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Manitoba.

Waldie & Scott, blacksmiths, Manitou, will dissolve partnership at the end of the year.

A. E. McPhillips, lawyer, Winnipeg, contemplates locating permanently in British Columbia.

Jas. Melvin and Wm. Lang have bought the blacksmith shop of Jas. Stuart, of Pilot Mound.

F. H. Martin is opening a hotel at Melita, Manitoba.

Jas. Penrose, butcher, Winnipeg has sold out to C. L. Charist.

Miss M. Andrews, millinery and fancy goods, Winnipeg, advertises selling out.

The Manitoba & North-western station building at Strathclair was destroyed by fire last week.

The Taylor & Van Learde company is the name of a new commission house which has been established in Winnipeg.

Arrangements are being made to operate the Canadian Pacific railway Souris extension west of Melita to Oxbow for freight traffic.

The Inland Revenue receipts for the Winnipeg division for the past month were \$34,242, and for November a year ago were \$24,359.

Real estate brokers state that there has been an increased demand for farm properties in the neighborhood of Winnipeg lately from incoming settlers.

Thos. Spence, formerly in general business at Brandon, but lately at Wawanesa, has sold out his business at the latter place and intends opening out again at Brandon.

The stock of A. S. Christie, boot and shoe manufacturer, Winnipeg, assigned, will be sold by auction on December 11. The stock of leather and plant amounts to \$1,089.

Custom collections at Winnipeg for November were \$66,491, as compared with \$47,909 for the same month last year. Exports were \$226,762, and the same month last year were \$35,818.

The Canadian Pacific railway, it is said, is well supplied with cars, owing to an arrangement with some lumbering roads. The latter are having a dull time just now and the former has borrowed all the idle cars.

A new firm of implement dealers, known as Ross & Co., will start business in Winnipeg shortly. J. M. Ross, who comes from Hamilton, Ont., will be manager. J. D. Balfour the partner, was lately with the Massey company in Winnipeg.

There was an unusually active demand for railway lands in Southern Manitoba during October and November, and the sales of that period show an increase of fourteen hundred per cent in comparison with the sales for the corresponding months of last year.

The *Methodist Gleaner* is the title of a monthly periodical, the publication of which has just been begun at Killarney. Its editors are Rev. G. A. Long, of Boissevain, and Rev. Henry Lewis, of Killarney. The price is 50c a year. The journal will be of special interest to Methodists.

A party of nearly one hundred German immigrants arrived on November 28th at Winnipeg. The German immigration to this country this year exceeds that of all other non-English speaking nationalities. It is stated that hundreds of German farmers in southern Russia are preparing to leave for the Dominion.

M. J. A. Prendergast, manager of Banque du Hochelaga, Quebec, and Chas. Chaput, a director of the same bank, were in Winnipeg last week looking over the ground with a view to opening a branch of their institution here. It is understood they will report favorably on their return for the opening of the Winnipeg branch.

L. A. Hamilton, Canadian Pacific railway land commissioner, left last week for Europe, where he will spend two months posting himself with regard to emigration matters and studying the emigration situation generally, with a view of improving the means and methods of promoting emigration to the Canadian west. He will first go to Great Britain, and will then visit the continent.

The Patrons, the new organization which is rapidly spreading among Manitoba farmers, are arranging with retail dealers in various provincial towns, for special prices. The stores so arranged with, will be known as the Patrons' store. Hopper Bros of Rapid City, T. A. Garland of Portage la Prairie, J. A. Montgomery, J. T. Somerville and Zink Bros., of Brandon, are among the stores which have come to terms with the Patrons.

The Neepawa Register says: "There is a feeling among the farmers that wheat will make a decided advance towards spring, and this is inducing many of them to hold it over, having raised money on it to meet present liabilities. The local banker informs us that he is loaning money in this way at the rate of one thousand

dollars per day. About two thirds of the present estimated value of the grain is the proportion advanced. If the wheat be in a good granary it is not necessary to draw it out in order to raise money on it, but if the granary be bad the wheat is placed in the Farmer's Elevator, and the money advanced on the security of the warehouse receipt.

Statistics kept by Mr. Bennett, Dominion immigration agent at Winnipeg, show that from the 1st of January last to the end of October, 13,039 immigrants arrived in the country, as against 11,918 for the corresponding period 1890, an increase of 1,121. The arrivals for the respective months were as follows: January, 323; February, 436; March, 2,607; April, 2,462; May, 1,916; June, 1,209; July, 1,069; August, 1,099; September, 1,101; October, 916. Mr. Bennett states that the immigration this year has been of a very satisfactory kind, the most of the new comers being practical agriculturalists and possessed of more or less means, and they went directly to farms. Those who were without sufficient capital or experience secured employment with farmers with a view of taking up land when they were in a position to do so.

Alberta.

The new hotel at Edmonton, built by the Calgary & Edmonton Railway company, is now open for business, adjoining the railway station. It is called Hotel Edmonton and is under the management of W. J. Sharples, who was for some years a conductor on the dining car service on the C. P. R.

Calgary Tribune: On Wednesday night Hugh D. Lumsden, C. E., supervising engineer, and E. H. Drury, engineer in charge of the Calgary & Edmonton railway, returned from the final inspection of the southern division of the line from Calgary to Sheep Creek. As the work has been discontinued for this season, it might be as well to give a few facts in connection with the railway. Work on this southern division was begun on the first of August of this year and continued until the last of October. During this time 709 men and 300 teams of horses were in steady employment. In this time the grade and track has been laid from Calgary to Mosquito Creek, a distance of 54 miles; the line is surfaced and completed for 50 miles, and is graded to within eight miles of Fort Macleod. The width of the grade after surfacing is 14 feet, and ditches are made continuous from culvert to culvert, which is an innovation in prairie railroading.

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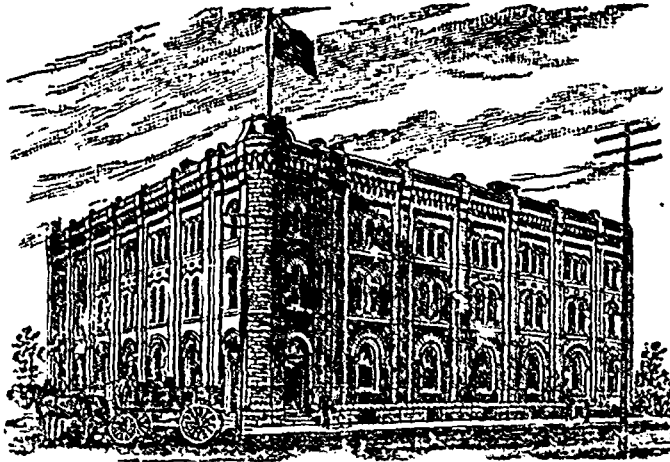
John Hacquoil has procured a license for a hotel at Fort William, to be known as the Pacific hotel.

Dohm Bros, grocers, Rat Portage, have purchased the grocery stock of the estate of P. A. Baribeau, at 68c on the dollar.

J. E. Abbott has been appointed manager of the new branch of the Bank of Montreal at Fort William, which is about to be opened.

At a meeting last week of the Port Arthur board of trade, the question of the establishment of blast furnaces here was considered, also the establishment of a grain market and better telegraph facilities than have been lately enjoyed, by getting in the Western Union.

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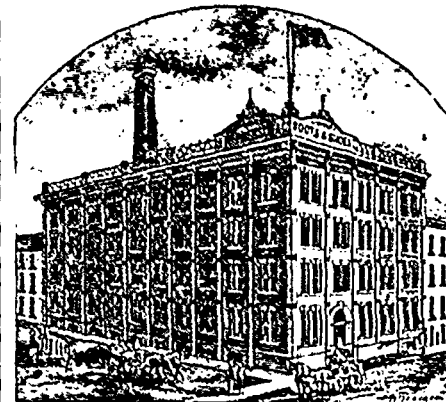
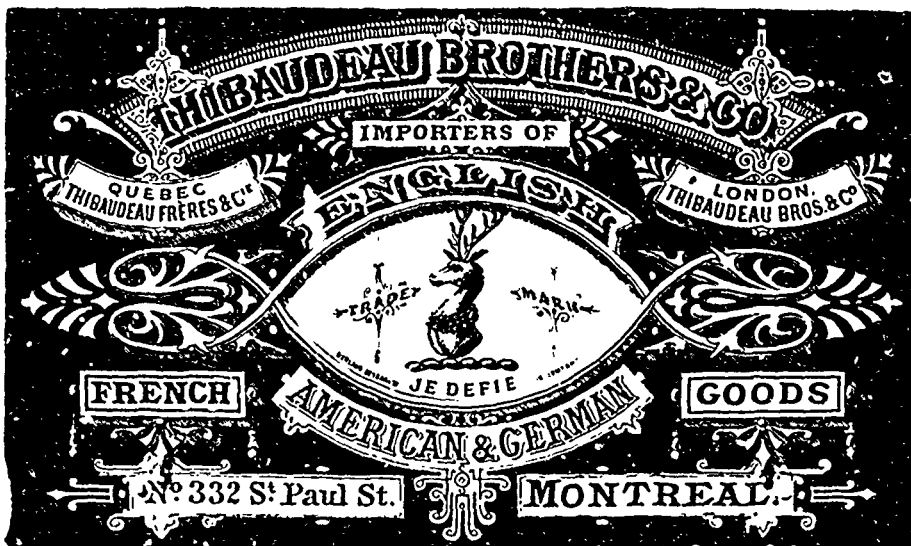
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for Alberts.

Owing to the advance in broom corn Ontario
manufacturers have advanced prices 25c to 40c
per dozen. New lists are out.

Shippers of grain from this port says the
Montreal Trade Bulletin, have made good profits
during the past fall, and shipments of
wheat, barley, rye and oats now arriving on
the other side are said to be making money.
One firm in this city is said to have made \$75,-
000 to \$100,000 on its shipments of rye alone.
Another firm has done splendidly on its barley
shipments, and on the whole most of our grain
exporters have made money this season.

The London Grocer, November 7, reports as
follows on the salmon market: "A speculative
enquiry of modest dimensions has arisen for
salmon since our last report, and several lines
of Frazer river fish have been bought, but the
terms are kept secret, and would perhaps, if
known, be thought very reasonable. Alaska
salmon has been realized at about 18s, and com-
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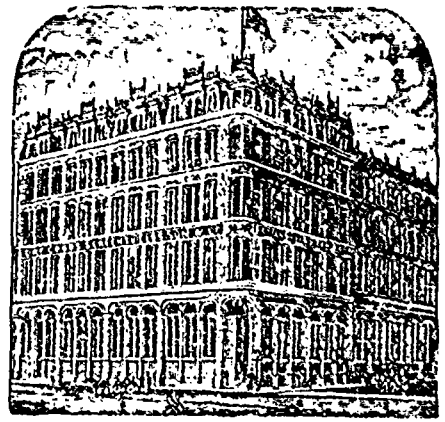
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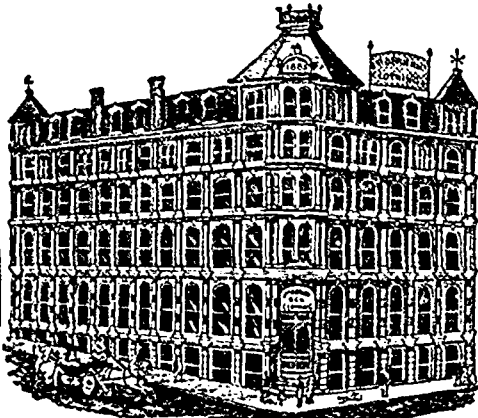
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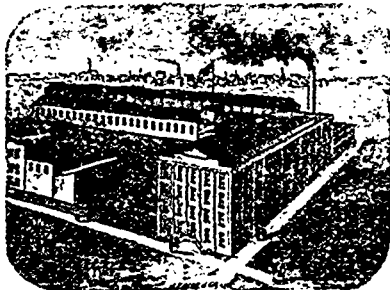
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WHEAT PRICES.

