst. R. C. Grant was appointed manager and secretary pro tem. It was decided not to continue to write new business and to call a meeting of shareholders for early in Janua y to decide what further steps should be taken. In the meantime the solicitors were instructed to press for payment of the calls made on the stockholders, in order that the outstanding losses may be paid with the least possible delay.

#### Boot and Shoe Trade Notes.

At a meeting of the board of directers of the national association of boot and shoe manufacturers of New York has week the removal of the 15 per cent, duty on hides was discussed as the matter of the greatest general interest now before the trade. If the tariff on hides is repealed the manufacturers claim that in a few years American made shoes will be worn all over the world.

The Christmas Number of the Montreal Gazette is repiete with good things. The first page has an original, illustrated poem by Dr. Henry Drummond, the inlinitable habitant poet, on "Johnney's First Moose," which is a capital production and subsequent pages are full of interesting stories, essays, news and advertising matter.

The National Association of West

The National Association of Wool Manufacturers of the United States has just issued its annual builetin on Manufacturers of the United States has just issued its annual bulletin on the wool production of that country for the present year. The total is 288,000,000 lbs. as against about 252,000,000 lbs. in 1899. The total number of sheep 40,000,000 as against 37,000,000 last year. New Mexico leads in the the number of sheep with Montana second. In the wool production Montana leads with 26,000,000 pounds, with Wyoming second with 21,000,000 and Idaho third with 19,000,000 and Idaho third with 19,000,000 pounds, and even Oregon with 1,500,000 less sheep than New Mexico, beats that state in wool production by nearly 3,000,000 lbs. The State of Washington leads all in the average weight of fleece, which is estimated at 5½ lbs., while Oregon comes next with 3 lbs. per fleece. New Mexico shows an average of only 4½ lbs.

#### +++++++++++++++++++++ FINANCIAL

BANK OF OTTAWA

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The annual meeting of the Bank of Ottawa was held on December 12. The report show that profits were good, and gross earnings larger than usual. The twelve months' business of the bank shows an increase of deposits from \$3,365,250 to \$9,639,277; of circulation, from \$1,615,551 to \$1,586,361, of paid capital from \$1,687,200 to \$1,593,910. The extended transactions of the bank are shown by an increase of the bank are should be accounted to the proportion to the increased resources, for \$60,000 is added to Rest out of carnings, besides paying nine per cent. and writing \$13,000 off bank premises and furniture. To provide for the possibility of a less favorable year in the future, a sum has been set aside to liquidate unprofitable accounts. The report shows that several new branches have been established and a number of new bank premises acquired, and several new buildings are proposed for next year, showing that the bank management is thoroughly alive to the importance of extending business where there are profitable openings.

Referring to the situation in the West the president said. The grain crops in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories were below an average last season, but the farmers in these districts have enjoyed a succession of several years of bountiful harvests, and are, for the most part, in such easy circumstances as to be able to view the situation with equanimity and to face the future with hopefulness. The consequence is that trade has not yet suffered to an appreciable extent.

#### BANK AMALGAMATION RATI-FIED.

The special general meeting of shareholders in the Canadian Bank of Commerce, called to ratify the preliminary agreement with the Bank of British Columbia for the purchase of the assets of the last mentioned bank, was held on Tuesday last. There were present or represented by proxy holders of 61,342 shares, or say \$3,007,100 of the total capital stock. It is necessary under the amended Bank Act that the deed of purchase be approved by a majority of proprietors of the buying and two-thirds of those of the selling bank. The Bank of British Columbia proprietors at a meeting of December 6th, agreed to the transaction by unanimous vote of more than three-fourths of the entire stock, and the C. B. of C. proprietors gave the required majority vote in its favo. The two banks have practically therefore become one, the approval of government being, however, necessary, and the Canadian Bank of Commerce will, when the \$2,000,000 of new stock, which this purchase implies, is issued, be capitalized at \$5,000,000 instead of \$6,000,000. And it is proposed to swell the Rest of the bank to \$2,000,000 had by appropriating thereto \$750,000, part of which is profits arising from the purchase just referred to and part from the ordinary earnings of the bank.

