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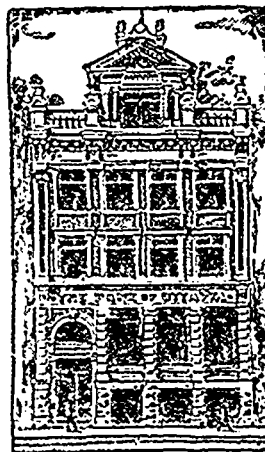
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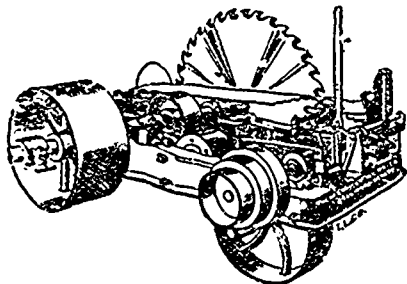
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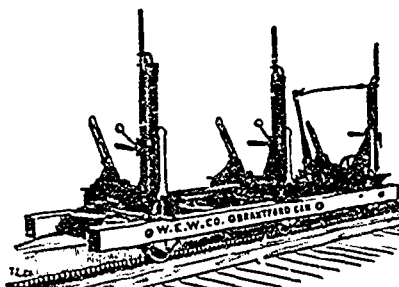
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WINNIPEG, JULY 29, 1899.

CANADIAN BANK STATEMENTS FOR JUNE.

The Canadian banks have presented very satisfactory statements for the month of June. The movement of funds in Canada continues to expand as is shown by substantial increases in the note circulation and current loans. Call loans have also increased notwithstanding the shrinkage in stock speculation. The actual increase in note circulation over the month of May was \$2,084,794, and it was \$2,558,605 larger than June, 1898. The actual increase in the amount out on call loans over May was \$1,505,062 and of current loans \$1,815,211. Deposits show an increase for the month of \$2,083,836, and over a year ago of \$21,338,977. The reserve funds of the banks were increased as compared with a year ago \$400,000, and overdue debts were reduced nearly \$800,000 as compared with June, 1898. In this connection it may be said that the banks are realizing this year on many securities which have been before regarded as doubtful or worthless.

THE OUTLOOK FOR TWINE.

In view of the large amount of binder twine which is used in this country and of the contradictory reports which are being made from various sources as to the amount of twine available and the probable course of prices in nearby markets, a few figures to show the statistical position of manilla fibre, on the supply of which the binder twine industry largely rests

will prove interesting at the present time and cannot fail to have a reassuring effect on dealers in this commodity throughout the west who have stocks of twine on hand or bought. According to one New York authority there were on June 1 this year 86,000 bales less of manilla hemp in sight than on the same date last year for American consumption. On June 1 two years ago the supply of hemp in sight was practically three times as great as it is now. A comparison of receipts of hemp at Manila show almost equally bullish results. To June 1, 1899, they amounted to 284,060 bales, to June 1, 1898, they amounted to 292,000 bales and to the same date 1897, they were 397,000 bales. Both these sets of figures clearly indicate that the supply of manilla hemp has fallen off considerably within the

ing more and more attenuated, and must in some quarters have almost reached vanishing point. Where, then, are supplies for the next six months to be drawn from?"

It will thus be seen that as far as the outlook for raw material is concerned, binder twine is in a strong position, and even if Canadian manufacturers, or United States manufacturers who supply this market, should be fortunate enough to have adequate supplies of hemp for their need for the opening of next season, it is not at all likely that they will ignore the above figures and make any reductions in twine, now or in the near future. The indications are that they are cleaned out of manilla as they have been refusing orders for some weeks back.

The only element of danger in the



BICYCLE PATH IN ELM PARK, WINNIPEG.
Amateur Photo by Geo. A. Lister.

past two years. If further evidence is needed of the strong statistical position of this commodity it may be found in abundance in the periodical reports of brokers on both sides of the Atlantic who deal in hemp. One London broker who is usually taken as a good authority, thus summarized the position of manilla fibre recently:

"The hemp trade here in America is face to face with a grave question of an insufficiency of supply, for even if traffic were shortly resumed with the hemp provinces, after the moderate accumulation of stocks there were cleared off, there will still be the serious facts of neglected hemp plantations and the scarcity of labor to be faced. The position, broadly speaking, is as follows: The world's annual consumption is fully 900,000 bales. The production for 1897 and 1898 was 875,000 and 742,000 bales respectively, while the current year will, in every probability, show a still greater falling off, the receipts to date being only 316,000 bales. Reserves in consumers' hands are becom-

twine situation is the possibility, which is always present, of damage to crops leaving large blocks of twine uncalled, for which might then be thrown upon the market at lower prices in order to save the trouble and expense of carrying it over. This is a contingency, which, of course, all classes of business men and manufacturers have to face, and the twine dealer cannot hope to obtain immunity from it any more than his neighbor who deals in something else that the farmer will not need or cannot buy if his crops fails him.

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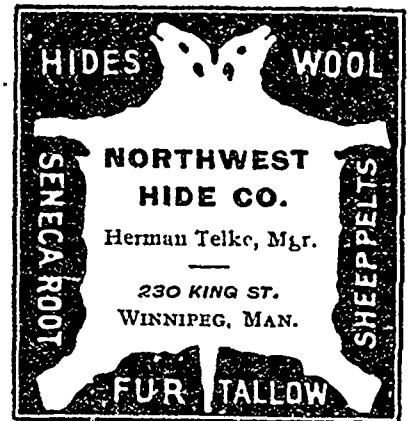


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Imports—	1898.	1899.
Dutiable	\$ 74,625,088	\$ 87,536,085
Free	51,682,074	59,807,337
Toln, etc.	4,390,844	4,677,933
Totals	\$130,698,006	\$152,021,058
Exports—	1898.	1899.
Canadian	\$139,920,932	\$135,599,101
Foreign	14,980,833	17,398,101
Coal, etc.	4,023,188	4,009,858
Totals	\$159,524,953	\$157,008,650

Duty collections for the twelve months periods are as follows: 1898, \$22,157,788, 1899, \$25,157,930.

Large Lake Traffic.

Shipping business on the great lakes has expanded enormously this year. On both sides of the lakes vessel owners are being offered more business than their boats can handle and rates have advanced considerably already and promise to go higher. United States vessel owners claim to be getting higher rates than in any year for ten years back. Coal and ore shipments seem to engage the most of the vessels from southern ports. The boom in the iron and steel trades has no doubt brought about this activity. Iron mining companies are endeavoring to get as much ore as possible to points of manufacture before the season closes, but the consumption has increased so largely that the furnaces are devouring shipments almost as fast as they are unloaded. One Chicago concern is said to be 250,000 tons short of its usual stock of ore at this time of the year, and other companies are no better off. It is predicted that when navigation closes it will be found that stocks of coal at northwestern and western lake ports are not nearly adequate to the demands which will be made upon them next winter. Coal shippers have been very reluctant to pay the rates being asked by vessel owners this year and in consequence, the boats are going in for other more profitable business. Vesselmen say that it is now impossible with the ships available to replenish the stocks of coal at the head of the lakes before navigation closes. How far this is true remains to be seen.

Canadian vessel owners are experiencing a no less active demand for their services than their United States competitors, and are making substantial profits out of the business. No one will begrudge them this, as the business has been to a large extent unprofitable for a number of years. Sailors and all classes of employees are also benefited by the increased business as wages have been advanced 10 to 15 per cent. The carrying of Canadian lumber to United States ports is a new source of revenue this year, due to the new regulations of the Ontario government regarding log exports. Hitherto the logs have been

rafted to United States ports and sawn there. Now they are being sawn in Canada and Canadian vessels get the business of carrying the lumber across. The grain carrying trade is also yielding large revenues to Canadian vessels this season, and the delays caused by the backward spring and the Buffalo strike are now being fully compensated for.

Geographic Board.

The first annual report of the Geographical Board of Canada, which was created by order-in-council in December, 1897, has been issued and is in many ways an interesting volume. This board consists of the following officials of the Dominion government: F. Gourdeau, deputy minister of marine and fisheries, chairman; W. P. Anderson, chief engineer of the same department; Dr. S. E. Dawson, Queen's printer; Capt Deville, surveyor-general; E. V. Johnson, railways and canals, W. Smith, postoffice; James White, geographer geological survey, and A. H. Whitcher, interior secretary. This board was organized for the purpose of exercising control over the adoption and orthography of geographical names within the Dominion of Canada. It is modeled after similar bodies which exist in England, the United States and other countries. Already much valuable work has been done in systematizing the list of place names, especially of the newer parts such as the Yukon territory and in preparing a geographical dictionary of Canada.

Profitable Butter Making.

The proprietor of a well known creamery in Quebec province writes the Montreal Trade Bulletin as follows: "Last year I determined to send my make regularly every week, or at longest two weeks, to your city for sale, and after making arrangements with a firm in Montreal I sent it right through the whole season, commencing on June 15th up to Oct. 15th, and I found it the most profitable year I ever had. I ought to mention that I made up my mind to try this new departure from reading an article in the Trade Bulletin on this very subject, and I write this letter for publication now, to ask the question whether the old plan of waiting for a satisfactory market to sell on is not the reason why Canada has not made as much progress in the export butter trade as in the export cheese trade?"

Our correspondent is right in suggesting that our comparatively small export butter trade is due to the old system of speculating by holding this perishable commodity for a "satisfactory market" instead of selling it as soon as possible after it is made. There is a very large make of butter going on in this province, a considerable portion of which is being put into cold storage for English as well as local account. It is now a well recognized and settled fact that refrigeration is a great preservative of butter, by which process the sweet, rich flavor of the June make can be kept well into the fall, although, as previously pointed out in these columns, it is impossible to preserve for any length of time that grass-fed bloom of rosy freshness which characterizes butter just from the churn. But for all practical commercial purposes cold storage is a wonderful preserver of such a perishable staple as butter, and through its agency the objectionable rancid article is a thing of the past. Besides, there is now

no reasonable excuse for farmers and factorymen holding their summer goods as in former times into the fall, as dealers and exporters are in a better position to take their butter at regular intervals throughout the summer months at fair remunerative prices. In fact had it not been for the aid of cold storage, it would have been impossible for Canada to compete for the foreign trade, but now with our refrigerator facilities both by rail and ocean vessels, we stand as good a chance to capture a large share of this business as the Irish and Danes, and we are doing it too, as shown by the steady increase of our exports during the past two or three years. Our neighbors in the great republic south of us are falling as much behind in their exports as we are splurging ahead.

Massachusetts's Wide Tire Law.

Massachusetts, the most progressive state in respect to the construction of good roads, has this year added a wide tire law to the legislation for the improvement of roads. The new law is not wholly satisfactory to its advocates, owing to some amendments restricting its operation, but it is expected that the next legislature may make it more effective by adding to its provisions. The law, as it stands, does not go into effect till January, 1902, and does not apply to vehicles used exclusively in the various cities of the commonwealth nor to vehicles owned and used in the state on or before January, 1900. The advocates of the measure consider these exemptions too liberal, inasmuch as the improvement to be obtained from the law is deferred for a good many years thereby. On the other hand, it must be admitted that the effect of these exemptions will be welcome to many owners of vehicles who are relieved from the expense of altering their vehicles. All new vehicles will be constructed with wide tires, so that the benefit to the roads will be sure to become effectual after a few years.

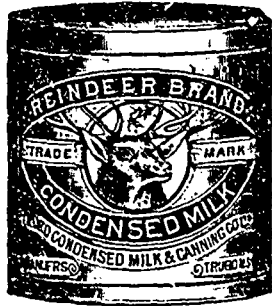
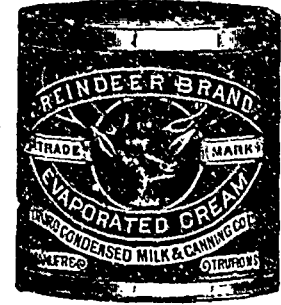
The law applies to all vehicles the axles of which are two inches or more in diameter and to all stage coaches, tally-ho coaches, barges and other passenger vehicles not built on iron or steel rails, and constructed to carry eight or more persons. It prohibits their use upon any road, street or way in the state, of a draft wagon having tires of iron or steel, or any substance equally hard, which are less in width than one and one-half times the diameter of the axle at the shoulder. A tire of more than four inches is not to be required in any case, however, and wagons built with hollow axles must have tires not less in width than the diameter of the axle at the shoulder. This Massachusetts law is a practical and moderate piece of good roads legislation that might be profitably adopted in other states for the greater preservation of the roads.—The Hub.

A report of lake commerce through the American and Canadian canals at Sault Ste. Marie for the month of June, 1899, gives the following totals: Net tons of eastbound freight, 2,910,015; net tons of westbound freight, 583,003. net tons of freight, 3,501,018. The number of craft passing through the United States canal was 2,309, and through the Canadian canal 559, or a total of 2,868. The registered tonnage through the United States canal was 2,698,553, and through the Canadian canal 460,949, or a total of 3,099,507.

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Business in British Columbia.

Vancouver July 24.

Shipping has been very active in British Columbia for the past week. Three Klondike treasure steamers have arrived, the Garonne with \$3,000,000 treasure, the Cutch with \$150,000, and the Derigo with \$150,000. Of this amount the government assay office in Vancouver got \$75,000 in dust to appraise, and brick, and Seattle got the rest. Two Oriental steamers also arrived. Besides the incoming steamers, five Klondike boats have sailed from here.

The bank clearings for the week in Victoria were \$82,754, with balances \$425,432, and in Vancouver \$811,531 with balances \$139,569.

During the week two river steamers were lost by fire in Victoria and the steamer Boscowitz broke her shaft while in northern waters. During June 10,000 tons of coal and 2,000 tons of coke were shipped from Fernie. Four hundred men are employed on new mines on Coal Creek. These mines will ship 1,000 tons a day by December it is thought. Iron and hardware merchants report prices stiff and supplies hard to obtain. Orders given in February in some instances are not yet filled.

The Fruit Growers Association have engaged a professional fruit packer from San Francisco, Mr. Norton, who packed for the Earle Fruit company for years. This gentleman will superintend the pack of a carload of sample fruit for the Winnipeg market at an early date, and will give lessons to the farmers throughout the season on fruit packing, which the British Columbia fruit growers have decided is a science in itself.

On the 15th of July all the saw mill men of East and West Kootenay assembled together and formed themselves into a joint stock company for their mutual benefit. An executive committee was formed and a committee to appoint valuers to appraise the different interests. It will be six months before business will be done by the combine under one management.

Fresh eggs for table use are extremely scarce in Vancouver and Victoria. In fact it often transpires that the Manitoba eggs, purchased at 30 cents prove fresher than the so-called fresh laid eggs from the local farmers, purchased at 40 cents, and cooking eggs, bought at 20 cents appear to pan out as well as the expensive local article. The staple foods flour and potatoes have fallen in price.

The salmon run has fallen away again and even the traps at Port Roberts, United States, are catching very few sockeyes. For a few days fishermen were netting as many as 100 to the boat, and making 25 cents a fish, but the annual parade of salmon, has not really set in on the Fraser although the northern run is a good one, and the Skeena river pack it is expected will be up to the average. Old timers say by the 25th of July the run will start in on the Fraser.

Mining.

