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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 30, 1889.

A. CLEE has opened a real estate office at Russell, Man.

WAINWRIGHT will open a butcher shop at Calgary, Alberta.

DR. CARTER, of Killarney, Man., will move to Broadview, Assa.

ADAM BROS & Co. have opened a store at Lake Dauphin, Man.

A TAILOR shop has been opened by Rance & Southcomb at Rat Portage.

H. PACE, watchmaker, has commenced business at Lethbridge, Alberta.

RANCE & SOUTHCOMBE, tailors, have opened a stock of cloths at Rat Portage.

D. MOORE, general store, Neopawa, Man., is closing out his stock by auction.

J. WARD, of Owen Sound, Ont., will open up a butcher shop at Calgary, Alberta

R. GREENFIELD & Co. have opened a bakery and fruit store at Pilot Mound, Man.

JAS. LOUGHLIN has sold his interest in the butcher business at McGregor, Man.

F. G. SPARLING, of Pilot Mound, has bought out the meat business at Crystal City.

E. A. BAILEY, proprietor of the Rapid City Vindicator, has been appointed clerk of the county court.

A. RAYMER, book store, Portage la Prairie, Man., and Edmonton, Alberta, has sold out his business at the latter place to a brother.

T. S. HAMILTON, painter and dealer in paints, wallpapers, etc., Winnipeg, has assigned in trust to G. F. Stephens, wholesale paints, Winnipeg.

WHITE BROS. are building a bakery at Brandon.

COLLINS & MUNRO will open a general store at Miami, Man.

ALEX. KNOWLES has commenced buying grain at Wapella, Assa.

A. F. ZIEGLER, furniture, Shoal Lake, Man., is selling out by auction.

GREER & Co., marriages, Winnipeg, have assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

JOHN DONOHUE, hotelkeeper, Calgary, advertises his hotel for sale or to let.

CHARLTON & COX, livery, Portage la Prairie, have dissolved; now Charlton & Milloy.

ROBINSON BROS. & Co., general storekeepers, Brandon, are advertising given up business.

PIERCE & FERGUSON, painters, Portage la Prairie, have dissolved partnership, each continuing alone.

It is reported that S. A. Hamilton, hardware dealer, Emerson, will open a hardware store at Morden, Man.

CHAS. KNOX will open a flour and feed store at Gladstone. He will also handle lumber and farm implements.

JOHN GILES, butcher, Portage la Prairie, has admitted his son Joseph into partnership, under style of Giles & Son.

W. N. JOHNSTON, of W. N. Johnston & Co., wholesale leather, etc., Winnipeg, left for the West last Thursday.

THE Commercial hotel, Maple Creek, has changed hands, W. A. Douglas, succeeding J. Flemming as proprietor.

THE partnership subsisting between Charles Knight and A. L. Smith, ranchers, Calgary district, has been dissolved.

ROBT. MANN and H. B. Fitzsimons, butchers, Wapella, Assa., have dissolved partnership. Mann continues the business.

A. R. CAMPBELL, hotel, Carman, Man., had his stables burned last week. Nine horses, four belonging to Campbell were burned. Loss \$3,000; no insurance.

THE vote on the by-law at Fort William to grant a bonus of \$15,000 to the Port Arthur, Duluth and Western railway, has been unfavorable to the by-law.

D. C. MCKINNON, formerly of the Central Hotel, Brandon, has purchased Tamblin's lease of the building, and will again occupy the house on the 1st of October.

DAVIDSON BROS., jewelers, Calgary, Alberta, and Vancouver, B.C., are closing up business at the former place, and moving out the balance of their stock. They will open a store at Victoria, B.C.

THE third annual exhibition of the West Algoma Agricultural Society will be held at Port Arthur on October 2nd and 3rd. Hand-some posters have been issued from the Herald office announcing the event.

L. HILLIARD intends erecting a large hotel at Rat Portage, which will be furnished with all modern improvements. The idea no doubt is to attract tourists to the place. There is no finer summer resort in the west than Rat Portage.

E. WALTON, of Medicine Hat, Assa., has accepted an agency for F. Fairchild & Co., agricultural implements, Winnipeg.

A. D. McLEOD who recently opened in the boot and shoe line at Portage la Prairie, will also carry a stock of fancy Japanese goods.

H. H. MILLIE, jeweller, Battleford, Sask., is burned out. Loss about \$2,000; insurance \$1,000. The building belonged to J. J. Groff.

D. JOHNSTON, of Johnston & Barclay, oatmeal mill, Portage la Prairie, is going into the pork packing business with J. Reid who is the practical man in the business. Mr. Johnston has been scouring the country for hogs for some time, with which to commence work.

