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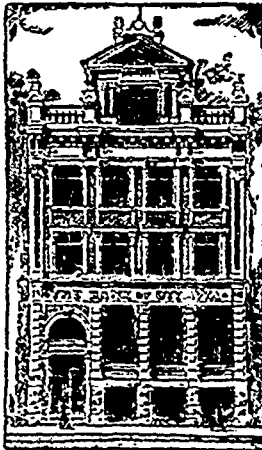
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An ingenious South Dakota farmer named A. J. Wakefield has found a new use for threshing engines which promises to revolutionize the present method of transporting grain from farms to market points. Wakefield conceived the idea that his thresher engine would serve the purpose of hauling his grain to Faulkton, the railroad point nearest his farm.

Accordingly, as an experiment, he hitched five wagons together, one behind the other, and after loading them with an aggregate of 100 bushels of wheat, coupled the thresher engine to the string of wagons and started on the journey to Faulkton. The trip of fifteen miles was made in six hours. Wakefield had but one assistant. One of the unique features of the innovation is that the thresher engine is the same with which he threshed his grain. Thus it serves a double purpose, that of threshing as well as furnishing the motive power for taking the grain to market after it has been threshed.

During the passage of the curious procession along the country roads the farmers living along the route temporarily abandoned their work in order to watch the strange sight. Everywhere on the journey the greatest interest was evinced in the experiment, and when the unusual procession entered Faulkton it attracted the attention of hundreds of the townspeople. Wakefield carefully noted the manner in which the engine hauled its load, and is satisfied that the capacity of the engine is sufficient to haul double the number of loaded wagons transported on the experimental trip.

It is therefore his purpose to haul about 1,000 bushels of grain on the next and subsequent trips. Several good results are noticeable from the experiment. Notwithstanding the consumption of coal, the employment of the thresher engine makes, in Wakefield's opinion, a considerable saving, both in time and money, over the usual method of hauling grain to market with horses. Fifty bushels of grain is an ordinary load for a team of horses. Thus the 100 bushels hauled by the thresher engine on the experimental trip would have required ten trips if hauled by a team.

Counting alone the time consumed would mean a great saving in utilizing the engine over the old method of transporting by team. Another favorable feature is that the employment of the thresher engine renders unnecessary the taking from the fields of the horses at a time when, owing to the probable early setting-in of winter and the consequent stopping of fall farm work, every hour they are employed in fall plowing is of the utmost importance.

Wakefield believes that outside of hauling his own grain to market, considerable money could be made by hauling the grain of other farmers to market. Charges would necessarily be fixed at such a figure as to make a saving to the farmers and still leave a good profit for the owner of the thresher engine.

He says he also expects to see the owners of threshing machines, which are each season taken from the towns into the country districts to do threshing for farmers, employed at the completion of threshing in hauling grain to market instead of being taken back to the homes of their owners to remain

in idleness until the following fall, as is now the case.

A good result which is expected to come from the employment of thresher engines in the transportation of grain to market points is that the constant passing of the heavy engines, having as they do wheels with unusually broad tires, over the country roads, will pack smooth and otherwise improve them to such an extent as to place them in a condition of excellence not equalled anywhere else in the world.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Falcon Lake (Man.) properties are beginning to receive more attention than has hitherto been devoted them. A good deal of development work is being done on several locations, and some U. S. capitalists went in last week to have a look over the field.

Mikado's gold production for November is the biggest yet; it is said to exceed 2,000 ounces. The ore is getting richer as the work progresses, and the selection that is now done, keeps the stamps supplied with the best grade ore only, the low grade ore being put aside for treatment later on.

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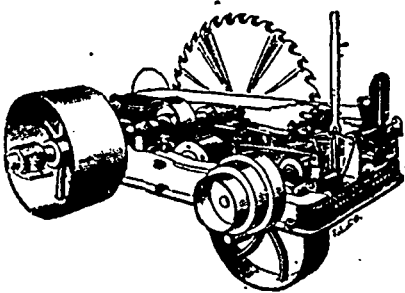
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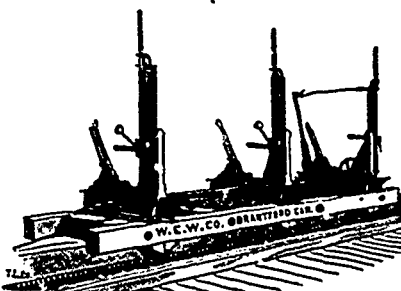
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## LAC DU BONNET COMPANY.

The Commercial has rarely undertaken to recommend mining, or in deed stocks of any kind, to the public as a safe investment. In the Lac du Bonnet Mining, Developing and Manufacturing Co., however, we believe that we have an enterprise which it is perfectly safe to recommend to those who are looking for profitable investment of surplus funds. While this company holds some promising mining claims, their principal enterprise is more in the line of a manufacturing industry, and their product is of a nature that it will find an unlimited market at home, supplying indeed a "long felt want." The valuable properties held by the company, together with the nature of the industry, are such as to practically warrant the belief that the company will be able to realize good profits from almost the beginning of their operations.

The Lac du Bonnet company is composed entirely of local men, well known in business circles here. The properties which they own, and the industries which they propose to develop are moreover, situated within the province. The business is one which will be of great advantage to Winnipeg and Manitoba at large, as it will be the means of supplying the home demand for goods which are now largely imported from the States. In addition, therefore, to the fact that the enterprise has every indication of being a safe and profitable one, there is the further incentive that any investment in this stock will assist in building up an important local industry.

A few words about the company and its properties. The company holds a charter under the provincial joint

stock company's act and an act respecting mining companies. The capital authorized is \$2,000,000 in \$1 shares. The company has acquired by purchase thirty-four mineral claims, extensive clay beds, agricultural and wooded lands, red and grey granite quarries and also by purchase and leasehold, important water power privileges. The properties are located on Lac du Bonnet and the Winnipeg, and Bird rivers. Whitemouth, on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, east of Winnipeg, is the nearest railway point at present, but the Canadian Pacific Railway Company is building a short branch road to the properties, which will be completed early next year. The fact that this branch road is being built, is alone a sufficient guarantee that the industry is likely to prove a most profitable one. Before undertaking to build the road, the railway company had the properties examined and were assured of their value and importance. The company would certainly not build this branch railway unless they believed it would be a paying investment, and this depends on the development of the industries which the Lac du Bonnet Co. have in view. The railway company were assured by the investigation which they made of the ample supply of the material for carrying on the proposed industry; and they were assured of the quality of the material. They did not need any assurance as to the demand for the manufactures, the latter being self-evident to any one.

We need not say anything about the gold and nickel mining claims owned by the company, nor will we give any space to a description of the grand water-powers, and the agricultural and timber lands owned by the company, including a large area of fine pulp timber. Reference only will be made to the clay deposits. In these alone the company has a source of wealth which forms the basis for the large manufacturing industry which is now being established at Lac du Bonnet. While the other properties are likely to prove of great value to the company in time, it is to the clay deposits that they look for an immediate return for their investments, and in the development of which the present expenditure is being made. There are two large deposits of a very superior clay, suitable for brick, sewer or drain pipe, pottery work, etc. One of these deposits makes a light buff colored brick, and the other, when burnt, produces a rich, dark terra cotta. By mixing the two clays, any color, from almost a white brick to a deep red can be obtained. The company has invested upwards of \$20,000 in plant and labor, and a quantity of brick, sewer pipe, etc., have been made, showing a quality far su-

perior to anything heretofore made in Manitoba. It is a well-known fact that an enormous quantity of fine brick and other building material made from clay is imported into Winnipeg every year from the United States. Heretofore we have not been able to produce anything but the common stock brick. This clay makes a most superior article of stock brick, and besides is suitable for sewer pipe, drain pipe, terra cotta ware, roof and floor tile, paving brick, pottery ware, etc. The samples already made show a very superior quality in all these lines. The rapid development of the country now going on has created a large demand for these materials, and the company has already the assurance of almost more business than can be handled for the next year. A number of persons and companies who will build in Winnipeg next year, have examined the samples made by the Lac du Bonnet company and decided in favor of using this material in preference to any of the imported qualities. Even the common brick will bear the heat necessary for glazing, and it makes a solid and heavy brick. The sewer pipe is close and fine in texture, being much less porous than common pipe. A good vitrified brick can also be made from this clay.

The object of the company in placing a limited amount of stock on the market at present is to secure funds to increase the plant, so as to be in a position to supply the demand for next season's trade in brick and such like building material. It is the intention to put in a most complete plant this winter, for the manufacture of the lines herein mentioned. It will certainly be a great advantage to the country to have the large demand for this class of material supplies by a home industry.

As a financial investment this enterprise seems to present unusually favorable features. We certainly advise those who desire making some such investment, to at least look into this matter. Considering that the object is to establish such an important local industry, we believe the public spirited business men of Winnipeg will quickly take up the amount of stock necessary to place the company in possession of the funds required to carry on the work.

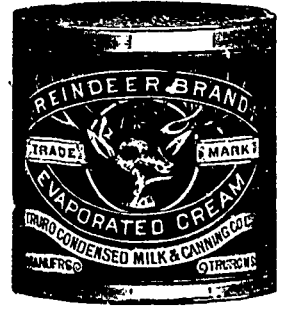
## The Season's Cattle Trade.

What has proved to be—in spite of great initial discouragements—one of the best live stock shipping seasons in the history of the trade in the west has just been brought to a close and the cattle dealers are now enjoying a well-earned rest after unusually arduous labors. The shipping season of 1899 has been one of the shortest in the history of the trade, the wet weather of the early summer having kept the cattle out of condition till the latter part of July and the good

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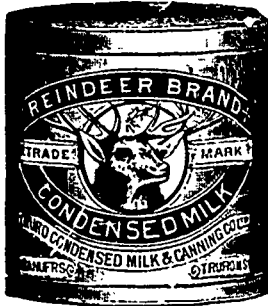
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home demand absorbed all the earlier offerings. Exporting western cattle did not really begin until the first week in August, although one lot of fancy beef steers was forwarded to Montreal about the middle of July. Since the shipping season opened, however, the weekly movement through Winnipeg has averaged nearly 2,000 head and the aggregate number of beef cattle from Manitoba and the Territories forwarded to Montreal and from thence to over-sea markets during the season has been 31,938 head. A year ago the number was 40,000 head, which shows that there has been a falling off this year. The number shipped from Manitoba and Eastern Assinibola was 12,000, the remainder coming from the range country.

In addition to the above movement of fat cattle the extensive stocker business which has sprung up in Manitoba and Eastern Assinibola in the past two years has been continued and this year shows a larger movement than ever. The total number sold has been 35,000 head, 25,000 of which were from Manitoba and 10,000 from Eastern Assinibola. Of the 25,000 sold in Manitoba, 15,000 went to the Territorial ranges and 10,000 to the United States. Of the 10,000 sold in Eastern Assinibola, 5,000 went to the western ranges and 5,000 to the United States. These figures show that 1899 has been the largest stocker year yet. Added to the 32,000 head of beef cattle shipped east this make a total trade in cattle of 67,000 head. Last year the number of stockers sold numbered 19,000 head and the total number of cattle 59,000 head. It can hardly be held in the light of the above analysis of shipments that the increase shown this year over the previous season is an altogether gratifying one as the practice of selling young cattle before they are fit for beef is generally regarded as a short-sighted one on the part of the farmers. In the two years during which Manitoba farmers have made it a practice to do this the country has been practically stripped of its reserves of beef stock and this year many have sold their stock down to six months' old calves. The effect of this was seen to some extent last spring when the country was threatened for a time with actual shortage of beef and the price was forced up by speculators to an unreasonable figure in consequence thereof. This practice has also contributed to some extent to the falling off in eastern shipments as it is certain that if the large number of young cattle which have been sold to go to the United States in the past three years had been retained in the country they would have figured largely in this year's beef exports.

Since the opening of the shipping season the territorial ranges have suffered from an outbreak of mange brought into the country by tramp United States cattle—and the government was obliged in the interests of the trade generally to quarantine the herds of Southwestern Assinibola and Southern Alberta in consequence of which shipments from those parts were held back somewhat. On representation from the cattlemen, however, and with the advice of the official veterinarians the regulations were relaxed so as not to interfere with the movement of healthy cattle. Besides the movement of cattle east of the Rocky Mountains which alone has been dealt with in the above figures, there has been a large and

increasing demand for cattle, sheep and hogs from British Columbia and the mining regions of the Yukon.

When the tale of the cattle shipments has been told it practically completes the live stock exports of Western Canada as for the past two years there have been no shipments to speak of of horses, sheep or hogs. Up to two years ago a fairly respectable business was done with the outside world in each of these kinds of animals, but apparently the farmers of the west have found them unprofitable, as they have not only ceased raising them for shipment, but production has fallen off so much that large numbers have actually to be brought in from the east and south—horses coming largely from the United States—to supply the home requirements. This year there is, however, a noticeable increase in the production of hogs in Manitoba and of sheep in some sections of the Territories, notably the Maple Creek and Lethbridge districts. It is understood that there are now upwards of fifteen sheep ranches in the Maple Creek district which have been very successful and the Mormon settlers in the neighborhood of Lethbridge have added to the production of sheep in that district. The increasing demand for horses for all classes of work in the west, to meet which home production is utterly inadequate, has led to very large importations from the prairies of the United States and from Ontario, out of which a number of traders have been making very good profits this year.

The following table shows the shipments of live stock from Manitoba and the Territories for the past five years:

	Cattle.	Sheep.	Hogs.	Horses.
1894	30,000	4,000	10,000	200
1895	50,000	15,000	15,000	400
1896	33,000	9,200	3,300	300
1897	60,000	10,000	8,000	400
1898	59,000			
1899	67,000	11	130	72

As regards the prices realized for live stock this year, they have fluctuated but very little. The export market for cattle opened at about 41-2c off cars Winnipeg, and has ranged from that price down to 31-2c for choice steers. For a while in the spring as high as 5c was being paid for stall fed animals for local consumption owing to the fears of scarcity. Stecker cattle sold at from \$12 to \$16 per head for yearlings and \$18 to \$22 for two year olds. Most of the yearlings realized \$14.50 per head. For sheep the market opened at from 5 to 5 1-2c and has ranged from those figures down to 4c, and for hogs the market has ranged from 4 1-2 to 5c, selected weights. Horses have been selling throughout the season at from \$125 to \$175 each for working grades.