There has been unusual activity in mines this week. The best news being the boom on Taxada, which has stimulated mining throughout the coast. The Van Anda smelter is running full time and turning out a large amount of bullion daily. The Cornell mine, belonging to this company, has turned out a veritable bonanza, the ore averaging up to date about \$50 a ton, copper and gold. The mill's

capacity is to be increased and Managing Director Treat informs The Commercial correspondent that before long the Van Anda smelter will be turning out \$1,000 a day. The 800 acres owned by the Van Anda company is bustling like a huge bee hive. It seems now that at last the long promised boom among the mines on the coast has overtaken us. Here is actual results of a large amount of gold and copper every 24 hours, which will in itself keep a big camp going, and this only a testing plant. An increase of capacity is all that is necessary to cause great wealth to pour in to Vancouver and Victoria, only a few miles distant, and the ore is there, a huge quarry of it. Mr. Treat, who is superintending operations, is a very rich man and has unlimited means behind him. A friend of the Rockefeller and other multimillionaires need not wait for cash if he has a good thing. It was capital that was needed to develop the coast mines and we have it now. The Dorothy Morton, another coast mine, is sending a fine big gold brick to Vancouver every month and is paying the owners well. Further away in the boundary country are two companies with head offices in Vancouver that are doing well. The Camp McKinney Mines Company, limited, whose claims, the Banner and Granite, are situated near the famous Cariboo Camp McKinney mine, have had a test run from their five-stamp mill with the result that at J. J. Banfield's office here is on exhibit a brick of gold valued at \$704. The company are jubilant over the results of the crushing, particularly as they had several men watching that only average rock, went through the mill. The rock averages all through \$13 to the ton without the rich concentrates and costs but three or four dollars to work, counting everything. The shaft on the properties has been sunk down 110 feet, all in ore, and the vein is four feet wide on the surface and widens to nine feet so that the superintendent figures that there is now in sight about three-quarters of a million dollars in ore. There is now but a five stamp mill on the property, but the capacity of the mill is to be doubled. Good news also comes from Fairview, the Fairview corporation have blocked out enough mineral to last for over a year and have raised sufficient money to erect a 40-stamp mill. This property is considered among the best free milling properties in British Columbia. Mr. Bleds, the superintendent, who came from Montana, to work the property, claims that the ore body is vast and that with a 40-stamp mill he can guarantee dividends from the present showing.

Hamlin Garland, Anthony Hope, John Kendrick Bangs, Harold Richard Vynne, Anna Robeson Brown, "Joseph Allen's Wife," Clara Morris, Kate Whiting Patch and Anna Farquhar are among the half score of writers of fiction who contribute stories to the August Ladies Home Journal. The Midsummer Fiction Number of the Journal is in many respects a notable magazine. It has brought together in a single issue some of the most popular story-writers, and the most capable black and white artists to illustrate their work. Fiction, of course, predominates, but there is an abundance of timely, practical articles especially appealing to home and family interests and tending to lighten and brighten women's work.

MINING NOTES**MINERAL PRODUCTION OF ONTARIO**

Mr. Archibald Blue, director of the bureau of mines, has just completed a table giving the mineral production for the year 1898, which shows that the various industries embraced under this head have made very satisfactory progress. The total value of stone and clay products, including building stone, brick, lime, cement, sewer pipe and terra cotta, was \$2,909,929. The number of men employed was 5,080, with wages aggregating \$1,357,374. The value of natural gas, calcium carbide and refined oils was \$2,306,574. The number of men employed was 661, with wages aggregating \$307,459. The value of the salt and gypsum production was \$252,886. The number of men employed was 206, with wages aggregating \$62,829. The mica mines employed 25 men, who received \$6,300 in wages and produced \$13,500 in mica. The total value in metalliferous production in iron, nickel, copper, gold and silver was \$1,689,002. The number of men employed was 1,506 and the wages paid them amounted to \$723,026. The total value of the mineral production of the province was \$7,201,891, and 7,478 men were employed, earning in wages \$2,456,785.

In 1896 the total value of the mineral production of Ontario was \$5,285,003. The number of men employed was 5,010, and they received wages aggregating \$1,521,726.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The new tramway on the Ruth mines at Sandon has just been completed and is now in working order.

The Monitor mine at Three Forks has been sold to an English syndicate. The purchase price is said to have been \$20,000.

Wintermere is about to be added to the ore shipping points in British Columbia. This town is in the East Kootenay and has in its vicinity a number of copper claims.

The Certainty Gold and Mining Co., of Waterloo, Que., with head office at Golden, has taken a bond on the Porphyry and Iron Hill properties on Canyon Creek, near Golden.

The North Star Mining company has been formed at Montreal for the purpose of taking over and operating the North Star silver mine near Fort Steele, in the East Kootenay and five other properties of the same group, viz., the Buckhorn, Dreadnought, Maverick, Daffodil and O. K. The capital of the new company is \$1,500,000, and some of the interested parties are Dan Mann, Wm. McKenzie, Sir W. C. Van Horne, R. B. Angus, James Ross, H. S. Holt, and Hon. A. A. Thibault.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

A deal has been completed at Fort Frances by which a very promising mining property comprising 269 acres was conveyed to the Consolidated Mineral company, of Boston. The consideration was \$30,000. The property is located twenty-four miles east of Mine Centre and contains a valuable water power, which will be utilized in developing the mine.

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Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	225,000
Toronto	50,000
Kluzaton	75,000
Oiseau, Que.	216,000
Dopot Harbor, Ont.	21,000
Prescott, Ont.	20,000
Winnipeg	296,000
Manitoba elevators	2,215,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keowatin	2,372,000

Total July 15 ... 5,496,000
Total a year ago ... 1,115,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States, as reported by Bradstreet's on July 15, were 47,696,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 13,632,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on July 1 were 3,409,000 bushels, compared with 2,935,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended July 22, was 36,033,000 bushels, being an increase of 1,481,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 9,382,000 bushels, two years ago 16,032,000 bushels, three years ago 47,142,000 bushels, and four years ago 39,229,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 4,699,000 bushels, compared with 4,270,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 13,327,000 bushels, compared with 18,671,000 bushels, a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

	Bushels.
1899	118,935,000
1898	80,304,000
1897	78,502,000
1896	124,681,000
1895	148,517,000

CROP MOVEMENT.

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

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	92,298,686	72,623,740
Milwaukee	13,939,666	9,452,503
Duluth	78,966,681	42,461,697
Chicago	37,226,862	37,226,918

Total ... 219,422,895 161,767,858

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

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	2,755,102	1,131,226
St. Louis	1,098,443	730,047
Detroit	135,319	96,400
Kansas City	749,200	893,500

Total ... 4,728,065 2,851,273

McKenzie & Mann are reported to be negotiating for a big railway contract in China.

The location of the C. P. R. branch from Molson to Lae du Bonnet has been fixed and it is reported that grading will commence shortly.

Grain and Milling Notes.

The farmers of Cartwright district are endeavoring to purchase an elevator at that point.

Western railroads delivered in Chicago during the first six months of this year 128,187 cars of grain, the largest, with the exception of last year, in many years. There was a decrease from last year of 13,580 cars. The deliveries look large this year, as compared with years prior to 1898. The increase over 1897 was 28,474 cars, and over 1896, 20,336 cars.

The report of the French Millers' Association on the European wheat harvest of 1899 indicates that the drought in the Odessa and Nicolaief districts is so disastrous that the total Russian wheat production of 1899 must show a falling off of 33 per cent. from average years, and will be as bad as in 1897, which was one of the worst years on record. In Germany wheat is satisfactory, although slightly less so than in 1898. In Austria-Hungary the estimate exceeds last year's production by 60,600,000 hectolitres. In France reports from twenty-one departments show a marked increase in the wheat area, and the harvest, will slightly exceed that of 1898.

Silver.

According to Bradstreet's the silver market continues lifeless and uninteresting. Last week the London quotations for bars moved within a range of 1-8d, and the New York prices were equally steady at between 60 1-4c and 60 5-8c per ounce. The news that the courts had decided the Colorado eight-hour law unconstitutional and that the smelters in that state would resume active operations forthwith had no apparent effect on the market. On July 21 the quotation for silver at London was 27 3-1d per ounce, and on the same date the quotation at New York was 60 5-8c.

Blackwood Bros., Winnipeg, will enlarge the premises and plant of their brewery and pickle factory. Additional ground has been secured for the purpose.

An Arkansas delegate at a recent convention was greeted by a fellow farmer the morning after his arrival, and asked how he felt. "Mighty poorly," was the reply; "didn't sleep a wink the whole night through." "Why, what was the matter?" asked the other. "There was a goldarned light shinin' right in my eyes all night long." "Why didn't you get up and blow it out?" "Blow it out? How could I blow it out when the blamed thing was shut up in a bottle?"

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When I last had the pleasure of addressing you I drew attention to the policy of the bank in investing largely in readily convertible securities. The result of that policy has justified the remarks I then made—that it was a profitable policy. As we had opportunity to take on active commercial accounts we were able to find the necessary funds from the sale of investments at a profitable figure.

The number of shareholders in the bank is gradually increasing—from 474 in 1895, to 633 in 1898, to 657 in 1899. Shares held in trust by loan companies, savings banks and private individuals as security for loans amounted to 4,645 on 31st May, 1895, and amount now to only 1,294.

The establishment of the pension fund of the bank upon a substantial basis is almost as necessary to the future success of the bank as the establishment of a rest. There should be every encouragement to the staff of the bank to look to the institution as their home. The employees of the bank will perform their duties more cheerfully, and the bank will receive the benefit from that disposition, if they are made conscious of the fact that they are not to be neglected when old age coupled with long and faithful service in the bank have rendered it necessary that their places should be supplied by others.

Employees' pension funds are now recognized as necessary adjuncts to every prosperous, or would be prosperous, banking institution. If anything we are behind the times, but with the contribution recommended by the directors and which I hope you will approve of to-day, you will give encouragement to the staff and place yourself in line with the shareholders of other prosperous banks both in Canada and Great Britain.

Having last year and on previous occasions referred to matters of public interest, and particularly to the subject of imperial and domestic postage, I cannot refrain from expressing the appreciation, which I have no doubt we all entertain, of the policy which has been pursued and the reduction in the postage rates brought about within the last twelve months.

Entirely apart from the social side of the question, not an unimportant one, I am confident that the business of the country has been very much facilitated through the reduced rates and that the net revenue to the government will not eventually suffer.

It will no doubt be gratifying to you to hear that the very latest reports from Manitoba and the Territories, and we are well represented over all that region, speak in the highest terms of the prospect of this year's harvest. We have every reason to look forward to a bountiful harvest throughout that immense area of the Dominion.

Mining industries, both in the Lake of the Woods district and in British Columbia, continue to be developed and are being placed upon a more scientific and financially substantial basis. The Dominion is fortunate in the very separation of its industries. The harvest of Manitoba and the cattle and dairying industries of the Territories can supply food for the miners, prospectors and traders of British Columbia, whereas the manufacturing industries of the older provinces of the Dominion are kept busy supplying the wants of the newer settlements.

I have been asked more than once as to bank premises account, which stands at a figure that might to those who are not conversant with our circuit appear to be a comparatively high figure. I can only assure you that the items making up the account have been conscientiously written down from year to year and the direct return which we receive on the account is most satisfactory.

We own our premises at fifteen points. The construction of premises by the bank at so many points has been rendered necessary by the fact of our enterprise in establishing offices in the west where surplus capital in the hands of private investors is almost unheard of.

The establishment of a branch at Hamilton, Ont., was rendered necessary by its growing importance and by the fact that more or less of the business of every one of our branches in Ontario, outside of Toronto, converges upon that city.

In opening at Listowel, Ont., and Nelson, B. C., we have merely followed up to those two important points lines of business with which we are closely identified elsewhere.

Something has been said in another place regarding the large amount of investments of Canadian banking capital in what is known as call loans upon shares, bonds and other securities. I take this opportunity to protest against what was not intended to be but which has been taken by the public to be a reflection upon the management of a number of leading institutions. There is worse business than lending upon marketable shares of approved and successful corporations. The fluctuations in the value of such shares is no greater in Canada than elsewhere, and, so far as this bank is concerned, I have yet to recommend the first appropriation to cover a loss upon transactions of the kind. At the same time a warning coming from one having great opportunities to acquire information, and who confesses himself to be disinterested, should not go unheeded.

The assessment of the city of Brandon has been reduced this year by \$1,000,000. This will reduce the municipal commissioner's levy one-half.

BANK FAILURE.

The doors of the Bank Ville Marie at Montreal were closed on July 25, and payment suspended. The cause of the suspension is reported by bank officials to be the defalcation by accountant F. Lemieux, and Teller J. J. Herbert. The bank is comparatively a small one, and the results are not likely to be of a serious nature. The president is William Weir, who is well and favorably known in banking circles throughout the Dominion.

THE MONEY MARKET.

The prevailing bank discount rate is 7 per cent, with a range of 6 to 8 per cent as to name.

Mortgage loans range mostly at 6 to 7 per cent on Winnipeg property, with special large loans on most valuable properties ranging 1 to 1-2 per cent less. While the loan companies are holding for 8 per cent on ordinary farm property loans, an increasing number of loans are going through at 7 per cent.

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

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

Week ended July 27, 1899 \$1,923,576
Corresponding week, 1898 1,197,012
Corresponding week, 1897 1,291,826

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

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan	\$6,347,168	\$5,009,918	\$4,977,200
Feb.	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,052,000
Mar	5,968,000	4,259,000	4,286,000
April	6,240,000	4,161,962	4,032,000
May	8,683,364	5,014,786	4,246,201
June	7,396,799	5,531,140	4,094,000
July	6,316,239	5,616,603	4,961,277
Aug.	6,180,385	6,298,674	4,646,959
Sept	6,414,551	8,035,201	4,630,706
Oct	9,347,692	12,291,879	7,585,472
Nov	11,555,669	13,550,761	8,895,175
Dec.	10,704,731	9,784,498	7,736,945
Year	90,672,798	83,435,121	64,143,935

	1899.
Jan.	\$7,683,052
Feb.	6,209,471
March	6,756,094
April	6,916,431
May	7,472,855
June	8,211,716

FINANCIAL NOTES.

A branch of the Imperial Bank of Canada will be opened in Golden, B. C., shortly.

Fred. McMain, formerly of the Bank of Commerce staff, Winnipeg, is on his way to Bennett City, B. C.

The finance committee of North Toronto have decided to make the tax rate 1-2 mills for the present year. The fraction represents the advance over last year's rate.

The bank of Nova Scotia Winnipeg branch has given notice that it is prepared to pay 3-1-2 per cent on deposits at interest including deposits and savings bank balances.

The revenue of the Canadian government for the year ended June 30 last was \$1,698,155 as against \$1,894,474, according to the preliminary statement. The figures for expenditure are not finally compiled yet, but it is estimated that they will be in the neighbourhood of \$4,000,000, in addition to which over \$8,000,000 of borrowed money was spent on capital account.

The Winnipeg caterers decided to hold their annual outing at St. Portage on Thursday, August 10.

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THE GROCERY TRADE.

GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

Sales of fine off-stock raisins have been made at 4c, Montreal.

The new works of the Lever Soap Co., at Toronto, will cost over \$100,000.

New crop Congou teas are scarce and high as compared with former years.

New pack and canned vegetables are in active demand east and some good sized orders have been placed.

Advices from Gloucester report an active and firmer market for codfish, with higher prices looked for in the near future.

Lard has advanced 1-2c per pound at Minneapolis. Corned, canned and chipped beef has also advanced 10 to 15c per dozen in cans.

A number of Ontario wholesale grocers have a project on foot for the introduction of a new brand of soap on the Canadian market.