C. WATSON has been appointed manager of the Calgary Electric Light Company. The company has reduced its prices to less than one-half the former rates, and will put in an additional plant of more than three times the capacity of the old one.

A CHANGE has recently been made in the system of mailing THE COMMERCIAL to subscribers. In adopting the new system, some mistakes may possibly have been made. Subscribers will oblige by promptly reporting any irregularity in the receipt of their papers.

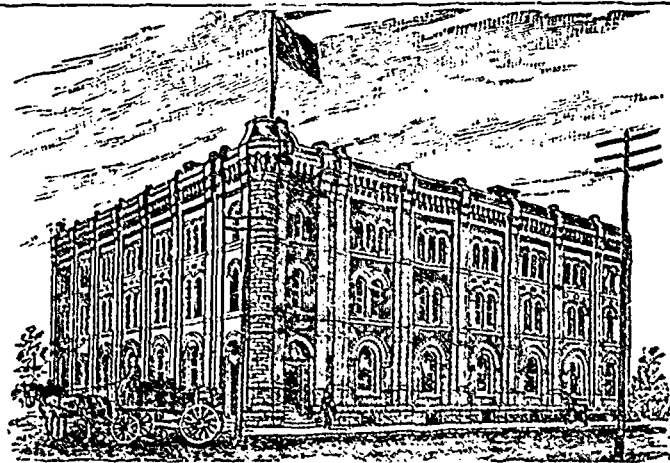
B. E. CHAFFEY, Winnipeg; W. H. Merritt, F. A. Fleming, of Toronto; Sandford Fleming, of Ottawa; and G. Harmon, of Toronto, are incorporated as the "Anthracite and Bituminous Coal Company, Limited." The capital stock is \$250,000. The company will operate chiefly in Alberta territory.

THE Morden Monitor reports that Frank Newell, of that place, has purchased the goods of the hardware department of Haley & Sutton, general merchants, Morden, and will move the goods to Carman, Man., where he will open a store. Haley & Sutton will of course continue their general business at Morden.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Prince Albert Times says: A number more of families who left the Duck Lake settlement, Saskatchewan, after the rebellion in 1885, have returned from Dakota and Montana. They report times very hard there, and say many more will come back as soon as they can dispose of their stock and what little crop they have.

A CORRESPONDENT at Shoal Lake, Man., writes: Our little town is beginning to pull itself together after the terrible catastrophe which befell it on September 10th from fire. Burton, the butcher, has erected a small shop upon the site of his former building. R. Scott, general merchant, has opened out a new stock. R. Hamilton, harness shop, is erecting a new building.

RAT PORTAGE people have about given up hope of securing the construction of smelting works at that place this year, for which the town voted a bonus of \$10,000 some time ago. Ways of raising additional funds to assist the undertaking are being considered. Capital is the one great thing necessary to develop a mineral country, and it seems a difficult thing to secure this commodity in sufficient quantities to hasten the development of either the Lake of the Woods or the Rocky Mountain mineral regions.

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### Eastern Business Changes.

#### ONTARIO.

H. Keeble, hotelkeeper, Toronts, is dead.  
F. Miller, butcher, Hamilton, has assigned  
J. J. McKee, harness, Blackstock, has sold out.  
Ferd. Schroeder, hotelkeeper, Stratford, is dead.  
Wm. Muir, dry goods, St. Marys has assigned.  
H. Barker & Son, grocers, Toronto, have assigned.  
James Maloney, grocer, Ottawa, has assigned.  
H. Armstrong, merchant, Maryborough, has assigned.  
W. J. W. Graham, harness, Beechburg, has assigned.  
Chris. Brock, general store, Thamesford, has assigned  
Wm. Robertson, confectioner, etc., Clinton, has sold out.  
Geo. Marcotte, jobber, Cameron township, has assigned.  
Dawson Bros., hardware, Sault Ste. Marie, are out of business.  
C. Levack, agricultural implements, Amherstburg, has assigned.  
A. M. Purvis, general store, Gananoque, offering to compromise.  
Hocking & McFadyen, hardware, Collingwood, damaged by fire.  
Mitchell, Miller & Co., warehousemen, etc., Toronto; J. E. Mitchell, is dead.  
Hockin Bros., coal, etc., London, have dissolved; W. Hockin continues alone.  
Mills & Kent, bankers, Kingston, have dissolved; business continued by Kent Bros.  
Campbell Manufacturing Co., bustles, etc., Ottawa, (Mrs. Colin Campbell only), has assigned.  
The following were burned out at Collingwood: Dumford Bros., general store; C. A. Fanjoy, photographer; R. B. Burt, dentist.  
The following were damaged by fire at New Hamburg: A. J. Anderson, furniture; H. Brodrecht, stoves and tins; W. Buck, tailor; H. Peine, boots and shoes; L. Peine, stationer; D. Pits, publisher, burned out.

