

Technical and Bibliographic Notes / Notes techniques et bibliographiques

The Institute has attempted to obtain the best original copy available for filming. Features of this copy which may be bibliographically unique, which may alter any of the images in the reproduction, or which may significantly change the usual method of filming, are checked below.

L'Institut a microfilmé le meilleur exemplaire qu'il lui a été possible de se procurer. Les détails de cet exemplaire qui sont peut-être uniques du point de vue bibliographique, qui peuvent modifier une image reproduite, ou qui peuvent exiger une modification dans la méthode normale de filmage sont indiqués ci-dessous.

Coloured covers/
Couverture de couleur

Coloured pages/
Pages de couleur

Covers damaged/
Couverture endommagée

Pages damaged/
Pages endommagées

Covers restored and/or laminated/
Couverture restaurée et/ou pelliculée

Pages restored and/or laminated/
Pages restaurées et/ou pelliculées

Cover title missing/
Le titre de couverture manque

Pages discoloured, stained or foxed/
Pages décolorées, tachetées ou piquées

Coloured maps/
Cartes géographiques en couleur

Pages detached/
Pages détachées

Coloured ink (i.e. other than blue or black)/
Encre de couleur (i.e. autre que bleue ou noire)

Showthrough/
Transparence

Coloured plates and/or illustrations/
Planches et/ou illustrations en couleur

Quality of print varies/
Qualité inégale de l'impression

Bound with other material/
Relié avec d'autres documents

Continuous pagination/
Pagination continue

Tight binding may cause shadows or distortion along interior margin/
La reliure serrée peut causer de l'ombre ou de la distorsion le long de la marge intérieure

Includes index(es)/
Comprend un (des) index

Blank leaves added during restoration may appear within the text. Whenever possible, these have been omitted from filming/
Il se peut que certaines pages blanches ajoutées lors d'une restauration apparaissent dans le texte, mais, lorsque cela était possible, ces pages n'ont pas été filmées.

Title on header taken from: /
Le titre de l'en-tête provient:

Title page of issue/
Page de titre de la livraison

Caption of issue/
Titre de départ de la livraison

Masthead/
Générique (périodiques) de la livraison

Additional comments: /
Commentaires supplémentaires:

This item is filmed at the reduction ratio checked below /
Ce document est filmé au taux de réduction indiqué ci-dessous.

10X	14X	18X	22X	26X	30X
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12X	16X	20X	24X	28X	32X

BANK OF MONTREAL

ESTABLISHED 1817.

Capital all Paid-up - \$12,000,000
 Reserve Fund, - 6,000,000
 Undivided Profits - 981,328

HEAD OFFICE, MONTREAL
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Hon. Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, G.C.M.G., President.
 Hon. G. A. Drummond, Vice-President.
 A. T. Paterson, Esq., Hugh McLennan, Esq.
 W. C. McDonald, Esq., E. B. Angus, Esq.
 Edw. B. Greenshield, Esq., A. F. Gault, Esq.
 W. W. Ogilvie, Esq.
 E. S. Clouston, General Manager.

BRANCHES in all the principal cities and towns throughout the Dominion of Canada, and in the following cities: St. John's, Newfoundland London, Eng. 22 Abchurch Lane, E.C. New York, 59 Wall St. Chicago, 185 La Salle Street.

BANKERS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

Liverpool—Bank of Liverpool
 Scotland—British Linen Co. Bank and Branches.

WINNIPEG BRANCH

Transfers Circular Letters of Credit and Commercial Credits issued for use in all parts of the world.
 Collections made on favorable terms.
 Interest allowed on deposits at current rates.

A. F. D. MACGACHEN, Manager

DOMINION BANK

CAPITAL (PAID UP) - \$1,500,000
 RESERVE FUND - 1,500,000

Hon. Sir Frank Smith, Pres., E. B. Osler, Vice-Pres.

HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO

R. D. GAMBLE, General Manager

FOREIGN AGENTS

LONDON, ENG.—National Bank of Scotland, Limited
 NEW YORK—Agents Bank of British North America and National City Bank.
 MINNEAPOLIS—Northwestern National Bank.
 CHICAGO—Commercial National Bank
 BUFFALO—Bank of Buffalo.
 BOSTON—Howard National Bank.

A General Banking Business Transacted
 Special attention given to Collections

Winnipeg Branch - F. L. Patton, Manager

UNION BANK OF CANADA

CAPITAL AUTHORIZED - \$2,000,000
 CAPITAL PAID-UP - 1,915,000
 REST - 350,000

HEAD OFFICE, QUEBEC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Andrew Thompson, Esq., Pres. Hon. E. J. Fries, Vice-Pres.
 D. C. Thomson, Esq. E. J. Hale, Esq.
 E. Giroux, Esq. Jas. King, Esq., M.P.P.
 Hon. John Sharpley
 E. E. Webb, General Manager. J. G. Billett, Inspector

BRANCHES IN MANITOBA AND NORTH WEST TERRITORIES

WINNIPEG—THOS. McCAFFRY, Manager.

GEORGE HOWLES, Assistant Manager.

Edmonton, Man. Morden, N.W.T. Neepawa, Man. Virden, Man. Glenboro, Man. Carleton Place
 Selkirk, Man. Regina, N.W.T.
 Brandon, Man. Lethbridge, N.W.T.
 Morden, Man. Souris, Man.
 Winnipeg, Man. Brandon, Man.
 Indian Head, Assa. Wainwright, Alberta
 Hartney, Man. Calgary, N.W.T.
 Crystal City, Man.

BRANCHES IN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

Alexandria, Ont. Norwood, Ont. Smith Falls, Ont.
 Hastings, Ont. Ottawa, Ont. Toronto, Ont.
 Kerrville, Ont. Quebec, Que. Windsor, Ont.
 Montreal, Que. Shelburne, Ont. Winchester, Ont.
 Carleton Place

A General Banking Business Transacted.

Safe Deposit Boxes to Rent.

S. A. D. BERTRAND

OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE

For the Province of Manitoba, under the recommendation of the Board of Trade of the city of Winnipeg.

Insolvent and Trust Estates Managed with Promptness and Economy.

Special attention to Confidential Business Enquiries.

CORNER 2ND AVE. AND 2ND ST. NORTH.

WINNIPEG, MAN.

Imperial Bank of Canada

HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO.

Capital Paid Up - \$2,000,000
 Reserve - \$1,200,000

DIRECTORS:

H. S. Howland, President. T. R. Merritt, Vice-President.
 Wm. Hainsay, Holt, Jaffray. (St. Catharines).
 Hugh Ryan. T. Sutherland Stayner. Elias Rogers.
 D. R. White, General Manager. E. Hay, Inspector.

BRANCHES IN THE NORTHWEST AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Winnipeg, Man. C. S. Hoare, Manager.
 Brandon, Man. N. O. Leslie, "
 Portage la Prairie, Man. W. Bell, "
 Calgary, Alta. M. Morris, "
 Prince Albert, Sask. R. Davidson, "
 Edmonton, Alta. "
 Edmonton South, Alta. G. R. Y. Kirkpatrick, Manager
 Vancouver, B. C. A. Jukes, Manager.
 Revelstoke. A. R. B. Hearn, Manager

BRANCHES IN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Essex, Ont. Ingersoll, Ont.
 Galt, Ont. Niagara Falls, Ont.
 Rat Portage, Ont. Port Colborne, Ont.
 St. Catharines, Ont. St. Marys, Ont.
 Welland, Ont. St. Thomas, Ont.
 Fergus, Ont. Woodstock, Ont.

Montreal.

WINNIPEG BRANCH.

SAVINGS BANK DEPARTMENT—Deposits of \$1 and upwards received and interest allowed.

DEBENTURES—Municipal and other Debentures purchased.

AGENTS IN GREAT BRITAIN—The City's Bank Ltd., 72 Lombard St., London, with whom money may be deposited for transfer by letter or cable to any of the above branches.

LETTERS OF CREDIT issued on Alaska Commercial Co. payable at St. Michaels, Alaska and Dawson City. Deposit Receipts issued negotiable without charge at any of the Hudson's Bay Co's Posts in Athabasca, Peace River and Mackenzie Districts.

DRAFTS SOLD, available at all points in Canada, United States and Europe.

LETTERS OF CREDIT issued, available in any part of the world.

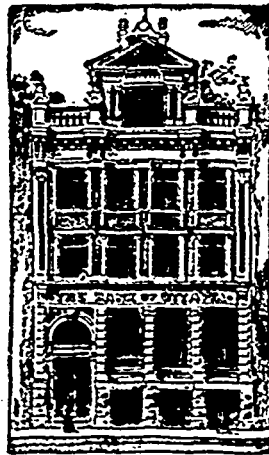
MONEY ORDERS issued payable at any Bank in Canada. Rates—Under \$10, 5c; \$10 to \$20, 10c; \$20 to \$30, 12c; \$30 to \$50, 15c.

C. S. HOARE, Manager.

BANK OF OTTAWA.

Head Office, Ottawa.

Capital paid up,
 Rest,



Capital authorized,
 Capital subscribed,

This Bank offers to clients every facility which their Balance, Business and responsibility warrant.

WINNIPEG BRANCH, - J. B. MONK, Manager

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO

Capital Paid Up - \$6,000,000
 Rest - 1,000,000

WINNIPEG BRANCH

Accounts of Corporations, Merchants and Individuals received on favorable terms.
 Credits issued for use in all parts of the world.
 Debentures purchased.

F. H. MATHEWSON, Manager.

BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA

ESTABLISHED 1838.
 INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER IN 1840.

Paid-up Capital - \$1,000,000 Stg.
 Reserve Fund - \$285,000 "

HEAD OFFICE—3 Clements Lane, Lombard St., London.

COURT OF DIRECTORS—J. H. Brodie, John James Cater, Henry R. Farrer, Gaspard Farrer, Richard H. Glyn, E. A. Hoare, H. J. B. Kendall, J. J. Kinyford, Frederic Lubbock, Gec. D. Whitman
 A. G. Wallis, Secretary.

Head Office in Canada—St. James St., Montreal.

H. Sikesman, General Manager.
 J. Emslay, Inspector.

BRANCHES IN CANADA.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO: London, Brantford, Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa.
 PROVINCE OF QUEBEC: Montreal, Quebec.
 PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA: Halifax.
 PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK: St. John, Fredericton.
 PROVINCE OF MANITOBA: Winnipeg, Brandon.
 BRITISH COLUMBIA: Ashcroft, Victoria, Vancouver, Rossland, Greenwood, Kaslo.
 YUKON DISTRICT: Dawson City.
 Trail (sub-agency)

AGENTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

New York—52 Wall Street, W. Lawson and J. C. Welsh, Agts.
 San Francisco—120 Sansome St., H. M. J. McMichael and J. R. Ambrose, Agents.

Drafts on Dawson City can now be obtained at any of the Bank's Branches.

The Western Loan & Trust Co.

LIMITED

Incorporated by Special Act of the Legislature.

Authorized Capital, - \$2,250,000.00
 Subscribed Capital, - \$2,201,200.00
 Office, 13 St. Jacques St., Montreal, Que.

DIRECTORS

Hon. A. W. Ogilvie Wm. Strachan, Esq.
 W. Barclay Stephens, Esq. R. Fontaine, Esq., M. P.
 R. W. Knight, Esq. John Hoodless, Esq.
 J. N. Greenshield, Esq., Q.C. W. L. Hogg, Esq.

OFFICERS

Hon. A. W. Ogilvie, Pres. Wm. Strachan, Esq. Vice-Pres.
 J. W. Michael, Esq., Accountant W. Barclay Stephens, Esq., Mgr.
 Solicitors—Messrs. Greenshield & Greenshield.
 Bankers—The Merchants Bank of Canada.

This Company acts as assignee, administrator, executor, trustee, receiver, committee of insolvent, guardian liquidator, etc. etc. also as agent for the above offices.
 Debentures issued for three or five years, both debentures and interest on the same can be collected in any part of Canada without charge.

For further particulars address the manager

CROTTY & CROSS, AGENTS, WINNIPEG

LEADING COMMERCIAL HOTELS

HOTEL LELAND

Headquarters for Commercial Men

City Hall Square, Winnipeg

HILLIARD HOUSE

LOUIS HILLIARD, Prop.

First-class accommodation for Commercial Men
 RAT PORTGE, ONT.

DICK, BANNING & CO.

WINNIPEG,

We are selling LUMBER at bottom prices. Give us a call.

FINE 
CLOTHING 

IS OUR SPECIALTY

DONALD FRASER & CO., MANUFACTURERS

WINNIPEG

MONTREAL

MANITOBA'S NEW INDUSTRY

Ed. Guilbault
 Tin Box Manufacturer

I manufacture, stamp and lithograph all descriptions of Tin Boxes, Butter Cans, Lard Pails, Baking Powder, Tea, Coffee and Spice Cans, etc. Special quotations to large Fish Canneries, Tea Packers, etc.

WRITE OR CALL FOR QUOTATIONS TO

ED. GUILBAULT
 ST. BONIFACE MANITOBA

HOLIDAY TRADE

FAMOUS
REDLAND ORANGES

Lion Head Redland Navel Oranges, the best received in this market, at lower prices.
 New Walnuts, Almonds, Filberts, Figs, Dates.
 Carload Clover Honey—See our pricelist. Honey at Ontario prices.
 Oysters fresh every day.
 Heated cars every week, no extra charge.

BRIGHT & JOHNSTON
 WINNIPEG



WE DESIRE to thank our Customers through THE COMMERCIAL for the patronage accorded us, and to wish all a Very Merry Xmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

LOVE, McALLISTER & CO
 WINNIPEG

Rat Portage Lumber Co.
 LIMITED

SASH, DOORS, MOULDINGS, ETC.

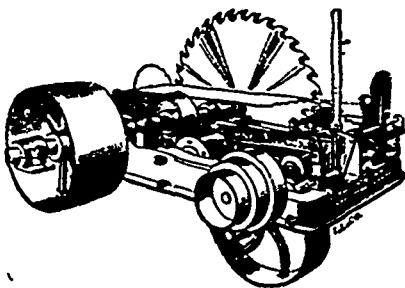
CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED

OFFICE AND WAREHOUSE:
 POINT DOUGLAS AVENUE WINNIPEG, MAN.
 J. C. GRAHAM, MANAGER WINNIPEG BRANCH

If you want BEST GOODS at lowest prices
 .. USE ..

Stephens' **PAINT**
 PURE READY MIXED

Manufactured by
C. F. STEPHENS & CO
 Market Street, WINNIPEG.

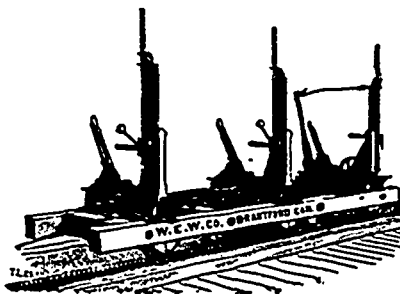


ENGINES AND BOILERS

Waterous Engine Works Co
 WINNIPEG, MAN.

SAW MILL MACHINERY

Shingle Mills and Planers
 Edgers and Trimmers



A FEW THINGS

that should be found in every well regulated household

DREWRY'S

Choice Stock Ale Extra Porter
 Canadian Pilsner Lager
 (A Fine Light Beer)
 Golden Key Brand Aerated Water
 Imperial Table Sauce } Choice Table
 India Chutney } Relishes

E. L. DREWRY
 Manufacturer and Importer, Winnipeg.

THE COMMERCIAL

The recognized authority on all matters pertaining to trade and progress in Western Canada, including that portion of Ontario west of Lake Superior, the Provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia and the Territories.

Seventeenth Year of Publication
ISSUED EVERY SATURDAY

SUBSCRIPTIONS, CANADA AND UNITED STATES
\$1.00 PER ANNUM IN ADVANCE OR \$1.25 WHEN
NOT SO PAID; OTHER COUNTRIES, \$2.50 PER
ANNUM IN ADVANCE.

*Changes for advertisements should be in not later
than Thursday Morning.*

Advertisements purporting to be news matter,
or which profess to express the opinions of this
journal, will not be inserted.

Office: 151 McDermot Street.

D. W. BUCHANAN,
Publisher.

The Commercial certainly enjoys a very much larger circulation among the business community of the vast region lying between Lake Superior and the Pacific Coast, than any other paper in Canada, daily or weekly. The Commercial also reaches the leading wholesale, commission, manufacturing and financial houses of Eastern Canada.

WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 31, 1898.

1898-1899.

The regular date of issue for The Commercial for 1898 falls on the last day of the year. The year now within a few hours of its close has been on the whole a very prosperous one for Western Canada. The country has probably made greater and more solid advancement during 1898, than during any previous year since the opening of the country for settlement by the advent of railways. The country, of course, experienced a great "boom" shortly after the Canadian Pacific railway contract was ratified; but while much real advancement was then made, a great deal of the apparent progress and prosperity of that time was of a speculative nature, which in its ultimate collapse brought disaster and loss upon many. The progress of 1898 has been entirely free from any speculative tendencies. It has been legitimate and substantial—such as will last.

During the year our population has undoubtedly increased at a more rapid rate than at any time since the "boom" period, while there is that difference that during the "boom" we gathered in a large floating population, which disappeared when conditions reached a natural or normal basis. Our increase in population this year has been of the producing class. Our farm lands have increased in value and have

been in better demand for actual settlement than ever before. We are now finding it advisable to drain some of our swamp areas in the older settled districts, to provide more land for purposes of cultivation. Our cities and towns have made rapid progress in population and building improvements. A few years ago it was said that Winnipeg could never become a manufacturing city, but we find that as population increases, industries are being established which were never thought of a few years ago. During the year a number of important industries have been established here.

Our farmers, who form the basis for our progress, are becoming independent. The farmers as a body are in a very different position from what they were a few years ago. The great majority of our farmers came here with very limited means, and they were obliged to work hard and economize in order to get a start. Many of them had to go through severe privations, such as must be the experience of all who try to establish themselves upon a farm, with limited means. Nearly all the older settlers have surmounted these difficulties and are now in a prosperous condition. The farm improvements in the way of buildings, carried on this year, indicate the general prosperity among the farmers.

Another important feature of progress for the year 1898 is the railway building which has been going on throughout the country. In Manitoba railway construction has been going on on no less than five different roads. Farther west we have the important Crow's Nest railway and the Boundary Creek district railway in British Columbia, while eastward progress has been made on the Rainy river road, which will form another through line to Lake Superior, in conjunction with the Winnipeg Southwestern. This has certainly been a very active year in railway building in the West. The new roads in Manitoba have made large and rich agricultural districts easily accessible for settlement, while the new roads in British Columbia and the territory between Winnipeg and Lake Superior, will assist in developing these wealthy mineral regions.

The outlook for 1899 is certainly favorable. During 1898 the country has entered the threshold of a new stage of prosperity and development, and we all expect that this progress will be maintained at a more rapid rate during 1899.

We wish our readers a prosperous New Year.

Drying Wheat.

It is pleasing to learn that the machinery recently put in several elevators for the drying of wheat is

working successfully. The drying of damp grain was never tried here before, and the matter was looked upon as an experiment. In fact many were heard to express their doubts as to the outcome of the attempts to dry the grain in this way. We noted in our wheat market report last week that samples of wheat dried at the Port Arthur elevator had been shown here, and the grain appeared to be in perfect condition. Since then we have had further information from Port Arthur of a very satisfactory nature. Mr. King, of this elevator, reports that he is very much pleased and even surprised at the quality of the wheat after it has been dried. Wheat that was very damp and that was expected to show up badly bleached, has dried out with its color almost unimpaired. All this is very encouraging, as it is now known that our damp wheat can be put into marketable condition, at a moderate cost, where otherwise it would be only fit for feeding on the farms.

The cost of the new drying plant put in the Port Arthur elevator will amount to \$25,000. It consists of two large boilers, 18 by 6 feet, which are connected by 6 inch steam pipe with drying plant in the elevator. The heating coils have been placed in a lean-to addition on one side of the elevator. The fans of the drying plant are driven by a fast running 80 horse power engine, made by the Waterous Engine Works Co., of Brantford, which has been put in specially for this purpose. There are four separate drying machines, each capable of handling 350 bushels at a time. The air is heated by passing through very large coils, and if driven through the wheat in the dryers by a large fan, which is kept running at a high speed. The passage of this hot air thaws the wheat and carries off the moisture. The hot air is then shut off and cold air is forced through, which has the effect of removing all sweat and dampness.