The highest prices which have ruled for wheat this season, was early in the crop year, and it is worthy of note, that at the time prices were at the top, a great deal of gratuitous advice was being tendered to farmers, advising them to hold their wheat for higher prices. Now, where would the farmers be if they had taken this advice and held their wheat? Possibly prices would be higher now, if farmers had to any great extent followed the holding policy. A light movement would naturally have stiffened values. But on the other hand, the wheat would have to come out some time, and if a systematic holding among farmers forced prices up, as soon as they commenced to market, the price would decline. Besides, in order to force such high prices as some boomsters have prated so glibly about, farmers would have to hold until the wheat was actually and pressingly needed, and by that time the situation might be depressed by prospects of a big crop for next year.

There never was a year in which there was so much boom literature in circulation regarding wheat prices, as was the case at the commencement of the present crop year. All sorts of extravagant predictions were made, and papers were filled with articles proving that wheat must reach starvation prices before long. Never has there been a greater failure of realizing bull predictions. Wheat has steadily refused to boom. Prices have been slow and rather sluggish, and save a little spurt early in the season, values on the whole have ruled easy.

THE COMMERCIAL all along strongly depreciated the boom literature which was so freely circulated regarding wheat, at about the commencement of the present crop year. The situation certainly appeared strong on the surface, but it was evident that the matter of predicting big prices was being overdone. It was carried to an unreasonable extent, and in fact beyond all reason, and ordinary prudence indicated that it would be wise to put little faith in them.

Boom wheat literature is not so plentiful now as it was earlier in the season, the long continuation of easy prices having evidently discouraged some of these writers and made them less exuberant than they were a few weeks ago. Still there are a few who continue to strongly advise holding for higher prices. This advice is perhaps more safe now than it was about the beginning of the crop year, for two reasons: First, prices are lower now than they were then, and secondly, navigation is now closed, and western farmers have to sell against high winter freight rates. It is even now questionable, however, whether it would be wise to hold for higher prices. The future of wheat will depend very largely upon crop prospects for next year. Next spring, should the outlook be for a light crop, prices would probably be higher, but if the contrary should be the case, it is not probable that prices would be sufficiently advanced to

pay for holding. The scare which some seemed to feel so strongly a short time ago, of an approaching condition of starvation in breadstuffs, has now completely passed away. Some of those who got so excited, and talked and wrote of famine prices, will now no doubt admit that they have seen only a bugaboo. It is now evident, as THE COMMERCIAL has believed all along, that there will be breadstuffs enough to see the world through the crop year. European imports are largely in excess of requirements, and there is a vast quantity of wheat available for export yet from this continent, in spite of the enormous quantity which has already gone forward. A new crop of wheat will be harvesting in Australia in January, and a month later India and Egypt will be into their harvest. Asia Minor and Persia, which are each wheat exporting countries, harvest in March, so that those who urge holding, have all these things to figure against.

Still, prices are not high, considering the outlook, and so far as Manitoba is concerned, those who have a good quality of wheat may not lose by holding until towards the opening of navigation, even if they do not gain anything thereby. Farmers who have good storage, and who are not in need of the money, might make by holding until navigation opens, if prices did not advance sooner. They would then have the advantage of lower freight rates. As a general rule, we would not advise holding, but the outlook for holding is probably more favorable this year than usual. We hardly think that prices will be materially lower, while the probability of an advance is perhaps greater than a decline. Farmers who by holding would be obliged to store their wheat in an elevator and pay storage charges and interest thereon, and who besides would be obliged to borrow money on the wheat to meet liabilities due, and pay interest thereon, take more risk in holding. If wheat does not advance sufficiently to pay insurance, storage and interest charges, they would of course be the losers. We cannot see any good reason, however, for holding inferior qualities of wheat, and farmers who have damaged stuff, would be doing the wise thing to sell during the winter, even if the price offered be low. It would be very risky to hold over any very inferior qualities until spring, as quite possibly buyers might not then take it at any price.

MANITOBA CROPS.

The agricultural department of the province of Manitoba has just issued another crop bulletin for 1891, dealing with crops, live stock, etc., in the province. The average yield of wheat for the province, is placed at 25.3 bushels per acre, making a total crop of over 23,000,000 bushels. The average yield of oats is placed at 48.3 bushels per acre, and barley at 35.6 bushels per acre. The wheat and other crops, it will be understood, are for the province of Manitoba alone. For commercial purposes, the crops grown in the portion of Assiniboia just west of the Manitoba boundary, should be included, to make an estimate of the total crop of our surplus-producing grain belt. No statistics are obtainable for the districts outside of Manitoba, which produce a crop surplus. On the basis of the department's figures for Mani-

toba, however, it would be safe to estimate the total wheat crop of Manitoba and the adjoining territory to the west, at 23,000,000 bushels, though this seems almost more than could be reasonably expected.

It is stated that the results of thrashing indicated a much larger yield than was previously counted upon. This bears out statements recently made in THE COMMERCIAL to the same effect. Thrashing had not advanced sufficiently in many districts, at the time the department's report closed, to give a reliable estimate of the yield. It is therefore the intention to prepare another bulletin later on.

It will be observed from the bulletin, which is given elsewhere in this issue, that nearly all crops make a splendid showing. The only exception noted in the report is in regard to potatoes, which have given a poor return. The bulletin does not deal with other vegetables, but it may be remarked here, that what is true of potatoes, is true of most other vegetables and garden truck generally. The Winnipeg district is the principal section for garden and root crops, and the yield of these all around was decidedly below the average in quantity and quality this year. Frosty weather in May, a generally cool and wet season, and grubs, were the drawbacks.

The record for grain crops is a splendid one. Considering the small population of the province, the quantity of grain produced is something to be wondered at. A considerable quantity of the wheat crop (but very little of other grains) has been marketed, but there will be a steady stream of grain to market until spring farming operations are resumed again, and probably even by that time there will be considerable grain still left in farmers' hands, for summer marketing. This indicates good times ahead for Manitoba. The splendid record made by our farmers this season, should prove a strong incentive to immigration. We have vast areas of just as good land as that which has produced such a fine crop this season. The invitation is open to come in and possess it. Those in search of a rural home, in a country where honesty, energy and perseverance will certainly bring its reward in due season, are invited to come to Manitoba, and select for themselves without price, 160 acres of our rich virgin land. Those who would desire more than 160 acres, can have it at a nominal price for the additional area required. They can here buy the land outright for less than they would pay in annual rental in the Old Country, and with less careful tillage and far less labor, they can produce as large a crop here, as they can there.

PRICE OF HOGS.

Raising hogs appears to be increasing in Ontario. The supply of hogs for this year is estimated at 1,156,316, which is about 15,000 more than last year, and 320,000 more than two years ago. The prospect is that prices will average rather low this year, on account of the large supply at home and low prices in the States. Some car lots of dressed hogs have already arrived in Winnipeg, from Ontario, and no doubt more will follow, as the high price which has prevailed here, enables packers to lay down hogs here from Ontario, at a much lower figure than they could buy on the spot. Dressed hogs

have sold at a price in Ontario recently, which would admit of laying them down here in car lots at about 5½ cents per pound, and even under. This price, however, is not for choice hogs, better qualities bringing one-half to one cent more per pound, with prices tending easy. With hogs coming in from Ontario to supply this market, the tendency of local prices is also lower, and the fancy price of eight cents which has ruled here the past fall, will no doubt be reduced to meet competition from Ontario shipments. Prices here have already receded from the top, and the figure at which Ontario hogs can be laid down here would indicate a value for local dressed hogs in this market, at between 5½ to 6½ cents per pound.

Editorial Notes.

The town of Carberry, Man., has voted \$3,000 for fire protective appliances. This is a good move, and it is to be hoped other Manitoba towns, few of which have anything like adequate protection, will follow the example of Carberry. In addition to providing appliances for fighting fire, an effort should also be made to prevent the occurrence of fires, by wise local by-laws. Prevention is better than a cure. The removal of a disease-producing element, is better than the cure of the disease. The removal of fire traps, in the shape of litter about business places and buildings, etc., is better than the subjugation of a fire after it has once broken out. A great deal of carelessness is shown in many of our western towns, in the matter of the existence of fire-traps right among the most closely built business portions. Heaps of inflammable rubbish from packing cases, are thrown out in the rear of stores, everywhere. At the same time that appliances for subduing fires are being procured, regulations should be enforced for the prevention of fires, through the removal of these and other sources of danger.

At a meeting of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association last week, a discussion took place as to the advisability of holding the next exhibition in the summer, instead of the fall. The idea of a summer exhibition was generally favored, and it is now as good as settled that a summer exhibition will be given a trial. About the last week in July, or the first week in August, would seem to be the most suitable time for a summer show. An exhibition held about the first week of August, would give the farmers a chance to attend it, and get home again in time to prepare for the harvest. It would provide time for recreation just previous to the commencement of hard work and long hours with the farmers. The nearer to the harvest season the exhibition can be held, without actually interfering with harvest work, the better opportunity there will be to make a fine display of grain in straw. During the summer season, the only guide to the crop prospect is from the appearance of the grain in straw, consequently a great deal of interest is taken in samples of wheat, etc., in straw. One of the advantages of a summer exhibition would be, that it would afford an opportunity for a display of grain in the straw, and thus indicate the condition of the crops,

at a season of the year when the people are very anxious on this score.

The present year is still keeping up its record for abnormal weather conditions. Extremes of weather, for the season, have been experienced very frequently this year. The month of April gave us about as warm a spell of weather as was ever experienced in this country at that time of year. Nothing like it, at least, has been experienced in recent years. May reversed the conditions, some extremely cold weather having been experienced during the month. July was remarkable for low temperature all the month, with a heavy rainfall. The month of August came in with extremely warm weather, but the latter part of the month was exceedingly cool for the season. The climatic conditions were again reversed in September, that month being the warmest on record throughout this region. Again November brought a change, and the oldest inhabitants have been examining their diaries to discover anything approaching the record of this year for severe November weather. November this year has given us some weather cold enough for a cool dip in mid-winter. And now December breaks the record, with a spell of drizzling rain and slush, and the thermometer ranging above the freezing point, at a time when we expect the temperature to range about zero, or lower. It is really remarkable how these extremes of weather have followed each other since the hot spell last April.

Those who so violently opposed the construction of the Canadian Pacific railway, on the ground that it would never prove a paying enterprise, must feel like hiding their heads, as one commercial success after another attends the great road. The latest thing which will surprise those pessimistic individuals, is the report that the Canadian Pacific people are already arranging for a double track between Winnipeg and Fort William. This season has demonstrated the fact that a double track between these points is a necessity of the almost immediate future. The pessimists (and there are unfortunately quite a number of people in Canada who are pessimists in everything which concerns the future of the country) claimed that the road would never pay. Could not possibly ever be made to pay. Would never have enough traffic to pay for greasing the wheels, etc., etc. Moreover, they claimed emphatically that the road would never be completed. The work would certainly be abandoned before it had progressed far. And yet the road was completed and in operation ahead of the time fixed in the contract, and within a few months after the contract date for the completion of the road, it is made apparent that at least five hundred miles of railway must be double tracked, in order to accommodate the vast traffic. It might be hoped that the success of the Canadian Pacific railway would make pessimistically inclined Canadians less pessimistic; but it won't. Pessimism is the skeleton of our political life. It is a horrible feature which clings tenaciously to us, and hobbles us sorely in the discussion of all questions concerning our national life and national development. It seems our doom to be afflicted in this way, and we can hardly hope for relief, until there is a revolution somewhere,

or until a new generation has arisen in which the national type of pessimist shall not appear.

Grain and Milling.

The Kansas State report makes the area sown to winter wheat 297,000 acres less than a year ago.

It is stated that parties are preparing to erect a flour mill at Brandon, Man., if the town will give them tax exemption for twenty years. This would give Brandon two mills.

The Liverpool *Corn Trade News* claim that Europe will require to import 19,000,000 qrs of flour, wheat and rye, and 18,000,000 qrs of feed grains from Nov. 1, 1891, to August 1, 1892.

The world's wheat crop on a corrected basis of calculation, is estimated at 16,000,000 bushels in excess of the crop of 1890, and for rye a deficiency of 224,000,000 bushels according to Beerbohm.

At the request of the Dominion Millers' Association, the banks have agreed to use their influence to stop the practice of selling flour on thirty and sixty days time which has been becoming customary of late with millers.