The explanations made by the general manager and the assistant-general manager and the assistant-general manager and the assistant-general manager and the assets and in spection of the affairs of the smaller bank were natters involving laborious care. It is very satisfactory to learn, as we do from the remarks of Mr. Plummer, who has spent, along with some twenty-five of his staff, three months in the offices of the Bank of B. C. on the Pacific coast and in the mountains, that not only were its affairs found thoroughly systematized and generally sound, but that its officers are of a very superior class. "The business of the Bank of British Columbia," said Mr. Walker, "is quite up to our own standard." We have already commented in a general way on the great increase of business t The special general meeting of shareholders in the Canadian Bank of Commerce, called to ratify the pre-liminary agreement with the Bank of

ger must have been extremely agreeable to those officials, who have borne so great a part of the burden of extra dutes which so large a negotiation duties which so large a negotiation implies.—Monetary Times.

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Returns for the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending Thursday, show as follows:

The monthly totals are as follows :

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1900. 1809. 1803.

Jan. \$9,906,607 \$7,683,052 \$0,347,168
Feb. 6,702,640 0,209,471 5,517,340
Mar 7 320,902 0,756,121 5,968,275
April 7,001,670 6,916,331 6,240,118
May 9,762,570 7,472,855 8,683,364
June 9,942,654 8,211,716 7,300,709
July 9,395,425 8,169,505 0,316,238
Aug. 8,173,636 7,905,291 6,180,385
Sept 7,320,147 8,281,159 0,413,651
Oct 9,183,477 12,680,000 9,317,632
Sov. 11,818,985 14,435,219 11,536,663 ....11,618,985 14,435,219 11,553,669 12,966,905 10,708,731

\$107,780,514 \$90,674,323 Totals .

#### FINANCIAL NOTES.

The Merchants Bank contemplates enlarging its premises at Portage la Prairie next spring by the addition of a one storey extension of its present

At the meeting of the Winnipeg city council on Monday evening last, an offer from the Eank of Nova Scotta for \$13,009.33, ten year local improvement debentures at par, with accrued interest, was accepted.

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A New York Stock Exchange seat was sold last week for \$17,500. This established the high record, the price previously never having passed \$47,000. It does not look however, as if the prediction that seats would sell at \$50,000 before the end of the year will be verified. be verified.

be verified.

It is said that the Standard Oil Company has a surplus of about \$50,000,000,000, an increase within the last twelve months of \$15,000,000. It is the general belief of shareholders that the dividends on the stock during 1901 will be in excess of what they were during the current year. The income on the market value of Standard Oil stock, at \$00 a share, based on dividends at the rate of \$48 a year, is 6 per cent. The company within the last few months has purchased new oil territory, the deals involving millions of dollars. The profits from the new properties will be reflected in the earnings next year.

#### Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the we k ending Dec. 14, there were 509 cars of grain inspected which graded as follows -

Wheat-1 hard, 4, 2 hard, 74, 3 hard, 190; 3 northern, 4; rejected, 18; no grade, 212.

Barley-Feed.-No grade, 2 cars. Oats-Feed, 3; no grade, 2 cars. Flax seed-Rejected, 1, no grade, 2

For the corresponding week of last year there were \$79 cars of grain inspected, of which \$550 graded 1 hard.

#### Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 1,325,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Dec. 15. Receipts for the week were 225,000 bushels, and shipments were 225,000 bushels, and shipments were 37,000 bushels compared with receipts of 639,000 and shipments of 138,000 bushels for the corresponding week last year. A year ago stocks in store at Fort William were 2,383,000 bushels. Stocks in store at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior points were estimated approximately at 4,777,000 bushels, compared with 7,900,000 bushels at year ago, and 6,500,000 bushels two years ago.