The length of time required to dry a quantity of grain equal to the capacity of the machines, varies according to the degree of dampness, but is usually from one to one and a half hours. The shrinkage in the weight of the grain will also vary according to the degree of dampness. About four pounds per bushel has been about the usual loss so far, but very wet grain would lose considerably more weight than this. This shrinkage of weight is not of course a loss to the grower, as it represents excessive moisture taken out of the wheat, which would have lost the same weight if it had been dried in the field. If sufficient moisture is taken out to leave the grain in a normal condition. If over-dried it would be damaged for milling purposes.

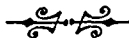
Apart from the damage done to Greenshields, Son & Co., and McIntyre, Son & Co., in the recent Montreal fire, the adjoining building, occupied by James Leggatt, was almost completely gutted, the loss being estimated at about \$50,000. In the building on the opposite side of the street, occupied by Mark Fisher & Co., the stock was damaged by fire and smoke to the extent of \$5,000. The city of Montreal, the Street Railway and the Lachine Electric Light company also suffered severely. The total loss is estimated at \$1,16,000, which is covered by insurance to the extent of \$1,009,000.

FROM ALL PARTS OF MANITOBA

COME ORDERS FOR

Edwardsburg Starch

Reindeer Brand Condensed Milk
Evaporated Cream
Coffee and Milk



POPULAR LINES TO HANDLE

For sale by all Winnipeg Wholesale Grocers.

E. NICHOLSON, Wholesale Agent, 124 Princess St., WINNIPEG

J. A. & M. COTE

ST. HYACINTHE
CANADA

WHOLESALE MANUFACTURERS

BOOTS AND SHOES

AN INSTANTANEOUS ADJUSTING SHOE, Patented—This is our greatest specialty for the coming season, particularly adapted to Farmers, Laborers, Mechanics and to very busy people. Merchants in outlying districts send for sample 30 pair case. Write direct to factory or to any of the addresses given below. We quote you the three great sellers of this new adjusting shoe as follows:

No. 31½ Blucher Cut, slip sole, retails with good margin at	-\$1.50
No. 30½ Balmoral Cut, slip sole, retails with good margin at	-\$1.75
No. 29½ Balmoral Cut, wide extension, retails with good margin at	-\$2.00

NOTHING LIKE THEM IN CANADA

Represented by J. P. Glass whose Manitoba address is Leland Hotel, Winnipeg, North-West address, Alberta Hotel, Calgary
British Columbia address, Leland Hotel, Vancouver.

SPRING SAMPLES FOR 1899 NOW ON THE ROAD

OGILVIE'S
ROLLED OATS

SUPERIOR FLAVOR

NOW IN
THE MARKET

PURE, CLEAN AND WHOLESOME
THERE IS NONE TO EQUAL THEM
YOU MUST TRY THEM



THE IDEAL
BREAKFAST FOOD

The Christmas Retail Trade.

Now that the year 1898 has drawn to a close and the holiday season, at least the shopping season, is over, some facts regarding the business of the past few weeks among the retail stores of Winnipeg, which is the chief shopping centre of the west, may prove interesting to readers of *The Commercial*. A representative of this journal has called upon most of the leading retail merchants of the city during the past week and conversed with them regarding the season's trade and from the reports obtained picked up by other information at hand we feel safe in saying that no such a volume of retail business has ever before been experienced here. Most of the stores in anticipation of a

to go by. Judged by this the results were all that could be desired.

Several things combined to encourage the holiday trade this month. Improved times has led to the more steady employment of all classes of people, especially those engaged in mechanical pursuits. Those engaged in the building trades are still busy, a condition of affairs almost unprecedented in the experience of this city, and as a result these have more money to spend than is usual. Then again, the large free excursion which the Northern Pacific Railway Company ran into the city from its new Belmont extension, on Friday, the 23rd, brought in over 1,500 people from some of the best parts of Southern Manitoba for the purpose largely of spending money.

stores were prettily decorated with arches of the daintiest muslins extending from the sides to the central pillars on each side of the dry goods department and many pleasing effects were obtained by the arrangement of the goods on the tables, counters and shelves. The grocery and other departments were no less tasty and pleasing. As regards the amount of business done the management testifies that it was highly satisfactory.

The departmental store of Robbison & Co. is another of the very large retail establishments of Winnipeg. Here an immense stock of almost every line of goods is carried and in the busy season a staff of upwards of 100 clerks is employed. Dry goods and ladies wear are the principal lines and were kept this year in almost endless



HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY'S DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT

good run of business stocked up unusually heavy so as to be prepared and large increases were everywhere made in the staff, but in spite of these preparations when the trade began to reach its full tide many lines of goods were sold out over and over again and the various wholesale houses in the city were called upon repeatedly to supply deficiencies. In fact the trade reached such dimensions that the stores handling the most popular lines of gift goods such as jewellery, fancy goods, books, toys and dry goods were taxed to their utmost to handle it. It is not possible to secure figures to show the exact amount or even an approximation of the amount of the city's turnover, but perhaps the degree of satisfaction displayed by the merchants is as good a standard to

The two weeks previous to Christmas were much the heaviest of the month of December, although the whole month was an exceptionally good one. Trade gradually increased right through the month and culminated on Saturday, the 24th, in the largest single day's business ever done in the city. The receipts of some of the larger stores for that day aggregated several thousands of dollars each.

The Hudson's Bay Company's stores are, of course, the oldest and much the largest in the city and are always crowded to the doors at Christmas time. This year was no exception to the rule. The splendid display of goods of almost every kind and the reputation of the company for honest qualities and fair prices attracted large crowds of buyers every day. The

variety. A particularly fine range of gloves and linen goods were shown. As regards decorations the principal attractions were as usual the windows. One of these was dressed with fancy articles of ladies' wear, silks and fine piece goods, dolls, etc., while the other contained men's ties, collars, handkerchiefs, etc., all tastefully displayed.

George Craig & Co. carry on another leading dry goods store. This well-known concern carried a particularly fine stock this year, better goods than ever and a greater variety. Some of the lines shown were unusually good value and proved to be great sellers. For instance a line of kid gloves in the newest shades and of good quality which usually sell at about \$1.25, were offered at 75c. This store is

HUTCHISON NISBET & AULD

TORONTO, ONT.



The Widest Range of

Woolens and Tailors' Trimmings

To be found in Canada

OVERCOATINGS IN STOCK. — Beavers, Meltons, Friezes (Irish and Canadian), Naps, Vicunas, Llamas, Whipcords, Coverts and Venetians.

Western Orders filled with despatch
Letter Orders solicited.

HUTCHINSON, NISBET & AULD

The Consolidated Stationery Co.

LIMITED.

**OUR
GOODS
SELL
WELL**



THE GREAT MAGNET

To draw trade during the holidays is a stock of

WELL-BOUGHT
CAREFULLY SELECTED
SALEABLE



FANCY GOODS AND TOYS

Such as are found in our warehouse.

An experience of many years, with the cash in hand, enables us to secure lines that are specially adapted to the wants of the people in this Western country. Retail merchants will find this of great advantage in making purchases.

The Consolidated Stationery Co., Limited
Winnipeg, Man.

CAULFEILD, HENDERSON & BURNS

17 FRONT ST. WEST

TORONTO

Manufacturers and
Importers of

**MEN'S
FURNISHINGS**

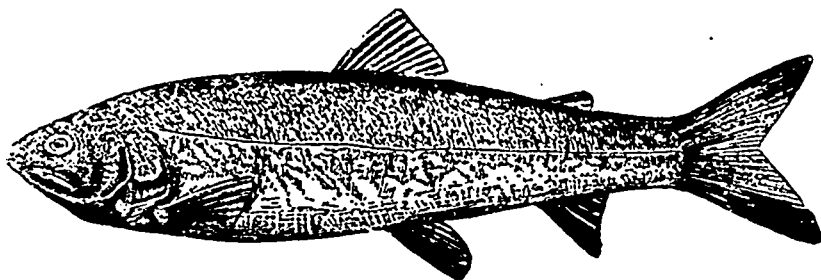
We wish to draw special attention to our range of FLANNEL SHIRTS in Navys, Grays, and up-to-date fancy patterns; also to our ENGLISH LINEN COLLARS which have a large sale.

Letter Orders receive careful and prompt attention.

Represented by
MR. W. B. DALTON, Winnipeg, Man.
and MR. THOMAS NORMAN.

HERRING

Car load of fresh Lake Superior Herring just to hand. Try a shipment.



Consignments of Poultry Handled, highest cash price paid.

Winnipeg Oyster, Fish, Game and Poultry Depot
602 MAIN STREET

W. J. GUEST

HOTEL LELAND

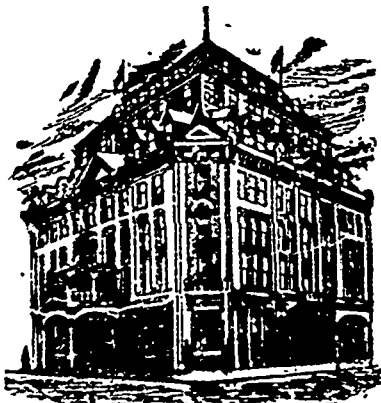
THE PALACE FAMILY AND
COMMERCIAL HOTEL

Rates, \$2.00 to \$4.00 a Day

Second to nothing in Canada.

W. D. DOUGLAS, Manager.

City Hall Square, Winnipeg



now combined for purposes of convenience with that of C. J. Campbell, bookseller and stationer. Together they have done a very large trade. Mr. Craig says: "It was far beyond my expectations."

The Imperial Dry Goods company, of which A. E. Ham is manager, also experienced a very large trade. "Just double what I expected," Mr. Ham says. Here a good selection of general dry goods and fancy wares are kept and a specialty is made of ready-made waists, etc. Over thirty girls have been constantly employed on this line of goods alone. The manager says that in seventeen years' experience in this line of business he has never handled a better class of trade. Nor has he ever seen a more liberal or better satisfied lot of customers. A neat little souvenir purse was one of the attractions of this store. These were given to every customer.

A good deal of interest was taken in the experiment made by Mackay Bros., dry goods and gent's furnishings merchants, and Furner, the milliner, in moving into premises a short distance off Main street on Portage avenue in the new Trust & Loan company block. The results of the season's trade have proved that the best retail trade of Winnipeg is not necessarily confined to Main street. The new stores were well stocked with the newest and best lines of goods and these well displayed in windows and shelves proved an irresistible magnet to a great many people. Mackay Bros. state that their season's trade was all that could be desired and they are well satisfied with the results. Mr. Furner is also highly pleased with his sales for the period.

Perhaps the most important feature of the holiday retail trade was the opening of the stores in the new McIntyre block, which was recently described in this journal. The stores which occupy the ground floor of this building are exceedingly fine ones and are being furnished and fitted up according to the latest ideas. Unfortunately the contractors were not able to get them completed in time to allow the tenants to thoroughly prepare for the rush of business and some of them only moved in Christmas week. This interfered somewhat with the trade of these concerns and prevented them making any decorative displays. However, in spite of these drawbacks their sales were very large and the proprietors are well satisfied.

A. G. Morgan, boots and shoe dealer, has opened up in one of these stores and has now a fine store well stocked with the latest articles of footwear.

Andrew & Co., jewellers and watch-makers, have opened out a fine stock of these goods in the new block and are now bidding for a share of the fashionable retail trade.

T. J. Porte, Jeweller and watch-maker, who was a tenant of the original McIntyre block, was among the first to move into the new one. His trade in the new store has been all that could be wished.

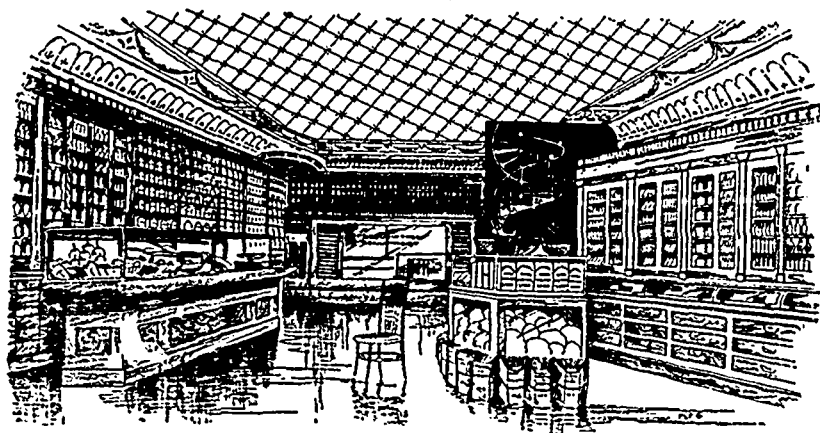
Alex. Taylor, the well known bookseller, moved into the new block the week before Christmas. He also continued his old store farther south on Main street. The combined trade for the week was very large.

Next to the McIntyre block is the new Osler, Hammond and Nanton block, occupied by Hammond the hatter and Barre Bros., Jewellers. Both these stores have had a big run of business since their opening. Barre Bros.' store is one of the handsomest in Canada, and their stock

is most complete. Since its opening the store has been thronged from morning till night with buyers. One of the partners remarked to The Commercial's representative, "Our trade has been most satisfactory. More than double what we figured on. Sometimes customers had actually to be turned away, as we could not serve them all."

D. R. Dingwall is another Jeweller who wears a satisfied smile this week. His store on the corner of Alexander and Main streets was a scene of ceaseless activity. The stock, which was the largest with which he ever entered upon a Christmas season proved to be entirely inadequate to the demands of his trade. Line after line became reduced to almost the vanishing point and some specially good sellers did actually become exhausted. The window of this store contained a great many attractions for the sight seer, among these being a coronet of diamonds valued at \$1,000. Mr. Dingwall expected to occupy one of the stores in the McIntyre block before Christmas, but it could not be finished in time. He intends moving into it in the course of a few days.

G. Fowler & Co.'s jewellery store



INTERIOR OF JOHN F. HOWARD'S DRUG STORE.

was another favorite shopping place and a very large trade was done here.

Among the booksellers, Russell & Co. always take a first place. The premises in which this business is conducted are not very large, but an astonishing amount of business has been done this year. Thirteen salespeople were kept busy on Saturday evening last handing out goods and taking in money. The manager in a pleasant chat this week stated that one of the encouraging features of the trade was that people have bought a much better class of books this year and trashy stuff is growing to be less and less favorably looked upon.

A representative drug store is that of John F. Howard, one door from Main street, on McDermott west. This store, it will be remembered, was for many years on the corner of McDermott, but has been moved one door west this year. Mr. Howard states that notwithstanding this change of location a large trade has been done in all the lines of holiday goods usually found in a drug store in addition to his regular prescription business.

The hardware stores have experienced the same active trade as other

lines. Campbell Bros., W. J. Craig, R. Wyatt, Graham & Rolston and J. E. Ashdown are the leaders in this line. Skates, cutlery, plated ware and household utensils have all been in active demand and a much better and more expensive class of goods was called for than has been the rule in other years.

The Scott Furniture Company hold a leading place among the furniture dealers of the city, and their experience may be taken as a representative one in this line. "Business never was better," says the manager, "and we are highly pleased with the results of our Christmas trade. All kinds of ornamental and useful house furnishings were in demand."

The Winnipeg Rubber Company have had a very large run on rubber dolls, balls, sporting goods, etc. "Sales were just double my expectations," says Manager Andrews.

Fur goods are always popular for Christmas gift purposes in Winnipeg. Jas. H. Rogers is a leading dealer in these goods, and carries a large stock of the finest furs. His manager states that an active demand has been experienced for the best class of fur goods, and altogether, the results to date has been of a most encouraging nature.

Hoover's Commonwealth store is devoted entirely to men's goods, and furnishings are made a speciality. The same activity has been experienced here as in all other retail stores, and the proprietor is highly pleased with results.

The Fit Reform company sold heavily in all classes of gent's furnishings.

Porter & Co., are a well known and representative firm of crockery and glassware dealers. In connection with this trade, the proprietor says, that the demand was distinctly for the better classes of goods. Low prices were a secondary consideration, and the cheap Japanese goods which have been popular in other years and which were bought in large quantities this season in anticipation of a continuance of the trade by men in other lines of business, who use them as a catch-trade, were not nearly so popular as heretofore. No more beautiful articles could be found for gift purposes than are displayed in the store of Porter & Co.

Bayley's Fair, was a popular place for the purchase of toys, fancy goods, etc., and some wonderful bargains were secured at times by the buyers at this place. The proprietor states that he had no idea that the volume

TO THE TRADE

Our Travellers will have the pleasure of calling on you in a few days with the best value in Gloves, Mitts, Moccasins, Sox and Felt Goods, we have ever had the pleasure of showing, and we would like you to spend a few moments with them; you certainly will be convinced we are right in it. We show a line of American Gloves and Mitts that surpasses anything on the road. Best terms and discounts going.

THE KILGOUR RIMER COMPANY, LTD., WINNIPEG



TRY IT IN YOUR COFFEE

Better than fresh Milk and equal to Cream
A boon to the Miner and Camper

THE MARTIN, BOLE & WYNNE COMPANY

WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS

The largest stock of DRUGS, PATENT MEDICINES and SUNDRIES
in Western Canada.

Cor. Princess and Market Streets

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

E. BOISSEAU & CO.

TORONTO, ONT.

MANUFACTURERS OF

MEN'S, BOYS', YOUTHS'
CHILDREN'S

CLOTHING

TRAVELLERS WITH SPRING SAMPLES NOW ON THE ROAD

W. H. MALKIN & CO.

VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dealers in

BUTTER, CHEESE, EGGS

Choice California and Local Fruits

OUR SPECIALTY—Consignments of produce from Manitoba and Northwest Territories. Prompt returns made on the 15th of each month

TRY US.

J. & A. CLEARHUE

COMMISSION MERCHANTS

DEALERS IN

Fruits and all kinds of Produce

Special attention to consignments of Furs and Skins, Butter and Eggs

YATES STREET, VICTORIA, B. C.

P. O. BOX 536.

Agents for D. Richards, Laundry Soaps, Woodstock, Ontario. We have a large cool warehouse with good facilities for handling butter and produce in quantities. Consignments received in all lines. Correspondence solicited.

**WHOLESALE
TAILORS**

of trade would be so large as it has been.

Among the fancy windows of Christmas week, perhaps the most unique was that of D. W. McLean, grocer. The representation was "A Christmas Eve at Home." Two life size figures of ladies and a baby in a cradle were the leading features. One of the ladies occupies a rocker and is apparently taking some good things out of a bag while the other is filling the children's stockings. The whole design was exceedingly realistic and homelike.

The Army and Navy, tobacco store was elaborately decorated inside with pictures of famous battle and naval scenes, Evergreens were also used profusely. The season's sales in this line were the largest on record.

The dealers in cut flowers did an immense trade the latter part of last week.

This in brief is the story of the Christmas retail trade. The most encouraging feature aside from the volume of business done, was the fact that this year, as never before, shoppers have been willing to pay good prices, and would have nothing else but good goods. More and more is it becoming apparent as one dealer puts it, that "the day for truck is about over." If the number of gifts exchanged among all classes and ages of people, and the amount of money spent on these is any standard to judge by, than it may safely be said that the Christmas of 1898 was a very merry one indeed, with the people of Winnipeg.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, in store Fort William, 83 to 89c.

Flour—Local price per sack unchanged at: Patent, \$2.55; bakers, \$2.35.

Bran—\$10 per ton.

Shorts—\$12 per ton.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, easier at 35 to 37c.

Barley—35 to 38c for feed; malting, 38 to 42c.

Flax seed—Prices to farmers, country points, 60c per bushel.

Butter—Dairy, shippers buying at 11 to 15 1-2c; held goods, 13 to 14c; creamery, jobbers' price, 21 to 23c.

Cheese—Jobbers selling at 10 1-2 to 11c.

Eggs—Dealers selling at 20c for fresh and 16 to 17c for limed.

Beef—City dressed, 5 to 5 1-2c; country, 4 to 4 1-2c; fresh, unfrozen, 6c.

Mutton—5 to 6c.

Hogs—Dressed, 5 1-4 to 6c.