Shipments of cattle from Montreal to Great Britain during the past season were smaller than in 1898, aggregating 82,859 head, 11,894 head of which were from the United States. Besides these, 1,144 head were shipped from Quebec. About 30,000 head of Canadian cattle went abroad through United States ports, which caused a falling off in Canadian shipments. A large business was done in shipping stockers from Ontario and Quebec to southern points. The average price paid for fat cattle at country points was \$60, which is about \$5.00 above previous years. Ocean freight rates ruled lower during most of the season than in previous years, and were only seriously advanced

when the South African war broke out. Prices for Canadian cattle at Liverpool ranged throughout the season from 10 1-2 to 12c per pound, estimated dressed weight. A very profitable export business in sheep and horses was also carried on in addition to the cattle trade.

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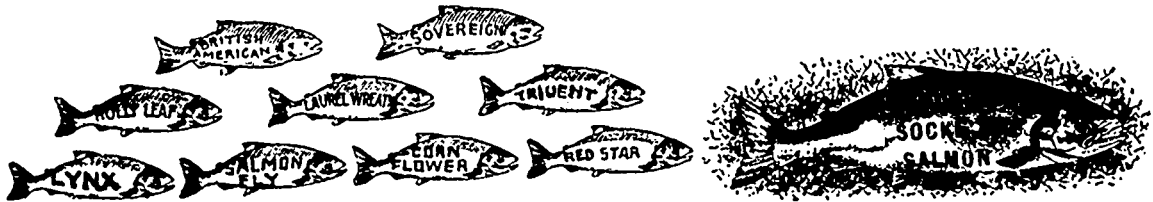
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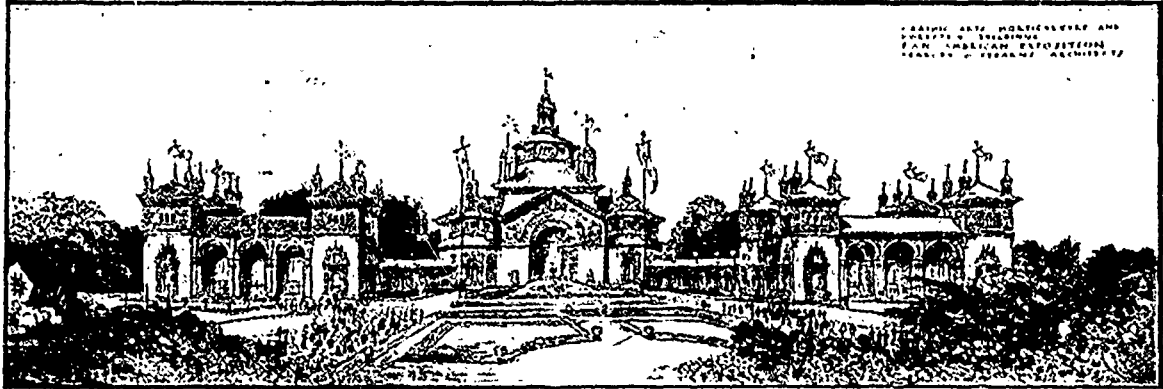
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### Pan-American Exposition.

The board of architects of the Pan American Exposition, which will be held at Buffalo, N.Y., on the Niagara frontier during the summer months of 1901, is composed of eight members; three residents of New York, two of Boston, and three of the city of Buffalo. The architects of the three buildings shown herewith are: Walter Cook, of the firm of Babb, Cook & Willard, of New York, designs the Stadium, the screen in front of the railway sta-

a gallery extends. The edifice, a single story high, is raised a few feet above the ground. In the interior is a court adorned by a fountain and planted with trees. For the erection of the buildings large beams were transported from the mountains, and the Indians taught to burn lime, cut stone and make brick and tile." Briefly stated, the Machinery and Transportation buildings forms a hollow square, with arcades on all sides. In the interior is a court 100x200 feet, adorned by

grilled with specimens of wrought iron "bejas" or grill screens, such as are seen in examples of Spanish architecture of the 16th century. The building has numerous entrances, the principal ones being in the centre of the four facades. Once inside the structures the size will be appreciated. All the towers, pavilions, and other proper spaces are to be brilliantly illuminated, and made gay with banners and flags. The three buildings for horticulture, graphic arts and forestry, of which



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#### Horticulture, Graphic Arts and Forestry Buildings.

tion, and the entrance of the Midway; all these forming the plaza.

R. S. Peabody is a member of the firm of Peabody & Stearns, of Boston, who were the architects of Machinery hall at the World's Fair. Mr. Peabody has designed the Horticulture, Graphic Arts and Forestry buildings for the Pan American Exposition.

E. P. Green is a member of the firm of Green & Wicks, of Buffalo. They are designers of the Machinery and Transportation and Electricity buildings of the Pan American Exposition. CARLTON SPRAGUE, Chairman, Building and Grounds Committee.

a long pool of water, with a fountain surrounded with shrubs and flowers, artistically planted. This sheet of water, with its calm reflection and its atmosphere of quiet restfulness, forms one of the many little oases planned for the refreshment of the weary sightseer.

If we add to the traveller's description that the roofs are of red tile, the walls of cement, the work is more ornamented, the structure covered with glowing colors, we have briefly a correct description of this building. The facades present an arcaded effect corresponding in appearance to mission

Peabody & Stearns are the architects, form a picturesque group at the end of the west garden. The largest of these, the horticulture building, stands between the other two on an axis with the garden. The forestry building is on the north side, the graphic arts on the south, adjoining the lake. Arcades connect the three buildings, forming in front a semi-circular court. Between the arcades the ground rises slightly to the level of the fountain of the seasons. The area of the horticultural building is 45,000 square feet. The graphic arts and forestry buildings each cover 30,000



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The Machinery and Transportation building, 500 by 350 feet, faces on the Mall. This building is designed in a type of Spanish Renaissance, with initial inspiration in the mission buildings found in Mexico and California, supplemented by later examinations of Renaissance work in Spain, modified to suit the conditions of the Exposition with its gay and festive surroundings. An early traveller writes, "The Mission building is in the form of a hollow square, along the front of which

cloisters, the eaves with great overhangs, add to the picturesque. Each facade is broken by an important architectural feature, and each corner flanked with low pavilions, the design giving large, plain surfaces for color, while the eaves give deep shadows. The color scheme is made up in reds and yellows, light in tint. The Loggias, balconies, pavilions and other places are to be ornamented with shrubs, vines and flowers, blending with the coloring of the building. The openings are

square feet, and are similar in design. In plan, the horticultural building is square, with central lantern, rising to a height of 240 feet at the intersection of the four arms of a Greek cross, which includes in its angles four small domes. On the centre of each facade is a deeply recessed arched entrance. The graphic arts and forestry buildings have four corner towers, and on the east facade a vaulted loggia of three arches forms the main entrance. Above the red roofs of Spanish tile,

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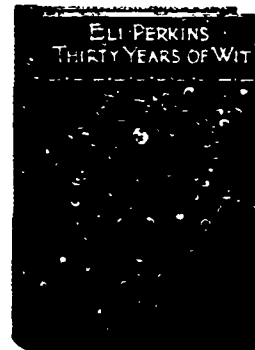
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numerous lanterns, pinnacles and Venetian flagpoles, from which float gaily colored banners, add a festive picturesqueness to the sky-line. The broad white wall surfaces are ornamented with colored bas-reliefs, arabesques of twining vines of fruits and flowers, among the branches of which are children and birds, decorate the numerous pilasters of the facades and arcades. Above the eastern entrance of the Horticultural building are two colored composition representing Ceres, the Goddess of the Harvest, bearing in her arms a sheaf of golden wheat. Her chariot is drawn by three lions led by Flora and Primavera. The decoration of the Graphic Arts and Forestry buildings is chiefly confined to the vaulted ceilings of their loggias, where the brilliantly colored decorations remind one of the famous example of the Villa Madama.

The northern part of the exhibition ground is occupied by a square about five hundred feet from east to west and 350 feet from north to south. The buildings bounding three sides of this square and the arrangement of the square itself has been given to Messrs. Babb, Cook & Willard, of New York, and the style adopted—a very free version of Spanish architecture—has suggested the name of the Plaza,

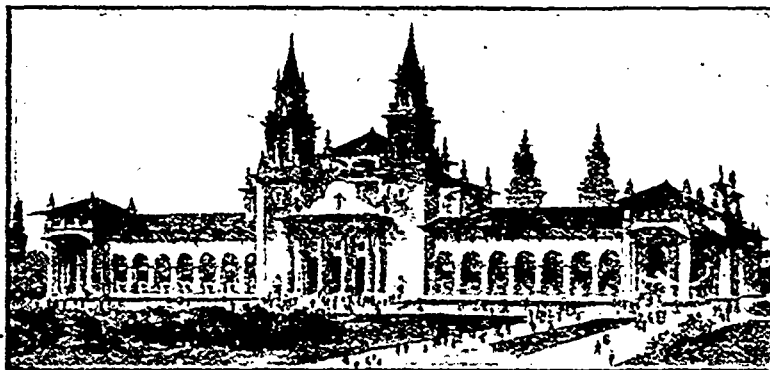
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of the province a 25c rate obtains.

The exchange accepted the invitation extended by the London, England, chamber of commerce to attend the fourth annual congress of the chambers of commerce of the empire which will take place in London next June. The exchange will endeavor to have one or more representatives present on that occasion.

Messrs. Stephen Nairn and Jas. Love were elected auditors for the exchange. It was decided after some discussion to request the department of inland revenue to instruct the grain inspectors to place on the certificate, issued by them for the inspection of grain requiring cleaning at Fort William, the exact amount of dockage to be made in order to have the grain take the grade defined by the inspector in the certificate issued. The custom at present is for inspectors to sample state on the certificate "No. 1 hard if cleaned," or other similar words, and the option is left with the Fort William elevator men to clean the amount they consider necessary, before being inspected by the Fort William inspector. It is claimed by the grain men that in case of the cleaning of individual cars the dockage is excessive, and they think the action suggested will remedy any evil existing under the system at present followed.



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#### Machinery and Transportation Building.

which has been given it. The central portion of this square is occupied by a terrace only very slightly raised above the surface of the square, and surrounding a sunken garden, in the middle of which is a band stand. The terrace as well as the garden itself will afford a large space for listeners who attend the concerts which it is proposed to give. Outside, and at the north of the Plaza, is the railway and trolley station, from which it is supposed the greater number of visitors will enter the exhibition grounds. The railway station itself is masked by a colonnade flanked at either end by two colossal arches, one for those entering the exposition, and the other for those leaving it. This colonnade boards the Plaza on the north. It is surrounded by a trellis which it is proposed to cover with vines of various sorts.

The west side of the Plaza is bounded by a building which is to serve as a large restaurant. The public pass through the lower arches of this building, which are open, in order to reach that portion of the exposition which is to be called Vanity Fair, and which corresponds with the Midway Plaisance at Chicago. The restaurant building itself is two stories high and is about 350 feet long. On the east side of the Plaza is a building closely re-

sembling the restaurant, which serves principally as the entrance to the Stadium, or Athletic Field, although portions are also used for exhibition purposes. This also has two stories, the upper story being a large open gallery, from which views of the Plaza on the one side, and the Stadium on the other, are afforded. Finally, the south side of the Plaza is bounded by the Electrical Tower, one designing of which has been given to Mr. Howard. The Stadium or Athletic Field has been in all its details a subject of careful study. It resembles in a general way that erected at Athens a few years ago, although this one can be, of course, only a temporary structure. It will contain easily 25,000 spectators, and is intended as a model of what it is hoped may be executed some day in permanent form. It has a quarter mile running track and a sufficiently large space in the inside of this for any of the athletic games. Great attention has been paid to having a large number of aisles to reach the seats, and, in addition to the principal entrance on the west, there are provided seven large exits. These exits are made of sufficient breadth and height to admit in case of need the largest vehicles of floats, as it is proposed to use the Stadium for cer-

tain pageants. Exhibits of automobiles in operation, judging of horses, live stock, agricultural machinery, road machinery, etc. No exhibitor has ever had such a splendid arena in which such exhibits can be displayed, and the athletic carnival to which the Stadium is particularly devoted is expected to be one of the most interesting features of the exhibition. The space under the seats is to be used for exhibition purposes, and is in itself the equivalent of a very large building.

The total length of the Stadium, including the building which forms the entrance, is about 870 feet, and the breadth about 590 feet.

#### Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

A meeting of the council of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange was held in the board rooms of the exchange Wednesday when various matters were closed up in anticipation of the general meeting of the exchange to be held on Jan. 10.

A committee was appointed to interview the authorities of the Great Northwest Central railway and endeavor to secure a reduction in the telegraph rates in force along that system. The rate at present is 50c per ton words, while throughout the rest

#### Brandon Board of Trade.

Sir,—We beg to call your attention to the attitude of the railway companies towards the city of Brandon.

The board of trade has been for two years trying to get our freight rate adjusted so that a jobbing business could be done from here, which the railway companies finally and flatly refuse to do. They advanced no argument justifying their position, other than that they do not propose to build up more than one jobbing centre in this country, notwithstanding President Shaughnessy's speech in Vancouver that such action would be a dangerous thing. And it certainly seems dangerous, for if railway companies are allowed to take the position we complain of, there is no town or city in Canada safe, as it would always be within their power to determine how much or how little business any particular place should do; which power should not be in the hands of any individual or corporation, especially railway corporations receiving enormous amounts of public aid.

The business men of Brandon are not asking any favors, but we do want fair treatment, and to be placed on a proper basis to develop and extend the business that properly belongs to us.

We solicit your interest and influence in our behalf.

W. A. MACHAFFIE, President.

K. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

Brandon, Dec. 20.