The peach crop of the southern states is a very light one this year, and will not furnish anything for export beyond nearby markets. The Michigan crop is also light.

Canned salmon continue to excite considerable attention at Montreal. Orders for new pack Horseshoe brand at \$4.25 f.o.b. have been refused by canners who are asking \$4.50.

The crop of grapes in Florida is virtually a failure according to late reports. The grape crop generally in the south is regarded as being smaller than last year. The quality is however good. Prices are expected to rule lower.

The demand for Canadian cured meats this summer has been so great that stocks are getting low and a very firm market is the consequence. Great Britain has been a good customer this year, and the home demand is also much improved.

Private advices just received from Denia state that the raisin crop will be ready about the first of August, which is earlier than last year. Should good weather prevail, present indication point to a larger and finer crop than has been reaped for the past two seasons.

Eddy's matches have been advanced at Winnipeg in sympathy with the general increase in prices elsewhere. The new scale of prices went into effect on Monday, the 24th. The brands known as Telegraph and Telephone are 15c per case higher and the Tiger brand is 20c higher.

The apple crop of the United States and Canada promises very well this year for the most part. Beyond the shortage in the eastern states the crop is said to be ahead of last year. On the Pacific coast the crop is to be a large one, judging from present indications. It is predicted that prices will not be so high as last year.

Interest is increasing in the provision market. Hog products are the centre of attraction just now, and prices are advancing steadily. The advance started with hams. "A year ago," says a southern exchange, "they were a drug, the heaviest thing on the list. They have been advancing for ninety days and are now the highest part of the hog. The ham finally communicated his strength to the shoulder, and both ends of the hog have of late been advancing together. For a week the middle of the hog has been trying to catch up and got in line."

Montreal wholesale grocers continue to cut sugar prices. The object of the cutting is said to be to break an agreement which exists between other wholesale concerns and the refiners. At present they are giving ten cents per 100 pounds off, but they threaten to make the cut 20c in the near future if their demands are not met.

Fuller advices regarding the combination of wholesale grocers in western Ontario, which was reported by The Commercial last week confirms the report. The concerns interested are, Eby, Blain & Co., Limited, Davidson & Hay, Perkins, Ince & Co., John Sloan & Co., and T. Kinneer & Co., of Toronto, and several Hamilton, London and Brantford firms, among them Lucas, Steele & Bristol, contemplate joining. The object of the combination is to reduce expenses in connection with buying. One central agency will be established for this purpose. The head office will be at Toronto. Incorporation will be sought, with a small capital, sufficient to pay running expenses.

The season for new crop Barbadoes molasses at the island is now over says the Montreal Gazette, and the last sales on Montreal account were at 16c first cost. The total shipments for the season were 24,000 puncheons. The market throughout has been an active one, and prices fluctuated considerably. It opened at 12, then declined 1c to 11c, which was the lowest point of the season when a very strong feeling set in and prices steadily advanced 6c to 17c, but later reacted 3c to 14c, and finally advanced 2c to 16c at which figure it has closed, showing a net gain on the season of 4c per gallon. The demand on spot for round lots during the past few days has been slow at 33 1-2c to 34c ex wharf, but a fairly active jobbing trade is reported at 35c in car load lots and at 36c in small quantities.

Dairy Trade Notes.

A Minneapolis commission house thus reviews the butter situation in that city to the end of last week in The Commercial Bulletin. "The market is declining on butter. The supply the past few days has been very large and eastern markets are feeling the effects of large stocks on their hands. This applies to all grades. We have had a good shipping demand, but this demand will soon cease, because prices in other butter centres have declined and are below the prices being quoted in this market. It stands to reason that we cannot ship butter to a market lower than ours, and for this reason prices here are higher than they should be. The hot weather lowers the grades of butter."

Canadian manufacturers of dress linings put up their prices last week 1-8c per yard. The advance is due to the general strength of cotton goods, and to the upward tendency of raw material in the United States.

The zenith zinc mine, near Rossport, Lake Superior, has been purchased by the Grand Calumet Mining company. Recently 1,500 tons of ore from this mine were exported to Belgium. The purchase price is said to be in the neighborhood of \$150,000.

Washington—"What's the matter with your clock? It's stopped."

Tallor—"I never wind it up. I use it as a motto."

Washington—"What do you mean?"

Tallor—"No tick here."

THE HARDWARE TRADE

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

Structural materials are very difficult to obtain in the United States and manufacturers will only book orders for very distant delivery.

It has been predicted that hardware prices in the United States will advance 33 1-3 per cent within the next six months. This is by a wholesale dealer.

The wrecking of the steamer Merrihue off the coast of Anticosti has created a serious difficulty with Montreal tin and plate jobbers as they had new stocks on board the vessel. Their stocks are now very light.

A glue trust, covering the United States and Canada, is being formed. The capital stock will be \$35,000,000, divided into \$15,000,000 preferred shares and \$20,000,000 common stock. The trust is said to include 90 per cent of the factories on this continent.

During the past few months there has been an effort to amalgamate the important oil seal mills in the United Kingdom into one limited company. The consolidation includes mills located in London, Hull, Liverpool, North of England and Scotland, with a capital of £2,250,000.

Black iron pipe has again advanced at Toronto. The new list shows an advance of 10c on 1-4 to 1-8 inch pipe, making the price now \$3.35, 1-2 inch pipe advanced 5c to \$3.40; 3-4 inch 20c to \$4.00; 1 inch 25c to \$5.50; 1 1-4 inch 35c to \$7.35; 1 1-2 inch 50c to \$9.25, and 2 1-2 inch 50c to \$12.50.

At Pittsburg the price of wire and wire nails is on a permanently higher basis, the new advance amounting to 20c per 100 pounds. The quotation is now \$2.67 for nails in carlots to retailers. Barbed wire is quoted at \$3.25 in carlots and smooth steel wire at \$2.50. These quotations indicate that the trade in Canada is getting its supplies of these articles at as low a figure as United States dealers.

It is claimed by copper experts of Michigan that if the present price of copper is maintained until the close of the year, which seems probable, as December sales are being made at the price of 18 cents, the value of the American copper production will equal the total value of that of gold and silver, and will exceed the combined value of all iron ore, lead, zinc, aluminum and other metals produced in the United States.

Hardware dealers should realize a good item of profit from the sale of bells alone. A single foundry in New Jersey, it is said, casts annually 28,000 bells for the farmers and about 4,000 for schools, churches, engine houses, etc. It is estimated by a foundryman that at least 50,000 are sold every year in the country to tillers of the soil and breeders. The bicycle bell has added no mean increase to the bell trade, many municipalities requiring each rider to carry one as a warning apparatus to pedestrians. The bell is a standard item of hardware.—Iron and Steel.

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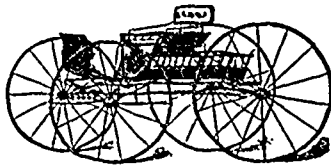


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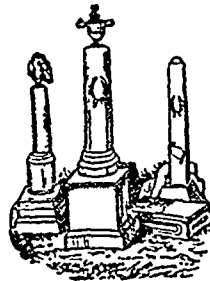
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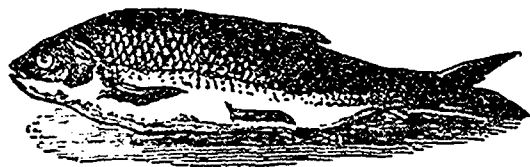
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An implement agent or dealer who makes such points as the above his special care and study and who gets for himself a reputation for filling repair orders promptly and correctly, will soon find that value attaches to such a reputation.

TWINE SITUATION IN MINNEAPOLIS.

A correspondent of Implement Age, writing from Minneapolis thus reviews the twine situation at that point, which practically gives the tone of the market in the whole northwestern district of the United States:

"The firmness of the binder twine market in the Northwest has been cause for worryment on the part of the twine dealers in other sections. In the statements of certain other trade papers are to be relied upon, twine prices are weak everywhere except in the Northwest. The dealers in this section present an unbroken front, however, and are entirely unruffled by the report of cheap twine stocks to the east and south. It is generally the case that where prices are weak elsewhere that weakness follows in the Northwest. The case is exactly opposite this year, however, and while weakness is reported from every other section the Minneapolis dealers are asking, and what is more to the point, securing the same prices they secured early in the season. This condition is universal. Not a twine dealer in the city anticipates a decline in prices before harvest, and none of them seem at all worried over the reported declines elsewhere."

Live Stock News.

Toronto cattlemen are asking for a new cattle market.

Gordon & Ironsides have 1,000 head of cattle at Battleford which are rapidly getting into shape for shipment.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

LUMBER TRADE NOTES.

There is a good demand for lumber at Edmonton and the local mills are behind with their orders.

Wooden timbers are supplanting steel in many of the new buildings being erected this year owing to the scarcity of the latter.

Fierce bush fires have been raging in the neighborhood of Fernie, B. C., and for a time threatened to destroy the old part of the town. Much fine standing timber and cut logs have been destroyed.

Manufacturers of white pine lumber in the Mississippi Valley and Wisconsin associations have advanced the price of all kinds of lumber 50c per thousand and of lath 25c per thousand. Another advance is predicted for September.

It is estimated that the pulp and paper mills of New York state and New England make 720,000 tons of pulp annually, requiring more than 700,000,000 feet of spruce and denuding 160,000 acres of forest land. This does not include the spruce used for lumber.

There is said to be an unlimited market for Canadian hardwood in England. It has been made compulsory that hardwood be used for certain purposes there, notably factory floors, and as no hardwood is produced the field is a good one for shipping countries.

The feeling among the white lumber manufacturers of Wisconsin and Minnesota is very firm. Notwithstanding the fact that an advance of 50c per thousand was put into effect last week still another advance is being talked of already and indeed some mills are now asking 50c over the new list, and will make the price \$1 more by September 1, when it is likely that another list will be issued.

Tenders.

Tenders will be received up to August 5th, for the erection of a manse building at Elva, Manitoba. Address T. H. Sproule, Elva.

J. H. G. Russell is calling for tenders for the erection of a frame house with stone foundations, on Bannatyne avenue, Winnipeg. The tenders will close during the first week in August.

Tenders for men and teams to operate a grader, are wanted by Alex. Morrison, reeve, Carman, Man.

Winnipeg school board wants tenders for building fences and walks at city schools.

Tenders for the necessary grading for extensions of the Canadian Pacific Railway company's side tracks between Winnipeg and Fort William will be received up till Saturday 29th inst., at the engineer's office, Winnipeg.

Tenders will be received until Tuesday, 22nd day of August, for the construction of a landing pier at Siml, Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba, according to plan and specification to be seen at the office of W. F. Gouin, resident engineer, Winnipeg, Man.

Tenders are being called for the excavation of a drain near Coulter Coulee, in Franklin municipality, Man., by the provincial government. The work will involve 90,000 cubic yards of excavation and must be completed by October 31st. The minister of public works will furnish all particulars.

Tenders will be received till noon on Wednesday the 10th August, for the purchase of \$8,000 debentures of Yorkton school district, N.W.T., bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum, payable in 20 equal consecutive annual instalments. Address W. P. Hopkins, Yorkton.

Insurance Items.

Geo. Wegenast, manager of the Ontario Mutual Life, left Winnipeg for the coast this week.

Reports of the New York Insurance department show that American life companies collected about \$55,000,000 in cash premiums in 1878. Last year the companies collected over \$250,000,000 from the same source.

Philip R. D. MacLagan, of Edinburgh, manager of the North British and Mercantile Insurance company, accompanied by Capt. Dundas, a director of the company, and Mr. Randall Davidson, its superintendent, spent a day in Winnipeg this week. Their trip to America is of a business character.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard afloat, Fort William, 85c.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$2.45; best bakers', \$2.25.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$11 per ton; shorts, \$15, with \$1 per ton off for large lots.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 44 to 45c.

Corn—Quoted at 43c per bushel of 56 lbs.

Barley—Nominal at 45 to 50c per bushel of 48 lbs.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers' prices, 12 to 12 1-4c, fresh creamery, 16 1-4 to 16 1-2c at factories.

Cheese—New, 7 to 7 1-4c to factories for small quantities.

Eggs—12c per dozen net.

Hides—No. 1 green hides 7 1-2c.

Wool—8 to 9c for unwashed fleece.

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

Potatoes—New potatoes, 75c to \$1 per bushel.

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

Dressed meats—Fresh milled beef, city dressed 5 to 6 1-2c, mutton 7 1-2 to 8c for fresh; hogs, 7c; veal, 6 to 8c.

Live stock—Cattle, grass fed, 3 to 3 1-2c off cars; hogs, off cars, \$5 per 100 lbs. for best bacon; sheep, 3 1-2c off cars.

Comparative Prices of Staples.

Bradstreet's of New York, gives the following tables of prices at that city with comparisons for a year ago which illustrates the fluctuation in value of leading staples:

	July 21, 1899.	July 22, 1898.
Flour	\$3.30 to 3.45	\$5.90 to 4.15
Wheat	74 5-8	82 to 82 1-2
Corn	37 1-2	37
Oats	29 1-4	27 to 27 1-2
Rye	60 1-2	56
Cotton	63-16	61-8
Wool	31 to 32	30
Pork, mess \$9.50 to \$10	\$10.00 to \$10.25	
Lard	5.75	5.80
Butter, cream.	18	17 1-2
Cheese	81-2	71-2
Sugar, gran.	51-2	53-8
Coffee, Rio.	63-8	61-2
Petroleum.....	7.60	6.10
*Iron, Bess. pig...	20.75	10.25
*Steel billets, ton	33.00	14.50
*Steel rails	28.00	17.00
Copper	18.50	11.50
Lead	4.60	3.95

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Manitoba

John Fitzsimmons will open a butcher shop at Roland.

Boisvert & Co., general merchants, have resumed business at Laurier.

M. Richardson and Jos. Miller are opening a general store at Carman.

The saw mill at Fisher Bay, Lake Winnipeg, was blown down by a recent storm.

R. J. Gray has purchased the furniture stock of A. Cameron & Co., at Oak Lake.

Charles Wellband, retail boot and shoe dealer, Winnipeg, has assigned to William Smith.

The demand for farm laborers in Manitoba this year will be larger than ever before.

Laborers are wanted very much for some of the railways projected this year. Men are scarce. One contractor is now advertising for 200 men.

A meeting of Winnipeg retail clerks was held Thursday evening, to discuss the ways and means of forming a mutual social association. The meeting was adjourned to Aug. 3.

R. D. Waugh, of the Winnipeg custom house, has been transferred to Brandon where he will assume the duties of chief clerk. Brandon has been made a separate port of entry.

Thirty-three new buildings have already been erected at Dauphin this year. Counting those now in course of erection and contemplated, including an elevator for the Dauphin Milling company, the increase for the year will be in the neighborhood of sixty buildings.

At the annual meeting of the Winnipeg Caterers' association held in the city hall on Tuesday evening the following officers were elected: President, W. H. Stone; vice-president, A. R. Christie; secretary, D. A. McDonald; treasurer, A. E. Scott. A number of committees were also named.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company have decided to go on at once with the Pipestone branch extension some forty miles, and have awarded the contract for the grading to Geo. H. Strevell, who will send his plant and 200 men out on Saturday. This extension will carry the line into the Moose Mountain district.

The Northern Pacific Railway Co. is putting a large number of improvements on its Manitoba branches this season. They are now asking for 125 men to work at ballasting and improving the main line between Winnipeg and Morris and the yards at Morris are being re-arranged and more than doubled in size. The Winnipeg yards have already been considerably enlarged.