Veal—5 to 6c.

Lamb—5 to 7c.

Cattle—Butchers, nominal at 23-4 to 3c.

Hogs—Live, off cars, \$4.50 per 100 lbs. for best bacon.

Sheep—2 1-2 to 3c off cars.

Hides—Green city hides, 7 to 7 1-4c for No. 1.

Hay—Baled, on track, \$6.50.

Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel.

Poultry—Chickens, 7 to 7 1-2c per lb.; turkeys, native, 9 to 10c; Ontario, 12 to 12 1-2c; geese, 8 to 8 1-2c; ducks, 8 to 8 1-2c.

W. C. GRAHAM

GRAIN DEALER

Wire or write for prices before selling
P.O. Box 218

GRAIN EXCHANGE WINNIPEG, MAN.

Statistical Wheat Reports.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	23,000
Toronto	156,000
Kingston	65,000
Winnipeg	370,000
Manitoba elevators	5,800,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Kewatin	1,305,000
Total Dec. 17	7,719,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.
Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's on Dec. 17, were 62,958,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 51,448,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Dec. 1 were 6,296,000 bushels, compared with 6,944,000 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 Dec. 24, was 28,783,000 bushels, being a decrease of 1,770,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 36,610,000 bushels, two years ago 61,443,000 bushels, three years ago 69,958,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U. S. POINTS.

Bushels.	
Chicago	3,294,000
Duluth	38,500,000
Minneapolis	3,500,000
New York	3,500,000
Buffalo and afloat	7,576,000

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, is 3,000,000 bushels, compared with 12,772,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 18,700,000 bushels, compared with 38,160,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe on Dec. 1, for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report: Dec. 1, 1898, 109,810,000; Dec. 1, 1897, 127,503,000; Dec. 1, 1896, 172,181,000; Dec. 1, 1895, 185,864,000.

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 year, August 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	46,531,100	44,327,810
Milwaukee	7,751,585	5,293,555
Duluth	53,547,811	30,615,920
Chicago	21,809,490	23,483,176

Total ... 129,639,986 103,670,467

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, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	10,155,351	8,686,912
St. Louis	11,055,877	9,372,918
Detroit	8,135,550	3,643,347
Kansas City	19,092,780	22,455,750

Total ... 48,439,558 44,158,927

E. O'REILLY

GRAIN DEALER

GRAIN EXCHANGE WINNIPEG, MAN.

Special facilities through eastern connections for handling grain to the best advantage for the Ontario milling trade.

Correspondence by wire or mail invited.

WINNIPEG GRAIN AND PRODUCE EXCHANGE

President ROBT. MUIR

Vice-President
JOS. HARRIS

Secy.-Treas.
CHAS. N. BELL

THE SUCCESS OF THE COUNTRY GRAIN DEALER

Depends largely on the Commission Merchant, on his ability, honesty and responsibility. Don't you think it would be to your advantage to have such a firm attend to your business in this market? If so, try us.

Our facilities are unsurpassed for disposing of grain to the best advantage. We advance cash on car bills of lading at a low rate of interest and you can draw on us at any time with documents attached whether you wish to sell or not. Insurance, Fire and Marine, placed at best terms.

Enquiries re markets, shipping, etc., promptly and cheerfully answered. Do you get our Daily Market Report? If not, send for it.

THOMPSON, SONS & CO.

GRAIN COMMISSION MERCHANTS, WINNIPEG, MAN.

DUNCAN G. McBEAN & CO

BROKERAGE
and COMMISSION
MERCHANTS

Room 5, Grain Exchange Building WINNIPEG MANITOBA

Grain and all kinds of country produce handled

ALEX. McFEE & Co.

GRAIN EXPORTERS

Board of Trade Bld'g Room 18, Grain Exchange
MONTREAL WINNIPEG

H S. PATERSON

Grain Dealer and General
Commission Merchant

Room 19, Grain Exchange WINNIPEG

1000 Tons BALED HAY FOR SALE

by carload; also 50 carloads Oats.

P.O. Box 570.

W. GIBBINS & CO

GRAIN BROKERS
and MERCHANTS

GRAIN EXCHANGE, WINNIPEG.

Highest prices paid and advances made on Bill of Lading and Winnipeg inspection.

PARRISH, LINDSAY & CO

GRAIN DEALERS
AND EXPORTERS

Room 24, Grain Exchange Building WINNIPEG MANITOBA

WHEAT, OATS, FLOUR and BARLEY

A BACK NUMBER

The Merchant who does not carry Griffin Brand Breakfast Bacon is missing the best thing in the market, and will soon be considered just a trifle behind.

4 Cars Smiths Falls Turkeys and Geese, all choice selected stock, are now on the rails, coming to us for Xmas trade. Send along your orders quick. You cannot stick us for quality or quantity in all kinds of Cured Meats, Lard, Sausage, Finnan Haddie, Dairy and Creamery Butter, Fresh and Pickled Eggs, Cheese, etc. Our business is to sell quick, and you can rely on prompt attention to all orders. Write or wire

J. Y. GRIFFIN & COMPANY

PORK PACKERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS

WINNIPEG

NELSON

VANCOUVER



THE KLONDYKE VEST

Has been a Tremendous Success



WE ORDERED one lot in October, expecting it to run through the winter; we have ordered three times since. They are a great success as a winter garment for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. They are made with **CFAMOIS SKIN**, and **LINED WITH FINE FLEXIBLE WOOLEN FELT**. They are made for Ladies' or Gent's in even numbers—30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40. They are almost as cheap as an ordinary waist and will wear for years.

The Bote Drug Co

SOLE AGENTS

WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS, WINNIPEG

Travelers at Home.

The members of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' association added fresh laurels to their wreath of social success Wednesday night by one of the most enjoyable "at homes" ever participated in at the Manitoba hotel. The number of guests present was in excess of the attendance at last year's function and the committee kept in mind that occasion in preparing the entertainment of last night. The guests were comfortably seated in the spacious dining room of the hotel by nine o'clock, when a very interesting musical programme of nine numbers was commenced. On previous occasions, it will be remembered, the musical programme had been rather lengthy so that this year the devotees of the dance had their wish recognized. After the opening overture by Evans' orchestra Mr. H. D. Smith sang Field's "Outlaw" very acceptably, followed by "There May Be Eyes," from the "Geisha," by Miss Madge Barrett, whose popularity never wanes. Mr. Brodie concluded the first part of the programme by reciting "A True Story of the Battle of Waterloo," this being the only number not purely of a musical nature. After a short intermission a duet, "Estudiatana," by Misses Barrett and Anderson was enthusiastically received. Following this were vocal solos, "Gay Hussar," by Mr. O. H. Day, and "Swallows," by Miss Anderson. Mr. Mollard's violin solo divided the honors of the evening with the duet of Misses Barrett and Anderson. A quartette, "Sweet Day, So Cool," Misses Barrett and Anderson, and Messrs. Day and Smith, closed the programme.

The floor was then speedily cleared for the dance programme and the room was soon of a kaleidoscopic appearance, with the evening dresses of the ladies contrasted to the sombre attire of the gentlemen, all moving rhythmically to the strains of the orchestra beneath the electric lights of varied subdued hues. The dance programme was as follows:

- | | |
|-------------|----------------|
| Lancers | Waltz |
| Waltz | Lancers |
| Schottische | Schottische |
| Two Step | Waltz |
| Lancers | Polka |
| Waltz | Waltz |
| Polka | Two Step |
| Schottische | Schottische |
| Lancers | Extra-Two Step |
| Waltz | Extra-Waltz |
- Extra-Highland Schottische.

At half-past eleven dancing was suspended until a recherche supper provided in the Manitoba's best style had received full justice.

Free Paper and Pulp.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The American Newspaper Publisher's association has presented to the Anglo-American joint high commissioners a carefully prepared argument in favor of free paper and free pulp. The following is a syllabus of the argument: The directors of the American Newspaper Publisher's association, representing 157 daily newspapers in the United States and representing the bulk of the total consumption of print paper, are in favor of free paper and free pulp. The tariff of \$6 per ton on print paper is prohibitory, and we believe that the rate of \$1.67 per ton for mechanically ground wood pulp is excessive; that the American paper manufacturers need no protection, because they can manufacture paper cheaper than is done in any

IT REACHES THE TRADE



Advertise Businesses for Sale; Stocks of Goods for Sale; Situations Vacant or Wanted in Business Establishment, etc., in

THE COMMERCIAL



The only Journal that reaches the trade of Western Canada from Lake Superior to the Pacific.....

Special Low Rates for Situations Wanted or Vacant

other part of the world, and that they are now supplying the Australian, Japanese and British markets in competition with Swedish and German manufacturers, that no print paper is brought into the United States, but during last year the export has averaged over 1,000 tons per week and that the entire revenue received from the importation of mechanically ground wood pulp was only \$41,342 last year, so that no serious question of national economy could be urged in opposition to free pulp and free paper. The American manufacturers are protected to the extent of \$1.67 per ton by reason of their proximity to their customers. The difference in the cost of transportation to market is their great guarantee of security against Canada or any foreign country. They are also protected by reason of their ability to obtain cheaper and more convenient supplies of coal and chemicals, which, as yet, are not obtainable in the Canadian forests. The enlightened policy of New York and other states in protecting forests should be encouraged by putting Canadian pulp and paper on the free list.

WANTED

AGENTS in every district on the continent to take orders for high-grade Canadian grown Nursery Stock and Seeds. Largest and most complete assortment in the trade. Fast selling specialties; superb samples furnished free; correspondence in any language. These positions are money-makers, and territory should be secured at once for the season by all hustlers looking for a good thing. Our salary or commission offers will interest anyone not earning \$1000.00 per year. Get in communication with our nearest office. An opportunity to represent a well established house. Ability more important than experience.

LUKE BROTHERS COMPANY
International Nurseries,
Chicago, Ill. Montreal, Que. Rochester, N. Y.



Shorthand Institute.

BUSINESS COURSE
SHORTHAND AND
TYPE WRITING COURSE

Full information on application.

C. W. DONALD, Sec.

The Winnipeg Plating Co.

331 NOTRE DAME ST.

Plate all kinds of Jewelry, Skates, Bicycles and household articles of every description in gold, silver nickel, copper, bronze and brass. Goods sent by mail, express or freight will be plated and returned promptly.

FIFTY-TWO WEEKS WITH GOD . . .

A fascinating study of the International Sunday School Lessons for 1909, now ready. No Christian, especially Clergyman or Teacher, should be without it. Beautifully bound in cloth of two colors, with stiff boards. Price only 35 cents. Strongly recommended by leading Clergymen. On sale by all book sellers, or sent postpaid on receipt of price by

THE BRADLEY-GARNETSON CO.

PUBLISHERS, TORONTO, CANADA

SALESMAN WANTED

A thorough, competent Salesman to sell a complete line of Lubricating Oils, Specialties, etc., for our Toronto Branch. Apply

THE ATLANTIC REFINING CO.
Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A.

CHOICE WINES FOR INVALIDS

PAUL SALA

Importer and Dealer in

Best Standard Brands Wines and Liquors

513 MAIN ST., WINNIPEG

Telephone 241 Opposite City Hall

CENTRAL CANADA

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

HEAD OFFICE, WINNIPEG

Licensed by and full deposit to the Manitoba Government Incorporated by Special Act, 1879.

Authorized Capital - \$500,000
Subscribed Capital - 50,000

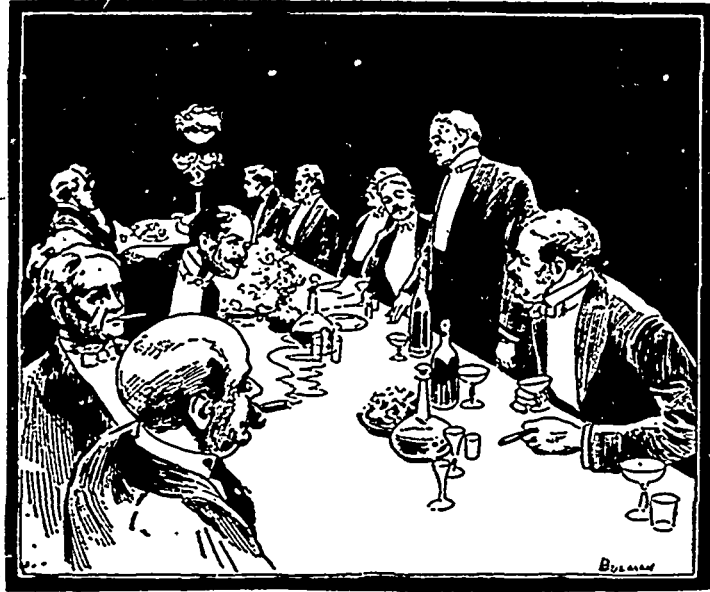
Of which at present 20 per cent is fully paid up.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

E. F. Roblin, Esq., M.P.P., President; John Love, Esq., (of Keedy, Love & Tryon), Vice-President; H. H. Beck, Vice-President of Manitoba Assurance Co'y; Managing Director: O. V. Hastings, Esq., Superintendent of Lake of Woods Milling Co'y; Hon. J. D. Cameron, Attorney-General; D. R. Hanna, Esq., Supt. Lake Manitoba Railway & Canal Co.; Hon. Hugh John Macdonald, C.C.; W. Barclay Stephens, Esq., Manager Western Loan & Trust Co.; Kenneth W. J. Tupper, Esq., Barrister; J. A. Thompson, Esq., of Messrs. Parrill, Lindsay & Co.; A. J. Adams, Esq., Grain Merchant; J. T. Gordon, Esq., of Messrs. Gordon, Irwin & Farrow.

241 MAIN STREET, WINNIPEG

RELIABLE ENERGY AGENTS WANTED



*** "And one of the most satisfactory features of the past year's business has been my Men's Furnishing trade with Myron McBride & Co., Winnipeg. They are certainly a reliable firm."

THE WINNIPEG BAG WORKS

DICK, RIDOUT & CO.
TORONTO

G. E. JOHNSTON, Mgr.
WINNIPEG

MANUFACTURERS

—OF—

Jute and Cotton Bags

OF EVERY SIZE AND QUALITY.

ARTISTIC PRINTING A SPECIALTY

PROMPT SHIPMENT. SEND YOUR ORDERS TO

W. G. McMAHON, SALES AGENT

Mining Notes.

Antwerp, Belgium, the value of which was about \$30,000.—Rat Portage Miner.

A school of mining instruction is about to be opened at Kamloops by A. J. Colquhoun, M. E., who is well known in connection with the British Columbia School of Mines. The classes will start on Monday, January 8th.

A gold brick from a Manitoba mine situated six miles from Ingolf was brought to Winnipeg this week. About ten tons of ore were taken out of the mine and milled at Keewatin, the result of the run being gold to the extent of \$160. This is understood to be the first bullion ever produced by a Manitoba mining property.

The Grand Calumet Mining Co. has discovered one of the richest zinc mines in Canada, near Rossport, in the Lake Superior district, and intends opening it up at once. It will be worked all winter. The company has several mines at Calumet Island, and has formed quite a settlement there, having erected cottages for its workmen, about sixty in number. The company has shipped 1,500 tons of ore during the past summer, principally

It is reported that the London and British Columbia Gold Fields has declared a cash dividend of 20 per cent and also a dividend of 20,000 shares in the Ymir Mine company, the par value of which is one pound sterling. The company has been operating in West Kootenay for about two years and in that time has paid its shareholders about 50 per cent in cash dividends and holds as assets the controlling interests in the Ymir and Whitewater as well as several other properties in the course of development.

The prospectus of the McKinney Reef Gold Mining company has lately been issued. This company will acquire the Last Chance and Flying Dutchman (Camp McKinney, British Columbia) both in the same range as the claims owned by the Cariboo Consolidated (Camp McKinney) Gold Mining company, the Last Chance being only separated from the latter by the Warton fraction. The two claims have been secured for the company under a bond at the price of \$20,000 in cash and \$20,000 in shares of the company's stock. These are not offered as proven claims.

Raw Furs.

Jas. McMillan & Co., Minneapolis, in their last circular say: Our receipts are large and are increasing as the season advances. The snow in most sections favors trapping, particularly mink, fox and wolf. The market is active and higher prices are being paid for a good many kinds, although there is no particular demand for bear, badger, wild cat, lynx and wolf, although we are paying our quotations for these articles. Muskrats are used principally in Europe, and the market there was filled up last spring, and a large collection is now being offered. We hope that in the future muskrat will do better, but if they hold their own for the present it is all that can be expected. Bear, which is an export article, is out of fashion. The greatest demand is for marten, mink and skunk. A good deal of the demand for skunk may be speculative, because they write from Europe that skunk is not in fashion

there and to sell them in this country. We think well of mink, particularly of the best dark sorts. Such mink are high. A very small per cent of marten pass as dark, and not a large per cent as brown; most of them are pale. All furs caught at this season of the year are prime, except muskrat, which are best as winter is merging into spring.

Hardware and Paint Trade.

Turpentine has been advancing steadily in the east, and is now firmly held at the advance.

Paris green is still being enquired for in eastern markets in anticipation of higher prices in the spring, and sales have taken place at 13c to 14c.

A feature in the market of late has been the stronger feeling in white zinc paint, and prices have advanced 1-2c to 1c at Montreal, which is due principally to the continued high prices for zinc.

Live Stock News.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Walter M. Clark, Sullivan county's cattle king, has failed for nearly \$200,000. Clark has turned over every dollar's worth of his property to his creditors.

London, Eng., Dec. 28.—There was a slight improvement in demand. Trade was a shade firmer, with no change. Prices quote choice States cattle sold at 11 3-4c, Canadian ranchers, 8c; Argentine, 9c to 10c; Canadian sheep, 10c; lambs, 12 1-2c; Argentine sheep at 10c.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—A special cable to the Globe says: It is reported from Buenos Ayres that the Argentine congress is in session considering a bill to grant a bounty on cattle exported together with a remission of dues upon vessels carrying Argentine cattle.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Local shippers of ranch cattle state that at the prices quoted from London they have lost in recent sales fully \$10 per head, and the largest shippers said that the cable received this week was without doubt the worst since they have been in the trade. American cattle are also losing money at the figure quoted, and trade on the whole is in a very unsatisfactory condition at present.

Two Cent Postage.

It is announced from Ottawa that a two cent letter postage rate will be put into effect on January 1, 1899. This is a quite unexpected but welcome New Year's gift to the public. The rate will apply to Canada and the United States. With the two-cent imperial postage rate which went into effect on Christmas Day, the cost of postage to business men will be greatly reduced.

We learn from Montreal that Green-shields, Son & Co., who were burned out recently, losing almost their entire stock, will open out again at once, in the premises formerly occupied by a wholesale warehouse by Robt. Linton & Co. McIntyre, Son & Co., whose stock was wiped out in the same fire, have secured premises in the same building with E. A. Small & Co., and will be ready for business again in a short time. Those two firms are among the very largest jobbing concerns of Montreal, and it is pleasing to learn that the fire will only be a temporary setback.

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

Prices as to size and color, for prime skins; skins taken out of season range much lower:

Badger.....	.....\$ .25	\$ 1.50
Bear black	5.00	25.00
Bear brown	4.50	20.00
Bear, black yearlings.	5.00	7.00
Bear, brown year-		
lings	3.00	4.50
Bear, grizzly.....	4.50	20.00
Beaver large.....	5.00	6.75
Beaver, medium	3.00	4.75
Beaver, small	1.50	2.50
Beaver, cub.....	.50	1.00
Beaver, castors, lb.....	2.50	5.50
Fisher, dark	6.00	8.00
Fisher, pale	3.00	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large	5.00	10.00
Fox, cross pale	2.50	5.00
Fox, kitt .....	.25	.75
Fox, red	1.00	1.60
Fox, silver dark	50.00	75.00
Fox, pale	25.00	60.00
Lynx, large	1.50	2.25
Lynx, medium	1.00	1.50
Lynx, small .....	.50	.75
Marten, dark	3.00	5.50
Marten, pale or brown	2.50	4.25
Marten, light pale.....	1.00	3.00
Mink, dark .....	.50	2.00
Mink, pale .....	.75	1.50
Musquash, winter .....	.04	.12
Otter, dark	6.00	10.00
Otter, pale	5.00	8.00
Skunk .....	.25	.75
Wolf, timber	2.00	3.00
Wolf, prairie .....	.40	.75
Wolverine, dark	3.00	3.50
Wolverine, pale	1.25	2.00

January Ladies' Home Journal

The New Year's Ladies' Home Journal gives assurance of a purpose to make that magazine more useful during 1899 than ever before. It contains a number of practical articles, besides a score of features of lighter interest "Early Colonial social life," "The Man Who Taught Paderewski," "What it Means to be a Newspaper Woman," "The Rush of American Women," "The Girls of Camp Arcady," "The Minister of Carthage," "The Jamesons in the Country," "The House Practical," "Fifteen Good Halls and Stairways," "Pretty Rooms for Girls," Mrs. S. T. Rorer tells how to carve and serve meats and game, and gives a variety of menus for small social affairs. There are numerous other practical articles upon subjects of helpful interest in the household. The Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia. One dollar per year; ten cents per copy.