#### QUEBEC.

P. Cizal, restaurant, Montreal, is dead.  
Napolcon Pare, shoes, Montreal, has assigned.  
Godfroi Granger, butcher, Montreal, has assigned.

L. E. Gelinas, general store, LaBaie, has assigned.

Marcotte & Gremont, auctioneers, have dissolved.

J. C. Rousseau, grocer, Three Rivers, has assigned.

J. H. Mackay, general store, Papineauville, is dead.

F. C. Weldon, general store, Grenville, has assigned.

Denis Casaubon, grocer, Sorel; offering to compromise.

Charles Fortier, grocer, Montreal; demand of assignment.

Moore & Seery, boiler makers, Montreal, have dissolved.

D. Campbell & Son, tailors trimmings, Montreal, have assigned.

Joseph Fiset, general store, Montmagny, demand of assignment.

Collins & Greer, scale manufacturers, Montreal, have dissolved.

W. R. Thompson, shoes, Montreal, has admitted H. E. Mallette and E. Martin as partners, under style of W. R. Thompson & Co.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

C. A. Black, druggist, Amherst, has sold out.

Alfred Powell, dry goods, Windsor, has assigned.

A. J. McMullin, carriages, Sydney, has assigned.

Burgess & Wood, grocers, Windsor, have sold out.

Acadia Co-operative Society, Ltd., Westville, has sold out

W. A. Knowles, fancy goods, etc., Springhill, has removed to Oxford.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK.

A. Gilmour, tailor, St. John, is dead.

T. Stanger, tailor, Fredericton, was burnt out.

J. D. McKimmon, grocer, Moncton, has assigned.

Rowley & Cunningham, blacksmiths, St. John, have dissolved.

J. W. & J. Anderson, general store and mill, Burnt Church; mill burned.

S. McLeon, merchant, Prince Albert, Sask., has opened a branch store at that place, which he has stocked with dry goods and groceries.  
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### Western Exhibits at Ontario Pairs.

A report from Toronto says: The British Columbia exhibit at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition is one of the most noticeable. The display of cut whole fruits is a revelation to fruit growers in the eastern portion of the Dominion. The exhibition of the minerals is enough to cause another gold fever to the Pacific coast. The specimens of wood are very fine and on the usually grand scale of the illimitable western forests. The show from the Province of Manitoba naturally excites considerable interest on the part of visitors, especially if they belong to farm circles, while to the general public the opportunity of seeing the products of the marvelous virgin soil of the prairie is one that is freely taken advantage of. The exodus to Manitoba this year has been considerable and it is so that of the thousands who wend their way through the show a large proportion will think as they examine the Manitoba productions of their friends who have gone there to try their luck. Near the main Manitoba exhibit is a second show of productions from the west, under the auspices of the Canadian Pacific railway. It contains several items which at once secure the attention of visitors, among which may be mentioned Major Walker's magnificent samples of Calgary red fife wheat both threshed and in stalk; freestone from Calgary; coal from Lothbridge, both of admirable quality, and samples of red and white pine, sawn and worked, evidence of the existence of the budding industries which are hopefully opening out into vigorous life. In the Manitoba exhibit there are indications of the usefulness of the experimental farms in the way of supplying new and suitable seeds and plants, among which may be mentioned the Azoff wheat brought from Russia last year, also sunflower seeds which form excellent food for poultry. The *Empire* speaking of the Manitoba exhibit says: "Somehow or other the idea has got abroad this year that Manitoba would not be able to raise a crop amounting to anything. This exhibit is sufficient to disprove all these rumors. The season this year certainly has been very dry in Manitoba, but owing to the peculiar character of the soil not as much rain is required to raise a healthy crop of grain as in Ontario."

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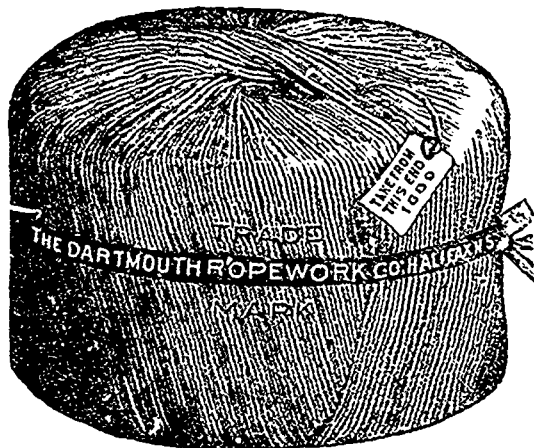
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# The Commercial

WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 30, 1889.