Alberta.

John Cuyler will open a butcher shop at Leduc.

C. F. Davis has opened a fruit and confectionery store at Strathcona.

Ed. Gilmore is opening a butcher shop at Olds.

Northwest Ontario.

The capacity of the stamp mill at the Olive mine is to be increased from 10 to 25.

G. Hartley will open a factory for the manufacture of brooms and coarse brushes at Fort William.

The output of Rossland mines for last week amounted to 3,554 tons.

Movements of Business Men.

Thomas Leese, banker, of Birtle, returned from a trip to the east this week.

James Walsh, of Prince Albert, one of the oldest fur traders in the west, is in Winnipeg on a visit.

Robert Henderson, Canadian agent of Chadwick's cottons, was a guest of the Clarendon, Winnipeg, this week, on his return from the coast.

The Northern Pacific express business for July, 1899, was about 25 per cent greater than for July, 1898.

11,560 Gallians and Austrians, and 7,500 Doukhobor immigrants have arrived in Canada since July, 1897.

The city council and board of trade of Winnipeg have arranged to make a trip to Lake Winnipeg the last week in August. The trip will occupy a week.

A daily postal service is now established between Medicine Hat through the Crow's Nest Pass to Kootenay Landing. A closed baggage car is attached to trains which carries mails every day except Sunday.

TENDERS.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up till noon on Wednesday, the 16th Aug., 1899, for the purchase of \$8,000.00 debentures of Yorkton school district, No. 159, N. W. T., bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, payable in twenty equal consecutive annual instalments. Assessed value over \$200,000.00. No municipal debt. For further particulars apply to

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Prices to retail dealers for ordinary lots, with usual discounts for cash or large lots.

Canned Goods		Per case	
Apples, 3 1/2 doz.	25	2 25	
Apples, preserved, 3 1/2 doz.	30	3 25	
Apples, gallons (per doz.)	2 90	3 00	
Black or Lawton berries, 2 1/2 doz.	25	3 50	
Beans, 2 1/2 doz.	20	2 10	
Corn, 2 1/2 doz.	20	2 50	
Cherries, red, pitted 2 1/2 doz.	30	4 00	
Peas, Marrowfat, 2 1/2 doz.	1 00	2 00	
Peas, sifted, 2 1/2 doz.	2 25	3 25	
Peas, Bartlett, 2 1/2 doz.	25	3 50	
Peas, California, 2 1/2 doz.	40	5 00	
Peas, Bartlett, 3 1/2 doz.	50	6 50	
Pineapple, 2 1/2 doz.	4 75	5 00	
Pineapple, imported, 2 1/2 doz.	5 00	6 00	
Peaches, 2 1/2 doz.	3 75	4 00	
Peaches, California, 2 1/2 doz.	5 00	5 00	
Peaches, Canadian, 3 1/2 doz.	5 00	6 00	
Plums, 2 1/2 doz.	2 75	3 00	
Plums, California, 2 1/2 doz.	4 00	4 50	
Pumpkins, 3 1/2 doz.	2 00	2 25	
Raspberries, 2 1/2 doz.	3 25	3 25	
Strawberries, 2 1/2 doz.	3 10	3 25	
Tomatoes, 3 1/2 doz.	2 15	2 25	
Salmon, talls, 1 1/2 doz.	5 00	5 00	
Salmon, Colocs talls, 1 1/2 doz.	7 50	7 50	
Sardines, domestic 1/2 s.	05	08	
Sardines, imported, 1/2 s.	09 1/2	15	
Sardines, imported, 1/2 s.	18	25	
Sardines, imp. 1/2 s, boneless.	20	33	
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2 s.	10	12	
Imported Fresh Herring, 1 1/2 doz.	1 50	1 50	
Imp. Kipper Herring, 1 1/2 doz.	1 75	1 85	
Imp. Herring, Tom. Sauce 1 1/2 doz.	1 00	1 00	
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 1 1/2 doz.	1 50	1 50	
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 1 1/2 doz.	1 50	2 00	
Canned Meats		Per case	
Corn Beef, 1 1/2 doz.	3 00	3 50	
Corn Beef, 2 1/2 doz.	6 00	3 00	
Lunch Beef, 2 1/2 doz.	3 00	3 00	
Lunch Tongue, 1 1/2 doz.	6 00	6 50	
Lunch Tongue, U.S., 1 1/2 doz.	6 75	7 50	
Brawn, 2 1/2 doz.	2 60	3 00	
Pigs Feet, 1 1/2 doz.	2 50	2 60	
Roast Beef, 2 1/2 doz.	2 75	3 00	
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 1 1/2 doz.		25	2 35
Potted Ham, 1/2 s.	65	70	
Devilled Ham, 1/2 s.	65	70	
Potted Tongue, 1/2 s.	65	70	
Potted Ham, 1/2 s.	1 30	1 40	
Devilled Ham, 1/2 s.	1 30	1 40	
Potted Tongue, 1/2 s.	1 30	1 40	
Coffee		Per pound	
Green Rio	9 1/2	10	
Inferior grades	8 1/2	9	
Cereals		Per sack	
Split Peas, sack 9 1/2	2 50		
Pot Barley, sack 9 1/2	2 40	4 10	
Pearl Barley, sack 9 1/2	3 75	4 00	
Roll'd Oatmeal, sack 8 1/2	1 65	2 00	
Standard Oatmeal, sack 9 1/2	2 30	2 30	
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 9 1/2	2 30	2 30	
Beans (per bushel)	1 30	1 30	
Commeal, sack 9 1/2	1 25	1 25	
Commeal, 1/2 sac 49 (per 1/2 sac)	0 65	0 65	
Rice, B.		4 1/2	4 1/2
Pina	5 1/2	5 1/2	
Rice, Japan	4 1/2	4 1/2	
Sago	4 1/2	5 1/2	
Tapioca	5 1/2	5 1/2	
Cigarettes		Per M	
Old Judge	88	90	
Athlete	8	90	
Sweet Caporal	8	90	
Sweet Sixteen	5	70	
Derby	6	60	
Cured Fish			
Boneless Hake, per lb	05	05 1/2	
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs.	00	0 00	
Codfish, Pure per lb	07	07 1/2	
Herrings, in half-barrels	3 5	4 00	
Dried Fruits			
Currants, new, Prov'l Bbls.	05 1/2	5 1/2	
Currants, Prov'l Cases	5 1/2	5 1/2	
Currants, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels	05 1/2	5 1/2	
Currants, Filiatrin, bbls	05 1/2	5 1/2	
Currants, Filiatrin, cases	05 1/2	5 1/2	
Currants, cleaned, cases	05 1/2	6 1/2	
Dates, Cases	07 1/2	08	
Figs, Eleme, about 10 lb box	20	22	
Figs, Glove Box, per doz	30	3 60	
Figs, Cooking, Six	08	09	
Figs, boxes	10 1/2	11	
Figs, Tapnets	05	5 1/2	
Figs, Portuguese, boxes	06 1/2	07	
Prunes, Bosnia, Cases	05 1/2	05	
Sultana Raisins	13	1 1/2	

Dried Fruits		Per pound	
Raisins, Val., fine, off stalk	1 05	1 70	
Raisins, Selected, off stalk	1 75	1 80	
Raisins, Val. Layers, per box	1 95	2 00	
Loose Muscatels, 2 crown	5 1/2	5 1/2	
Loose Muscatels, 3 crown	06 1/2	6 1/2	
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown	08	8 1/2	
London Layers, 20 lb Boxes	1 90	2 00	
Apples, Dried	07 1/2	08	
Evap Apples, finest quality	10 1/2	11	
California Evaporated Fruits			
Peaches, peeled	17	18	
Peaches, unpeeled	14	15	
Pears	12 1/2	13	
Apricots	9	9 1/2	
Pitted Plums	9	9 1/2	
Nectarines	9	9 1/2	
Prunes, 100 to 120	5 1/2	5 1/2	
Prunes, 90 to 100	5 1/2	5 1/2	
Prunes, 80 to 90	6 1/2	6 1/2	
Prunes, 70 to 80	7 1/2	7 1/2	
Prunes, 60 to 70	8	8 1/2	
Prunes, 40 to 50	10	11	
Matches		Per case	
Telegraph	\$3	60	
Telephone	3	40	
Tiger	3	30	
Nuts		Per pound	
Brazils	11	12 1/2	
Taragona Almonds	14	15	
Peanuts, roasted	11 1/2	12	
Peanuts, green	9	10	
Greenoble Walnuts	14	15	
French Walnuts	12	13	
Sicily Filberts	10	11	
Shelled Almonds	30	35	
Syrup			
Extra Bright, per lb.	30	3 1/2	
Medium, per lb.	2 1/2	30	
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	75	7 00	
Molasses, per gal. (New Or.)	3 1/2	35	
Porto Rico	4	40	
Barbadoes	4	50	
Sugar			
Extra Standard Gran.	5 1/2		
German Granulated	5		
Extra Ground	7 1/2		
Powdered	6 1/2		
Lumps	6 1/2	6 1/2	
Bright Yellow Sugar	4 1/2	4 1/2	
Maple Sugar	1 3/4	1 1/2	
Salt		Per pound	
Rock Salt	1 1/2	1 1/2	
Common, fine		1 05	2 00
Common, coarse		1 05	2 00
Dairy, 100 3		3 25	3 50
Dairy, 60-5		3 15	3 30
Dairy, white duck sack		00	48
Common, fine jute sack		00	42
Spices		Per doz.	
Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins		75	90
Allspice, whole		18	20
Allspice, pure ground		18	22
Allspice, compound		15	18
Cassia, whole		18	20
Cassia, pure ground		20	25
Cassia, compound		13	15
Cloves, whole		17	20
Cloves, pure ground		25	30
Cloves, compound		18	20
Pepper, black, whole		14	15
Pepper, black, pure ground		10	18
Pepper, black, compound		10	13
Pepper, white, whole		23	25
Pepper, white, pure ground		28	30
Pepper, white, compound		18	20
Pepper, Cayenne		25	30
Ginger, whole, Jamaica		25	30
Ginger, whole, Cochin		20	25
Ginger, pure ground		23	25
Ginger, compound		15	25
Nutmegs, (per pound)		55	50
Mace (per pound)		00	1 25
Starch		Per pound	
Corn—			
Bensons		6 1/2	
Canada, Durham or Challenge		5	
Silver Gloss, 1 lb cartons		7 1/2	
Rice		9	
Canada Laundry		4	
No. 1 white		5 1/2	
Celluloid, per box 40 lbs		3 60	
Canada Gloss, 1 lb. cartons		5 1/2	
Teas		Per pound	
China Blacks—			
Choice		35	40
Medium		25	35
Common		13	20
Indian and Ceylon—			
Choice		32	40
Medium		25	32
Common		16	22

Young Hysons—		
Choice	35	45
Medium	28	35
Common	22	30
Japan—		
Finest May Picking	35	40
Choice	30	35
Fine	25	30
Good Medium	20	25
Common	15	20
Tobacco		Per pound
T. & B., 35, 45, and 95 Cuds.	00	70
Lily, Ss, cuds.	00	61
Crescent, Ss, cuds.	00	58
T. & B. Black Chewing, 8 or 10 Ss	00	61 1/2
T. & B. Mahogany Chewing, Ss or 16.	00	61 1/2
T. & B. 1-12 pkg, cut	00	85
T. & B. 1-5 pkg, cut	00	85
P. & W. in pouches, 1-4	00	85
T. & B. in 1-5 tins	00	86
T. & B. in 1-12 tins	00	86
T. & B. in 1-12 pkg	00	81
Orinoco, 1-5 tins	00	90
Orinoco, 1/2 tins	00	86
Tucketts Cherub Cigarette 1-12	00	87
Brier, Ss, cuds	00	61
Derby, 35 and 45, cuds	00	65
Derby Ss, cuds	00	65
P. & W. Chewing, Cuds.	00	65
P. & W. Chewing, Butts	00	65
Tonka, 1/2 tins	00	00
Tonka, 1-12 pkg	00	88
Canadian Leaf, 50 lb bales, very bright	21	
Lower grades	10 1/2	12 1/2
Wooden Ware		Per doz.
Pails, 2 hoop clear	1 60	1 75
Pails, wire hoop	2 00	2 10
Pails, Star fibre	1 00	1 00
Tubs, No. 0 common	10 50	11 00
Tubs, No. 1 common	9 00	10 50
Tubs, No. 2 common	7 00	7 50
Tubs, No. 3 common	6 00	6 50
Tubs, nests (3)		Per nest
Tubs, wire hoop (3)	1 55	1 65
Tubs, wire hoop (3)	2 25	2 40
Tubs, fibre, No. 0		Per nest
Tubs, fibre, No. 1	14 50	
Tubs, fibre, No. 2	13 50	
Tubs, fibre, No. 3	10 50	
Tubs, fibre, (3)		Per nest
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2)	48	50
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3)	75	80
CURED MEATS AND LARD		
Lard, pure leaf, kettle rend.	\$1	70
Lard, pure leaf, stein rend.	1	60
Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb tins, per case of 60 lbs.	5 10	5 78
Lard, 50 lb tubs, per lb	8	
Lard, Compound, 20 lb pails	1	35
Lard, Compound, 3 and 5 lb tins, case 60 lbs.	5	00
Smoked Meats		per lb.
Hams	13	
Breakfast bacon, bellies	11 1/2	
Breakfast bacon, backs	11	
Spiced rolls	07	
Shoulders	8 1/2	9
Long Clear	9	
Dry Salt Meats		
Long clear bacon	8	
Shoulders	8 1/2	
Short Clear	7 1/2	
Backs	9	
Barrel Pork		Per barrel
Heavy mess	16 00	17 00
Short cut	16 50	17 50
Meat Sundries		
Fresh pork sausage, lb	8	
Bologna sausage, lb.	5	
Pick'd pigs feet, kits	1 40	
Sausage casings, lb.	25	30
FISH		
Whitefish, lb.	05 1/2	06
Pickel'd, lb.	3 1/2	04
Trout, lb.	09	10
Pike, lb.	03	
Salmon, lb	12 1/2	
B. C. halibut, lb.	11	
Smelts, lb	11	
Smoked goldeyes, doz	45	
Smoked haddies	08	
Blotners, per box	1 50	
Salt Whitefish, per 1/2 bbl	6 50	
Salt Trout, per 1/2 bbl	7 50	
Oysters, cans, each	65	