Calgary, Alberta, will vote, on December 8th on a by-law to bonus the Calgary Water Power Company to the amount of \$4,000 in consideration of the erection of a flour mill, besides granting exemption from taxation for twenty years.

The rye crop of Russia this season is not as small as earlier reports predicted. The preliminary official estimate is 90,000,000 chetwerts, or 520,000,000 bushels, or about 100,000,000 bushels greater than the early statements suggested.

In discussing wheat supply matters Dornbusch says: "Since the 1st of August America, Russia and India have exported close upon 15,000,000 quarters of wheat and flour, as compared with 7,000,000 quarters in the corresponding period of 1890 and about 7,500,000 in 1889. A large proportion of the increased quantity this year is still in the hands of British and continental traders, and until consumption has reduced abnormal supplies there does not seem to be much probability of a rush to buy.

John Gregory, who some years ago established a roller flour mill on the Souris river, Man., near where the new town of Wawanesa now stands, has at considerable expense recently completed a new dam and race on the Souris river, at his mill. The work has cost in the neighborhood of \$14,000, and the mill has now an abundant supply of water for power purposes. The mill is some miles from the railway, which is the only drawback. There has been some talk of getting a spur track to the mill, in which event the mill will be enlarged from its present capacity of about 100 barrels, to 250 barrels per day.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating Evan F. Ames, James C. Holden, Rufus C. Holden, Herbert B. Ames, all of Montreal, and Joseph Bonnick, of Toronto, as the Ames-Holden company, of Toronto, (limited), with a capital stock \$40,000 in 400 shares of \$100.

S. C. Matthews, of Matthews, Towers & Co., wholesale mens' furnishings, Montreal, is at present in Winnipeg, and on his way to the Pacific coast, carrying a full outfit of samples of new lines of spring and summer goods. He will no doubt meet with the success his long popularity will entitle him to.

The receipts of hogs at Chicago on Monday last were the largest daily arrivals on record. The returns of the Stock Yards Company included 65,842, and Underwood & Co. received 1,787 at their packing house direct, making 67,629. The largest arrivals previously reported were 66,697 on December 5, 1894



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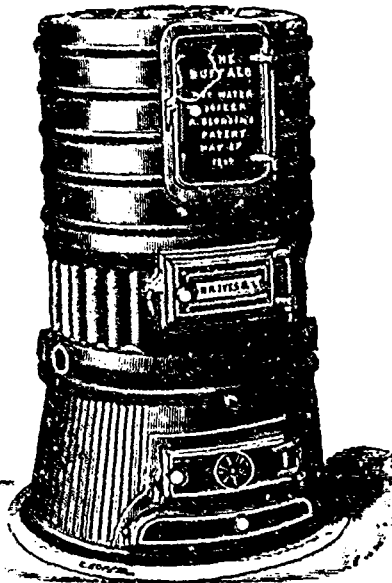
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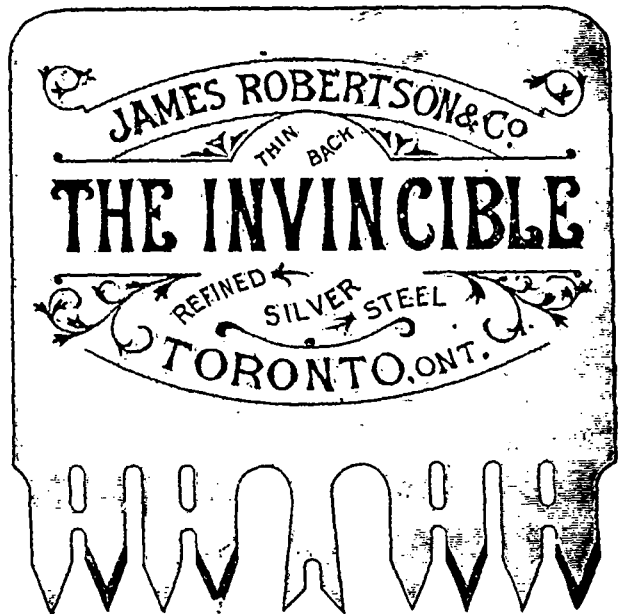
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WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

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GENERAL WHEAT SITUATION.

Wheat was dull and lower in leading United States markets most of the week. For the week ended Saturday, Nov. 28, British markets were about 1 shilling lower than a week previous. On Monday of this week (Nov. 30), British markets were again lower, Liverpool cabling $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ lower; Berlin was $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ lower and Paris $\frac{3}{4}$ lower. United States markets were generally lower on Monday, owing to weak cables. The visible supply for the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, showed an increase for the week of 2,251,090 bushels, as per the statement published on Monday. The total visible is now 43,265,455 bushels, as compared with 24,528,604 bushels a year ago. Receipts at Duluth were 719 cars, and Minneapolis 1,020 cars, a total of 1,739 cars for these two points, for Sunday and Monday. Shipments of flour and wheat to Great Britain and Europe still continue on a gigantic scale, shipments from all quarters being 10,400,000 bushels for the week ended Nov. 28, and for the week previous were 11,150,000 bushels. Shipments of flour and wheat to Europe since August 1—seventeen weeks—as cabled to the Chicago *Daily Trade Bulletin*, have been as follows: To United Kingdom, 70,230,000 bushels; to the Continent, 89,180,000 bushels; total 159,410,000 bushels. This is vastly in excess of requirements, which are about 119,000,000 bushels. With shipments so much larger than requirements, it is not surprising that trans-Atlantic markets keep easy. On Tuesday United States markets continued easy, the close being generally lower. Liverpool cabled $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ lower, Berlin 3c lower. Wheat and flour on ocean passage decreased 800,000 bushels. Duluth received 219 cars, and Minneapolis 558 cars, a total of 777 cars as compared with 684 cars the same day a year ago. Wheat continued easy in United States markets on Wednesday, Chicago closing $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1c lower, and Duluth 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ lower. Cables were generally lower, and heavy speculative offerings depressed the markets. On Thursday there was an upward turn in United States markets, most points going 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ higher. Cables continued lower. Cables were firmer on Friday, Liverpool quoting California $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent higher. Exports of wheat from eleven seaboard ports of the United States to Nov. 21, equal 4,082,000 bushels. The aggregate from eleven ports for 22 weeks is 91,421,000 bushels, about 50,000,000

bushels more than in a like period of 1890 and 1899, more than twice as much as in 1883, and 25,000,000 bushels more than in 22 weeks of 1887. Total receipts at the four principal United States spring wheat points since August 1, the beginning of the crop year foot up, Minneapolis 27,305,730 bushels, Duluth, 27,775,146 bushels, Chicago, 28,335,903 bushels, Milwaukee, 5,257,639 bushels, making a total of 88,755,418 bushels; against 41,184,742 bushels during the same time last year and 51,938,554 bushels in 1889. The total receipts of wheat at the four principal winter wheat points, Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit and Kansas City from July 1 to date are 47,673,467 bushels against 18,734,136 bushels in 1890 and 21,398,949 bushels in 1889. On Nov. 30, Minnesota and Dakota elevator wheat stocks were 19,777,718 bushels, of which 9,441,600 bushels were in country elevators, 3,097,815 at Duluth, and 7,235,267 bushels at Minneapolis. A year ago total stocks were 18,820,623 bushels. Duluth has had the biggest wheat season on record. Since the season opened, on September 1, Duluth has received 28,216,798 bushels of wheat, and shipped 24,406,528 bushels. This completely eclipses all previous records. It has required 475 ship loads to handle shipments. It is estimated that over 75,000,000 bushels of wheat have been marketed on this crop, in Minnesota and Dakota. There is a car shortage on the great grain-carrying railroads in the United States, both east and west, and great complaints are coming from all quarters on this score. A year ago on Wednesday New York closed at \$1.03 $\frac{1}{2}$ Dec. Chicago closed at 99 $\frac{3}{4}$ for May wheat. May wheat at Duluth closed at \$1.01, and at Minneapolis May ranged at 95 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 98c.

LOCAL WHEAT SITUATION.

The situation in Manitoba during the week, has been mainly influenced by weather conditions. Following the cool dip of the previous week, the weather was very mild the first four days of this week, including Sunday. There was, however, a drizzling sleet and rain part of the time, which interfered with threshing, and delivering grain at country markets. On Wednesday night a furious wind and snow storm set in, continuing during Thursday and Friday. Farmers' deliveries of grain were completely stopped for the balance of the week, and threshing also had to be suspended. Freight traffic on the railways was suspended, and nearly all passenger and mail trains were cancelled. Thus there was only three days in the week during which grain moved at all, and during these three days the movement was lighter than for the same period of the previous week. In the districts where the snow fall was heaviest, it will be some days before country roads will be in shape for hauling grain. The storm was heavier in the east. West there was not much snow, though the gale of wind was experienced. To-day (Saturday) the railways are endeavoring to clear the tracks of the snow drifts, to resume traffic. The temperature was very mild all the week, even while the storm raged, and the temporary delay to threshing and marketing grain, and to railway traffic, is the principal drawback. The delay to threshing will be serious. It is estimated that not more than one-half to two-thirds of the crop is threshed yet, varying of course in different districts. The season has been an unfavorable one for threshing, and it is now evident that a large quantity will stand

until toward spring, as the work cannot be carried on to advantage during the cold weather of mid-winter. The amount of grain which will remain in the stack, will greatly relieve the pressure upon the railways, which will be greatly appreciated by the latter, especially if we have much more such weather as the storm of this week. Prices have not changed much from a week ago, and closed nominal in the absence of any movement. At a few country points as high as 75c per bushel was paid to farmers for finest samples of hard wheat, but this was exceptional; 68c to 70c was the very highest price at most points, and the average price for No. 1 hard would be under 68c; No. 2 hard, 65 to 68 cents, No. 3 hard, 55 to 60 cents; No. 1 northern, 60 to 65 cents; No. 2 northern, about 3c under No. 1 northern, No. 1 regular, 50 to 55c, No. 2 regular, 40 to 45c, No. 3 regular, 30 to 35c. Prices vary widely at different points, and grades are also considerably mixed, No. 2 hard bringing No. 1 hard prices, and so on, at some points. The grain movement will now be all rail eastward. The last charter from Fort William was reported made at 8c to Buffalo. On Nov. 26, stocks in store at Fort William were 634,593 bushels, a decrease for the week of 232,027 bushels.

FLOUR.

No change to note in prices. Wholesale quotations to the local trade in broken lots are as follows per 100 pounds, for standard qualities: Patents, \$2.50; strong bakers', \$2.30; second bakers, \$2.00 to \$2.20; XXXX, \$1.40 to \$1.50; superfine, \$1.30.

MILLSTUFFS.

Easy at \$10 for bran and \$12 for shorts, per ton, in broken lots, to the local trade.

FEED.

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

OATS.

No business doing the last half of the week, on account of the storm. Values nominal at 17 to 22c in the country, and 23 to 26c per bushel for local offerings in Winnipeg.

BARLEY.

Nominal at 20 to 25c in the country.

MEALS.

There is no further change in oatmeal. The eastern markets are firm. Local wholesale prices for broken lots are \$2.45 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs for standard, and granulated at \$2.55 to \$2.60. Rolled oats, per sack, \$2.55 to \$2.60. Round lots about 25c lower. Oil cake, in bags, \$20 per ton; oil cake meal, \$23 per ton, these prices for fine ton lots; cornmeal is held at \$1.95 to \$2 per 100 pounds. Pot barley, \$2.75 per 100 pounds. Pearl barley, \$3; fine, do., in 50 pound sacks, \$3 per sack. Split peas, \$2.40 to \$2.50, per 100 pounds. Beans, \$1.90 to \$2 per bushel.

BUTTER.

Firm in price, but selling only in a small way. Medium dairy quoted at 16 to 18c per lb, and good to selected at 18 to 22c.

CHEESE.

Jobbing at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ for large sizes and 11c for small.

EGGS.

Limed held at about 20c in a small way, per dozen. No fresh offering.

CURED MEATS.

Prices are: Dry salt long clear bacon, 10c; smoked long clear, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11c; spiced rolls, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 13c; breakfast bacon, 13c; smoked hams, 14c; mess pork \$16 to \$18 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 10c per pound; Bologna, sausage, 8c per pound; German, sausage, 8c per pound. Ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per $\frac{1}{2}$ lb package.