## CREDITS TO FARMERS.

There is one feature in connection with the country retail trade of Manitoba which is worthy of attention. This is the wide and general credit system which is being established. It is to be feared that the simply obnoxious system in vogue in Ontario will be firmly rooted here unless a firm stand is at once taken. In the smaller country towns of Ontario, where the dealers depend largely upon farmers' trade, the manner of doing business is most unsatisfactory to the dealers. As a rule accounts are not settled more than once a year, and often run for several years without settlement. The farmer sends in his butter, eggs and other produce from time to time, and the amount due for goods in excess of the value of these commodities is sometimes allowed to accumulate for years. Instances have been known where farmers who have money out at interest have allowed accounts amounting to hundreds of dollars to run on for years. Such instances as these are usually in the case of the better class of farmers, and as the storekeepers are anxious to retain their custom, they are afraid to press for the payment of accounts for fear of giving offence. For the same reason they dare not charge interest on the amounts due them.

Unless some effort is made in Manitoba, it is to be feared this unfair system will be firmly rooted here. The matter is one largely in the hands of country storekeepers, and from them must come the first efforts to rectify the evil. It is therefore pleasing to note that in some parts of the country the dealers are trying to curtail the evil of long running accounts with their farmer customers. It is not enough to say that the farmers are good pay in the long run. To give credit at all, no matter how judiciously, is to make some losses, and the longer the accounts run the greater will be the percentage of loss from bad debts. Further, the danger to merchants working on small capital from this extended credit system, is too well known to require special mention.

In this new country, where a good many of our farmers are just commencing in life, with small means, it is urged that it is impossible to do business in any other way than on long credits. There are no doubt many instances where farmers have been successfully carried through a tight time by the country storekeepers, and in some cases this has been done almost on a charity basis. But this idea that long credit to farmers is necessary because the country is new, has been carried to excess. In fact the system has been an injury to the farmers themselves in many instances. Knowing that they could obtain credit readily for a long time the farmers have been led to extravagance, and have been led to invest in expensive articles which they could get along without. There is also another way of looking at the matter and this is, that while the merchant is carrying the farmer the latter is paying out his cash for machinery, buggies, etc., which with a little care or extra trouble he could get

along for a while without. It is a well known fact that there is a general tendency among farmers in this country to overload themselves with implements and farm machinery, etc. Farmers just commencing, or with only a small area in crop, often have an outfit of machinery sufficient to handle a very much larger crop. For any extravagance in this or any other direction the storekeeper has to bear the brunt, which he is very often not in a position to do. If a shorter credit system were established it would probably be found that farmers could worry along just as well, and perhaps a good deal better than they can under the existing order of things. The only way to bring about a reform is for the storekeepers to make common cause in this matter, and take united action to remedy the evil. It cannot be done without a struggle, but it would be better to undertake it now than when the present system becomes more firmly established.

## MINING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

It appears that the affairs of the English company which undertook the establishing of a smelter at Vancouver, are in a bad shape. The paid up shares of the company, amounting to £23,580 has all been invested, and in addition £7,400 borrowed from the Bank of British Columbia has been sunk in the scheme. Charges of mismanagement and general recklessness are being made. For instance, milling plant to the value of £1,970 was purchased, which proved useless for the purposes required and was sold for £600. The company purchased and spent a good deal of money in developing the mine at Field, B.C. The company is now out of funds and the bank is pressing for its claim, in security for which it holds the lands of the company. An expert who has examined the work done, says that \$200,000 is necessary to complete the smelter and successfully carry on the industry on the scale attempted by the company. The smelter has been nearly completed, but requires some additional apparatus to render it complete. No attempt to prosecute the work has been made since February last. About 1,500 tons of ore have been taken from the mine at Field to Vancouver, for treatment at the smelter, but it could not be handled with the apparatus in hand. Vancouver voted a bonus of \$25,000 in aid of the enterprise, but this has not been paid over, and is not likely to be, unless the company is soon put in better shape.