#### Freight Rates.

Sail tonnage rates are steady, with a moderate demand from the several trades. For long voyage vessels there trades. For long voyage vessels there is a fair enquiry, though few are available at the rate bid by the colonial lines. West India freights are quiet For full cargo grain steamers there continues an exceedingly quiet market. Boats, however, are not urged, owners quoting as 10½d for Cork for orders December, and 3s 9d January. Berth term rates to picked ports are maintained at 3s 4½d for December and 3s 3d for January.—Montreal Trade Builetin.

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#### Navigation Open on Lake Superior.

Fort William, Dec. 17.-Navigation is still open to this port and neither

the bay at Port Arthur nor the river at this place contains enough ice to stop vessels from entering at pleasure. On Saturday, the Bradshaw, a steam barge from Duluth, came into Port Arthur with a load of lumber for Seama & Cv., one of the contractors for the Ontario and Rainy River rail-

way. The Bradshaw came into the harbor without a particle of trouble, what little ice there was not interfering with her progress. She left for Duluth to-day and will return on Thursday with another load of lumber for the same parties.

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The location of the big saw mill of Arpin, Scott & Finger, which has been hanging in the balance for the past two months has taken a new turn to-day and it now looks as though the long delayed deal with Messrs. Graham and Horne will be put through. Messrs. Scott and Finger, with Messrs. George and Don Graham, have been in daily consultation for the past five days and although nothing definite will be given for publication the public of both towns seem to be satisfied that Messrs Graham and Horne have sold out to the Wisconsin company. It is also reported that the same company has purchased or will purchase the mill and site of Vigars & Co., at Port Arthur, and the Savanne Lumber Co.'s business at Savanne and thus get a monopoly of the local lumber business between Rat Portage and Port Arthur.

#### Dominion Travellers.

Montreal, Dec. 16.-The annual meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travellers association was held last evening. President Max Murdoch ocevening. President Max Murdoch occupied the chair. A report showing the present membership of the association as 3,439 was presented. During the year 577 applicants, averaging under 31 years of age, have been accepted by the board, and 300 former members have lapsed through non-payment of subscriptions, making the not increase of 277 over last year. The total income for the year is \$43,329.40. Of this amount, \$3,384.15 is represented earned on investments. Owing to the exceptional demands on the mortuary benefit fund the surplus for the year is only \$5,341.80, as compared with \$9,425.36 last year.

Samuel Upton, member of the association, who had returned from South Africa, was requested to take a seat with the president and directors on the platform, when J. H. Morin moved, seconded by Mr. Armstong, that the subscriptions of the members still in South Africa should be paid for next year. Mr. Haydon moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Ilarding, that the subscription of those who had returned should also be paid for the year as well, and this was carried unanimously. cupied the chair. A report showing

turned should also be paid for the year as well, and this was carried unanimously.

William Cosling moved, seconded by Samuel Woods: "That the president and the board of directors of the association are hereby authorized to take such measures as may be necessary to have the local insolvent law changed, or a clause inserted in any Act of the House of Commons that will make the claim of any commercial traveller against an insolvent estate a privileged claim." Carried unanimously.

The president announced the result of the voting for president, vice-president and directors, as follows. President, James Robertson; treasurer, J. S. N. Dougal; directors, R. Booth, fr., G. Tasse, A. W. Ramsay, W. J. Egan, A. R. Colvin.

#### James Robertson Dead.

Montreal, Dec. 18-One of the leading business men of the Dominion passed away this afternoon in the person of Mr. Jas. Robertson, president of the Jas. Robertson Co., limited. The late Mr. Robertson had been in lil health

Mr. Robertson had been in ill health a long time and been compelled to give up active interest in the vast business he had created.

In 1857 he came to this country to open a Canadian branch for hardware for the firm of Alexander Ferguson and Lonnie, of Glasgow. After having been in charge of it for five years and having in the meantime saved £4,000 he bought out the principals and began business in the city on his own account as a manufacturer of lead pipes and a dealer in heavy metals and plumbers' supplies generally. As the years went on the business gr. w and prospered and in due course branches sprang up in Toronto, Winnipeg, St. John, N. B., and Baltimore, Md. Mr. Robertson's business altimately became one of the largest of the kind in Canada.

