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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 21, 1891.

## Retailers Convention.

THE COMMERCIAL has heard from some of the executive of the retail merchants' association, and they favor a convention in Winnipeg during exhibition week. A large number of merchants will be in the city during the exhibition, and it is quite probable a meeting will be held, though it is to be regretted a definite announcement cannot yet be made. Merchants should hold themselves in readiness to attend.

## Manitoba.

W.M.Scott, physician, Treherne, has moved to Holland.

Mr. Logie has sold his stationery business at Gladstone to Mr. Baker.

A. L. Johnson, general store, Cartwright, sold out to F. S. Monary.

The Carman Standard has been enlarged to an eight-page paper.

Thos. Fogg, barnes, Elkhorn, has admitted one Recco under style of Fogg & Recco.

August Sladlander, livery, West Selkirk, has sold out to Mrs. Jas Bradon.

F. C. Van Buskirk has been appointed local agent at Brandon for the Newcombe piano.

S. McAdoo has sold his livery and feed stables at Brandon to McKay and Lennox.

The Selkirk people expect to have an electric light system in operation by Oct. 1.

Chas. Clement has bought the grocery business of J.S. Emmond, of Treherne.

J. W. Horne, grocer, Winnipeg, has admitted George Thompson as partner in branch store, under style of Horne & Thompson.

The Russell House hotel buildings at Morris, will be sold by auction at Winnipeg next week, being part of the Russell estate.

The Commercial Bank will establish a branch at Emerson, with D. McArthur, private banker of that place, as manager.

The store of Jas. Pritchard, of Swan Lake, was burglarised recently, but only a little tobacco and a few dollars in cash taken.

Voting at Bradon on the by-law to raise money with which to build waterworks and a sewerage system for the city resulted in a large majority for the by-law.

Hanson Bros., of Montreal, offer 98 cents on the dollar, without commission, for Winnipeg improvement debentures. The finance committee has recommended the acceptance of the offer.

A. Thompson, late manager for G. H. Rodgers & Co., Glenboro, and J. M. Fumerton, of Winnipeg, have bought out the old established business of Amford Bros., general store, Glenboro.

The regular half yearly examinations of the Pharmaceutical Association of Manitoba will be held at Winnipeg, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 7th and 8th of October.

The banking house of Mactavish, Guy & Co., Carman, has been dissolved. It is understood that Mr. Guy has retired from the firm, and that Mr. Mactavish will continue the business under the firm name of Mactavish & Co.

J. J. Tomlinson, a well known traveller with R. J. Whitt & Co., Winnipeg, was presented last week with a fine clock, by the employees of the firm, on the eve of his marriage. He was also presented by the firm with an arm chair.

Well up to 2,000 entries have already been made for the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, which opens on Sept. 28. The success of the exhibition is assured, so far as the exhibits are concerned. A week of good weather during the exhibition will make it a grand success in every particular.

## North West Ontario.

F. B. Allen is now publisher of the Port Arthur Herald.

Moir & Mills, stationers and jewellers, Port Arthur, have assigned.

John Kay, of Norman, has leased his bakery to Jacob Smith, of Rat Portage.

W. A. Weir, formerly of Fergus, Ont., is now manager of the Imperial Bank at Rat Portage.

F. S. Wiley, for many years connected with the Northern hotel, Port Arthur, has assumed management of the house.

H. Marlatt, of Portage la Prairie, will take charge of the Hudson Bay company's business at Fort William.

Rat Portage has been made an outport of customs and warehousing port and placed under the survey of the collector of Port Arthur.

J. C. Degagne, butcher, of Keewatin and Norman, has given up the Norman business

and is succeeded by Albert Guyore, his manager, who has formed a partnership with Henri Billadeau.

## Alberta.

F. P. Size, dentist, Calgary, has moved to Regina, Assa.

M. McDonald has embarked in the retail grocery trade at Calgary.

The Calgary people are happy. President Van Horne during his stay there recently informed George Alexander that the town would have daylight trains, a new station and dining hall and public gardens near the C. P. R. buildings on a large scale.

## Assiniboia.

Carpin Bros., general store, Sinaluta, have sold out to C. J. Dutton.

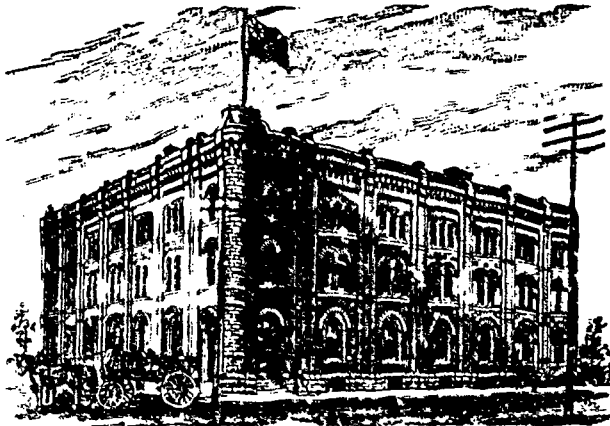
The Regina Board of trade has decided to send an exhibit to the Winnipeg Industrial.

Moosejaw has passed a by-law to raise \$7,000 by issue of debentures, for local improvements.

## Grain Shortages.

It is not Montreal shippers alone who complain of the frequent shortages of grain which passes through the Montreal Elevating Company, as a Manitoba shipper recently informed us that he had shipped a cargo of 20,000 bushels of wheat from Montreal this season, and when it arrived here the weights at the C. P. R. elevator tallied with those at point of shipment. It was then handed over to the Montreal Elevating Company to be put on board ship, and when it arrived on the other side it was found to be 250 bushels short—equal to 1 1/4 per cent. This loss made a difference of about 1 1/2 per bushel to the shipper, a most unwarranted shrinkage. The shipper of this cargo stated: "The quantity was all right when delivered by the C. P. R. authorities to the Montreal Elevating Company, and I have my idea where the 250 bushels I lost went to." But as long as such light sentences as "15 days" are imposed upon the elevating men when caught in the act of stealing wheat from the company's elevators we fear our Manitoba shipper will have to indulge in his idea, without receiving much satisfaction. Other shortages have very recently occurred at this port which are attributed to the Elevating company, but our shippers can obtain no redress. There is something wrong somewhere, and there has been something wrong for a number of years past, and it is high time that some remedy were applied whereby the interests of shippers at this port are better protected.—Montreal Trade Bulletin.

Prince Albert Saskatchewan: A party of engineers under the charge of Mr. Neilson, C. E. to the C. P. R., is at work in the Carrot River district and making their way from Stony Creek to the Birch Hills. From the latter place they intend to work towards Prince Albert. It is conjectured by shrewd observers that the C. P. R. is about to get control of the M. & N. W. R. R., and complete the line from Yorkton to Prince Albert in 1892. The fact that the C. P. R. engineer is at the head of the party referred to seems to lend color to the conjecture. The early opening of this road, under whatever system of railway will be a great boon to the district.

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### Eastern Business Changes, ONTARIO.

Jackson Tea Co., London have assigned.  
Harry Scott, general store, wheatley, has sold out.  
Dunbar Bros., grocers, Leamington, have dissolved.  
John Hetherington, grocer, Trenton, has sold out.  
C. F. Holterman, general store, Romney, has sold out.  
Jas. Gordon, general store, Clavering, has sold out.  
Jas. Beatty, livery, Clinton, was burned out; no insurance.  
Henry Johnston, general store, Thedford, has sold out.  
North American Mill Building Co., Stratford was partially burned, insured.  
W. A. Fraser, grocer, Sarnia, now in company with W. H. Hill as Hill & Fraser.  
G. J. Bayley, general store, George town, has moved to Thedford.  
Scott & Partners, general store, Mount Forest, have assigned to J. E. Laing.  
Following were damaged by fire, all tully insured: Hy. Smith, photos, Belleville. M. McMullen, grocer, and J. Young, grocer, Belleville.

### QUEBEC.

Veniere Nicol, merchant, Quebec, has assigned.  
E. Cingmars, dry goods, Montreal has assigned.  
J. A. Cloran, & Co, grocers, Montreal, have assigned.  
Day & Deblois, foundry, Montreal, partially burned out.  
Emmanuel Cochenthaler, cigars, etc., Montreal, is dead.  
G. A. Dugal & Co., general store, Masson, have assigned.  
E. Larne & Co., coal and wood, Montreal, have assigned.  
R. Laurence, gents' furnishings, Montreal; demand of assignment.  
Blanchard & Hobert, cordwood, grain, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.

### NOVA SCOTIA.

Michael Kehoc, tailor, Lockeport, is dead.  
F. F. Black, jr., grocer, Pugwash, has assigned.  
C. N. Hartling, mens' furnishings, Halifax, is asking extension of time.  
T.G.A. Wilson, boots and shoes, Halifax, is offering a compromise—50 per cent.  
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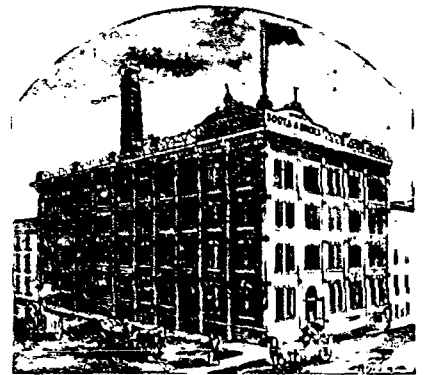
James Kelly, clothing, St. John, is offering a compromise of 33c on the dollar.

Manks & Co., hats, St. John, stock sold to W. Wheeler, who will continue business under the old name.

### British Grain Trade.

The *Mark Lane Express* of Sept. 14, in its weekly review of the grain trade says: "New English wheat is liberally offered; reds are quoted at 37s and whites at 40s. Foreign has fallen heavily. At Liverpool prices have fallen 4d per cental and at London is 6d per qr. Large arrivals of Indian, Russian and American have helped the depression; Red winter and California cargoes declined 2s. Corn is weak and prices have declined 9d both for near and future delivery. Barley and oats are quiet. At Monday's market the prices of wheat were still in buyers' favor; low red English wheats were quoted at from 34s to 39s., and whites at from 37s to 43s. Foreign wheats were steadier. Flour was down 6d per sack.

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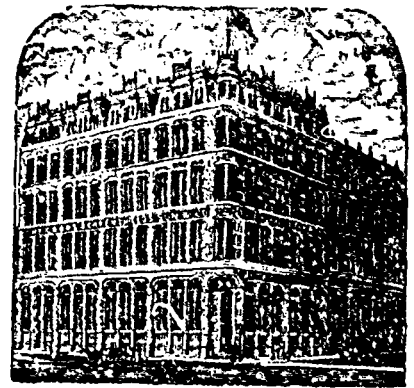
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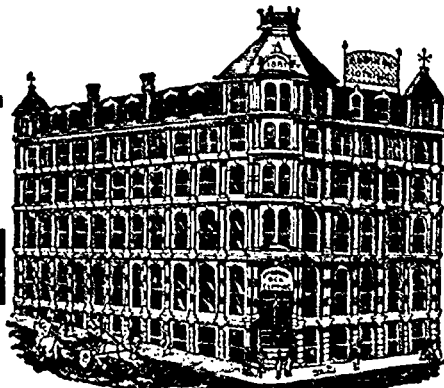
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## DISSIPATING THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

A return brought down at Ottawa last week, showed that the vast amount of 42,000,000 acres of land in Manitoba and the territories has been granted to railways, and still the iniquitous policy goes on. The majority of people will pass over this without realizing what it actually means. Comparison is therefore necessary to show the enormity of the evil which has already been inflicted upon western Canada, by this suicidal policy of dissipating the public domain in this manner. The entire province of Manitoba contains a superficial land area of 41,002,240 acres, including swamps, muskogs, or other land unfit for cultivation. A very considerable portion of this 41,002,240 acres is unfit for cultivation, whereas a large portion of the land granted to the railways has been the pick of the country. These figures must prove a startling revelation to those who have not given the matter consideration heretofore. It is indeed time to cry a halt in this business of granting the public domain to private corporations. Just think of it! One million acres more than the entire superficial land area of the province of Manitoba, has already been granted to railways, and in the face of this, but a small portion of the country has been supplied with railways. Take a map of Manitoba and divide the province into three parts of equal size, by drawing lines across the map from east to west, and what will you find? The railways will be all in the one southern division. The two northern divisions will be without railway communication whatever. Go westward into the territories, and the portion of the country now served by railways is even less. If land grants are to continue until all parts are opened up by railway, at the same proportionate rate that it has in the past, there will not be land enough in the entire country to satisfy the railways. The railways will own all the land, and will still be unsatisfied.

