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WINNIPEG, JULY 30, 1888.

JAS. MURPHY will open a general blacksmith shop at Bridge Creek, Man.

DAVID PHILIP, dealer in stoves and tins, Brandon, is out of business.

GREY BROS., painters, Fort McLeod, have opened a branch at Lethbridge.

R. W. DULMAGE, dealer in tins, Battleford, is advertising his business for sale.

TODD & HEAP, brewers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership; Heap retires.

THE estate of A. H. Clark & Co., druggists, Prince Albert, was sold to one LaFond.

JOHN NEOBARD, saloonkeeper, Winnipeg, business closed out on chattel mortgage.

HOFFMAN & Co., general storekeepers, Gretna, have assigned to Jas. Redmond.

GUYER & JOHNS, hotelkeepers, Brandon, have dissolved; business will be continued by J. A. Guyer.

JOHN A. McDONALD, hotel and restaurant, Winnipeg, has disposed of his restaurant business to Frank Maraggi.

P. L. MITCHELL, lumber dealer, Brandon, has admitted J. H. Hughes into partnership, under style of Hughes & Mitchell.

THE contract for building a store and hotel for the Calgary Lumber Co. at Cochrane Mills, west of Calgary, was awarded to J. G. McCallum.

THE contract for the supply of bread to the Manitoba asylum was given to Wm. Gibbs, and

the contract for the supply of beef was awarded to Pearson, both of Selkirk.

THE first number of the *School Times*, published at Winnipeg, has appeared. It is neatly printed and interesting in reading matter.

A LONDON cable says: McLean & Co. offer 2,500 shares of \$100 each of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba at \$22 per share to meet growing business.

THE estate of R. J. Cole, general merchant, Keewatin, will be offered for sale by auction, in Winnipeg, on Friday, Aug. 3. The stock amounts to \$6,600, and book debts to \$3,950.

BROMLEY & MAY, tent awning and mattress factory, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. John May retires. M. Bromley will continue the business, under the style of Bromley & Co.

GROUND is being broken for a number of new stores at Fort William, and a couple of Americans are making preparations, it is said, for building a large hotel before the close of the season of navigation.

ONE agent at Neepawa, Man., made a delivery to farmers on one day recently, consisting of 61 binders, 10 mowers, 11 horse rakes and 22,000 pounds of twine, valued at nearly \$17,000.

It has leaked out at Qu'Appelle, says the *Progress*, "that D. S. Davies, teller in Caswell's bank here last winter, had embezzled \$2,000 before leaving." Davies is now in the United States.

J. K. PATTON, of Minnedosa, is enlarging his store. On one side a stock of wall paper, books, stationery and fancy goods will be kept, and on the other side will be the drugs, medicines, etc. He will close his Rapid City branch store.

HEREAFTER light beer may be imported into the territories under permit. The beer must not exceed four per cent. of alcohol. Only hotels having separate bedrooms for at least twelve persons, and stable accommodation for five horses will be granted permits for this beer.

OWING to the short hay crop East, it is quite possible that it may be found profitable to ship baled hay from Manitoba to Ontario next winter. A large quantity of prairie hay could be prepared here, if it were known that it could be shipped eastward to advantage.

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask., *Times*: The early closing movement, which was inaugurated last spring in Prince Albert, has proved entirely successful, much to the credit of the merchants, who do not have to be compelled by law—as in the east—to give their employees a chance for a little recreation after a hard day's work.

M. HUGHES & Co., furniture dealers, Winnipeg, have leased the Potter House block, on the corner of Main and Notre Dame St. East, and will fit it up for their business, using the entire block for this purpose. The building is well situated for a furniture business, and will afford ample space and elegant quarters for a large trade.

As a result of the inspection recently made by Chief Clark of the places licensed to sell liquor within license district No. 4, (Winnipeg district), seventeen of them are to be closed up for various reasons. In most of the cases they

have not the hotel or restaurant accommodation required by law; in other cases there are more saloons to the number of people than the law allows. The places to be closed in Winnipeg are the Merchants' House, Franklin House, Royal Oak Hotel, Oriental Hotel, Exchange Hotel and Dominion House.

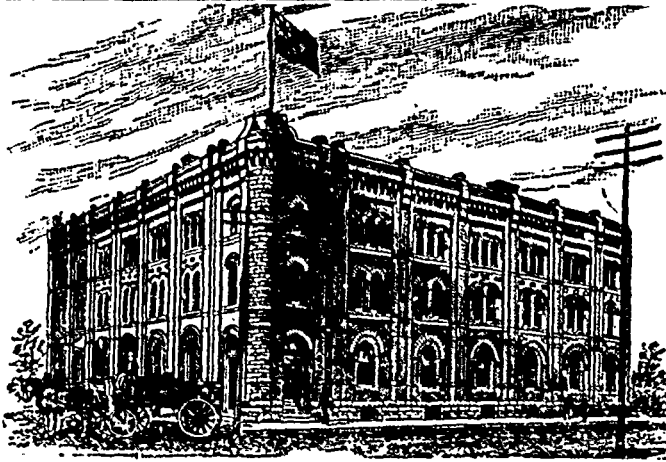
THE farmers in the district south of Calgary are forming a Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association for the purpose of bringing the farmers more together to have an interchange of opinions on matters of general interest to the farming community. Among the subjects that will naturally be discussed will be dairying, cheese-making, the best and most profitable grain to sow.

THE Portage la Prairie newly formed board of trade has elected the following officers: Jas. McLenaghan, President; Wm. Garland, vice-president; W. A. Prest, secretary; council, H. J. Woodside, R. Stidson, John Hunter, Chas. Graban, B. M. Caniff, T. A. Garland, Jas. Anderson, J. Macaulay, T. B. Miller, T. A. Newman, A. L. Ashdown, Wm. Forsyth. A committee composed of President, Woodside, Stidson and Hunter was appointed to draft by-laws and report at the next meeting a week or to-night.

A LONDON cable says: The Canadian Pacific railway's actions as regards the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic line, is still the talk in city circles. The Standard to-day says Grand Trunk stockholders are anything but encouraged by the way those responsible for the policy of the company have allowed the Canadian Pacific to walk round them. It adds that unless things mend, an agitation will presently arise to change the management. President Sir Henry Tyler's approaching visit to Canada is understood to be in connection with matters of this sort.

A LONDON cable says: The recent rise in the price of rancho cattle has made a move in the purchase of pedigree stock. The agent of one of the Alberta ranching companies is now buying 110 polled Angus Aberdeen bulls, and 400 Shropshire sheep for the Northwest. The steamer Oxenholm sailed to-day for Quebec with 800 Shropshire and Southdown sheep, the greatest number ever conveyed to Canada on one steamer. Other large purchases are being made for Ontario and the Northwest. The shipment of dairy cows from Canada to be sold in Liverpool, is declared to have realized a paying price. There is a good demand for this class of animals.

JAS. TEES & Co., the well known music house of Winnipeg, have secured the agency for the old reliable firm of A. & S. Nordheimer, of Toronto, and will hereafter control the sale of their justly celebrated pianos in Manitoba and the Territories. The agency includes the famous Steinway, Chickering, Hame, Behr Bros., and Nordheimer pianos, all of which makes are well known to those familiar with the piano trade, and stand high in the estimation of musicians. The agency has fallen into good hands. With this valuable acquisition to their business, Jos. Tees & Co., will be enabled to greatly extend their business connections throughout the West.

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THE Torrens system of land-transfer is causing a good deal of agitation in the territories, on the same grounds that developed so much opposition to the measures in Manitoba, namely; expense. A number of the expensive features of the Torrens Act are being strongly objected to, and efforts are being made to have the fees considerably reduced. Before the Torrens Act was introduced, people were led to believe that it would provide an exceedingly simple and inexpensive mode of transferring real property, but practical experience has shown the system to be an expensive luxury. It really seems strange that so many restrictions and expensive fees should be attached to the purchase of land, beyond the ordinary procedure in the sale of other property. The Torrens system, it was understood, would make the transfer of the ownership of land as simple as the sale of a horse, but the great expense attached to the introduction of the system is a most serious drawback to its usefulness. By all means let us have the measure simplified if possible, and the expensive fees reduced to a reasonable limit.

WINNIPEG will soon be assured of an additional passenger route south. Mr. McFee, general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, states that as soon as the R.R.V.R. is completed to Winnipeg his company will run a daily passenger train into the city, and will have dining cars, sleepers and palace cars attached. This service will be between Winnipeg and St. Paul, in competition with the M. & M. road. Through connection will no doubt also be established with Duluth. Manitobans going East will then have the choice of the following routes. C.P.R. all rail, C.P.R. rail and lake, M. & M. and connections, via Chicago, N. P. and connections via Chicago, N. P. via Duluth and the lakes. To these routes will certainly be added in the not very distant future, a through all rail route via Duluth, the south shore and Sault Ste. Marie or Mackinaw. It is to be hoped the N. P. will give a better service between Winnipeg and St. Paul, than the slow coach service which has been maintained heretofore by the M. & M. There is room for improvement in both the quality and price.

Now that matters are in a fair way for the construction of a railway from Westminster, B. C., southward to Seattle, by an independent company, the C.P.R. has shown an inclination to undertake the same work. It has been understood for some time that the C.P.R. Company has been desirous of reaching the cities of Puget Sound by a branch railway from its main line at or near Vancouver. Such a road would of necessity touch at Westminster. It is understood that the C.P.R. has an agreement with the Seattle, Lake Shore and Southern, whereby the two roads would meet at the international boundary, south of Westminster. The crossing of the Fraser river, would be made by a railway ferry. Surveys for the proposed line will be commenced at once, and it is understood an effort will be made to build the road next summer. When on the coast recently Mr. Van Horne visited Westminster, with the object of inducing the Westminster people to interest themselves in the C.P.R. scheme, instead of giving the bonus to the proposed Westminster, Bellingham Bay and Seattle railway. From the sentiment prevailing at Westminster, however, it is more than likely that the latter road will get the bonus.