The Toronto Globe of Saturday, the 24th, contained an extended article reviewing the progress of the past year in Manitoba and the west.

A fine hanger reproducing in black and white a famous picture of Gretna Green is being sent out by Bryan's cigar factory, Winnipeg.

Prices for anthracite coal are hardening in the nearby United States markets and some slight advances have even been made. It is predicted that January will bring definite increases in the price for this coal.

The December number of The Great West Magazine is out. Several special features commend this issue to the attention of magazine readers. The illustrations are mostly of local interest and so also is the reading matter. A timely and well written article on the Galacians is one of the leading features.

**To Whom This
May Concern**

DRESS GOODS

Our Fabriques are STAMPED
GOLD MEDAL

Have a silver tip on end of
board marked GOLD MEDAL

Bear a Ticket with our
Trade Mark thereon.. GOLD MEDAL

All are therefore warned
not to use the name of GOLD MEDAL

Our Silver Tip Board, or
our Ticket on any Fabrique whatsoever
unless same be our manufacture.

We shall prosecute all parties who infringe
upon our Trade Mark.

SOLE AGENTS

In Canada for the "Gold Medal Fab-
riques."

Filling letter orders a specialty

John Macdonald & Co.

Wellington and Front Sts. E.,
TORONTO, ONT.

RICE LEWIS & SON
LIMITED

ARTHUR B. LEE, President
A. BURDETT LEE, Vice-Pres. and Treas.

WHOLESALE

HARDWARE

BAR

IRON AND STEEL

Steam Pipe and Fittings
Sporting Goods

Write for Prices

TORONTO, - ONT.

FUR CAPS
.. IN STOCK

OTTER MUSKRAT WEDGES
BEAVER MUSKRAT WEDGES
SEAL MUSKRAT WEDGES

RUSSIAN LAMB WEDGES
PERSIAN LAMB WEDGES
BEAVER WOMBAT WEDGES
BEAVER OPOSSUM WEDGES

WHOLESALE ONLY

Satisfaction guaranteed to Letter
Orders.

Gillespie, Ansley & Dixon
TORONTO

Wholesale

Millinery

OUR TRAVELLERS ARE
OUT WITH COMPLETE
RANGE OF SAMPLES.

KINDLY RESERVE ORDER

THE D. McCALL CO. Limited

TORONTO
MONTREAL WINNIPEG

OUR BRANDS COFFEES

EVERY BRAND A TRADE WINNER

MECCA, DAMASCUS, CAIRO
SIRDAR, OLD DUTCH RIO

JAMES TURNER & COMPANY
HAMILTON, ONTARIO

W. R. JOHNSTON & Co.
(Late Livingston, Johnston & Co.)

WHOLESALE MANUFACTURERS
READY MADE.

CLOTHING

Corner Bay and Front Streets, Toronto

Western Representatives: A. W. Lasher, W.
W. Armstrong,

WISHING my Customers and the
trade generally a very Happy
and Prosperous New Year.

I beg to announce that I will leave
Brockville on or about 1st February for
Manitoba and Northwest, and will have
the pleasure of waiting on you with a
very complete line of Gloves, Mitts,
Moccasins and Sox at right prices:

I remain, yours respectfully,

THOS. CLEARHUE

Glove Manufacturer Brockville, Ont.

N.B.—Buyers will be in a better position after
1st February, to just know their needs, when
present season's trade is over.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mills, Timber and Trading Co.

Wholesale and Retail
Dealers in

BUILDING MATERIAL
OF ALL KINDS

See us before placing orders.

Office and Yard:
Corner Princess and Fonseca Streets
WINNIPEG
MILLS AT VANCOUVER AND WESTMINSTER, B.C.

Manitoba.

James McCausland has opened a butcher shop at Minto.

Shire is building a restaurant and confectionery store at Elgin.

Hopkins & Wright, of Hartney, are building a livery stable at Elgin.

Frank Hazelwood has bought the butchering business of Aaron Cudmore, at Crystal City.

Russell & Reden intend opening up a furniture store in Strathclair at an early date.

R. C. Ennis, of Neepawa, intends opening out in flour, feed, implements, lumber and building supplies, at Swan Lake.

Geo. Hill has gone from Boissevain to Minto to take charge of a drug store recently opened there by J. A. Wright.

J. A. Orange was the purchaser of the general store business of R. Parker at Crystal City, the sale of which was mentioned in these columns last week.

Ed. Newby has purchased Harrison's interests in the hardware business formerly carried on under the firm name of Newby & Harrison, at Holland, and will continue in his own name.

Robt. Rollins has disposed of his hardware store property and business at Crystal City, to Sparling & Landers, formerly of Manitou, who were burned out in the recent fire. They take possession on the 1st of March next.

Mr. Malcan, of Carberry, has decided to operate a stone quarry on the northern part of Lake Manitoba. The stone has a beautiful appearance and resembles white marble when manufactured. Mr. Malcan will build a steam barge to transport the output to the railway at Westbourne.

The Northern Pacific Railway Co. gave a free excursion to Winnipeg last week from their new Belmont extension, by way of celebrating the opening of this branch. The excursion was largely patronized, and many were the good words said for the company by those who were able to take in the trip.

Assiniboia.

A meeting of the creditors of Frank Hockin, of Wesley, will be held at Moosomin, on Jan. 7.

Pollock & Davidson, of Sintaluta, have dissolved. J. H. Davidson, will carry on the business.

The total exports of cattle from Medicine Hat and Maple Creek districts during the past season was 9,628 head valued at \$365,864; of horses 317, valued at \$15,850; of sheep 17,249 valued at \$56,249; of wool 383,325 pounds, valued at \$34,199; besides which \$2,500 worth of hides and \$25,038 worth of butter, eggs, etc., were produced, making a grand total for the Cypress Hills district of about \$500,000. Compared with the figures for last year this is an increase of about 85 per cent.

Northwest Ontario.

The financial statement of the township of Keewatin has just been completed for the year ending December 15, 1898. It shows that there was received from taxes, fees, fines, licenses, etc., during the year the sum of \$4,773.85. The total expenditure was \$4,322.15 bearing a balance in the bank of \$451.40. The township's total liabilities, debentures and other-

wise amounts to the sum of \$7,707.96, for which they have excellent assets in their splendid new school building, council chamber, uncollected taxes, balance in bank, etc.

The Pioneer Steam Navigation company, of Wabigoon, is running a stage and from Wabigoon to Fort Frances this winter. This will mean a saving of over a hundred miles to the mining camps on the Seine River and Rainy Lake in the distance to the railway. A number of stopping houses are being built along the route as well as an hotel at Cascades, north of Rainy Lake. Stages will leave Wabigoon and Fort Frances every Monday and Thursday at 6.30 a. m.

Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—Besides an active Christmas trade locally, the wholesalers this week have been very busy shipping up-country orders, and sending supplies to the Atlin country, besides big consignments of provisions for the White Pass and Yukon railway. The prices for these goods were in most cases below the market and in no cases were the quotations raised to correspond to the recent advance in the east. The prices secured by the purchaser of the White Pass railway supplies—Rev. Mr. Maxwell, M. P., the government securing the patronage—were very low. One wholesaler informed The Commercial that he shaved very close to get a piece of the order, and when his lowest cash quotation was announced, so high was it in comparison to what the goods were being purchased at, that he "was laughed out of court."

Although creamery butter has advanced east it is still being sold here at 23 1-2 and 24c. This price will not advance until new shipments are made: Cheese is selling regularly at 11c. which is less than cost laid down here at present prices east. One firm has taken their cheese off the market and refuse to sell it at from 1-2 to 2c less than it can be laid down for. Until the present stocks are exhausted cheese will not advance. Oats have advanced and flour has fallen. Sugar has a lower tendency.

The Lumber Trade.

Wm. Ritz, late of Altona, Man., intends going into the lumber business at Kosterh, Sask.

The Rat Portage Miner treated its readers to a special write-up of the town and its leading business concerns in its number of December 23.

Manager Cameron, of the Rat Portage Lumber company has given the people of that town assurances through the local press that the contemplated establishment of a mill at Winnipeg will in no way reduce the company's plant or staff at Rat Portage.

T. R. Case, representative in Manitoba of the Pine Tree Lumber Co., of Minnesota, has been arrested, charged with smuggling goods into the United States. He claims that the articles in his possession were only a few Xmas presents which he was taking south to accommodate friends here.

The Waterous Engine Works company has shipped a portable sawmill to the Assiniboine Lumber company, of Brandon. The mill will be used exclusively for cutting ties on the company's timber limit on the Little Saskatchewan river, in Manitoba. The ties will be cut on the spot and floated down stream to Minnedosa, whence they will be distributed by rail.

Dry Goods Trade.

In eastern markets there is a very good demand for ribbons at the moment. Baby ribbons in all the bright colors, pink, blue, cardinal, navy, etc., are selling freely, while the ordinary ribbons, in silk and satin, are selling well. There is a good, active demand for laces, and Valenciennes in cotton and silk, Chantilly, etc., are moving out freely. Values in these lines are generally steady to firm.

The feature of the sales in the large distributing houses this season for the holiday trade has been the immense sales of linen goods, says an eastern authority. Among the leading lines that found a very ready sale were tea cloths, tray cloths, tablecloths, scarfs, coyiles, damask table cloths, with napkins to match in sets, pillow shams, night gown cases, hemstitched damask towels, huck towels, with damask borders, embroidered handkerchiefs, Japanese and Swiss silk handkerchiefs, plain and initialed, silk cashmere and merino mufflers, etc. In all these goods the finer qualities were generally inquired for. It was not so last year, when a larger proportion of the cheaper class of goods were in demand. It is thus that the dry goods business makes one of the best barometers with which to gauge the prosperity of a people.

Grain and Milling News.

The Ogilvie Milling company's elevator at Pierson was burned on Dec. 28, with about fifteen hundred bushels of wheat.

Elevator E., in Minneapolis, was burned on Dec. 27, with 60,000 bushels of grain. The elevator was principally owned by C. F. Wheeler. The loss is about \$100,000.

Elevator X, on the Hastings and Dakota division of the C. M. & St. P. Ry. at Minneapolis, was burned on Dec. 29. The main elevator with an annex and 200,000 bushels of wheat, was consumed. The loss will be at least \$200,000.

The grain inspector for the Winnipeg district reports as follows for the week ending the 24th, regarding the inspection of wheat: One hard 63, two hard 20, one northern 49, two northern 3, three hard 4, one spring, 13, one White Eye 1, two White Eye 1, one Ladoga 1, three northern, rejected (1) 11, rejected (2) 4, no grade 142; total 313 cars.

The flour mill of Greenway Bros., at Crystal City, has just undergone a thorough overhauling, during which it has been refitted with a new outfit of machinery from top to bottom. The Gyrator milling system has been adopted. This is said to be the most perfect in use to-day, and is the same as has been installed in the new mill at Souris, these being the only mills in this province which have it. A new 80-horsepower engine has also been installed. The mill has a capacity of 120 barrels per diem.

Grocery Trade Notes.

A big pottery combine has been formed in the United States.

Canned tomatoes and corn have been inquired for somewhat in eastern Canadian markets for shipment to the west, but the prices offered were too low to permit of business being done. Corn is being held firm at 90 to 95c and an outside quotation of \$1.00 is even given.

FOOD FOR
BRAIN AND BLOOD

BOVRIL

FOOD FOR
MUSCLE AND BONE

.....

WHAT IT IS

A condensed Beef preparation in which all nutriment is preserved, and from which all non-nutritious matter is extracted.

It is not merely an extract or essence, but BEEF and EXTRACT

It is strength and health in food in the SMALLEST POSSIBLE BULK.

BOVRIL, Limited

27 St. Peter St., Montreal.

W. L. MCKENZIE

North-Western Agent

Winnipeg, - Manitoba



The Glory of a man is his strength.

.....

WHAT IT WILL DO

It will in proportion to its bulk and weight furnish more strength and powers of endurance to the Athlete, Explorer or Prospector, than any other preparation in existence; and it will do the same for those requiring mental strain.

It is in short, a perfect MENTAL AND PHYSICAL INVIGORATOR.

With the invalid it is a perfect barrier to death from exhaustion and a return road to health

BOVRIL

Limited,

LONDON. - ENGLAND.

.....

LEITCH BROS.

Oak Lake

"Anchor Brand" **Flours**

FROM NO. 1 HARD WHEAT.

Bran, Shorts and all kinds of Chopped Feed and Grain.

ADDRESS

OAK LAKE, MANITOBA

The John L. Cassidy Co

LIMITED

339 and 341 St. Paul St., MONTREAL

Importers of **China, Glass and Earthenware, Etc., Etc.**

Communications addressed to A. C. Beach, their western representative, at the Leland House, Winnipeg, or to Geo. L. Mitchell, local representative for Manitoba, at 312 McDermot Street, Winnipeg, will receive prompt attention.

C. R. King, Victoria, is our local representative for British Columbia.

SMOKE THE

Leading Cigars of the Day

BRANDS:

THE T. L. FORGET-ME-NOT
ROSA LINDA BELLE ROSE
THE GORDON KEY WEST
LITTLE PETS

MANUFACTURED ONLY BY

Western Cigar Factory

THOS. LEE, Proprietor

Mail Orders Solicited Telephone 1109

SADLER & HAWORTH

Formerly Robin, Sadler & Haworth

MANUFACTURERS OF

LEATHER BELTING

MONTREAL AND TORONTO

JOSEPH RODGERS & SONS, LTD.

SHEFFIELD ENGLAND

.....

Avoid purchasing imitations of our Cutlery, for they can be had in abundance.

Each blade of our Goods bears the exact mark here represented.

.....



Cutlery

to Her

Majesty

JAMES HUTTON & CO., MONTREAL

SOLE AGENTS
IN CANADA

THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, Dec. 31.

Business has been of a holiday character and, of course, unimportant in the wholesale trade. An extended review of the city retail trade is given in another column. The grain trade is quiet, with a higher tendency on prices, but farmers are still holding their grain. If the present cold weather holds out, grain deliveries will continue light, as farmers are not anxious to market their crop at present prices. Bank clearings at Winnipeg this week were just a trifle in excess of the corresponding week of 1907.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, Dec. 31

(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.)

DRUGS.

There is very little doing among the wholesale drug houses this week. Business has reached the lowest point touched this year. This is accounted for by the fact that travellers are all in for the holidays and country customers have been too busy to send in mail orders. It is expected that the quietness will prevail throughout January. Prices remain unchanged.

DRY GOODS.

The week between Christmas and New Years is generally regarded by wholesale dry goods men as an off one and accordingly they have been taking it very easy this week. Retail merchants have hardly recovered sufficiently from the weariness incident to an active trade, such as they have had during the recent Christmas shopping season to take any interest in the business of replenishing stocks, and accordingly shipments have been very light indeed this week. In the warehouses the time has been occupied with preparations for trade in spring and summer goods. Travellers are now calling on the more distant customers for orders of this kind. In a few weeks they will be out with full lines of samples of spring and summer goods. If the weather continues as cold as it is at present it will stimulate the demand for woollen goods considerably.

FISH.

Whitefish are not coming in as plentifully as they should for this time of year. Jackfish and pickerel are more plentiful. The regular dealers have just about sufficient to supply the demand. Hucksters are offering some lake fish on the city market. Prices remain unchanged.

GROCERIES.

The recent activity among retailers has detracted somewhat from the volume of wholesale trade and quietness is the prevailing feature at present. The season's trade has been most satisfactory to local houses and they will almost welcome a little breathing spell now. January promises no unusual features. The only changes in prices to note are advances of 5c on pot barley, 1-2c on Sultan raisins, 1-2c on dried apples, 2c on Cali-

form evaporated pears, 1c on apricots and 1-2c on pitted plums; dried apples are practically out of the market. Turagoma almonds have been advanced 1c on the inside quotation and roasted peanuts are reduced 1-2c on the inside price. Grenoble walnuts are slightly higher, being quoted at 14 to 15c instead of 13 to 15c, and Sicily filberts are lower at 10 to 11c.

GREEN FRUITS.

Nave oranges are easier. Apples hold firm at last quotations. There is nothing new in the market this week. Dealers report having had an excellent holiday trade. Prices are: California navel oranges, \$4.25 to \$4.75, as to size Mexican oranges \$3.75 to \$4.50 box; bananas, per bunch, \$3 to \$2.50, as to size; Messina lemons, \$4.50 to \$5 box; Ontario apples, ordinary winter stock, \$3.50 to \$4, as to quality; fancy stock, \$4 to \$4.50 per barrel, Almeria grapes, \$3, \$10 and \$12 per keg as to quality and size; Catawba grapes, \$5.50 per crate of fifteen 3 lb. baskets; winter Nelles pears \$3 box; eastern pears \$3.50 box; cranberries, unfrozen, \$3 per barrel; sweet potatoes, \$5 per barrel; coconuts, \$1 a dozen; Sicily filberts, large 11 to 12c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 15c; Tarragona almonds, 14c; peanuts, green, 10c; roasted, 12c; pecan nuts, 12c lb.; shelled walnuts, 24 1/2 to 26c per pound; strained honey, 8 1/2 to 9c per pound; maple sugar, 11 to 12c; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; California figs, in boxes of ten bricks, \$2 per box; dates, 7 1/2c per pound; celery, 40c per dozen bunches.

HARDWARE AND PAINTS.

There are no new features in the market for these commodities. Turpentine continues to hold very firm, and further advances are not unlikely to be made. There is very little movement of any kind, and prices remain at our quotations of last week. Toronto reports turpentine 3c higher yesterday.

LUMBER.

Among wholesalers the usual winter conditions are observable. A few small orders have been received, but generally speaking the building industry is at a standstill. Retail dealers in the city and country are catching a little trade from farmers who have odd jobs to do, but the stuff is mostly for patching and repairing purposes. The season's trade has been most satisfactory. Our price list remains unchanged as given last week.

LEATHER.

The situation may be described as one of quietness. Beyond a desultory mail order business there is not much doing. There are no immediate prospects of alterations in prices which remain unchanged as given on another page.

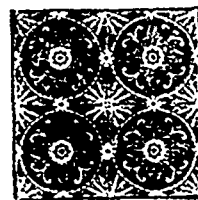
GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—General review.—During the past week the wheat markets on this side of the Atlantic have shown an almost uninterrupted daily advance. They closed at the end of last week showing much strength, and the three days of Christmas holiday which intervened between then and the opening of this week, seems to have whetted the appetite of speculation. Since last May, until about a fortnight ago, there has been an unusual absence of speculative buying in the grain markets. On the other hand, for some months, speculation in

stocks has been active and wide in amount. Prices of stocks have had a large advance, which makes it now a matter of considerably more risk buying them than when prices were lower, and it appears that a certain amount of speculative enterprise is now turning its attention from the stock market to the grain market, and notably to wheat. Anyway there has been a large increase in speculative buying of wheat during the past two weeks, and the result is seen in the substantial advance in the wheat markets of America. Chicago, New York and other markets close the week with an average of 2 1/2c per bushel advance over last week. While this result is very gratifying to producers and holders of wheat, it is well to point out that English and continental markets do not follow the advance in the American markets, to anything like the same extent. The world's wheat crop of 1898 is the largest aggregate yield ever recorded, and there is undoubtedly sufficient wheat to satisfy the world's requirements for the year. The flour trade at the present time is also in anything but an active state generally speaking, and many millers complain of the slowness in their trade. All the same, if the speculative fever, which has fairly begun in the grain markets, continues to develop, present prices may soon appear cheap, and once a higher level of price is established, it may be maintained for some time, but there is nothing in the present situation to warrant a continuance of high prices into next summer, unless serious and widespread damage overtakes the crops of 1899. All reports of the growing winter wheat crops in Europe and America, continue favorable. The weather in Argentina is now reported fine and harvest is progressing more satisfactorily. A large number of vessels have been already chartered to load wheat at Argentine ports for shipment to Europe during January and February. The wheat crops in India, which are harvested in February and May, are also giving satisfactory

NOTHING BETTER

Nor nothing else as good for interior finish, as our



Sample Plate

**Metallic
Ceilings
and Walls**

We make countless artistic designs that will suit any room of any building; they are easily applied and moderate in price.