The consolidation of the Pullman's Palace Car Company and the Wagner Palace Car Company into one concern has been completed. The capital stock of the Pullman Company will be increased from \$51,000,000 to \$71,000,000, the increase to be for the purpose of purchasing the property of the Wagner Palace Car Company.

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**Statistical Wheat Report.**

**WHEAT IN CANADA.**

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

Montreal .....	45,000
Toronto .....	64,000
Kingston .....	45,000
Devoe Harbor, Ont. ....	517,000
Coteau, Que. ....	328,000
Winnipeg .....	320,000
Manitoba elevators .....	5,400,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin .....	2,186,000

Total Dec. 9... ..8,904,000  
Total a year ago ... ..6,740,000

**BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.**

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's on December 9, were 86,757,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 48,366,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Dec. 1 were 10,678,000 bushels, compared with 6,296,000 bushels a year ago.

**THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.**

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Dec. 16, was 57,143,000 bushels, being an increase of 815,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 30,559,000 bushels, two years ago 35,565,000 bushels, three years ago 35,163,000 bushels, and four years ago 69,393,000 bushels.

**STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.**

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 5,382,000 bushels, compared with 6,009,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 11,585,000 bushels, compared with 18,153,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

**WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.**

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

	Bushels.
1899 .....	164,165,000
1898 .....	109,810,000
1897 .....	127,503,000
1896 .....	172,181,000
1895 .....	185,364,000

**CROP MOVEMENT.**

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

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis .....	40,600,620	43,023,770
Milwaukee .....	5,512,392	7,235,485
Duluth .....	32,163,807	32,471,518
Chicago .....	15,467,529	20,895,992

Total .....

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

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo .....	9,899,193	10,021,360
St. Louis .....	6,817,689	10,326,877
Detroit .....	2,814,709	3,077,236
Kansas City .....	9,961,690	18,679,380

Total .....

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**Manitoba Wheat Stocks.**

There were 2,388,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Dec. 16. Receipts for the week were 690,000 bushels, and shipments were 138,000 bushels. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points were estimated approximately at 7,900,000 bushels, compared with about 6,500,000 bushels a year ago.

**Winnipeg Grain Inspection.**

For the week ending Dec. 16, there were 879 cars of grain inspected, grading as follows:

Wheat—1 hard, 553; 2 hard, 142; 1 northern, 13; 2 northern, 1; 3 hard, 51; 1 frosted, 8; 2 frosted, 7; 1 rejected, 16; 2 rejected, 19; no grade, 2; 3 northern, 4; 3 rejected, 4; 1 spring, 1; 2 white lyle, 1 car.

Oats—2 white, 16; 2 mixed, 20; feed, 5 cars.

Barley—No. 3, 3; feed, 2 cars.

Flax seed—Rejected, 1 car.

The annual show of the Montreal Poultry Association will be held in that city on the dates January 17 to 22, 1900.

The Connors syndicate which is negotiating for elevator privileges at Montreal has found reason for dissatisfaction with the turn of events and the terms now being offered and threaten to withdraw.

P. Gallagher, of P. Gallagher & Sons, Winnipeg, has returned from a trip to Eastern Canada, including the maritime provinces. Mr. Gallagher arranged for the shipment of a large quantity of mutton and lamb from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to his firm here. The sheep are shipped to St. John, N. B., where they are slaughtered and shipped as dressed mutton. The shipment includes about 2,000 head. The firm has also purchased 225,000 pounds of dressed poultry in the principal poultry raising districts of Ontario.

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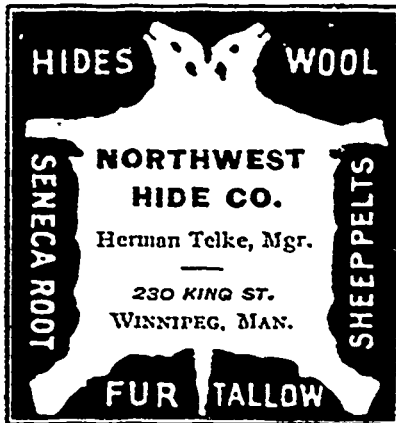
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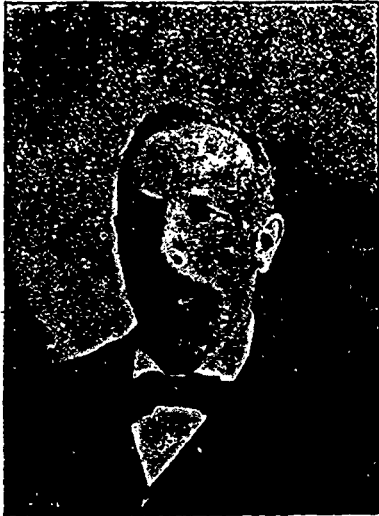
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**Winnipeg's New Mayor.**

Winnipeg will once more have a representative of the commercial interests at the head of civic affairs, in the person of Ald. Horace Wilson, who has been elected mayor of the city for 1900. Mr. Wilson has been a member of the city council for the past five years, and during this period he has



Horace Wilson.

probably given more time and attention to the city's interests than the average alderman has done. His experience as a contractor made his services particularly valuable to the city in many matters which were continually coming before the aldermen. He has been chairman of the board of works and also of the finance committee in the city council.

Mr. Wilson is a Canadian, and was born in Sherbrooke, Quebec, in 1848. He went to the United States in 1867, but returned to Sherbrooke in 1871. Subsequently he entered the service of the Grand Trunk railway at Port Hope, Ont., where he remained for eight years. He came to Manitoba in 1880, and went into business in Winnipeg as a contractor, continuing in that line for five years, when he started a wholesale paint business under the firm name of H. Wilson & Co. Later he gave up this business to represent Clark Bros. & Co., manufacturers of stoves, ranges, etc., in Winnipeg, which he still continues.

**Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.**

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

- Wheat—No. 1 hard wheat quoted at 63 1/2 to 66c December delivery.
- Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$1.95; best bakers', \$1.75.
- Millstuffs—Bran, \$10 per ton; shorts, \$12 delivered to city dealers.
- Oats—Carlots on track, 24 to 26c.
- Flaxseed—Per bushel at country points, 65c.
- Barley—Carlots on track, 24 to 25c per bushel for feed grades, and 30c for malting.
- Butter—Dairy, jobbers paying 13 1/2 to 15c; fresh creamery, 22 to 23c to buyers.
- Cheese—9 1/2 to 10c per pound at factories.
- Eggs—Dealers asking 18 to 20c per dozen for Ontario or Manitoba held fresh eggs.
- Hides—No. 1 green hides, 61-2c; frozen stock, 6c per lb.
- Wool—9 to 8 1/2-2c for unwashed fleeco.
- Seneca—21c per lb.
- Hay—Baled, \$9 to \$8.50 per ton on cars.

- Loose hay worth \$6 to \$7.50 per ton.
- Potatoes—35c per bushel on the street.
- Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 12c per lb., live weight; dressed chickens, 8 to 9c per lb.; ducks and geese, 8 to 10c per lb.
- Game—Rabbits, 8 1/2-2c each.
- Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef, city dressed, 5c; country frozen beef, 4 to 4 1/2c; Christmas beef, 6 to 6 1/2-2c; mutton, 7 to 8c; hogs, 5 3/4 to 6c for dressed; veal 5 1/2 to 7c.
- Live Stock—Cattle, 2c for butchers' stock; hogs, off cars, 4 3/4c per lb. for best bacon hogs; sheep, 31-2c off cars; lambs, 3 1/2 to 4c.

There is every prospect that an unprecedented rush from America to the Paris exposition will be experienced next year, and it is not unlikely that there will be a sharp advance in passenger rates across the ocean. Already ready companies sailing from Montreal have advanced their rates 10 per cent and companies sailing from New York 20 per cent. Many people are booking their passages now.

The subject of the early closing of stores was referred to last Sunday by Rev. S. Cleaver before he entered upon his sermon in Grace church, Winnipeg. He expressed the hope that it would receive serious consideration. The tendency, he said, was very wisely towards shorter hours, and he hoped, for the sake of those who were heavily burdened, that the success of the early closing movement would be accomplished.

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BANK OF OTTAWA.

The annual report of the Bank of Ottawa, published in another column this week, will be found well worthy of perusal. The net profits of the year were, \$217,833, as against \$185,184 last year, which is a very gratifying increase. The business of the bank has expanded largely in the past year, the increase in discounts having been over 38 per cent. An addition of \$60,000 has been made to rest account, making the rest account now stand at the large sum of \$1,370,400. The rest account was also increased during the past year by \$140,400, being premium on sale of new stock. In addition to the usual dividend, a bonus of one per cent was paid.

The annual meeting represented the twenty-fifth birthday of the bank, and in referring to this the president said it was twenty-five years of continuous progress. Five new branches were opened during the year.

In the west the Bank of Ottawa has enjoyed a very prosperous year. Mr. Monk, manager of the Winnipeg branch reports that their business has shown a steady expansion during the year.

EXCITEMENT IN STOCKS.

There was a panic condition in the New York stock market on Monday. Values slumped heavily, and there was a great deal of sacrificing of stocks, the slaughter being made greater by the scarcity of money and high interest rates. Fabulous rates of interest were paid, money going at over 100 per cent. The clearing house banks came to the rescue late in the day and offered \$10,000,000 on the stock exchange, with the object of forcing interest rates back to normal values, which had the desired effect. Other stock markets were depressed. In London the stock market was gloomy, and consols fell to 99, the lowest point reached in six years. On Tuesday the secretary of the treasury announced his determination to increase deposits in the depository banks, thus providing a large additional supply of funds. Interest rates touched as high as 25 per cent on Tuesday, but with an abundant supply of money they fell to as low as 2 per cent. Under the influence of the relaxed money market, the stock market largely recovered.

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The Winnipeg clearing house returns for the week ending Thursday, compared with the corresponding week in previous years show as follows:  
 Week ending Dec. 21, 1899 ..... \$3,131,381  
 Corresponding week, 1898 ..... 2,418,815  
 Corresponding week, 1897 ..... 2,141,510

FINANCIAL NOTES.

The Bank of Nova Scotia has raised the rate of interest on savings bank deposits and deposit receipts to 4 per cent.

The Winnipeg branch of the Bank of British North America will occupy new premises on Tuesday next, Dec. 26. The location will be in the Main street building formerly occupied by the Great West Life Co., and Carruthers, Brock & Johnston. This building has been remodelled and will hereafter be known as The Forum.

BANK OF OTTAWA

Annual Report.

The twenty fifth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Ottawa was held on Wednesday, the 13th day of December, 1899, in the bank.

Among those present were Messrs. Sheriff Sweetland, J. G. Whyte, J. Roberts-Allan, R. L. Blackburn, F. J. Wilson, Albert MacLaren, J. Barnet MacLaren, Alexander MacLaren, John Christie, Hon. G. Bryson, Jr., Alexander Fraser, Charles Magee, George Hay, John Mather Denis Murphy.

On motion of Mr. John Mather, seconded by Mr. Alex. Fraser, the president took the chair, and the general manager was requested to act as secretary.

The chairman then asked the secretary to read the report of the Directors.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The balance at the Credit of Profit and Loss Account on 30th November, 1898, was .....	\$46,057.06
Net profits for the year ending 30th November, 1899, after deducting expenses of management, and making necessary provision for interest due to depositors, unearned interest on current discounts, and for all bad and doubtful debts ..	217,833.90
	<u>\$263,951.02</u>

Appropriated as follows:-

Dividend No. 46, paid 1st June, 1899 .. .. .	\$60,000.00
Dividend No. 47, and bonus of one per cent., payable 1st Dec., 1899 .. .. .	77,056.74
Applied in reduction of Bank premises and furniture .. .. .	22,070.28
Carried to Rest Account .. .. .	60,000.00

	<u>210,127.02</u>
Balance carried forward at Credit of Profit and Loss Account .. .. .	44,824.00
The balance at the Credit of Rest Account on 30th November, 1898, was .. .. .	\$1,170,000
To which has been added, Premiums on New Stock Transferred from Profit and Loss Account as above .. .. .	140,400
	<u>60,000</u>
	<u>\$1,370,400</u>

As will be seen from the Balance Sheet herewith submitted, the Bank has shared, to some extent, in the increased trade and prosperity, which has been enjoyed by the country generally for a considerable part of the past year, in view of this general improvement in trade and the consequent probable increased demand for money, your directors deemed it prudent, in June last to avail themselves of the authority given them by the Shareholders at the Annual meeting in 1897 to issue five thousand shares of new stock, which they accordingly did at \$175 per share. They consider that this action has been justified by the subsequent course of business, and they have pleasure in reporting that most of this issue has been taken up by the Shareholders.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

As on 30th November

	1898.		1899	
Notes in circulation .. .. .		\$1,423,055 00		\$1,615,551 00
Discounts bearing interest .. .. .	\$5,172,312 41		\$6,791,508 79	
Deposits not bearing interest .. .. .	1,077,618 87	6,519,861 31	1,573,742 00	8,367,250 70
Balance due to other Banks in Canada .. .. .		499 85		
Balance due to other Banks in foreign countries .. .. .		939 91		261 23
Balance due to other Banks in United Kingdom .. .. .				199,883 24
		<u>\$7,979,356 07</u>		<u>\$10,180,946 17</u>
Capital (authorized \$20,000,000), Capital paid up .. .. .	\$15,000,000 00		\$1,687,200 00	
Rest .. .. .	1,170,000 00		1,370,400 00	
Dividends and bonus .. .. .	75,000 00		77,056 71	
Reserve for international exchange .. .. .	15,792 50		13,239 00	
Reserve on current discounts .. .. .	31,257 00		66,456 42	
Balance of Profit and Loss Account carried forward .. .. .	46,057 06		41,821 00	
		<u>2,811,106 46</u>		<u>3,259,176 16</u>
		<u>\$10,820,462 62</u>		<u>\$13,440,122 33</u>

ASSETS

Specie .. .. .	\$168,192 99		\$237,921 97	
Dominion Notes .. .. .	451,604 50		457,032 75	
Notes of and Checks of other Banks in Canada .. .. .	212,599 53		328,085 61	
Deposits in other Canadian Banks .. .. .	241,753 11		97,724 73	
Balances due from Banks in Canada .. .. .			350 81	
" " " foreign countries .. .. .	106,278 83		109,506 23	
" " " United Kingdom .. .. .	402,122 91			
Dominion Government Debentures on stocks Deposited with Dominion Government for security of Note circulation .. .. .	34,702 77		394,702 77	
Canadian Municipal Debentures and other Public Securities .. .. .	65,000 00		75,000 00	
Provincial Bonds .. .. .	357,605 16		453,214 52	
Railway Securities .. .. .	69,920 00		69,950 00	
			91,332 67	
		<u>\$2,559,613 83</u>		<u>\$2,307,825 10</u>
Call Loans on Stocks and Bonds .. .. .	972,476 21		1,119,136 04	
Loans and Bills discounted .. .. .	7,109,656 47		9,235,810 07	
Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for) .. .. .	26,514 73		38,565 12	
Real Estate, the property of the Bank other than Bank premises .. .. .			7,383 25	
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank .. .. .			11,635 75	
Bank Premises .. .. .	128,800 00		120,000 00	
		<u>\$10,820,462 63</u>		<u>\$13,440,122 33</u>

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Since the last Annual Meeting, Branches of the Bank have been established at Avonmore, Huil, Lachute, Lanark and Yankleek Hill, in each case with satisfactory results. The Bank has now twenty five offices in all. Your directors felt obliged to decline overtures made for the opening of Branches at several other points.