The time has come when a vigorous and unanimous demand should come from the west, that not another acre of the public domain be granted to any private corporation. It is nonsense to talk about there being plenty of land. A large portion is reserved for school purposes, the Hudson's Bay company has a nice little slice of 7,000,000 acres, and other landed monopolies of one kind and another may be counted by the dozen, to say nothing of the large area held by private speculators. These lands already withdrawn from the public domain are largely the pick and choice of the country. When the water surface, and lands not valuable for agriculture are counted out, the portion of the public domain still undisposed of, will not be so large as is generally supposed.

But it makes no difference what amount of land remains, the granting of lands to corporations or private speculators, is iniquitous in principle. Were the quantity of land ten times as great as it is, there would still be every reason for de-

nouncing the policy. The public lands should be held for the people. There is no use in trying to encourage settlement, and then following up a policy which will effectually block it. There is no use in squandering money to bring in immigrants, and then adopt a policy of creating large landed monopolies, to drive the settlers out of the country. The recent census returns were not satisfactory in point of increase in our population. They indicate that some changes in our public policy are necessary, to encourage settlement, and induce our people to remain at home. The management of the public domain is one of the matters which should be considered and reformed, to this end. Eastern Canada is interested in the settlement of the west. Business people there look in this direction to find a market for their manufactures, and to extend their business. The people of the east should therefore bestir themselves, as well as those of the west, in demanding a cessation of land grants at once.

It seems strange that this land question has been allowed to slide along as it has. During the past few years, THE COMMERCIAL has several times raised a warning voice, but the people of the west evidently fail to comprehend even to a slight extent, the enormity of the interest at stake, and the terrible evil which has been fastened upon the country. It is to be hoped that the figures given above will come as a revelation to the people, and that such a demand will be made as will effectually stop this evil policy.

No only should the custom of granting lands cease at once, but an effort should be made to repair some of the injury already done. In cases where corporations have not earned the lands granted them, they should be held strictly to the conditions upon which the grant has been given, and any failure to fulfill these conditions, should result in every case in the forfeiture of the lands. If in some cases it might seem unduly harsh to deprive some corporation of a land grant, some equivalent subsidy might be given, but in every case the land grant should be forfeited. An effort should also be made to induce some of these corporations to relinquish their lands, for some other consideration or concession. It would pay the government to buy back the lands, rather than have such an evil inflicted upon the country.

Of the vast amount of public money granted to or expended upon railways in Canada, none of it has come to Manitoba and the territories. It has been expended upon eastern roads, while the people of the west have had to pay their share of the debt incurred (and more than their share on account of the discrimination against the west resulting from the tariff) from this railway expenditure. But when it comes to a western road, the land is given away, and an evil is fastened upon the people. Let an effort at once be made to check this policy, which though not seriously felt at present, will in the future prove disastrous to the country.

## THE FARMER VS. THE MERCHANT.

The Brandon *Mail* says that R. E. A. Leech, near that place, has cut 600 acres of No. 1 hard wheat. This the *Mail* says will give him about 30 bushels to the acre or 18,000 bushels, worth

75 cents a bushel, or \$13,000 for the crop which ought to net him \$8,000 over all expenses, and adds, "Show us the mercantile man who is making as much money out of the same capital invested." If the *Mail's* calculation as to profit is correct, we can say that there are few business men in Manitoba who would not swap their year's profit with the Brandon farmer, and then come out away ahead. Very few business men, take the province over, will be able to show anything like such a return for their year's work, even including those whose investments are much larger than the farmer. Yet we have farmers deserting their farms to embark in hazardous business enterprises—and we may add, the majority of them fail in a short time. All lines of ordinary store business are overcrowded all over Manitoba. There is scarcely a town or village in the country which is not crowded. The number of mercantile institutions of one kind and another in Manitoba, is out of all proportion to the total population. Under these conditions, the farmer who starts a store, has small prospects of success. Even trained and competent business men are frequently forced to the wall, owing to the great prevalence of credit business, which leads to numerous losses, and to the locking up of their capital in book accounts, which latter, in the case of an emergency would not as a rule be valued at over ten cents on the dollar.

Those who leave their farms to enter into business, are generally persons who have accumulated a little capital from the farm. They must have at least some capital to go into business even on a small scale. The possession of this capital, would indicate that they have been successful to some extent on the farm, and that is where they should remain in probably nearly ninety-nine cases out of a hundred. The opinion, however, is prevalent among farmers, that business men are making lots of money, and making it easily. They think how much easier it would be to dress in a nice tweed suit and look after a store, than follow a plow, in a pair of top boots and a rough suit. But though the man of business may appear to take life easily, such appearance is usually very deceptive. We are certain that the trials and cares of the average business man, are harder than those which the farmer has to bear. A few business men may be in a position which enables them to take life easily, just the same as some farmers are able to do, but to the great majority, carrying on business is anything but pleasant recreation for them. We believe that the position of the intelligent farmer, in this country, is, or should be a more desirable one than that which the average business man fills, and his chances of success are far more certain. The same intelligence which would be necessary to give any reasonable prospect of success in store trade, should be certain of success on the farm. The farmer is independent, and can manage his farm to suit himself. His neighbors success or failure will not affect him. In business it is different. A few failures in a town will injure other merchants. Storekeepers have been forced into failure themselves, through the demoralization of business by the failure of others around them. The farmer has nothing to fear from the failure of others, nothing to fear from the ruin of his business by the cutting of prices by reckless and incompetent competitors, neither will he



be obliged to part with his substance on credit because all his neighbors do it. He is commercially independent of his neighbors, whereas the business man is ever in danger of being swamped by the actions of others, over which he can have no control, though he must suffer thereby.

### NORTHERN LIMIT OF WHEAT CULTURE.

The writer of "Notes" in the *Northwestern Magazine*, of St. Paul, Minnesota, states emphatically his disbelief in the supposed vast extent of the wheat belt of Western Canada. He thinks that the western limit of successful wheat culture may be placed at 100 miles west of Brandon, or 233 miles west of Winnipeg. As for the extension of the wheat belt in a northerly direction, beyond the present southern fringe of wheat culture in Manitoba, he is very skeptical. The Saskatchewan valley, he is quite convinced, will never become a wheat region. For the information of this writer, THE COMMERCIAL would state, that this year the wheat crop of Prince Albert, 600 miles northwest of Winnipeg, has been a decided success. Some frost was experienced before all the wheat was cut, but it was so light as to do practically no damage, the frost being perceptible only in a few low spots. The frost was more severely felt in some sections of southern Manitoba, and even as far south as points in South Dakota, than in the northern settlement named.

Edmonton is another northerly point where the crops have proved a decided success this year. Edmonton lies toward the western end of the great Saskatchewan valley, while Prince Albert occupies rather a central position in this rich valley. Wheat was all cut at Edmonton by the first of September, and was free from frost damage. All crops there have produced an enormous yield this year. This settlement is 1,032 miles northwest from Winnipeg. One swallow does not make summer, and the *Northwestern Magazine* writer may retort that one crop will not make a grain country. We would submit, however, that the present season has been a severe test for the northern country. The summer has been one of the coldest on record, and the harvest weeks later than the average. With such satisfactory results in an exceptionally cold, backward summer, the country should be comparatively safe in average years. But besides the severe test which the country has been put to this year, we know that farming has been carried on to some extent for a decade or more, in the Saskatchewan settlements mentioned, with probably as good results as in Manitoba, so far as injury from frost is concerned. We mention frost particularly, as it was from this danger that the writer in the St. Paul journal was led to the conclusion that the wheat belt could not be extended beyond its present limit in western Canada.

It is safe to assume that the northern limit of wheat culture will be found ultimately far beyond the North Saskatchewan valley. Some information has come to hand this week, which reports the successful cultivation of wheat, by a Church of England missionary, at Peace river, some hundreds of miles north of Edmonton. In this far northern region, Rev. George

Brick grew wheat and barley last year, very successfully. There was no frost between June 3, and September 6. This year Mr. Brick sowed wheat on April 16, and at the time he wrote, on June 16, last, his crops were looking well. He had a patch of fall-sown wheat which he thought would be headed out in ten days.

At another Church of England mission, known as Stanley mission, 200 miles north of Prince Albert, wheat has been grown successfully. Archdeacon Mackay, formerly at this mission, recently gave his experience in growing wheat at Stanley mission. He claims to have grown wheat at this northerly station for seven years in succession, without injury from frost.

This evidence we deem sufficient for believing that wheat cultivation may be extended northerly to include a vast area of country beyond the present limits of wheat growing as an established industry. The knowledge which will be gained by experience, as settlement extends northward, and the climatic peculiarities of the country become better understood, should lead to the attainment of more successful results than has been gained from the experiments of a few missionaries or others, who have been temporary residents of the far north.

### WHEAT.

Wheat refuses to "boom" notwithstanding the alarmist predictions made by some alleged authorities, who have tried to get up a scare by picturing a state of famine in breadstuffs. The most alarming of these scare reports have been worked out by figuring in wheat and rye together, and thus representing the combined shortage in wheat and rye as equivalent to a like shortage in wheat alone. This is not a legitimate way of sizing up the situation. It is not even probable that the bulk of the rye shortage will have to be made up by wheat. The extra quantity of wheat which will be consumed, on account of the scarcity of rye, will depend very much upon the price of wheat. If wheat is held at a moderate price, it will have a large consumption in the rye-eating countries of Europe, but if it is advanced to an abnormal price, other substitutes will be found. The people who eat rye, are poor, and they will want a cheap commodity, and not a dear one, to replace the shortage of rye.

The upward movement in wheat of a few weeks ago, did not hold out long. It was expected that prices would harden, and be maintained at about the range then reached, but instead of this occurring, the tendency has been easier, and at the time of writing prices are fully ten cents per bushel under the top reached during the recent spurt in leading United States markets.

All the talk of holding wheat in farmers' hands in the United States, as THE COMMERCIAL predicted some time ago, is evidently not materializing, wheat receipts at leading markets to date being nearly three times as great as they were up to the same time last year. The export movement has also been enormous. This great flood of wheat is evidently opening the eyes of the people across the Atlantic to the enormity of the American crop this year.

Earlier in the season they refused to believe in the heavy estimates placed upon the crop of the United States and Canada, but now that the wheat is being crowded upon them much faster than they want it, they are ready to accept these large crop estimates. Prices have therefore tended lower across the Atlantic

### Editorial Notes.

The Toronto board of trade was a little less previous in its action concerning the grading of certain qualities of Manitoba wheat. Had the board just "held its whist," the matter would have been remedied in a far more satisfactory way. The action of the Toronto board has only caused a great deal of unnecessary discussion.

A return relating to irrigation in the territory of Wyoming, United States, shows that over half the farms in the territory are irrigated. The average cost of the irrigated land, including the purchase price of the land and the cost of constructing irrigation works, is \$9.40 per acre. This land is now valued at double or more its original cost. The annual cost of keeping up irrigation works is 44 cents per acre. This shows that irrigation has been a great success in Wyoming.

The announcement that the government has decided to make the new canal at Sault Ste. Marie considerably deeper than was the original intention, will be pleasing news to the west. It would seem to indicate that the government is awakening to the great importance of the water route between the west and the seaboard. The importance of this water route, we believe, vastly exceeds all other possible undertakings, in its bearing upon western Canada. We look forward to the day when the products of the west will pass from the head of Lake Superior to and across the Atlantic, without breaking bulk. The attainment of this end is something we should keep steadily in view. It would be the grandest possible accomplishment in the interest of the west.

A Quebec grocer narrowly escaped lynching recently, at the hands of the infuriated people who had been burned out by a fire which originated in his premises, it having been suspected that the grocer himself had fired the store. This points to the necessity of a more careful inquiry into the origin of all fires. There are no doubt many cases of arson which go unpunished, in which the crime has been committed by the owner or occupier of the premises. An investigation would of course not always lead to conviction, but if a strict investigation were made into the origin of all fires, on general principles, there would probably be fewer fires. A great many fires are the result of carelessness, and in such instances somebody is culpable. Where gross carelessness is shown, the party responsible therefore should be held to account for injury and losses inflicted on others. If it were known that a searching investigation would be made in the case of all fires, there would no doubt be considerably fewer fires resulting from carelessness. A systematic system of investigation into the causes of all fires, is something which should be in operation in all towns and cities of any considerable size.



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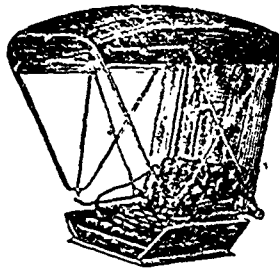
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**WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.**

Discount rates are steady and firm at 7 to 8 per cent. Mortgage loan rates are firm, and it is difficult to get a concession under the regular quotations of 7 to 8 per cent., all small loans being held firm at 8 per cent. There has been a little more movement in city property, but not much doing in farm lands. There will be the largest demand for funds in the history of the country soon, for moving the crops.

**WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.**

Most branches of wholesale trade are dull, as is usually the case during the busy harvest season. Dealers look forward to a good trade and the general feeling is one of satisfaction regarding the crops. A large number of country merchants will be in the city for the exhibition, and no doubt considerable buying will result.

**AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.**

There were still a few lots of binder twine going out during the week, to complete harvesting in some localities, but the harvest trade is now over, and dealers have had a fine trade. Some movement has occurred in plows, for fall work. Cutters and sleighs are already being shown.

**DRUGS.**

Jobbing prices are:—Howard's quinine, 50 to 55c; German quinine, 45 to 50c; morphia, \$2.30 to \$2.60; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide potassium, 55 to 65c; English camphor, 75 to 85c; camphor ounces, 85 to 90c; glycerine, 25 to 35c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$6 to \$8; bicarb soda, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$4.50; copperas, \$3.25 to \$3.75; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5; American blue vitrol, 7 1/2 to 8 1/2c. Insect powder, pure, 40c; alcohol, \$1.65 per gallon.

**DRIED FRUITS.**

Prices here are as follows: California London layer raisins, \$3.50 per box; quarter boxes, \$1, Valencia raisins, \$2.00 to \$2.10; Valencia layers, \$2.70; currants, 7 1/2c; figs, cooking, in bags, 6 1/2c; in boxes, 7c; choice do., 13c; do in 10 lb. boxes, 14 to 15c; fancy Eleme figs layers, 16 to 17c; dried apples, 11 1/2c; evaporated apples, 16c; Golden dates, 7 1/2c per pound; choice new golden dates, 9c per pound; California evaporated fruit—Apricots, 16 to 18 cents; peeled peaches, 23c; pitted plums, 20c; raspberries, 30c; prunes, 8c to 12 1/2c, the latter figure being for choice of fine varieties. Malaga raisins—London layers, \$3.50; black baskets, \$4.50; Tahitis, \$5.

**FISH.**

There has been a better supply of fresh fish last week than usual. Lake Superior trout were in good supply and fine quality. B. C. salmon was coming forward, but the fish were not choice as a rule, being mostly undesirable varieties. Fresh Lake Winnipeg white were on hand. The close season for these fish commences the first of October, after which only frozen fish will be obtainable. Whitefish are jobbing here at 6c per lb. Lake Superior trout, 9c., British Columbia salmon, 14c.

**GROCERIES.**

Sugars are quiet and without change. There is some movement in now canned goods, most lines in vegetables and berries being in the market. Later fall fruits are not to hand.

Prices are generally slightly lower than last year. New Valencias will soon be quotable. Quotations here are: Sugars, Yellow, 4 1/2 to 5 1/2c., granulated, 5 1/2 to 5 3/4. Coffees, green, Rio, from 24 to 25c; Java, 27 to 29c; Old Gov., 29 to 32c; Mochas, 33 to 35c. Teas—Japan, 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c; T. & B. tobacco, 61c per pound; lilly, 7s. 57c; diamond solace, 12s, 53c; P. of W. butts, 52c; P. of W. caddies 52 1/2c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 60c; Brier, 7s, 58c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 61c; Index thick Solace, 6s, 53c; Brunetto Solace, 12s, 53c. McAlpino Tobacco Co.'s plug tobacco; Old Crow, 51c, Woodcock, 57c; Beaver, 68c; Jubilee, 65; Anchor, 64c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 70c; Cut Cavendish, 75c; Sonator, 85c; Standard Kentucky, light, 90c; do., dark, 85c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1,000. Mauricia, \$42.50; Soudan Whips, \$10; Turkish Caps, \$35; Commercial Traveller \$25. Special selects, \$55; Selects, \$45; Columbia, \$45; Canucks, \$40; Derby \$36c; Sports, \$30. Mixed pickles, in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.25 to \$2.50; do., 5 gallons, \$3 to \$3.50; do., 10 gallon kegs, \$6 to \$6.50.

**GREEN FRUITS.**

The situation is practically the same as described at length last week. The rush for fruit has continued, and has been in excess of receipts. There are always a large number of orders waiting for arrivals of fruit, and the orders are usually in excess of the arrivals, so that some have to go unsupplied. Dealers are doing the best they can, but the very warm weather which has prevailed this month, is against them. Considerable fruit arriving during the week was unfit for shipment, and some lots were so far gone, that they would not bring their original cost, to say nothing of freight, or duty on imported stuff. This has added to the difficulties besetting dealers, and made it still harder for them to keep up with orders. Plums especially have come to hand in bad shape. California plums are about over for this season. A few blueberries were still coming in. Quotations are: California fruits—Peaches, 20 pound boxes, \$1.50, plums, 20 pound boxes, \$1.50; pears, 40 pound boxes, \$3.00; grapes, 20 lb boxes, \$2.50 to \$3.00, as to quality and variety. Ontario fruits quoted:—Pears, 75c to \$1; apples, 40 to 50c; tomatoes, 75 to 85c, all per 20 lb basket—crabs, 50 to 75c per basket, or \$5 to \$6 per barrel. Ontario grapes, 20 lb. baskets, 6 to 8c lb; do in ten pound baskets, 80c each; plums, \$1 to \$1.35 per basket, as to quality. Ontario barrel apples, \$3.00 to \$4.00 as to quality. Miscellaneous fruits:—Lemons, \$6 to \$6.50 box, bananas, \$3 to \$3.50 bunch; southern black grapes, 50c. per 10 lb basket; watermelons, \$30 to \$35 per hundred; Minnesota tomatoes, \$2.00 to \$2.25 per bushel basket; blueberries, 6 to 7c per pound.

**HARDWARE.**

Prices are as follows: Cut nails, 10d and upwards, \$3.10 wire nails \$4.50; I. C. tin plates, \$6.25 to \$6.50 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$12.50 to \$13.00; Canada plates, \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4 to \$5.50 according to grade; iron pipe, net prices, 1 inch, 10 1/2c; 1 1/2 inch 13 1/2c; 2 inch, 16 1/2c; 2 1/2 inch, 21 1/2c per foot; ingot tin, 33c per lb.; bar tin, 32c per lb.; sheet zinc, 8c per lb.;

galvanized iron, 28 gauge, 7 to 8 1/2c per lb.; bar iron, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6c per lb.; barbed wire, 5 1/2 to 6c net; sisal rope, 12c per pound; manilla rope, 16c per lb. Building papers quoted—Star, plain, 70c; Star tarred, \$1; Anchor, plain, 90c; Anchor, tarred, \$1.20, all 400 square feet to the roll.

**LEATHER, LEATHER GOODS AND FINDINGS.**

Quotation here are: Spanish sole 26 to 30c slaughter sole, 30 to 32c; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1; Franco calf, \$1.25 to \$1.50; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B. Z kip, 85c; Bourdon kip, 70c slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1 wax upper, 40 to 45c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 30c for plump stock English oak butts, 60c; buffe, 17 to 21c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21c; colored linings, 12c; shoe uppers, from \$1.25 to \$2.75.

**LIQUORS.**

Quotations here are: Whiskies—Canadian rye, in barrels, \$2.05 per gallon; do., five year old, \$2.50; do., seven year old, \$2.90, do ten year old, \$3.50; Club, in cases, \$9; Mackie's pure Scotch whisky, Islay Blend, in cases of 12 bottles, \$9.50; do., Rare Old Special \$11; do., pure Lagavulin, 10 year old, \$11.50; Irish whiskey, \$8.00 to \$10.00; Brandies—Cognac, in bulk, \$4 per gallon; in cases, \$9; do., Martel and Hennessy, in cases, 14; do., V. O., \$20. Port wine, \$2.25 to \$5.00; Sherry wine \$2.50 to \$5.00. Jamaica rum, \$4 to \$4.50. Gin, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per gallon; DeKuyper red gin, \$12.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$7.50 per case; Tom gin, \$9 to \$10. Alcohol, 65 o.p., \$4.65 per gallon.

**LUMBER.**

The mills are about all running yet, though one or two have closed for the season. Business is not so brisk during harvest as it was earlier but quite a rush is expected after present harvest is completed. Following is the price list f.o.b. at Lake of the Woods mills, 60 days, or 2 per cent. discount in 30 days: Dimensions—2x4 to 12x12, 18 feet long, \$14; 7o, 10 feet long, \$15, call dimension, \$10; \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inches in depth and width; 30c per M advance on each foot over 18 to 24 feet. \$1. per M advance on each foot over 24 feet long. Surfacing, 50c; sizing, \$1.; dressing 4 sides, \$2. Boards—1st common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd. do., rough, \$14, dressed, \$15; 3rd. do., rough, \$12, dressed, \$13; culls, rough, \$10, dressed, \$11; 1st common stock, 12 in., rough, \$19; dressed, \$20; do., 8 and 10 in., rough, \$18; dressed, \$19; 2nd. do., 12 in., rough \$16, dressed, \$17; do., 8 and 10 in., rough, 15, dressed, \$16; wide box boards, No. 1, rough, \$19; dressed, \$20; do, No. 2, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17. Shiplap—6 inches, \$14; 8 and 10 inches, \$16; cull, \$12. Siding, ceiling and flooring—1st, 4, 5 and 6 inches, white pine, \$31; do., red pine, \$26; 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inches, white pine, \$27; do, red pine, \$24; 3rd, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$23, do, red pine, \$20; 3rd, 4 inch, white pine, \$22; do., red pine, \$19; 4th, 5 and 6 inch, white and red, \$15; do., 4 inch, white and red, \$14; culls, white and red, \$10. \$1 per M advance for dressing both sides, \$2.00 per M less for lengths 10 feet and under. Bevel Siding—No. 1, 1 1/2 in. x 6 in. white pine, \$20; No. 2 do. white and red, \$17. Finishing—1 1/2, 1 1/2 and 2 in.—Clear white pine, 1st and 2nd, \$45; 3rd, \$37; selects, white pine, \$30; shop, do. \$25; clear red pine, \$27; selects, do, \$22. 1 inch white pine—1st, and 2nd clear,

\$40; 3rd, do, \$32; 1 in. selects, \$20; 1 in. red pine, clear, \$25; No. 1, stock, white pine, 12 in, \$37; No. 1, do, 8 and 10 in, \$35; No. 2, do, 12 in, \$32; No. 2, do, 8 and 10 in, \$30; No. 3, stock, white and red pine, 12 in, \$26; No. 3, stock, white and red pine, 8 and 10 in, \$25. Moulding—Parting strips, per 100 feet lineal, 40c; window stops, do, 50c; door stops, do, 75c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  round and cove, do, 50c; 4 in. casing O. G., per 100 feet lineal, \$1.50; 5 in. do, \$1.90; 6 in. do, \$2.25; 8 in. base, \$3; 10 in. base, \$3.75. Mouldings not mentioned above at 45 per cent off prices in universal moulding book. Lath, \$2. Shingles—No. 1, \$3; No. 2, \$2.25; No. 3, \$1.50; No. 4, \$1.

## NUTS.

Taragona Almonds, per lb 18 to 19c; Walnuts, granoble, 17 to 18c, do., Marbot, 15 to 16c per lb; Sicily Filberts, per lb 14 to 15c; Peanuts, White Virginias, green, per lb 14 to 15c; Peanuts, do roasted, per lb 16 to 17c; Pecans, polished, per lb 19 to 20c; Brazils, 14 to 15c; Cocoanuts, per hundred, \$9 50 to \$10.00.

## PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Quotations unchanged as follows:—Turpentine, in barrels 72c per gallon; linseed oil, raw 73c; boiled, 76c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$8 per barrel; Portland cement, \$4 75 per barrel. Michigan plaster, \$3 25 to \$3.50 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c a pound, bulk, in bbls., 3c; whiting, in barrels, \$1.40 a cwt. White leads—Pure, Association guarantee, \$7; do., No. 1, \$6 50; do., No. 2, \$6; other brands of white leads, \$5 to \$5.50; calomine, in cases of 20 five-pound packages, \$6 per 100 pounds; Alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages Window Glass, first break, \$2.

## WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

## WINNIPEG.

## WHEAT

Wheat had rather a stronger week. British markets were easier during the previous week, and up to Monday last, showed a decline of 1 to 2 shillings per quarter. On Monday United States markets started rather firmer, but unsettled, with irregular cables. A war scare from the Mediterranean, about the British taking possession of a Turkish island, as an offset to the Dardanells affair, was the principle cause of excitement. The Chicago visible supply statement showed the large increase of 2,072,000 bushels, making the total 21,935,506 bushels against 17,579,339 bushels a year ago. Receipts on Monday at Duluth were 1,105 cars, and Minneapolis 695 cars of wheat. Export clearances reported were 835,000 bushels of wheat and flour, including 204,000 bushels from New Orleans. United States markets at the close on Tuesday did not show much change. War scare reports created some spurts, which quickly subsided, on denial of the rumor regarding the Mediterranean matter. Liverpool cabled  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1d per cental higher, on account of bad weather in England. Reported export clearances were large, equalling 1,057,000 bushels of wheat and flour. Wheat and flour on ocean passage, as per statement on Tuesday, increased 2,400,00 bushels. Receipts at Duluth were 519 cars and Minneapolis, 247 cars. Cables were all lower on Wednesday, Liverpool quoting  $\frac{1}{4}$  to 1d lower, Paris 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 $\frac{3}{4}$

per bushel lower. United States markets were easier. Export clearances were again large, reaching over 1,000,000 bushels. Receipts at Duluth 413 cars and Minneapolis 333 cars. On Thursday there was a rumor that Russia would prohibit wheat exports, which started prices upward. Cables were firm, but unchanged. Duluth received 610 and Minneapolis 338 cars. On Friday there was little change in the markets. Total receipts at the four principal spring wheat points since August 1, the beginning of the crop year foot up. Minneapolis, 5,799,569,000 bu; Duluth, 3,504, 807 bu; Chicago, 1,110,591 bu; Milwaukee, 1,276,539 bu, making a total of 23,691,497 bu against 8,735,174 bu during the same time last year and 11,799,532 bu 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 29,274,569 bu., against 12,795,630 bu in 1890 and 12,942,558 bu in 1889.

The local situation in Manitoba has shown the commencement of quite a movement of new wheat to market at some points. This has been mostly in wheat that came from the stock, and hauled directly to elevators for storage. The bulk of the wheat delivered so far at Manitoba country elevators has been placed in store by farmers, and not much has changed hands yet. Buyers are not all on the market yet, and farmers no doubt think that it will be better for them to store until there are more buyers on hand. Marketings would be larger but for the scarcity of help. All available help is employed in stacking grain, and in some cases men cannot be procured to operate threshing machines. Prices were irregular, and all the way from 72 to 80c per bushel was paid for No. 1 hard, to farmers at country points. Later in the week prices ranged mostly above 75c per bushel for this grade, and above 80c. was heard of in several cases, as paid for choice hard wheat. From Warden it was reported that \$1.00 had been paid. These top prices were, of course, beyond shipping values, and were paid mostly on local milling account. With No. 1 hard, at Duluth, ranging from 93 to 96c. during the week, 80c. per bushel would be in excess of corresponding value at Manitoba points, allowing for freight rates, etc. The quality of deliveries has held up well. Some very bad smutty samples have been shown, but there appears to have been less injury from cutting too green, than was previously expected. The weather was generally favorable for stacking, though there were showers, heavy in some districts, about the middle of the week. Stacking will take about three weeks to finish, with good weather.

## FLOUR.

On account of the downward course of wheat during the previous week, the flour markets have been dull and weak. There was a drop in flour both in eastern Canada and local markets, the first of the week, prices being quoted 25c lower per barrel, in the east on patents and bakers, and 15c lower in the local market, per 100 lbs, on the same grades. Low grades were unchanged. Some of the Manitoba country mills have already commenced work on new wheat, the fine weather making the grain in good condition for milling. Business has been quiet at steady prices. Local jobbing quotations in small lots are as follows, per 100 pounds. Patents, \$2.55; strong bakers', \$2.35; Second 's, \$2.00 to \$2.20; XXXX, \$1.60; superfine \$1.30.

## MILLSTUFFS.

There was still rather a scarcity of bran and especially shorts, millers having got behind with their orders while the mills were closed for the usual annual overhauling, before starting on the new crop. Prices therefore kept up in the meantime, but the tendency will probably soon be lower, in view of a large crop of feed grains. Quoted, bran \$13, shorts \$15 per ton.

## MEALS, OIL CAKE, ETC.

Quotations are unchanged as follows: Oil cake, in bags \$21.00 a ton; oil cake meal in ton lots, sacked, \$26, in bulk \$23; Oa meal, standard \$2.85; granulated, \$2.95 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$2.95 per sack of 90 pounds; cornmeal is held at \$1.95 to \$2 per 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$2 75 per 100 pounds. Pearl barley, \$3.00; fine, do., in 50 pounds sacks, \$3 per sack.

## FEED.

Good feed still held at about \$22 per ton.

## OATS.

Prices are still ruling above a shipping basis, stocks of old oats being low, and new oats not marketing in excess of immediate local requirements. From 28c to 30c per bushel of 34 pounds, was paid for new oats offered by farmers on the Winnipeg market, but this price was higher than most city dealers would pay. Dealers were selling old oats from store, in jobbing lots, at about 25 to 26c per bushel. There is some figuring on new oats, which are worth from 17 to 22c at Manitoba points, for eastern shipment, but there is not enough marketing yet to bring prices to a shipping basis.

## BARLEY.

There is a little business doing in new barley, at about 35c per bushel paid here for local malting purposes, per bushel of 48 pounds. The outlook for higher prices is not favorable, but sales are rather expected to decline, in sympathy with the feeling in outside markets.

## CHEESE.

Cheese has been bringing some long prices in eastern Canada markets, up to 10c having been paid at factories for choice late makes. Dealers are selling cheese in small lots, in this market, at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound according to quality, which would equal not over 9 to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c laid down here free, from the factory. Some rather poor quality has been marketed, but the average quality of Manitoba cheese is considered very fair this year. There is a fair demand for western shipment.

## BUTTER.

Creamery is in good demand for western shipment, but dairy qualities are dull, and there is practically nothing doing in them. The British Columbia trade in dairy is supplied by consignments shipped direct from Manitoba country merchants, and therefore Winnipeg wholesale dealers are unable to do much in shipping dairy qualities westward. In fact western markets have been overstocked with Manitoba dairy butter most of the season, by consignments forwarded from country points. Shipments eastward will probably be made from this market, but to date little or nothing has been done. The situation in eastern butter markets is better this year than it has been of late years, as there has been a much larger export movement this season, than in recent years. We quote dairy butter here at 10 to 14c per lb, good to choice bringing 12 to 14c, selling in a small way, and round lots of choice taken about 12c. There is a good deal of speculation as to the probable quantity of butter which will be made in the country this year. We have made a careful investigation into the quantity of butter tubs sold this year, and find that they are largely in excess of last year. The sale of butter tubs through Winnipeg houses, which will represent practically all the tubs used in the country, will equal approximately 1,450,000 pounds of butter, which is fully one-third more than the quantity of butter which could be

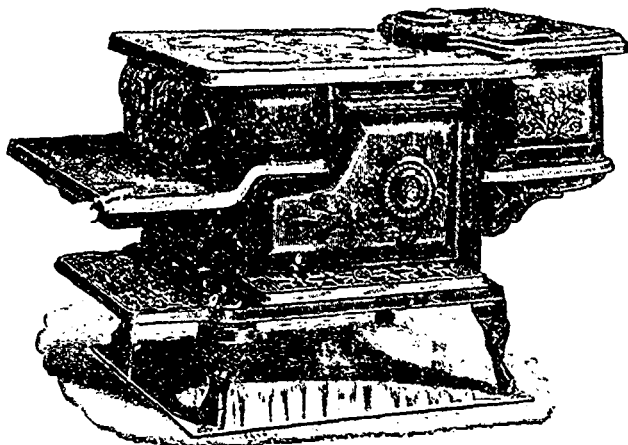
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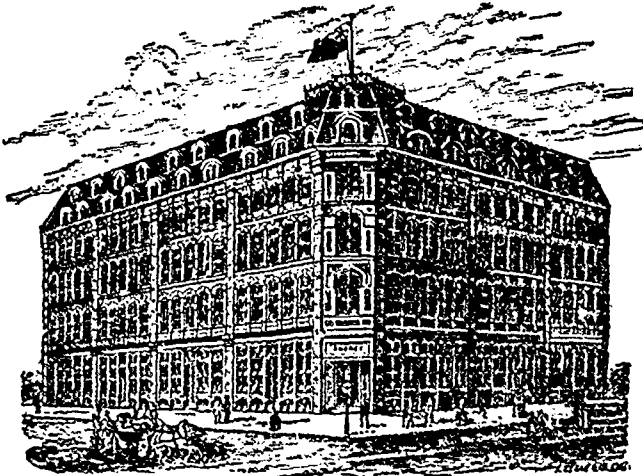
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**A Business Change.**

The well-known Winnipeg wholesale produce firm of Grant, Horn Bucknall, has been dissolved. The business will be continued in all its branches by Mr. Bucknall, and the style of the firm will not be changed for the present. Mr. Grant is arranging to go into the grain trade.

On the stock market at Montreal on Wednesday three hundred shares of Canadian Pacific sold at ninety and five-eighths and about the same number at ninety and a half.

The daily mail service heretofore served by Grenna to Emerson has been changed and in future will be served from Morris to Emerson, thus giving daily mails to St. Jean Baptiste and Letellier. A new post office will be opened between Joly and St. Malo, under the name of La Boiserie.

Andrew Gibb Samson, the senior member of the old established firm of Samson, Kennedy & Co., wholesale dry goods, Toronto, died Sunday afternoon at the residence of Warring Kennedy.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin notes the shipment of new oats from that port to Great Britain, on a basis of 34c per bushel. Manitoba has a large surplus of good oats this year, the yield and quality both being high. The outlook for a profitable market for our surplus, at good prices, has not been bright. It is to be hoped the export demand for oats may keep up, and thus afford Manitoba a market. It may be that on account of the light crops this year across the Atlantic, a better export demand for oats may be experienced.

estimated from the sales of tubs last year. The sales of tubs should be taken as a fair index to the quantity of butter made, exclusive of what is sold in rolls or small packages for immediate local consumption. The tubs would represent both creamery and dairy makes. In the sales of tubs, a moderate estimate has been made to allow for sales for the balance of the season.

EGGS.

There is a tendency to higher prices. Dealers were asking 10c per dozen, at the close of the week, for small quantities of one or a few cases.

WOOL

Unwashed fleeco quoted at 10½ to 11½c and up to 13½c for pure down or good Merino crosses, and not Leicester or Cotts, with a streak of down. The first quotations given will cover the latter class.

HIDES.

We quote green salted as follows, Winnipeg inspection:—No. 1 cows 4½c, No. 2, 3½c, No. 3, 2½c. No. 1 heavy steers, 60 pounds up, 5½c, No. 2, 60 pounds and up, 4½c, calf, No. 1, 5c, No. 2, 4c, sheepskins, 25 to 35c. Lambskins, 30 to 40c each. Tallow, 4½ to 5c for rendered.

SENACA ROOT.

Dull and lower, 22c per pound being about the top price now.

CURED MEATS.

Prices are all very firm. Prices are: Dry salt long clear bacon, 9½c to 10c; smoked long clear, 10½ to 10¾c; spiced rolls, 11½ to 11¾c; breakfast bacon, 12½ to 13c; smoked hams, 13½c to 14; mess pork, \$17 to \$18 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 10c per lb.; Bologna, do., 8c per pound; German, do., 9c per pound. Ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per ¼lb package.

LARD.

Pure lard is held at firm prices. We quote: \$2 40 per 20 pound pail, for pure. Compound held at \$1.90 to \$2.00 per pail.

POULTRY AND GAME.

Spring chickens quoted 25c to 35c per pair. Fowl 60c per pair. Turkey 10 to 12c lb., live weight. Wild ducks, 25 to 35c per pair, when fresh. The warm weather has been unfavorable to game.

DRESSED MEATS.

Dressed hogs are still somewhat scarce. Beef is unchanged, at 5c to 5½c, being generally regarded as the top price. City dressed mutton is held at 11c, lamb, 12 to 12½c; veal, 7 to 8c, and pork at 8c.

VEGETABLES.

There is little change in vegetables. Cauliflower are very scarce. Tomatoes are lower. The following are the prices at which the growers are selling on the market to city dealers. Dealers' prices for shipping would be higher: Potatoes, 25c per bushel for loads on the market. Cabbage, 30c to 60c per dozen, green tomatoes, \$1.00 per bushel; turnips, 25 to 30c bu; onions 2½ to 3c lb. Green stuff in bunches is plentiful, at 20 per dozen bunches for onions, 20c for radishes, 10c for lettuce, 20 to 25c for rhubarb or pie plant. Carrots and beets, 20c per dozen bunches. Cucumbers, 40 to 60c per dozen. Cauliflower 60c. to \$1 25, as to quality, per dozen. Peas, in pod, 75c. per bushel, celery, 25 cents per dozen. Vegetable marrow, \$1 to \$1.25 per dozen. Corn, 8 to 12c per doz. as to quality. Horseradish is in demand at 8c per pound for good clean root. Dealers are selling imported tomatoes at 2.00 to \$2.25 per bushel basket for Minnesotas.