#### BANK OF OTTAWA.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Ottawa was held on Wednesday, the 12th day of December, 1900, in the bank.

Among those present were : Messrs. Newell Bate, Jas. Ballantyne, Hon. George Bryson, James F. Cunningham, George Bryson, James F. Cunningnam, Alexander Fraser, Rev. Thomas Gar-rett, George Hay, John Mather, John Manuel, David Maclaren, Denis Mur-phy, Charles Magee, Walter S. Odell, Sheriff Sweetland, Colin Rankin, Mat-tawa; Edmund Schofield, of Montreal; J. E. Vallilee, Buckingham: J. G.

Whyte.
On motion of Mr. John Mather, seconded by Mr. Alex. Fraser, the president took the chair, and the general manager was requested to act as sec-

The chairman then asked the secre-

The chairman then asked the setary to read the
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.
The balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account on the 30th of November, 1899, was——\$ 44.8'
Net profits for the year ending 30th November, 1900, deducting expenses of management, and making necessary provision for interest due to depositions, uncarned interest on current discounts, and for all bad and doubtful debts. . . . . . 241,1 241,108,90

\$285,932.99 60,000.00 

The balance at credit of Rest
Account on 30th November, \$1,370,400
To which has been added,
Premiums on new stock. 230,055
Transferred from Profit and Loss
Account as above. 60,000 \$1,660,455

Reference was made in the report of last year to the general improvement in trade and the consequent probable increased demand for money. Your directors are glad to report that their anticipations in that respect have been realized. Money has continued in good demand throughout the year, and as will be seen from the statements submitted herewith, the Bank has been to some degree, a participant in the prosperity which has characterized the course of business during that period.

Since the last annual meeting, branches of the bank have been opened at Smith's Falls and Winchester, Ontario, and at Shawhilgan Falls, Quebec. The business done at these offices since their establishment, has fully justified the directors in opening them.

fully justified the directors in opening them.

In the belief that the shareholders would approve of such a course, the directors contributed on behalf of the bank, \$5,000 to the fund for the relief of the sufferers by the Ottawa and Hull fire, and \$1,000 to the National Patriotic Fund.

While the disastrous fire referred to was the cause of very serious loss to the residents and owners of property in the burnt districts, it is satisfactory to note that rebuilding with a better class of structure, has been very general.

The usual inspections of the offices of the bank have been made during the year.

of the bank have per-the year.

The officers of the bank have per-formed their various duties to the satisfaction of your directors.

All of which is respectfully sub-

CHARLES MAGEE,

The president, Mr. Magee, then said. The report just read records the result of another satisfactory and pros-

sult of another satisfactory and prosperous year.

A comparison of the statement of assets and liabilities, with last years, shows large increases. On the liabilities side, circulation has increased by \$250,810 and deposits by \$1,334,025. On the other side the assets show an increase in specie on hand of \$117,969. Dominion notes, \$292,057, deposits in the United Kingdom and foreign countries, \$377,370. Current loans have increased by \$1,069,546 and call loans

show a decrease of \$371,027. The statement this year shows our holding of railiway and other stocks and bonds to be \$185,587, while Canadian municipal and other securities, together with the British national war foan bonds (£30,-600) sterling) show an increase of \$114,-115. The net earnings show an increase of \$23,215, which is about the same percentage on the average increased amount of paid-up capital, as last year. The gross earnings were larger than usual, but the directors, considering it a good time to prepare for years that may not be so prosperous, have made very liberal apropriations for the liquidation of unprofitable or undestrable accounts.

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counte.

The condition of the lumber trade is sound and healthy and does not vary much from last year. Next scason's cut of deal is practically all sold, at the same prices as last year. With regard to the amount of the scason's output of lumber in the Ottawa Valley, a newspaper paragraph has lately gone the rounds giving the quantity of lumber produced within a

any diminution of profits or difficulty in maintaining the usual dividends.