THE act passed at the last session of the Manitoba Legislature, providing for the early closing of shops, is now in force, the necessary time having elapsed since the passage of the act to bring it into force. The act came into force on 17th of July, and proceedings can now be taken under the provisions of the measure to bring it into full effect in any of the towns of Manitoba. The necessary course is to secure the signatures of two-thirds of the dealers to a petition asking that the act be brought into effect. Upon presentation of a petition so signed to the municipal council, the by-laws bringing the act into effect may be passed. In Winnipeg the clerks' early closing association have taken up the matter, and the signatures of the merchants to the petition are now being obtained. There is no question but that the requisite number of signatures will be obtained, and in a short time the act will be given a

practical test in this city. Some defects may be found in the measure, but it is to be hoped it will be given a fair trial. Public opinion here is undoubtedly largely in sympathy with the early closing cause, and on this account it would be a matter for regret should some technical point arise to interfere with the working of the act. This journal ventures to predict that early closing will become popular with the better class of merchants, if the system can be given a fair trial. Besides, it is a question of justice and right. The successful working of the measure will therefore be a matter for satisfaction.

It has all along been evident that the threats of moving the C. P. Railway workshops from Winnipeg, were put forward as a bluff. The geographical situation of the city renders it imperative that the principal shops between Lake Superior and the mountains should be located here. The company now has seven railway lines centering at Winnipeg, upon which traffic is being augmented almost daily. There is no other point on the line west of Montreal where there is anything like the amount of traffic centering, as at Winnipeg, and the company has a far greater railway mileage tributary to Winnipeg than to any other point on its entire system. The shops are already established here, and the plant is being steadily increased, and the force of men employed must continue to be increased with the rapidly growing traffic on the lines tributary to the city. Of course it is not nor never has been expected that the company would establish shops here for the extensive manufacture of new work; but the repairing and other work necessary for the operation of the lines immediately tributary to the city, will require the continuation of the shops here, on at least the present scale of magnitude. This work could not be done elsewhere without great expense and loss of time. Mr. Van Horne tacitly admitted in a recent interview at Montreal, that the question of moving the workshops from Winnipeg had not been seriously considered. The bluff did not work and it is not necessary to carry on the farce longer.

### Local Crop Reports.

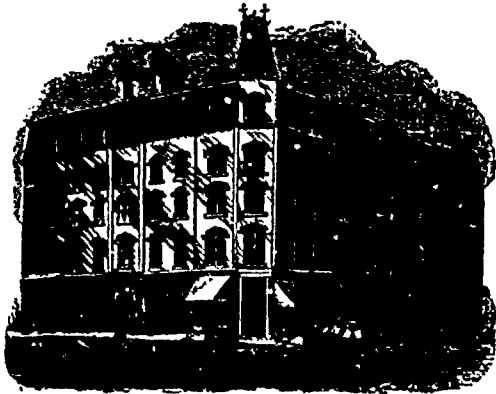
Hartney, of Souris, says that the crop last year was no comparison with that of this year, and he looks for an average anywhere between 30 and 40 bushels to the acre. He says some of the land that has been cropped three years in succession is better than back-setting was last year.

Moose Jaw correspondent: The reports coming from the different districts are almost like fairy tales, and beyond a doubt this year's crop will eclipse even the greatest expectations. The growth this year is something marvelous and we hope to record some large yields of grain before the season ends.

Calgary Tribune, July 20. A sample of Lodoga wheat nicely headed out, 44 inches high, left in our office to-day. This is the highest sample yet received.

Manitou Mercury, July 13th: The crops are growing splendidly and if favorable weather continues it is believed the harvest will be even

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Minnedosa, July 17.—The crops are looking splendid and another good season is assured.

Gladstone, July 17.—The crops around this town are looking magnificent.

Shoal Lake, July 17.—Crops are looking A 1. There is a great demand for farm machinery.

Oak Lake, July 17.—We have had excellent weather for pushing on the crops of late, wheat being headed out a week past and the very latest sown crops are in the ear.

Wolsley, July 17.—The crops in this vicinity are in splendid condition.

Killarney, July 17.—Wheat, oats and barley are now rapidly heading out in this locality. Crops in general are looking splendid and everything points to a magnificent yield.



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Stonewall, July 17.—Crops never looked better.

Cypress River, July 17.—The crops here are heavier than last year, although not so far advanced.

Moose Jaw, July 17.—The crops are excellent.

Red fye wheat on the farm of Andrew Lindsay, Lothean Bank, Stonewall, measured 4 feet 3 inches on Saturday July 21, and was fully headed out and filling.

An excellent sample of barley from South-western Manitoba was forwarded to Superintendent Whyte, C.P.R., measuring 3½ feet and nearly ripened. Cutting will be commenced in the field about the latter part of the month.

Chicago *Lumberman*. It has been remarked occasionally for some months—perhaps even some years—past that the price of pine stumpage is too high in proportion to the value of pine lumber, and pine lumber, especially, of the better grades. There has been, as is well known, a steady rise in the cost of timber, with but little corresponding movement in lumber, until there is now so little margin in the mere manufacture of lumber that many owners of stumpage esteem it wisely to sell their property

as it stands than to put it into market as lumber. If this is true, and there is not much doubt that it is in some cases, at least, the plain conclusion is that stumpage has reached about its maximum price. It cannot as a rule, rise above what, with the cost of manufacture added, it will sell for as lumber, because as soon as it does so, the marketing of the timber in the only possible way in which it can be used would be rendered impossible, and the lumber business would stop. Lumber might be manufactured for some time with the respective prices of that and stumpage so near together that the difference would only pay the bare cost of conversion, but when this process involves an actual loss, there must be a speedy change in the one or the other; either lumber must go up or stumpage come down. It is apparent that there is not much prospect of pine lumber materially advancing in price during the next few years. It is hedged about with too many strong competitors aiming to supply its place and only kept in part from so doing by the recognized superiority of white pine for a great variety of uses, and the fact that it can still be furnished at a comparatively moderate cost.



# The Commercial

WINNIPEG, JULY 30, 1888.

## TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES.

*Bradstreet's*, in a late issue, deals with the subject of trade between Canada and the United States. The figures given are for the eleven months ended May 31st last. Imports to Canada for the period named show a considerable increase. Wheat, flour and bacon are among the articles which show the greatest gain. Wheat was imported to the value of \$3,309,969 for the period named, against \$2,430,100 for the previous eleven months. Imports of flour were \$2,031,463, against \$1,788,602 for the previous eleven months. Thus these two articles alone show a gain in imports of about \$1,050,000. Imports of corn were \$1,742,453, or \$160,000 greater than for the previous term. In animals imports are not large, the principal item being hogs, which were imported to the value of \$126,000, as against \$407,827 for the previous term of eleven months. Coal was imported to the value of \$4,408,447, against imports of \$3,241,166 for the previous eleven months. Imports of cotton were \$2,346,510, an increase of about \$140,000. Kerosene oil was imported to the value of \$534,163, which shows a slight increase. Imports of oil cake and meal increased from \$9,850 to about \$100,000. Canned beef and bacon show a large increase, imports of the former being \$548,086, and the latter \$1,927,349, against \$156,608 and \$620,293, respectively, for the previous eleven months. Imports of pork are much less, amounting to \$1,065,000, showing a decline of \$1,363,000. Imports of lard were \$860,000 a gain of about \$200,000; cheese, \$670,840, also a gain of about \$200,000. Imports of leaf tobacco show a heavy falling off, the amount being \$477,474, against \$1,188,609, for the previous eleven months.

In view of the current discussion of the fisheries question and commercial union or reciprocity, the United States bureau of statistics has lately given special attention to the trade movement between the two countries, especially as regards the relation of the customs duties to this movement. It is asserted that though the United States tariff is higher than the Canadian tariff, in a general sense, yet imports into the United States from

Canada, pay lower duties than imports into Canada from the United States. In other words, the statistics furnished are made to show that the United States tariff discriminates in favor of Canada. Thus the average rate of duty on imports to the United States from all countries last year was 47.10 per cent., whilst the average rate on imports from Canada was only 21 per cent. The total trade between the two countries is taken into consideration, to arrive at the result, as follows:—In 1887 Canada imported \$30,578,332 worth of dutiable commodities from the United States, on which \$7,265,135 was collected, which was equivalent to an average ad valorem rate of 23.76 per cent. The United States in the same year imported from the Dominion \$25,997,113 worth of dutiable merchandise, on which the duties amounted to \$5,361,208, making the average rate 21 per cent. The Canadian duties, in like manner, amounted to 16.22 per cent. on the total value of free and dutiable imports from the United States, while the United States rate on all imports from Canada, dutiable and free, was only 14 per cent.

This apparently clearly establishes the contention that though the United States tariff is very considerably higher on an average than the Canadian tariff, yet the articles imported by the former country from Canada are subject to an aggregate duty very much below the average duty on imports from all countries, the average duty on imports from all countries being 47.10 per cent., and the average rate on imports from Canada, 21 per cent. Over one-quarter of the imports into the United States from Canada last year were wood and manufactures of wood, amounting to nearly \$8,000,000, upon which the duty was 18.28 per cent. Barley, the next largest item, was imported by the United States from Canada to the value of \$6,171,660, the duty being 16.20 per cent. Other principal items were:—Bituminous coal, \$1,152,604, with a duty of 24.21 per cent.; wheat, \$218,551, with a duty of 17.16 per cent.; fish, about \$1,000,000 with the duty ranging from 14.32 to 23.13 per cent.; hay, \$789,129, with a duty of 19.39 per cent.; vegetables, \$987,232, with a duty of 24.05 per cent.; raw flax, \$298,078, with a duty of 8 per cent. From the above items it will readily be seen why the duties are much lower on imports from Canada than from all countries, namely; because the list

includes scarcely anything in the line of manufactured goods, upon which latter class the duties are always higher. Imports into Canada from the United States pay slightly higher duties, owing to the fact that they include a larger portion of manufactured goods. The articles imported by Canada from the United States, would be subject to a higher duty if imported into the United States, than they are subject to in coming into Canada. Thus *Bradstreet's* shows that if the Dominion Government had collected as high duties on imports from the United States last year as the United States collected on imports of the same commodities the average Canadian rate on the dutiable merchandise imported from the United States would have been raised from 23.76 per cent. to 25.97 per cent., and the average rate on all merchandise from 16.22 per cent., to 19.79 per cent. It will therefore be seen that there is no ground for complaint against this country, on account of the higher duties which imports from the United States pay, as against imports into the latter country from Canada, as the United States collects higher duties than Canada, on goods similar to those imported by Canada from the United States.