The usual inspections of the offices of the Bank have been made during the year.

The Directors have pleasure in testifying to the zeal and assiduity with which the officers of the Bank have performed their respective duties.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES MAGEE,  
President.

The president then said:—

Gentlemen,—Before moving the adoption of the report, I propose, as is the custom, to offer a few remarks.

This bank commenced business in December, 1874. We are to day celebrating our twenty fifth birthday, and I think the report submitted by the directors is one that should be satisfactory to the shareholders. It exhibits the result of a quarter of a century's almost continuous prosperity, not only in material wealth and strength, but in growth of public confidence.

On the 30th November, 1898, the total deposits in all the banks amounted to \$246,002,000, and on the 31st October, 1899, according to the latest government return, they were \$272,837,000, showing an increase of \$26,835,000 for the eleven months. Our proportion of this increase would be \$704,000, whereas the actual increase in our deposits for the year ending 30th November, is \$1,815,000.

The increase in loans and discounts is still more marked, being \$2,872,844. Our holding of municipal and railway securities is increased by \$216,941.

The circulation only increased by about the same amount as the increase of paid up capital, as we have been for some time close up to our limit and have circulated within the last three months over \$1,500,000 of other banks' bills.

Rates for call money have advanced during the last half of the year, but the competition for the better class of commercial business is so keen that discount rates have not advanced in proportion.

You are informed by the report that five branches of the bank have been opened during the year. The opening of so many branches in one year is a serious strain on the staff, as well as on the profits of the year, as the preliminary expenses of a new branch usually swallow up the profits of the first half year.

A very considerable reduction has been made in the bank premises account by the present appropriation. The bank owns the offices in Winnipeg and Carlton Place, as well as this building. These properties, as well as the safes and fittings in all the offices, are included in the amount of \$120,000 at the debit of bank premises.

The coming session of parliament will probably be one of considerable interest to the banking community of Canada generally as the usual decennial revision of the bank act is likely to come before the house then. Ten years ago very material improvements were introduced into the act, more especially in the sections relating to circulation, but recent occurrences seem to indicate a necessity for closer control over the issues of each bank, particularly in view of the fact that each bank is in a measure responsible for the circulation of all the others. However, this control may be secured, whether by means of the Canadian Bankers' association or through the finance department. It is to be hoped that a measure will be devised, by which the issuing of notes for circulation, beyond the limits prescribed by law, will be decisively checked.

The lumber trade has been very active during the past season, almost everything fit for shipment has been sold, and moved out, and prices have advanced very considerably, especially red pine and spruce lumber. It is just possible, however, that prices may have advanced

too rapidly, and there may be danger of a reaction. The quantity of logs to be taken out this winter may be somewhat restricted, owing to the scarcity of and advance in the cost of labor.

Business of all kinds throughout the Dominion is active and profitable, the people generally are prosperous and contented, loyal to Queen and country, and proud of forming part of the great imperial power of Great Britain. It occurs to me, however, that the advantages received from the connection with the mother country are not sufficiently appreciated. The very prosperity of the bank, as exemplified in the report we are considering, and the security for life and property enjoyed by the people of this country is largely due to the protection afforded by the army and navy of Great Britain, and towards the maintenance of which Canada contributes nothing. The feeling is growing throughout the Dominion, that the time has come for some amendment to the articles of co-partnership, and that we should cease to occupy the undesirable position of taking all and giving nothing. It is true we have, recently, voluntarily sent a thousand of our bravest and best young men to assist in maintaining the rights of British subjects in South Africa, and from present appearances the second contingent offered will likely be accepted; but that is not enough. The country can afford, in addition to making greater provision for the defence of the different provinces, to follow the lead of Australia and Cape Colony, and make a direct annual contribution to the cost of supporting the British navy.

I need hardly say that these latter are my own views, and that you must not hold the board of directors responsible.

The chairman then delayed putting the motion, reading remarks from the shareholders after which it was moved by the president, seconded by the vice president, "That the report of the directors and statement now read be adopted and printed for the information of the shareholders." Carried.

Mr. Sheriff Sweetland, in moving a vote of thanks to the president, vice president and the directors, said that the result of the year's business was very satisfactory, and he thought the management was much to be congratulated upon it. He was glad to note that the bank was getting its share of the increased volume of business and he felt sure that the directors knew enough and had had experience enough in the past to be able to "take in sail" when the proper time came, so as to avail themselves to the full of the era of prosperity, without suffering at a later date from loss, when the rebound came and financial storms began to blow. He had much pleasure in moving, seconded by Mr. J. G. Whyte,

"That the thanks of the shareholders are due, and are hereby tendered, to the president, vice president and directors for their careful attention to the interests of the bank during the past year."

Mr. J. G. Whyte, in seconding the motion, said that while others might not agree with the remarks of the chairman as to our duty as Canadians, and as part of Greater Britain, he was heartily in accord with them, as he believed we had responsibilities to face, as well as privileges to enjoy as part of that great empire.

He thought that the report was one which could not fail to be gratifying to the shareholders, showing as it did a material advance in business during the year. He thought it a pity, too, that our neighbors to the south of us could not take pattern by our banking system and adopt some of its good points, but he feared they would scorn to do so, as coming from the weaker neighbors to the north of them, just as they adopted our ballot and did not call it the Canadian or English, but "Australian." The troubles of the past year in Montreal showed that there were flaws among the Canadian banks as well, and the events which then transpired were enough to make shareholders in banks think of the double liability.

He had pleasure in seconding the

motion of thanks, which was carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Alex. MacLaren, seconded by Mr. J. Roberts Allan:

"That the thanks of the shareholders be tendered to the general manager and other officers of the bank for the efficient manner in which they have performed their respective duties."

Mr. MacLaren, in moving the above resolution said that from the management of his own business he knew how important it was to be well supported by efficient employees, who took an interest in their work, and he knew that in conducting the affairs of a bank this must also be very necessary. He thought the report of the year's business showed that the employees had been zealous and efficient in their respective capacities, and he had much pleasure in moving the resolution, seconded by Mr. Allan.

In putting this resolution to the meeting the chairman said he had much pleasure in doing so and in endorsing everything that had been said regarding the diligence and efficiency of the staff.—Carried.

The general manager, in replying for the staff, thanked the meeting for the resolution and for the words of commendation which accompanied it, and which he was sure would be highly appreciated by the other members of the staff, as they were by himself. He said he was satisfied that, take them as a whole, the 113 employees which the bank now had in its service, were as efficient and diligent a staff as that of any other institution of the kind in the country. He believed that most of them realized that their interests were identical with those of the bank they served. He then proceeded in reply to Mr. J. G. Whyte's remarks, to refer to what is known as the Baltimore plan for amending the banking and currency system of the United States, which was adopted at a bankers' meeting at Baltimore some years ago, and which is based to a very considerable extent on the Canadian system. He referred to the good work the Canadian Bankers' association had been doing for the banks as a whole, and to the fact that incorporation was being applied for by that body.

It was then moved by Mr. R. L. Blackburn seconded by Mr. F. J. Wilson:

"That the ballot box be now opened and remain open until 5 o'clock for the election of seven directors for the ensuing year, and that Messrs. Albert MacLaren and James F. Cunningham be appointed scrutineers, the poll to be closed whenever five minutes shall have elapsed without a vote being tendered."

The scrutineers presented the following report:

Ottawa, December 13, 1899.

To George Burn Esq.,

General Manager.

Sir—We the undersigned scrutineers, appointed at the general meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Ottawa, held this day hereby declare the following gentlemen duly elected directors for the ensuing year: Hon. George Bryson, Esq., Charles Magee, Esq., Geo. Hay, Esq., David MacLaren, Esq., John Mather, Esq., Dennis Murphy, Esq.

ALBERT MACLAREN,

JAS. F. CUNNINGHAM

Scrutineers.

At a meeting of the newly elected board, held subsequently, Mr. Charles Magee was re-elected president, and Mr. Geo. Hay vice president, for the ensuing year.

A new French morning paper, *Le Journal*, has been started in Montreal.

The stock of the Commercial Cable company has been increased from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

Scarcity of water is affecting the output of Wisconsin paper mills and to that extent assisting to make the existing paper famine more acute.

### Railway Construction Notes.

Tracklaying on the Gilbert Plains extension of the Canadian Northern was expected to be complete by the end of this week.

A member of the Northern Pacific Portage branch survey party states that the road has been surveyed to a point about fifteen miles east of Rapid City. From near Glendale a spur line has been surveyed into Neepawa, a distance of fifteen miles. The country traversed is an excellent one throughout.

A few days ago a deputation from Melita, Man., waited upon Manager Whyte, of the C. P. R., and laid before him a request for the locating at Melita of the divisional coal sheds running shed and sand house, recently destroyed by fire at Napinka. As these divisional buildings have not yet been rebuilt they urged him to move them to their town.

### Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

Chicago grain shippers anticipate further advances in the grain rate to the seaboard by all rail routes.

Revisions in the Canadian and United States freight tariffs and classifications which are being made by the railroads of both countries will result in a number of advances in cost of freight carriage. Minimum carload rates are also to be increased. United States roads have advanced the minimum from 30,000 to 40,000 pounds, while Canadian roads have advanced from 20,000 to 24,000 pounds on 5th and 6th class goods which include most of the more common commodities. The flour and grain minimum in Canada has been raised to 30,000 pounds.



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4 "	White Muslin Windsors,	" 2.25
2 "	" " " "	" 2.40
5 "	White Lace Bows,	" 2.40
7½ "	Satin Stocks, assorted, bright patterns "	" 4.50
8 "	Colored Silk Collarettes (lace trimming)	" 4.50
2½ "	White Satin Puffs, assorted	" 4.80
5½ "	Chiffon Streamers, assorted colors,	" 8.00
2½ "	White Tulle Streamers	" 12.00

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**Grocery Trade Notes.**

Nutmegs have advanced sharply in both London and New York.

Prices of pimento are steadily advancing in both Europe and America owing to small stocks and large demand.

Latest advices from Barbadoes indicate a very promising outlook for the molasses trade of next season. Continued dry weather has impaired the growing cane crop.

It is estimated that the sugar crop of the Hawaiian Islands this year will be 282,807 tons. The production by islands is: Hawaii, 117,239, tons; Maui, 54,839; Oahu, 45,820; Kauai 65,359.

Notwithstanding the steadily increasing strength of the London market for raw sugar, prices on this side of the Atlantic seem to hold persistently at old figures. This is due largely to the competition among United States refineries.

With regard to the market for Valencia raisins latest advices from primary points say that 98 per cent of the late crop has been shipped and that it is impossible to get further orders filled. The situation is in every way a strong one in all distributing centres.

The general position of teas seems to be an unusually strong one at present. It is said that arrivals of Ping Suez gunpowder teas have been less than one-fifth as large as in other years. Foo Chow congous have not been so scarce in primary markets for over thirty years. The China tea market appears to be almost bare of stocks while Japans are also scarce and have advanced 1c to 2c per pound.

**Dry Goods Trade Notes.**

Canadian makers of cotton hosiery have advanced their prices again, making a total advance in three months of 12 1-2 per cent.

The advance in Canadian demins which was noted by The Commercial last week makes an aggregate advance since August of from 20 to 30 per cent.

The operatives of the Canadian Colored Cotton Mills Co., at Cornwall, Ont., some two thousand in number, have been advised of a 10 per cent raise in wages to take effect Jan. 1.

Twenty-seven New England mills which are included in the American Woollen Company advanced the wages of all employees 10 per cent last week. It is expected that this advance will become general.

The market for staple cottons at New York shows a number of further advances. Bleached cottons and coarse colored goods are conspicuously affected. In the former class Lousdales advanced 11-4c to 8c for 4-4 goods. Low grade bleached have advanced 11-8c.

**Hardware Trade Notes.**

Turpentine declined 2c and linseed oil 1c at Montreal last week.

Ingot tin has experienced a heavy slump in prices in London, England. Steel advanced 25c per ton in eastern markets last week. Terne plate also advanced 50c per ton.

Canada plates are 25c higher in the east, owing to the unusually heavy demand for next year's delivery.

Jobbers in Canada have been notified of an advance in the price of iron squares of English manufacture. In

consequence of this, figures have been put up.

There is a rumor afloat that the American Window Glass Company—better known as the United States glass trust—will make a cut of 33 1-3 per cent in the price of window glass for the purpose of freeing out independent manufacturers.

Sheffield manufacturers of ivory handled table and desert knives, carvers and steels, and certain other lines of cutlery known as garret goods have advanced their prices ten per cent. Canadian jobbers are following the advance.