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

POULTRY AND GAME.

Offerings light and prices steady. It is reported that some eastern stock is on the way to the market. Chickens have brought 8 to 10c as to quality, ducks and geese about 10c and turkeys 11 to 12c. Rabbits are about the only small game offering, and bring 10c each.

DRESSED MEATS.

Pork is generally easier, though light offerings of all kinds of meats, on account of the storm, made prices generally firm. City dressed mutton is lower, and offered at 10c. Pork quotable at 7c, beef, city dressed, 5c lb. Country dressed beef was abundant before the storm, and selling at 2 to 5c as to quality, on the street market.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes, 25 to 30c per bushel; carrots, 30 to 35c per bushel; beets, 25 to 30c bushel; parsnips, 1½ to 1¾ lb; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; cabbage, 40 to 75c per dozen; celery, 25c dozen; onions, 2 to 2½c per pound for choice, poor have sold as low as 50c per bushel; horse-radish, 8c lb. Dealers are selling sweet potatoes, \$6 per barrel.

HIDES AND WOOL.

Dealers are buying farmers' frozen hides at 3c per pound, and are paying butchers 3½c for No. 1 cows and 4½c for No. 1 steers, 60 pounds and up. Sheep pelts as they come in average about 50c all round. Tallow, 5c for rendered and 2c for rough. Wool dull. Ordinary unwashed wool quoted at about 9 to 9½ cents per pound.

Ninety grain laden vessels were at Buffalo last week waiting for the elevators, with an aggregate of nearly 5,000,000 bushels of grain.

British Columbia Trade Letter.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 1.—After a lapse of several months your correspondent begs to renew his fragmentary remarks on business matters in this province. Your readers have been kept more or less informed on British Columbia affairs, so that it would be quite as needless as tiresome to review all the events and conditions of the interim. Building has gone along uninterruptedly in all the cities of the coast; business seems to be in the same prosperous condition. The electric tramway to connect Vancouver and Westminster has been completed and the traffic even greater than was expected. The electric tramway systems of Victoria and Vancouver have been very considerably extended and a third established in Westminster. The Great Northern railway has been opened for traffic into New Westminster, construction work is about to begin on the Chilliwack railway. The foreign lumber trade gives evidence of revival, in as much as a number of ships are being loaded. The Asiatic trade has been unprecedentedly large, a heavily laden ship arriving about once a week from China and Japan. The salmon canning business has turned out rather better than was expected. The Victoria and Westminster fairs were unparalleled successes, and so on to the end of the chapter.

It has now entered on the rainy season. The reports current in the Winnipeg press about

the cold snap in British Columbia and the Fraser river being frozen over, were entirely unfounded, as the weather is and has been very mild. There never was so much building done in Westminster and Victoria, most substantial work too. Residential building in Vancouver was of very large proportions, although the usual number of business blocks were not put up. The prospects for next season, however, are unusually bright in this respect for the following buildings have already been commenced: The Dominion public buildings, the C. P. R. general offices, a large annex to the Hotel-Vancouver, the Band of British North America, Hudson's Bay Company's stores, the Bank of Montreal, the Holland block, the Granville Club, the Oriental block covering one block opposite the Hotel-Vancouver, and the McConnell block, and others are talked of. Three new steamers have been launched for the Union Steamship Co.; two new steamship companies have been organized; the Victoria, Saanich and New Westminster railway company is about to commence construction. It is reported that the Dunsmuir mines and railway has passed, or are about to pass into the control of an English syndicate, also the British Columbia breweries. The board of trade of Victoria is going to build itself a block. The question of having British Columbia represented at the World's Fair is being agitated. Lord Aberdeen has purchased 15,000 acres of the Vernon estate, Okanagan, for \$250,000, and will divide it up into

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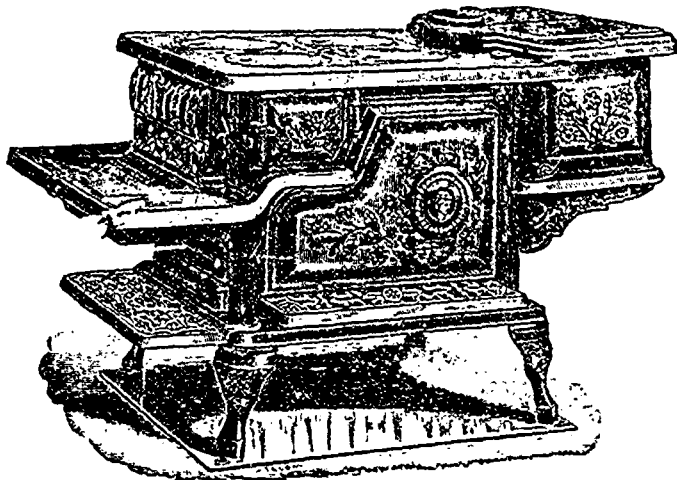
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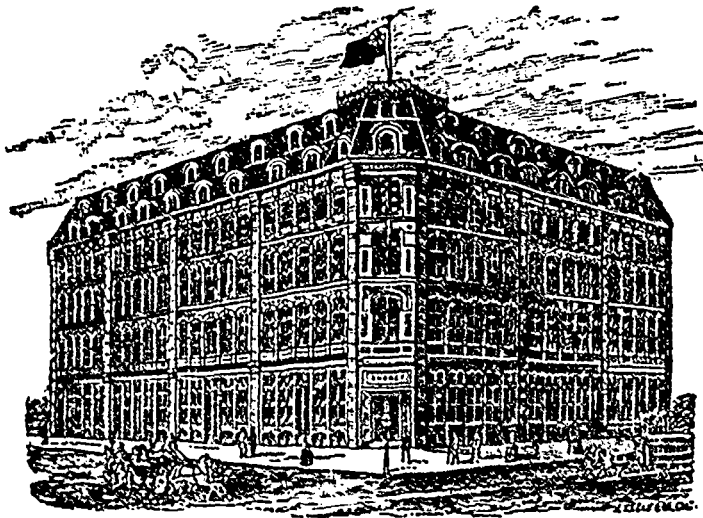
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small farms. The above are the principal things worthy of note. At the next meeting of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' association, the matter of fruit shipping so notoriously disregarded at present to the detriment of our fruit, is likely to be taken up and seriously considered. The British Columbia iron works, Vancouver, has largely increased its business, and is talking of increasing the stock to \$250,000. The British Columbia sugar refinery which has been manufacturing heavily for about a year, is supplying the trade of the west and has large stocks of both manufactured and raw sugar in hand. Sugar here has about reached eastern prices. The Empress of China is expected to-morrow with 1,200 tons of freight. Four ships with raw sugar have recently arrived, the last of which is now unloading. A freight house is to be erected at Mission by the C.P.R., and a steamer is to run regularly from there to New Westminster. The McGillvray steel works are running full blast on Lulu Island. A branch of the Yorkshire Guarantee and Securities Corporation, has been established in the Royal city, while a company is being formed there to develop the cod and halibut fisheries on the west coast. A company for the purpose of developing the natural gas wells at Steveston has also been formed.

There is a good supply of dairy butter and eggs. Vegetables are plentiful and cheap. Good apples are scarce, also good table fish. Following are current quotations:

Butter—Creamery, 28 to 28c per pound; dairy 20 to 24c.

Eggs—Pickled eggs, 22c per dozen; fresh eggs, 27c. Cheese, 12c per lb.

Flour and meal—Ogilvie's Hungarian, \$6; ditto strong bakers, \$5.60; Keowatin Hungarian, \$6; ditto strong bakers, \$5.60; Oregon, \$5.60 to \$6; Premier, Enderby mills, \$6; XXX, \$5.75; XX, \$5.45. Oatmeal at \$4 per 100 lbs; eastern rolled oats, \$3.50; Californian do, \$4; eastern cornmeal, \$3.75; Californian, ditto, \$4.00.

Feed—Wheat, \$35 per ton; chopped feed, \$36 to \$38; bran, \$24 to \$25; shorts, \$26; oats \$30 to \$34; hay, \$15 to \$16; oil cake, \$40.

Meats—Dry salt, 11½c per lb; roll bacon, 12c; breakfast bacon, 14c; hams, 14c; long clear, 11½c.

Potatoes—\$14 to \$16 per ton; Achcroft potatoes, \$20 to \$22.

Fruits—Oregon apples, 90c to \$1.25 per box, B. C. apples, 50c upwards; B. C. pears, \$1.25 per box; peaches, \$1.40 per box; grapes, \$1.60 to \$1.75; cranberries, 25 to 40c per gallon; oranges, \$6.50 per box; California lemons, \$6.50.

The Cattle Markets.

A cable to the Montreal Gazette, dated Liverpool, November 30 says: The market for Canadian is dull, the demand being very weak and prices ½c lower than a week ago. The market for States cattle is steady, prices ruling ½c to 1c above the quotations given below for Canadians which are purely nominal. Finest steers, 11c; good to choice, 10½c; poor to medium, 9½c; inferior and bulls, 7 to 8½c.

At the east end abattoir, at Montreal, on Nov. 30, says the Gazette, there were 700 cattle offered for sale. The best cattle sold at 3½ to 4c; the medium to good at 3 to 3½c, but the inferior cattle were practically unsaleable. Good lambs sold at 4 to 4½c per lb, and common lambs and sheep at 3½ to 3¾c per lb.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

(Quotations below are per bushel for regular No. 2 wheat, which grade serves as a basis for speculative business. Corn and oats are per bushel for No. 2 grade; mess pork quoted per barrel, lard and short rib sides per 100 pounds.)

The wheat market was weak on Monday, opening $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ lower, and closing $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1¢ lower than Saturday's close. Trading was of a local nature. Closing prices were:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan	May
Wheat.....	91 $\frac{3}{4}$	91 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	93 $\frac{3}{4}$
Corn.....	75	46 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	42 $\frac{3}{4}$
Oats.....	34	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	32 $\frac{3}{4}$
Pork.....	—	8.20	11.20	11.60
Lard.....	—	6.00	6.17 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.47 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs.....	—	5.55	5.60	5.90

On Tuesday spring wheat was in only light demand. Early in the session the market was temporarily firm, but later became very weak, and closing was 1¢ lower than yesterday. No. 2 spring sold at 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 92¢, and closed at about 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Some houses did not sell within a $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ of what others commanded. No. 3 spring dull, and sold at 80 to 81¢, and few cars at 82 to 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ closed at 80¢. For the speculative grade of regular No. 2, prices advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢, and then declined heavily over 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Lake freights were at $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ wheat to Buffalo. Closing prices were:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	—	90 $\frac{1}{2}$	92	97 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	—	46 $\frac{1}{2}$	42 $\frac{1}{2}$	42 $\frac{3}{4}$
Oats.....	—	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	32 $\frac{3}{4}$
Pork.....	—	8.05	11.12 $\frac{1}{2}$	11.52 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard.....	—	5.92 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.12 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.42 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs.....	—	5.47 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.52 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.82 $\frac{1}{2}$

On Wednesday wheat was depressed on account of lower cables, and a large increase in the available supply. Closing prices were $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1¢ lower. Receipts, 295 cars. Closing prices:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	—	59 $\frac{1}{2}$	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	96 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	—	46 $\frac{1}{2}$	42 $\frac{1}{2}$	42 $\frac{3}{4}$
Oats.....	—	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	31	32 $\frac{3}{4}$
Pork.....	—	8.15	11.07 $\frac{1}{2}$	11.47 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard.....	—	6.00	6.07 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.42 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs.....	—	5.42 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.45	5.80

On Thursday wheat was dull until the last hour when it firmed up and advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ on an improved demand for lower grades. Receipts were 356 cars. Closing prices:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	—	90 $\frac{1}{2}$	92 $\frac{3}{4}$	97 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	—	47 $\frac{1}{2}$	42 $\frac{3}{4}$	43 $\frac{3}{4}$
Oats.....	—	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 $\frac{3}{4}$
Pork.....	—	8.20	11.07 $\frac{1}{2}$	11.52 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard.....	—	5.92 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.10	6.40
Short Ribs.....	—	5.40	5.45	5.85

At Chicago on Friday, December wheat closed at 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ and May at 93 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢.