## TRADE WITH GREAT BRITAIN.

The first six months of the present year is not showing up well in trade returns between Canada and the United Kingdom. Statistics for the six months ended 30th June last, show a falling off both in exports and imports, as compared with the same period last year. For the time mentioned, exports from Canada to Great Britain were £1,184,176 against £1,368,460 for the first six months of 1887, thus showing a falling off of nearly \$1,000,000. Imports from the United Kingdom for the first six months of the present year, amounted to £2,469,637, against £2,959,942 for the same time last year, showing in round numbers a falling off of about \$2,500,000. This makes a very important reduction in the trade between Canada and Great Britain, especially in the import trade, the latter showing a falling off of over 16½ per cent., whilst the export trade from Canada shows a decline of nearly 13½ per cent. The decline was heaviest in the month of June, when the export trade showed a falling off of 31 per cent., and the import trade a decline of about 24½ per cent. In exports from Canada, the decline is easily traceable to the drought and short crops in Eastern Canada last year. For instance, exports of cattle show a decline of about \$350,000, which may be attributed to poor fodder. Exports of wheat and flour have decline considerably over one half, and cheese about one-third. Cured fish show an increase in exports to Britain of about one-third, and sawn wood has in-

creased by nearly two-thirds. The falling off is therefore in articles the production of which was shortened by the drought in the East last year.

In imports from Great Britain, the decline is in manufactured goods, which, of course, form the great bulk of imports from the United Kingdom. Cotton piece goods show a falling off of about one-quarter, and jute, linen and silk goods, all show a considerable falling off. Worsted fabrics show a decline of about one-third. Woolen fabrics and carpets show a considerable decline, but not so great as in other textiles. In hardware (light) and cutlery the figures are practically the same as for the first six months of last year. There is a heavy decline of say 40 per cent. in pig and bar iron, but in railroad iron, cast and wrought iron and steel, imports are somewhat less, but the decline is not very great. The only increase in imports in this class of goods is in tin plates, unwrought tin, hoops and sheets, all of which show a considerable increase. In steam engines and machinery there is a considerable increase in imports. Imports of paper and stationery are not materially changed. In miscellaneous goods, haberdashery, and earthen and china ware show a marked decline.

#### WHERE THE WHEAT GOES.

On the first of July, 1887, the visible supply of wheat in the United States was placed at 34,000,000 bushels. The invisible supply was estimated at 39,000,000 bushels, making a total visible and invisible, of 73,000,000 bushels. The crop year is generally computed to commence with July 1st, and by adding the crop of 1887 to the total supply on July 1st (the crop for that year amounting to 456,000,000 bushels) we find that the last crop year commenced with 529,000,000 bushels of wheat in the country. Starting with this immense quantity of wheat on hand one year ago, the Cincinnati *Price Current* figures the total available supply of wheat on hand on July 1st, 1888, at only 3,000,000 bushels. This wheat has been disposed of as follows: Exports for the year ended June 30th last, 119,000,000 bushels; home consumption for the year, 294,000,000 bushels; used for seed, 53,000,000 bushels. Total disposed of, 466,000,000 bushels, leaving a balance of wheat in the country of, 63,000,000 bushels on July 1st, 1888. But this total balance is not available, and the *Price Current* places the unavailable portion at 50,000,000 bushels, leaving an available reserve of but 13,000,000 bushels. This is the smallest reserve at the commencement of the new crop year since 1882. One year ago on July 1st, the available reserve was placed at 23,000,000 bushels, two years ago at 31,000,000 bushels, and three years ago (July 1st, 1885) at 100,000,000 bushels. The calculation for home consumption is placed on a per capita consumption of 4.68 bushels. Of the total exports for the year ended July 1st last, 46,000,000 bushels

of wheat and 48,000,000 bushels of flour, equivalent to wheat, were exported from Atlantic ports. Some 19,500,000 bushels of wheat and 5,500,000 bushels of flour were exported from the Pacific coast.

According to the *Price Current*, the stocks of wheat carried over on July 1st last, from the previous crop year, would be 10,000,000 bushels less than one year ago, made up as follows: Visible supply, 24,000,000 bushels; invisible supply, 39,000,000. Total, 63,000,000 bushels. *Bradstreets* has been figuring up the wheat question, with the following result: Invisible stocks of wheat in the United States and Canada on July 1st, 1888, 19,085,110 bushels; visible stocks, 35,837,416 bushels. Total, 54,922,526 bushels, or a decline in stocks as compared with one year ago, July 1st, of 16,154,688 bushels. *Bradstreets'* visible supply statement, it will be remembered, always exceeds the official exchange reports. On this account its invisible estimate must be smaller.

Taking the larger estimate of wheat carried over on July last, made by the *Price Current*, the present crop year would be commenced with 63,000,000 bushels of wheat, to which may be added 425,000,000 bushels as the estimated wheat crop for 1888, making a total of 488,000,000 bushels of wheat to be disposed of during the present crop year, as against 529,000,000 bushels on hand one year ago.

#### MAKING A PEOPLE.

The German settlers in Assiniboia, of whom there are quite a number, have asked that official ordinances be published in German. And why not? The French language is used in official matters in the Territories, yet there is really no more reason why French should be used, than

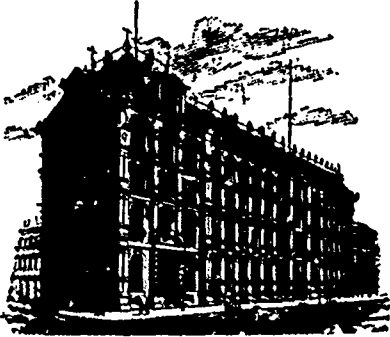
German, or Hungarian. The French are but a small factor in the population, and a factor at that which takes little interest in the public affairs of the country, as the French-speaking people are very largely half-breeds. In Manitoba the farce of using two languages in all official business is also kept up, though there is no good reason why it should be. The better class of French people in the province speak English about as well as they do French, and therefore the use of the two languages is not necessary for their convenience. The half-breeds, who form the bulk of the French speaking people in Manitoba, care very little about public affairs. In Manitoba the French-speaking element is now but a small fraction of the entire population, and little if any more important than the Scandinavian, Icelandic or German speaking people, the latter including the Mennonites. Any of these nationalities have a right to demand the use of their language in an official capacity, seeing that the duplicate system is now in use. But there is good reason why such demands should not be granted. It should be the aim of the Governments of these western

provinces to discountenance class and foreign national feeling. Anything which tends to divide the people should be discouraged. This is the true policy in the interests of the country. Race peculiarities and religious prejudices should not be encouraged in this new land, and the great object should be to mix up the people, regardless of creed or nationality, until the now conflicting and discordant elements are moulded down to form a new people, in which distinctive foreign nationalities and prejudices shall disappear. Now is the time to lay the foundation for the future race of people which shall inhabit the country. A good move to commence with would be the abolition of the French language in Manitoba and the Territories. English is bound to be the language of the West, and it is but fighting against nature to attempt to propagate other languages. With a very strong Liberal Government in power in Manitoba, the time is opportune for the abolition of the dual system of languages. Our French fellow citizens, who have the interest of the country at heart, will certainly acquiesce in a movement to this end, notwithstanding their commendable admiration of their mother tongue, when it is so plainly necessary in the welfare of the country.

The public schools afford the great medium for reaching the young and rising generation, and by a judicious system of education, it would appear to be possible to accomplish a great work in eradicating race prejudices in a surprisingly short time. The first step should be to provide for the teaching of but one uniform language in all the public schools, except in the higher educational institutions, where other languages might be taught as accomplishments. Religious instructions of course should not be given, except perhaps the teaching of a few general laws upon which all creeds are agreed. The next thing would be to provide a school literature, which would encourage a home national sentiment, in a broad and liberal spirit. Canadian school literature is singularly lacking in this respect, though there is in this way a grand opportunity to instruct the young intellect in the way indicated. Indeed, it is to be feared that in some respects our school system operates to propagate rather than discourage sectional, race and creed prejudices. Instead of being allowed to mix freely, the school population are sometimes divided and kept separate on creed and race lines.

The settlement of foreigners in large colonies is another objectionable feature, as it has a tendency to unduly prolong race peculiarities. It would be better for the country if foreign immigrants could be scattered promiscuously throughout the country, instead of being banded together in settlements. Under a proper school system, however, small colonies of foreigners would not be objectionable, and it would be a great advantage to the settlers themselves to enjoy the company of their own people whilst getting acquainted with the customs of the land of their choice.





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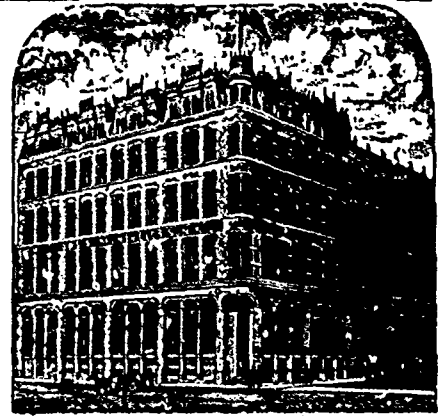
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## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

So far as trade finance are concerned there has been no change since our last report, and the feeling has been even slower and quieter than heretofore. Banks report the volume of commercial paper coming in very slender indeed, and not the slightest hope of any more active movement until after harvest. There is quite a share of renewals and past renewals at short dates, and from regular customers, even these are not unwelcome, as there are plenty of funds available for a large business were it available. Even taking into consideration all renewals, the paper being met is considerably in excess of that going to discount, so that funds are steadily accumulating at the banks. There has been nothing to cause any change in the discount rate, which holds steady at 8 per cent., with 7 for gilt edge paper. In real estate mortgage loans there has been a lull in the call for new loans, and while the present state of expectancy about the crop holds out, this lull will likely continue. A good business in new loans is confidently looked for after harvest. The interest rate for farm loans is nominal at 8 per cent., and there has been no city business which would call for a lower rate. Altogether there is a feeling of monotony pervading monetary affairs in the city.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Last week was just about as dull in most branches of wholesale trade as well could be imagined. In fact it seemed one of the quietest weeks of the season. The city was largely given over to picnicking, there being from one to three or four of these about every day, including several trade picnics. When business men could find time to lock up their stores and warehouses and go picnicking, it could not be expected that business would be very brisk. Textile lines were quiet. Groceries and provisions were normal for the season. Agricultural implement dealers have made the bulk of their deliveries for this year, though a few odd machines are going out. Sales of machinery in some parts of Ontario were not as large as expected, and surplus stock there is being gathered up and sent up here, where most of the dealers are sold down pretty fine. In this way it is expected that enough stock will be secured to fill all orders. The city retail trade was rather slow, and it is expected business will be quiet until after harvest.