**THE LUMBER TRADE.****TIMBER LAND SALES.**

Toronto, Dec. 20.—An area of 360 miles of crown timber limits, distributed through the districts of Algoma, Nipissing and Rainy River, was disposed of by public auction at the parliament buildings to-day. The total sum realized was \$704,555. The auctioneer was Peter Ryan. The sale was regarded on the whole as highly satisfactory. The average price obtained, \$1,956, is much below that of 1892, when \$3,657 was realized, and that of 1857, when \$2,859 was paid, but in both the latter cases the limits consisted of picked timber.

In the present case the timber was what might be termed a "job lot," and some comment was aroused by the small attendance of American lumbermen. Scarcely half a dozen operators from the other side of the line were present, and so far as is known they did not purchase a single limit. The explanation offered was that the clause in the timber licenses compelling the manufacture in Canada was a barrier to any further investments by them in Ontario limits. The largest single area purchased was by the firm of Booth & Shannon, Pembroke, who acquired forty miles along the shores of Lakes Pogamasing and Kennedy, northwest of the township of Craig, Algoma district, for a bonus of \$700 a mile, or a total of \$28,000, exclusive of ground rent. The highest price paid was \$8,500 per mile. The area bought in that case was nine square miles in the township of Norman, Nipissing district, and the purchase was effected by G. S. Lindsey, on behalf of a client. The lowest price was that of \$60 a mile, paid by Major D. M. Robertson, for an area of twelve and a half square miles, near the outlet of Pipestone lake, north of Rainy River.

**LUMBER TRADE NOTES.**

A general meeting of United States lumbermen was held at St. Louis on December 12 to consider the state of trade and measures for facilitating the lumber movement of 1900.

The United States lumber trade of 1899 has been practically wound up and prominent dealers in all parts of the country express the opinion that the business generally was never in better shape. Stocks of all kinds of lumber have been reduced to a very low point, prices are higher than they have been for years and there is enough business in sight to ensure a continuance of the good times until at least mid-summer of next year.

D. C. Cameron, president of the Rat Portage Lumber Co., was in Winnipeg this week. He said regarding the proposal to establish a saw mill in Winnipeg, that the company were keeping the matter in view, and would go

ahead with the mill as soon as the Southeastern railway reached the Rainy river, which would likely be next fall. Until that time there would not be any object in going ahead with the mill, as their supply of logs would depend on the railway reaching the Rainy river.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The South African lumber trade, although not large, has been killed by the present war. Canadian lumber shipments cannot be made owing to the absence of shipping facilities and the cessation of building operations in South African towns. Regular shipments of doors and sashes were made from here to Newcastle, Cape Town, Johannesburg and Pietermaritzburg, but now shipments can only be made to Cape Town. It is expected, however, that the close of the war will usher in a marked boom in the Canadian lumber trade with South Africa.

At the recent annual meeting of the Bank of Ottawa (a bank which is largely interested in the lumber trade) the president, in his address said: "The lumber trade has been very active during the past season. Almost everything fit for shipment has been sold and moved out, and prices have advanced very considerably, especially red pine and spruce lumber. It is just possible, however, that prices may have advanced too rapidly and there may be danger of a reaction. The quantity of logs to be taken out this winter may be somewhat restricted, owing to the scarcity of and advance in the cost of labor."

It is estimated that there are now 7,000,000,000 feet of white pine still standing within the borders of Minnesota. It is stated further that this pine is melting away at the rate of 1,500,000,000 feet every year, and that in another five years, if the present rate of consumption continues, an end will have been reached to the lumber business of the state. This, however, is a prospect that causes no particular alarm among business men, for, according to Minneapolis reports, they are confident that with the passing of the lumberman there will be a great addition to the agricultural population, and that the added trade which will naturally come as the result of the development of the rich farming lands of the northern part of the state will more than compensate them for any loss they may sustain by the closing down of the saw mills.—Bradstreet's.

**Tenders.**

The Rainy River Navigation Company has advertised for sealed tenders for portaging the steamer City of Alberton from the Lake of the Woods, at Koochiching Falls, Fort Frances, to Rainy Lake.

Tenders will be received up to the 30th of December, for the purchase of all the dry and green wood on a half section of land in Portage la Prairie district, the property of the Winnipeg general hospital.

Tenders addressed to the chairman of the committee on works, Winnipeg, will be received up to December 27 for the construction of the following works, viz.: Macadam pavement on York avenue, from Smith street to Main street. Bonlevarding from sidewalks to the macadam curbs on both sides of York avenue, from Smith street to Main street.

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## THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, Dec. 23, 1899.

Interest has centered mainly in the holiday retail trade this week. This has been exceptionally good and at times the stores have been so crowded that clerks were unable to serve all customers. From almost every branch of trade reports are coming that the volume of sales has exceeded last year which was generally recognized as an exceptionally good one. The demand has also shown itself most noticeably in the more expensive classes of goods. Gold and silver wares have formed a liberal part of the purchases for gift purposes. Difficulty has been found in keeping stocks sorted up as the forward movement of some lines of Christmas goods by rail has been slow owing to pressure of general traffic. Among the wholesale houses business has confined itself largely to sorting trade with the exception of the grocery branch where the demand for large blocks of seasonable goods has been very active. From some country points there are complaints of small farmers' trade owing to lack of sleighing. Railway traffic has been exceptionally heavy this week both in freight and passengers but especially the latter as large numbers of people have had to be transported east and south for the holidays. Labor is still well employed in the city as the open weather permits the prosecution of most lines of outside work. Carpenters, builders, painters, plumbers, etc., are all engaged in finishing work on the various new buildings. It is likely that the most of the winter will be consumed in this way. In speaking of the large volume of the Xmas trade, it is of course necessary to distinguish between the actual holiday trade and the regular season trade. The exceptional mildness of the season has considerably reduced the volume of the regular fall and early winter trade in heavy textiles, warm footwear, etc. The people certainly have more money to spend this season than in almost any previous year. Crops have been fairly good, taken all around. Good prices have been realized for the past season for dairy produce, live stock, poultry, eggs, hides and other miscellaneous farm products. The population of the country is larger and labor has been thoroughly well employed throughout the past year, at a considerable advance in wages, on an average. All these things are favorable to an active holiday trade.

The one thing required to improve the business situation is more seasonable weather and snow to make sleighing. It is now too late in the season to recover the lost trade owing to the mild, open winter. People will not buy heavy winter goods freely after Xmas, even with cold weather, and the

season's trade in winter vehicles has also been a failure, which winter weather now would not make up for. Sleighing, however, is needed for other reasons. The supply of cordwood in the city is about exhausted and it will be difficult to get in fresh supplies until we have sleighing. Snow will also be required for lumbering operations in the woods. Again, farmers are holding a larger quantity of grain than usual at this time of year, which they have been marketing very slowly partly on account of the absence of snow and unfavorable condition of the roads.

## WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, Dec. 23, 1899.

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

### BOOTS AND SHOES.

Preparations are now in progress for starting travellers on the road with samples of mitts, gloves, moccasins and felt footwear for trade of next winter. Orders for these goods, especially the latter line, are generally sought in January and February for the following winter's trade. In the case of felt goods it is necessary that the orders should be taken this far ahead in order that felt makers may be able to gauge the requirements of the market and manufacture accordingly. While so far the sale of winter goods in Manitoba has not been as large as anticipated the situation has its compensating features as there has been an unusually good demand this month for leather toots and shoes which have taken the place of fells to a large extent.

### DRUGS.

Wholesale druggists have been advised this week of advances on the various articles manufactured of glass, especially bottles, which they use the general rate of advance being about 10 per cent. Manufacturers of rubber have also gone up again although not so sharply as glass. Rubber goods have been going up steadily for some time. Quinine has advanced again in all markets, including Winnipeg, where the increase amounts to 5c per ounce. Glycerine and cocaine are very strong and advancing in eastern markets. Trade during the past week has been good in all lines. For prices see "prices current" page.

### FUEL.

There has been no change in prices here. The demand for both wood and coal for heating purposes is light owing to mild weather. Stocks of hard coal at southern points of accumulation are not so far short of estimated requirements now owing to long spell of mild weather with attendant reduction in consumption. Lack of sleighing still cuts off supply of wood in Manitoba to a large extent. Quotations current in the city for coal will be found elsewhere. Wood prices for carlots on track are as follows: Tamarac per cord, \$4.75; green cut tamarac, \$4.25 to \$4.75; jackpine per cord, \$4 to \$4.25; birch, \$4.75 to \$5; United States oak, \$5; Manitoba oak, \$4.75; United States maple, \$5.25; poplar, \$3 to \$3.25; spruce, \$3.25 to \$3.50; slabs, \$2.50 per cord.

## GREEN FRUITS.

The fruit market has continued active this week with a good demand for apples, oranges, lemons, bananas, and other seasonable lines. The Christmas trade has been good, being better than last year with all the dealers and there have been more of them to divide the trade among. A drop in the price of oranges may be looked for as soon as the holiday demand is over as prices equal to \$1 per case for best navels here are now being offered by California shippers and this price will probably be made by local dealers after January 1. There has been a large crop of these oranges. In some parts of California the oranges have attained to unusually large sizes this year which lessens the value per case. The auction sales of apples have continued this week and have been realizing about an average of \$1.25 per barrel. This is barely enough to cover freight and handling. It is said that some eastern dealers have been ruined on the Manitoba apple trade this year. There has been an astonishing waste of money involved in the business as consignments to this market have been ridiculously large. Outside of the auctions there is not much doing in apples. New dates are now arriving. We quote prices as follows. California navel oranges, \$1 to \$1.50 per case for regular sizes; California seedlings, \$3.50 California lemons per box, \$5 to 5.25; Messina lemons, \$5; bananas per bunch \$3 to \$3.50; apples winter \$2.00 to \$4.00 per barrel; Malaga grapes, in kegs, per keg, \$7.50; Cape Cod cranberries per barrel \$7.00; coconuts per dozen, 50c; Grenoble walnuts, 17c; Marbots, 14c; Tarragona almonds, 15c; filberts, 12c; peanuts, green, 9 to 10c; roasted, 12c; pecan nuts, 13c per lb.; maple sugar, per lb., 11c; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; fruit cider put up in 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 40c; figs, in boxes, 7c lb.; new California layer figs in 10-pound boxes, \$1.50; new Smyrnas in grove boxes, \$2 per doz.; 10-lb. boxes, \$1.50 to \$1.60 per box, and 30-pound boxes, \$6.00; dates 7c per lb. in 1-lb. cartons 9c; sweet potatoes, per barrel, \$5.50; honey, in 1-lb. glass jars, per dozen jars, \$2.50; Spanish onions, \$1.25 per crate; American red onions, 2c per lb.; celery, per dozen, 50c.

### GROCERIES.

Christmas trade has been moving freely this week. There has been some delay in getting goods moved to their destinations, and also some inconvenience caused by the fact that the close of navigation found many consignments of holiday goods still on the eastern side of the lakes which has necessitated their being sent around by rail with consequent loss of time. Stocks of some lines of seasonable goods ran very low this week. Shelled almonds and walnuts could not be obtained except in very small quantities. Wholesale houses complain that collections are bad in the country.

### HARDWARE AND PAINTS.

A steady trade is doing in these lines so far as the season and weather will permit of their use. Hardware dealers are beginning to book orders for blue-stone for spring trade which is quoted now at 61.2c per pound. This is a high price compared with other years, but is not likely to be cut any as the output is limited. It is to be hoped that the increased cost will not deter farmers from bluestoning their wheat seed in the spring or at least

treating it in some way as even at the higher prices the expenditure will be well repaid. Country merchants should see that they are not caught next spring as they were last without adequate supplies of this or some other gum preventive. Paint and oil dealers have received notice this week of an advance of 3c per gallon in all kinds of lubricating oils. This date is from December 20.

#### LEATHER.

Prices on all kinds of harness leather have again advanced here, this time 1c per pound all around, making No. 1 harness union oak leather worth 36c per pound here and other grades in proportion. In shoe findings half soles and lifts have advanced 10c to 15c per dozen, making a total advance of 20c to date. The leather markets continue to hold and in some directions increase their strength.

#### LUMBER.

British Columbia lumber is now \$1 higher for all shipment, fir or cedar as a result of the increased prices on all other classes of lumber and the higher cost of production. Dealers throughout Manitoba have been notified to this effect this week. The advance applies to all 50 cent freight rate points. There is a good demand for lumber for the season and many orders for next year's delivery are being booked.

#### SCRAP.

Iron prices are erratic and tending lower. Rubber is firm and advancing. We quote prices here as follows: No. 1 cast iron free from wrought and malleable \$14 per ton; No. 1 stove plate, \$5.00 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$3.50 per ton, heavy copper, 10c per pound; copper bottoms, 8c per pound, red brass 8 to 8 1/2-2c per pound; yellow brass, heavy, 7 1/2-2c per pound; light brass, 4 1/2-2c to 5c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2 1/2-2c per pound, zinc scrap, 1c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c; rubber, free from rivets, buckles and articles, 3c per pound.

#### GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

**WHEAT**—The outstanding features in the wheat markets this week has been the sudden advance in prices on Monday, when they gained 1 1/2-4c per bushel for the one day, and then the gradual recession of prices since, so that at the end of the week the value is precisely the same as it was at the end of last week. The cause of the advance on Monday seemed to be the effect of the report of Buller's reverse in South Africa. English consols declined heavily, and wheat markets in England and the continent advanced sharply, causing the short sellers on the American markets to run to cover, and in their anxiety to get what they bid prices up. On Tuesday a much calmer feeling prevailed, and showed itself by a decline of 1c per bushel in wheat, followed on Wednesday by a further shrinkage of 3/4-1c per bushel. Since then prices have been at about a standstill, and only a small business has been passing. The holiday season is now making itself felt on the markets, and a period of inactivity is expected to prevail. There is as yet no strong reason why the war in South Africa should cause an advance in wheat values, but there is always the suggestion of possible European complications hanging over the markets. Independent of this the actual wheat situation appears to be presently stronger than it has been. Primary receipts in the States are

daily only about half of what they were a year ago. The quantity of wheat on ocean passage is gradually decreasing lately, under lessening world's shipments, and these are running considerably under the estimated requirements of importing countries. With nothing shipping from India, and only moderate quantities from Russia and the Balkan peninsula, European buyers may soon have to offer a little more money to draw wheat towards them. The principal factor tending to operate against an advance at present, is the disturbed state of the money market in the east, which is deterring prudent traders from investing freely. The American visible supply increased \$61,000 bushels for the week, and is now 37,153,000 bushels, against 30,551,000 bushels last year. The world's shipments for last week were 5,165,000 bushels compared with 7,533,000 bushels previous week, and 7,564,000 bushels one year ago. The world's visible supply increased 1,297,000 bushels against an increase of 5,390,000 bushels one year ago. The quantity on ocean passage is 20,236,000 bushels, or 6,304,000 bushels less than one year ago. There is no material change reported regarding growing crops, they are, in a general way going well everywhere except in India.