Minneapolis Markets.

Following were closing wheat prices on Wednesday, December 2nd:—

Grades	Oct.	Dec.	May.	On track.
No. 1 hard.....	—	—	—	86 $\frac{1}{2}$
No. 1 northern.....	81	85 $\frac{1}{2}$	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	85 $\frac{1}{2}$
No. 2 northern.....	—	—	—	81-82

Flour—Quoted at \$4.50 to \$4.80 for first patents; \$4.40 to 4.60; for second patents; \$4.00 to \$4.40 for fancy and export bakers; \$2.15 to \$3.00 for low grades, in bags, including red dog. Flour is not so brisk with smaller demand in the export trade as well as in the domestic. While there is flour enough sold ahead to employ the mills for some time, there is need of orders for immediate delivery to keep them all employed to the best advantage. While flour has been made in large quantities because large quantities could be sold the price

has been held pretty close to cost. So with more pushing for business now, the *Market Record* concludes prices can decline only enough to keep in line with cheaper wheat.

Bran and Shorts—Quoted at \$12.00 to \$12.50 for bran; \$12.00 to \$12.50 for shorts and \$12.75 to \$13.50 for middlings. Bran was steady but shorts easier and the millers that asked \$12.50 to \$12.75 yesterday sold at \$12.25 to-day while those that sold yesterday at the price of bran asked the same to-day.

Oats—Quoted at 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 31¢ for No. 2, white, 30 to 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ No. 3 white, and 23 to 30¢ for No. 2 and 3. The oats market was very quiet. The weakness in wheat and the quietness in corn were reflected in the oats markets.

Barley—Steady at 40 to 55¢ for No. 3. There is very little barley offered that will bring more than 50 to 55¢ excepting that from Washington.

Fed—Millers held at \$16.50 to \$19.25; less than car lots \$17.00 to \$19.50, with corn meal at \$16.00 to \$19.50; bolted meal \$24.00; granulated \$26.00.

Eggs—Choice, fresh, 24¢; called fresh, 22 to 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; storage, 21 to 22¢ per dozen.

Dressed meats—Mutton and lamb, 6 to 7¢ per pound; dressed hogs, choice country, \$4.25 to \$4.50 per 100 pounds.

Dressed poultry—Turkeys, 8 to 10¢; chickens, 3 to 6¢; ducks, 8 to 10¢; geese, 8 to 9¢.—*Market Record*, Dec. 2.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—December 87 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢; May, 95 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢.
Tuesday—December, 87¢; May, 94 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.
Wednesday—December, 85 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢; May, 93 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.
Thursday—December, 87 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢; May, 95¢.
Friday—Cash and December, 87¢; May, 94 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.
Saturday—Cash at 87 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; December, 88¢; May, 95¢.

On Saturday No. 1 hard closed at 1¢ under No. 1 northern. A week ago No. 1 northern closed at 89 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for cash, 87 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for November and December, and 95 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ for May. No. 1 hard a week ago closed at 88 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for December.

Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.

At Minneapolis, on Saturday, December 5, wheat prices closed as follows for No. 1 northern. December option, 85 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢; Jan. 86 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ May, 92 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. A week ago prices were: December, 85 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢; May, 94¢.

The Storm.

The wind and snow storm which set in at Winnipeg on Wednesday night, and raged all day Thursday and Friday, was one of the most vigorous on record. We have had only two storms in the past ten years to compare with it, and these came much later in the winter. The temperature was very mild during the continuance of the storm, but considerable snow fell, and this was piled up by the furious gale, in great heaps about the city. One side of the street would be left perfectly bare, while on the opposite side, the snow would be piled to the tops of the doors in places. It was almost impossible to get about the city with rigs, and those who were compelled to go out, found it exceedingly tiresome wading through the deep snow. As the temperature was only a little below the freezing point, there was no suffering from cold, unless it were those who were caught

without a supply of fuel on hand, and who were unable to obtain it while the blizzard lasted. The young people seemed to rather enjoy the wild scene, and boys, and even girls, were having a "high old time" rolling each other in the snow banks.

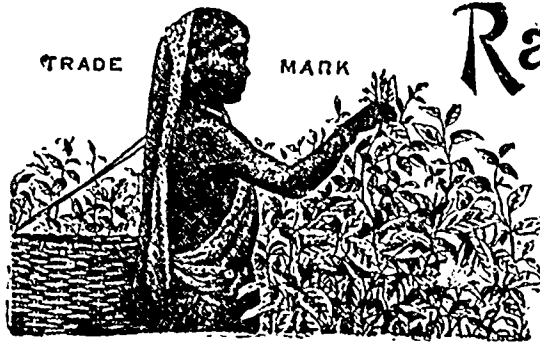
The rail-ways were greatly inconvenienced. A few trains managed to get through, but many were blockaded, and trains no. out were mostly cancelled. Freight traffic was practically suspended. To-day, (Saturday, Nov. 5) the snow has ceased falling, but there is still a high wind. The snow on the ground, however, is now packed so closely, that it is not drifting. By Monday, no doubt, trains will be all running regularly again.

There was no intercourse with the country during the storm, and it will be many days before country roads will be in shape for hauling loads. Deliveries of grain by farmers were therefore entirely suspended for the last three days of the week, and grain threshing was also completely stopped for the time. No evil effects, more than a temporary delay to business, has been felt by the storm, and as soon as roads are cleared through the great drifts, matters will go on as smoothly as ever. The storm was worse in eastern Manitoba. West the wind blew hard, but it was unaccompanied by snow.

Important Business Changes.

The announcement was made in THE COMMERCIAL last summer of the dissolution of partnership of Dawson, Bole & Co., the well known Winnipeg drug house, Mr. Dawson retiring. We have now to announce that Mr. Bole, who continued the business, has formed a partnership with J. R. Wynne, of Montreal, who has long been known throughout the west, in connection with the wholesale drug trade. Mr. Wynne was for thirty-four years with Lyman Sons of Montreal, and for the past two years with Lyman Knox, wholesale druggist, also of Montreal. In fact he has been brought up in the drug trade. For a number of years he has represented these firms in the west, and he is well known from the great lakes to the Pacific coast. Among his business and other acquaintances here, Mr. Wynne has always been held in high esteem. He is of a friendly, but unassuming disposition, attentive to business matters, and of such a manner as to at once inspire confidence in his customers. The new partnership arrangements takes effect on January 1st next. Mr. Bole is to be congratulated upon securing Mr. Wynne as a partner, and from its long acquaintance with both gentlemen who now comprise the firm, THE COMMERCIAL predicts greater success than ever for this, one of our leading wholesale houses. It is the intention to largely increase the business, and hereafter a full stock will be carried in every department of the wholesale drug and sundries trade.

At a meeting held recently at Montreal of representatives from the Montreal board of trade and Toronto and Montreal Commercial Travellers' association, a committee was appointed to interview the Canadian Pacific railway authorities and ask them to reduce the rate west of Port Arthur from three and four to two cents per mile and also ask both roads (the Grand Trunk) to reduce the rate to two cents per mile and to have the baggage limit raised from 300 to 500 pounds.



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Manitoba Crops.

Bulletin No. 31, report on crops and live stock in Manitoba during the past season, has been issued by the Manitoba department of agriculture and immigration, and it is a gratifying one, showing that in Manitoba alone the estimated wheat yield is over 23,000,000 bushels. For the purpose of compilation the province has been divided into districts, as before, namely: Northwestern, Central, Southwestern, South Central, North Central and Eastern.

Great difficulty has been experienced in getting returns as the pressure of work in securing the enormous crop has been almost unprecedented. Out of 500 correspondents, only one hundred and eighty have replied to the circulars asking for information. Fortunately, however, the reports are fairly representative, most of the divisions having sent in a fair proportion of reports. It is, on the other hand, rather unfortunate that the exceptions, though few, comprise two such districts as North Brandon and Morden. There is every reason to believe that contrary to the usual result, the thrashers' yield will be greatly in excess of the estimated yield by the crop correspondents. In view of this fact it is the intention of the department to issue a supplementary bulletin later in the season when these returns are in.

THE COMPARATIVE YIELDS.

The following statement of comparative yields are based on the returns of acreage and average yields for the respective years of 1890 and 1891:

	1890. Bushels.	1891. Bushels.
Estimated average yield of wheat	21.1	25.8
Estimated average yield in oats	41.3	49.3
Estimated average yield in barley	32.1	35.6
Estimated average yield in potatoes	235.0	190.4
Estimated product of wheat	14,065,769	32,101,699
Estimated product of oats	9,513,433	14,762,005
Estimated product of barley	2,069,415	3,197,875
Estimated product of potatoes	2,640,820	2,191,982

The following table shows the average yield of the various districts of the principal crops grown:

Districts	Wheat		Oats		Barley		Potatoes		Turnips	
	Bus.	Bush.	Bus.	Bush.	Bus.	Bush.	Bus.	Bush.	Bus.	Bush.
Northwestern.....	22.2	45.6	30.8	166.6	276.7					
Central	24.4	43.3	34.2	117.2	300.0					
Southwestern	27.8	49.6	36.0	162.7	303.7					
South Central.....	26.8	52.2	40.4	245.8	418.7					
North Central.....	26.5	48.7	36.6	200.0	640.0					
Eastern.....	24.3	45.0	36.0	180.5	242.4					
Province	25.3	48.3	35.6	180.4	355.9					

OATS.

The oat crop has been very satisfactory. The average yield is above that of the past two years, and 3.9 bushels per acre above the August estimate of correspondents. Owing to the vast amount of crop to be saved, the oats have suffered somewhat from exposure.

BARLEY.

Barley has suffered in some sections from wet, but is on the whole a fair crop. The yield is within one per cent. of the estimate of August last. The berry is good; but as it is in many instances the first crop cut and one of the last to be stacked, the color is not good.

PEAS, RYE AND FLAX.

These crops do not seem to be grown in sufficient quantities to be of general interest, and

the returns are very meagre, so much so that it is impossible to form a safe estimates of the yield. No reports of peas are below eighteen bushels to the acre, while rye goes from twenty to thirty-five. Flax is reported by only one correspondent who places it at 16.5 bushels per acre.

POTATOES.

Potatoes have not done so well as last season. Many correspondents report the yield as very small on account of the wet weather of early summer which rotted the tubers. The aggregate yield is much less than last year, although a much greater average was planted. In some instances, however, the yield was enormous, over four hundred bushels per acre being reported.

TURNIPS.

This crop is not largely grown, but has been on the whole fairly good. Many correspondents report none grown, others as high as eight hundred bushels per acre.

It is quite evident from this that the country is well adapted to their growth, but the scarcity of farm help militates very strongly against their production.

An accompanying table shows the aggregate yield (estimated) of the different districts.

The weather during early harvest, or that portion of the season in which harvesting operations are usually completed, was very good; but the unusually heavy crop and great scarcity of farm help, protracted the harvest until wet weather set in in September, which retarded the work in all parts of the province. Crops were slow in ripening on account of the very favorable conditions existing for continued growth in the month of August. From the reports of western observers rain fell on twenty-eight days at some points in the province in the month of August, the average fall for the month being 2.59. In September rain fell on twenty-three days the average for the month being 1.19 inches.

HAY.

Much more hay has been put up than last year, and in most instances in good condition. In some townships the amount is reported 100 per cent. over last year. The yield was heavy and the late harvest allowed time for cutting and caring for it. The quality as well is better than last year.

FARM HELP.

The absence of suitable help has been the bane of the farmer this season, says the bulletin. In almost every township there has been a dearth of farm laborers, and the inconvenience and loss arising from this source has been very great. The large numbers brought into the province on the farm laborers' excursion seems to have been but a drop in the bucket, and it is safe to assume that twice as many could have found employment for three months or more from the beginning of harvest. It is noticeable that in the northwestern district, where more stock is kept and mixed farming followed, that the supply of labor has been much nearer equal to the demand. Laborers are still in demand in many parts of the province, in fact in all parts except the northwestern district, and will be as long as the weather is such as will admit of threshing being done.

BINDING TWINE.