## DRY GOODS.

There is marked dullness in textile branches. In dry goods but a light sorting trade is doing, and in clothing almost nothing. In the latter branch orders for fall delivery are well in hand, though some travellers are still on the road.

## DRUGS.

Quotations are unchanged and as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.50 to \$3; iodide of potassium, \$1.25 to \$4.75; bromide of potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 40 to 45c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 70 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$8 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur

flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 7½ to 8½c.

## FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

Oranges were a somewhat scarce article, and on some days last week were out of the market. The demand, however, is not large, there being a greater variety of other fruits obtainable, which are in better demand at this season. Blueberries are commencing to arrive, and quoted prices will be reduced shortly, as the prices generally steadily declines from the opening figure, as receipts increase. The berries will be plentiful this year, as the crop is said to be large. Melons were out of the market, the Georgia crop being exhausted. A car of Missouri melons were expected to arrive on Saturday. Green stuff and vegetables are now in plentiful supply, of native growth. Apples are now selling in barrels only, boxed being about done. Quotations are as follows: Oranges, 200 to 220 count, \$9.50 to \$10; Messina lemons, \$8 to \$9; apples, per barrel, as to quality, \$6 to \$7; bananas, \$3 to \$4 per bunch; cucumbers, 60c per doz; tomatoes, ½ bushel boxes, \$1.50; watermelons, \$ — per doz; new cabbage, 5c per pound or \$8 per crate; California fruit:—Peaches, \$3 per box; pears, \$1.00 per box; plums, \$3.00 per box; blueberries easy at about 4c per pound; Southern onions, \$8.00 per barrel or \$5.50 per 100 pounds. Maple syrup, ½ gal. tins, \$7.75 dozen, quart tins, \$4.50 dozen; Maple sugar, 13c pound, small cakes; cider, rectified, per bbl 32 gallons, \$14.00; in ½ barrels, \$7 50.

## GROCERIES.

Sugars have been again advanced at refineries. A Montreal telegram says: "The market has continued firm at the advance under a good healthy demand. The factory price for granulated is firm at 7½c, with smaller lots up to 7¼c. Yellow range from 5¾ to 6¼c as to quality. In New York granulated is in good demand and firm at 7½c, with raw very strong but quiet. Molasses has a firm tone at the advance. Canadian buyers are on the New York market looking for molasses." Advices received from China continue in strong form for Formosa teas, with growers feeling somewhat independent over short crops. In New York, green and Oolong teas have held firm, and Japan's have decidedly improved in tone. Valencia raisins are strong. Prices are: Sugars, yellows, 7½ to 7¼c as to color, granulated, firm at 8¾c; lumps, to 9¾c. Coffees—Rios, from 21 to 24c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. Syrups, corn, \$2.40 to \$2.60; sugar cane, \$2.50 to \$2.75; T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 48c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

## CANNED GOODS.

Quotations are unchanged and as follows: Tomatoes, \$3.25; peas, \$3.50 to \$3.75; beans, \$2.75 to \$3.00; corn, \$3.25 to \$3.40; peaches, (Canadian) 3lbs., \$3.25; apples, \$3.25 to \$3.50;

pears, \$3.25 to \$3.50; plums, \$4.50 to \$5.00; strawberries \$5.25; raspberries, \$4.75 to \$5.25; peaches (California) \$3.75; pears, \$3.75; Plums, \$7.50; apricots, \$7.75.

## FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Prices are steady as follows: California evaporated peaches, 20 to 35c; do. plums, 20c; do. raspberries, 35c; do. pitted cherries, 25c; do. blackberries, 16c; do. apricots, 23c. Other prices are: Dates, golden 10c per lb.; in 50-lb. boxes; Valencia raisins, \$2.30 to \$2.50 per box; Morand's Valencias, \$2.40 to 2.50 per box; Malagas, London layers, \$3.50; Elemo figs, in different sized boxes, 15c per lb.; Walnuts, 18c per lb.; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb.; coconuts, \$1.20 per dozen.

## HIDES.

Eastern markets are very dull, and selling at under quotations. Calf skins especially are low in price and weak. Quotations here are unchanged as follows: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; bulls, 2c; calf, fine haired real veal, 6 to 11 pound skins, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 4c; sheep pelts, 25 to 60c. Tallow, rendered, 4c per lb; rough, 2c per pound.

## HARDWARE AND METALS.

The movement is light, and prices are almost nominal on some lines of goods. Some lines are easy in price, but the movement is so light that quotations are kept up. Prices are: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates, double, \$12. to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$3.75 to \$4.; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 35 to 40 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 35 to 37c per lb., according to quality; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 6¾; per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.60 to \$2.75 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6½ to 7c

## LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Quotations are as follows: Spanish sole, 26 to 30c; slaughter sole, 26 to 30c; French calf, first choice, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; Bourdon kip, 76c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 27 to 31c for plump stock. American oak butts, 50 to 55c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings, 12c.

## LUMBER.

Following are the list prices, f. o. b. at Rat Portage, Keewatin and Norman:— Dimension—2x4 to 8x8, 12 to 16 ft long, \$14; do 10, 18, and 20 ft long, \$15; 2x10 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$15; do, 10 and 20 ft long, \$16. Fifty cents per M advance on each foot over the above length up to 24 feet long. One dollar per M advance on each foot over 24 feet long. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inches surface. Surfacing, 50c per M; Surfacing and siding, \$1.00 per M. Boards—1st, common, rough, \$15.50, dressed, \$16.50; 2nd common rough \$14, dressed, \$15; Culls, rough, \$10; dressed, \$11; 1st common, stock, 12 in, rough, \$18, dressed, \$19; do, 8x10 in, rough, \$17, dressed, \$18; 2nd common, 12 in, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17; do, 8x10 inch, rough, \$16, dressed, \$16. Ten feet long and under, \$1 less

per M. Shiplap—10 inch, \$17; 8 inch, \$16.50. Siding, ceiling and flooring—1st, 6 inch, \$31; 2nd, do, \$26; 3rd, do, \$27; 4th, do, \$17; 1st, 5 inch, \$31; 2nd, do, \$26; 3rd do, \$19; 4th do, \$16; 1st, 4 inch, \$31; 2nd do, \$26; 3rd do, \$18; 4th do, \$15; 8 and 10 inch flooring, at \$1 per M advance. \$1 per M advance for dressing on both sides. \$1 per M less for lengths 10 feet and under. Reveal Siding—No. 1, 1st siding  $\frac{1}{2}$  in x 6 in, \$20; No. 2, do, \$17. Stock—B, \$35; C, \$30; D, \$25. Clear, 1 inch—1st and 2nd, \$32; 3rd, \$28.  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , and 2 inch—1st and 2nd, \$40; 3rd, \$35; selects, \$30; shop, \$25. Mouldings—Window Stops, per 100 feet lineal, 75 cts; Parting Strips, do, 50 cts;  $\frac{1}{4}$  round and cove, per 100 feet lineal, 60 cts. Casing—4 inch, O. G., per 100 feet lineal, \$1.50; 5 in, do, \$1.75; 6 in, do, \$2; 8 inch, O. G., base, \$3; 10 in, do, \$3.75. Lath, \$1.75. Shingles—1st quality, \$3; 2nd do, \$2.50; 3rd do, \$1.50; 4th do, \$1. Dealers are requested to order by number.

#### PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Turpentine is quoted 5c lower, but other prices are generally steady. Quotations here are as follows. Turpentine, 75c in five-gallon cans, or 70c in barrels; harness oil \$1.00; neatsfoot oil, \$1.25; linseed oil, raw, 68c per gallon; boiled, 70c in barrels or 5c advance in five-gallon lots; seal oil, steam refined, \$1; castor,  $12\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb.; lard, No. 1, \$1.25 per gal. olive oil, pure, \$1.50; union salad, \$1.25; machine oil, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 26c; water white, 29c. American oils, Eocene, 31c; water white, 31c; sunlight, 28c. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per barrel; Portland cement, \$5 to \$5.50; white lead, genuine, \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.25. Alabastine, \$8 per case of 20 pkgs.

#### WINES AND SPIRITS.

Prices are: Canadian rye whiskey, five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debonche & Co., \$4.50; Martell, vintage 1855, \$6.50; vintage 1880, \$7.50; Hennessy, \$6.50 to \$7.50 for vintage 1855 to 1880; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry, \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$1.00 to \$1.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martell and Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$14.00 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$19. v. s. o. p., \$22.

#### WOOL.

Prices hold at about the following quotations: 7 to 8c for unwashed fleeces, and 12 to 15c for washed. Western ranch sheep, 11 to 14c.

## THE MARKETS.

### WINNIPEG.

#### WHEAT.

Very little will be doing in wheat until after harvest, and quotations are irregular, from 60c upwards being paid to farmers for the few loads coming in, where there are buyers. The weather has continued very favorable for filling, and with a few weeks more of good weather, the yield will certainly be very heavy. The crops are generally estimated to be from a week

to ten days later than last year, with some exceptions. Calculations are being made that wheat cutting will commence about the 20th of August.

#### FLOUR.

Quotations in broken lots to the local trade were: Patents, \$2.25; strong bakers, \$2.05; XXXX, \$1.55; superfine, \$1.40.

#### MILLSTUFFS.

Prices were very strong, on account of the great demand for shipment eastward, and the high prices ruling at Toronto and Montreal. Bran advanced to \$10 per ton, and shorts to \$13 per ton.

#### OATS.

Were selling on the market from wagons at 35c. Car lots nominal, but worth about 32c on track for shipment eastward.

#### OATMEAL.

Prices to the trade in broken lots are: Standard, \$2.65; granulated, \$2.80; rolled oats, \$3.20.

#### EGGS.

Prices hold firm at 15c, and in some instances 16c has been obtained for single case lots.

#### BUTTER.

Continues very dull and easy in price, though receipts are not large. About 15c is now the usual price for choice qualities, though 16c is sometimes obtained for small lots. Medium to good rules from 10 to 14c.

#### CHEESE.

Sales of small or box lots continue to be made in a jobbing way at 12c.

#### LARD.

Is strong in sympathy with provisions generally, and is now usually quoted at \$2.50 in 20 lb. pails.