DRUGS		
Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for unbroken packages.		
Alum, lb	3 1/2	4 1/2
Alcohol, gal.	5 25	5 50
Bleaching Powder, lb.	05	07
Mucstone, lb.	09	10
Borax	09	10
Bromide Potash	75	80
Camphor	68	75
Camphor, ounces	75	80
Carbolic Acid:	35	60
Castor Oil	13	20
Chlorate Potash	18	20
Chloric Acid	60	65
Cocaine, oz	03	04
Cream Tartar, lb	23	32
Cloves	20	25
Epsom Salts	03	04
Extract Logwood, bulk.	12	14
Extract Logwood, boxes	17	20
Formalin, lb	40	50
German Quinine	50	55
Glycerine, lb.	20	25
Ginger, Jamaica	30	35
Ginger, African	15	20
Howard's Quinine, oz.	60	65
Iodine	4	75
Insect Powder	30	35
Morphia, sul.	1 90	2 00
Opium	4 50	5 00
Oil, olive, Pure	10	12 1/2
Oil, U.S. Salad	10	12 1/2
Oil, lemon, super	1 60	1 80
Oil, peppermint	1 80	2 00
Oil, cod liver, gal.	1 25	1 75
Oxalic Acid	14	16
Potass Iodide	3 75	4 00
Pink Green, lb.	20	22
Saltpetre	08	10
Sal Rochelle	28	32
Shellac	28	32
Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2	04
Sulphur Holi, kg.	3 1/2	04
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs.	2 75	3 75
Sal Soda	2 00	3 00
Tartaric Acid, lb.	40	45
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz.	85	1 00
LEATHER		Per pound
Harness, oak	40	
Harness, union oak No. 1	31	
Harness, union oak No. 1 R	31	
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand	32	
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R, anchor brand	31	
Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1	30	
Do., No. 1 R	32	
Black collar leather	36	
American O.K. Sole	40	
Sole, union oak	40	
Listowell, sole	26	28
Penacting, sole	27	30
Acton Sole	26	29
B. F. French calf	25	30
B. F. French kip	95	1 15
Canada Calf	65	80
Canada Calf, Niagara	80	90
Niagara Brand Kip	65	75
Wax upper	42	46
Grain upper per foot	20	20
Kangaroo, per foot	30	50
Dolgora, per foot	25	40
Dolgora, bright	30	30
Bag sheepskins, per doz.	8	00
FUEL		
These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city, or 50c per ton less at the ards, except western anthracite nut size, which is 40c less at the yards.		
Pennsylvania anthracite—		Per ton
Stove, nut or lump		9 00
Pea size		8 00
Canadian anthracite, stove		7 50
Canadian anthracite, nut		7 00
Lethbridge bituminous		7 50
Crow's Nest bituminous		7 50
U. S. bituminous, as to mine		7 00
Souris Lignite		4 00
Souris, car lots P.O.B. mines		1 50
Blossburg smiting		9 50
Cordwood		
These are prices for car lots, on track		
Winnipeg		Per cord
Tamarac		4

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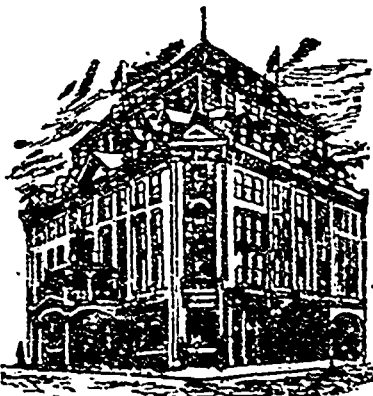
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WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, July 29.

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

BINDER TWINE.

The crop conditions having improved greatly the past ten days in the North-east and Western Canada, this is softening up prices on twine at all jobbing points. Any weakness which may have existed at any of the southern jobbing centres resulting from local crop shortages has entirely disappeared as the crops further north took an surplus twine and asked for more. It is a well known fact that good manila fibre, which is to be found only in the Isle of Luzon in the Philippine group, has disappeared from the market and no concern can be found, of any reputation for quality of goods, who will contract to supply any further quantities of pure manila twine. In fact, two of the largest manufacturers have notified a number of dealers with whom they had pure manila contracts that they would be unable to fill their orders. This, of course, creates considerable dissatisfaction among dealers who have contracted to furnish pure manila twine to their trade. Several of the smaller manufacturers with no reputation to maintain have bought freely of the inferior grades of manila fibre and there will be a great deal of trouble when this twine is put to the test in the field, as it is very uneven and very coarsely spun. When one considers the fact that the range between the lowest and highest grades of manila fibres is now 43-4 cents per pound, it can be easily understood why some jobbers may be able to offer twine at a low figure which, before careful inspection, might appear to be a bargain. For various reasons, this is a very favorable year for the disposal of inferior twines. There are more grades of manila fibres than there are grades of wheat and the general ignorance among dealers regarding the value of the various grades of twines is something wonderful. In buying twine a dealer should be as careful as to its length, as he would were he buying wheat, to see that he was not getting a light weight bushel. Inferior twine runs from 10 per cent to 20 per cent less than their guaranteed length and there is probably not one dealer in fifty who ever thinks of measuring a pound of his twine to see if he is getting honest measure. The twine market at this point is ranging strong at about 11 cents for manila and 11-2 for pure manila, with very little of the latter grade in stock. Siam and standard are ranging at 10 cents per pound. Inquiry at the office of The Massey-Harris Co., Merrick-Anderson & Co., Geo. W. McManon, McCormack Harvesting Machine Co. and the Deering Harvester to reveal but little interest in future orders, but more or less anxiety as to their ability to fill promptly with good twine the contracts they have already accepted.

CURED MEATS.

The market for hog products is a strong one. Information given elsewhere in this issue goes to show that in all American and British markets the supply of cured meats is inadequate and that prices are advancing in consequence. Locally stocks of

hams are low and one or two dealers are practically sold out of home products. The quotation for hams was advanced another 1-2c on Monday, making the price now 13c, and shoulders are also firmer at 81-2 to 9c.

DRY GOODS.

There is a fair amount of business doing in travellers' orders and letter business is also good. Men on the road report fine prospects for the fall and winter trade. Sorting business is keeping up very well, better than for a long time. Prices are firm and advances recently made in producing markets are expected to reflect themselves here in course of time. These advances have been noted from time to time in The Commercial.

FISH.

The market for fish is firm and steady. No changes have occurred in price this week, and these remain as given on our "prices current" page. Fresh fish of all kinds are plentiful. The fishermen operating in the northern lakes find whitefish and the other varieties taken there unusually numerous. The freezers are rapidly filling up.

FUEL.

A growing interest is being taken in the situation of Pennsylvania anthracite coal at the lakes. It is feared that unless the present rate of accumulation there is very much accelerated there will be a shortage of this coal next winter. Eastern shippers are having trouble obtaining vessels and so far they have been unable to secure carriage of stocks in anything like the quantity they should have had. The probabilities are that this prospective shortage of imported coal will stimulate activity at the Canadian mines, especially those in the Rocky Mountains, and the Canadian industry will thus get another lift.

GREEN FRUITS.

California fruits are now engaging the bulk of attention. Receipts of these have been large and the demand for immediate consumption and for preserving has been heavy. Prices on some lines are a little easier this week, notably on plums, which have declined 25c per case. Blueberries, from Rat Portage are now in the market at 8 to 10c per pound in baskets, and crates. Basket grapes are also offering from the south at 80c per basket. An important feature of the market this week has been a straight carload of tomatoes which was brought from Illinois by one local wholesale house. This is the first straight carload of tomatoes ever brought into this city, and is an indication of the extent to which the trade is expanding. The quality of this lot is excellent. We quote prices as follows: Bananas, per bunch, \$2.25; Messina lemons, fancy November cuts, long-keeping stock, 85c per case; California lemons, 85.25; 5-case lots 25c less; California apples, 85.50 to \$6.00 per barrel; currants, red or black, 4-box crates, \$1.50; native currants, in pails, 75c; pears, per case, \$3.50 to \$4.00; pineapples, \$2.50 per dozen according to size; raspberries, native, in pails, \$1.50; blueberries, 10c per pound; California peaches, \$1.15 per case; plums, \$1.50 to \$1.75; prunes, 41-2c per pound; watermelons, \$3.50 per dozen; basket grapes, 80c per 20-pound basket net; coconuts, in sacks of 100, \$5.00; Kelly filberts, large, 12c per

lb.; Grenoble walnuts, 11c; new shell-ol walnuts, 25c; Tarragona almonds, 15c; peanuts, green, 9 to 9 1-2c; roasted, 12c; pecan nuts, 12c per lb.; comb honey, \$2 per dozen sections; strained honey, 81-2c per lb.; maple sugar, 11 to 13c; maple syrup in gallon cans, \$1.25; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; fruit elder put up in 10, 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 40c; California figs, fancy Smyrna, glove boxes per dozen, \$2.50; apples, 7c per lb.; native lettuce, radish, water cress, etc., per dozen bunches, 25c; cabbage, home grown, 40c per dozen, pieplant, per pound, 1c; cucumbers, 50c per dozen; tomatoes, per case, 80c; celery, 35c per dozen bunches.

GROCERIES.

There is a steady demand for all lines of staple and fancy groceries and prices hold steady. Sugars are unchanged but firm. The demand continues large owing to the unusual amount of preserving being done. Grocery houses are unable to meet the demand for glass jars for preserving purposes and there has been a very keen inquiry for these. The advance in matches is noted in our news columns. This amounts to 15 and 20c on the Telegraph and Tiger brands, respectively. Quotations on currants are now 1-8 to 1-4c lower. Local houses find the canned salmon market a very firm one, and look for higher prices in the near future. Canned vegetables are also very firm and as the canners' association seems to be holding out it may be that their prices will prevail for these goods. Present quotations at canneries are from 21-2 to 5c higher than the old scale. For grocery quotations see "price current" page.

HARDWARE.

The active demand for hardware and metals holds out well and there seems to be no diminution in the volume of trade. Several important advances occurred this week. Charcoal plates are 25c to 50c higher, as to size, andterne plates have also advanced 50c. Solder is 1c higher at 20c per pound. Chopping axes are 50c higher than our inside quotation of last week, at \$6.00 to \$12.00. Other quotations remain the same.

LEATHER.

There is a good demand for all kinds of manufactured leather in this market and prices rule steady at quotations given on our "prices current" page. Business in leather in the east is reported to be improving steadily. There is a satisfactory export demand and Canadian leather is being regarded with increasing favor in the old country. Tanners are holding their prices very firmly.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

White lead is higher now at \$6.62 1-2 for pure and \$6.37 1-2 for No. 1 of certain brands. Prepared paints are unchanged here as yet, but the recent advance in the east has hardened prices very much and higher quotations may be looked for. \$1.20 to \$1.60 is about the present range for these paints. Window glass remains very firm and were it not that the local stock is large enough to supply the demand for some time yet much higher prices would have to be paid as the prices at which the local supply was bought have been far exceeded since owing to the universal shortage of glass.

SCRAP.

Dealers prices f.o.b. Winnipeg, are now as follows: No. 1 cast iron, free from wrought and malleable, \$10 per ton, No. 2, do., \$4 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$3.50 to \$4 per ton; No. 1 stove plate, \$3.50 to \$4 per ton; heavy copper, 8 to 81-2c per pound; copper bottoms, 7c per pound; red brass, 8 to 81-2c per pound; yellow brass, heavy, 7c per pound; light brass, 41-2 to 5c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2c per pound; zinc scrap, 1-2c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c per cwt; clean, dry bones, 30c per cwt; rubber boots and shoes free from acetates and rivets, 4c per pound. Good quart beer bottles are worth 25 to 30c per dozen; pints 10c per dozen; square glass bottles, 30 to 35c per dozen.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The markets this week have been quiet and dull, with very little change from day to day. While, however, the bulk of the market news has been of a bearish nature, the result in values on the week has been an advance of about 1c per bushel. There has been a fair amount of trading in Chicago and other speculative markets, and a slightly better demand from the milling trade, but export demand has been even lighter than previously, and it is evident that the buyers of the world's surplus wheat view the situation very calmly. The week has brought the spring wheat crop another seven days nearer harvest, and the prospect for a good yield all over the northwest is becoming more assured every day. There has been some apprehension in regard to damage by heat to some districts in Minnesota and South Dakota, but later views estimate the damage very lightly, if any has been done at all, and on the other hand it is considered that the heat has been of such advantage to the crop generally, as to make up for any slight damage done locally. The winter wheat crop in the States has now been almost all safely secured, and the threshing that has been done shows yields quite up to expectations, and in some instances overrunning them, and in all cases the quality is highly spoken of. European crops are farther improved on the week. France is now expected to produce as much wheat as she had from last year's large crop, and harvesting is now all but completed. England has about as good a crop as last year's big crop, and harvesting is beginning this week in the southern part of the country. Germany and contiguous countries have been favored recently with very fine crop weather, and their crops of wheat and rye are good. Russia and southeastern Europe report considerable improvement in prospects over the seemingly black outlook of a few weeks ago, when drought appeared to be destroying everything. Plenty of moisture has since fallen, and the fresh exports of wheat from Black Sea ports every week recently testify to the betterment of the crop situation. India continues to ship moderately to Europe. Argentine is still shipping over 1,000,000 bushels per week against nothing at same time last year. In that country large stocks still remain available for export. It is now seedtime in the Argentine, and it is reported that the climatic conditions are very favorable, and that a large breadth of new ground is being prepared for the next wheat crop. Australia has also laid

down an increased acreage to wheat under favorable conditions. The weekly statistics all favor the idea of lower prices. The American visible supply increased last week 1,461,000 bushels against a decrease for same week last year of 1,079,000 bushels and the total supply now stands at 7,610,000 bushels, against 3,382,000 bushels a year ago, and 16,032,000 bushels in 1897. The world's shipments were 7,104,000 bushels against 6,168,000 bushels last week, and 5,047,000 bushels same week last year. The world's visible supply increased 678,000 bushels against a decrease for same week last year of 4,493,000 bushel.

The local market is very dull. Large shippers are undertaking little or no business. Some time ago the price of 1 hard Fort William was running about 1c over the Chicago active option, now it is generally fully 1c under. Last week 1 hard in store Fort William closed at 69c, and began the present week at about 69 1-2c. On Wednesday and Thursday outside markets being stronger the price of 1 hard was put to 70c, and some small sales of straight 1 hard were made at 70 1-4c. Since then the price is back to 69 1-2c. Very little business is doing, although a good deal of wheat is still held by dealers and farmers. A little advance in price would cause it to be well cleaned out, as a good many holders are getting tired carrying their wheat so long. The C. P. R. Co. has this week raised its lake and rail rate for export 1c per bushel, and this will have the effect of lowering the prices of wheat that much per bushel. Lake rates generally are strong and advanced rates are being asked for September shipment. The value of 2 hard and 1 northern is 31-2c under 1 hard and 3 hard, 2 northern and 1 spring 7c under 1 hard, all in store Fort William. Dried 2 hard is worth 64c and dried 2 northern 63c in store Port Arthur.

FLOUR—The two big companies are now quoting prices on a level basis the difference of 10c noted last week having been met by a reduction on the part of the company quoting the high prices. The demand for flour is slower than it has been. We quote prices as follows: Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.85; Glenora, \$1.75; Manitoba strong bakers, \$1.35; XXXX, \$1.05; Lake of the Woods patent, \$1.85; strong bakers, \$1.75; second bakers, \$1.35; XXXX, \$1.05 per sack of 48 pounds.

MILLFEED—There is a good demand for millfeed from all quarters and prices hold firm at \$10 per ton for bran and \$12 for shorts. Dealers are allowed \$1 off these prices.

GROUND FEED—Corn feed of the best grades is worth now \$19 per ton, and inferior grades \$17.50. Oat chop is steadily advancing and is now worth \$27 to \$28 per ton for best grades. Mixed feed of barley and oats is quoted at \$23.50 to \$24.50. Oil cake is very scarce at \$24 per ton.

OATMEAL—Oatmeal is being sold to the retail trade by jobbers at \$1.90 per sack of 80 pounds. The carlot price here is \$1.85.

OATS—The market for oats continues in the unsatisfactory condition which has been reported as prevailing for some time. The poor keeping quality of the stocks is making it extremely difficult to handle any more than enough for local requirements. About a week ago stocks here accumulated to beyond the safety line and on Monday the price declined in con-

sequence to 39c. This only lasted until the glut was relieved and we quote 40 to 41c as the prevailing price now for good feed grades in carlots on track. Stocks throughout the country are getting low as far as the better grades are concerned.