The supply of twine has been adequate in every township reported, with one exception. That no inconvenience should have been experienced in this matter is most remarkable, con-

sidering the fact that 2,648,325 lbs were used on wheat alone, 886,397 on oats and 260,501 on barley, or a total of 3,795,193 on the assumption that oats and barley require on an average the same amount per acre as wheat. At 15 cents per pound, which is probably the average price to the farmer this season, this makes \$569,278.95 paid out by the farmers of the province for twine for this season's crop. The amount used varies from 2.5 to 4 lbs., being an average of 2.9 lbs. per acre, being 0.6 more than last season.

MARKETING GRAIN.

The pressure of harvest work and threshing has retarded marketing very much. A great majority of the correspondents say there is very little marketed yet. Threshing is very much behind, some correspondents claiming that there has not been sufficient threshing done in their township to warrant them making an estimate. Many townships report a scarcity of threshing machines. Dennis reports a vast amount marketed, which is largely due to the fact that that county was among the first to begin harvesting.

FALL PLOUGHING.

While in some townships a fair amount of ploughing has been done, there is on the whole much less than at the same time last year, for the same reasons that the grain is not threshed and marketed, viz., heavy crop to harvest with a scarcity of help.

STOCK.

In almost every township the cattle are in a much better condition than usual. Grass has been abundant, and water of comparatively easy access. The grass throughout the season seems to have contained a maximum of nutriment; and with the exception of flies in some instances being rather numerous, the season has been very favorable to stock-raising. Some correspondents claim that cattle have done much better from the fact that they have been enclosed in fields, and not worried by herdboys and dogs.

BEEF CATTLE.

Along the line of the M. & N. W. railway there has been a great number of cattle sold for beef. In other districts the number has not been as great. In most instances fully 75 per cent. of the beef cattle have been sold, and in some cases even more. In many districts beef cattle are receiving more attention than in former years.

DAIRYING.

The year has been a very favorable one for dairying; and, as very few complaints are made as to prices secured, it is fair to assume that they have been reasonably satisfactory. Some townships report little dairying done; but in no instance has the season been pronounced unfavorable.

BUILDING.

The amount of building done has varied very much. Some divisions report a considerable amount of building and a good proportion of them substantial structures. Deauis, North Brandon, Brandon City, Mountain, Souris, Turtle Mountain, Killarney, Cypress, Manitou, Lorne, Portage la Prairie, Lakeside, Norfolk and Beautiful Plains report a considerable amount of building. In other parts less has been done.

CULTIVATED AREA.

The last question in the circular sent out for this report was: "Do you think the farmers of your district are cultivating more land than they can properly attend to?" About one

third of the correspondents answer "Yes." Many of them answer "No" emphasize it with "Certainly not." The general complaint of insufficient help, late harvest, little ploughing done, etc., etc., however, gives great force to the minority report. Some of the correspondents who report more land worked than can be properly attended to, refer to an increase of weeds from imperfect cultivation. On the whole it must be admitted that the spirit of the reports is to the effect that farmers are undertaking to crop more land than they can properly attend to with the amount of farm labor now on the market. The farm laborers' excursions have been a boon to the farmers of the province and advices, aside from the reports of correspondents, showed that a considerable number who came up on those excursions have purchased land with the intention of becoming residents of the province.

[NOTE.—This bulletin is based upon information secured up to November 16.]

Freight Rates.

The Montreal *Trade Bulletin*, says: "The season just closed has been a fairly good one for ship owners, although the prospects at the opening of navigation were most discouraging and rates of ocean freights unprofitable, averaging as low as 1s 3d to 1s 6d per quarter for heavy grain to Liverpool, and as low as 1s was accepted, but this figure was exceptional. Cattle freights ranged from 4s to 5s, deals 37s 6d to 40s, butter and cheese 20s, flour 7s to 7s 6d, these being Liverpool rates. Towards the close of May, however, there was more enquiry for grain spice and the low rates of freights began to improve, and during the first week in June 2s per quarter was paid for grain to Liverpool, 5s to 6s for cattle, 40s to 42s 6d for deals, and 7s 6d to 8s for flour. During July the demand for grain tonnage became more urgent, and at the close of that month 2s 3d to 2s 6d was paid to Liverpool, deal freights advanced to 45s and 46s 3d and cattle 60s to 65s. At the end of August 3s to 3s 6d was paid for grain to Liverpool, by the middle of September 3s 6d, at the close of October 4s 6d was paid to Liverpool and 4s 9d to 5s to Bristol and London for forward shipment. Continental grain freights at the beginning of the season were 1s 9d per quarter and at the close 4s 9d. Cattle freights at the close of the season were 70s. In lake and river freights the market was completely demoralized shortly after the opening of navigation grain charters being made as low as 3/4 to 1c per bushel from Chicago to Buffalo, and at 4 1/2 per bushel from Chicago through to Montreal. In June, however, the rate from Chicago to Montreal advanced to 4 1/2 to 5c, and in the following month to 5 1/2 and 5 3/4. By the middle of August rates moved up to 6 1/2 and 7c, and in the latter part of September 8 1/2 to 8 3/4 per bushel was obtained, which were about the last through rates made. Inland freights during the past season advanced 100 per cent, and ocean freights 250 to 350 per cent." Regarding winter rates, the same paper says: "Judging from the large amount of tonnage already engaged for Canadian grain from Halifax, Portland, Boston and New York, a brisk business is expected during the coming season. Engagements were made some time ago for shipments of peas from sections north and west of Stratford through to Liverpool at 40c per 100 pounds via Portland and Boston,

although more recent deals have transpired at 42 1/2c, and one engagement is reported as high as 45c per 100 pounds. One party in this city took freight room for 88,000 to 100,000 bushels of grain via Portland and Boston early in the season at 40c per 100 pounds through to Liverpool from the west, but 42 1/2 to 43c are now the quoted rates."

The Chicago *Tribune* thinks that the fleet to winter in Chicago will not be unusually large, after all the calculations of marine men to the contrary. The high rates prevailing from Duluth are taking a big fleet in that direction, and boats which were at Buffalo have been chartered for wheat from the head of Lake Superior at 9 1/2c. It is quite possible that ice will close Lake Superior navigation before these boats can get down, but in any event they are certain of high rates, even if they are frozen up at Sault Ste. Marie for the winter. The steamer Josephine was chartered at Chicago to carry wheat from Fort William at 10c per bushel. There is much more money in these figures than in storing grain in Chicago during the winter. Indications now point to the continuance of navigation until closed by ice.

The Duluth correspondent of the *Northwestern Miller*, writing on Nov 23, says: "Lake freights on wheat to Buffalo, which has been steady for nearly three weeks at 7 1/2c, took a spurt last Friday night, and on Saturday morning some tonnage was chartered at 9 1/2c. Vessel owners are holding out strongly for 10c, but shippers are equally firm, and badly as they want to get grain out, refuse to pay that amount. One shipper who had several vessels chartered at 7 1/2c for this week, to-day closed another shipper who was so anxious for tonnage that he paid 9 1/2c, thus netting the man who chartered the vessels a clean 2c profit. Rates are not steady. Several charters were made to-day at 9 1/2 and some as low as 8 1/2c. Tonnage is now held at 9 1/2 to 9 3/4c. Never before were such rates known here to last so long. Until last week there had been no advance in flour rates, despite the big advance in wheat tonnage. Shippers who did not make season contracts had been paying a pretty stiff rate on flour. The continued bulge in rates affected flour tonnage last week, however, and shippers are now called upon to pay wheat rates. Wheat charters have been made for cargoes from Duluth up to December 5. The Sault will thus be kept open till December 7 or 8, and probably the last bushel of wheat from Duluth this season will not arrive in Buffalo before December 12 or 13."

The Minneapolis *Northwestern Miller* of November 27 says: "Ocean rates show a tendency toward weakness, and shippers are beginning to think that from now on they will decline more or less. On Monday and Tuesday considerable business was booked at 54c per 100 lbs, Minneapolis to London, but the space obtainable at that figure was very soon filled. A rate of 54.6c. is now in the market, but for February and March shipment. A rate of 57 1/2c to Amsterdam is understood to be available—a drop of 2 1/2c. Some Minneapolis millers have room contracted for well up to February, at figures that are claimed to be pretty high, while others have taken it only as required for shipments. The latter now feel that they pursued the best policy. On Wednesday rates for prompt shipment were: To London, 55 1/2c; Liverpool and Glasgow, 54c. This is per 100 lbs, from Minneapolis."

Chicago *Trade Bulletin*, November 28: "Demand for freight room active, and rates firm by all routes. Shipments were quite liberal, but shippers complain of a scarcity of cars, especially for interior and south eastern points. All rail rates are well maintained on the basis of 25c flour and grain and 30c provisions to New York. Lake and rail freights were in moderate request, but shippers rather slow to make engagements, owing to the lateness of the season. A few loads accepted at 11 1/2c wheat and 11 1/2c corn to New York. Through freights to Liverpool were in rather good demand and rates fairly well maintained at 45 1/2 to 47 1/2c flour 38 to 39c grain, and 58 1/2 to 63 1/2c provisions according to route. Lake freights in good demand and charters were moderately free, chiefly of the larger vessels. Rates were not quite so firm, and closed steady at 4 1/2c. wheat, and 4 1/2c. corn to Buffalo and 37 cents corn to Port Huron."

Ladoga Wheat

About a year ago THE COMMERCIAL published some matter regarding a splendid sample of Ladoga wheat, grown by Mr. Plaxton, of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan territory. This year Mr. Plaxton has again been very successful with this wheat. We have a sample of his wheat of this year's growing, at THE COMMERCIAL office, and it fully keeps up the reputation gained for it a year ago. As a great deal of interest is being taken in Ladoga wheat THE COMMERCIAL has received the following statement from Mr. Plaxton, regarding his experience with it. Mr. Plaxton says:—

"This is the fourth year I have sown Ladoga wheat. The first year I had quite a lot of smut. The second year there was some smut; but not enough to do any harm; the third year I had no smut, and this year no smut. I have not seen the least bit of rust in these years. I believe that the straw of the Ladoga is not as strong as the red fife, and when I have had a heavy crop, it is more likely to lay down than the red fife.

I do not think that it takes any longer to mature this year than the first year I sowed it. This year I sowed it on the 9th of April, and harvested on the 12th of August, and ten days later, I cut the red fife, grown on the same kind of soil and side by side. The red fife was sown on the 11th of April. In the four years that I have sown Ladoga wheat, the red fife has yielded about three to four bushels per acre more than the Ladoga. This year my Ladoga yielded about 30 bushels per acre and red fife, 34 bushels per acre. The Ladoga was not touched by frost, but the red fife was slightly hurt with frost."

Lumber Cuttings.

Dick, Banning & Co. have completed the work of enlarging their raceway and putting in a new head gate at their new mill at Keewatin

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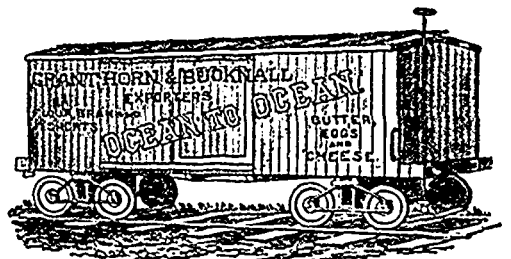
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Toronto Grocery Market.

Sugars, syrups and molasses—Sugars have been selling well all this week. The impression prevails that values will advance, and many retailers have been buying at old prices sufficient quantities to carry them over the Christmas trade. Prices are unchanged. Granulated is going at 4½ and 5c, and yellows at 3½ to 4½ for dark to very bright. Foreign markets on raws are strong, with an improving tendency. Syrups are lower. It is reported that the British Columbia refinery sold syrup delivered on this market at 2c and a fraction less in competition with the eastern refiners. As the freight is about 1c per lb from Vancouver to Toronto, they are either getting very little for their product or the eastern refiners have a bonanza. The street is selling here at 2½ to 3½ per lb. Demand is dull. Molasses—Selling fairly well, but prices are irregular, ranging from 30 to 36c per gallon for West Indian in barrels. For fancy Barbadoes, however, 36c is asked. New Orleans, quiet. Sugars—Granulated, 1 to 15 bbls, 5c; do, 15 bbls. and over, 4½c; grocers' A., 1 to 15 bbls, 4½c; do., 15 bbls. and over, 4½c; Paris lump, boxes, 5½ to 5½c; extra ground bbls, 5½c; do, boxes or less than bbls, 5½c; powdered bbls 5½c; do, less than bbls, 5½ to 5½c; refined, dark to bright, 3½ to 4½c; Trinidad, raw, 3½ to 4c; Demerara, 4½ to 4½c. Syrups—D., 2½ to 2½c; M., 2½ to 2½c; B., 2½ to 2½c; V. B., 2½ to 2½c; E. V. B., 2½ to 3c; ex-super, 3 to 3½c; XX., 3½c to 3½c; XXX and special, 3½ to 3½c.