The local market has followed the outside market pretty closely as to price quotations, but business is very dull and trading extremely light. The price of 1 hard is held above export value on the basis of through rates to U. K. ports; consequently there is no shipping business to take wheat off this market, and investment buying is necessarily on a very limited scale. Last week 1 hard in store Fort William left off at 65 1/4-4c per bushel. With Monday's advance the price went up to 67c per bushel, since which it has gradually come down to 64 3/4-4c per bushel, this being the best price that could be got yesterday, and buyers were very scarce and indifferent at that. Very little was sold, as holders generally would not accept less than 65c. Two hard and 1 Northern are 23-4c to 3c under 1 hard, and 3 hard is 6c under 1 hard. One frosted is 5 1/2-4c and 2 frosted 49c per bushel, all in store Fort William.

**FLOUR**—Trade has been quiet. The Ogilvie Company has reduced the price of their Hungarian patent to \$1.80 from the \$1.90 hitherto prevailing. It is understood that this change has been general at all their mills. Other quotations remain unchanged as follows: Ogilvie's Hungarian, Patent, \$1.80; Glenora, \$1.70; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.50; XXXX, \$1.20; Lake of the Woods patent, \$1.50; Strong Bakers, \$1.70; Madora, \$1.50; XXXX, \$1.30 per sack of 48 pounds delivered in Winnipeg.

**MILLFEED**—Bran, in bulk, is worth 55c to \$10 per ton, and shorts, in bulk, \$11.50 to \$12, with \$1 per ton off to dealers.

**GROUND FEED**—Oat chop, \$20 per ton for best. Mixed feed of barley and oats, \$18 per ton; barley chop, \$15 per ton. Oil cake \$27 per ton.

**OLDS**—Deliveries are small and the demand limited. No. 1 white oats in carlots on track here are worth 27c per bushel; No. 2 white, 25 1/2-2c; No. 2 mixed, 24 1/2-2c to 25c; farmers' loads, 24 to 25c. Carlots at country points 20 to 22c.

**BARLEY**—There is very little movement in this market, and values remain unchanged, at 28 to 32c for malting grades and 26 to 28c for food.

**CORN**—38 to 40c per bushel in carlots for No. 3 corn.

**WHEAT**—Buyers are paying from 48 to 52 for farmers' loads at country points. Deliveries are very light. It was expected that the desire to secure a little ready cash for Christmas would have improved deliveries this week, but this expectation has not been realized.

**FLAXSEED**—Movement very light. Dealers are paying \$1.20 for farmer's loads at country points.

**OATMEAL**—Jobbing concerns are asking \$1.70 for 60 pound sack of domestic meal to the retail trade.

**HAY**—Demand falling off. Wild hay, baled, is worth \$5.50 to \$6.50 per ton; timothy, baled, \$7.50, and loose hay on the street, \$5 to \$6.

**BUTTER**—Creamery—Retail concerns are asking about 26c for creamery butter. There is no movement to speak of in a wholesale way.

**CHEESE**—Dealers are asking 13c for Manitoba cheese and 13 1/2-2c for Ontario.

**EGGS**—Retail merchants in the city readily pay 20c per dozen for good candied stock. Dealers are buying on a basis of 18c delivered at Winnipeg.

**VEGETABLES**—We quote prices as follows: Potatoes, in carlots on track here 40c per bushel, farmers' loads: 40 to 45c; carrots, 35 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; beets, 30 to 40c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2-2c per lb.; celery, 75c to \$1 per bushel; cabbages, 1c to 1 1/2-2c per lb.; celery, 30c per dozen bunches; green house lettuce, 35 to 40c per dozen bunches; green house parsley, 30c per dozen bunches.

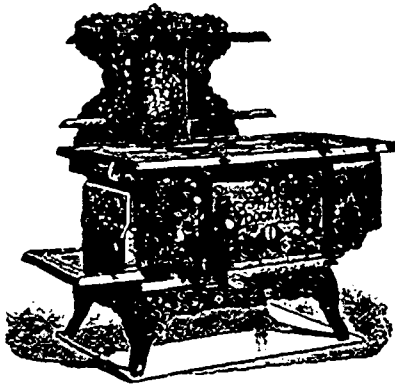
**HIDES**—The market has become unsettled owing to falling oil in prices at Chicago and competition among local dealers. The Chicago market has lost from 1-1/2 to 1-2c per pound, and quotations vary from 7 1/2-2c for No. 1 inspected hides. Frozen hides are worth from 6 1/2-2c to 7 1/2-2c, but very few are coming in owing to mild weather. January receipts should be large of this class of hides if colder weather sets in. We quote prices as follows: No. 1 7 1/2-2c to 8c; No. 2, 6 1/2-2c to 7c; No. 3, 5 1/2-2c to 6c. Branded hides grade No. 2 and bulls, No. 3; kip, 7c; calf, 8 to 5 1/2-2c; deakin skins, 25 to 35c each; sheep skins, fresh killed, 50c each; country sheep 40c; lambs 25c to 30c each; horsehides, 50c to 75c each.

**WOOL**—Unwashed Manitoba fleece is worth 8 to 9c per pound. None offering.

**SENECA**—37c per pound. None offering.

**DRESSED MEATS**—The market has been quiet this week with fancy Christmas meats, especially beef and mutton. One firm is showing a very fine lot of mutton, which came all the way from New Brunswick. A fine array of home grown mutton is also being shown by other butchers. Farmers' deliveries of hogs have been more liberal. Prices are: Fancy Christmas beef 6 1/2-2c to 8c per lb.; ordinary grades, 5 to 6c per lb.; mutton, 9c per lb.; lambs, 9 to 10c; veal, 7 to 8c, hogs, 5 1/2-2c to 6 1/2-2c.

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grown stock is described as fair. About 16 cars of Ontario poultry have been distributed by Winnipeg houses which constitutes not only the holiday, but the winter's supply. This does not include any of the cars which have gone west for Alberta and British Columbia use. Dealers will pay 11c per pound for Manitoba grown turkeys and 9c for geese, ducks and chickens.

**GAME**—Rabbits are offering in small numbers at 7 to 8c each.

### LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE**—With the exception of the movement of Christmas beef there has been very little doing. Butchers' cattle are worth 31-4c and common grades 21-2 to 3c per pound.

**SHEEP**—No movement. We quote 1c per pound for choice wethers of sheep and 4 to 5c for lambs.

**HOGS**—Receipts fair and demand good. Buyers are quoting 13-4c per pound for choice weights, ranging from 150 to 250 pounds, and 41-2c for second grades.

**MILCH COWS**—Business very light. Worth from \$25 to \$150 according to quality.  
**HORSES**—The market is practically dead. The advent of sleighing would improve demand.

### Implement Trade Notes.

The work of moving the machinery from the Indiana bicycle plant at Indianapolis to Toronto, where its owners have established a bicycle plant to control the market in Canada has commenced.

The fire that consumed the McLaughlin Carriage Co.'s factory at Oshawa, Ont., made a clean sweep of practically the entire plant and buildings. The lumber yard was saved, together with such stock as could be removed from the lower stories of the factory. The loss is estimated at over \$100,000, with insurance between \$70,000 and \$80,000. The company will make a big effort to secure a factory in time to fill their spring orders, and have assured Mr. Mackenzie, manager of their Winnipeg branch, that his orders will be filled first.

The McLaughlin Carriage Co., of Oshawa, Ontario, burned out recently, has been offered the Thousand Island Carriage Co.'s plant at Gananoque, Ont. This factory has not been operated for some time, being in liquidation. The McLaughlin Co. have been offered this factory free of rent for six months and \$200 in cash to help cover moving expenses, as a bonus from the town of Gananoque. The plant is a good one, and comparatively new. By taking this factory the McLaughlin Co. would no doubt be able to fill their spring orders promptly, notwithstanding the loss of their factory by fire.

### Hail Insurance.

The annual meeting of the Manitoba Farmers' Mutual Hail Insurance Co. was held in Winnipeg on Monday last. As was expected, there was quite a lively time at the meeting, owing to the trouble growing out of the high assessment made by the company, and the alleged high expenditure during the first year of the company's existence. The following board of directors were elected: E. C. Townsend, Boissevain; E. T. Baines, Hamiota; E. N. Hopkins, Moose Jaw, and D. W. McCuaig, Portage la Prairie; M. Parker, Winnipeg. All the above directors are now except M. Parker.

New officers have been elected by the directors of the Farmers' Mutual Hail Insurance company as follows: President, E. Thompson, Boissevain; vice-president, D. W. McCuaig, Portage la Prairie, manager, E. A. Taylor, secretary-treasurer, E. Townsend.

### Grain and Milling Notes.

This season the receipts of grain at Buffalo total 146,685,407 bushels, a decrease of over 71,000,000 bushels, as compared with last year.

The Montreal Corn Exchange Association committee of management has expressed its approval of the Corners contract for providing elevator facilities at that port.

The crop bulletin of the Kansas Board of Agriculture for the present year shows final returns of the state's agricultural products as follows: The winter wheat yield amounts to 42,815,471 bushels. The yield of corn is 225,133,432 bushels. Excepting that of 1889 (278,888,321 bushels), this is the largest corn crop the state has yet produced. The combined home value of the three grains—wheat, corn and oats—is \$20,838,622, or a total increase over the 1895 value of the same crops of \$13,384,621.

### FURTHER STOCK LIQUIDATION.

New York, Dec. 22.—The stock market had to undergo further liquidation to day. Prices yielded without any very active resistance, but there were no signs of panic, and the liquidation was conducted in an orderly manner. The principal causes of weakness were evidently not local, and seemed to be largely due to the condition of affairs in Boston. The closing of the Globe National bank there was the cause of widespread uneasiness, and brought large offerings on the New York market of the favorite Boston stocks. Sugar was the most conspicuous example as is shown by its extreme decline of seven points. The

rise in the private discount rate and the fears of trouble at the settlement now imminent are causes of apprehension. During the last hour the bears were very large buyers to cover short contracts and the effect on prices was seen in recoveries running all the way from 1 to 5 points in the principal railroads and industrials. The rate for money flurried at one time to 9 per cent, but ruled for the most part at 6 per cent, or below. Estimates for tomorrow's bank statement are all at sea, owing to the extraordinary conditions that have prevailed.

### BRITISH STOCKS.

London, Dec. 22.—4 p.m. closing—Consols for money 98 1-2; consols for the account 98 3-8; C. P. 89 1-2; Erie 10 1-4; Erie firsts preferred 29 3-4; Illinois Central 110 1-2; U. P. preferred 71 3-4; St. Paul common 117; N. Y. C. 129 1-2; Pennsylvania 65 3-4; Reading 8 3-8; N. P. preferred 72 1-2; Atchison 17 5-8; Louisville 75 1-2; G. T. 61-4; Anaconda 6 3-4. Bar silver 26 15-16. Money 4. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 7 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for three months bills is 6 3-4 to 7 per cent.

### Western Business Items.

Nunn & Rycroft, bakers, Balcar, Man. are giving up business.

T. P. Jackson is reported opening a general store at Elgin, Man.

H. Woodman, hotel, Rathwell, Man. has sold out to Peter McKeown.

J. H. Black, general store, Healdingly, Man., advertises his business for sale.

The estate of L. J. Corbett, dry goods, etc., Dauphin, Man., has been sold for 80 cents on the dollar.

The Ontario Mutual has supplied The Commercial with a handsome wall calendar for 1900.

Joseph Greenway has disposed of his butcher business at Oak River, Man., to his brother John, of Newdale.

P. R. Plisson, wholesale liquors, Indian Head, Assn., has admitted H. Jarvey into partnership, under style of Indian Head Wine & Liquor Co.

Diamond & Swaffer, clothing and men's furnishings, Calgary, have changed style to Diamond & Carson. Andrew Carson succeeding Swaffer.

McLeod & Rathwell, clothing and men's furnishings, Portage la Prairie, Man., have assigned L. trust to Daniel Ormand.

Wm. Washburn, proprietor of the Eastern hotel, Port Arthur, Ontario, died at the Winnipeg general hospital this week.

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**Manitoba.**

S. Midd has opened a jewelry store at Pierson.

A. Duffield has opened in the butcher business at Roland.

Miss A. M. Haines has opened in stationery and fancy goods at Birtle.

S. W. Woods, butcher, Portage la Prairie, has taken in F. Andrich as a partner.

N. Erownsberger & Co. are opening in farm implements, buggies, etc., at Bolesvalin.

Adam Brown has purchased the property of John Giles at Portage la Prairie and will go into the butcher business.

Wm. Bates' livery stable at Shoal Lake was completely destroyed by fire on Dec 16. The loss is about \$1,000; insurance \$200.

The holiday excursion traffic from Manitoba to Eastern Canada this year has been exceptionally heavy, necessitating extra trains on several days this week.

The Manitoba and Southeastern train will hereafter leave the C. P. R. depot, Winnipeg, at 6 a.m., instead of 9 a.m. as at present. This will continue in force during the winter months.

The final meeting of the Winnipeg city council of 1899 was held on Monday evening. Only routine business was transacted. The mayor afterwards invited the members of the council to an annual dinner.