HAY

There is nothing doing on track in pressed hay, and quotable nominal at \$7.50 to \$8 per ton. Loose hay is selling on the market, at \$3 to \$4 per ton.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday wheat opened ¼ to ¾c higher than Saturdays close, and closed 1¼ to 1½c higher than Saturday Receipts 925 cars. Closing prices were —

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat .....	91½	—	97½	101½
Corn .....	62	60½	—	44
Oats .....	27½	28	—	31½
Pork .....	—	10.52½	10.82½	—
Lard .....	—	7.00	7.12½	—
Short Ribs .....	—	7.10	6.95	—

On Tuesday wheat advanced 2 to 2½c, on war scare news and higher cables, but prices declined and closed slightly lower than yesterday Receipts were 588 cars Closing prices:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat .....	91½	—	97½	101½
Corn .....	62½	54½	—	43½
Oats .....	27½	28	—	31½
Pork .....	—	10.50	10.80	—
Lard .....	—	7.00	7.12½	—
Short Ribs .....	—	7.12½	6.95	—

Prices were lower on Wednesday, prices starting 1 to ½c lower, and after some fluctuations closed about ¼ to ¾c lower than yesterday. Receipts were 419 cars of wheat. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat .....	93½	—	97	103½
Corn .....	60½	53½	—	42½
Oats .....	27½	27½	—	31½
Pork .....	—	10.30	10.60	—
Lard .....	—	6.90	7.02½	—
Short Ribs .....	—	7.02½	6.87½	—

Thursday wheat advanced sharply on the rumor that Russia had actually prohibited wheat export. The gain amounted to 2½, but there was a reaction of ¼ just before the close. Receipts 460 cars. Closing prices:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat .....	95½	93½	98½	103½
Corn .....	67	52½	—	42½
Oats .....	27½	27½	—	31½
Pork .....	—	10.30	10.50	—
Lard .....	—	6.82½	6.92½	—
Short Ribs .....	—	7.00	—	—

Wheat on Friday advanced 1½c but declined later on account of the uncertainty about the reported prohibition of wheat exports from Russia. The market closed with little or no change from last night. Receipts 438 cars. Closing prices:—

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May.
Wheat .....	95½	93½	98½	1.05½
Corn .....	55½	52½	—	42½
Oats .....	27½	27½	—	31½
Pork .....	—	10.55	10.62½	—
Lard .....	—	6.87½	6.95	—
Short Ribs .....	—	7.00	7.00	—

On Saturday, September 19th, regular No. 2 wheat at Chicago closed at 95½c for September, and 96c per bushel for October.

Minneapolis Market.

Following were closing wheat quotations on September 17:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	On track.
No. 1 hard .....	—	—	—	92½-93
No. 1 northern .....	83½	82½	92½	91-91½
No. 2 northern .....	—	—	—	87-89

Flour—Quoted at \$4.30 to \$5.20 for first patents; \$4.60 to \$4.85 for second patents; \$4.10 to 4.50 for fancy and export bakers; \$2.25 to 2.90 for low grades, in bags, including red dog. Domestic trade did pretty well in removing the surplus of patents while the exports took care of low grades and bakers.

Bran and Shorts—Quoted at \$9.50 to \$10.00 for bran, \$11.75 to \$12 25 for shorts and \$13.50 to 15.00 for middlings.

Oats Quoted at 28 for No. 2 white, 27 for 3 white and 25 to 26c for No. 2 and 3. Oats are quiet and slow to move from the sample lots, although the sales show fair transactions on track. Shippers buy at their prices but otherwise let them alone. Oats weakened in the future markets and sold down in sympathy with corn

Barley—Steady at 40 to 55c for poor to fine samples of No. 3. Barley is dragging slowly with the men that want it to consume holding back expecting to get it even cheaper on account of the large production this year. The supply is large the world over, the crop being large even in Europe.

Feed—Millers held at \$23.50 to 21.50; less than car lots \$21.50 to 21.75 with corn meal at \$21.75 to 22.50.

Butter—Creamery, 12 to 22c; dairies, 13 to 18c; fresh packing stock, 11 to 12½.

Eggs—Firm at 15c, including cases.

Potatoes—Car lots, about 20c per bushel, and 22 to 25c in small lots.

Apples—\$2.50 to \$3 per barrel.—Market Record, September 17.

Duluth Wheat Market.

General tendency was higher. No. 1 northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week for Sept. option: Monday, 91½c; Tuesday 92c., Wednesday 91½, Thursday 93½c; Friday 94c; Saturday, 94½c per bushel. No. 1 hard closed on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 95 cents, September delivery. A week ago September wheat closed at 90c for No. 1 northern, and 92c for No. 1 hard, an advance of 3 to 4½c for the week.

Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.

At Minneapolis, on Saturday, Sept. 19, wheat prices closed as follows, for No. 1 northern: cash, 91½c; September, 90½c; December option, 93½c. A week ago December wheat closed at 90½c, an advance of 2½c for the week.

Montreal Stock Market.

Reported by Osler, Hammond & Nanton, September 18th, 1891:—

Banks.	Sellers.	Buyers
Bank of Montreal .....	230	227½
Ontario .....	115	112
Molson's .....	165	155
Toronto .....	—	—
Merchants' .....	153½	153
Union .....	—	—
Commerce .....	134	133½
Miscellaneous.		
Montreal Tel .....	110	112½
Rich. & Ont. Nav .....	68	55½
City Pass Ry .....	188	187½
Montreal Gas .....	208	207½
Can. N. W. Land .....	80½	80
C. P. R. (Montreal) .....	90½	90
C. P. R. (London) .....	—	93½
Money—Time .....	7	—
Money—On Call .....	4½	—
Sterling 60 Days, N. Y. Posted Rate ..	481½	—
" Demand " " .....	484	—
" 30 days Montreal rate between Banks .....	8 3-16	8 1-16
" Demand Montreal Rate Between Banks .....	8 1	8 1
New York Exchange Montreal Rate Between Banks .....	par.	1-32 dis.

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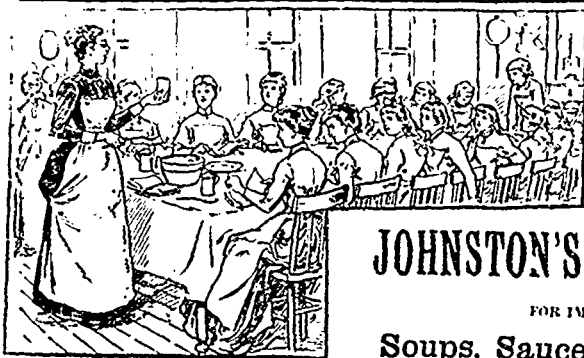
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**Toronto Grocery Market.**

Sugar, syrups and molasses—Sugar—The demand runs high, but the bent of it is chiefly for granulated. Syrups are a shade easier. Trinidad molasses in tierces is 35c, in bbls 37c, in half-bbls, 39c. A very fine grade of Barbados is selling at 45c. Sugars quoted—Granulated, 1 to 15 barrels, 5½c; do, 15 barrels and over, 5c; grocers A, 1 to 15 barrels, 5c; do, 15 barrels and over 4½c; Paris lump, boxes, 5½ to 5½c; extra ground, barrels, 5½; do, boxes or less than barrels, 6c; powdered, barrels, 5½c; do, less than barrels, 5½ to 5½c; refined, dark to bright, 3½ to 4½c; Trinidad raw, 3½ to 4½; Demerara, 4½ to 4½c. Syrups—D., 2½ to 2½c; M., 2½ to 2½c; B. 2½ to 3c; V. B., 3 to 3½c; E. V. B., 3½ to 3½c ex sup., 3½ to 3½c; XX, 3½ to 3½c; XXX and special, 3½ to 3½c.

Canned Goods—There is scarcely anything in the old pack to fall back upon, and the new pack continues very backward. Retailers are quite earnest in their efforts to get goods now and are ordering freely to arrive. Orders for round lots of peas, corn and tomatoes in equal quantities are being booked to arrive at \$1.10. Field peas in round lots can be bought at \$1.05, but \$1.10 is quite firm for sweet wrinkled. Here Fraser River salmon quotes from \$1.35 to \$1.50 in flat tins. Some houses talk of advancing prices. New pack Star lobster is in stock and high. Last year the opening price was \$2.10; this year it is \$2.50. Shortage in the pack is the cause of the difference. Fish—Salmon, 1's flat, \$1.00 to 1.75; salmon, 1's tall, \$1.35 to 1.50; lobster, Clover Leaf, \$2.95; lobster, other, 1's, \$2.25 to 2.30; mackerel, \$1.00 to 1.10; sardines, French ½'s, 11c; French do, ½'s, 17c; sardines, American ½'s, 6 to 8c; do, do, ½'s, 9c. Fruits and vegetables—Corn, 2's, \$1.10 to \$1.25; do., 3's, \$1.50 to 1.60; peas, 2's, \$1.10 to 1.25; beans, \$1; pumpkins, 75c; strawberries, 2's, \$2.25 to 2.40; tomatoes, 3's, \$1.50; apples, 3's, \$1.10 to 1.15; do, gallons, \$3 to 3.20; peaches, 2's, \$2.40 to 2.50; do, 3's, \$3.25 to 3.50; plums, 2's, 1.60, do, 3's, \$2.60; pears, 2's, \$2.

Rice, Spices, 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 4½c; 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, 85c to \$1.10; cream tartar, 25 to 35c.

Dried fruits—Currants, barrels, now new, 6½c half to 6½c; half barrels, 6½ to 6½c; cases, 6½ to 8c; Vostizza, now, cases, 7½ to 10c. Raisins, Valencia, 4 to 5c; do, selects, 6 to 7c; do, layers, 8½ to 9c; Sultanas, 15 to 18c. London layers, \$2.50 to \$2.75. Prunes—Cases, 5½ to 6½c; hogheads and bags, 6½ to 7c. Figs, natural bags, 4½ to 5c; Malaga mats, \$1.00 to \$1.25; Elemes, 10 to 20 pounds, 8 to 10c. Dates, Hal-lowee, 5½ to 6c; old 4c. Nuts, almonds, Tar-ragons, 15½ to 17c; Ivica, 14 to 15c; filberts, Sicily, 10½ to 11c; walnuts, Grenobles, 16 to 17c; Marbots, 12 to 13c; Bordeaux, 12 to 12½c.

Teas and coffees—The lowest grade blacks on the spot are about 16c. Congous in the neighborhood of 18 and 20c, show better value this year than ever before. Assams and Ceylons, which had been cheaper than usual until lately took an upward turn recently outside. Young Hysons are firm and higher in the primary market and at leading points of distribution. The

lowest price at New York auction was 4½c. Coffees are fairly active at steady prices. Good Rios are scarce and firm. Rios, 21c to 22c; Jamaica, 22 to 23c; Java, 27c to 32c; Mocha, 20c to 35c; Porto Rico, 25c to 29c.—*Empire*, Sept. 11.

**Toronto Markets.**

Flour—Quiet and unsettled. Dealers are holding off until the market finds a bottom.

Wheat—Unsettled, but easier and with very little doing. New fall wheat west was offered at 93c, but very little was wanted at that price. A few cars were bought, however, by millers who were short of present needs. Sales of No. 2 hard west were made at \$1.08. On call 6,000 bush. No. 3 hard, Port Arthur inspection now at Owen Sound were offered at \$1.65. Montreal freights, with 99½c bid.

Oats—Lower and dull. Sales west were made at 30c. and 31c., and a car of white oats, west on the C. P. R., was placed at 32c. On change offerings were made at 31½c., outside.

Car prices are: Flour (Toronto Freights)—Manitoba patents, \$5.80 to \$5.85; Manitoba strong balers', \$5.50 to \$5.60; Ontario patents, \$4.75 to \$5.25; straight roller, \$4.50 to \$4.60; extra, \$4.20 to \$4.30; low grades, \$2 to \$3.75. Bran—\$11 to \$12. Shorts—\$17 to \$18. Wheat—No. 2 white, 96 to 99c; No. 2 spring, 94c to 95c; No. 2 red winter, 97 to 98c; No. 2 hard, \$1.10; No. 3 hard, 78c to \$1; No. 2 northern, \$1. Peas—No. 2, 67 to 70c. Barley—Feeding, 48 to 55c. Corn—70c. Oats, 35 to 37c.