#### CURED MEATS.

Hog products continue strong and some sharp advances in quotations are again noted. Chicago cured is about the only thing in the market in any quantity, and the advance is due to the appreciation in prices there. Some home curing is being done. Prices are: Long clear, scarce at 12c; smoked,  $13\frac{1}{2}$  to 13c; breakfast bacon, 15c; rolls, 15c; hams, 16c; Armour's star hams, 18c; do. breakfast bacon, 16c.

#### DRESSED MEATS.

Beef sides are quoted at 7c. Mutton steady at 11c; Hogs at 8 to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

#### LIVE STOCK.

Cattle hold at about 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, which is the usual quotation. A car of hogs for packing arrived on Thursday, and small lots are frequently arriving, with cattle. Prices for hogs were easier, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c being above the top quotation.

### Binder Twine.

In view of the very heavy nature of the straw this season, a good deal of uneasiness is being felt throughout the country as to the supply of binder twine. Last year, dealers in binder twine were caught napping, and the result was a serious loss to the country. In 1886 the crops were light in straw, and the quantity of twine consumed per acre was small. Dealers had considerable twine left over, and on this account they were cautious about ordering supplies for 1887. In the latter year the quantity of twine used per acre was nearly double what it was in 1886. Supplies ran out, and it was impossible to replenish stocks in time. Manufacturers both in Canada and the United States were short on twine last year, and were unable to fill orders on short notice. The result was that the price of twine advanced to fancy figures, and those who were not supplied early in the season had to pay dearly.

Twine was brought to Winnipeg by express in some instances, of course at a heavy extra cost. From 15 cents, prices to farmers here went as high as 25 cents per pound. In addition to the extra cost, farmers lost from the grain becoming over ripe, before they could get twine to go on with the cutting, whilst others had to resort to mowing or binding the grain by hand.

This year it is difficult to say at the present moment whether or not there will be a shortage in the supply of twine, a diversity of opinion prevailing among dealers on the point. Some are positive that there will be a greater shortage than last year, whilst others think there will be a plentiful supply.

Early this spring the crop outlook was not favorable, and dealers were somewhat cautious about ordering twine. The same may be said of farmers. When the crop prospect improved an effort was made in some instances to increase orders from factories, but this is not always possible at a late date in the season, and herein lies the difficulty. On account of the poor prospects early in the season, most of the dealers only ordered about the same quantity of twine as they had sold last year. Now, however, it is apparent that the quantity of twine required per acre will be even larger than last year, whilst there will be a considerable increase in the acreage over last year. These dealers who only ordered about the same quantity of twine as last year, are the ones who are most positive there will be a shortage, but it may be remarked that this is in the case of the smaller dealers. On the other hand, one or two of the largest handlers of binding twine, have considerably increased their orders over last year, and these larger dealers think there will be plenty of twine. The latter think the present scare throughout the country is due to the shortage last year. The lesson which farmers received last year has caused them to rush in for twine earlier than usual. Many farmers who ordered twine earlier in the season, are now coming back and increasing their orders from 50 to 100 pounds, owing to the very heavy straw. This has caused a shortage at least of a temporary nature. Several of the dealers have sold all the twine they contracted for, and are unable to supply more. Others, who still have some to spare, have instructed their agents to sell twine only to their regular customers, for a time at least, until the regular customers are supplied, when the surplus, if any will be sold to all comers. This is about the situation at the present time. Dealers who are sold out are endeavoring to obtain additional supplies, with the result doubtful. Inquiries have been made to United States manufacturers, but in most cases replies had not yet been received, and it was not known whether or not supplies could be obtained in this direction. One United States manufacturer applied to reported his factory over-sold, and unable to take further orders. What Canadian manufacturers can do, it is hard to say. Some of the Winnipeg dealers think there will be no trouble in obtaining all the twine required from Canadian factories. They argue, that as the crops are light in Ontario, the quantity of twine consumed there will not be large, and that when the harvest is over in that province, it will be found that there will be a considerable surplus of twine which

can be sent up here in time for our harvest. They feel confident, that though there is an apparent shortage now, on account of the rush of farmers for twine, there will be plenty on hand by the time the article is actually required for use. It may be mentioned that one dealer has secured nearly 100 tons more than he handled last season. To show how farmers have been pressing in orders, it may be stated that sales up to last week were greater than the total for last season. It is therefore quite possible that there will be very few late orders for twine this year, in comparison with last year, and if this be the case, there will not be a shortage. In a few days it will be known whether orders can be filled in the United States, and in case further supplies cannot be had in Eastern Canada, importation from the south will have to be resorted to, if the twine can be secured in that direction. If importing is done on account of the inability of the Canadian manufacturers to fill further orders, it would appear only just to the Manitoba farmers that the Government remit the duty on twine temporarily. So far there has been no advance in prices here, quotations to farmers holding at 16 cents per pound.

#### Personals.

Mr. McKenzie, of McKenzie & Mills, wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, has returned from an extended business trip west.

Mr Hastings, local manager of the Ogilvie company, went east on Monday to attend the funeral of the late John Ogilvie.

W. J. Ives, son of H. R. Ives, of H. R. Ives & Co., manufacturers, of wire, fittings, etc., Montreal was in the city last week.

Walter S. Crone, representing H. A. Nelson & sons, fancy goods, Toronto, was in the city last week, accompanied by Mrs. Crone.

John Morrison, of the Canada Jute Company, was in the city last week. The company is represented in the West by Henderson & Bull, of Winnipeg.

Chas. Davidson, head of the firm of Chas. Davidson & Co., wholesale saddlery and carriage hardware, etc., Toronto, was in the city last week, on one of his regular western business trips.

E. L. Drewry, of the Redwood brewery, Winnipeg, accompanied by his family, returned on Wednesday from a trip to Banff, Victoria and San Francisco. His friends will be pleased to learn that his health has been greatly restored.

Wm. Eaxter, representing A. W. Morris & Bro., manufacturers of binder twine, jute and cotton bags, cordage, etc., was in the city last week. Merrick, Anderson & Co., Winnipeg, agents for the firm here, will carry a large stock of the goods.

#### A Fine Engraving.

At the office of THE COMMERCIAL last week there was delivered a fine large engraving nearly three by four feet in size, mounted in a neat frame, giving a bird's eye view of the city of Montreal. The gift is from Messrs. A. W. Morris & Brother, proprietors of the J. A. Con-

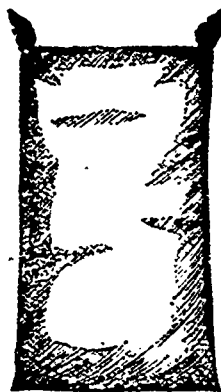
verse Cordage and Jute Manufacturing Co., of Montreal, and came through their agents in this city, Messrs. Merrick, Anderson & Co. The engraving is really a magnificent one, a work of art in every way, and furnishes a comprehensive and minute view of the commercial metropolis of Canada from a point west of the junction of the canal and St. Lawrence River, near to the end of the Victoria Bridge. Unlike most pictures of its class, its details and artistic claims are not sacrificed for the sake of advertisement of the publishers and donors, the only announcement of that kind being a small and modest one of the publishers on the bottom margin, and not in any way mixed into the picture itself. Altogether the engraving suitably framed will make a very fitting ornament for the walls of any residence. We congratulate Messrs. A. W. Morris & Brother, upon the introduction of a new and certainly not an egotistical idea in connection with advertisement in picture form.

THE Winnipeg Free Press made the following important announcement on Saturday. The Legislature will be called before harvest to deal with railway matters in this province. It is understood that the extra session will be very short, and none but railway business will be laid before the House.

At London, Ont., July 21, twenty-eight factories offered 6,426 boxes, 5,430 first half July, 996 last half June. Sales were 60 boxes at 9½c, 300 at 9½c and 215 at 9½c. Twelve buyers were present. A week ago the market was 9½ to 10c and a year ago 10½ to 11c.

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**EASTERN MARKETS.**

**CHICAGO**

On Monday, July 23th, the visible supply statement showed a decrease of 738,000 bushels of wheat. Wheat opened dull, despite stronger cables and bulls' local news. Prices closed lower. August wheat opened at 80½c, and ranged from 79½c to 80½c. Closing prices were:

	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat.....	81½	79½	79½	79½
Corn.....	46½	46½	45½	44½
Oats.....	20½	25½	24½	24½
Pork.....	13.70	13.70	13.77½	13.65
Lard.....	8.55	8.57½	8.62½	8.60
Short Ribs.....	8.02½	8.02½	8.10	8.10

Foreign news were less favorable on Tuesday, for wheat prices, crop prospects being improved. August wheat opened at 79½c, and ranged from 78½c to 79½c. Provisions were strong, on light receipts of hogs and heavy shipping orders for provisions. Closing prices were:

	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat.....	80	78½	78½	79
Corn.....	47½	45½	45½	44½
Oats.....	20½	24½	24½	24½
Pork.....	13.75	13.75	13.85	13.75
Lard.....	8.62½	8.62½	8.70	8.62½
Short Ribs.....	8.12½	8.12½	8.20	8.20

Cables were strong on Wednesday, and Atlantic export clearances were nearly 200,000 bushels. August wheat opened at 78½c, which was the bottom price of the day. The top reached was 80½c at the close. Closing prices were:

	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat.....	82	80½	80½	80½
Corn.....	46½	46½	45½	45½
Oats.....	20½	25	24½	24½
Pork.....	13.77½	13.77½	13.87½	13.82½
Lard.....	8.60	8.62½	8.67½	8.65
Short Ribs.....	8.15	8.15	8.22½	8.25

Heavy selling at the opening on Friday put prices down, but there was a strong undercurrent which overcame the bear movement and put prices up later. Receipts of wheat in the southwest are increasing, but this was offset by strong cables and larger exports. Provisions were strong with sharp buying of pork. Closing prices were:

	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat.....	82	80½	80½	80½
Corn.....	45½	45½	45	44½
Oats.....	20½	24½	23½	24½
Pork.....	14.12½	14.12½	14.25	14.17½
Lard.....	8.72½	8.72½	8.80	8.77½
Short Ribs.....	8.22½	8.22½	8.30	8.30

Closing prices on Saturday, were:

	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat.....	83½	82	82½	83½
Corn.....	45½	45½	45	44½
Oats.....	24	24½	23½	—
Pork.....	14.27½	14.27½	14.37½	14.35
Lard.....	8.77½	8.77½	8.75	—

**DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.**

Closing prices for No. 1 hard on each day of last week were:

	Cash.	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Monday.....	82½	83	80½	81½
Tuesday.....	82½	82½	76½	81
Wednesday.....	—	83	—	—
Thursday.....	81½	82½	81½	81½
Friday.....	83½	83½	82½	82½

Closing prices on Saturday were: July 85½, Aug., 85½, Sept., 83½, Oct., 82½, Dec., 83½.