Coffees—Coffees are firm. Several large lines of Rios have changed hands at 16½ to 17c; small lots are going at 18 to 19c. Jamaicas are offering at 18½ to 20c. Prices are: Rios, 18c to 20c; Jamaica, 18½ to 20c; Java, 27c to 32c; Mocha, 29 to 33c; Porto Rico, 25 to 28c.

Dried fruit—Currants are meeting a fair demand at 5½ to 6½c for barrels of provincials and Filatras, and 5½ to 6½c for halves. Dates—Now are expected next week. Figs—Natural, in bags, are selling freely at 5c; Elemes unchanged. Prunes—New Spink, in cases, have arrived and offer at 7½c for U. and 8½c B. Cables were unchanged to-day. Prices this year are much lower than last. Raisins—Table and Sultana raisins are unchanged, but Valencias are unsettled at 5½c for ordinary brands of off-stock, and 6c for choice. From present appearances there is a very little prospect of a profitable business in choice fruits this season. There is certainly very little in it at the moment. Currants—Barrels, new, 5½ to 6½c; half barrels, 5½ to 6½c; cases, 6½ to 6½c; Vostizza, now, cases, 7 to 10c; Patras, bbls, 7 to 7½c; h. lf bbls, 7½ to 7½c; cases, 7½ to 7½c. Raisins—Valencias, 5½ to 6½c; do, selected, 7½ to 8c; layers, 8½ to 9c; Sultana, 10 to 13c; London layers, \$2.35 to 2.50; black baskets, \$3.50 to \$3.75; do ¼ boxes, \$1.20; blue baskets \$4 to \$4.50; finest Dehessas, \$6.50; do ¼ boxes, \$2; muscatel, 2 cr, \$2.25; do 3 cr, \$3. Figs—Elemes, 10 lbs and up, 12 to 18c. Malaga 56 lb bags, 5 to 5½c; natural bags, 4½ to 5½c. Dates—Hallowee, 5½ to 6c.

Nuts—Almonds, Tarragona, new, 13½c to 15c; Ivica, 14 to 15c; do, shelled Valencia, 29 to 35 cents; filberts, Sicily, 10½ to 11c.

Canned goods—The demand for staple vegetables is keeping up rather better than expected. Retailers have been selling more freely. Values are steady. Tomatoes go at \$1.05 to \$1.10 as to brand, and assorted lots of corn, peas and tomatoes go at \$1.05. A car of peas

went to Montreal out of local stock on private terms to-day. Other vegetables and fruit and fish are very dull. Fish—Salmon, One's flat, \$1.60 to \$1.70; salmon, 1's tall, \$1.35 to \$1.45; lobster, Clover leaf, \$2.95; lobster, other 1's, \$2.10 to \$2.30; mackerel, \$1 to \$1.10; sardines, French, ½'s, 11c; sardines, French, ¼'s, 17c; sardines, American, ½'s, 6 to 8c; sardines, American, ¼'s 9c. Fruits and vegetables—Tomatoes, 5's, \$1.05 to \$1.10; Corn, 2's, \$1.00 to \$1.05; corn, 3's, \$1.50 to \$1.60; peas, 2's, \$1.10 to \$1.25; beans, \$1; pumpkins, 85c to \$1; strawberries and raspberries, 2's, \$2.25 to \$2.40; peaches, 2's, \$1.90 to \$2.10; peaches, 3's, \$2.75 to \$3.50; plums, 2's, \$1.45 to \$1.65; 3's, \$2.60; pears, 2's, \$1.90 to \$2.00; pears, 3's, \$2.00 to \$3.

Rice, spicers, etc.—Rice, bags, 3½ to 4½c; do., off grades, 3½ to 3½c; do, Patna, 6½ to 6½c; do, Japan, 4½ to 5½c; Carolina, 8 to 8½c; sago, 3½ to 1½c; tapioca, 4½ to 6c; pepper, black, 12 to 18c; do, white, 18 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 25 to 30c; cloves, 15 to 20c; allspice, 12 to 15c; nutmegs, 90c. to \$1.10; cream tartar, 25c. to 35c.

Peels—The general run of oranges is going at 17 to 18c; lemon at 16 to 18c, and citron at 21 to 25c, but C. & B.'s make this year has cost more and 17½ to 19c is asked for lemons, 18 to 20c for orange, and 26 to 28c for citron.—*Empire*, November 26.

Montreal Markets.

Flour—Advices from St. Johns, N B., state that a good deal of cutting is being indulged in by western millers, but that the quality of straight rollers is being run down to extra. It would appear therefore, that the cutting is more in the quality of the goods than the actual price. Sales have been made in this market during the week at \$4.70 to \$4.75 for straight rollers and at \$4.25 to \$4.35 for extra. A fair business is reported in city strong bakers at \$5.00 to \$5.10, and in Manitoba strong bakers at \$4.75 to \$5. Patent winter, \$5.05 to \$5.30; patent, spring, \$5.15 to \$5.35; straight roller, \$4.70 to \$4.85; extra, \$4.25 to \$4.35; superfine, \$4.00 to \$4.25; fine, \$3.50 to \$3.75; city strong bakers, \$5.10; Manitoba bakers, \$4.60 to \$5.00; Ontario bags—extra, \$2.10 to \$2.20; superfine, \$2.00 to \$2.10.

Mill feed—The market is firm and bran is very scarce, with sales of car lots on track at \$15.50, and we quote \$15.50 to \$16. Shorts, \$17 to \$18.

Oatmeal.—The market is firm under a fair demand, and prices are higher as follows:—Granulated and rolled oats, \$4.50 to \$4.65 per bbl, and \$2.20 to 2.25 per bag; standard and fine oatmeal, \$4.40 to \$4.45 per barrel, and bags \$2.10 to \$2.15. Pot barley \$4.00 Pearl barley No. 1, \$7.25 per barrel. Cornmeal, \$4.25 per barrel; split peas, \$3.25 per barrel.

Wheat—We quote No. 2 hard at \$1.02 to \$1.03 and Upper Canada red and white winter at about the same figures.

Oats—The market is quiet but steady with last sales reported at 36c. per 34 lbs. on track for No 2 white. A lot of 10,000 bushels is reported as having been sold in the west at 32½c. for export.

Barley—There is a decidedly easier feeling in the west and prices here partake of a nominal character. There have been sales on the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific west at 46c for No. 3, and at 49c for No. 2. Here we quote

prices more or less nominal of 52 to 57c as to quality, choice pale malting barley being quoted at 60 to 6½c.

Dressed hogs—The only sales reported consist of a few small lots at \$5.75 to \$6. On Tuesday last when it was raining hard \$5.75 was obtained but since then owing to cooler weather \$6 has been made.

Provisions—Canada short cut mess pork, per bbl, \$16 to 16.50; mess pork, American, per bbl, \$14 to \$14.50; extra mess beef, per bbl., \$14.50 to \$15; hams, city cured, per lb., 10½ to 11c; lard, pure in pails, per lb., 9½ to 10c; lard, compound in pails, per lb., 7½ to 7½c; bacon, per lb., 9½ to 10c; shoulders, per lb., 8½c.

Dressed Poultry—Sales of several cases of turkey were at 9c. to 9½c, a fancy lot of birds bringing 10c per lb. Chickens are in good demand with sales at 6½ to 7c for good stock, poor scalded lots, however, have sold at 5 to 5½c. A lot of chickens and geese, mixed, was placed at 6½c, but the chickens were not prime. Ducks are quoted at 8 to 9c and geese at 7c.

Butter—Since the last vessel left port there has not been such an active market, and former extreme prices are not obtainable for round lots. September and October creameries have been offered at 23½c. with 23½c. the best bid. Fancy October creamery in small tubs would of course command more money, a lot of 100 small tubs of fancy creamery being sold at 25c. A fair quotation for ordinary sized tubs, however, is from 22½ to 24c as to quality. There is more enquiry for eastern townships dairy as the price of creamery is too high, and sales have been made at 18 to 20½c in round lots. In western a lot of 200 tubs of closely selected, was placed to-day at 16½c and we quote 15c to 17c as to quality.

Cheese—The market at the beginning of the week were very firm and sales were made of about 7,000 boxes at 10½ to 11½c, but to-day the market closes with a somewhat anxious and tired expression, and finest cheese that at the beginning of the week could have been sold at 11½c was offered at 11c to-day and not taken. It is said that 11c is an outside price to-day for the finest. The Liverpool public cable advanced to 54s 6d at the beginning of the week but private cables were 56 to 57s. It is generally admitted that the stocks left over in Canada are lighter than at this time last year, while it is well known that they are much smaller in the United States.

Eggs—In Montreal limed eggs a fair volume of business is reported at 15c to 16c with fresh held selling at about same figures, as some grocers prefer choice limed stock and their customers take them in preference to held stock.

Apples—The market has a firmer tone for choice lines of winter fruit the major portion of sales in round lots being reported at \$1.80 to \$2.10 per bbl, although a few sales of fancy descriptions have transpired at \$2.15 to \$2.25, a lot of Rox Russets being placed for eastern account at \$2.15. Evaporated apples—Fairly active and sales have been made at 6½c to 7c. Dried apples—Steady at 4 to 5c per pound as to quality.—*Montreal Trade Bulletin*, November 27th.

A company has been organized with a capital of \$100,000 to distill whiskey at Berthier, Quebec. Quebec consumes about 40 per cent. of all the alcohol in Canada, and it is claimed the Ontario prices are too high.

Toronto Markets.

Flour—Was dull, with very little enquiry. A car of straight roller was purchased at equal to \$1.25.

Mill feed—Firm and in demand. No bran offered. For a car of shorts \$15, Toronto freights.

Wheat—Steadier, with a more active demand. Standard winter was bought at 90 to 91c outside by millers. A round lot was bought for export at 93c straight; there were also purchases at 92c. A purchase of goose was reported at 82c and one at 85c outside. No. 2 hard sold here at \$1.01 and outside at \$1.02. On call \$1.05 was bid for No. 1 hard with sellers at \$1.06, to arrive; No. 2 offered at \$1.03 North Bay, with sellers on spot at \$1.02; 99½c was bid to arrive with sellers at \$1.01; \$1.01 was bid on track.

Barley—In active demand, with prices higher. Several sales, chiefly No. 3 extra, were made for export, aggregating about 60,000 bushels; terms were private. Sales of small lots north and west points, were reported at 42 to 44c for No. 3; 46 to 47c for No. 3 extra, and 49½ to 50c for No. 2.

Oats—Firm, with sales at 35c on track and to arrive. North and west white sold at 32 and 33c.

Oatmeal—Demand good and prices firm at \$1.20 at the mills and \$1.30 on track. Business was done at less, however.

Grain and Flour—Car prices are: Flour (Toronto freights)—Manitoba patents, \$5.30 to \$5.50; Manitoba strong bakers', \$4.90 to \$5.10; Ontario patents, \$4.50 to \$4.90; straight roller, \$4.25 to \$4.30; extra, \$4.10 to \$4.15; low grades, per bag, \$1.25 to \$1.75. Bran—\$13.50 to \$14. Shorts—\$14 to \$16. Wheat—White, 95 to 97c; spring, 94 to 95c; red winter, 95 to 97c; goose, 84 to 85c; No. 1 hard, \$1.05 to \$1.08; No. 2 hard, \$1.02 to \$1.03; No. 3 hard, 96 to 97c. Peas—No. 2, 65 to 67c. Barley—No. 1, 56 to 57c; No. 2, 53 to 54c; No. 3 extra, 51 to 53c; No. 3, 49 to 50c; two rowed, 54 lbs, average about No. 3 extra in color, 54 to 53c. Corn—70 to 71. Buckwheat—50 to 52c. Rye—91 to 92c. Oats—34 to 35c.