**FIRE PROOF, SANITARY and
PERMANENTLY BEAUTIFUL**

If you'd like an estimate, mail us an outline showing the shape and measurements of your Ceilings and Walls.

Metallic Roofing Company, Ltd.

1195 King Street W., Toronto

THOS. BLACK, WINNIPEG AGENT

1899 SAMPLES



My Samples for 1899 are now on the road, and they are just one year ahead of 1898. My line of American Mitts and Gloves are the best values offered, and will merit the careful consideration of every Merchant selling these goods. My travellers will call on you during January or early in February, and I trust my samples will be favored with your thorough inspection.

IT MEANS MONEY TO YOU

In these Lines we take
Second Place from None:

ALFRED DOLGE FELT SHOES
"CANADA" FELT SHOES
MITTS, GLOVES, MOCCASINS
ARCTIC SOX, LACES

ARTHUR CONGDON

WINNIPEG, MAN.

OUR PLATFORM FOR 1899

Will be the same as that upon which we have
stood this year. viz. :

**HONESTY AND SQUARE
.. DEALING ..**

Amply Supported by Capital and Labor.

ON IT we have secured the nucleus of a sound business, beneficial alike
to our Customers, Ourselves and to our Country.

J. H. ANDERSON & COMPANY

Wholesale Provision Merchants, Winnipeg, Man.

promise, fine rains having occurred in reasonable time.

Local Situation—The local market is following United States markets in advancing. No much trade is doing, as the deliveries over the country are small, and the quantity selling by farmers even much smaller. The value of 1 hard for export is under the prices obtainable from local buyers. At the end of last week 1 hard Fort William stood at 66c per bushel, delivery this month. Monday was a holiday. On Tuesday the price was 67c, and it continued about that price on Wednesday and Thursday, although at the high point of the market a few cars sold at 67 1-2c, but the American markets closing lower than the previous two days caused a weaker feeling. Buyers withdrew themselves from sight, and in the afternoon it was difficult to sell even at 67c. Yesterday with a more steadily advancing market in Chicago, etc., prices were again better, and the tone more confident. Some 1 hard sold at 68c spot Fort William, but probably 67 1-2c was the real market value in the afternoon; 2 hard and 1 northern are 3 1-2c less than 1 hard. A great many of the cars going east to Fort William are now inspecting "no grade," but as yet there is practically no trading in it, as dealers have not yet found out what can be realized for it. Yesterday one car of tough 2 hard found a buyer at 60c per bushel in store Port Arthur, after being dried. It would almost seem as if the dried wheat will have to be tested by the millers before a market price can be made for it.

FLOUR—Prices are unchanged this week, but the feeling is firmer. A fair demand is reported. Prices here to retail dealers are as follows: \$1.25 for patent, \$1.75 for strong bakers; Glenora \$1.75; Manitoba bakers, \$1.45, Algoma, \$1.30; Imperial XXXX, \$1.15; XXXX, \$1.05 per sack of 98 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack for cash.

MILLFEED—Prices hold firm. There is a good demand, which continues to absorb the supply. Bran is quoted at \$10 and shorts at \$12 per ton, with large lots at \$1 per ton less. Small broken lots are quoted at \$11 and \$13.

GROUND FEED—Prices vary widely all the way from \$8 to \$19 a ton, as to quality. Oat chop is quoted at \$17 to \$19 per ton; mixed barley and oats, \$15 to \$18, and wheat mixtures at \$8 to \$12 per ton as to quality; oil cake, \$23 per ton.

OATMEAL—Rolled oatmeal is quoted at 1.90 to retail dealers. The supply is still limited.

OATS—Prices paid to farmers here have ranged all the way from 23c to 28c, which is a wide range, but this is owing to the great variety in quality. For ordinary feed quality 23 to 24c per bushel of 34 lbs. has been the general price, and sometimes 25c has been obtained. Good qualities have brought 26c for milling and up to 28c for choice, but few have been good enough to bring over 26c. Car lots are generally held at 25c on track here for ordinary feed quality, and we quote 24 to 25c for cars of feed and 26c for a good No. 2 white of full weight per bushel. Oatmeal millers are bidding good prices to farmers in country markets for the best samples, prices ranging higher at some country markets than relative value for car lots here.

BARLEY—The market is weaker. Farmers have been offering quite a quantity of feed barley here, and prices for such are 24 to 25c. Prices for haying, dropped to 25c and later only 24c per bushel of 48 lbs. was being offered by some buyers. Malting barley is also easier, 30c being the usual price offered.

WHEAT—Local street market prices have been firm and tending higher. Millers were paying 54 to 56c yesterday for choice hard wheat delivered at the mills by farmers which shows an advance of 1c last week. No. 2 hard 3c less. There is considerable damp wheat offering, which brings 30 to 50c per bushel of 60 pounds, as to quality.

FLAX SEED—In Manitoba country markets 65c per bushel is being paid to farmers.

CORN—A little corn is coming in from the States. Car lots on track here would cost laid down about 42c per bushel of 56 lbs.

BUTTER—Creamery—The market is steady, and about nominal. Jobbers are quoting 22 to 23c as to quantity and quality.

Butter—Dairy—The market is steady. Buyers are offering 13 1-2c to 14 1-2c here for lots, as to quality, and 15c is paid for choice round lots.

CHEESE—The market is quoted the same as last week. Jobbers quote 9 1-2c for large and 10c for small sizes.

EGGS—Held fresh, mostly Ontario stock, are selling at 13 to 20c as to quality, and limes at 16 to 17c. There are absolutely no fresh Manitoba eggs coming in. Fresh gathered are obtainable in a small way from producers at 35 to 40c per dozen.

POULTRY—A heavy Xmas trade has been done in poultry and stocks have been largely reduced though there is still considerable eastern stock held. Prices are: Chickens, mixed, 8 to 9c per pound; straight lots spring chickens 1c more. Ontario turkeys are held at 12c, and Manitoba 10 to 12c, as to quality; geese, 10c; ducks, 8 to 10c.

GAME—Rabbits 8 1-2c each. Pigeons 20c per pair. Wild ducks 25c per pair.

DRESSED MEATS—The usual reaction from Christmas activity has set in and the market is dull this week. Until stocks of Christmas meat become reduced there will be no changes in the situation, but fresh killed meat will then begin to come in and will command slightly better prices. No domestic hogs have been offering and packers continue to supply their wants with Ontario stuff. Some of this is too fat for breakfast bacon, but in the absence of anything better it is being used. Butchers are quoting 6c for best hogs, while packers will pay about the same. As high as \$6.10 can be obtained for selects. We quote prices as follows: Best beef, 5c to 6c, frozen beef 4c to 5c, as to quality; mutton, 7 to 8c; lamb, 8 to 9c, veal, 5 1-2 to 7c; pork, 5 1-2 to 6c.

VEGETABLES—The cold weather has stopped deliveries of vegetables by farmers, and there is consequently very little doing outside of the city market trade. Prices remain as follows: Potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 20c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1-2 to 2c per lb.; carrots 35 to 40c; beets, 35 to 40c per bushel. Celery, 40c per dozen; cabbage, 1 to 1 1-2c per pound as to quality; onions, 90c to \$1 per bushel; Spanish onions, \$2 per crate; pumpkins 1 1-2 to 2c per pound.

SENDECA ROOT—Nominal at 21c.

HIDES—There are very few hides moving this week and the situation is practically unchanging. Frozen hides are quoted at 66c, but it is more difficult to find any. Hides by some dealers. Bulls and oxen 1c less. Five pounds dockage for a bushel. Inspected hides are as follows: No. 1, 6 1-2c; No. 2, 5 1-2c; No. 3, 4 1-2c. Brand old hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3; kip, 6c to 6 1-2c; calf, 8c; deacon, skins, 15c to 25c; sheepskins and lambskins 40 to 55c; horsehides 75c to \$1.50 each.

HAY—Baled is quoted at \$8 to \$9.50 on track here and loose on the street market at \$6 to \$7.50 as to quality.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—None offering. Nominal at about 3c for good butchers' stock. Stockers nominal at 2 to 2 1-2c.

SHEEP—Quoted nominally at 3 1-2c here.

HOGS—In the absence of business prices are nominal at 4 3-4c off cars for selected weights.

MILCH COWS—Prices range from \$25 to \$40.

HORSES—There are no special features to note. Sales are being made every day of general purpose horses and fairly good prices are being realized. A good carriage horse is worth all the way from \$125 up and work horses from \$175 a team up.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

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

Week ended Dec. 29, 1898	\$1,514,738
Corresponding week, 1897	1,516,261
1896	1,555,519

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

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan. ...	6,347,168	5,009,819	4,977,200
Feb. ...	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,052,000
March ...	5,968,000	4,289,000	4,286,000
April ...	6,240,000	4,162,000	4,032,000
May ...	8,683,304	5,014,786	4,246,201
June ...	7,396,000	5,531,000	4,094,000
July ...	6,316,238	5,616,603	4,961,277
Aug. ...	6,160,385	6,298,574	4,646,959
Sept. ...	6,414,551	8,035,201	4,030,708
Oct. ...	9,347,692	12,291,879	7,585,472
Nov. ...	11,553,669	13,550,761	8,895,175

Financial Notes.

It is reported that the Bank of Hamilton will open a branch at Vancouver, B. C., early in February. The site selected is on Cambie street in what was formerly known as the Home block.

Mr. Phepoe, late manager of the Winnipeg branch of Molson's Bank, who has been transferred to Trenton, Ontario, was presented with a gold watch and a purse, previous to his departure, by a number of the prominent customers of the bank.

London Money.

London, Dec. 30.—Consols for money 110 15-16; do. for the account 111; bar silver 27 1-4; money 3 3-4 to 4. The rate of discount in the open market for both short and three months bills 3 1-4.

The state of North Dakota tried to compel the railways to reduce freight rates, but in the legal contest that followed the railways have come out ahead. The decision is to the effect that capital has a right to proper remuneration and North Dakota failed to show that the railroad rates do more than yield a proper income on the capital invested.

W. E. Sanford Mfg Co. Ltd

HAMILTON, ONT.

CLOTHING

MANUFACTURERS

Office and Sample Room :

Corner Bannatyne and Princess Streets
WINNIPEG

Such Elegance and Choice

AS our stock presents can be seen nowhere else in Winnipeg. Added to this the moderate prices at which the goods are marked is a further claim on the attention and consideration of buyers.

We have a large variety of gift articles combining utility with beauty—the useful with the ornamental at exceedingly low prices.

BARRE BROS. CO. LTD

Diamond Importers and Dealers in

FINE ART JEWELRY

HIDES WOOL

NORTHWEST HIDE CO.
Andersch Bros., Props
Herman Telke, Mgr.

270 KING ST.
WINNIPEG, MAN.

FUR TALLOW

SENECA ROOT SHEEPskins

MACKENZIE & MILLS

Importers of and Wholesale
Dealers in

Teas, Roasted and Ground Coffees
Jams, Etc.

Packers of Britannia, Beaver and Buffalo Blend
"Packet Teas" and Sole Agents for Thos.
Lipton's Package Teas for Manitoba, N. W.
Territories and British Columbia.

244 Princess St., Winnipeg

TELEPHONE 321

P.O. BOX 693

STUART & HARPER

758, 760, 762 MAIN STREET, WINNIPEG

Dealers in Machinery and Supplies

Boilers, Engines and Steam Pumps, Hoisting Engines and Centrifugal Pumps. Agents for Monarch Economic Boilers. Latest improved Flour Mill Machinery, Woodworking Machinery and Saw Mills, Ironworking Machinery and Tools, Dodge Wood Split Pulleys and Friction Clutches, Dodge system of Manila Rope Drives, Electric Dynamos and Motors, Electrical Supplies and Incandescent Lamps, Electrical Repairs.

Large Stock of Second-hand Machinery on Hand

Call and see us or write for prices on any Machinery you are in need of.

SAFES VICTOR SAFES

KARL K. ALBERT, GENL. AGT

407 Main St. - Winnipeg

Next Door to Post Office

SNAPS

-IN-

SAFES

DURING

NOVEMBER AND
DECEMBER

Household Safes, No. 1, only \$12.00 cash

" No. 2, only 30.00 cash

Merchants Safes, all sizes and prices
Easy terms to suit purchasers

REMEMBER

That during DECEMBER, JANUARY, and FEBRUARY there are more losses through fires, than in all the other NINE months of the year put together. It is indeed a careless merchant who will run such a risk as that of leaving his books and papers in his store without some means of protection. The old saying, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," is certainly true when applied to the purchase of a safe. Let me know your wants and get my rock-bottom prices. Cash or easy terms.

KARL K. ALBERT, - WINNIPEG

Represented by

A. B. Salisbury & Co., Agents, Vancouver and
New Westminster, B.C.

The Geo. E. Tuckett & Son Co.

LIMITED

Manufacturers of the favorite

T. & B. MAHOGANY and
T. & B. BLACK

Chewing Tobaccos

TRES & PERSSE, Agents
WINNIPEG, MAN.

JOHN W. PECK & CO.

MANUFACTURERS OF

CLOTHING,
FUR GOODS,
SHIRTS

Dealers in Men's Furnishings, Hats and Caps.

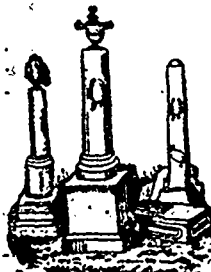
We would draw especial attention to the fact that we have the only stock now in existence of good Buffalo Coats.

Assorting orders by letter for goods in our lines will receive prompt and careful attention.

MONTREAL WINNIPEG

BRANDON

Marble and Granite Works



SOMERVILLE & CO.

DEALERS IN

MARBLE AND MANITOBA
GRANITE MONUMENTS

Headstones, Mantel
Pieces, Cemetery Fencing,
Tablets, etc.

ROSSER AVE

BRANDON, MAN.

Represented by W. Somerville and W. C. Stewart

WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES

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

Canned Goods		Per case
Apples, 3s, 2 doz.	2 15	3 25
Apples, preserved, 3s, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Apples, gallons (per doz.)	3 00	3 25
B & or Lawton berries, 2s, doz.	3 25	3 50
Beans, 2s, 2 doz.	1 85	2 00
Beans, 2s, 2 doz.	2 30	2 50
Cherries, red, pitted, 2s, 2 doz.	3 75	4 00
Peas, Marrowfat, 2s, 2 doz.	1 90	2 00
Peas, sifted, 2s, 2 doz.	2 25	2 50
Pears, Bartlett, 2s, 2 doz.	2 25	3 50
Pears, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 50	4 75
Pears, Bartlett, 3s, 2 doz.	5 00	5 50
Pineapple, 2s, 2 doz.	4 50	5 00
Pineapple, imported, 2s, 2 doz.	5 50	6 00
Peaches, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50	3 75
Peaches, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 50	5 00
Peaches, Canadian, 3s, 2 doz.	5 00	6 00
Plums, 2s, 2 doz.	3 00	3 25
Plums, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 50	5 00
Pumpkins, 3s, 2 doz.	2 00	2 25
Raspberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 25	3 50
Strawberries, 2s, 2 doz, new.	3 10	3 25
Tomatoes, 3s, 2 doz.	2 20	2 50
Salmon, talls, 1s, 4 doz.	5 50	6 00
Salmon, Colocoe talls, 1s, 4 doz.	7 50	8 00
Sardines, domestic 1/2s.	05	08
Sardines, imported, 1/2s.	09 1/2	15
Sardines, imported, 1/2s.	15	25
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless.	20	33
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s.	10	12
Per doz.		
Imported Fresh Herring, 1s.	1 40	1 60
Imp. Kipper Herring, 1s.	1 85	2 00
Imp. Herring, Tom. Sauce 1s.	1 90	2 00
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 1s.	1 90	2 00
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 1s.	1 90	2 00
Canned Meats		Per case.
Corn Beef, 1s, 2 doz.	3 00	3 50
Corn Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 60	3 00
Lunch Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	3 00	3 00
Lunch Tongue, 1s, 2 doz.	6 00	6 50
Lunch Tongue, U.S., 1 doz.	6 00	6 50
Brain, 2s, 1 doz.	2 60	3 00
Pigs Feet, 1s 2 doz.	2 50	2 75
Roast Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	3 00	3 50
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 1s 2 doz.	75	5 00
Per doz.		
Potted Ham, 1/2s.	75	75
Devilled Ham, 1/2s.	75	75
Potted Tongue, 1/2s.	75	75
Potted Ham, 1/2s.	1 50	1 50
Devilled Ham, 1/2s.	1 50	1 50
Potted Tongue, 1/2s.	1 50	1 50
Coffee		Per pound.
Green Rio.	0 1/2	10
Inferior grades.	0 1/2	9
Cereals		Per sack
Split Peas, sack 9s.	2 40	2 50
Pot Barley, sack 9s.	2 40	2 45
Pearl Barley, sack 9s.	4 25	4 50
Rollod Oats, sack 8s.	1 95	1 90
Standard Oatmeal, sack 9s.	2 35	2 35
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 9s.	2 35	2 35
Beans (per bushel).	1 40	1 45
Cornmeal, sack 9s.	1 25	1 25
Cornmeal, 1/2sac 49 (per 1/2sac)	0 05	0 05
Per pound		
Rice, B.	4 1/2c	4 1/2c
Pattua	5 1/2c	6c
Rice, Japan	5 1/2c	6c
Sago	4 1/2c	4 1/2c
Tapioca	4 1/2c	4 1/2c
Cigarettes		Per M
Old Judge	8 90	8 90
Athlete	8 90	8 90
Sweet Caporal	8 90	8 90
Sweet Sixteen	5 70	5 70
Derby	6 60	6 60
Cured Fish		
Boneless Hake, per lb.	05	05 1/2
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs.		6 00
Calfish, Pure per lb.	07	07 1/2
Herrings, in half-barrels.	3 60	3 75
Dried Fruits		Per pound
Raisins, Val., fine, off stalk	55	1 05
Raisins, Selected, off stalk	70	1 50
Raisins, Val. Layers, per box	50	1 00
Loose Muscatels, 2 crown	5 1/2	06
Loose Muscatels, 3 crown	07 1/2	07 1/2
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown	08	8 1/2
London Layer, 20 lb Boxes.	1 90	2 00
Apples, Dried.	08	8 1/2
Rvap Apples, finest quality.	10	10 1/2
California Evaporated Fruits		
Peaches, peeled	17	18
Peaches, unpeeled	13	14
Pears	12 1/2	13
Apricots	16 1/2	17
Pitted Plums	11	11 1/2
Prunes, 100 to 120.	5 1/2	6
Prunes, 80 to 100.	10 1/2	11
Prunes, 70 to 80.	7	7 1/2
Prunes, 60 to 70.	7 1/2	8 1/2
Prunes, 40 to 50.	10	11
Matches		Per case
Telegraph	\$3	85
Telephone	3	65
Tiger	3	50
Nuts		Per pound
Brazils	11	12 1/2
Taragona Almonds	14	15
Peanuts, roasted	11 1/2	13
Peanuts, green	9	10
Grenoble Walnuts	14	15
French Walnuts	12	13
Sicily Filberts	10	11
Shelled Almonds	30	35
Syrup		
Extra Bright, per lb.	3c	3 1/2c
Medium, per lb.	2 1/2c	3c
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	60	6 75
Molasses, per gal. (New Or.)	35c	40c
" Porto Rico	40c	45c
" Barbadoes	45c	50c
Salt		Per pound
Rock Salt	1 1/2c	1 1/2c
Per barrel		
Common, fine	1 90	2 00
Common, coarse	1 90	2 00
Dairy, 100 3	3 25	3 50
Dairy, 60-5	3 15	3 30
Per Sack		
Dairy, white duck sack	00	50
Common, fine jute sack	00	45
Spices		Per doz.
Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins.	75	90
Per pound		
Allspice, whole	15	20
Allspice, pure ground	18	22
Allspice, compound	15	18
Cassia, whole	18	20
Cassia, pure ground	20	25
Cassia, compound	13	18
Cloves, whole	17	20
Cloves, pure ground	25	30
Cloves, compound	18	20
Pepper, black, whole	4	15
Pepper, black, pure ground	16	18
Pepper, black, compound	10	13
Pepper, white, whole	20	23
Pepper, white, pure ground	25	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	60
Mace (per pound)	1 00	1 25
Teas		Per pound
China Blacks—		
Choice	35	40
Medium	25	35
Common	13	20
Indian and Ceylon—		
Choice	32	40
Medium	25	34
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
Com	15	20