**The Prospect.**

As the summer moves on the promise of a brisk fall trade is heightened. It is undeniable that during the spring and part of last winter, Calgary experienced a business depression such as had never obtained before. With the bright weather of summer, however, the growing crops, and the prospect of an abundant harvest wherever the fields have been cultivated, business has quickened, and the fall season looks cheerful.

The greater area of land under cultivation this year, together with the first genuine efforts by our farmers in the way of dairying, will prevent results this year, which in the past have absorbed and carried away much of the ready money of the community. We hope to see enough roots and vegetables, grain and general produce harvested on the farms, and enough butter and cheese manufactured in our local dairies, as will supply the local demand. Many thousands of dollars will thus be saved in general circulation in the community, which formerly have gone to purchase these commodities in eastern markets, and to the Canadian Pacific Railway for freight charges on the same. Should our expectations in this regard be justified by the results of this year's agricultural operations, the future will be rosy with promise.—Calgary Tribune.

**Lumber Cuttings.**

High water on the Lake of the Woods is still interfering with the mills. Last week the Rany Lake mill was preventing from running owing to some two feet of water over the lower floor of the mill.

Vigars Bros saw mill, Port Arthur, is running 12 hours per day now, and beginning next week or as soon as enough men can be procured, it is the intention to run day and night gangs.

Exports of lumber from British Columbia during June, were seven ship loads. One ship cleared from Victoria, two from Chemainus, and four from Burrard Inlet. Exports went to South America, Australia and California.

W. C. Wells' saw and planing mill at Palliser, 35 miles east of Donald, B. C., cuts 20,000 feet of lumber a day, and gives employment to 25 men. He will probably stop sawing by the end of August, but will run the planer two months longer. The output finds a market east of the Rockies.

The first ship to load lumber for export at Westminster, B. C., has passed safely out of the river. Now that the navigation of the river is assured, it is thought lumbering on the Fraser will experience a great "boom." Already several new mills are projected. The first vessel to sail took 412,000 feet, for Australia.

*The Mississippi Valley Lumberman:* The country yard man who puts off purchasing a reasonable stock of lumber for two or three months longer, or until the fall demand fairly sets in, is going to get left. It is now evident that lumber will not be any lower a month later than it is now. The danger point has apparently been passed, the lively trade which developed in June and which is still continued making certain that there will be no slump in prices, as was predicted.

*Port Arthur Sentinel:* A very peculiar accident occurred at Vigars Bro's. saw mill about 17.30 o'clock yesterday. Whilst the large 60-inch circular saw was running at full speed it suddenly broke a seven inch circle (full size of the collar) out of its centre, but strange to say, though "wabbling" considerably, remained in place and injured nobody. Had the saw become detached from its fastenings it is horrible to contemplate the amount of mischief it might have done. As a large number of men are employed in and about the mill the launching of that terrible missile among them would have meant death to many. Old millmen say they never knew of such an accident happening before. As one result of the breakage, the mill will remain idle until Wednesday night or Thursday, when a new saw is expected from Montreal and work will be resumed with redoubled vigor, the owners of the mill having determined to run day and night gangs.

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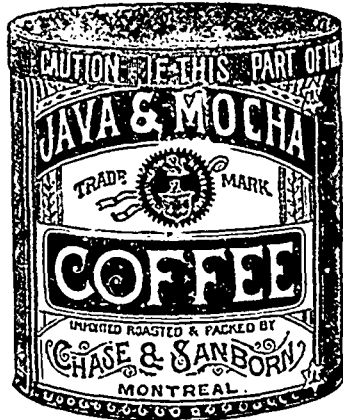
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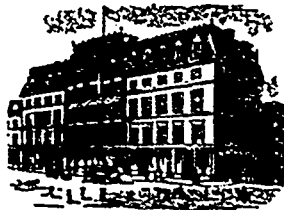
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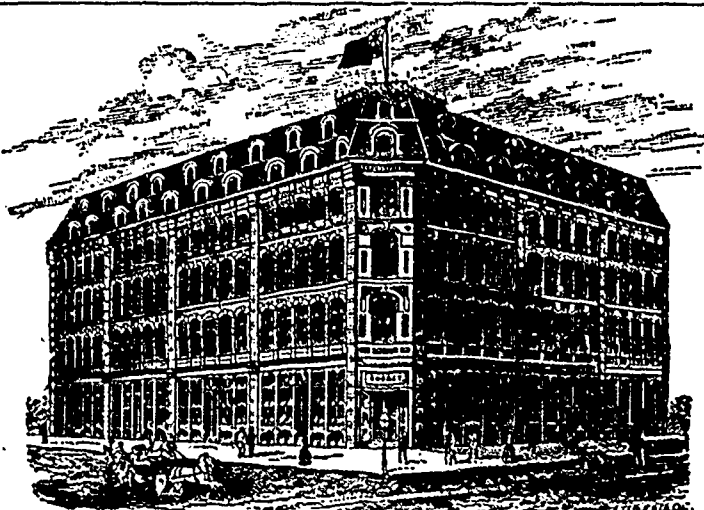
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**British Failures for Six Months.**

The total number of failures in the United Kingdom in the first half of the present year, according to Richard Seyd, was 3,022, against 2,913 in 1887, 2,919 in 1886, 2,599 in 1885, 2,268 in 1884 and 5,693 in 1883. The total for 1888 it will be noted exceeds that in any previous year since 1883. Since 1883 a large number of private arrangements have been made yearly which are not included in the totals from 1883 onward. The number of private arrangements in the first half of 1888 given for the first time was 1,606. The total of wholesale failures in 1888 was 338, and of retail 2,684, against respectively 295 and 2,618 in the first half of 1887. In the wholesale failures manufacturers and merchants appear to have figured most largely. In the retail line grocers were most prominent.—Ex.

**Insurance Briefs.**

An eastern exchange says: The insurance companies have settled with the *Winnipeg Call*, which newspaper receives \$10,405 and salvage, in lieu of \$21,400 insurance.

The *Standard* foots up the losses for the first week in July at \$1,849,000, making the total since January 1, \$59,152,000, at which rate the fire loss for the year will be \$115,457,196.

According to the *Insurance World* the Pennsylvania insurance companies last year made an aggregate reduction of their surplus amounting to \$737,680.07. They still have a balance left upon which to draw in the future, as they certainly will have to do if they continue in the practice of selling insurance at less than cost.

The *Argus* says that the hostility to fire insurance is idiotic since every additional burden increases its cost. And yet you cannot impress the fact upon the average legislator, for ninety per cent seem to be firmly of the opinion that insurance companies are organized to pay onerous taxes and to submit to all manner of unfair legislation.

*Cincinnati Price Current:* A boiler house had been erected near the building insured and burned, which was a breach of condition. The adjuster entered upon a settlement of the loss, knowing of this breach of condition, thus recognizing the claim by entering into settlement, thereby causing the assured expense and trouble. The court held the forfeiture waived.

John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, now has an insurance of \$1,000,000 on his life, the policy which brought the amount up to that point having been received a few days ago. He has policies in twenty-nine companies, three of the number each carrying \$100,000. He pays \$60,000 premiums annually. So far as is known there is no other man in the world whose life is insured for such an enormous amount.

A Montreal exchange says: One life insurance company has hit upon a novel plan to extend its business in this city. An advertisement was inserted in the daily papers offering loans on salaries without publicity. Applicants for loans were informed that they could not be granted unless they took out policies for large sums in the specified insurance company. One accountant who applied for a loan of \$250 was informed as a preliminary that he must take out a policy for \$5,000 in this company. As the gentleman in question was over 40 years of age, he felt the premium would make too large a hole in the loan and so declined the offer.

The half-yearly meeting of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company was held lately at Toronto, the President, Sir John A. Macdonald, being in the chair. The report presented by the managing director J. B. Carlile, to the board was an extremely favorable one. It shows that since the first of January, 1,600 applications, amounting to \$3,140,000, have been received. Of these, 1,313, amounting to \$2,500,000, were accepted and the policies issued, the premiums thereon being \$58,530; 95 applications for \$195,000, were incomplete or deferred; and 192 applications for \$384,000, were declined. The company have now on their books over \$5,000,000 of business. This is a record that any Company might well feel proud of.

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**Business East.**

ONTARIO.

John Findon, grocer, Brockville, has assigned.  
W. A. Short, jeweller, Iroquois, has assigned.  
J. Greaves, druggist, Parkdale, has sold out.  
J. S. Bailey, refrigerators, Toronto, has assigned.

Jas. Ingram, baker, etc., Hensall, has sold out.

John French, hardware, Alvinston, has sold out.

Alex. Corriveau, trader, Lornville, has assigned.

W. A. Nesbitt, grocer, Morrisburg, has assigned.

J. W. Stafford, baker, etc., Port Elgin, has sold out.

Miss E. F. Archer, millinery, Toronto, has assigned.

Fairhead & Taylor, trunks, Toronto, have assigned.

J. S. Montgomery, painter, Toronto, has assigned.

Edward Peltz, brooms, Walkerton, has assigned.

H. W. Dease, hardware, Essex Centre, has assigned.

D. C. Huntoon, printer, Wallaceburg, has sold out.

A. Shannon, coal and wood, Toronto, has sold out.

D. J. Kelly, coal, etc., Parkdale, sheriff in possession.

D. Taylor, barber Chesley, has removed to Port Elgin.

Jos. Brick, grist and saw mill, Formosa, was burned out.

Geo. Andrews & Co., dry goods, etc., Guelph, have assigned.

Eureka Concrete Co., Toronto, meeting of creditors held.

Wm. Truesdale, grocer, Waterford, assignee's sale advertised.

T. H. O'Neill, hotel, Toronto, advertises business for sale.

C. F. Decew, general storekeeper, Alvinston, is moving to Watford.

Judson Casselman, general storekeeper, Chesterville, has assigned.

E. C. Lewis, hotel and saw mill, Essex Centre, has sold out hotel business.

Rordans & Co., law stationers, Toronto, Joshua Rordans, of this firm, is dead.