CORN—Prices have advanced to 42 to 43c per bushel in sympathy with United States markets. The demand holds good and a steady movement is noted.

BARLEY—The demand has fallen off and dealers report a very slow movement. About 35 to 38c represents the value on track at Winnipeg.

WHEAT—From 55 to 55c is being paid to farmers at 1c 1-2c freight rate points.

HAY—A further decline is noted in the quotation for new haled hay, owing to the larger offerings, \$5.50 to \$6.50 per ton, according to quality is now the prevailing quotation. Loose hay on the street is selling at \$4.50 to \$5 per ton. Some timothy has been offered this week and realized \$5 per ton.

BUTTER—Creamery—There is a more liberal movement of creamery butter, the demand being almost wholly from British Columbia. There is no local demand for this butter, the dairy article having possession of the market. Quoted at 15 1-2c at the factories.

BUTTER—Dairy—From 10 to 11c is quoted for choice fresh made dairy butter. Inferior qualities bringing from 6 to 9c. Offerings of prime butter are not very large, but the aggregate offering of all qualities is considerable. Most of the country shipments are going into storage to wait for better prices.

CHEESE—The market is fairly active and all offerings are freely taken by commission and wholesale houses. 8c to 9 1-2c is quoted for the best grades of cheese, and 7 to 7 1-2c for anything inferior.

EGGS—The market is easier and the demand has fallen off considerably. The quality of the eggs offering now is not equal to that of the earlier months of the year, and until the hens get into the grain fields there will not be any improvement in this respect. Dealers are paying 13c net at country points for candied stock.

VEGETABLES—New potatoes of both home production and imported are offering freely. Home grown cucumbers are now in the market at 25 to 40c per dozen. Butter beans are more plentiful and quoted much lower than last week. New peas are down to 60c. We quote prices as follows: Potatoes, choice, 40 to 5c per bushel or small lots; new potatoes, 75c per bushel, rhubarb 1c per pound, radishes, 10c per dozen bunches; green onions, 12 1-2c per dozen bunches, cauliflower, 40 to 45c per dozen, according to size; tomatoes, 6c per lb., new peas 60c per bushel, butter beans 2 1-2 to 3c per pound, cucumbers 25 to 40c per dozen; cabbage 25 to 40c, turnips 12 1-2c in bunches, celery 25 to 30c per dozen bunches.

HIDES—The market is easy and prices unchanged as follows: Inspected hides No. 1, 61-2c; No. 2, 51-2c; No. 3, 41-2c. Branded hides grade No. 2 and bulls No. 3; kip, 6c to 6 1-2c; calf, Seadenkin skins 25 to 35c each; sheep skins 40 to 65c as to length of wool clips, 10c, horsehides, 30 to 75c each.

WOOL—Receipts of wool continue light and prices are unchanged at 7c for fine wools and 7c for long, unwashed.

SENECA—Several fair sized lots of root have been bought this week, the price paid being 20c per pound for clean dry stock. Higher than this is being offered by some dealers now and as the season advances the demand for root becomes more keen. From 20 to 21c about represents the market value to-day.

DRESSED MEATS—Grass fed beef is beginning to come in more freely. So far the quality has not been the best owing. It is said, to the unusual amount of ram which has kept the pasture and consequently the cattle out of condition. Veal is scarce and higher, this being the only price change to note. Quotations are as follows: Beef, extra choice, 71-2c per pound; good to choice, 61-2 to 7c; fresh killed mutton, 10 to 10 1-2c; veal, scarce, at 8c to 9c; pork, 6 to 7c per pound.

POULTRY—Quotations are: Fowl 53 to 60c pair; spring chickens, 35 to 40c per pair; young ducks, 60c per pair; turkeys, 11c per pound, live weight; upland plover, 20c per pair.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—There has been no further steers mentioned last week. This shipment partly consisted of an extra choice lot of 100 head from Blainville and they are now in Montreal together with the remainder of the train load of which they formed a part. The old country markets are not favorable to the export of cattle at present and latest advices here show a decline of 1c on choice Canadian steers. Excessive shipments from South America is assigned as the reason for this. It is not likely that any further export movement from the west will take place for two or three weeks. There is a fair movement of cattle for local butchers account at from 31-2 to 4c for good to choice animals.

SHEEP—Sheep are in good demand, but the supply is only a limited one. The ruling quotation for choice Manitoba stock is 41-2c per pound off cars.

HOGS—There is a fair movement of hogs, and prices are firmer at \$1.75 for hogs weighing from 150 to 250 pounds, and \$1.00 for heavies.

MILCH COWS—There is a good demand for milkers, and from \$30 to \$45 will be paid for choice animals.

HORSES—There is an active market for horses in the west this summer and the supply is not equal to the requirements. Horses are being brought in from Ontario, from the western ranges and from the ranges of Montana and the Western States. The large demand for horses for railroad working, farming and general teaming, has stimulated the market very much. Driving horses are also in good demand. For a fair sized broncho from \$60 to \$100 is freely paid and for heavier and better bred animals from \$100 upwards is the usual run, according to the weight and quality.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 2,005,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on July 22, compared with 2,072,000 bushels one week previously, and 140,000 bushels one year ago.

Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and other country points are estimated at approximately 4,800,000 bushels, compared with about 975,000 bushels a year ago.

British Columbia Markets.

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PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial. Vancouver, July 29.

Manitoba creamery is offering more freely and is firm at 20c, which is the same price as eastern creamery. Eggs are firm. Hams and lard are higher. Potatoes are 1-2c per pound lower. A typographical error occurred last week in the quotation for baker's flour, which is corrected this week.

BUTTER—Ontario creamery, 20c; Manitoba—Fresh local 40c per dozen; eastern eggs, 22c.

CHEESE—Ontario, 12 to 12 1-2c. **CURED MEATS**—Hams, 15c; breakfast bacon, 13 to 13 1-2c; backs, 12 1-2c; short clear 10 to 10 1-2c; short rolls, 10 1-2c; smoked sides, 10 1-2 to 11c. Lard—Tins, 10c per lb; in pails and tubs, 9 1-4c.

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

VEGETABLES—New potatoes, 1 1-2c per lb; cabbage, 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 a ton; red onions, 1c per lb; silverskins, 13-4c; tomatoes, \$2.75 to \$3 per box; cucumbers, \$2.75 box.

GREEN FRUIT—California lemons, \$3 to \$3.75; oranges, seedlings, \$3.00 per box; cherries, \$1.75 box; peaches, \$1.15; apricots, \$1.50; plums, \$1.25 box; apples, \$1.75 box; prunes \$1.30 to \$1.50 box; pears, \$2.25 to \$2.50; bananas, \$1.75 bunch.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.90; 2 45 pound sacks, \$3; 4 22 1-2 pound sacks, \$3.20; 10 7 lb. sacks, \$2.00; oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 5's \$3.

FLOUR—Delivered B.O. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.70; strong bakers, \$4.30; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

GRAIN—Oats, \$25 per ton; wheat, \$25; to \$28.

GROUND FEED—National mills chop, \$27 per ton; shorts, \$22 ton; bran, \$20; oil cake meal \$35 ton; f.o.b. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 9c; mutton 12 1-2c; pork 9c; veal 11 to 12c per lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$4.50 100 lbs.; cows, \$4; sheep \$5.50 per 100 lbs; hogs \$6.50 to \$7 per 100 lbs.

POULTRY—Chickens, 75c.

EVAPORATED FRUITS—Apricots 10 to 17c per lb; peaches 10 to 12c; plums 9 to 10c; prunes, French, 5 to 7 1-2c per lb; loose muscatel raisins 6c; London tayer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes 6 to 8 1-2c lb.

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

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

SYRUPS—30 gallon barrels, 21-4c lb; 10 gallon kegs 23-4c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins \$4.50 case of 10; 1-2 gal. tins \$5.25 case of 20.

TEAS—Congo, Fair, 11 1-2c; good 18c; choice 29c; Ceylon and India: fair 20c;

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Special to The Commercial. Nelson, B. C., July 29.

Market steady and with few changes this week. Eggs are 1c higher. Butter unchanged. Potatoes have taken a big drop from last week's high quotation.

Butter — Manitoba fresh creamery, 20c; choice dairy butter, 15c.

Cheese—New, 12c. **Eggs**—Ontario, fresh, 21c. **Oats**—Per ton, \$30. **Flour**—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.80. **Potatoes**—Per ton, \$30.

British Columbia Items.

Mail arrives at Atlin twice a week, now.

E. Escalot, hotel, is burned out; total loss.

Peterson, Swan, are opening a hotel at Argenta.

H. C. Cummings, cigars, Columbia, has sold out.

E. J. Robie, tailor, New Denver, has moved to Nelson.

L. D. Osborne, hardware, Columbia, is moving to Grand Forks.

Dixie H. Ross, of Dixie H. Ross & Co., grocers, Victoria, is dead.

Couthart & Adamson, game, New Westminster, have dissolved.

G. Classen, grocer, Vancouver, has sold out to Ford & Rogerson.

The Industrial Power Co. of B. C., Ltd., of Nelson, has been incorporated.

British Columbia Stationery Co., Ltd., Vancouver, has been incorporated.

Hopkirk & Spence estate, liquors, Vancouver, is advertised for sale by tender.

P. Owen, general store, Central Park, has sold grocery department to A. McNeill.

Molina & Wilberg, cigar factory, New Westminster, are succeeded by Wilberg & Co.

McIntee & Jones, lumber and Peoples laundry, Grand Forks, are burned out. No insurance.

H. B. Thompson, manager of the Turner, Deeto & Co., business at Nelson has resigned to engage in a general trading business in the Cariboo country.

R. E. Gessnell, formerly provincial librarian of British Columbia, and for several years editorially connected with The Commercial, has taken over the Greenwood Miner, of Greenwood, B. C., and hereafter will be editor and manager. At the preliminary meeting of the Greenwood Board of trade he was also unanimously elected secretary.

The following items are reported from Kaslo. Kootenay Lumber Supply Co. has bought out J. E. Bell. Adams & Latham, hotel, are applying for transfer of license from Adams Bros. G. O. Buchanan, lumber and saw mill, has opened a branch at Duncan City. Durney & Hughes, hotel, have opened. Miller & Stephenson, hotel, have dissolved. M. A. Stephenson continues. J. E. A. Mueller, hotel, has sold out.

Ontario Cheese Market.

Campbellford, July 25.—At the cheese meeting to-day 1,060 boxes white were boarded. Sales 330 at 9 3-16c, 65 at 9 1-8c; 150 at 9 3-16c.

Ingersoll, July 25.—Offerings to-day, 1,820 boxes, 1,050 colored and 770 white no sales on board; 87-5c offered, salesmen holding for 9 1-4c.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

Returns of last week report 100 cars of wheat inspected, which graded as follows: Extra hard, 2 cars; 1 hard, 20; 2 hard, 1; 1 northern, 39; 1 spring, 0; rejected, 3; no grade, 34.

Canadian Commerce.

New York, July 28.—Bradstreets review for the week on Canadian trade deals rather with prospects than with the current midsummer demand, which is, however, reasonable and the outlook generally is regarded with great confidence. Toronto reports prospects never better. Country trade is taking a better grade of dry goods and importations are very heavy, the preferential duty in favor of British goods being not sufficient to exclude French and German manufacturers. Canadian cotton and woollen mills are very busy and complaints of deliveries not being prompt enough are common. A suspension of a small bank at Montreal is not regarded as likely to seriously retard business and the confidence in a large fall trade at that city is unabated. Crops in British Columbia are reported very good. The yield of oats will be 10 per cent larger than last year. The jobbing trade is busy and collections are satisfactory. Trade is dull in the maritime provinces but hay crop prospects are good. Business failures for the week number 16 against 19 last week and 34 in this week a year ago.

R. G. Dun & Co's Review is as follows: Canadian reports indicate no especial activity in business, though a fair volume of trade for the season. St. John reports but a moderate jobbing trade with a light fish catch, though prices are still well kept up and prospects for the fall are considered good. Wholesale trade at Halifax is quiet but fair, and fish markets are firm, with coal and gold mining active. Money is fairly plenty and trade conditions generally satisfactory at Quebec. Toronto trade is satisfactory in hardware, metals and leather, and fair for the season in other lines. At Hamilton trade and collections are good in wholesale lines, with reasonable quietness in retail business, and favorable prospects for fruit crops. Winnipeg reports steady wholesaler trade, with fair collections. At Victoria wholesale business is fair with collections unsatisfactory and at Vancouver collections are fair with trade not above the average.

BANK CLEARINGS.

For the Dominion of Canada the bank clearances for the week were as follows: Montreal \$14,548,625, increase 6.2 per cent; Toronto \$8,190,509, increase 13.3 per cent; Winnipeg \$1,923,576, increase 60.6 per cent; Halifax \$1,254,061, increase 13.3 per cent; Hamilton \$678,921, increase 8.4 per cent; St. John, N. B.: \$603,904, decrease 7.5 per cent; Vancouver \$1,001,759; Victoria, \$826,701.

Western Business Items.

A. Carruthers, hile merchant, is back in Winnipeg from a trip to the east.

The store and dwelling of T. H. Corrigan, Whitemouth, Man., were burned last night.

Tenders are called by J. H. G. Russell for the erection of a frame residence in Winnipeg.

Christie, Bailey & Co., general merchants, Millwood, and Churchbridge, have sold out their Churchbridge branch.

Alex. Pratt, who has been for many years city traveller for the Paullin-Chambers biscuit factory, Winnipeg, has severed his connection with that concern and is now devoting his attention to the sale of D. S. Perrin & Co.'s biscuits, etc., for which he has the city agency.

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago flour is 10c higher for first patents, millfeed 50c lower, oats 3-4c lower, barley 1c lower. Flax seed 1-2c higher, eggs 1-4c lower.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.55 to \$3.65; second patents, \$3.25 to \$3.45.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$10.00 to \$10.25; bran in bulk, \$9.50 to \$10.00; corn feed, \$12.25 to \$15.25 per ton as to quality.

Oats—No. 3 white, 22 3-4 to 23 1-2c; No. 3, 22 1-2 to 23c.

Corn—Quoted at 29 1-2c for No. 3. Barley—32 to 33c for feed grade.

Flax seed—98 1-2c per bushel.

Eggs—11 1-2c for strictly fresh, including cases.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 8 to 9 1-2c; fair to good, 6 to 7c.

Butter—Creamery, 15 to 17c for choice to extras; seconds, 12 1-2 to 13 1-2c; dairy, 13 to 15c for choice to fancy, seconds, 12c.

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

Poultry—Live chickens, 5 to 9 1-2c; spring chickens, 12 to 13c; turkeys, 5 to 9 1-2c; ducks, 6c; geese, 6c.

Potatoes—New potatoes, 30 to 35c.

Hides—Green salted hides, 83-4c for No. 1, 73-4c for No. 2; steers over 60 lbs. \$1-4 and 91-4c; sheepskins 25 to 70c each; veal calf, 91-2 to 11c; tallow, 3 to 4c; seneca root, 20 to 25c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 10 to 13c; medium, 14 to 15c; coarse, 13 to 14c.

Hay—Timothy, \$8.50 to \$9.

Live stock—Sales mostly at \$4.30 to \$4.35.

The Travelling Salesman.