Eggs—Are firmer, the increased demand having braced prices. Good candled stock is 13½ to 14c.

Potatoes—On the track are 40c per bag, and out of store 50c. The market is dull, and for the most part overstocked.

Produce—Quotations are: Beans, \$1.70 to \$1.80; hops, 20 to 25c; dried apples, 7½ to 8c; evaporated do., 13½ to 14c; sheepskins, 60c; calfskins, 5 to 7c; hides, green, No. 1, 5 to 5½c; do., cured, 6½c; wool 10 to 21c; chickens, 50 to 60; fowls, 40 to 50c; ducks, 50 to 65c; turkeys, per lb, 11 to 12c.

Provisions—Smoked meats, especially hams are in strong local request. Prices: Mess pork, United States, \$15; Canadian, 15.50; short cut, \$16.50 to \$17; bacon, long clear, per lb., 8½ to 9½c; lard, Canada, tubs and pails, 10½ to 10½c; compound, do., 8½ to 9c; smoked meats—hams per lb, 12½ to 13c; bellies per lb., 11c; rolls, per lb, 9c; backs, per lb, 11c. Dressed hogs, \$7.

Fruit—Prices are: Peaches, per basket, 60c. to \$1.25; watermelons each, 15 to 20c; apples, per barrel, \$1.25 to \$2.50; plums, 25 to 60c per basket; pears, common, 30 to 50c per basket; Bartlett, per bbl, \$3.50 to 4, crab apples, 20 to 30c per basket; grapes, champions, 2 to 3c per pound. Jessicas, 5 to 6c; Moore's early, 5 to 7c.

Butter—The better grades are wanted. There is a good deal of business being done in stock, whose market value is from 14 to 16c. Lower grades do not create much interest, on either local or export account, but are arriving quite freely, the prices ranging from 11 to 13c. Quotations are: Good to choice western, 14c to 16c; dairy, medium, 11½ to 13c; common, 9 to 11c; creamery, tubs, 19c; rolls, 22c. Cheese—10c.—*Empire*, Sept. 14.

**Grain and Milling.**

Brandon, Man., is having a new elevator this year. Capacity, 50,000 bushels.

Neepawa, Manitoba, now has six elevators that have a combined storing capacity of 200,000.

Smith & Brigham, of the Moosomin flour mill, have commenced excavations for a 30,000 bushel elevator.

An offer has been made by parties interested to operate the flour mill at Indian Head, Assa., for a bonus consideration.

The Regina District Elevator Co., is the name of a new organization, composed mostly of Regina district farmers, which is applying for incorporation.

A telegram from Holland, Man., on Monday last, says: The first wheat on this branch was shipped by George Smart to-day—three carloads of No. 2 hard. There is plenty more of the same to follow.

R. Rodgers, of Clearwater, Manitoba, will immediately erect a large grain warehouse in order to provide increased facilities for handling grain at that place.

Thompson, McPhail and Dill, who purchased the mill and elevator at Wolseley, Assa., are fitting them up for the season's work. They are putting in a lot of new machinery.

R. R. Beverley, of Port Arthur, has been examined by the board of grain examiners and passed a very satisfactory examination as to his fitness of acting as deputy examiner of grain. Mr. Beverley will be appointed deputy at Port Arthur.

The by-law granting ten years exemption from taxation to the Western Milling Company at Regina, was voted upon on the 10th inst. and carried almost unanimously. The company has awarded the contract for building the mill to D. McDougall, and construction will proceed forthwith.

The crops in this district, says the Macleod, Alberta, *Gazette*, are now about all cut, and threshing will be in full swing by the end of this week. The largest and best crop in the history of southern Alberta has thus been gathered and our farmers are smiling accordingly.

The Moosomin, Assiniboia, *Courier* says:—The board of trade here is offering a special prize of \$25 to the farmer in the Moosomin electoral district who succeeds in taking the first prize for red fife wheat at the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition. This quantity to be exhibited is ten bushels, and it must have been grown in 1891. The exhibitor need be at no trouble or expense, as O. Neff, the Secretary of the board of trade, will make out the entry forms and forward them in time so that they will reach Winnipeg before the 21st instant.

The tale told by the threshers, says the Medicine Hat, Assa., *Times*, is a pleasant one. Everywhere the estimate per acre made during the cutting has been too low, in one case twenty-eight per cent., below the amount threshed out. Some large yields are spoken of. One farmer south of Dunsmore is threshing a field of oats which will probably average seventy bushels per acre.

The *Bulletin*, of Edmonton, Alberta, on August 29 says: Harvest weather of the very finest all week. Wheat is all cut. All but very

late sown barley is cut and about half the oat crop. That remaining uncut is already ripe or will be before the binders can reach it. In every way the harvest is a splendid success, and Edmonton can safely challenge comparison with any other section of Canada in yield quality and time of cutting. Potatoes and other roots and vegetables are also an excellent crop. The quality cannot be surpassed.

The 28th of September has been definitely fixed upon as the date for holding the meeting at Winnipeg to fix the standards for grain grown west of Lake Superior. The following is the list of the representatives of the board of grain examiners who will constitute the standard's meeting: Winnipeg, S. A. McGaw (chairman), S. Spink, Wm Martin and D. Hora; Port Arthur, W. J. Bawlf, and F. E. Gibbs, grain inspector; Portage la Prairie, G. C. Hall; Brandon, K. Campbell; Moose Jaw, I. Baker; Regina, J. Moody. A representative will also be sent from Fort Qu'Appelle, but so far his name has not yet been forwarded.

**Freight Rates.**

A new freight tariff has been issued by the Canadian Pacific railway between Winnipeg and Prince Albert and Winnipeg and Edmonton and other points on these two branches, which show a considerable reduction on the tariff which they supersede. The rates to principal points are as follows:

Winnipeg to .....	class	1	2	3	4	5
Red Deer.....		2.22	1.86	1.49	1.12	1.01
Edmonton .....		2.45	2.05	1.65	1.23	1.11
Saskatoon .....		1.91	1.51	1.11	0.73	0.73
Prince Albert .....		1.78	1.49	1.19	0.82	0.81

The Minneapolis Northwestern Miller has the following rate items. The lake and-rail lines gave notice Thursday of an advance in grain rates to New England points taking effect Sept. 14. The new figures are: Wheat 12c, corn 10½c, and oats 7c. The advance is one cent on wheat and ½c on corn—from Chicago. The rate on flour and millstuff from Minneapolis destined for points east of Pittsburg and Buffalo, is 10c per 100 pounds, but where shipments are for Chicago and local points, a rate of 12½c applies. Rate on grain, flour and millstuff by lake-and-rail lines are as follows from Minneapolis, in cents per 100 lbs:

New York .....	30
Boston and New England .....	35
Philadelphia .....	23
Baltimore .....	27
Albany and Troy .....	29
Schenectady.....	29
Utica .....	27½
Corning .....	26½
Syracuse .....	25
Rochester .....	23½
Buffalo .....	20
Montreal .....	24

The lowest through rates obtainable Wednesday were: To London, 42½c, to Liverpool 41½c; to Glasgow, 41½c. The rate on bran to Aberdeen was 64. This is per 100 pounds from Minneapolis.

The rail rate on wheat from Buffalo to New York is 3½c, against 4c by Erie canal.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "Owing to the demand for inland tonnage for grain, quite an advance has taken place in the market since our last report. Engagements for wheat have been made from Chicago to Montreal at 7½c per bushel; and from Duluth to Kingston 5c has been paid and 4½c from Chicago to Kingston.

The Chicago Trade Bulletin says: "Demand for all kinds of freight quite active. Cars are wanted for shipment to the interior and rates on way freight are well maintained. On consignments through to the seaboard, some cutting of rates are intimated, though agents claim that tariff rates are adhered to based on 25 cent flour, and grain and 30c provisions to New York. Lake and rail freights were in active request and rates ruled comparatively steady at 9½c wheat and 8½c corn to Boston, 8½c wheat 8c corn and 6c oats to New York, 8½c wheat and 7½c corn to Philadelphia and Baltimore, and 10c corn and 7c oats to interior New England points. Lake and canal freights were only moderately active and rates ruled higher 8½c wheat and 8c corn to New York. Through freights to Liverpool were in rather in good request and freights comparatively steady at 33½ to 36½ flour, 31½ to 32½c grain, and 47½ to 49½c provisions, according to route. Lake freights were unusually active, and charters were made for large quantities of grain. Rates were well maintained at 3½c wheat, 3c corn and 2½c oats to Buffalo, and 2c corn and 1½c oats to Georgian Bay ports.

**Wheat in the Far North.**

The following is a report addressed to the Minister of Agriculture from Rev. Gough Brick, Church of England missionary, dated Christ church mission, Peace river, June 16th last. It is a state ment in relation to the agricultural capabilities of that northern district, as follows: "I am sending you samples of wheat and barley of last year's crop. Had intended sending it out by our winter packet, but failed to do so. We had a return of 108 bushels of wheat from nine bushels sown. Part of it on new land and being harrowed in too deep did not come up until the first week in June. The spring of 1890 was late. Our first wheat sown was on 2nd of May, and the last was sown on May 16. We had no frosts last season from the 3rd of June to the 6th of Sept. The past winter was the mildest I have seen in this far Northwest country and last spring opened up early. We began plowing on the 11th April and sowed the first wheat on the 15th. The beginning of May was very cold but there were bountiful rains the latter part of May and the beginning of this month which have brought the crops on very rapidly. I have a small piece of Ontario fall wheat which by present appearances will be headed out in ten days from this. I do not think we are as liable to summer frosts in this Peace river country as they are hundreds of miles to the south of us. Occasionally we get a very dry summer, but the rainfall this season so far has been ample. During May and up to date in June we have had a rainfall of 3.32 100."

**Business in British Columbia**

Considerable building is going on at Vancouver and the export demand for lumber is fair. Local jobbing prices at Vancouver, in small lots, are quoted as follows:

Flour and grain—Manitoba patents, \$6.30; Manitoba bakers, \$6. Eadorby A.A., \$5.35; Oregon, \$6.28. Eastern oatmeal, \$4 per 100 lbs; do., California, \$4.50; eastern rolled oats, \$4.75; do., California, \$5.25; cornmeal, \$4. Shorts, \$26 per ton; wheat, \$35 to \$40; hay, \$16; chopped feed, \$35 to \$40; new oats, \$35; oil cake, \$40 to 25c.

Eggs—24c.

Butter—Creamery selling at 24 to 25c per lb, dairy 15 to 20c.

Sugar—The B. C. Sugar Refinery quote as follows: Granulated, 6½c per pound; yellow, 5½c per pound; cube, 6½c; syrup 3½c.

Fruits—Apples, \$1 to \$1.75 per box according to quality; grapes, \$1.50 to \$1.75; plums, \$1.10 to \$1.15; pears, \$1.75; tomatoes, \$1.60; pineapples \$4 per dozen.

**British Wheat Crop.**

The London Times' annual estimate on Sep. 11, gives the condition of wheat in Great Britain Sep. 7 as 92, against 97½ Aug. 3, and says there are wide areas where the wheat has been beaten down, where it has grown in the shocks, and where the wind has caused it to sholl to the extent of from two to ten bushels per acre. In all cases, whether the yield is or is not affected, there is a unanimous opinion that the wheat is of a bad color.

The Merchants Magazine and Financial Review, for August is to hand. This publication was established in Montreal early in the present year, and it is already gaining a reputation as a valuable business magazine. Under the various general headings of "Editorial comment and Leading Articles," "Journal of Mercantile Law," "Banking and Financial Review," " Mines and Manufactures," "Navigation and Railways," "Meetings and Reports," etc., are many valuable articles and items of interest to business men.

John Jovel, the veteran Canadian publisher, of Montreal, has originated a plan for the publication of a gazetteer and history of Canada, on a mammoth scale. It is proposed to publish the work in eleven volumes, the price for which is placed at \$9 per volume. The work will contain all the information to date of publication, about all parts of the Dominion. Subscriptions are now being solicited, and unless a number sufficient to cover the cost of the work can be secured, it will not be prosecuted.

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Joseph Harris, who has held the position of Government grain inspector for the Toronto board of trade for twenty years has forwarded his resignation and will enter the grain commission business, in Wintipeg.

The last incident in connection with the Central Bank liquidation was performed at Toronto recently when the assets of the defunct institution amounting nominally to nearly a million dollars were sold for \$45,000. This enables the liquidators to pay an additional 6 per cent., making the total dividend 99½ cents on the dollar

On the Montreal stock exchange on September 15, Canadian Pacific stock reached 90 cents, the highest point attained in this market. Over twelve hundred shares changed hands at an advance and the demand continues.