H. L. Davis, barber; John C. Gilpin, hardware; R. T. Gilpin, shoes; Mrs. B. Henry, fancy goods, and Joseph Stafford, harness, St. Mary's, were burned out.

QUEBEC.

J. Ledoux, furniture, Montreal, factory burned.

Montreal Cash Bakery, Montreal, bakery burned.

T. F. G. Foisy, pianos, etc., Montreal, A. R. Archambault admitted partner under style of T. F. G. Foisy & Co.

Star Collar Box Co., Montreal, damaged by water, &c.

Trudeau & Fremby, tinsmiths, Montreal, have dissolved.

Rubenstein & Rudolphe, tailors, Montreal, have dissolved.

Gauthier & Monette, contractors, Montreal, have dissolved.

Jean & Angers, tinsmiths, &c., Montreal, have dissolved.

Laporte & Jacques, stoves, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.

B. Ledoux, carriages, Montreal, partly damaged by fire and water.

J. O. Lafreniere, saw mill and lumber, Louisvile, saw mill burned.

Parent & Lachapelle, shoe manufacturer, Montreal, have dissolved.

F. Pageau, shoes, Montreal, stock partially damaged by fire and water.

Bousquet & Co., contractors, Montreal, have dissolved. Auguste & Jos. Bousquet continue under same style.

Richard Duckett, Tait, Burch & Co., dry goods, Montreal, have ceased doing business under this style.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Wm. Myers, gasfitter, etc., Halifax, has assigned.

Charles Church, general store keeper, Chester, has sold out.

W. F. Symonds & Co., drugs, etc., Annapolis, F. W. Symonds is dead.

M. A. Harlow, general store keeper, North Brookfield, has assigned.

**Dairy Matters.**

The average weekly output of cheese from the Manitou factory is 4,340 pounds.

The output of the Thornhill and LaRiviere cheese factories is about 2,170 pounds weekly.

Under the management of J. Dutton, the Birtle cheese factory is manufacturing more than double the number of cheeses turned out last year. The quality is excellent.

A Grenfell correspondent writes: "The Grenfell Cheese Company, Grenfell, Assa., have paid their May dividend and the patrons have received \$1 per one hundred pounds of milk. The average has been 9½ pounds of milk to one pound of cheese, and the price received for the May make was 14c. The factory is now turning out about 700 pounds daily and the Company are making weekly shipments to the Pacific coast and along the line of the C.P.R. A shipment of the Grenfell cheese is now en route to Japan. This is a highly satisfactory showing, and, we think, beats the record."

A. McLean, from Stayner, Ont., has opened a boot and shoe store at Kamloops.

A Montreal telegram says: Present appearances indicate that Gibson, of the New Brunswick mill, will enter the cotton combine and that the combination will be continued another year. If this is the case the outlook is reassuring, as the Gibson mills have always been a source of trouble to the association.

## Potatoes.

Great Britain has sent to the United States since October 1st to date the enormous quantity of 1,166,205 sacks of potatoes, while last season the receipts only amounted to 35,349 sacks, giving an increase of 1,130,856 sacks over last year. The bulk of the potatoes have come from Scotland, although England and Ireland have contributed their share; and in addition to above figures may be added 80,083 sacks from the Continent, compared to 6,640 sacks last year. Bermuda and West Indies have furnished about the same as last season, 27,239 bbls arriving, against 29,465 bbls last year; but there has been a marked increase in the supply from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The total amount from these points for the season to date is 88,506 barrels and 211,476 bushels, with last year's figures only 8,715 barrels and 216,940 bushels. The choice quality of most of the European potatoes have given them an excellent reputation, especially the variety called the Magnum, and the wide outlet and the eager demand has made them easily salable at profitable prices the entire season, except once or twice when the market staggered under enormous receipts. The Scotch Magnum is most in favor and generally commands from 5 to 15c per sack more than the English or Irish Magnum. Some varieties of German potatoes have also become very popular. Latest advices from England show a perfect glut of potatoes. The railroads into London have every siding full of loaded cars which are being forced into cash at ruinously low prices. Even in the metropolis champions are being sold at 15s per ton. While for the best magnums 25s to 40s are all that can be got. These prices certainly will not leave much profit to the grower after paying carriage and commission. *Exchange.*

## Credit and Competition.

The officials who control our banking institutions have exceptional facilities for forming a judgement as to the business of the country and the financial position of those who are conducting it. When the managers of our banks speak to the assembled shareholders of the losses from bad debts, and the great hazard in this respect owing to the system of long credits, their observations should have great weight. This system of long credits is certainly an evil, and one that seems to increase. It pervades every branch and stage of business; the wholesale exporters abroad, the manufacturers, the wholesale houses in the country, the jobbers, the retailers and their customers, all seem to vie with each other in giving and taking the longest possible credit. Long-dated bills and dating forward are pushed continually to greater extremes in the fierceness of competition and the difficulty of making speedy collections while forcing trade. Those who are in a position to do so would act wisely in putting on the drags instead of making the pace greater.

But there is another evil which has a close connection with this system of long credits and that is the unnecessary and unprofitable multiplication of competition. Whether it arises from our system of education, from the haste to grow rich, the gregariousness of our population, or

whatever may be the cause, it is the fact that nowhere is there a greater tendency than in Canada to crowd into the towns. Nowhere is the urban population larger in proportion to the rural. And it is also the case that an exceptionally large number wish to gain a living or to acquire wealth by being distributors rather than producers. Now producers would be of little use unless their products were distributed to consumers, but as soon as those who are thus employed become over-numerous they are obviously a dead weight upon the whole community. And this is certainly the case in Canada; every business is overdone, in every trade there are more competitors than are required, or than can hope to be successful. It is not only the waste of labor, of rents and other expenditures, but there is also an enormous dead weight of unnecessary stock. Take a town for instance where there are twice as many retail dry good stores as could do the business; there are also probably double the stocks that would be necessary, for each establishment must need carry full lines to attract and satisfy customers. So their shelves are loaded with a profusion of goods, not yet paid for, which cannot move off rapidly since the town is overstocked, and for which cash will not be received very quickly even after they are sold. For this, it cannot be denied, the banks with the wholesale houses are largely responsible. Are they prudent in giving so much encouragement to this exaggerated competition? Some of the firms thus crowding business have more ambition than capital, indeed they have not sufficient capital to warrant the extent of their operations. Yet they seem to find no difficulty in obtaining easy credit from the wholesale houses, and easy discounts from the banks. Playing with other people's money they are naturally somewhat reckless, and there is more than the average risk of loss from bad debts in such cases. But this does not end the mischief. The wholesale men and the banks are actually helping these unstable and venturesome traders to cut into the steady, safe business of their old and good customers, perhaps bringing them also into difficulties. A little more conservatism, both as to the length and breadth of credit, would not be amiss. *Toronto Empire.*

## Russian Harvest Prospects.

British millers will hail with satisfaction the favorable news to hand from Russia, concerning the prospects of the approaching harvest. Last year's wheat crop was of exceptional abundance, as is evidenced by the fact that during the month of March, April and May last, more than 400 steamers, exceeding 1,000 tons burden, have left the port of Taganrog, in the sea of Azov, laden with grain cargoes, and that this season's Odessa shipments in British vessels alone amount to 35,000,000 bushels. But we are now told that the exceedingly rich crop of 1887 will be altogether thrown into the shade by that of 1888. In Bessarabia and in the Crimea it is anticipated that the yield of wheat will be unprecedented both as regards weight and quality. If this forecast is verified by the fact, the millers of this country will indeed have reason for congratulation, seeing that it is precisely from those districts that we draw some of the most valuable varieties of Russian wheat. That

the climatic condition in South Russia have during this past ripening time been unusually propitious to the husbandman is borne out by the current reports as to the present appearance of the southern steppes, which in place of the scorched waste they too often present in this month, are now offering abundant pasture for the flocks and herds.—*Miller, London, England.*

## Grain and Milling.

The Winnipeg grain exchange held a special meeting and passed resolutions expressing sympathy with the friends of the late Mr. John Ogilvie on his sudden death.

H. N. Rorison, of Moosejaw; Assa., is agitating the building of a grain elevator with a capacity of 20,000 bushels. He asks a bonus of \$1,000 from the district.

R. Ironside has decided to build an elevator at Manitou. It will have a capacity of 40,000 bushels. This will make three elevators at this point, and as yet no flouring mill.

It is reported that a 6,000 barrel flour mill will be built at Duluth. Of this report the *American Miller* says: We think we know something of the milling industry, and the last thing needed is another 6,000 barrel mill. Let the Duluth folks content themselves with a 1,000 barrel mill. That is enough for yielding bad profits.

Port Arthur *Sentinel*. Over 250 men are now employed in preparing the foundation, etc., for the new elevator at Fort William. This number includes nearly all the section men between Ignace and Port Arthur. Pile driving will begin on Monday, when eight pile drivers will be engaged in pounding immense sticks of timber into the bosom of mother earth. It is also said that 300 carpenters from Winnipeg and neighborhood are expected to arrive to-day or tomorrow to commence framing operations.

An Ottawa telegram says: The Manitoba Milling and Brewing Company, (flour mill at Carberry, Man.) contracted in October last to supply Perley & Pattee, lumbermen of this place, with oats at any point demanded by the latter, at a rate per bushel. The first instalment of the contract was ordered to be delivered at Mattawa, at Christmas. At that time oats had risen in price and the company failed to deliver the oats, and moreover they notified Perley & Pattee that they did not intend to fill their contract. The lumber firm took action, and after thwarting the milling company in their effort to have the action removed from Ottawa to Winnipeg, got judgment for \$1,200. The defendants still beld fast and refused to pay the verdict, and the difficulties of serving an execution in Manitoba favored their tactics. The plaintiffs, however, were on the watch, and on July 10th, having been previously apprised that a car of flour and another of oats were on their way east, they succeeded in attaching them. The sale of them was to have taken place, but in the meantime the Manitobans had surrendered and settled by the payment of \$2,000.

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### Western Notes.

*MacLeod Gazette*:—The total number of calves branded by the stockmen of the Little Bow range, Alberta, amounted to 1,330. The calves are now coming thick and fast and it is expected the fall branding will be a big one.

*Portage Review*:—Lots on Saskatchewan Avenue that could have been bought for \$300 or \$400 six months ago are now up in the thousands. If this is not another boom what is it, anyway! Evidently the Portage is not dead yet.