The report refers to the opening of three new branches. The development of the water power at Shawinigaa Falls has been undertaken in such an energetic and practical way by the Shawinigan Water and Power company that thirty thousand horse-power is already available and tensed to metal, carbide, pulp and paper and other industrial companies and firms. The water power can be cheably de-The water power can be cheaply developed up to 100,000 horse-power and if necessary to 200,000 horse-power. The board decided to open a power. The board decided to open a branch at that point, where there is already a population of over 2,000, and which is destined to be one of the manufacturing centres of Canada. The increase of business at the branches has called for increased faclittles for transacting it. These facili-ties have to be provided, either by al-terations to the present offices, or by building new ones, and the past has been an unusually active year in this respect. It is not always possible to

#### General Statement of Liabilities and Assets As on 30th November.

	LIABILITIES.	1899	1900
Notes in circulation	96,791,508.5 1,573,742.0	\$1,615,551,00 70\$8, 10	\$1,866,361.00 262,401.93 436,875,45
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GEORGE BURN, General Manager.

radius of 59 miles around Ottawa this season as eight or nine hundred million feet. From a reliable authority I learn that that is an overestimate, the total manufacture not greatiy exceeding six hundred million feet. The production of square and waney timber has fallen off very materially, the quantity now wintering in Quebec being the smallest on record. In 1899 the quantity of white and red pine held there was 2,304,230 cubic feet and in 1900 the total is only 1,358,223 cubic feet.

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The grain crops in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories were below an average last season, but the farmers in these districts have enjoyed a succession of several years of bountiful harvests and are for the most part in such easy ofreumstances as to be able to view the situation with equanimity and to face the future with hopefulness. The consequence is that trade has not yet suffered to an appreciable extent.

The general outlook for business in the provinces in which we have agencies is good, and I do not anticipate

get the needed accommodation at reasonable rentals, so that last year the bank built a new office at Alexandria, which was occupied in October, and a new building is under construction in Hull, which will be ready for or upation in a few weeks. At Shawinigan Falls we purchased a lot on which there was a temporary building, which has been converted into an office. At Rat Portage we are occupying a handsome office, built for the bank by an enterprising citizen of that place. At Lachute and Dauphin new buildings have been leased which are nearly completed and which have been designed to suit our requirements. At Smith's Falls we have taken a long lease of a building on a prominent business stand which is now being remodeted. At Bracebridge and Parry Sound the bank has purchased building sites with the intention of erecting new office buildings that, year. All these operations cost noney and we have made the business of the year pay for a nortion of it, so that the bank premises

At the last session of parliament the bank charters were renewed with a few amendments in the direction of Riving greater security to the public, and conferring upon the Bankers' Association power to supervise the enforcement of the chauses of the Bank Act respecting the issue and cancelation of the circulation of all chartered banks, also the power to appoint a curator. In the event of the suspension of any bank, whose duty it will be to comrol the affairs of such of the vice-predicinis of give you some intesting in a poormation of the powers and the vice-predicinist of give you some intesting in a poormation on the powers of the vice-predicinist of give you some intesting in a poormation on the powers of the catalitishment of a pension that for various reasons it has not yet been put into operation. It is the intention, however, to commence it this year and a resolution dealing with the subject will be submitted to-day, when some detailed into mation as to the working of the scheme will be given by the general manager.

There is only one more subject mentioned in the report which calls for any special remark and that is the subscriptions to the Cituwa and Illifer relief fund and to the particle fund. The directors considered that with regard to the great calamity of the first was necessary to general manager and that is the subscriptions to the Cituwa and the popular of the first was necessary to be popular to the information to which I move all deals with regard to the great calamity of the first was necessary to the stancholders of the

the then gave some particulars as to the working of the pension fund, after which it was moved by the president, and seconded by the vice-president—

"That the report of the directors

and statement now read be adopted and printed for the information of the shareholders." Carried.