This state of affairs is greatly to be regretted, in the interest of the development of the great mineral wealth of British Columbia. British Columbia is probably first of all a mineral country, though its other valuable resources must not be lost sight of. Its mineral wealth was its first great attraction which drew to it population, and raised it from the status of a Hudson's Bay Company fur preserve to the rank of a self-governing colony. All through the growth of the country, influenced as it has been by other causes, its mineral wealth has never been lost sight of. For a long time it was lack of railway communication which stood in the way of the development of the great mineral wealth of the country. This has now in a large measure been provided, and capital

is yet the one thing needful to bring forth the wealth and render fruitful the rocks and mountains of the Pacific Province. It was hoped that with the start made at Vancouver some time ago, in the establishment of a smelter on a large scale, the real work of developing the country had commenced. It was only necessary to once show the profitable nature of the industry, to draw abundance of capital for its further development. The failure of this first attempt, through bad management and lack of adequate capital, on the part of the projectors, will, it is to be feared, have the opposite effect of rendering it more difficult to float another undertaking of the same nature. The failure is perhaps another indication of the untrustworthy nature of undertakings attempted or bolstered up through the inducements of bonuses. Indeed, in this case it appears that some of the projectors had no money in the undertaking themselves and were actually making money out of the shareholders in the company, through their management, or rather mismanagement of the undertaking. It is even charged that one of the projectors received a large sum from the sale of the Field mine to the company.

British Columbia's mineral wealth, so far as known, is almost unbounded. Gold, silver, iron, lead, coal, are only a few of its treasures which are known to exist in large quantities, and it may be said that as yet the country is hardly known. Certainly only a limited portion of its vast area of 400,000 square miles has even been explored. The most valuable deposits of mineral probably yet remain undiscovered. Without capital, however, very little can be accomplished in developing the country, and the first thing needed is the establishment of a properly equipped smelter on a sufficient scale of magnitude to handle to advantage the ores offered. If the smelter were once successfully established, many parties and companies owning mining claims would be able to go on and develop their properties, as they would then have a market for their ores. As it is now there is no market for the ores, and those holding claims have not the capital to establish smelters, which must be on a large scale to be profitable. It is to be hoped the Vancouver smelter may yet be put in proper shape, and that the capital invested in the undertaking may not be entirely lost.

## THE PRICE OF WHEAT.

The price of wheat is just at the present time a very interesting subject to Manitobans, especially as the brisk season for marketing wheat is now at hand. The low prices being offered this year, as may naturally be expected, are anything but satisfactory to the farmers more particularly so as last year prices were abnormally high, and the contrast between this year and last is almost startling. In the face of the results from handling last year's crop, those who understand the wheat situation, could not reasonably expect that such prices as were paid last year could be continued this season. The high prices for wheat last year were caused largely by a speculative craze, and values were not based on a solid foundation. A successful corner was worked in the Chicago market just about the time the spring wheat movemen

began, and this led to a regular "bull" craze. Wheat prices ruled proportionately higher in the hard spring wheat belt of the United States and Canada than in any other wheat markets. The result has been a very serious injury to the milling trade, and heavy losses to legitimate grain dealers. Manitoba for instance lost her flour trade in British Columbia, owing to the fact that wheat prices were very much higher here proportionately than in the Pacific coast states. Further than this large quantities of Manitoba wheat were sold in eastern markets at a heavy loss to the dealers.

Naturally after the results of last season dealers are inclined to be cautious, and they are not likely to speculate extravagantly by paying prices in advance of actual values as they did last year.

THE COMMERCIAL pointed out on several occasions, previous to the commencement of the new wheat movement, that all indications tended to show that prices would start low this year. It was shown that Manitoba dealers could not pay prices above export values, and that export values were likely to rule low for some time. Still, many little items were published in other papers in the country, calculated to mislead farmers into believing that prices would be high, though there has been no good ground to believe that such would be the case at any time this season. The wheat question is a very difficult one to understand. It takes quite a little study to form clear ideas upon the matter. Few people outside of regular dealers have any idea of the statistical position of the cereal and of the real value of the commodity. Those not so posted are inclined to look at some very trivial matters as of great importance in determining prices, and are thus misled into believing that prices should be very much higher than is being offered. A good many of the items in the local papers predicting high prices have appeared on the ground that the "wish is father to the thought." In this country we all hope for good prices for wheat, and this desire has led many writers, who are not informed upon the general bearings of the wheat question, to seize upon trivial occurrences or reports as reasons for expecting higher prices. The result is that the farmers as a rule have very erroneous ideas as to the value of their wheat this year. They believe that it is worth a great deal more than is being offered, and conclude that there is a combination among grain men to keep down prices. Reports of this nature are being freely circulated through the country and have even appeared in some of the local papers.