Dried Fruits

Tobacco		Per pound
T. & B., 3s, 4s, and 9s Cads.	00	72
Lily, 8s, cads.	00	63
Crescent, 8s, cads.	00	60
T. & B. Black Chewing, 8s or 16s	00	64
T. & B. Mahogany Chewing, 8s or 16s	00	64
T. & B. 1-12 pkg, cut	00	89
T. & B. 1-5 pkg, cut	00	91
T. & B. in pouches, 1-4	00	91
T. & B. in 1-5 tins	00	99
T. & B. in 1/2 tins	00	100
T. & B. in 15 tins	00	87
Orinoco, 1-12 pkg.	00	85
Orinoco, 1-5 tins	00	91
Orinoco, 1/2 tins	00	86
Tucketts Cherub Cigarette 1-12	00	87
Brier, 8s, cads	00	64
Derby, 3s and 4s, cads.	00	67
Derby, 3s, cads	00	65
P. & W. Chewing, Cads.	00	66
P. & W. Chewing, Butts	00	66
Canadian Leaf, 50 lb bales	21	25
Wooden Ware		Per doz.
Pails, 2 hoop clear	1 50	1 60
Pails, wire hoop	2 25	2 30
Pails, Star fibre	4 00	4 00
Tubs, No. 0 common	9 50	10 50
Tubs, No. 1 common	5 50	9 00
Tubs, No. 2 common	6 50	7 00
Tubs, No. 3 common	5 50	6 00
Per nest.		
Tubs, nests (3)	1 55	1 65
Tubs, wire hoop (3)	2 25	2 40
Per doz.		
Tubs, fibre, No. 0	16 50	14 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 1	14 50	12 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 2	12 50	10 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 3	10 50	8 50
Per nest		
Tubs, fibre, (3)	3 20	3 20
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2)	4 50	5 00
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3)	7 50	8 00

Tobacco

CURED MEATS AND LARD		
Lard, pure, 20 lb pails	\$1	80
Lard, imported, 20 lbs	1	70
Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb tins, per case of 60 lbs	5	75
Lard, pure, Tierces, per lb	5 1/2	5 1/2
Lard, 50lb tubs	5 1/2	5 1/2
Lard, Compound, 20 lb pails	1	35
Lard, Compound, 3 and 5 lb tins, case 60 lbs.	5	00
Smoked Meats		per lb.
Hams	11	11
Breakfast bacon, bellies	11 1/2	11 1/2
Breakfast bacon, backs	11	11
Spiced rolls	10	10
Shoulders	8 1/2	8 1/2
Long Clear	9 1/2	9 1/2
Dry Salt Meats		
Long clear bacon	8 1/2	8 1/2
Shoulders	8 1/2	8 1/2
Short Clear	8 1/2	8 1/2
Backs	9	9
Barrel Pork		Per barrel
Heavy mess	16 00	17 00
Short cut	16 50	17 50
Meat Sundries		
Fresh pork sausage, lb	8	8
Bologna sausage, lb	7	7
Pickled pigs feet, kits	1 40	1 40
Sausage casings, lb	25	30

CURED MEATS AND LARD

FRESH FISH, OYSTERS		
Whitefish, lb	05	05 1/2
Pickrel, lb	04	04
Trout, lb	09	09
Pike, lb	02 1/2	02 1/2
Salmon, lb	12 1/2	12 1/2
R.C. halibut, lb	12	12
Smelts, lb	09	09
Smoked goldeyes, doz	30	30
Smoked haddies	08	08
Bloters, per box	1 50	1 50
Salt Whitefish, per 1/2 bbl	6 50	6 50
Salt Trout, per 1/2 bbl	7 50	7 50
Oysters, select, per gal	2 00	2 00
Oysters, standards	1 60	1 60
Oysters, cans select, each.	65	65
Shell Oysters, bbls	7 50	7 50

DRUGS

Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for unbroken packages.

Alum, lb	3 1/2	1 1/2
Bleaching Powder, lb	5 25	5 50
Bluestone, lb	05	07
Bluestone, barrel lots	01 1/2	05
Borax	09	10
Bonide Potash	75	80
Camphor	55	65
Camphor, ounces	60	70
Carbolic Acid	35	60
Castor Oil	13	20
Chlorate Potash	18	20
Citric Acid	45	50
Copperas	03 1/2	04
Cocaine, oz.	4 50	5 00
Creum Tartar, lb	25	32
Cloves	20	25
Epsom Salts	03	04
Extract Logwood, bulk	14	18
Extract Logwood, boxes	15	20
German Quinine	30	40
Glycerine, lb.	20	25
Ginger, Jamaica	30	35
Ginger, African	20	25
Howard's Quinine, oz.	40	45
Iodine	75	5 00
Insect Powder	30	35
Morphia, sul.	1 90	2 00
Opium	5 00	5 50
Oil, olive	1 25	1 40
Oil, U.S. Salad	1 25	1 40
Oil, lemon, super	1 60	1 80
Oil, peppermint	2 00	2 40
Oil, cod liver, gal.	1 25	1 75
Oxalic Acid	14	16
Potass Iodide	3 75	4 00
Soda Green, lb	20	22
Salt Petre	08	10
Sal Rochelle	35	35
Shellac	30	35
Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2	04
Sulphur Koll, keg	3 1/2	04
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	3 75	4 25
Salt Soda	2 00	3 00
Tartaric Acid, lb.	40	45
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz.	85	1 60

LEATHER

FUEL		
Harness, oak		39
Harness, union oak No. 1		32
Harness, union oak No. 1 R		31
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand		32
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R, anchor brand		

ESTABLISHED IN
1858**HODGSON BROTHERS**CABLE ADDRESS
"HODGSON," LIVERPOOL

27 TO 29 STANLEY ST., LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND

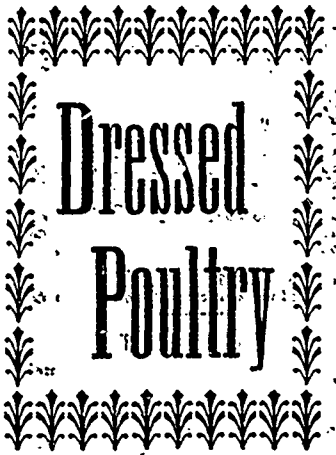
COMMISSION MERCHANTS FOR CANADIAN PRODUCESPECIAL FACILITIES for the disposal of GENERAL PROVISIONS, CHEESE AND BUTTER
DIRECT TO THE ENGLISH CONSUMER, thus securing the highest market price. Liberal advances
paid on all Consignments shipped to us direct or through ourCORRESPONDENCE
SOLICITEDNew York Branch—Abrm. Hodgson & Sons, 6 Harrington St., New York, U.S.A
Canadian Agents—Hodgson Bros., 65 to 69 William Street, Montreal.**Dominion Fish Co., Ltd.**

—WHOLESALE—

FISH AND OYSTERSWinnipeg Branch: 189 Thistle St.
(Portage Avenue East)

Head Office: SELKIRK MAN.

Tel. 1151

**Dressed
Poultry**THE SEASON for Dressed Poultry is here, and
we are open to buy any quantity. We pay
the highest market price and make prompt returns.
A post card to us will bring you quotations and
particulars.**DO YOU USE HOG CASINGS?**If so, we can interest you, as we have superior
casings free from salt at lower prices than they
have ever been offered at in Manitoba. Send us
a trial order for Casings, Hams, Bacon, Lard and
Sausage. The quality is A 1 and the prices are
right.**P. GALLAGHER & SONS**
WINNIPEG, MAN.

BUTCHERS, PORK PACKERS, CATTLE DEALERS

Great Northwest Wholesale Saddlery House

— OF —

E. F. HUTCHINGS

No. 122-4 Market St. East

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

Invites the attention of the trade to the com-
plete stock of seasonable goods, consisting ofFUR ROBES HORSE BLANKETS
FUR COATS SLEIGH BELLS, Etc.Also Harness Leather, Saddlery Hardware,
Horse Collars, Harness, Riding Saddles, Trunks,
Valises, Bags, Shoe Leathers and Findings.**The Whitlam Shoe Co., Ltd.**

MANUFACTURERS OF

FINE

FOOTWEAR

43, 45, 47 ST. MAURICE STREET

MONTREAL

DESIGNERS
ILLUSTRATORS
ENGRAVERS
ELECTROTYPERS263 McDERMOT AVE
WINNIPEG**C. W. MURRAY*** **Royal Planing Mill
and Lumber Yard**

COR. SMITH ST. AND PORTAGE AVENUE

Doors, Sash, Mouldings, Turnings, Hard
wood Finish Mantels, etc.**The Brandon Cigar Factory**

RAMSAY & CO., Props.

Our Leading Brands:

**JULIUS CAESAR PRINCESS
EMPERADORES****We Give An****Absolute Guarantee**that the following well-known brands
of Cigars are clear Havana filled goods,
viz KHEWIVE, RED CROSS,
REPUBLIC, LA HISPANIA and
ODETTE.**GEO. F. BRYAN & CO.**

Cigar Manufacturers, Winnipeg.

Wm. FERGUSON

WHOLESALE

Wines, Liquors and Cigars

8th ST., BRANDON

JAS. McCREADY & CO.

WHOLESALE

* **Boot and Shoe
Manufacturers**

MONTREAL, QUEBEC

W. WILLIAMS, Agent.

Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

Tin—Lamb and Flagg, 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb 21@22c.
Tin Plates—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12 x 12 and 14 x 20, \$4.50@4.75; I X, same size box, \$5.75@6; I C, charcoal, 20 x 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.00@ \$8.50; I X, box, 20x28, 112 sheets, \$9.50@ \$10.

Terne Plates—I C, 20x 28, \$8@ \$9.50.
Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.05 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.50@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @ \$8.00; sleigh shoe steel, 2.50@ \$2.75; cast tool steel, lb., 9@12c; imitation Russian sheet, 7@8c; genuine Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

Sheet Iron—10 to 20 guage, \$3; 22 to 24 and 26 guage, \$3.25; 28 guage \$3.50
Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, 3.00 @ \$3.75.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 guage, \$3.50; 22 and 24 guage, \$3.75; 26 guage, \$4.00; 28 guage, \$4.25 100 lbs.

Iron pipe—Quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1/2 inch, \$2.50; 3/8 inch, \$2.75; 1/2 inch, \$3; 5/8 inch, \$4; 1 inch, \$5; 1 1/4 inch, \$7; 1 1/2 inch, \$8.50; 2 inch, \$11.50.

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1/4 to 5c.
Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$7.00 lb., broken lots \$7.50.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb., 74@16c.

Ammunition — Cartridges — Rim fire pistol, American discount 37 1/2 @ 40 per cent rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; centre fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 1/2 per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 guage, \$6 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6 1/2 c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6 1/2 c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; 1/2 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$15 and upwards per 1,000. No. 10 guage, \$21.50 per 1,000.

Dupont Powder—Dupont Rifle FFG, 25-lb keg, \$5.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$2.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$6.00, cases of 24 1 lb cannisters, \$8.50, cases of 48 1/2 lb cannisters, \$9.25; Dupont Rifle FFG, 25 lb keg, \$5.25, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3.00, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7.00, cases of 24 1 lb cannisters, \$9.00, cases of 48 1/2 lb cannisters, \$9.75; Dominion Rifle, 25 lb keg, \$5.75, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7, cases of 24 1 lb cannisters, \$11, cases of 48 1/2 lb cannisters, \$12; Sea Shooting Fg. 25 lb keg, \$6; Manitoba Sporting, 25 lb keg, \$5.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$4.25, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$9.00; cases of 24 1 lb cannisters, \$13.00; Eagle Ducking, 25 lb keg, \$11.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$5.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$12.00; Crystal Grain, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$14.00, cases of 24 1 lb cannisters, \$17; Blasting, 25 lb keg, \$3.00. Dupont Smokeless powder, 12 1/2 lbs, \$22.00, 6 1/2 lbs, \$11.25, 3 1/2 lbs, \$5.75, 1/2 cannisters, \$1.00.

Wire—Galvanized barb, solid, plain, twist, \$2.40 per 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$2.90.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.15 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4 1/2 @ 6 inch, \$2.35 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes

Horse Nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 6, \$7.50 box No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$8 box; No. 8, \$6.75 box No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount of above list prices 45 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron shoes, keg, \$4.00; broken lots, \$4.25; steel shoes, \$4.50 up; Snow shoe, \$4.25 per keg.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 11c base; man-

illa, lb., 12 1/2c, base; cotton, 1/4 to 1/2 inch and larger, 15c lb.
Building Paper—Auch. brand plain 45c; do tarred 65c; Jubilee plain 57c; do tarred 73c.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.50 100 lbs; No. 1, \$5.50.

Prepared Paints—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

Dry Colors—V. lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 6c; 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@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 1/2 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@1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50@2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold-size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 @2.25; No. 1 orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

Sundries—Glue, sheets, 15c lb; broken, 12 1/2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 20@25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$3.50; benzine, case, \$3.50. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.00; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2 lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2c, do., less than barrels, 1b, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

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., 55c; boiled, gal., 58c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 70c; less than barrels, gallon, 75c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 27@30c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 13c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1, steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 17c; crescent, 20 1/2c; oleophene, 21c in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 24 1/2c for eocene and 21 1/2c for sunlight. Straight car lots Silver Star 1c less, other brands 2c less.

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

These prices are retail quotations at Winnipeg, such as contractors and others buy at. The mills quote delivered prices at Winnipeg, plus freight to outside points.

Dimension and Timber—No. 1, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$18.50, 18 ft, \$19.50, 20 ft, \$20.50, 22 ft, \$21.50, 24 ft, \$22.50; 3x6 to 3x12, 4x4 to 4x12, 6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$20.00, 18 ft, \$21.00, 20 ft, \$22.00, 22 ft, \$23.00, 24 ft, \$24.00; 3x10 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$22.00, 18 ft, \$23.00, 20 ft, \$24.00; 22 ft, \$25.00, 24 ft, \$26.00; 2x4, 10 ft, \$20.50; 2x6

to 2x 12, 10 ft, \$18.00. No. 2 dimension, \$2.00 less than No. 1. Dimension, 20; 28 and 30 ft, \$26.00. Timber—20, 28 and 30 ft, \$28.00. \$1.00 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch in depth and width. Tamarac, dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M less than pine. Cull plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$28.00 per M, 33 to 40 feet, \$30.00, 41 to 60 feet \$36.00. \$1.00 per M extra for each 2' in. over 12' in. in width or depth.

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25.00, 2nd common, \$18.50, 3rd common, \$16.50; No. 1 cull, \$13.00. No. 2 cull, \$9.00; spruce, \$16.50. \$1.00 per M extra for stock boards. \$2.00 per M less for 6 to 8 ft. and under. \$1.00 per M less for 10 ft. No. 1 box, 14 in. and up, \$30.00, No. 2, box boards, 14 in. and up, \$23.00. Extra dressing \$2.00 per M.

Siding, Flooring and Ceiling—2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$36.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28.00; 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$30.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25.00; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red and white, \$20.00; Cull siding, red and white, \$16.00; B.C. No. 1 and No. 2 edge grain flooring, 3, 4 and 6 inch, \$32.00. \$2.00 per M advance for dressing both sides.

Bevel Siding—No. 1 white pine, \$26.00; No. 2 red and white, \$23.00.

Shiplap—Pine, 6 inch, \$18.00, 8 and 10 inch, \$20.00; Spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19.00, 6 inch, \$18.00; cull shiplap, 8 and 10 inch, \$17.00; do., 6 inch, \$14.00.

Shingles—B. C. cedar, per M, No. 1, \$2.75, No. 2, \$2.50; B.C. cedar dimension shingles, \$4.00; B.C. cedar dimension band sawed, \$5.00.

Lath—Pine lath, No. 1, per M, \$3.00. No. 2, \$2.50.

Finishings—1 1/2 and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$85.00, 3rd clear, \$55.00, selects, \$45.00, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$32.00; B.C. cedar clears, \$50.00; do., over 12 inch, \$55.00; B.C. fir edge grain No. 1 stepping, \$45.00; No. 2, \$40.00; B.C. fir, flat grain, No. 1, \$37.00; No. 2, do., \$32.50; B.C. finish: g up to 12 in., \$37.50; do., over 12 inch, \$42.50. \$5 per M advance on 2 1/2 inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$55.00, 3rd clear, \$48.00, selects, B, \$38.00, selects, C, \$30.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$30.00; B.C. cedar, clear, \$50.00. B.C. fir finishing, \$37.50; do. over 12 inch, \$42.50.

Oak—Red and White—1/2 sawed, \$85.00; 1st and 2nd, 55.00 to \$65.00; common, \$40.00.

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, 1/2x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 75c, 1/2x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 85c; window and door stop, 1 1/2 inch lineal, \$1.25, ditto, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; 1/2 round and 1/2 cove, 75c; 1 1/2 inch mould, \$1.50; 2 inch mould, \$1.75; 2 1/2 inch mould, \$2.00; 3 inch mould, \$2.25; 3 1/2 inch mould, \$2.50; 4 inch mould, \$2.75; 4 1/2 inch mould, \$3.00; 5 inch mould, \$3.25; 6 inch mould, \$4.00; 5 inch window stool, 1 1/2 \$4.50; 6 inch window stool, 1 1/2, \$5.25; 4 inch casings, \$2.25; 5 inch casings, \$2.75; 6 inch casings, \$3.25; 8 inch base, \$4.25; 10 inch base, \$5.00; 12 inch base, \$7.00; hand rail, 2x4, \$5.50; wainscot cap, 2 1/2 inch, \$2.35, 3 inch, \$2.75; paxer mould, 60c. Moulding made from 1 1/2 stock add 25 per cent; 1 1/2 add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings or mouldings to detail at special prices. All shop work at special net prices.

British Columbia Markets.

[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.]

BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, Dec. 31, 1898.

Business has been very good and money is fairly easy. Cheese has advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, but is still below the cost of laying down new stock from the east. Butter is unchanged, and is also below cost to lay down new stock. Feed is firm. Lard is selling cheaper than it can be brought in for. Oats are firmer.

Butter—Creamery, jobbers price, 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ @ 24¢ choice dairy, jobbers price, 15¢; Off grade or cooking 16¢@16 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Eggs—Local, 50¢; Eastern eggs, jobbers prices, 19¢@19 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Cheese—Ontario, 12 @ 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, jobbers price.

Cured Meats—Hams 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ @13¢; breakfast bacon 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ @13¢; backs 12@12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; short clear 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; short rolls 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; smoked sides 11 @ 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10¢ per lb, in pails and tubs 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ lb.

Fish—Flounders 3¢; smelts 5¢; sea bass 4¢; whiting 5¢; soles 6¢; smoked salmon 10¢; fresh halibut, 6¢; salmon, 6¢.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$10@11 per ton, Ashcroft's, \$16 @ 17¢; California silver skin onions, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; cabbage 2¢ lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12.00 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons, \$4.00 box; grapes, \$1.75; apples, 65¢ per 50 lb. box, valencia oranges, \$3.25; navel oranges, \$3.50@3.75 box; seedlings \$2.75 box; Japanese oranges 65¢.

Meal—Rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.50, 2 45 pounds sacks \$2.90; 4 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ pound sacks \$3.10; 10.7 sacks, \$2.50; Oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$4.90; strong bakers \$4.40; Oregon, jobbers price, \$4.50.