Mr. J. G. Whyte said that the shareholders had surely great reason to be satisfied with the result of the business of the past year. No fault could be found at any time so far as he could see with the management, and it was with much pleasure that he moved the following vote of thanks:— Moved by Mr. J. G. Whyte, seconded by Mr. John Manuel:—

"That the thanks of the shareholders are due and are hereby tendered to the president, vice-president and directors, for their careful attention to the interests of the bank during

crs are due and are hereby tendered to the president, vice-president and directors, for their careful attention to the interests of the bank during the past year."

Mr. Hay, in thanking the sharcholders for their vote of thanks, remarked that Mr. Whyte had truly said that the supervision and management of such a business requires much care and is necessarily accompanied with a certain amount of anxiety.

The welfare of the bank is a matter of intense personal interest to each member of the board and it is a subject of much congratulation that the bank has been so successful. "There is a Divinity which shapes our ends," and let us hope that there will be a continuance of the same care which has characterized and helped our endeavors in the past.

Mr. Hay then thanked the shareholders for the resolution, after which the Rev. Thomas Garrett, in moving the following resolution, said: I have always made my, own observations of the nature of the country in which we live and having had good opportunities of observing the officials of the Bank of Ottawa and the successful manner in which they treat the public, their fairness of dealing has riveted the confidence of all people who wish to deal fairly and urrightly. The shareholders are all aware of the satisfactory way in which they have been served and we can all say that we have an efficient staff who are thoroughly alive to the wants of the country, and as far as my knowledge is concerned the best men have been selected for posts of responsibility in the bank. I am very glad, therefore, to have the opportunity, now afforded me, of proposing the motion.

Mr. W. S. O'Dell in seconding the motion said that from personal observation extending over a long period of years, he was prepared to corroborate the statement that the staff of the bank as a whole were courteous and efficient.

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ried :

Moved by Rev. Thomas Garrett, seconded by W. S. O'Dell:—
"That the thanks of the shareholders be tendered to the general manager and other officers of the bank for the efficient manner in which they

have performed their respective dut-

ger and other officers of the bank for the efficient manner in which they have performed their respective dutles."

Moved by Mr. John Mather, seconded by Mr. Alexander Fraser:—

"That the directors are hereby authorized to set aside annually from the carnings of the bank such contribution as they may think proper for the pension fund, which they were authorized to establish at the annual meeting held on the 12th of December, 1894."

Moved by Sheriff Sweetland, seconded by Mr. Colin Rankin:—

"That the ballot box be now opened and remain open until five o'clock for the election of seven directors for the ensuing year, and that Messrs. Edmund Schofield and James F. Cunningham be appointed scrutineers, the poli to be closed whenever five injuntes shall have elapsed without a vote being tendered."

The scrutineers presented the foliowing report:—

Ottawa, December 12th, 1900.
To George Burn, Esq.,
General manager.

Sir,—We, the undersigned scrutineers, appointed at the general meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Ottawa, held this day, hereby declare the following sentlemen duly elected directors for the ensuing year: Hon. Geo. Bryson, Jr., Alexander Fraser, Esq., Geo. Hay, Esq., Charles Mage. EDMUND SCHOFIELD,
JAS. F. CUNNINGHAM,
Scrutincers.

At a meeting of the newly elected

Scrutincers

At a meeting of the newly elected board, held subsequently, Mr. Charles Magee was re-elected president, and Mr. Geo. Hay, vice-president, for the ensuing year.

GEORGE BURN, General Manager.

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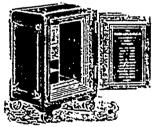
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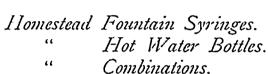
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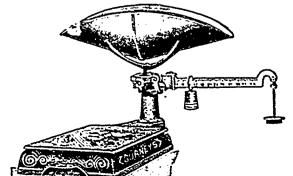
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