As a result of this belief that prices should be high, the farmers are refusing to dispose of their wheat. The bulk of the stuff so far marketed is being stored by the farmers in country elevators at points where such storage facilities can be had, or shipped in store to Lake Superior points. The question as to the advisability of this course is open to controversy.

It is quite possible that prices may advance later on sufficiently to pay for holding the wheat. On the other hand as a general rule farmers have not gained much by holding wheat. Even if they do get a few cents more, the cost of carrying the wheat, paying insurance, interest, etc., will eat up the extra

amount received. The general movement to hold also retards the freer circulation of money and injures the general business of the country. Another point against the shipment of wheat by farmers to outside elevators for storage is, that a good deal will be classed as rejected and be dumped into bins with very inferior wheat, whereas by a little careful handling on the part of a dealer, it could be made to grade. Those who are inclined to believe that dealers have formed a combination to keep down prices, should take a lesson from past years. Why did not the dealers form a combination last year instead of paying the highest prices, based on the speculative values worked up at Chicago, Duluth and Minneapolis? The grain interest is too extensive to admit of such a move holding together for any length of time.

As already intimated, many items have been published both in Winnipeg and provincial papers, calculated to mislead farmers as to the value of wheat. For instance, an item has recently gone the rounds of the press to the effect that General Manager Buchanan, of the Bank of Montreal, had stated in an interview that he thought wheat prices would be higher than last year. Now, it is not at all likely that Mr. Buchanan ever made such a statement, but if he did, it only shows that he has less knowledge of the wheat situation than a man in his position should have. Another thing which has been very misleading to Manitobans is the published reports of wheat prices at Montreal and Toronto. For some reason Montreal and Toronto wheat markets have for a long time back been quoted away above real values. Telegraphic quotations from Montreal, as well as quotations in Montreal papers, have been as much as 10 cents per bushel above actual values. At the time of writing as high as \$1.00 per bushel is quoted for Manitoba No. 1 hard in eastern markets, but the real selling value for new wheat is not over 90 cents. This will explain the apparent discrepancy between quoted prices east and values here. The idea also seems to prevail in Manitoba that the crop in the United States is short this year, no doubt because the crop is light in Dakota; but notwithstanding the light crop in Dakota, the crop of the United States as a whole is placed at fully 100,000,000 bushels greater than last year, by the most reliable estimates. Another very important point to be borne in mind is values in importing countries. The *Miller*, of London, England, in its last report of the wheat trade, shows that values in that market are very considerably lower than a year ago. The average value last month in that market was 30 shillings, 8 pence per quarter (eight bushels to the quarter), against 35 shillings, 10 pence a year ago. In spite of the higher prices ruling in America for the crop year of 1888, prices have averaged lower in Great Britain, by about one shilling per quarter, as compared with the previous year.

As to the Vienna estimate of the shortage in Europe, there seems to be a general belief, both in Europe and America, that the shortage is exaggerated. At any rate the report of the Vienna conference has not had the effect of materially advancing prices in the leading markets of either continent. The *Cincinnati*

*Price Current*, a journal well informed in wheat statistics, recently contained a detailed estimate of the wheat production of the world, which placed the total crop of the world this season, at about 10,000,000 bushels greater than last year. More recently *Beerbohm's London Corn Trade List* submitted a similar estimate, showing an increase in the wheat crop of the world for 1889 of 16,000,000 bushels, as compared with last year. While these estimates show a larger crop than last year the difference is unimportant, as ten million bushels is a small matter in estimating the crop of the world.

In considering the wheat situation from a statistical standpoint, however, it must be considered that the outlook is strong. In the first place, prices are on a rock-bottom basis, and lower values can hardly be conceived of. Secondly, the supply of wheat as indicated by the most reliable statistics, is by no means excessive. On the contrary it is rather light. While the crop of the world for this year is about equal to that of last year, it is about 160,000,000 bushels less than in 1887. In addition to this, reserves are on a lower basis now than a year ago. It will thus be seen that the outlook is really as favorable, if not more so, to higher prices than it was a year ago, and this only shows the absurdity of the speculative "boom" in prices which occurred last fall.