Dressed hogs—Were again in liberal supply and prices were about steady on a basis of \$5.50 for choice packing weights. Five cars were bought outside at \$5.30, equal to \$5.45 delivered at Toronto.

Cured meats—Quotations are: Mess pork, United States, \$13.75 to \$14; short cut, \$16 to \$16.50; bacon, long clear, per lb, 7½ to 8c; lard, Canada, tubs and pails, 9½ to 10½c; compound do., 8½ to 9c; smoked meats—hams, per lb, new, 11 to 11½c; bellies, per lb, 10½ to 11c; rolls, per lb, 8½ to 9c; backs, per lb, 10 to 11c; dressed hogs, \$4.50 to \$5 per cwt.

Produce—Quotations were: Beans—Per bushel, car lots, \$1.20 to \$1.30; out of store \$1.40 to \$1.50. Dressed meats, per lb—Beef, fores, 3½ to 5c; hinds, 5½ to 7½c; veal, 7 to 8c; mutton, 5½ to 6½c; lamb, 7 to 8c. Dried apples—Outside, 4c; on spot, 4½ to 5c; evaporated, outside, 6 to 6½c; on spot, 6½ to 7½c. Eggs—Fresh, 17 to 18c; pickled, 14 to 15c. Hay—Timothy, on track, \$11.50 to \$12. Hops—Canadian, 1891 crop, 16 to 19c. Honey—Extracted, 9 to 10c; comb, 12 to 16c. Onions—Native, per bbl, \$1.75 to \$2.25 out of store. Potatoes—Per bag on track, 40 to 43c; out of store, 50 to 55c; turnips, on track, 18c. Poultry—Chickens, per pair, 30 to 50c; ducks,

50 to 60c; geese, per lb, 5 to 6c; turkeys, 8 to 9c. Seeds—Alsike, prime to choice, \$5.50 to \$6; extra to fancy, \$6.25 to \$6.30.

Hides—Quotations are: Hides—Cured, 5c; green steers, 60 lbs and up, No. 1, 5c; do., steers, 60 lbs and up, No. 2, 4c; do., steers, 60 lbs and up, No. 3, 3c; do., cows, No. 1, 4½c; do., cows, No. 2, 3½c; do., cows, No. 3, 2½c. Skins—Pelts and lambskins, 85c; veal, 8 lbs and up, green, No. 1, 7c; do., 6 lbs and up, green, No. 2, 5c; do., 8 lbs and up, cured, 8 to 10c.

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

British Columbia.

J. S. Manson, tailor, Westminster, has assigned to A Morrison.

A new blacksmith shop and plough factory is to be opened in South Westminster by one Fraser.

The legal firm of B. A. & M. G. Vancouver, has been dissolved. Both continue on their own account.

John Craig, who came to Vancouver from Lethbridge, Alberta, has opened an undertaker's establishment.

Deacon & Sterratt, carriages, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership. A. H. Sterratt continues the business.

A by law granting \$50,000 towards a university at Victoria will be laid before the municipal voters on December 9th.

The eighth annual report of the Westminster board of trade has been published in pamphlet form. Several thousand copies will be distributed.

There is to be a new rice mill on the North Arm of the Fraser, on the land recently sold by H. V. Edmunds to a syndicate of Chinese capitalists.

The purchaser of the steam yacht Casco, which cost \$60,000 originally and was sold in San Francisco for \$6,500, is W. A. Dier of Victoria. The Casco will be fitted for a sealing cruise.

Thompson & King, consignees, commission brokers, etc., Victoria, have formed a partnership with J. L. Beckwith, of the same place, and will continue the business under the style of Beckwith, Thompson & King.

Muir & Boyd have opened an office at Vancouver as manufacturers' agents and representatives of Robert Mitchell & Co., brass founders of Montreal, and of the Toronto Radiator Manufacturing company of Toronto.

The Vancouver *News Advertiser* says: The representative of the well known firm of James Robertson & Co. lead pipe manufacturers, of Montreal, Toronto and Baltimore, is now in the city and looking round for a suitable office, as a permanent agency will be established here.

The C. P. R. steamer, Empress of China, after one of the roughest trips on record, arrived on December 2 at Vancouver. Rough weather commenced soon after Yokohama was left astern, and continued with unabated fury for five days, during which the steamer was forced some hundred miles out of her course.

The new Victoria public market will be opened on December 15th. There are 58 stalls and

stores in it. A statement prepared by the market committee of the council shows an estimated revenue of \$9,888 and an expenditure (including interest and sinking fund) of \$8,836. The rents to be charged range from \$7.00 to \$60 per month according to the size of the stall or store.

Winnipeg Board of Trade.

A regular meeting of the council of the board of trade was held Tuesday afternoon. The question of the fisheries regulations in Manitoba having been discussed, the following were appointed a committee to secure all available information on the subject, and to report to the council as soon as possible: D. W. Buchanan, Capt. W. Robinson, Jas. Penrose, K. T. Riley and E. L. Drewry.

It was decided to open up correspondence with the president of the Duluth and Winnipeg railway company and with the Duluth Chamber of Commerce regarding the present position of the extension of this railway to the international boundary line.

The matter of the improvements of the St. Andrew's rapids was considered, and it was decided to again use every means to secure active operations in this very important work.

The subject of the board's holding an annual dinner having been brought before the council by a number of members, was favorably viewed by all present; but action was deferred till next meeting, it being understood that members of the council would discuss the project with members of the board.

British Grain Trade.

The *Mark Lane Express* of Nov. 30, in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: English wheats declined 1s. Although the weather was dry the bulk of the samples offered were damp and of inferior quality. Foreign wheats also dropped 1s in consequence of the enormous arrivals. The stocks in port amount to 600,000 quarters in excess of the reserves of the same time last year. Until the plethora in the granaries is relieved higher prices are impossible. It is estimated that the wheat and flour on passage amount to a total of 3,000,000 quarters; cargoes on passage are 61 lower. Barley, oats and Indian corn have declined 6 to 9d. The business to-day was meagre. English wheats were 6d lower and were in poor sale at the declines; foreign wheats suffered the same reduction, although they were more firmly held; flour, oats, grinding barley and linseed dropped 3 to 6d.

Russell & Hurd have opened a new meat market at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

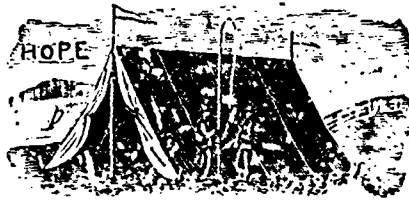
It is reported from Ottawa that the Dominion government have decided to construct a new canal on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River, about forty miles above Montreal, in order to avoid the Cascade Rapids. Its estimated cost will be \$4,750,050. Tenders will be invited at an early date. As a result of the most careful observation and consideration a route has been planned which will give an inland canal more than thirteen miles in length constructed on the most direct lines obtainable with six locks and a guard lock. The lock will be of the dimensions adopted for the enlarged canals of the Dominion, namely, 270 feet long, 45 feet wide and depth sufficient for vessels drawing fourteen feet; width of the canal at the bottom 100 feet.

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European Financial Situation.

Although there have recently been numerous adverse reports of the condition of many leading financial institutions in Paris, Berlin and other cities on the continent, for which there was doubtless some ground, the state of the money market there does not indicate that any severe financial disaster is imminent or in prospect. In Berlin the failure about two weeks ago of an old firm of private bankers was suddenly announced, which does not appear to have been anticipated, but it seems the bank has been long insolvent, and the failure gave rise to apprehensions of other troubles of a more serious character, which have not been realized, although there have been numerous failures there, but these included no banking firms of acknowledged ability.

In Paris the great banks rumored to be in trouble have given no outward sign of weakness; the rumored trouble appears to have had no more substantial basis than that the banks insisted that operators whose liabilities were large should retrench, and there was much forced selling of securities, but borrowers on credit with undoubted security were able to obtain all the money they required at 2½ to 3 per cent.

The unsettled political situation in Brazil has also increased anxiety in Paris and Berlin, and Paris is more particularly involved in that country, but while everything Brazilian is looked upon with distrust a crash in Brazilian securities would not have the disastrous effect which attended the crisis in the Argentine Republic. What effect the retirement of Dictator Fonseca will have it is impossible to suggest, but it may ultimately prove to be beneficial to financial affairs.

Then the necessities of the Bank of Spain at Madrid have been a disturbing element, but as her wants are not large they will probably be supplied. The Russian loan has been looked upon with apprehension, but no trouble has yet come of it, and it is probable that none will. Europe is in a financially strong condition, and notwithstanding her short crops and numerous disturbing elements, she will doubtless be able to rise superior to all monetary difficulties.—*Cincinnati Price Current.*

Winter Wheat Prospects.

In nearly all quarters in this country where winter wheat is raised there is complaint of the stand. The complaints are more in the great central belt, perhaps, than anywhere else, but as it is in that quarter that the larger part of the winter wheat is grown, it may be that more attention is given to it than anywhere else. The talk among farmers in the Ohio valley is that the crop goes into the winter, feeble, and that it is not vigorous enough to stand the rough weather of an ordinary winter. What is said of it in the Ohio valley is said of it in the Mississippi valley and in the Missouri. Experts take a more favorable view of it and contend that with an ordinary winter there is nothing in the present prospect of the crop to cause alarm. The acreage is admittedly smaller than it would have been with more moisture at seeding time. Rains fell about the time the cold weather began, and while they were made the ground of unfavorable comment they probably did much good, for they hold the surface soil about the root of the plant when the ground i

hars and give it moisture in the spring. Weather that freezes does not necessarily kill our wheat, if such weather is steady. The intermitting of freezing and thawing does that. The worst that can be said of winter wheat is that it had light growth and is unweaned, some that touched moisture growing before other in the same field started at all.—*Minneapolis Market Record.*

What is a Carload?

The weight of a car load of grain, flour or provisions is often determined by the condition of the market at time of shipment. For instance, if a merchant in this city purchase say 10 or 12 cars of oats at a country point on a rising market, he may receive a minimum quantity say 24,000 lbs per car on the Grand Trunk and 30,000 lbs on the Canadian Pacific, or even less; but if on the other hand prices are on the wane he might get 32,000 or 35,000 lbs per car on the Grand Trunk and 37,000 to 40,000 lbs on the C. P. R. The same thing applies to car lots of flour and provisions, which is very unsatisfactory, as a merchant is never certain what quantity of grain, flour and provisions he can rely upon in ordering by the car load. It is therefore of the utmost importance that a car load of produce should be defined as meaning a certain weight not less than the minimum capacity nor more than say 250 or 400 lbs above it. Some means should be at once adopted in order to regulate the standard capacity of a car load, so that the buyer may have some approximate idea of what quantity he may expect when he orders a car load, instead of having it left to the caprices of country sellers, by overloading on a falling market and underloading on a rising one. The council of the board of trade has taken the matter up, and it is to be hoped they will take the necessary steps in bringing about the necessary reform as speedily as possible.—*Montreal Trade Bulletin.*

United States Fruit Exports.

The export movement in canned fruit has this season been considerably above the average of late years, and, judging from accounts received from the foreign markets, England will likely take additional quantities of Californian goods before the next season comes round, and the prospects are considered favorable for a very good market there for gallon apples also. The monthly statement of the Bureau of Statistics shows that nearly \$500,000 were exported in September, and it is probable that the October returns will make quite as good a showing. Last year the movement was light, owing to light crops and high prices of most lines of fruit, the entire export having been less than that of September, 1891, alone. The dried fruit exports have also increased greatly under the impetus of low cost, and latest reports go to show that the quantities thus far landed on foreign shores have been closely cleaned out, apples and apricots faring particularly well. There would appear to be reason to calculate upon even a better export outlet in the future, if prices are kept at a reasonable point, since the goods seem to be growing in favor with the European consumers. Next year a fruit exhibition will be held in London, at which the products of various fruit sections of the world will be brought to the attention of the English public.—*N. Y. Bulletin.*

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