The following toast to the knight of the grip made at a recent meeting in one of the eastern cities of the United States by one of the speakers, is so universally applicable that we give it for the benefit of the gentlemen of that fraternity and they are not few in number or individually less versatile than their brethren elsewhere, who make the trade routes of the west their hunting grounds:

"He is born—not made. It is the character, the push, the energy that is in a man demands attention and insures his success.

"All great men have been at some time unknown. Talent in any direction must have its opportunity.

"This man of whom we speak must be versatile.

"Who would have known we had among us a chef, who could concoct a crab soup comparing only in its succulence to the 'nectar of the gods,' but for the opportunity offered at our outings at Avondale? and discovered to us the sweet voice and silvery tones of that jovial spirit, whose ability to hold down the first base in a ball game, in spite of his rotundity of person, is unequalled? It is the annual events of this organization that has brought out those latent talents, and from seeming obscurity produced the 'poet laureate' of the association, the star who has related with dramatic effect 'The Man at the Switch.'

"In discussing the salesman, let us not lose sight of his responsibilities.

"He is the acknowledged agent, the travelling representative of his house.

"He bears the burden of many obligations—to his employer, his customers, and to himself—his employers, to whom he is obligated by a sense of honor, and who are his source of rev-

enue; his customers, who are at once his friends; and his capital, standing between them as the protector of the interests of both, maintaining at all times that personal obligation, self-respect; and it is but fair to add, no class of men are bound more by the limitations of strict veracity than is he.

"He should be an aid to that department so necessary to the success of any house, 'the credit man,' must keep well informed on matters that will tend to enlighten him on the condition of affairs in the section which he travels.

"Let me here suggest, he holds the key to his own prosperity and success.

"I trust the day is not far distant when every city in this broad land will have organizations of salesmen in the different lines, the object of which will be to establish an association with the desire to increase their influence, that they become a greater factor in the business world, and worthy of greater recognition in the councils of their employers.

"The varying conditions that confront him are what increases his energy, and contribute, sooner or later, with the opportunities accorded to him, his success.

"He does not come into a successful experience in a day; even wealth, prominence, or social position (great factors) go for naught to the man who adopts the road as a profession. He has that working within him which will make him great, and he works out by his energy and his will that destiny that places him in the front rank among his fellows. Continued perseverance in his line of duty, consideration for his employers and his customers' interests, an honest sense of justice for his competitors are the important elements of his success.

"He must be tensile, virile, tough; in storm and strife his life is passed, but his spirit ever seeketh rest and peace. You all laugh at this man, and you all laugh with him when he tells his joke. No one sees the canker worm beneath his smile. No one knows what cankering care is eating at his heart; what rose leaf hopes are crushed within his soul; what aspirations he crushed beneath the heel of stern necessity.

"The rollicking fellow that he is gives no indication of his profound nature, whose depths are only known to his God. He sells his goods, but his manhood is his own, and no prince or potentate has wealth enough to buy his secret thought. He has a hard time of it, but when the last order is taken, and he, at the end of his trip knocks at the pearly gates, St. Peter will accord him golden wings, and, in the language of the poet, say:

"Gabriel, give him a seat alone,
One with a cushion up near the throne
Call up some angels to play their best.
Let him enjoy the music and rest.
See that on the finest ambrosia he feeds.
He's had about all the hell he needs.
It isn't just hardly the thing to do,
To roast him on earth and in future
too."

Steel capsules, each containing about a twelfth of an ounce of compressed carbonic acid gas, are supplied by a Zurich firm under the name of "sodor." The gas is intended for effervescing drinks, and it is used in a special glass bottle, whose stopper on closing pierces the capsule. The bottles withstand an internal pressure of 50 atmospheres, while the capsules are proof against at least 500 atmospheres.

Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

TIN—Lamb and Hagg, 56 and 28, lb. ingots, per lb. 31c.

TIN PLATES—Charcoal plates, 1c, 10 x14, 12x12 and 14x20, \$5.25; 1 X, same size box, \$6.25; 1 O, charcoal, 20 x28, 112 sheets to box, \$10, 1 X box 20x 28, 112 sheets, \$12.00.

TERNE PLATES—1 C, 20x28, \$10.00.

IRON AND STEEL—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price \$2.55; band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.85; Swedish iron, 100 lbs., \$5 to \$6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.25, tire steel, \$3.75; cast tool steel, lb., 9 to 12 1-2c; imitation Russian sheets, 7 to 8c; genuine Russian sheets, lb., 12 to 13c.

STEEL BOILER PLATE—3-16 inch \$3; 3-8 inch and thicker, \$2.75.

BOILER TUBES—2 inch, 14c per foot; 2 1-2 inch, 15 1-2c; 3 inch, 17c per foot.

SHEET IRON—10 to 20 gauge, \$3.50, 22 to 26, \$3.75, 28 gauge, \$4.

CANADA PLATES—Garth and Blaine, \$4.35.

GALVANIZED IRON—American, 16 gauge, \$4.25; 18 to 22, \$4.50; 24 gauge, \$4.75; 26 gauge, \$5; 28 gauge, \$5.25 per 100 lbs. Queen's head, 25c advance on American prices.

IRON PIPE—Quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1-4 inch, \$4.25, 3-8, \$4.35; 1-2 \$5.25; 3-4, \$5.75; 1 inch, \$6.25; 1 1-4 \$11; 1 1-2, \$13.50; 2, \$18; larger, 33 per cent.

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

STAMPED TINWARE—Plain, 70 and 20 per cent; returned 70 and 12 1-2 per cent.

CHAIN—Proof coil, 3-16 in. per 100 lbs., \$7.50; do. 1-4 in. \$7; do. 5-16 in. \$5.50; do. 3-8 in. \$5.25; do. 7-16 in. \$5; do. 1-2 in. and up, \$8; trace, per doz. pairs, \$3.75 to \$5.50; jack chain, iron, single, per doz. yards, 15 to 75c; jack chain, double, per doz. yards, 25c to \$1.

COPPER—Tinned copper sheets, 10c, planished, 35c; boiler and TK pitted, plain tinned, per lb. 29c; spun 33c.

LEAD—14c, per lb. 5 to 6c.

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

SOLDER—Half and half, per lb. 20c.

SHOT—Soft, 6 1-2c per lb; chilled, 7c; blackshot, 7 1-2c.

AMMUNITION—Cartridges—R. F. Hotel, American discount 37 1-2 to 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 per cent to 50 and 5 per cent; centre fire military, American, net list; centre fire pistol and rifle, American, 10 per cent; centre fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to \$8.50.

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

WADS—Grey felt, 75c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 12 and smaller gauge, 20c per lb; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 10 gauge, 25c per lb. Chemically prepared lines, edge grey cloth wads, in boxes of 250 each, 11 and smaller gauges, 65c per 1,000; 9 and 10 gauges, 75c per 1,000; 7 and 8 gauges, \$1 per 1,000.

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

LAGER BITS—American, 65 to 70 per cent Jennings' Excelsior, 50 per cent; post hole, Vaughan's, each 60 to 90c.

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

BILLING—Extra, 30 to 35 per cent; No. 1, 50 to 50 and 10 per cent; agricultural, 55 to 60 per cent.

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

BTTN—Loose pins, cast, dis. 60 per cent; wrought steel, fast joints, dis. 65 per cent; loose pins, dis. 65 per cent; Berlin bronzed, dis. 45 per cent; gen. bronzed, per pair, 35 to 55.

HINGES—Light T and strap, 65 per cent; heavy, per lb. 5 to 6c; screw hook

and hinge, 6 to 10 in., 5c per lb.; 12 in. up, per lb., 4c; spring screen door, \$1 to \$2.25 doz.

HARVEST TOOLS—62 1-2 per cent.

ROPE—Sisal, lb. 11 1-2c base, manilla, lb. 13c base; cotton, 1-4 to 1-2 in. and larger, 15c lb.; deep sea, 16 1-2c; lath yarn, 10c.

BUILDING PAPER—Anchor brand plain 45c; do. tarred, 60c; Jubilee, plain 57c; do. tarred, 73c.

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

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

NAILS—Wire—1 1-2 in. up, \$2.35; 4 in. \$3.10, 3 in. \$3.45, 3 1-2 in. \$3.50, 2 in. \$3.65; 1 1-2 in. \$3.75, 1 1-4 in. \$4. 1 in. \$4.35.

NAILS—Cut—30d up, \$2.75; 10d, \$2.80; 10d, \$2.85; 8d, \$2.90; 6d, \$3.05, 4d, \$3.15; 3d, \$3.40; 2d, \$3.70.

SCREWS—Wood, F. H., iron and steel dis. 80 and 5; Wood, R. H. iron, dis. 70 and 10, wood, F. H., brass, dis. 70 and 10; wood, R. H., brass, dis. 65 per cent. Bench, wood, per doz. \$3.75 to \$4.50, bench, iron, per doz. \$4.50 to \$6.

SOLDERING IRONS—Per lb. 32c.

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

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

STAPLES—Galvanized, \$4.25 per 100 lbs.

WIRE CLOTH—Painted screen, per 100 sq. ft. \$1.90.

RIVETS AND BURRS—Carriage, section, wagon box rivets, etc., steel 37 1-2 per cent; black M rivets, 37 1-2 per cent; black and tinned 37 1-2 per cent. copper rivets and burrs, 32 1-2c; cartons 1c per lb. extra net.

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

AXLE GREASE—Imperial, case, \$2.70.

FRASER'S axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, case, \$2.35.

COAL TAR—Per barrel, \$5.

PINE PATCH—\$4 per barrel.

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

PLASTER AND HAIR—Plaster, barrel, \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 85c bale.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, Etc.

WHITE LEAD—Pure, \$6.62 1-2 100 lbs, No. 1, \$6.37 1-2.

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

DRY COLORS—White lead, lb. 7 1-2c; red lead, kegs, 6 1-2c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1-2c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1-2c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3 1-2c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb.; Paris green, 18 to 20c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1-2c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3 1-2c; less quantities, 4c lb.

VARNISHES—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50 to \$2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 to \$2.25; No. 1 orange shellac, \$2.25; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

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

ALABASTINE—Cases of 20 packages, \$6.50.

GASOLINE—Stove, per case, \$3.50.

BENZINE—Case, \$3.50.

WINDOW GLASS—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.25; 26 to 40, \$2.50 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$5.30; 51 to 60, \$5.80; 61 to 70, \$6.30 per 100 feet boxes.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, gal., 61c; boiled, gal. 63c in barrels, less than barrels, 6c gal. extra, with additional charges for cans.

TURPENTINE—Pure spirits, in barrels,

70c; less than barrels, gal. 75c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

OILS—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c gal; clear, machine oil, 27 to 30c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c; a 80 quality; castor oil, 11c per lb.; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gal.

REFINED PETROLEUM—Prices here are as follows: Silver Star, 18c; Crescent, 20 1-2c. Oleophene, 21c in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 24 1-2c for Cocene and 21 1-2c for sunlight. Straight car lots Silver Star 1c less, other brands 2c less.

Scientific Notes.

Aluminum is a source of stored energy whose use, as described to the German Electro-Chemical society, has given astonishing results. When mixed in a sand-lined wooden bucket with an oxygen compound, such as iron oxide, the aluminum can be ignited with a match, after which it burns quietly, giving forth intense heat, which may reach 3,000 degrees C. This supplies an economical furnace for brazing or hard soldering. It can be used also for welding, for producing pure wrought iron, and for obtaining certain pure metals free from carbon that have been almost impossible to produce. A mass of metallic chromium weighing 55 pounds has been obtained. The slag is artificial corundum of extraordinary hardness, containing minute artificial rubies.

The record of the ordinary tuning fork chronograph is traced on a smoke-blackened surface. A new and far more delicate chronograph consists of a cylinder, rotated with a surface velocity of 100 feet per second, on which is photographed a pencil of light which has passed through a hole in the end of a rapidly vibrating tuning fork. A recent curious record is that of the compression of a copper cylinder by a blow. A 33-pound weight falling 15 inches permanently compressed the cylinder 0.1658 inch, and the chronograph curve shows the progress of the compression during its interval of 0.0030317 second.

Theodore A. Heintzman, founder of the oil and well known piano manufacturing house of Heintzman & Co., Toronto, is dead. His age was 83 years.

FACTS

The Victor Safe and Lock Co. are the largest manufacturers of Fire Proof Safes in the world.

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TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, July 29.
Dry goods—Fall trade is now in full swing. Retailers are taking a better class of goods than formerly. Dollar fabrics are now asked for where 40 or 50 cent stuff was wanted a year or two ago. Cottons are very firm, owing to the advance in United States cottons this week. Sheetings are very scarce here.

Hardware—Trade is less active and fewer changes have occurred this week. The market is mostly firm. Steel wire is 15 cents dearer. Brown's pipe tongs are 20 per cent higher. Split pulleys, 10 to 15 per cent higher. Canadian curry combs, 10 per cent dearer. Pig tin is 2c higher at 36c. Pig iron \$2 higher at \$21 f.o.b. Hamilton. Skate straps 20 per cent dearer. Galvanized sheets 25c dearer.

Groceries—Business is good in this branch. Canned goods are less active and easier, owing to favorable crop prospects. Some spot goods have been sold lower than is asked for futures. Packers still quote corn and tomatoes for future delivery at 75c. Canned meats have advanced 5c. Teas are quiet. Some demand for Japan at about 16c.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, July 29.
Manitoba flour is 10 to 20c lower, oats 1c lower; eggs 1-2c lower; butter 1-2c higher for creamery; dairy unchanged. Cheese 1-4 to 1-2c higher.

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$3.90; Manitoba bakers \$3.60; Ontario straight roller, \$3.15 to \$3.20 per barrel for car lots Toronto freights.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat 68 to 68 1-2c for cars at country points, No. 1 hard 81c, grinding in transit, and 79 1-2c Toronto freights.

Oats—28 to 29c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 42c at country points for car lots.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14.00 to \$14.50 per ton; bran, \$11.00 to \$11.50 per ton at country points.

Oatmeal—\$3.80 in bags per barrel and \$3.50 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—Fresh, 13 to 13 1-2c. Butter—dairy, tubs, choice fresh 13 to 13c; seconds, 10 to 12c; creamery, tubs, 17 to 17 1-2c.

Cheese—New, 9 1-4 to 9 1-2c for job lots to the local trade.

Hides—8 1-4c for No. 1, 7 1-4c for No. 2, and 6 1-4c for No. 3. Cured hides 9c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 30c; calfskins, 7 and 9c for No. 1 and No. 2; tallow, 4 to 4 1-4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 14 to 14 1-2c; unwashed, 8 1-2 to 9c.

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

Dried Apples—5 1-2 to 6 1-2c for round lots; evaporated, 10c.

Maple syrup—10c to \$1.10 per gal. in tins, imperial measure.

Honey—6c to 6 1-2c in bulk; tins, 6 1-2 to 7 1-2c; sections, \$1.25 to \$1.40.

Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 11c; chickens, 7c to \$1 per pair.

Potatoes—Steady at 75c per bushel for new.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, July 25.
Receipts of live stock at the market to-day were 65 carloads of all kinds, including 1,500 hogs, and 550 sheep and lambs.

Export Cattle—Demand quiet, owing to low prices in England. Sales ranged mostly at \$4.50 to \$4.50 per 100 lbs and \$5 was about the top.

Butchers Cattle—Market quiet. Extra choice in best demand. Sales ranged from \$3 to \$3.75 and choice at \$4 to \$4.25.