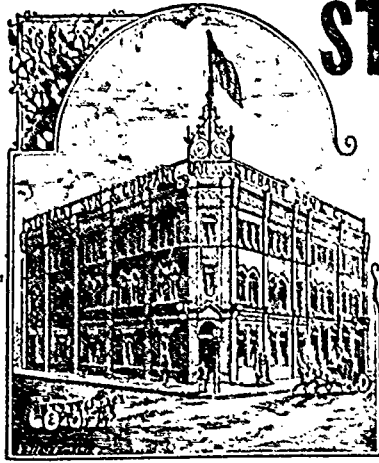
But while the wheat situation is statistically strong, there may not be any marked advance in prices for some time. While new home-grown wheat is being freely marketed in importing countries, like Great Britain, the tendency of prices may not be in keeping with the statistical position elsewhere. The real strength of the position will be shown later on, in the movement of wheat and condition of reserves. Should the outlook later on point to a scarcity, prices will show some improvement. At any rate, reserves are certain to be very low before another crop year comes around. Still, an advance of 10 cents per bushel by next spring, would hardly pay farmers for holding their wheat in store, unless they have their own storage accommodation, and are not paying interest on borrowed money.

### FIRE INSURANCE FOR RETAILERS.

The serious losses entailed upon the creditors of retail dealers, through losses sustained by the latter from fire, has several times been the subject of articles in this journal. Owing to the high insurance rates in our country towns, and to other causes, storekeepers in such places have not made use of the advantages offered from insurance as largely as they should do. The result is, that the destruction of a stock of goods by fire, very often has to be borne largely by the creditors of the unfortunate dealer. Dealers who can buy for cash of course are at liberty to use their own judgment in the matter of insurance, but those having large liabilities, which they would be unable to meet in case of a loss from fire, are certainly morally bound to avail themselves of the advantages of insurance to the fullest extent.

Recognizing the importance of this matter, an organized movement is about to be made to impress upon retail dealers the necessity of making more general use of the advantages offered by insurance, in the indemnity provided for loss from fire. A circular has been issued over the signature of S. A. D. Bertrand, official assignee, calling a meeting to be held at his office on Friday, October 4, to consider the matter. The circular is addressed specially to wholesale dealers, and it is hoped that eastern dealers doing business here will co-operate with western dealers to ensure the success of the movement.





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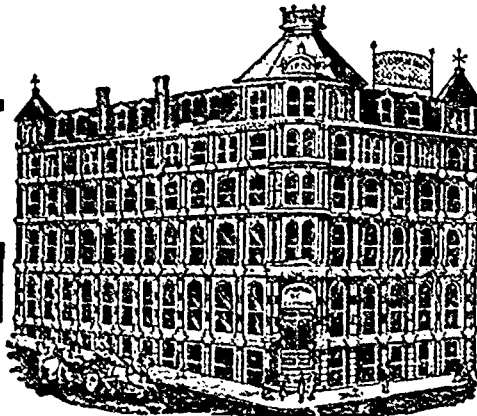
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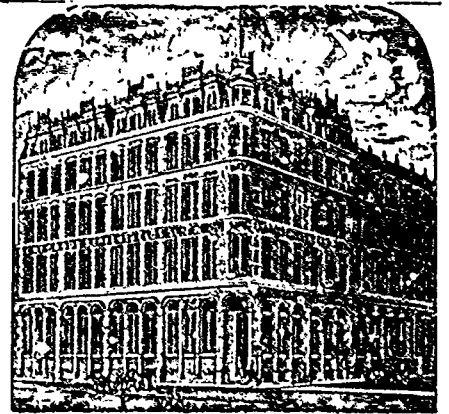
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**WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.**

The feeling has not grown any easier as the month has worn away, but rather the contrary. So far as general collections are concerned, the grain movement has not been felt in the least yet. Remittances from the country, to wholesale dealers, are very slow in about all branches of trade. This is partly accounted for by the large amount of cash which has been paid to the railway companies in freight charges, on fall stocks, during the last few weeks at the banks there has not been a very heavy call yet from grain circles, but the demand is growing. Discount rates are steady at last quotations. Real estate matters are very quiet, and there was little doing in farm properties. Two or three fairly large transfers of city property were reported. Discount and mortgage loan rates of interest hold at 7 to 8 per cent, with sometimes 9 per cent obtained on farm property.

**WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.**

Textile lines have been having something of a rest since the shipment out of felt stocks, though some jobbing trade has been doing, and a few late orders have been taken. Clothing travellers were starting out with spring samples last week. Grocery and provision lines were fairly brisk. The influence of active railway construction has been felt in these branches. Produce is generally rather firmer in tone. Complaints of slow collections are about as general now as they have been any time this season.

**DRIED FRUITS AND NUTS.**

Prices are as follow. Dried apples 5½ to 6c per pound, evaporated apples, 8 to 8½c. Figs—choice in 10 lb. boxes, per lb., 15c; in lb. cartoons, per doz., \$1.75; dates—Persian, in 50 lb. boxes, per lb., 10c; Fard, in 15 lb. boxes, per lb., 12c; California dried fruit—fancy apricots, in 25 lb. boxes, per lb., 18c; fancy peeled peaches, 25 lb. boxes, per lb., 22c; Nectarines 15c; Nuts, S. S. Targona Almonds, 20c per lb; Grenoble walnuts, 18c; filberts, Sicilian, extra large, 15c, pecans, polished Texas, 17c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c; cocoanuts, \$9 per 100.