Grain—Oats, 18.00 @ \$20.00 per ton; wheat, 23.00@25.00 per ton;

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00 per ton; shorts \$20 ton; bran \$18; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 7@7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; mutton 8 @ 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; pork 7@8¢; veal 10 @ 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; Pennican 40¢ lb.

Live Stock—Steers, \$3.50 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$4.00 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$7.00 per 100 lbs; cows, 3.00 per 100 lbs live weight.

Poultry—Turkeys, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ @14¢ lb; geese and ducks, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ @13¢; chickens, 12@13¢.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb; peaches 9¢; plums, 9@10¢; prunes, French 5@7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; loose muscatel raisins, 6¢; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13¢; filberts, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; peanuts, 10¢; Brazil, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; walnut, 13¢ lb.

Sugars—Powdered, icing and bar, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Paris lump, 6¢; granulated, 5¢; extra C. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; fancy yellows 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; yellow 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.50 case of 10; $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon tins, \$5.25 case of 20.

Teas—Congo Fair, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; good 18¢; choice 29¢. Ceylon: Fair, 25¢; good 30¢; choice, 35¢ lb.

Toronto Hardware Market.

Toronto, Dec. 31.

Pig Iron—Canadian, \$13.50@14.00.

Bar Iron—Base price, \$1.35 @ 1.45; band and hoop iron, \$1.65@1.75.

Sheet Steel—12-gauge, \$2.25 per 100 lbs; 16-gauge, \$2.40; 18@20, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24, \$2.30@2.40; 26, \$2.35@2.45; 28, \$2.45@2.55.

Galvanized Iron—16-gauge, \$3 75; 18 @24, \$4.00; 26, \$4.25 and 28 at \$4.50.

Lead—Pig, 4¢; sheet, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ @ 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb, shot, Can., dis. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent; pipe, ordinary, 7¢; composition waste, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ with dis. 25 per cent.

Black Iron—10@12 gauge, \$2.25@2.40 per 100 lbs; 14@16 gauge, \$2.60@2.70; 18@20 gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24 gauge, \$2.25@2.35; 26-gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 28-gauge, \$2.45@2.55.

Coil Chain— $\frac{1}{2}$ in., \$4.65; 5-16 in., \$3.75; $\frac{3}{4}$ in., \$3.25; 7-16 in., \$3.15; $\frac{1}{2}$ in., \$3.10; $\frac{3}{8}$ in., \$2.80; $\frac{1}{4}$ in., \$2.75.

Sheet Zinc—7 $\frac{1}{2}$ @8¢ per lb.

Antimony—10 $\frac{1}{2}$ @11¢; solder 13@14¢.

Ingot Copper—13 $\frac{1}{2}$ @14¢ per lb.

Ingot Tin—21@21 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Canada plates—Half-polished. 52-sheet boxes, \$2.35; do, 60-sheet boxes, \$2.40; dull 75-sheet boxes, \$2.25; all-bright "Garth," \$2.85 per box; do, "alaska," \$3.00.

Tin Plates—Prices unchanged at \$4.75 @ \$5.00 for I.C., \$6.00@6.25 for I.X. and \$7.25 to \$7.50 for I.X.X.

Iron Pipe—Black pipe, per 100 ft., $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, \$2.25@2.30; $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, \$2.30@2.35; $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, \$2.80; 1 in., \$3.95; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., \$5.20; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, \$6.75; 2 inch, \$9.10; Galvanized, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, \$3.95; $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, \$4.80; 1 inch, \$6.75; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, \$7.15; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, \$11.75; 2 inch, \$16.00.

Barb Wire—\$1.75 f.o.b., Cleveland and \$1.85 from stock Toronto. Terms, 30 days or 2 per cent. 10 days.

Fence Wire—Annealed, oiled and annealed, 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; galvanized, 30 per cent.; terms 4 months or 3 per cent. 30 days. Bright wire 35 per cent.

Nails, Wire—Base price, \$1.75@1.80.

Cut Nails—\$1.75 base price, with 5¢ keg, Toronto, Hamilton, London and Montreal.

Horse Nails—Discount on regular brands, 50 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron, light and medium pattern, \$3.25 per keg, Toronto and Hamilton.

Screws—Flat head bright, 87 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent; round head bright, 80 per cent; flat head brass, 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent; round head brass, 75 per cent.

Bolts—Common carriage bolts, $\frac{1}{2}$ @5-16, 70 per cent; tire bolts, 70 and 5; machine bolts, 60 and 10; blank bolts, 60 per cent; sleigh shoe bolts, 80 per cent; plough bolts, 60; stove bolts, 70 and 5; nuts, square, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; hexagon, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Rivets—Iron, 60 per cent; copper rivets, 30¢ per pound.

Glass—First break in 50-foot boxes, \$1.50, and in 100-foot boxes, \$3.50; double diamond, under 25 united inches, \$5.50. Toronto, 4 months, or 3 per cent 30 days.

Green V. cloth—\$1.20 per 100 square feet; terms, 4 months or 3 per cent for 30 days.

Spades and Shovels—Discounts 40 and 10@45 and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Rope—Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; $\frac{1}{2}$ in., 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; $\frac{3}{4}$ and 5-16 in., 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Manila, 7-16 and larger, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; $\frac{3}{4}$, 11¢; $\frac{1}{2}$ and 5-16, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Turpentine—66¢.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, Dec. 31.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4.55¢; yellows, 3.82@4.32¢.

Syrup and Molasses—Syrup medium, 30¢@32¢; special bright, 35¢@42¢. Molasses—West Indian, brls, 32¢@45¢; New Orleans, 26@30¢; for medium and 35¢@47¢ for bright.

Teas—Japans, low grade, 10¢@20¢ per lb; Young Hysons, seconds 16¢@19¢, firsts, 25@45¢; Indian, 18@50¢; Congous, low grades, 10¢@15¢; mediums, 22@25¢, and fines, 40¢ @ 55¢; Ceylons, 17 @ 25¢. Formosa Oolongs, 25@ 65¢.

Coffees—Green, Rio, 8 @ 12¢; Mocha, 23¢@25¢; Java, 30¢@32¢.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, 90¢@1.10, peas, 80¢@1.10; sifted peas, \$1.05@1.20; corn, 95¢@1.10; beans, 80@90¢; pumpkins, 70@75¢; strawberries, 2's, \$1.50 @ 1.80, raspberries, 2's, \$1.60@1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.55@1.65; 3's, \$2.50@2.65. Cohoe salmon, \$1.15@1.20; sock-eyes, \$1.35@1.60, lobsters, halves, \$1.75 @ 1.80; tail lbs, \$2.80; flats, \$3.10.

Nuts—Filberts, Sicily, 9¢@10¢; Bordeaux Walnuts, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ @11¢; Grenoble Walnuts, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ @13¢.

Rice—Rice, bags, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ @4¢; do. Patna, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ @6¢; do. Japan, 6@6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencias, off-stalk 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; fine off-stalk, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ @5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, select, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ @5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; layers, 6@6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Provincial, currants 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ @4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; Filiatras, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ @5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; Patras, 6¢; Vostizzas, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ @7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 17 @ 20¢; pears, 9¢ @ 10¢; prunes, 70's to 80's 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ @ 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; 80's to 90's 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ @7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; 90's to 100's, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ @6¢. Bosnia prunes, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ @6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; Sultanas, 11¢@13¢. Peel—Orange, 12¢ @ 13¢ per lb; citron, 17¢ @ 20¢; lemon 10¢ @ 13¢. Hallowee dates, 6@6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Malaga London layers, \$1.75@1.90 per box; black baskets, \$2.40; blue baskets, \$2.50; royal clusters, \$4.00; quarter flats—London layers, 65¢; black baskets, 75¢; blue baskets, 85¢; Delasia, clusters \$1.25.

Spices—Ginger, Jamaica 25¢; Cochun 20¢; cloves, Zanzibar, 15 @ 18¢; Am boyna, 18@25¢; allspice, 20¢; nutmegs, 50¢@51¢; cream tartar, pure, 25@28¢, and 18@25¢ for compound.

PROVISIONS.

Mess Pork—\$15.00 for Canada mess, short cut, \$15.50; clear mess, \$14.00.

Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, ton and case lots, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Smoked Meats—Breakfast bacon, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; hams, large 10¢ and 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for medium; rolls, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1¢ less than smoked.

Lard—Tubs, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ @7¢

PLEASE NOTIFY

Subscribers are requested to notify this office of any irregularity in the receipt of THE COMMERCIAL. A post card will be sufficient.

Dr. Warnock's Veterinary

"ULCERKURE."

The greatest healing medicine known. Heals Wounds and Sores of all descriptions. Large bottle \$1.00. Send stamp to Western Veterinary Co., P.O. Box 478, Winnipeg, for a free trial bottle and treatise on "The Healing of Wounds and Sores in Domestic Animals."

Commercial Travellers Association of Canada.

Toronto, Dec. 29. — The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada was held to-day and was very largely attended. President R. J. Orr occupied the chair. The twenty-sixth annual report showed a total membership November 30, of 4,253, and the present time, 4,397. During the year 35 mortuary payments had been made. The report outlined an insurance scheme for increasing the funds of the association and recommended that the maximum mortuary benefit for 1899 be fixed at \$1,000. The result of the election of officers was as follows: C. E. Kyle, president, and M. C. Ellis, first vice, previously elected by acclamation; second vice, Wm. Caldwell, Toronto board. S. M. Sterling, Thomas McQuillan, A. A. Howard, Thomas Blake, George West, George A. Henderson, Arthur Head, W. T. Smith, H. Goodman; Hamilton board, James Hooper, H. G. Wright, F. J. Smythe, T. P. Allan, W. G. Reld, G. H. Herring.

A discussion of length took place on a motion to reduce the salary of Secretary Sargeant from \$1,800 to \$1,500, but on a vote only two were in favor of it.

The by-law was amended increasing the directors from three to five.

The following resolution was passed on motion of P. P. Burton, seconded by H. Goodman. "That the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada in annual meeting assembled, hereby declare it has become a matter of common notoriety that frauds upon the customs by producing for customs purposes false invoices in which the true value of the goods entered is much underrated, so as to pay less than the proper amount of duty, have frequently been practised to the detriment of honest importing; that members of this association, while competing against one another for business, seek to do so in a friendly spirit and above board, and do not want to be stabled in the back by unfair competition; that this matter is affecting all trades, because of the principle involved and the precedents likely to be established; that the government have enacted certain laws for the protection of the revenue and proper punishment of all such frauds, so that those who commit these frauds do so with their eyes wide open as to the risks they run, that this association, representing 4,399 members, engaged in various trades and industries of the country—knowing well the conditions and difficulties of business, desire most emphatically to say that in their opinion no compromise should be made, but that the decision of all such cases should be left to the courts of justice, thus affording all parties an opportunity of being publicly heard."

Western Business Items.

S Butler, blacksmith, Boisclair, has sold out.

T Black, blacksmith, is starting at Souris, Man.

A. McMillan, grocer, Winnipeg, has given up business.

Grundy Music Co., Ltd., Winnipeg, has been incorporated.

Secord Bros., machinists, are starting business in Winnipeg.

Harvey & Co., bankers, Dauphin, are discontinuing this business.

T. A. Kennedy, hotel, Wabigoon, has resigned.

R. F. Greer has opened business at Oxbow, Assa., in drugs.

C. S. Burdett, jeweler, is opening business at Medicine Hat, Assa.

Walker, Lang & Co., butchers, Rat Portage, have dissolved partnership.

Ruttan & Fitzpatrick, general store, Alexander, Man., have closed business.

A butcher shop has been opened at Sintaluta, Assa., by T. H. Reeve, of Carberry.

John Hugginson will open a stock of stoves and tinware at Brandon early in January.

W. J. Robertson, livery and feed, Cartwright, Man., has sold out to Mooney Bros.

The Regina Trading Co., Ltd., is contemplating the opening of branch stores at Saskatoon and Rosthern.

Mrs. S. C. Gilbert, Carberry, has disposed of her fancy goods business to H. L. Cocksedge, and has gone to San Luis, Mexico.

W. A. Anderson, manager of J. H. Anderson & Co.'s Vancouver branch business, arrived in Winnipeg Saturday last and will stay here for the holiday season.

Alberta.

Hamilton & McCartney have opened an hotel at Wetaskewin.

The Lethbridge Sheep Company has been incorporated with \$20,000 capital. Dr. Mewburn, of Lethbridge, P. McLeay, of Irvine, and Wm. Bentley, of Toronto, are the directors.

Fire broke out on December 27th in the office of Hutchings & Riley, saddlers, Calgary. The fire was got under control, but not until much damage had been done.

At a meeting of the Edmonton Board of Trade held on the 22nd inst., President Gallagher presented his annual address. The business of the year was reviewed at length and its prosperity duly set forth. The necessity for a bridge across the Saskatchewan and the dilatory manner in which the Dominion government is dealing with the matter was dealt with, and finally the members were strongly urged to use every effort to enlarge the membership and influence of the board during the coming year. Subsequently this report was adopted. The election of new officers takes place in February. It was decided to hold a banquet in January and a committee has been formed to arrange for it.

British Columbia Items.

Armstrong & McLaren, hotel, Rossland, are closing out.

Hull Brothers have decided to open a butcher shop at Field.

W. Hamilton, hotel, Vancouver, advertises giving up business.

L. G. Barron, grocer, Rossland, has sold out to Bulmer, Webb & Co.

E. W. Smith, private banker, Vancouver, is retiring from business.

Thomas & Gregor, wholesale liquors, Rossland, have closed their Brooklyn branch.

Fox & Ross have purchased the stage line from Bossburg to Grand Forks. The line extends through the Boundary country, and two stages will be run each way each day.


E. Rose, grocer, Vancouver, has been closed out by creditors.

The business of M. J. Pearson & Co., men's furnishings, shirts, etc., Victoria, is being closed out.

Vancouver clearing house returns for the week ended Dec. 29th were \$544,381; balances, \$109,451.

A. C. Beach, western representative for the John L. Cassidy Co., Ltd., wholesale crockery, etc., Montreal, arrived from the east this week on his regular western trip, and will go through to the coast. Geo. L. Mitchell, of Winnipeg, has been appointed local representative for Manitoba for the company.

PLATE
—THAT—
WEARS

That's the kind to buy especially as it can usually be purchased at almost the same price as the kind that won't. 20 YEARS' use has in many cases failed to "dim" silver plated knives, forks and spoons bearing this trade  mark.

It's the mark placed only on highest grade of plate by the manufacturers.

SIMPSON, HALL, MILLER & CO
Wallford, Conn., U.S.A.
and Montreal, Canada

SALESMEN
WANTED

Permanent positions guaranteed with **SALARY** and **EXPENSES PAID**. Any determined man can succeed with us. Peculiar advantages to beginners. Stock complete, including many fast selling specialties. Outfit free. (This house is reliable.) Name this paper. Address at once.

BROWN BROTHERS CO.
Brown's Nurseries P.O., Ont.

"Minneapolis" Markets.

Compared with a week ago' flour shows an advance of 10c on firsts and seconds; corn feed an advance of 25c; corn an advance of 3-4 to 1c; No. 3 white oats an advance of 1-4c and No. 3 an advance of 3-4 to 1c; barley an advance of 1c on the inside quotation for malting and of 1 to 2c on feed; creamery butter a decline of 1-2 to 3c, and choice dairy of 1c on the outside quotation; spring chickens an advance of 1-2 to 1 1/2c, hens 1c on the outside, roosters 1c, turkeys, 1-2 to 1 1/2c and ducks 1-2c; hickies an advance of 1c on No. 1 and No. 2, and of 1-4c on bulls oxen and brands, veal calf is also up 1-4c.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.86 to \$3.90; second patents, \$3.55 to \$3.60.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$8.75 to \$9; bran in bulk, \$9 to \$9.25; corn feed, \$13.00 to \$14.50 per ton as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 32 1/2c for No. 3 yellow, and 32 1/4 for No. 3.

Oats—Oats held at 28c for No. 3 white and 27 3/4 to 28c for No. 3.

Barley—Malting, 38 to 42c; feed quoted at 35 to 37c.

Flax seed—\$1.10 1-2 per bushel.

Eggs—21c for strictly fresh, including cases; held fresh, 15 to 16c; seconds, 10c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 10 to 12c; fair to good, 8 1/2 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 16 1/2 to 18 1/2c for choice to extras; seconds, 14 to 15c; dairy, 13 to 16c; for choice to fancy; seconds, 12 1/2c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 to 6 1/2c; lamb, 8 to 10c; veal 5 to 7 1/2c.

Potatoes—Car loads, mixed, 25 to 33; straight varieties, 33 to 35 per bushel.

Poultry—Chickens, spring, 5 to 7 1/2c; hens, 4 to 6c; roosters, 3c; turkeys, 7 to 10c; ducks and geese, 5 to 7c.

Hides—Green salted hides, 9 1/2c for No. 1; 8 1/2c for No. 2; bulls, oxen and brands, 6 3/4 to 8c; sheepskins, 10 to 70c each; veal, calf, 9 1/2 to 11c; tallow, 2 1/4 to 3 1/2c; teneer root, 22 to 24c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 11 to 12c; medium, 13 to 14c; coarse, 14 1/2 to 15 1/2c.

Hay—\$6.00 to \$6.50 per ton timothy; mixed clover, \$4.50 to \$5.50.

Partnership Dispute.

On Friday at the court house Mr Justice Bain delivered judgment in a suit of Bentley vs. Bentley. The plaintiff, George Bentley, carried on business in Winnipeg under the name of The Berlin Portrait Co., taking orders for portrait work and frames, and enlarging photographs. On 1st July, 1897, an agreement was entered into by the plaintiff with his brother, the defendant, Wesley David Bentley, by which defendant was to become an agent for the plaintiff for two years and six months to canvas and get orders for him. In May last defendant ceased handing in to the plaintiff orders for portraits which he was taking under the agreement, and it is charged that he has been attempting to secure orders for a business which he proposed to establish for himself under the name of The Bentley Portrait Co. Plaintiff asked for an account of the dealings of the defendant and that he may be ordered to pay moneys in his hands belonging to plaintiff, and for an injunction to restrain defendant from

taking orders except in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

Defendant assented that plaintiff refused to perform the terms of the agreement and thereupon defendant cancelled the same and notified plaintiff thereof, that plaintiff did not fill orders taken and did not have portraits and work completed as agreed. He further states that plaintiff did not pay him the percentages agreed upon.

His lordship in delivering judgment stated that he found that it was not until June 20 that defendant notified the plaintiff's solicitors he had decided to rescind the contract, whether he was justified in rescinding or not there was no justification for defendant retaining the orders that he had taken up to that time for the plaintiff, and in the plaintiff's business name; and the plaintiff was entitled to an order of the court for the delivery of those orders. In taking the orders defendant and his travellers acted as the agents of the plaintiff, and it was the defendant's duty to hand them over to the plaintiff whose property in some sense they became as soon as they were obtained by the defendant.

His lordship refused to grant an injunction to restrain defendant from taking orders for pictures from persons other than the plaintiff. A reference to the master is directed to take the accounts.

Mr. Culver, Q. C., and Mr. E. L. Taylor for plaintiff; Mr. Munson, Q. C., for defendant.

Dairy School.

The provincial government dairy school will open for the first session of 1899 on January 4th at the school building, 191 Thistle street. The school opens with the home dairy course, which lasts from the 4th of January until the 31st. Students who cannot be present during the whole of the term are allowed to take a portion of it, the work being so arranged that those entering on the 9th, 16th or 23rd of January will be able to continue without difficulty. The home dairy course includes lectures on all branches of butter making on the farm, from milking the cows to putting the butter on the market. Farmers and farmers' wives, their sons and daughters, are eligible to take the home dairy course the instruction being given free by the government under Superintendent C. C. Macdonald. The home dairy course will be followed by a factory butter and cheesemakers' course for those wishing to take up the branch as a business.

manufacturers, involving \$40,000,000 capital, is being organized.

The Farmers' Advocate, Christmas number, is now in circulation. The number is a handsome one, profusely illustrated with half-tone engravings and most interesting in its reading matter. The cover presents a bird's-eye view of the Winnipeg Industrial exhibition grounds.

A circular has been issued by the British Columbia Mills Timber and Trailing Company, containing the gratifying news that arrangements have been made to rebuild the Hastings mill at Vancouver, recently burned. The new mill will be larger than the old one, and will be equipped with the latest machinery.