The contract for finishing Lee & Brealey's new hotel at Calgary, has been let to A. Kennedy, and work begun. It is expected it will be rushed through to completion. This is the building of which N. D. McDonald & Co., of Winnipeg, have secured the plumbing.

*Moosomin Courier*:—We are glad to welcome back Mr. and Mrs. Wyssman, old residents of this vicinity. They have been taking a trip to California, with a view of settling in that country, but did not seem satisfied with what they saw and experienced, and have accordingly come back to the Territories.

*Birtle Observer*:—A considerable number of persons are cultivating the native gooseberry in their gardens and find the bushes hardy, prolific and luxuriant. A large quantity of the berries are brought to market. No doubt the native gooseberry will improve in size and quality by continued cultivation.

*Calgary Tribune*:—The contract for sinking a shaft and levels at the Coal Creek mine, Cochrane, has been awarded to Mr. Ramsay, late of the Anthracite Coal Company. The work commenced on Monday, and the first 50 feet of main shaft and 200 feet of levels are to be completed within twenty days.

*Brandon Sun*:—Not for five years has there been so much money expended in building in this city as there has been expended this season. In every quarter of the town large and handsome private residences are being erected, and men with spare capital are placing it in buildings, with a good hope for a speedy return from their investment.

It is understood that the municipal councils in Southern Manitoba intend petitioning the Government to have them cancel all sales of odd numbered sections which are in arrears in payment and have them thrown open again for sale to the highest bidder. These lands were in many cases sold years ago at one dollar per acre and only one payment made to the Government and have remained ever since in the hands of speculators who hold them at big prices to the detriment of the settlement of the country.

It is said that on the North Saskatchewan River in the Northwest Territory of Canada, about 80 miles above the town of Edmonton, Alberta, there is an interesting example of naturally reduced iron. Along the river bank a lignite formation crops out for several miles, overlaid by clay shales and soft argillaceous sandstones containing nodules of clay ironstone. These nodules are similar to others found at Edmonton, and proved by analysis to be carbonate of iron, containing 3498 per cent. of metallic iron. The Saskatchewan seam of lignite has at some time been burnt, leaving a bed of ashes, clinkers and burnt clay, in places twenty feet thick, and now covered by a dense growth of grass and underwood. From the mass of burnt clay pieces of metallic iron can be picked out, weighing in some cases 15 or 20 pounds. They have evidently been reduced from the nodules above mentioned by the heat of the burning lignite. Most of the pieces of iron are much rusted, but when scratched with a file they show a bright surface. The observation is interesting, and to some may help to explain how primitive man originally discovered the reduction of iron ore.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Hamilton board of trade: President, Capt. J. B. Fairgreive; vice-president, E. A. Dalley; secretary, Richard Benner. Council—W. H. Gillard, T. H. Macpherson, Wm. Hendrie, Geo. Roach, John Knox, W. E. Sanford, Adam Brown, R. R. Morgan, James Walker, Alex. Turner, F. C. Bruce, G. E. Tuckett, W. H. Glasco, J. J. Mason, C. J. Hope, J. H. Park, W. F. Findlay, J. J. Stuart, H. W. Sewell, R. Thompson, J. Eastwood, John W. Murton, Jas. Stewart, David Morton, sr., and James Scott.

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**Death of Mr John Ogilvie.**

There was a feeling of an indescribable character pervading business circles in Winnipeg, on Monday last, when the news spread, that Mr. John Ogilvie, the head of the great Ogilvie Milling Company had died suddenly at an early hour that morning at his home in Montreal. The deceased gentleman although he had never been a permanent resident of this province, was probably as generally known and as universally respected as any man, resident or non-resident, who was ever connected with its growth and progress, and his connection therewith has certainly been a close one during the past ten years.

Some thirty-three years ago Mr. John Ogilvie connected himself with his elder brother (now Senator A. W. Ogilvie) in the milling business in Montreal, the firm being since known in that city as A. W. Ogilvie & Co. Subsequently the firm extended their operations to Goderich and Seaforth, Ontario, where they still own large roller mills. Westward they turned their attentions, and as early as 1878 they commenced the purchase of wheat in Manitoba for shipment to their eastern mills by the Red River in boats, thence to Duluth by rail and thence by lake to the points of consignment. That year the firm shipped out of this province about 20,000 bushels. In 1881 they commenced the construction of their large roller mill at Point Douglass in this city, and as railways extended westward they constructed elevators and warehouses, and placed buyers at different points, until now these can be numbered by the score. With all this progress in the Northwest Mr.

John Ogilvie has been intimately connected, and until the present year, when failing health prevented him, he made his driving tours of hundreds of miles throughout the country, while the crop was still growing and ripening, and each fall was in a position to estimate pretty accurately the yield, quality and aggregate of the crop coming to market. Through all the days of depression after our boom Mr. Ogilvie was the firm friend of the Northwest, and never lost confidence in it, although many possessed of less courage sacrificed and pulled out of it. During the darkest days he and his associates in the Ogilvie Milling Company were steadily extending their operations until the present time, when their annual exports from this country are counted in millions of bushels.

In Mr. Ogilvie's death the Northwest has certainly lost one of its best and firmest friends. But the loss will be severely felt in many other parts of Canada, for by his death the Dominion has lost one of its ablest and most upright business men. One of the old stock who has fought successfully through all the trials of the country, even before the great collapse of 1857.

In this province and in the east, there are smaller circles of more intimate friends, who will feel more keenly Mr. Ogilvie's loss, for besides being a whole souled friend, he was a wise councillor and a generous one to men of less experience, who sought his advice. As might be expected he leaves an ample fortune, which doubtless would have been much greater had he survived a few years more, for at the time of his death he and his associates were only beginning to realize with any degree of

liberality from their many years of labor and enterprise.

There is some cause for satisfaction in the fact, that Mr. Ogilvie will be succeeded in the headship of the business by Mr. W. W. Ogilvie his brother, who has been long associated with the deceased in its management, and is consequently eminently fitted for the responsibility which will now fall upon him.

A new weekly paper, the *Commercial Advertiser*, has been started at Montreal, by W. H. Eaton, 568 Craig street.

The new refinery of the St. Lawrence Company is rapidly approaching completion, and according to present calculations it will have sugar on the market by the first of September.

The English Board of Trade returns show a decrease of 21½ per cent. in the June exports to Canada, and 16½ per cent. decrease in the six months to June 30th. The decline is in cotton and worsted goods. The imports from Canada decreased 31 per cent. for the month and 13½ for the six months, largely in oxen, wheat and flour.

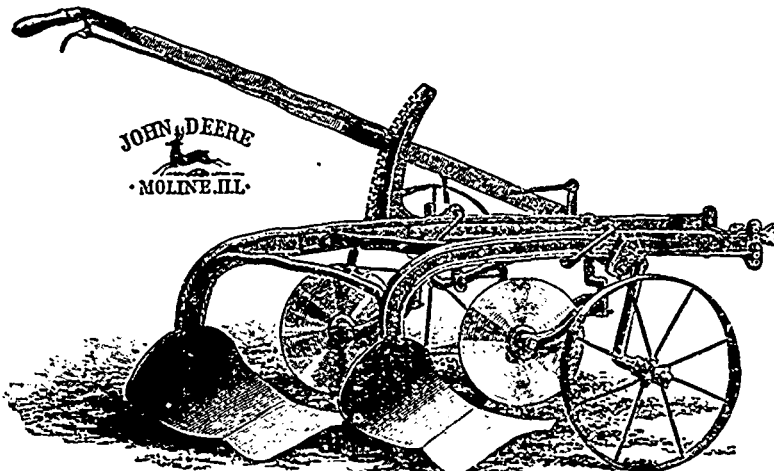
A Montreal tobacconist who had placed in the centre of his store a bronze statuette of Sir John A. Macdonald smoking a cigar, as a gas jet for the use of customers, advertised in the papers that the right honorable gentleman would hold a daily reception on the premises. Sir John took exception to this familiarity, and has instituted an action against him for \$5,000 damages for using his name for advertising purposes.

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**British Columbia.**

John Leask has opened an office as real estate agent, accountant, etc., at Vancouver.

J. W. McKenzie, of Anthracite, Alberta, will shortly open a general store at Illecillewaet.

Angus & Gordon, of Victoria, received the contract for grocer's supplies for the Skeena expedition against the Indians.

Exports of coal from British Columbia for June were, 38,497 tons, valued at \$192,035, principally to San Francisco.

A. J. Hill, C. E., and an engineering and surveying staff are at work locating the line of the Southern Railway from the boundary to the south bank of the Fraser River, opposite Westminster.

T. & N. W. Dobeson, practical foundrymen and machinists, of Grateshead, England, have arrived at Nanaimo, and secured a site for a foundry and machine shop, and have a plant on the way from England.

Neville Smith, formerly of Chatham, Ontario, and recently of James River district, Dakota, has opened a general agency and commission office at Vancouver, and has formed connections with several of the largest manufacturers and importers in the East.

The Coquitlam Water Works Company has let the contract for clearing the pipe line and making to wagon road through to Coquitlam Lake to Duncan McLennan. No time will be lost in completing the water system to Westminster.

The Canadian Pacific steamship line consists of seven vessels plying between Hong Kong, Yokohama and Vancouver, this number being made up by the Abyssinia, Parthia, Batavia, and the four extra steamers, the Zambezi, Port Adelaide, Aberdeen and Albany.

The Illecillewaet Mining Company, have reached a distance of 19 feet into the mountain and a rich vein has been struck which gives rich promise. The vein is four feet wide and some of the samples taken from it assay \$300 in silver to the ton. Both the veins discovered are pitching toward the main lead which is expected to be struck at a distance of 80 to 100 feet from the mouth of the tunnel.

Grasshoppers it is said are playing havoc with the crops in portions of Cariboo district. At Pinchbeck's ranche, at William's Lake, a field of thirty-five acres of grain was eaten perfectly clean. The other fields are being flooded in an attempt to drown the destructive hoppers. At China Gulch the hoppers are so thick as to prevent the cattle from feeding. There are millions of the pests.

The official organ of the booksellers and stationers association, Toronto, says We are glad to notice that J. B. Ferguson has again resumed business in Victoria, B. C., the firm name being Ferguson & Co. We feel certain we are only expressing the sentiments of his many friends in the trade here when we say we are heartily glad he is again on his feet, and we sincerely hope he has seen the last of floods, fires and business losses. He is made of the right stuff to succeed, and no doubt prosperity will finally crown his efforts.



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