At the last Brockwell cheese market, on September 10, sales were made at 2½ of 10c.

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**Montreal Markets.**

Flour—Steady with straight roller in car lots at \$4.90 to \$5. The sale was also reported of a round lot of straight roller in bags at \$2.49. In strong bakers' there have been sales of city brands at \$5.60 although that figure is known to have been shaded. Other brands of bakers' have been placed at \$5 to \$5.25, and some common brands have sold at \$4.75. Western millers are very firm in their ideas on prices.

Oatmeal—Granulated and rolled oats, \$5.55 to \$5.70 per bbl, and \$2.70 per bag; standard and fine oatmeal, \$5.45 to \$5.55 per bbl, and \$2.65 per bag. Pot barley, \$4.15 to \$4.25 per bbl, \$2 per bag. Barley, No. 1, \$7.25 per bbl, \$3.75 per half bbl; No. 2, \$6.75 per bbl, \$3.50 per half bbl; \$2.50 per packet of 49 lbs \$2 per packet of 45 pounds; Gold dust cornmeal, \$4.25 to \$4.40 per barrel; split peas, \$4.25 per barrel.

Mill feed—Bran has been sold at \$15 to \$15.25 for car loads on truck, up to \$16 for broken lots delivered. Shorts \$19 to \$20. Middlings, \$22 to \$23.

Wheat—The last sale of No. 2 old hard wheat was made in this market at \$1.03, and we quote \$1.06 to \$1.78.

Oats—Car lots of choice white have sold on spot at 37c per 34 lbs, but to arrive they can be bought at lower figures. The crop will be large.

Barley—Maltsters are holding off believing in lower prices. Maltng barley is quoted at 55c to 60c and feed at 45 to 50c.

Butter—A fairly brisk business has transpired on export account with sales of August creamery at 29 to 29½c, shippers say their limits will not permit them to exceed 29½c for the finest. We quote 19 to 20½c. A lot of eastern townships was sold at 17c, and another fine shipping lot at 17½c. We quote 16 to 17½c, as to quality. In western a few lots have changed hands at 14½ to 15c.

Cheese—Sales on this market have been made at 9½c for finest western August, a few lots of exceptionally choice white fetching 9½c. Other sales of underpriced goods took place at 9c to 9½c.

Eggs—Fresh stock has sold at 12½ to 13c, and in single packages at 13 to 13½c. Straight lots of held stock candled have sold at 11 to 12c, and culls have been placed at 8 to 10c per dozen.

Potatoes—The rot has unfortunately made its appearance in quite a number of potato patches in the vicinity of this city, and quite a number of letters from the eastern townships speak of its having done damage to the crops there. A number of very fine lots were sold on this market yesterday at very low prices, several sales being reported at 25 to 30c per bushel.

Hides—65c is about the market price for good large sheepskins. Hides do not present any feature of interest. Hides, No. 1, 5½c; No. 2, 4½c; No. 3, 3½c; tanners pay one cent more; lambskins, 60 to 65c; calfskins 7c.

Apples—Choice Alexander and Duchess have sold at \$2 to \$2.25 per bbl. Common to fair fruit, however, are in good supply and have sold all the way from \$1 to \$1.50 per barrel. Dried apples quiet at 6 to 8c per lb. Evaporated apples are nominal at 12 to 13c as to quantity and quality.

Tea—A better demand is reported for country account, and quite a number of Japans

have changed hands within the past few days for shipment at prices ranging from 16 to 20c for mediums to good mediums and fine descriptions.

Coffee—A sale of about 50 bags Maracaibo is reported at a shade under 21c. Jamaica is quoted at 20 to 20½c and Rio at 19½c to 20c; Java and Mocha, 25 to 27c.

Dried fruit—New crop valencia raisins are expected in a few days, sales of which have been made at equal to 7c laid down here. Old fruit, however, continues to be sold at very low rates, business being reported at 3½ to 3¾c. In currants there is very little change to note, spot sales being mentioned at 5½ to 6c, these being mostly Filiatra in barrels. The first steamer is expected to leave Patras for Montreal during the latter part of the present week.

Leather—As stocks have accumulated, prices are very weakly held and our quotations for some lines would be shaded in order to secure an order. We quote: Manufacturers sole, No. 1, 17 to 19c; No. 2, 15 to 16c; waxed upper, 22 to 27c; splits, Quebec, 11 to 13c; splits, Western, 15 to 19c.—*Montreal Trade Bulletin* Sept. 12

**Toronto Live Stock Markets.**

Export cattle—There was very little fat export cattle offered, and what were on the market met with a slow demand, at 4 to 4½c per pound.

Stockers—The offerings were heavy, but the demand was sufficient to absorb all on the market. Prices were unchanged from last, ranging from 3 to 4c per lb, according to quality.

Butchers' cattle—There was no change in the market. Butchers seem to be well stocked, and only purchased a few at from 3 to 3¾c per lb for good to choice, and down to 2½c for inferior.

Springers—All good backward springers were in demand, and all were readily sold at from \$35 to \$50 each.

Milch cows—There was a fair demand, and about all of the 50 offered were disposed of at from \$30 to \$45 each.

Sheep and lambs—The market showed little improvement from last week. Shippers were not wanted on the present state of the English markets. Butchers' sheep found a very poor demand; butchers preferring to buy lambs at the prices they could get them for. From \$3.25 to \$3.75 each was paid for choice lambs and \$2.25 to \$3.25 for inferior to good.

Hogs—There was no change in the market. All good fat animals were wanted at from \$5 to \$5.50 per cwt. Stores and heavy rough animals were not much wanted, although what few were in sold at \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt.—*Empire*, Sep. 12.

**Financial.**

The money market, both here and at other financial centres of the Dominion, continues without important change, available funds for mercantile wants remaining ample for all legitimate needs, and general casiness prevailing. The promise of abundant crops has almost reached a state of realization, giving a much needed stimulus to the general trade; and the prospects are bright for a season of universal prosperity. The close of the year will see the

country enriched, far beyond anticipations, and the surplus capital thus added to the wealth of the people will avail much to enhance the future progress of the Dominion. That there is a surplussage of capital for investment, even at this early stage of the general recovery, is apparent from the quietness which has lately prevailed in stock exchange circles, notwithstanding the pronounced activity which characterizes other markets. This is attributable to the fact that large blocks of stocks are continually being bought up for investment purposes, thus reducing the proportion of floating stocks, the manipulation of which has always given the speculative market its activity. Within recent years very few new stocks have been listed on the exchanges, and until additions are made this apathy is likely to continue. Call money in Montreal has been readily obtainable at from 4 to 4½ per cent, and we hear that even the lower rate has been shaded in a few transactions, under exceptional circumstances.

—*Montreal Merchant's Magazine and Trade Review.*

**Minneapolis' Flour Output.**

Minneapolis not only maintains her position as the greatest flour-producing city of the world, but, as the figures compiled by the *Northwestern Miller* and published in this issue for the first time abundantly prove, her output of flour for the crop year just closed exceeds all previous records, and places her so far in advance of any other rival in this direction, that it seems impossible she should be overtaken, at least in this generation. During the crop year of 1891, Minneapolis produced 1,434,093 barrels of flour. In 1890 her output was 6,963,015 barrels, again during the last year of over half a million barrels. The nearest approach to last year's output was in 1885, when the mills of Minneapolis turned out 7,244,936 barrels. Last year's run easily beats the record. Ten years ago the output was 3,142,972 barrels. Thus, in this comparatively short time, Minneapolis has increased her production of flour over 4,000,000 barrels per year. With the unparalleled crop of this year, we may confidently expect that last year's figures will be greatly exceeded. The export of flour from Minneapolis for the last crop year amounted to 2,576,545 barrels, against 2,091,215 barrels for the previous year, a gain of nearly half a million barrels.—*Northwestern Miller.*

**Cereal Acreage of Great Britain.**

The cereal acreage of the United Kingdom (excluding the Islands of Man, etc.) is 2,338,671 acres of wheat, 2,290,746 of barley and 4,113,604 of oats, against 2,479,500 of wheat, 2,296,396 of barley and 4,123,200 of oats last year. The area under potatoes this year is 1,236,85½ against 1,310,462 in 1890. Estimating the average yield of wheat at 27 bushels per acre, or 1 bushel per acre lower than in 1888, and we should have a crop of 8,000,000 quarters, against 9,500,000 quarters last year and one that would contain fully 500,000 quarters more inferior grain than the one which we are just finishing using, of which 7,830,000 quarters has been delivered to millers. There appears every likelihood that in place of 19,000,000 quarters proving to be the requirements of next season, a minimum of 20,000,000 quarters of foreign grain will have to be imported in the ensuing twelve months.—*Liverpool Corn Trade News*, Aug. 29.

### Live Stock Market.

A cable from Liverpool, to the *Montreal Gazette*, on September 14 says: "There were only 400 head of Canadian cattle to-day and the demand was brisk in consequence. While Canadians were more eagerly looked after, the several causes I have repeatedly referred to lately had the effect of keeping prices down, the tops not bringing over 12s. The ruling prices were as follows: - Finest steers, 12s; good to choice, 11½s; poor to medium, 10½s; inferior and bulls, 9½s.

The *Montreal Gazette* of Sept. 15 says: "The live stock export trade moves along very quietly. The markets on the other hand show little if any improvement, but shippers are buying closer, and a small margin is being cleared on fat cattle and stockers. The stock which was bought early in the season at \$1 per cwt. more than they could be bought for now, are, of course, still losing, but cattle bought on the public markets recently, are, as a rule, letting the shipper out. The greater part of the shipments now are stockers, for which there is a good demand both here and in Toronto, but as there are only four or five men in the stocker trade to any extent they can run the market about as they want to. The greater part of the cattle are bought on the Toronto market, but a few odd head are picked up about the different yards here, one shipper buying nearly 200 head yesterday at prices ranging from 3c to 4c per lb. Two of the regular steamship lines have reduced their Liverpool space to 55 shillings and there is some talk of making a reduction in the quotations for Glasgow. The agents find it pretty hard to secure the cattle for the boats. There is no trouble in filling the stocker boats as the space has all been taken and must be filled. There was a large supply of butchers' cattle at the Montreal yards, Point St Charles yesterday. Good butchers' cattle were scarce and any offering sold freely at about 4c per pound, but the bulk of the receipts were sent to the East End abattoir. There were about 530 hogs offered. All were sold at \$5.50 to \$5.60 per cwt. At the East End Abattoir good butchers' cattle were scarce and all offering were quickly picked up, the best animals bringing 4½c per lb. N. Bickerlike bought 181 stockers between the abattoir and the C. P. R. yards, paying from 3c. to 4c. per pound. Good medium cattle were taken by butchers at 3½ to 4c, and lower grades from 3½ down to 2c. About four loads of poor stuff were left over. Good sheep and lambs were also hard to get; but all offerings were sold, sheep ranging from \$3 to \$5 each and lambs from \$2 to \$4. Three loads of very fine cattle from Mitchell's ranch, near Medicine Hat, Assa., were shown at the Canadian Pacific yards. They are just as quiet as ordinary farmers' cattle, receiving more than the usual care given to cattle on the ranches, and are in excellent condition. They are all high grade shorthorn and many of the two year old steers weigh 1,300. There are intended for export. The steamer *Brema*, which sailed to-day took the first consignment of cattle from this port to Germany. John Crowe made the shipment as an experiment. The shipment consists of 61 head of choice fat cattle, bought well and paying a very reasonable rate of freight will have \$7.50 per head duty and will be quarantined for five days.

### The Mercantile Agency.

A. C. Matthews, who a few years ago was manager of the Dun, Wiman agency at Winnipeg, but who since then has represented the mercantile agency at New Haven, Connecticut, has been transferred to the management of the Dun Wiman business at Montreal. A *New Haven* paper speaks of the change as follows: "A. C. Matthews, the affable and energetic manager of the local agency of R. G. Dun & Co. has been appointed manager of the Montreal branch of the same firm, and will leave for his new post tomorrow evening. Mr. Matthews has been in charge of the branch in this city for the past three years, and during his short stay here made hosts of friends, all of whom, while loth to see him depart, wish him all prosperity in his more important field of labor. The business of the agency in this city has more than doubled during the past two years in consequence largely of Mr. Matthews' efficient and energetic work. Mr. Matthews, from long experience, is fully qualified to take charge of the important field to which he is going, having been for twenty years in the employ of the company, having started in as office boy in Memphis, Tenn., some twenty years ago and steadily climbing the ladder of the various positions, and has been for the past twelve years manager of the various offices of the firm."