Sheep—Export sheep in fair demand at \$3.50 to \$3.60 for choice. Others at \$3.25 upward for ewes; bucks, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per 100 lbs.; lambs \$3 to \$4.50 each.

Hogs—Choice bacon 160 to 200 lbs. weight, 5 1-2c per lb; light and heavy fat, 4 3-4c, stores 4c, sows 3c, stags 2c.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, July 28.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 75 carloads, including 1,400 hogs and 1,200 sheep and lambs.

Export cattle were easier at \$4.25 to \$4.90 per 100 lbs. Butchers' cattle were firmer at \$3 to \$4.35. Export sheep firm at \$3.50 to \$3.65. Hogs firm and demand good, at Tuesday's prices.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
Montreal, July 29.

All lines of groceries are in good demand and the movement is fairly active. Prices remain unchanged as follows:

Granulated sugar quoted at \$1.50 per 100 lbs at refineries, yellows, \$3.70 to \$4.25; molasses, 33 1-2 in round lots, and 35c in car lots; syrups, 13-4 to 2 1-4c, as to quality Valencia raisins, 4 3-4 to 5 1-2c; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c. currants, 5 1-2 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 7 to 9c; Mocha, 21 to 23c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c; standard B, 3 3-4 to 4c; canned corn, 90c; peas, 67 1-2 to 70c; tomatoes, 77 to 80c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
Montreal, July 29.

There is a good enquiry for all lines of hardware and iron goods and prices are firm. Paints and oils are also in good demand and steady.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.
Montreal, July 29.

Some sales of round lots of oats are reported, but the price remains unchanged. Flour is fairly active and steady. Feed is in good demand, shorts being scarce at an advance of 5c. Oatmeal is quiet. Hides are steady. Lambskins are expected to advance 5 to 10c next week. Eggs are higher, having advanced 1c over last Saturday's quotations. Butter is firmer at an advance of 1-2c on the inside figure for dairy, and 1-2c on the top price of creamery. Country markets for cheese are stronger. Western cheese is quoted at 3-8 to 1-2c higher, and eastern 1-2c higher. Receipts of potatoes are increasing and prices are 15 to 25c per barrel lower. Quotations are as follows:
Oats—No. 2 white, 32 to 32 1-2c afloat basis, 33 1-2c in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.70 to \$3.90; Manitoba patents, \$4 to \$4.30.

Millfeed—Bran, \$12.50 to \$13.00 per ton; shorts \$15.50 including sacks.

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

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 9c; No. 2, 8c; No. 3, 7c, calfskins, No. 1, 11c; No. 2, 9c; lambskins and clips, 30c; tallow, 3 3-4 to 4 1-4c.

Eggs—Choice fresh 12 1-2 to 13 1-2c; second grade 11 to 12c.

Butter—Fresh dairy, 14 to 15c. Butter—Creamery, 18 to 19c.

Cheese—Western, 9 1-2 to 9 5-8c; eastern 9 1-8 to 9 3-8c.

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

Potatoes—New potatoes, \$1.15 to \$1.25 per barrel.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.
Montreal, July 25.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market at the East End abattoir yesterday were 350 cattle, 300 sheep and lambs.

The market was steady. The quality of grass stock is much better, and less inferior stock is offering. Choice cattle sold at 5 to 5 1-4c; good at 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c; fair, at 4 to 4 1-4c, and lower grades at 2 1-2 to 3 3-4c. Sheep sold at 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c per lb, and lambs at from \$2.50 to \$4.50 each, as to size. There were 300 fat hogs offered at the Canadian Pacific stock yards, which sold at \$1.25 to \$1.60 per 100 lbs, weighed off cars, in straight lots.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, July 28.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts included 400 cattle and 650 sheep and lambs.

In best grades of cattle there was no change. Fair to good sold at 3 1-2 to 4 1-2. Sheep fetched 3 1-4 to 3 3-4c per pound, lambs \$2.50 to \$4.50 each. Hogs were higher at \$4.50 to \$4.65 per 100 pounds.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.
Liverpool, July 28.—Cheese is quoted stronger at 44s for colored and 44s 6d for white.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
Liverpool, July 28.—Cattle weaker and 1-4c lower at 10 1-2 to 11 1-2c per lb for choice steers, dressed weight.

SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial.
London, July 28.—Beet is steady at 10s 8 1-4d for July and August, which is a gain of 1 3-4d compared with a week ago.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

London, July 24.—The market for cattle was weaker again to-day, and prices declined 1-2 to 3-4c, since this day week. Choice States cattle sold at 11 3-4c; Canadians at 11 1-2c, and Argentines at 10 1-2c. For sheep prices were maintained at 12 1-2c for Canadians and Argentines.

Liverpool, July 24.—Trade in cattle was bad, and prices declined 1-2 to 1c, Canadians selling at 10 1-2c. Sheep were firmer and 1-2c higher, at 10 1-2c.

COAL GOES UP.

New York, July 28.—The anthracite companies announce that all orders for coal at prices prior to July 1, not filled on July 31, will be cancelled, and the advance of 25 per cent per ton will then go into general effect.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

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

Chicago, July 24.—Wheat—July opened 70 3-8c a, closed 69 7-8c a, Sept. opened 70 7-8c, closed 70 1-2 to 70 3-4c.

Chicago, July 25.—Wheat, July opened 70c, closed 70 5-8c to 3-4c; Sept. opened 70 1-2 to 3-8c, closed 71 1-4c to 1-2 a; Dec. opened 72 1-2 to 3-4c; closed 73 1-4c. Corn, July opened 62c to 1-1c a; closed 32 3-8c a. Sept. opened 31 3-4 to 5-8c, closed 32 a; Dec. opened 30 to 29 7-8, closed 30 3-4 to 1-2 b. Oats, July opened 24 1-2, closed 24 3-4c; Sept. opened 19 3-8c to 1-2, closed 19 1-2c to 3-4c; Dec. opened 19 3-4c, closed 19 7-8c. Pork, Sept. opened \$9.00, closed \$8.90; Oct. opened \$9.05; closed \$8.92 1-2; Lard, Sept. opened \$5.47 1-2, closed \$5.40; Oct. opened \$5.55, closed \$5.45. Ribs, Sept. opened \$5.17 1-2 to \$5.17 5-8, closed \$5.15, Oct., opened \$5.20, closed \$5.17 1-2 to \$5.17 5-8. Flax, N. W. \$1.00 1-2a; S. W. 97c a; July 98 1-2c a; Sept. 96c b; Oct. 95 1-2c b.

Chicago, July 26.—Wheat, July opened 70 7-8c b, closed 70 5-8c a; Sept. opened 71 3-8c to 71 1-2c, closed 71 5-8c; Dec. opened 73 3-8 to 73 1-4c, closed 73 1-2 to 73 5-8c. Corn, July opened 32 3-8c, closed 32 1-2c, Sept. opened 32 to 32 1-8c, closed 32 3-8c a. Oats, July opened 24 3-4c b, closed 24c; Sept. opened 19 1-2 to 19 5-8c, closed 19 1-2 to 19 5-8c b, Dec. opened 20, closed 20c b.

Chicago, July 27.—Wheat, July opened 70 1-4c, closed 69 5-8c; Sept. opened 71 to 70 7-8c, closed 70 5-8c b; Dec. opened 72 7-8c, closed 72 5-8c. Corn, July opened, 31 7-8 to 31 5-8c, closed 31 1-2c b, Sept. opened 32 to 31 5-8c, closed 31 5-8c a. Oats July opened 24c, closed 23 1-8c; Sept. opened 19 3-8 to 19 1-4c, closed 19 1-4 to 19 1-2c; Dec. opened 19 7-8c, closed 19 5-8c. Pork, Sept. opened \$8.77 1-2, closed \$8.75 1-2 b; Oct. opened \$8.65, closed \$8.77 1-2 n. Lard, Sept. opened \$5.35 to \$5.37 1-2, closed \$5.35 a, Oct. opened \$5.40, closed \$5.40. Ribs, Sept. opened \$5.10, closed \$5.07 1-2 b; Oct. opened \$5.15, closed \$5.12 1-2 b. Flax, N. W. \$1. S. W. 97c h; July 97 1-2c n, Sept. 95 1-2c b; Oct. 95c b.

Chicago, July 28.—Wheat, July opened 69 5-8c, closed 70 1-2c n. Sept. opened 70 1-4 to 1-2c to 1-4c, closed 71 1-8c n. Dec. opened 72 1-4 to 1-8c, closed 73c b. Corn, July opened 31 1-2c, closed 31 3-4c, Sept. opened 31 3-8 to 1-4c, closed 31 3-4c b. Dec. opened 23 3-4 to 5-8c, closed 30 1-8c. Oats, July 23c, closed 23 5-8c. Sept. opened 19 1-4c, closed 19 3-8c. Dec. opened 19 5-8, closed 19 3-4c. Pork, Sept. opened \$8.82 1-2c, closed \$8.80. Oct. opened \$8.82 1-2c, closed \$8.95 a. Lard, Sept. opened at \$5.37 1-2, closed \$5.45. Oct. opened at \$5.42 1-2, closed \$5.50. Ribs, Sept. opened \$5.10 to \$5.12 1-2, closed \$5.17 1-2. Oct. opened \$5.17 1-2, closed \$5.22 1-2. Flax, cash N. W. \$1. S. W. 97c n. July 97c n.

Chicago, July 29.—Wheat opened at 71 1-2 to 71 1-2c for September option and ranged from 70 3-4 to 71 1-2c. Closing prices were:
Wheat—July, 70 1-2c, Sept., 70 7-8c; Dec., 72 3-4c.
Corn—July, 31 1-2c, Sept., 31 3-8c.
Oats—July, 26c, Sept., 19 1-4c.
Pork—Sept., 8.82 1-2.
Lard—July, 5.35; Sept., 5.40.
Ribs—July, 5.10; Sept., 5.15.

A week ago September option closed at 70 1-2c; a year ago September wheat closed at 64c, and two years ago at 74 5-8c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, July 29.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$1. for cash, and September at 95 1-2c.

New York Wheat

New York, July 24.—Wheat, July opened 76 1-8c, closed 75 3-4 a; Sept. opened 76 1-8c, closed 75 3-4 a; Dec. opened 78 1-8c, closed 77 3-4 a.

New York, July 25.—Wheat, July opened 75 3-4c a, closed 76 1-4c b, Sept. opened 75 5-8c, closed 76 3-8c b; Dec. opened 77 3-4c, closed 78 1-2c.

New York, July 26.—Wheat, July, opened 76 3-8c, closed 76 3-9c b; Sept. opened 76 3-8c, closed 76 5-8c a; Dec. opened 78 1-2c, closed 78 7-8 b.

New York, July 27.—Wheat, July opened 76 3-4c, closed 76 1-4c; Sept., opened 76 1-8c, closed 75 3-4 b; Dec. opened, 78 1-4c, closed 77 7-8c b.

New York, July 28.—Wheat, July opened 75 7-8c, closed 76 1-8c b. Sept. opened 75 3-8c a, closed 76c b. Dec. opened 77 1-2c, closed 78 1-8c b.

New York, July 29.—Wheat closed to-day as follows: July, 76 7-8c; Sept. 76 1-4c; Dec. 78 1-2c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—July, 70 1-4c; Sept. 69 3-4c
Tuesday—July 70 7-8c, Sept. 70 3-4c
Wednesday—July, 71 3-8c; Sept. 70 3-4c.

Thursday—July, 70 1-4; Sept. 69 3-4c
Friday—July, 70 5-8c; Sept. 70 1-8c;
Dec. 71 1-8c.

Saturday—July 70 7-8c; Sept. 70 1-8c;
Dec. 71 1-8c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 73 3-8c, and cash No. 1 northern at 70 7-8c.

A week ago September wheat closed at 69 5-8c. A year ago September wheat closed at 64 3-4c, two years ago at 75c, three years ago at 58c, four years ago at 66 1-8c, five years ago at 54 1-4c and six years ago at 61 3-4c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT

Saturday, July 29.—No. 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 67 3-4c for July and 67 1-2c for Sept. option; cash No. 1 northern, 68 7-8c; cash No. 2 northern, 67 5-8c.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT MARKET.

Liverpool, July 29.—Wheat closed 1-1 to 1d higher.

TORONTO CURED MEATS.

Toronto, July 29.

Long clear breakfast bacon, hams and rolls advanced 1-2c on Friday making the quotations now. Bacon, 12c; hams, 10 1-2 to 12c, according to size; and rolls, 9c.

THE COMMERCIAL MEN.

The following commercial men registered at the Leland House, Winnipeg, this week: R. G. Bedlington, Alex. Munro, Hamilton; W. J. Verity, Brantford; A. R. McDonald, J. L. Doyle, Geo. W. Weston, Toronto, E. Goldstone, Windsor; T. H. Cairns, Chicago, Geo. M. Newton, Montreal.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Market very dull. Basis 1 hard sold at 70c this morning, but the close was easier and nominal at 69 1-2c to 70c, in store Fort William.

Freight Rates.

On August 1 the local rate on grain from Chicago to New York will be advanced to 17c. The proportional export rate will be 11c on wheat and corn, and 13c on oats. Provisions will be advanced to 25c.

Ocean rates were reported easier at 2d per bushel on grain from New York and 1 1-2d from Boston to Liverpool. The through grain rate from Chicago to Liverpool is 11.90 to 12c per bushel, like and rail via New York and 10.90c via Boston. Flour is 22.40c per 100 lbs. via New York or Boston.

Lake and rail rates from Chicago to New York are 14c per 100 lbs on flour 5 1-2c per bushel on wheat and 4c on oats. To New England flour rates are 16c per 100 lbs., 8 1-2c per bushel on wheat and 5c on oats.

Lake rates were reported easier at 2 1-8c for wheat, and 1 1-2c for oats Chicago to Buffalo and 1 1-2c for oats to Georgian Bay ports.

A Substitute for Oak.

A prominent authority on timber believes that the time has now arrived when a substitute will have to be found for oak, the scarcity of which has raised prices to such a high point as to render some substitute a necessary consequence. He suggests that there is one wood which will answer some of the purposes to which oak largely is applied, which is peculiarly adapted to interior finish but has long been neglected because of the somewhat faddish idea that nothing else can supplant oak. Southern red gum he believes to be the ideal substitute for oak for interior finish and for some kinds of furniture.

Not only is oak lumber scarce, but the end of the supply of timber is visibly approaching. On the contrary, gum is plentiful in both timber and lumber and supplies in the forests and swamps of Arkansas, Missouri, Mississippi, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee are apparently inexhaustible. The timber is easily accessible and grows abundantly in large tracts; the logs will float in the water when green, the fiber, though close, does not offer as great resistance to the saw as oak or many other woods; the lumber can be dried with infinitely more ease; it can be worked as easily as white pine, and when finished takes on a polish superior to that of which most other woods are capable.

There are five or six varieties of gum the differences between them being mainly slight and induced by soil and climate. Among the names popularly used are red gum, tupelo, satin walnut, pepperidge, hazelwood, black gum and California walnut.—American Lumberman.

During the week ending July 22nd 3,082 head of cattle, 1,838 sheep and 229 horses left the port of Montreal for British markets.

The Atlantic Refining Co. will establish a branch in Winnipeg, and push trade in the west. W. C. Manning will be manager.

The up-to-date look agent now wears a canvas suit.

Corn bread will go much further in a hungry family than philosophy will.

Ladies will wear their skirts longer in July than in June—no day longer.