The first train over the new Snowflake extension of the C. P. R. made the trip on Dec. 14. Two trains a week are to be run on this line leaving La Riviere on Mondays and Fridays and returning on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

The Great West Saddlery Company, Winnipeg, have received an order for 500 saddles to be used by the Imperial cavalry in the South African war. The saddles are to be made after the fashion of the standard American army saddle. They are to be landed in Liverpool not later than January 15.

Whaley, Royce & Co., music dealers, Toronto, have opened a branch at Winnipeg under the management of E. J. Gollop. A full stock of sheet and book music, musical instruments and their fittings, pianos, organs, graphophones, etc., will be carried and a general jobbing trade in these lines with the retail dealers throughout the west done. A traveller will be put on the road shortly.

Geo. W. Campbell, manager of the British Columbia Timber and Trading Company's branch at Winnipeg, and Henry Byrnes, of Harston & Byrnes, coal and wood dealers, Winnipeg, have formed a partnership for the purpose of dealing in hardwood lumber, British Columbia shingles, etc., in Winnipeg. Both are well known to the lumber trade of the west, Mr. Byrnes having carried on a cash and door business in Winnipeg for a number of years previous to his engaging in the fuel trade. They intend making a specialty of British Columbia shingles. Mr. Campbell will continue to manage the B. C. Timber and Trading Co.'s business here and Mr. Byrnes will take the active management of the new concern.

**Northwest Ontario.**

Klippert & Johnson, furniture dealers, Rat Portage, have dissolved partnership. The business will be carried on by J. E. Klippert.

Fire destroyed H. Cameron's board-

ing house at Norman on December 16. Several of the occupants lost personal effects. The loss on the building is not given.

A company to be known as the Gash Point Milling Company has been formed at Fort Francis, Ontario, to take over the saw mill at Emo on the Rainy River and remove it to Gash Point, where it will be set up and operated. A general lumber business will also be carried on. Daniel Mosher will be manager of the company.

**Alberta.**

Frank J. McConoy is opening a bakery and confectionery shop in connection with his meat business at Edmonton.

**THE COMMERCIAL MEN.****N. W. C. T. A.**

The annual meeting of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' association was held in the grain exchange on Saturday at 8 p. m. The retiring president, F. W. Drewry, was in the chair with J. M. O'Loughlin as secretary.

The minutes of the general meeting held in November were read and confirmed. The report of the board of directors being printed and distributed was taken as read and after a slight amendment was unanimously adopted.

The treasurer's report was then submitted and all present were much pleased with the financial and other progress of the association, the membership having increased nearly 25 per cent and the very handsome surplus of over \$3,000 carried forward, bringing the assets of the association up to the very gratifying figure of \$25,000 with a membership of 629.

The president then called for the scrutineers' report, which, being read, showed the following officers and directors elected for the year 1900:

President—Wm. Hargreaves.

Vice president—Fred J. C. Cox.

Treasurer—L. C. McIntyre.

Secretary—J. M. O'Loughlin.

Directors—F. W. Drewry, G. F.

Bryan, F. Agnew, F. Morgan, M. McGowan, F. W. Fahey, J. T. Black, J.

McDonald, A. P. Jeffreys.

British Columbia directorate:

Vice-president for Victoria—James Thomson.

Director for Victoria—C. A. Steele.

Vice-president for Vancouver—James

Prentice. Directors for Vancouver—

R. Hamilton and A. H. Wallbridge.

Directors for New Westminster—Alon

Cunningham.

Director for Kootenay—Thomas

Parkinson.

An amendment to the by-laws was

then, after considerable discussion,

passed, providing a "mortuary re-

serve fund," also an amendment ne-

cessitated by changes already made in

the mortuary benefit by-law. Votes of

thanks were passed to the grain ex-

change for the use of their room; Mes-

srs. G. F. Bryan for cigars provided,

also to the scrutineers and auditors

for their services.

On motion of L. C. McIntyre and G. F.

Bryan, a vote of thanks was tendered

to The Commercial for the interesting

reports published relating to the as-

sociation. The members spoke very

appreciatively of the value of The

Commercial to the business interests of

the west and as worthy of the support

of business concerns. The motion was

received with great enthusiasm.

**DOMINION ASSOCIATION.**

Montreal, Dec. 16.—The annual meeting of the Dominion Commercial Trav-

ellers was held last night. The election of officers resulted as follows: For president, Max Murdoch, 1,229 votes; J. T. Lesueur, 1,071 votes. Directors—Gus Harries, 1,073 votes; Geo. A. Mann, 1,065; D. M. Lefebvre, 1,042; C. M. Mills, 950; C. Brims, 910; A. D. Gall, 863; J. F. L. Caron, 812; Jno. Hughes, 801; P. Gauthier, 727; W. E. Dickson, 561. The first live named of these, with W. Kearney, Chas. Gard, Jas. Robinson, A. R. Colvin, and Lefebvre, will be directors for the ensuing year. John W. Wright was elected vice-president and T. L. Paton treasurer by acclamation. The twenty-fourth annual report shows the total income for the fiscal year ending Dec. 6 is \$41,029.45. Of this amount \$4,379.07 was paid for meeting the expenses, and the sum of \$21,625 in death claims, which is somewhat less than last year. Owing to this fact and a large increase in membership, the surplus exceeds that of any previous year save one, the balance for the year amounting to \$9,425.36, which, added to the capital account, now reaches the sum of \$169,372.94. The certificates issued show a large increase of membership.

The meeting was a most enthusiastic one, but even reached the climax when Samuel Woods rose and moved this resolution: "In view of the present crisis in the affairs of the British empire any member of the association that may have gone, or may volunteer for service in the army or navy shall have all the privileges and benefits of this association continued during their term of enlistment." The resolution was seconded by the whole assembly rising to their feet and carrying it with a whirlwind of enthusiasm, all joining heartily in singing of "God Save the Queen." This was immediately followed by a motion by W. J. Egan, seconded by Wm. Galbraith, that the association vote the sum of \$250 to the patriotic fund. This was also enthusiastically carried.

**ABOUT THE TRAVELLERS.**

President-elect Wm. Hargreaves, of the N. W. C. T. A., made a flying trip through from Vancouver, in order to be present at the annual meeting on Saturday last.

W. J. Blundell, city traveller for J. Y. Griffin & Co., left for the east on Friday to spend Christmas with friends and relatives. While away he will visit Galt and Petrolia.

S. D. R. Fernie, western representative of Horsfall & Sons, has finished his trips for the season in the clothing branch, and is now receiving the Hudson Bay Kuiting Co.'s samples for next winter's trade, which lines he also represents in the west.

At the close of the annual meeting of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association, on Saturday evening last, retiring president, F. W. Drewry, invited those present to partake of an oyster supper at Sloan's restaurant, where a pleasant social evening was enjoyed.

Jas. Mundie, who has been with the W. E. Sanford Manufacturing Co., for the past three years, doing the main line west and western branches, terminates his engagement at the end of the year with this house. Mr. Mundie is going back to the firm of John W. Peck & Co., with whom he spent ten years previous to his last engagement. He will have the management of the clothing factory of J. W. Peck & Co. at Montreal. Mr. Mundie starts for Montreal toward the end of next week.

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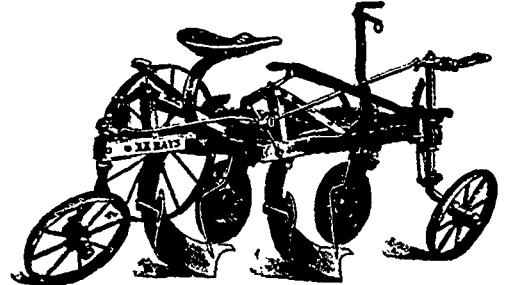
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### TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 23.

**Dry Goods**—Holiday sorting trade this week has been quite brisk. Retailers are very busy. Jobbers are not getting much time to attend spring orders. There is a good deal of talk here over future prices of Canadian wools. It is thought that there will be a general advance after turn of year owing to advance in wools. An advance in wages of Canadian cotton operatives is causing uneasiness about future cotton prices. Prospects for spring trade are good.

**Hardware**—Less active. Travellers are home and orders are fewer. This has been a remarkably good year and the sharp advance in metals has given handsome profits for those who had supplies. Harvest tools and wire orders are being freely booked. American coffee mills have been advanced 25 per cent by makers. Stove pipe elbows are 60 to 65 cents per dozen higher at \$1.60 for No. 2, \$1.80 for No. 1 and for bright add 20c. American makers have advanced lamp brackets 33 1/3 per cent. Drapery hooks, pole sockets, pole joints, curtain poles, trimmings, slide head picture nails, shade pulls and drapery chains all average about 20 per cent dearer. Wire screen for doors and windows has advanced 5c per hundred feet. Wrapping twines, hem, plough lines and cotton rope are all dearer. Pig tin is lower at 33c. Ingot copper is 4-2c lower. Spelter is easier.

**Groceries**—Business which has been very good all month is less active. Feature is drop of 5c per 100 pounds in refined sugars yesterday. Canned goods are steady. Some tomatoes have been held 10 to 15 cents higher than any prices quoted. Prices rule at 95c to \$1. Corn is worth \$1.05 to \$1.10, and peas are firm at 85c to \$1.10. Purchases of cohoes salmon have been made this week at \$3.35 f.o.b. coast.

### TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 23.

**Grain deliveries** were fair and the demand slow. There was scarcely any export enquiry for wheat or flour on Monday's bulge. Ontario wheat is now selling 1c lower at 65c. Spring wheat unchanged. Manitoba wheat is 1-2c lower. Large rolls of butter are 1-2c dearer. Dairy tub butter is scarce and firm. Cheese is firmer and turkeys and geese are higher.

**Four**—Manitoba patent, \$4.20; Manitoba bakers, \$3.70; Ontario straight roller, \$2.80 to \$2.90 per barrel for carlots at country mills.

**Wheat**—Ontario winter wheat, 66c for cars at country points; Ontario spring, 65 1/2 to 66c; No. 1 hard, 78 to 78 1/2-2c, grinding in transit.

**Oats**—New oats, 25 to 26 1-2c at country points for car lots.

**Barley**—No. 2, 35c, country points. **Millfeed**—Shorts, \$14 to \$14.50 ton; bran, \$12 to \$12.50 per ton for cars at country mills.

**Oatmeal**—\$3.25 in bags per barrel, and \$3.35 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

**Eggs**—Fresh, 18c; held fresh, 15 to 16c, new laid, 23 to 24c; No. 1 hatched, 16 to 17c.

**Butter**—Dairy, tubs, choice fresh 17 to 18c, poor to medium, 10 to 16c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 21 to 21 1-2c.

**Cheese**—12c to 12 1/2c for job lots to the local trade.

**Hides**—9 1/2 for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 10c; cured hides, 10 1/2 to 11c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 75 to

\$1; calfskins, 10 and 9c for No. 1 and No. 2; tallow, 5 to 5 1/2c.

**Wool**—Washed fleece, 18 to 20c; unwashed, 10 to 12c.

**Beans**—\$1.40 to \$1.50 per bushel for hand picked.

**Dried Apples**—6 to 6 1/2c for round lots; evaporated, 8 to 9c.

**Poultry**—Chickens, 25 to 60c per pair; turkeys, 8 to 9 1/2c per pound; geese, 6 to 6 1/2c.

**Potatoes**—Steady at 40c per bag for car lots.

**Hogs**—Dressed hogs, \$5 to \$5.30 per 100 pounds for car lots, mixed weights.

### TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 19.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 850 head of cattle, 1,000 sheep and lambs, and 2,000 hogs.

**Export cattle**—Choice cattle sold at \$4.50 to \$5 per cwt. Light cattle sold at \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt. Export bulls, \$4.25 to \$4.50 for bulls weighing 1,600 lbs. or more. Lighter bulls, \$3.25 to \$3 per cwt.

**Butchers' cattle**—Market easier, owing to mild weather. Buyers only offered \$3.50 to \$4 for choice, and \$2.50 upward for common stock.

**Feeders**—Demand for heavy short-keep steers at \$3.60 to \$3.80. Light feeders \$3.25 to \$3.40 per cwt.

**Stockers**—Steady at \$2.25 to \$2.70 for cattle weighing from 500 to 700 lbs., and \$3 to \$3.40 for heavier weights.

**Sheep and lambs**—Market steady at \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt. for lambs, \$3 to \$3.25 for export ewes. Lambs, picked ewes and wethers sold at \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt.

**Hogs**—Prices advanced 12 1-2c per cwt. to \$4.50 per cwt. for picked lots of 100 to 200 lbs., and \$4.12 1-2 per cwt. for light fats. Thick fats unchanged at \$4 per cwt.

### FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 23.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 250 cattle, 680 sheep and lambs, and 3,100 hogs.

The market was dull. The top price for export cattle was \$4.85 per cwt. Butchers' cattle unchanged. Milch cows higher at \$30 to \$55 each. Lambs sold slowly and were weaker at \$3.40 to \$4.00. Hogs remained firm at Tuesday's prices.

### MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 19.

At the East End Abattoir market yesterday the offerings of live stock were 1,100 cattle and 1,200 sheep and lambs.

Trade was not brisk, supplies being slow. Extra Christmas beef sold at from 5 to 5 1/2c per lb.; prime steers at from 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c, pretty good stock from 5 to 4 1/4c, and the common cattle at from 2 to 3c per lb., while the leaner beasts would bring considerably less than 2c per lb. No sheep were bought for shipment to Great Britain. Butchers paid from 2 1/2 to 3 1/4c per lb. for sheep, and from 3 1/2 to 4c per lb. for common lambs. Good lots of fat hogs sold at from \$4.10 to \$4.25 per 100 lbs., weighed off the cars.

### THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, Dec. 13.

At the East End Abattoir yesterday receipts were 400 cattle and 400 sheep and lambs.

The market for cattle was fair and heavy, and the quality poor for the

season. Best steers brought 4 to 4 1/4c, fair to good 3 to 3 1/2c, common grade 2 to 2 1/2c. Sheep, 3 to 3 1/2c. Lambs, 3 1/2 to 4 1/2c. Hogs, 7 1/2 to \$4.30.

### MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 23.

Grain, flour and meal are steady and quiet. Feed is easier and not quotably changed. The hide market is firm and active. Eggs are steady. Butter is active and unchanged in price. There is a good local demand. Cheese is firm. Beans and potatoes are steady. Poultry is active with turkeys 1c higher, ducks 1-2c higher, and chickens 1-2c lower.

**Oats**—5c 1-2c in store. **Flour**—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.60 to \$3.70; Manitoba patents, \$4.00 to \$4.15.

**Millfeed**—Bran, \$14.75 to \$15.00 per ton; shorts, \$16.00 to \$17.00, including sacks.

**Oatmeal**—Roiled oats, \$3.50 per barrel on track and \$1.70 per sack.

**Hides**—No. 1 green city hides, 10 1/2-2c; No. 2, 9 1/2-2c; No. 3 8 1/2-2c; calfskins, No. 1, 11c; No. 2, 9c; lambskins 85c; tallow 4 to 4 1/2c.

**Eggs**—Strictly fresh, 22 to 24c; candied, 17 1/2 to 19c; second grade, 14 to 16c.

**Butter**—Choice fresh dairy, 17 to 18c. **Butter**—Choice creamery, 21 to 21 1/2c.

**Cheese**—Finest, 11 7/8 to 12 1/2c. **Beans**—\$1.42 1/2 to \$1.47 1/2 per bushel, as to quality.

**Potatoes**—47 1/2c per bag on track. **Dressed Poultry**—Turkeys, 10 to 10 1/2c. Ducks, 8 to 8 1/2c; geese, 6c; chickens, 6 1/2 to 7 1/2c.

### MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 23.

Hardware, paints and oils are firm and trade quiet.

### MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 23.

Groceries are in active holiday demand. Sugars are lower and large quantities of United States sugars are coming in. Granulated is now quoted at \$4.45 and yellows at \$3.55 to \$4.20. No other changes.

### LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Dec. 22.

Cattle firm at 11 1/4 to 12c; estimated dressed weight. Christmas beef sold at 13 to 13 1/2c.

### LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Dec. 22.

Cheese remains steady at 57s to 59s for both white and colored.

### SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial. London, Dec. 22. Beet dull and 1 1/2d lower. December 9 1/2 11-2d, January, 9s 2 1/2d.

### BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

London, Dec. 18.—Only United States cattle were offered here to-day, and they sold at 53-4d to 6 1/2-2d. Trade was slow.

Liverpool, Dec. 18.—Best Canadians sold at 5 1/2-2d, and sheep at 5 1/4-4d.

Following its usual practice the Bala Drug Company of Winnipeg has issued a tasty and well arranged almanac for 1900, which is now in circulation.



**New York Wheat.**

New York, Dec. 18.—Wheat, Dec. opened 73 1-4c, closed 73 5-8c. May opened 75 1-4c, closed 76 1-4c.

New York, Dec. 19.—Wheat, Dec. opened 73 1-4c, closed 72 5-8c. May opened 75 1 1/2 to 5-8c, closed 75 5-8c. July opened 75 5-8c, closed 75 1-2.

New York, Dec. 20.—Wheat, Dec. opened 72 3-8c. May opened 75 5-8c, closed 74 3-4c. July opened 75 1-2, closed 74 7-8c.

New York, Dec. 21.—Wheat, Dec. opened —. May opened 74 3-4, closed 75c. July opened 74 7-8c, closed 75 1-8c.

New York, Dec. 22.—Wheat—Receipts 92,500 bushels, exports 15,995 bushels, sales 1,250,000 bushels futures and 24,000 bushels export. Options opened about steady at 1-8c decline under bearish Argentine and Russian crop reports but rallied a little in the afternoon on covering and the steadiness of cables. Clearances and export demand were again insignificant. The market closed about steady at unchanged prices to 1-8c decline.

New York, Dec. 23.—Holiday.

**Chicago Board of Trade Prices.**

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Wheat, Dec. opened 66 3-4c, closed 67 1-4c. May opened 70 to 66 7-8c, closed 71 1-8c. July opened 70 5-8 to 1-2c, closed 71 6-8c. Corn, Dec. opened 31, closed 31 1-4c. b. Jan. opened 31 3-8, closed 31 5-8 to 1-2c. May opened 33 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 33 3-4c. Oats, Dec. opened 22 1-8c, closed 22 3-8c. May opened 21 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 21 1-4 to 3-8c. Pork, Dec. opened \$8.87 1/2, closed \$8.88. Jan. opened \$10.10, closed 10.02 1/2c. May opened \$10.37 1/2, closed \$10.32 1-2. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.42 1/2, closed at \$5.37 1/2. May opened \$5.65, closed at \$5.60. Ribs, Jan. opened \$5.37 1/2, closed \$5.30. May opened \$5.50, closed \$5.42 1/2. Flax cash \$1.49. Dec. \$1.48 1/2 b. May \$1.42 1-2.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Wheat, Dec. opened 66 3-4c a, closed 66 1-2c. May opened 70 3-8 to 1-4c, closed 70 1-8 to 1-4c. July opened 70 7-8 to 3-4c, closed 70 5-8c. Corn, Dec. opened 30 3-4c, closed 30 1/2c a. Jan. opened 31, closed 30 5-8 to 3-4c a. May opened 33 1-8 to 3/8, closed 32 3/4 to 7-8c. Oats, Dec. opened 22 1/4c, closed 22 1-4c. May opened 24 1/4 to 1-8c, closed 24 to 1-8c. Pork, Dec. opened \$8.75, closed \$8.77 1/2. Jan. opened \$10.05, closed \$9.90. May opened \$10.27 1/2, closed \$10.25. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.32 1/2, closed at \$5.30. May opened \$5.55, closed \$5.55 a. Ribs Jan. opened \$5.25, closed \$5.22 1/2. May opened \$5.40, closed \$5.37 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.48 1/2 Dec. \$1.48 b. May \$1.43 1/2 b.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Wheat, Dec. opened 66 5-8c, closed 65 3-4c. May opened 70 3-8 to 1-4c, closed 69 3-8 to 1-2c. July opened 70 3-4c, closed 69 7-8c. Corn, Dec. opened 30 1-2c, closed 30 1-4c a. Jan. opened 30 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 30 3-8 to 1-2c a. May opened 32 7-8c, closed 32 5-8c. Oats, Dec. opened 22 1-4c, closed 22 1-8c a. May opened 24 1-8c, closed 23 5-8 to 3-4c. Pork, Dec. opened \$8.80, closed \$8.75. Jan. opened \$9.97 1/2, closed \$9.90. May opened \$10.30, closed \$10.22 1-2. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.35, closed \$5.30. May opened \$5.55, closed \$5.55. Ribs, Jan. opened \$5.27 1/2, closed \$5.27 1-2. May opened \$5.40, closed \$5.37 1/2. Flax, cash \$1.48 1/2 Dec. \$1.48 b. May \$1.44

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Wheat, Dec. opened 65 1-2c, closed 66 1-8c. May opened 69 1-2c, closed 69 3-4 to 7-8c. July opened 70 to 69 7-8c, closed 70 1-4c. Corn, Dec. opened 30 1-4c, closed 30 5-8c. Jan. opened 30 3-8 to 1-2c, closed 30 7-8c. May opened 32 5-8c, closed 33c. Oats, Dec. opened 22c, closed 22 1-8c. May opened 23 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 24c. Pork, Dec. opened \$8.75, closed \$8.80. Jan. opened \$9.90, closed \$9.95 b. May opened \$10.27 1/2, closed \$10.25. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.32 1/2, closed \$5.45. May opened \$5.55, closed \$5.65. Ribs, Jan. opened \$5.25, closed \$5.27 1-2. May op-

ened \$5.40, closed \$5.42 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.48 1-4 a. Dec. \$1.41 a. May \$1.44 a.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Wheat, Dec. opened 65 5-8c n, closed 66 1-8c b. May opened 69 5-8 to 1-2c, closed 69 5-8 to 1-2c. July 69 7-8 to 7-8c, closed 70 1-8c. Corn, Dec. opened 30 3-8c, closed 30 1-2c. Jan. opened 30 5-8c, closed 30 3-4c. May opened 32 7-8c, closed 33c. Oats, Dec. opened 22 to 1-8c, closed 22 to 1-8c. May opened 23 7-8c, closed 24c. Pork, Dec. opened \$8.80 n, closed \$8.90 n. Jan. opened \$9.92 1-2 b, closed \$10.05. May opened \$10.25, closed \$10.40. Lard Jan. opened \$5.42 1-2, closed \$5.50 to \$5.52 1-2. May opened \$5.62 1-2, closed \$5.72 1-2. Ribs, Jan. opened \$5.27 1-2 to \$5.30, closed \$5.30 b. May opened \$5.42 1-2, closed \$5.50 b. Flax, cash \$1.48 1-2. Dec. \$1.48 b. May \$1.44 a.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—May wheat opened at 69 1-2c and ranged from 69 3-8c to 69 5-8c. Closing prices were as follows:

- Wheat—Dec. 65 1-2c, May 69 1-2c.
- Corn—Dec. 30 3-8c, May 32 7-8c.
- Oats—Dec. 22c, May 23 7-8c.
- Pork—Jan. \$10.00.
- Lard—Jan. \$5.45.
- Ribs—Jan. \$5.25.

A week ago December option closed at 65 7-8c. A year ago December wheat closed at 63 5-8c; two years ago at 94 1-4c; three years ago at 81 7-8c, four years ago at 58 5-8c; five years ago at 57 5-8c.

**CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.**

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The market for flax seed closed to-day as follows. Cash \$1.4 1-2 May \$1.44.

**DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.**

No 1 northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week: Monday—Dec., 65 7-8c; May 69 5-8c. Tuesday—Dec. 64 3-4c; May, 68 3-4c. Wednesday—Dec. 64 1-4c; May, 68 1-8c. Thursday—Dec., 64 3-8c, May, 68 3-8c. Friday—Dec., 64 5-8c, May, 68 1-4c. Saturday—Holiday.

A week ago December wheat closed at 64 3-8c. A year ago December wheat closed at 64 7-8c, two years ago at 92 1-2c; three years ago at 81 1-4c; four years ago at 56 3-4c; five years ago at 62, and six years ago at 63 7-8c.

**WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.**

Market closed very quiet and about 1-4 to 1-2c lower with some small business at 64 1-2c, for No. 1 hard, in store Fort William.

**LIVERPOOL PRICES.**

Liverpool, Dec. 22.—Closing: Wheat—Spot No. 2 red western winter steady at 5s 9d; No. 1 northern spring firm at 6s 11-12d; No. 1 California 6s 2 1-2d to 6s 3d. Futures quiet March and May 5s 11d.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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**Business in British Columbia.**

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—The feature of the week in the British Columbia market has been the most sensational advance of hay. Coiville Valley has been heretofore supplying the Kootenays with hay, but recent demands upon them to supply army hay for the Philippines compelled the Coiville ranchers to discontinue sending hay to Keotenay. The Kootenays then turned to the coast dealers for their supplies, and found that those dealers were short and unable to meet the demand. The coast dealers in some alarm then turned to the Fraser valley farmers, and they in turn have been met with the astonishing statements that the hay blight caused by

prolonged wet weather is more widespread and disastrous than at first thought, and that in the early season numerous farmers who raised hay crops, thought that buying cattle would be more profitable than hanging on to hay. They sold their hay cheap and bought cattle, only retaining enough hay to feed the cattle through the winter, so that there is a great shortage of hay in the province. It is said the farmers who are more fortunate in having a supply on hand, are asking \$15, while dealers in Vancouver believe that hay will go to \$20 before the season is over.

The dairy market is buoyant. Butter is higher and eggs are selling retail, at 65 cents, and extremely hard to get at that. Merchants report that the general trade continues active. The Christmas trade is promising.

**British Columbia Items.**

- N. C. McKen, groceries, Nanaimo, sold out to John Rowan.
- G. B. Mathew, tobacco, Ymir, has sold out to C. E. Walford.
- W. B. MacLean has purchased the drug business of R. C. Ward, at Fernie.
- Bretton & Ovington, brokers of Rossland, have dissolved partnership.
- W. M. Sprott, jeweller, Greenwood, is succeeded by Sprott & McPherson.
- The partnership existing between Merchouse & Griffin, in the Canada Powder Co., Nelson, has been dissolved. The business will be carried on as usual by Mr. C. G. Griffin.

**British Columbia Markets.**

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

**PRICES AT VANCOUVER.**

- By wire to The Commercial, Vancouver, Dec. 23.
- Butter is firmer this week, creamery is 1-2c higher. Hay is up \$1 per ton. Oats are easier. Potatoes are firmer. Cured meats are easier.
- BUTTER—Local creamery, 30 to 35c; Australian fresh grass butter, 28 1/2c. Manitoba creamery, 26 1-2c; Manitoba dairy, 19 to 20c.
- EGGS—Fresh local, 50 to 60c per dozen, as to quality; eastern case eggs, 18 1-2c.
- CHEESE—15c.
- GREEN FRUIT—Oranges, navel, \$4 to \$4.25, seedlings, \$3.50 to \$3.75; California lemons, \$4 to \$4.25; bananas, \$2.50. Local apples, 90c to \$1.25 per box; grapes, \$1.75; Japan oranges, 65c per box. Eastern apples, \$6.25 per barrel. Local cranberries, \$7 per bushel.
- MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.50; two 45 lb. sacks, \$2.60; four 22 1-2 lb. sacks, \$2.80; ton 7 lb. sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal, in 10 lb. sacks, per 100 lbs. \$3.25. in 50 lb. sacks, \$3 per 100 lbs.
- FLOUR—Delivered B.O. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.60; strong bakers, \$4.30. Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.
- GRAIN—Oats, \$24 to \$25 per ton; wheat, \$25.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS.**

The Commercial joins in the general good feeling and thankfulness for temporal mercies so prevalent in the west at this time and wishes its readers one and all a very Merry Christmas.

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