### British Columbia.

Davidson Bros., are offering the Westminster branch of their jewellery business for sale.

J. Teague, jr., druggist, Victoria, has sold out to Dean & Peacock.

Thomas Garvin, saloon, Victoria, has bought the nickel plate.

A. G. Horne, general store, Victoria; business for sale.

Samuel Reid has opened a clothing and furnishing store at Victoria.

The California Wine Co. is the name of a new Victoria concern.

The sealing schooner *Ariel* has returned to Victoria with a catch of 1,030 skins, all made in Behring sea.

The new government steamer *Quadra* for British Columbia service sails from Glasgow, where she was built, on the first of next month.

The new smelter at Golden, British Columbia, has been completed, but will not be put in operation before next spring.

THE COMMERCIAL has received an invitation to attend the Royal Agricultural and Industrial exhibition, which will be held at Westminster, September 22 to 25.

The Bank of British Columbia invites subscriptions in England for £200,000 of three per cent. inscribed stock of the province, forming part of the authorized amount of £700,000. The price of issue is £86 per cent., at which it will yield subscribers £3, 12s, 6d. per cent. It is redeemable at par in 1941.

### British Cattle Regulations.

We publish in another column says the *Montreal Gazette*, the order of the British Board of Agriculture in regard to the transatlantic cattle trade. After all the fuss and flurry of Mr.

Chaplin and his confreres the shippers here expected something better than the vague milk and water affair under notice. The regulations will not bear comparison to those proposed by the Canadian shippers. No space is defined, cattle can be carried on the lower batches, the width of the alleyways is fixed at only 18 inches. In fact the only redeeming features of the whole affair are the clauses referring to the number of attendants and the slaughtering of injured cattle. Perhaps that great august body, the board of agriculture, will conclude that they have not learned much about the trade after they have read the Canadian regulations, notwithstanding their great enquiry over which such a fuss or blow was made.

### Flour.

The *Montreal Herald*, of Tuesday last, says: "The weak and unsettled feeling, which was in the main due to the weak tone of the export markets, has, to-day, resulted in a decline of 25c per barrel in spring grades. City and local trade is quieter, and export enquiries are very slow, though we hear of a sale of 2,000 sacks old flour for Glasgow account on p. t. In the present state of the markets it is doubtful if this 25c cut will go down deep enough to stimulate business, but no further change is expected for the present. We quote: Patent, winter, \$5.20 to 5.30; patent spring, \$5.50 to 5.60; straight roller, \$4.90 to \$5.10; extra, \$4.65 to 4.65; superfine, \$4.20 to 4.35; fine, \$3.75 to \$4; Manitoba bakers, \$4.75 to \$5; Ontario bags, extra, \$2.20 to \$2.40; superfine, \$2 to \$2.10.

### Lumber Cuttings.

Graham Horne & Co., Fort William, are bringing two million feet of lumber from Georgian Bay.

Fraser & Co., Edmonton, Alberta, are sawing in the neighborhood of 1,000,000 feet of lumber this season.

Two thousand men, mostly French-Canadians, employed in the Ottawa, Ont., sawmills, have struck for a reduction of hours of work, one hour and a half per day, and an increase of 50 cents in wages per week. At present they receive from six to eight dollars per week and work 11½ hours per day with three-quarters of an hour for dinner.

### Saskatchewan.

Kernaghan Bros., of Prince Albert, have purchased the store lately built by Goodfellow & McColl, and will use it for their tin-smithing business.

Peter McCarthy, Q. C., has returned to Calgary from a prospecting trip in the mountains, and reports having found a large number of seams of Anthracite coal on the south fork of Red Deer river, forty miles north of Banff. All the seams found lie in an easy position for mining. There is also a natural pass for a railway to the claim. The seams range from thirteen feet upwards.

The transfer of the Portage Milling Co.'s mill at Portage la Prairie, Man., to the Lako of the Woods Milling Co., was completed Wednesday last.

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**The Foreign Wheat Situation.**  
The estimates of the world's wheat crop which have been published this week by the Hungarian Minister of Agriculture, and by the Vienna: International Grain market authorities, although containing some evident inaccuracies, agree in the main with the preconceived notions with regard to this year's crops. Pending the receipt of official estimates of the French and Russian crops it is, of course, difficult to arrive at a definite result, but the wheat crops of the world promise to be less than last year by about 40,000,000 bushels, and what is more important, to be considerably below the estimated requirements. Meanwhile, however, there is a present superabundance of American wheat, and although there can be little doubt that the English crop has been more or less injured by abnormally wet weather during August, English buyers exhibit no hurry to operate for their future wants, evidently still depending on a cheap, if inferior, supply of home-grown wheat. One thing seems pretty certain, viz., that English millers will require a larger admixture than usual of good dry foreign wheats to compensate for the bad conditioned home-grown wheat. Continental buyers have also been less eager this week, and some second-hand holders have even offered at lower prices than on this side.

With regard to the probable supply during the season just commenced, it is thought desirable to await the publication of the Washington bureau's September report before venturing

upon the usual forecast. The usual statement of the wants of the importing countries compared with the surplus of the exporting countries, will be given next week; meanwhile, it may be said that the result will undoubtedly show that Europe's requirements are larger than can be at all easily covered, except by further drawing upon reserve stocks. Last year it was estimated on September 5, that the importing countries would require 39,500,000 quarters in the season of 1890-91, they have actually imported about 40,000,000 quarters; on the other hand, the probable supplies from the exporting countries were estimated at 36,500,000 quarters, but thanks to the extraordinary large shipments of new wheat from America and India, the total shipments from the exporting countries in the twelve months ended Aug. 1st have amounted to about 42,250,000 quarters—the excess over the above-stated imports being visible in the quantity afloat.

For the ensuing season the Hungarian Minister estimates the requirements of the consuming countries at 55,000,000 quarters, which is probably 5,000,000 quarters too high. The Minister's estimate of the probable surplus in the exporting countries is absurdly low, the American and probable Australian supplies being greatly underrated, and Chili and the Argentine left entirely out of the calculation. As remarked above, the writer hopes next week to give an approximate statement, based on the latest indications. *Reerbohm, Sept. 1.*

**Manitoba Dairy Products.**  
Mr. Bucknall, of Grant, Horn & Bucknall, reports a large demand from British Columbia, for Manitoba creamery butter, the demand being in excess of the supply. One difficulty is that the creameries are inclined to hold for higher prices than can be paid here in competition with the east, and this causes British Columbia buyers to make their purchases occasionally in Ontario. The firm has considerable dairy butter on hand, for which they have fine storage facilities in their large refrigerator. Some samples of Manitoba dairy sent east to the largest butter shipper in Canada, were pronounced very fine, and almost equal to the famous Eastern Townships, which commands such a ready sale in the Montreal market. This would indicate that Manitoba dairy is improving in quality. Cheese is in fair demand for western shipment, and Mr. Bucknall does not expect any surplus of Manitoba cheese over local and western requirements, but rather a shortage.

President Van Horne of the C. P. R. said at Winnipeg last week: "We expect next season to extend the Glenboro branch from Nesbit, its present terminus, to the town of Souris, and thence on westward to the Pipestone district. This line will have no connection with the line now being built to the Souris coal fields, but will run westward parallel with it. The road is intended to open up that part of the country mentioned, and there is no objective point in view just now."



### The Cost of Canal Enlargement.

The amount of public moneys expended on the St. Lawrence system of canals, in order to insure the safe passage of vessels of large tonnage from Lake Superior to Montreal, has already reached the very substantial sum of \$26,000,000,—exclusive of \$15,000,000 spent before the enlargement was begun. A further sum, estimated at \$14,500,000, will be required before the contemplated work is completed, of which \$12,000,000 will be needed to deepen the St. Lawrence canals proper, the balance being absorbed by the Sault. It may prove of interest to note the progress made thus far in this vast system of internal communication; and in doing so, we avail ourselves of the brief but succinct statement recently presented in the House by the Minister of Railways and Canals. The highest canal of the series is at Sault Ste. Marie, where there is to be a short canal and single lock of large dimensions, designed to permit of vessels drawing 19 feet passing a low water. All other canals between Lake Erie and Montreal are arranged for a navigable depth of 14 feet. Up to 1876, the intention was to carry out the views of the Royal Commission of 1870, and to make the Welland and the St. Lawrence canals of a depth of 12 feet. In the meantime, the Welland canal had been completed to the 12 foot gauge, and had to be subsequently deepened 2 feet. The total cost of this canal, now completed, was in round numbers \$16,100,000. None of the other canals between it and Lachine were, however, begun before the greater depth was adopted. On the Lachine, the foundations of the permanent structure were put down to the full depth, but about 6½ miles of the canal itself has yet to be lowered to obtain this depth, at an estimated cost of \$1,250,000. For about four miles above the Lachine canal, Lake St. Louis is obstructed by numerous shoals, the removal of which is necessary to form a channel suitable to the enlarged 14 feet navigation. This also will require a probable expenditure of \$1,250,000. Between Lake St. Louis and Lake St. Francis, a rise of 83 feet in the river, is at present surmounted by the Beauharnois canal on the south shore of the St. Lawrence. After careful surveys and examinations extending over some years, the conclusion has been arrived at to build an enlarged scale canal on the north shore at an estimated cost of \$4,750,000. In Lake St. Francis the obstructions to a 14 feet navigation are but slight, the removal requiring an expenditure of but \$90,000. The works on the Cornwall canal are all under contract, and the locks nearly completed, leaving, however, a considerable length of the canal still to be enlarged at a cost of about \$9,100,000. Between the head of the Cornwall canal and Prescott, the main obstruction, that at the Gallops Rapids, has been removed, but the Williamsburg canal, together with the necessary river works between the Cornwall canal and Prescott, have still to be completed at an estimated cost of \$2,770,000.—*Merchants Magazine and Financial Review*, of Montreal.

### The Wheat Situation.

There has evidently been much disappointment that the price of wheat has not steadily continued to advance in this country in view of the admitted enormous shortage in the crops of wheat and rye in Europe. But our shipments have already been so abundant that the

facilities of transportation have been given full employment, and there is really no need for European buyers to be in a hurry to obtain supplies, for they will go forward from this country in a steady stream for many months to come. It is not to be presumed that Europe will pay more for wheat than she will be obliged to bid to secure an adequate quantity, and there is at this time as much in transit as can really be taken care of in an economical way on its arrival on the other side of the water. If there was any indication that there would be a deficiency in the offerings doubtless bids would be advanced to encourage its prompt movement. But so enormous is our surplus that we could ship five or six millions of bushels per week for many weeks without making an appreciable impression upon it, in fact it is being marketed so rapidly that while the outgo of wheat and flour approximate 8,000,000 bushels per week, there are liberal additions being made to the visible supply in this country. Farmers naturally desire to market their wheat direct from the field, when they can do so, and save handling and shrinkage, this is a very proper thing to do even if at that time they cannot obtain the possible higher price which may prevail. When this rush is over it is quite probable that Europe may be willing to pay better prices, but it is problematical whether the advance in price will be more than will cover the increased cost by reason of storage and interest and the loss in weight by shrinkage, the latter being an item of very considerable importance, which is not generally appreciated. But there is a possibility that prices may go much higher should there be evidences that this country will be unable to supply the deficit of the world. We must go back to the year 1880 to find similar circumstances to those now prevailing. In that year, or from July 1, 1880, to June 30, 1881, we exported 186,000,000 bushels of wheat, including flour, and the average farm price in December, 1880, according to the Department of Agriculture, was 95c per bushel. Our crop in 1880 was 498,500,000 bushels, which then had never before been reached, and fortunately for us the European crops were short, or that quantity could not have been utilized. In only two years since then has our crop exceeded those figures until this year. The price in Chicago in 1880 did not get above \$1.01½ until November, when it touched 112, and from that it declined to 93½, and did not again exceed 100 until March 1, when 104½ was reached, and under indications of a smaller crop touched \$1.14 in June. Higher prices prevailed in the ensuing year, for our crop was smaller, being only about 383,000,000 bushels, and the demand from Europe kept up, but we were able to export only 122,000,000 bushels.

There is no doubt that this year Europe will take our surplus wheat, but it is so large that the dream of extravagant prices does not seem likely to be realized.—*Cincinnati Price Current*.

The Toronto board of trade has appointed the following examiners: In flour and meal, Wm. Galbraith, J. N. Peer, Wm. Stark, J. L. Spink, Michael McLaughlin; in wheat and grain, W. D. Matthews, George A. Chapman, Thomas Flynn, James Carruthers, H. N. Baird; in hides and leather, E. Leadly, D. W. Alexander, Wm. Beardmore, Daniel McLean, E. J. Davis, M.P.P.

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