Canadian Beef in England.

London; Eng.; Outlook.

A gross fraud is being daily perpetrated upon the British consumer. Go into almost any retail butcher's shop—West End or East End—and ask for "best Canadian" or "any other kind of imported meat, and you are sure to be met with the reply, "Wouldn't sell it, sir; nothing but the best English in this shop." And yet the Board of Trade returns tell us that during the eleven months ended November, we imported 527,133 head of live cattle, value £8,767,402, and 2,790,543 cwt. of fresh beef, value £5,386,075. Have all these imports vanished into thin air? Fourteen million pounds' worth of good beef have disappeared, without getting any nearer to the consumer than Smithfield and the slaughter houses.

Canada's System Praised.

New York Post.

"Can a banknote currency be established which will be adequate, economical, and safe and thus serve in a better way than is now served the public need? This is the question that Mr. Gago puts to himself and to congress and the public. He points to the example of Canada and to those of other countries where the government does not undertake to supply a currency directly to the people. As regards the Canadian system he observes that "with power to issue notes as profitable employment for their use in productive industry can be found, the power has never been overtaxed or exhausted. The rates of interest have varied but little between the richer provinces of Ontario and Quebec and the sparsely settled districts of Manitoba

The text of the speech of Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, President of the Grand Trunk, in London, a few weeks ago, is to hand. The following extract is worth quoting in full:

There is one matter of high imperial moment to which the government of the Dominion can apply its understanding with great advantage—the question of immigration, the question of securing a new population and keeping it when secured. (Hear, hear. We have seen what attractions and inducements there are for a young population in the more attractive states of the United States. Canada is 1-2 million square miles occupied by less than six millions of people. Here is immense scope for the struggling agricultural and working population of this country; and if I may venture a word of advice in the presence of Canadian statesmen, it would be that this is a question to which they should apply themselves almost before anything else. (Hear, hear.) They are doing marvels in the way of encouraging fast communication between the two countries, but that is not all-sufficient, and I believe they will apply themselves to this question of increasing the population.

There is a Minnesota lawyer who usually succeeds in acquitting his clients, no matter how atrocious their crime or overwhelming the evidence of their guilt. One day his little boy, Tommy, was asked by his Sunday school teacher: "Tommy, the man who is good in this world goes to heaven. Now, what becomes of the bad men who disobey the laws of God?" "Pap gets them off," was the response.

New York Wheat.

New York, Dec. 27.—Wheat — Receipts 437,525 bu.; exports, 104,141 bu. Options opened firmer, and responded all day to a broadening speculation and bullish sentiment. The public and foreign houses were best buyers with professionals at times unloading. Through liquidation the December option lost half its premium over May and closed unsettled. Export trade was light, but foreign offset in the big and unexpected invisible supply decrease, closed very strong at 5-8 to 1-2 cents net advance. March, 76 7-8 to 77 1-8, May, 73 5-8 to 74 3-8, October, 71 7-8, Dec., 75 3-4 to 76 1-2, closed 76 1-8.

New York, Dec. 28.—The clearance of 508,656 bushels of wheat from New York to-day breaks all records in the history of the Produce Exchange. The wheat is destined for general distribution in Europe, including Mediterranean ports. Receipts 32,776 bushels; exports, 508,656 bushels. Options, although opening firmer on cables, immediately turned weak under heavy general realizing and were unsettled all day. Foreign news was firmer, clearances large and export trade active again, but not until the last hour did it produce a steady effect on prices, and then for a brief period only, after which under renewed long selling the market broke again, closing irregular at 1-8 decline, except December, which on a late squeeze of shorts, closed 1-2c higher. March, 77 3-4 to 78 1-4, closed 77 3-4; May, 74 3-8 to 75 1-2, closed 74 3-4; December, 75 11-16 to 77 1-4, closed 76 3-4.

New York, Dec. 29.—Wheat—Receipts, 297,200 bushels; exports, 573,868 bushels. Options were in a highly nervous and unsettled condition all day, sustaining frequent and sharp changes in the afternoon under scalping operations. Opening easier with cables, yielded further to liquidation and short sales. A decided late recovery on big clearances outside buying, a scare of shorts and strength in corn preceded a final collapse attended by renewed unloading. Last prices represented 1-8c to 3-8c net decline.

New York, Dec. 30.—Wheat receipts 137,825 bushels, exports 319,407 bushels. Option were once more under bull control to-day, and in the afternoon passed the recent high water mark. Besides an increase of outside trade, clearances were heavy, export demand larger and a cold wave promised for the winter. Wheat belt now unprotected by snow. Final prices were 1 1/2c net higher. March 77 11-16 to 78 3-4, closed 78 3-4; May 74 11-16 to 75 3-4, closed 75 3-4; December 76 1-4 to 77 1-2, closed 77 1-2.

New York, Dec. 31.—Wheat closed to-day as follows: May delivery 75 3-4; Dec. 77 3-4.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Wheat, Dec. opened 68 1-2c, closed 67 3-8 to 1-2c. May opened 71c, closed 70 3-8c. July opened 69c, closed 68 1-2 to 5-8c. Corn, Dec. 37 7-8c n. May opened 39 3-4c, closed 38 5-8c. July opened 39 5-8c, closed 38 7-8c. Oats, Dec. 26 1-2c. May opened 28 3-8c, closed 28 to 1-8c n. July opened 26 3-4c, closed 26 1-2c. Ribs, Jan. opened \$5.02, closed \$4.92. May opened \$5.25, closed \$5.15. Pork, Dec. \$8.70 n. Jan. opened \$10.42, closed \$10.02 b. May opened \$10.65, closed \$10.45 b. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.52, closed \$5.40. May opened \$5.75, closed \$5.65.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Wheat, Dec. opened 66 7-8c, closed 66 3-4c. May opened 70 1-4c, closed 70 1-4c. July opened 68 3-8, closed 68 3-8c. Corn, Dec. opened 37c, closed 36 7-8c n. May opened 39 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 38 1-8 b. July opened 38 1-2c, closed 38 1-2 to 5-8c. Oats, Dec. 26 1-2c n. July 26 1-2c b. May opened 28c, closed 28 to 1-8c. Ribs, Jan. opened \$4.87, closed \$4.92. May opened \$5.15, closed \$5.20 n. Pork, Dec. \$8.80. Jan. opened \$10.02, closed \$10.20. May opened \$10.40, closed \$10.52. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.42, closed \$5.52. May opened \$5.65, closed \$5.75.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Wheat, Dec. opened 67 1-8c, closed 68 5-8c n. May opened 70 1-2c, closed 71 5-8c n. July opened 69c, closed 69 5-8c a. Corn, Dec. opened 37 3-4c, closed 37 1-4c a. May opened 38 3-8c, closed 38 3-8c b. July opened 38 3-4c, closed 38 3-4c a. Oats, Dec. 26 1-2c. May opened 28 1-4c, closed 28 1-4c a. July 26 3-4c. Ribs, Jan. opened \$4.90, closed \$4.90. May opened \$5.20, closed \$5.20 to \$5.22. Pork, Dec. \$8.95. Jan. opened \$10.10, closed \$10.22. May opened \$10.52, closed \$10.57. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.52, closed \$5.60. May opened \$5.75, closed \$5.82 b.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Wheat opened at 71 3-4c for May ranged from 70 1-4 to 72 1-4c, and closed at 71 3-4 to 71 7-8c.

Wheat—Dec., 68 1-2c; May, 71 3-4 to 7-8c July, 69 3-4c.

Corn—Dec. 37 1-4c; May, 38 1-8c.

Oats—Dec., 26 1-2c; May, 28 1-8 to 1-4c.

Pork—Dec., \$8.95; Jan., \$10.20, May, \$10.55.

Lard—Jan., \$5.65; May, \$5.90.

Ribs—Jan., \$4.90; May, \$5.22.

A week ago May option closed at 68 7-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 55 5-8c, two years ago at 53 1-4c, three years ago at 60c, four years ago at 57 5-8c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—Holiday.
 Tuesday—Dec. 66 1-4c; May, 69c.
 Wednesday—Dec., 66c, May 68 3-4c.
 Thursday—Dec., 65 3-4c; May, 68 5-8c.
 Friday—Dec., 67 1-4c; May, 69 7-8c.
 Saturday—Dec. 67 1-4c, May 70c.
 Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 70c and cash No. 1 northern at 67 1-4c.

A year ago May wheat closed at 91 1-8c, two years ago May option closed 83c, three years ago at 58c, four years ago at 62c, and five years ago at 63 7-8c.

AVAILABLE SUPPLIES.

New York, Dec. 28.—Special cable and telegraphic advices to Bradstreet's indicate the following changes in the available supply of grain last Saturday as compared with the preceding Saturday.—Wheat, United States and Canada east of the Rockies, decrease 707,000 bushels. Liverpool Corn Trade News reports affair for and in Europe, increase 1,000,000. Total supply increase 293,000. Corn—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 1,076,000. Oats—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease 144,000.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

No. 1 hard wheat closed at Fort William on Saturday at 68 1-2c for delivery first half of January 69c, last half May, 72 1-2c.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Dec. 31.—Wheat, closed easy at 1-4d lower.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$1.18 for cash; December option at \$1.13 1-4, and May \$1.16 1-2.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Saturday, Dec. 31.—No 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 67 1-2c for December and 69c for May; cash No. 1 northern 68 1-2c, cash No. 2 northern 66 1-2c.

\$30,000 FOR A SEAT.

New York, Dec. 30.—Frank J. Gould, youngest son of the late Jay Gould, bought a seat on the New York stock exchange yesterday for \$30,000, the highest price paid for a seat on the exchange in many years. All his brothers are members of the exchange.

MONTREAL STOCKS.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—C. P., London, 89 1-8. Com. Cable, ex-div., 183 1-2.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—There has been no improvement in the condition of the foreign live stock markets since Monday. A private cable received from London yesterday reported sales of Canadian ranch cattle at £10 to £12 per head, sheep at 28s 6d each and lambs at 23s each.

A cable from Manchester reported sales of sheep at 30s each, and a cable from Liverpool gave sales of lambs at 28s 6d each. All the above prices, the shippers state, are below cost, consequently some smart losses are being made, and on the whole the trade is in a very unsatisfactory state at present.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Dec. 30.—Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red western winter stock exhausted. Corn—Spot quiet; American mixed 3s 11 3-4d.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, Dec. 30.—Money on call firm at 3 per cent; prime mercantile paper 3 to 3 3-4 per cent; sterling exchange easier at \$1.84 1-4 to \$1.84 1-2 for demand and at \$1.81 1-2 to \$1.81 3-4 for sixty days; posted rates \$1.82 1-2 and \$1.85 1-2; commercial bills \$1.80 1-2 to \$1.81; silver certificates 59 1-2 to 60 1-2; bar silver 50; Mexican dollars, 16 5-8; government bonds irregular.

R. T. Riley returned Thursday to Winnipeg from the western trip. A corner in broom corn is being manipulated by capitalists in the United States, and as a result prices have been advanced 50 per cent.

Mr. Moorhouse, of E. F. Hutchings's wholesale establishment, spent Christmas with his friends in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

On January 1st the Canadian Pacific railway will advance the first class fare between Toronto and Winnipeg \$1.05 to \$3.40.

A cable received this week announced still another advance in the price of Tarragona almonds in the primary market, equal to 1-20 per lb. here.

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 60 pounds.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Wheat, Dec. opened 67 1-4c, closed 68c n. May opened 65 7-8, closed 70 5-8c n. July opened 67 1-4c, closed 68 3-4c. Corn, Dec. opened 36 5-8c, closed 37 3-4c n. p. May opened 37 1-4c, closed 39 1-8 to 1-4c n. July 37 1-2c. Oats, Dec. opened 26 1-2c, closed 27 1-4c. May opened 27 1-4c, closed 28 1-8 to 1-4c. July 27c. Ribs, Jan. opened \$4.95, closed \$5. May opened \$5.10 to \$5.12, closed \$5.20. Pork, Dec. \$8.80 n. Jan. opened \$10.10, closed \$10.20. May opened \$10.35, closed \$10.55. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.37, closed \$5.47. May opened \$5.65, closed \$5.70.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 31.

Dry Goods—Travellers returning report great prospects for the spring trade. Values are firm. British makers ask 1-8c advance for repeat orders of Victoria lawns. Cotton goods are very firm, and likely to advance.

Hardware—Less active, but prices are generally firm. Wire nails are decidedly firmer. Manufacturers and jobbers are asking 5c advance. Copper is 1-2c dearer. Turpentine has again advanced going up yesterday 3c to 6c, making a total advance of 12c within a month. Metals are firm and prices have a tendency to improve.

Groceries—Trade quiet. Canned goods are firmer again. It is reported that parties have been trying to buy for export all the tomatoes and corn in sight here. Peas are quoted at 75c up. Tomatoes are now held at 90c. Corn 90 to 95c to packers.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 27.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 8 car loads, including 20 sheep and lambs and 300 hogs.

Prices for cattle and sheep remained unchanged from Friday, with the exception of thick fat hogs, which were quoted at 13c per cwt. higher. Very few butchers or drovers on the market. The few cattle in the pens were at no time in urgent demand, on account of the butchers having in big supplies of Christmas beef.

Cattle—Export cattle were quoted at \$1.25 to \$1.40 per cwt.; butchers at \$1.75 to \$1.25 for choice and \$2.75 to \$3.25 for common. Light bulls were worth \$2 to \$2.15, feeders \$3.50 to \$3.75; stockers \$3 to \$3.40.

Sheep and lambs—Sheep, \$3.25 to \$3.50, lambs, spring, \$3.50 to \$4.10. Hogs—Choice bacon hogs, per cwt., \$1.25, high, \$1; thick fats, \$1 to \$1.13, sows, \$3.25.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 30.

Receipts of live stock at the market to-day were 10 car loads of all kinds, including 100 sheep and lambs and 400 hogs.

Trading was slow. Hogs were weaker. Thick fats sold 25c lower at \$3.75. Other prices remained at Tuesday's figures.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 31.

Trading in grain was more active and some export sales have been made. Ontario wheat is 1 1-2 to 3 1-2c higher and Manitoba 1-2c higher. Flour is firm and Manitoba bakers 5c dearer. Dressed hogs are 10c lower than a week ago. Oats are 1 to 1 1-2c higher, barley 1-2c higher; bran 50c higher, linseed eggs 1 to 2c lower, dairy butter 1-2 to 1c lower, turkeys 1 1-2c lower and geese 1 to 1 1-2c lower. Prices are:

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4.15; Manitoba bakers, \$3.90, Ontario straight roller, \$3.45 to \$3.50 per barrel Toronto freights.

Wheat—Ontario red winter wheat 70 to 71c, white 71 to 72c for cars at country points. No. 1 hard, grinding in transit, 80 1-2 and 77 1-2c Midland.

Oats—White, 25 1-2 to 2 1-2c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 47 1-2c at country points; No. 2, 45 1-2c.

Milfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$16 per ton at country points. Bran \$12 to 12 50 per ton.

Oatmeal—\$3.30 in bags per barrel and \$3.50 in wood for car lots.

Eggs—Fresh, 17 to 18c; new laid 20 to 22c. Lincol, 14 to 15c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, 10 to 13 1-2c for choice fresh goods, creamery, tubs, 19 to 20c.

Cheese—10c for choice late fall make.

Hides—No. 1 green, \$1-2c, cured, 9 1-4c, sheepskins and lambskins, 60 to 75c; calfskins, 8 to 10c; tallow, 3 to 3 1-4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 14 to 15c; unwashed, 9 to 10c.

Beans—75 cents to \$1 per bushel as to quality.

Dressed hogs—4.90 to \$5.15 per 100 pounds for car lots of mixed weights.

Dried apples—5 to 5 1-2c for round lots; evaporated 8 to 8 1-4c.

Honey—Round lots 6 to 7c.

Poultry—Turkeys 7 to 8c, chickens 25 to 30c geese 5 to 6c.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 31.

Compared with last week there have been several advances in prices. Oats are up 1 to 1 1-2c, cheese is 1-8 to 1-4c higher, beans, 5c, potatoes 2 1-2 to 5c and ducks 1-2c higher, while chickens have declined 1-2c. Oatmeal is strong at the price given, and so also are eggs, cheese and hides. The estimated stock of fall makes here is 125,000 to 150,000 boxes. There is a brisk demand for car lots of poultry. Prices are:

Oats—No. 2 white, 32 1-2c in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are. Manitoba strong bakers, \$4 to \$4.10; Manitoba patents, \$4.30 to \$4.40.

Milfeed—Bran, \$13.50 to \$14 per ton; shorts 15, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.75 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 9c; No. 2, 8c; No. 3, 7c; calfskins, 8c to 10c; sheepskins, 40c to 50c; lambskins, 70c. tallow, 3 1-2 to 4c.

Eggs—Fresh laid, 25 to 30 per dozen; candled stock, 16c per dozen.

Butter—Choice, fresh dairy, 16 to 18c. rolls 13 1-2 to 15 1-2c; held stock, 13 to 15c.

Butter—Creamery, boxes, 20 1-4c; tubs, 19 to 20c. Firm.

Cheese—Choice western, 10 to 10 1-4c; eastern, 9 3-4 to 10c.

Beans—90c to \$1 per bushel as to quality.

Potatoes—In car lots, 55 to 57 1-2c.

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

Dressed meats—Western, fresh dressed beef, hinds, 5 to 7c. fores, 3 to 5c. Choice abattoir hogs sold at \$5.75, country dressed, \$5.00 to \$5.50 per 100 pounds. Mutton, 5 1-2c, lamb, 6 1-2 to 7c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal Dec. 31.

Turpentine is very firm. There are no other features in this market. Trade is quiet and prices unchanged as follows:

White lead, government standard, \$5.62 1-2; No. 1, \$5.25; dry white lead in kegs, 5c. red lead in kegs, 4 1-2c; linseed oil, raw, 49 to 50c, boiled, 62 to 53c, turpentine, 61c; bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50; tin

plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90; I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75; Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15, tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead, \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe 4 to 4 1-4c; putty in bulk, \$1.65; tin bladders, \$1.80; ingot tin, 20c Cement, English brands, \$3.30 to \$3.40 Germany, \$2.45 to \$2.55, and Belgium \$1.85 to \$1.95 per barrel, ex-wharf. Rope, sisal 10 to 10 1-2c Manila, 11 1-2 to 12 1-2c for 7-16 size and larger.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal Dec. 31.

The only change to note in this market is a further reduction of 5c on granulated sugar, yellows remain unchanged. This is due to local weakness. Generally speaking trade is quiet and price are as follows.

Granulated sugar lower at \$4.10 per 100 lbs. at refineries; yellows \$3.70 to \$4.20, molasses 31c in car lots, syrups 2 to 2 1-2c as to quality, Valencia raisins 4 3-4 to 5 1-2; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 8c to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c; standard B., 3 3-4 to 4c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 30.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 300 head and 350 sheep and lambs. The last cattle sold at 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c, and the general run at 3 to 4c. Sheep 3c, and lambs 4 to 4 1-2c per pound. Hogs sold at from \$1.25 to \$1.35 per 100 pounds.

Monday being a holiday no business was done.

CHEESE MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Live-pool, Dec. 30.—Cheese, white, 49s; colored, 49s. This is an advance of 1s 6d over last week's prices.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Dec. 30.—Cattle dull and steady. Quoted at 10 to 11c.

SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial.

London, Dec. 30.—Sugar steadier. Beet firmer at 9s 6 3-4d.

FORT WILLIAM STOCKS.

There were 1,250,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Dec. 24, an increase of about 350,000 bushels from the previous weekly statement.

MANITOBA COUNTRY MARKETS.

Wheat has had a higher tendency in country markets, and the average price paid to farmers for choice hard wheat has been about 5 1-4c, with 2 hard and 1 northern 3c less. Prices, however, vary considerably at different points, as high as 60c having been paid for a time at one point. The quantity of damp wheat offering is increasing and the drying plants will be taxed to their utmost capacity to handle it all before warm weather sets in. Damp wheat should of course be marketed before soft weather sets in, or it will become a total loss.

Money and Risks, of Toronto, risks the holiday season by indulging in a fancy cover in red and gold and a number of special features inside.