**FRUITS.**

Ontario apples have commenced to arrive, and are held at a little higher prices than southern fruit. California plums are out of the market, probably for good. Ontario plums were also pretty well used up, and the supply hereafter will be irregular, and light. Only small lots are likely to be brought in. Quotations are as follows:—Lemons, \$7.50 per box; Oranges—Rodi and Palmero oranges, \$8.50 for 200 size boxes, and \$8 for 160 size box, Jamaica oranges in bbls, \$12, in boxes, \$8; apples, fair to good, \$3.75 to \$4.00 per barrel, choice to fancy, \$4.00 to \$4.50 per barrel; California peaches, \$2.25 to \$2.50; California pears, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per box; California Muscat grapes, per crate of 20 pounds, \$2.75; Tokay grapes, \$3.25, crate 20 lbs.; Rose Peru grape, \$3.00 per crate 20 lbs.; Concord grapes, 75c a basket of 10 lbs.; Delaware grapes, 10 lb. baskets, \$1.25. Bananas, \$2.75 to \$3.25 a bunch, according to quality and size; tomatoes, per basket \$1.75; Ontario Lombard plums,

20 lb. baskets, \$1.75. Ontario pears, \$3.00 per barrel; crab apples, \$6.00 to \$9.00 per barrel as to size of barrel and quality. Melons, \$3.00 to \$4.50 per dozen; cucumbers, 25 to 40c dozen; onions—Southern, \$3.00 per 100 lbs.; Spanish onions, \$1.60 crate; Sweet potatoes, \$6.50 a barrel; Cider, per gal., 35c; comb honey, in 14 lb. boxes, 25c per pound.

**GROCERIES.**

There has been considerable speculative activity in sugar. There was a big tumble in sugar certificates at New York on Friday, according to telegraphic reports. Certificates dropped from 96 to 88. Canadian refiners announced a reduction of 4c on Friday. London and New York markets were also lower for the week. Scotch refined sugar was arriving at Montreal last week, held at about 6½c, or about ¼ to ⅓ per pound under Canadian refiners prices of same quality, which will account for the drop at domestic refineries. New Valencia raisins are arriving and early shipments of new currants are on the way. Raisins are called higher, and with a strong tone. New Valencias in quantities were offering at Toronto at 7½ to 7¾c. New canned salmon is offering. Prices here are: Sugars, yellows, 8 to 9c, as to quality; granulated, 9½ to 9¾c, lumps, 11 to 11½c. Coffees—Rios, from 22 to 25c. Java, 25 to 30c, Old Government 33 to 34c. Mocha, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c, Congou, 22 to 60c, Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 28 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c, Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c, Beaver, 61c, Oldcrow, 47c; Woodcock, 52d; Silver Ash, 62; Standard Kentucky, 80d. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40, Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**

Hides and skin quotations are unchanged as follows: Hides, Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 4½c; No. 2, 3½c; No. 3, 2½c per lb. Calf, 7 to 13 lb. skins are quoted at 5c. for No. 1 and 4c. for No. 2. Deacon skins, 10 to 20c each, the lower price for cut skins. Sheepskins 15 to 30c each as to quality; newly killed skins with long wool, bring best prices. Lambskins, 35c each. Tallow quoted rough, 2½c rendered 4½c; wool, low grades, 10c; shropshire and Southdowns, 11 to 12c; washed, 15c.

**HARDWARE AND METALS.**

Prices continue strong and all advices from outside indicate a higher tendency. Quotations here are unchanged as follows:—Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.40; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates double, \$11.50 to \$12.00; Canada plates, \$3.90 to \$4.00; sheet iron, \$4.00 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net pieces, 1 inch, 9½c; 1½ inch, 12c; 1½ inch, 15½c; 2 inch, 23½c; ingot tin, 29 to 30c per lb., bar iron, \$3.35 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 6¾; per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6½c nett.

**TEXTILE LINES.**

The feature of the week was the arrival of a number of eastern travellers with samples of spring clothing. Several are now on the road, for both local and eastern houses, with spring samples.

**GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.**

**WINNIPEG.**

**WHEAT**

Wheat has witnessed something of an advance in prices during the week, in leading American markets. Cables have also been strong, and with a higher tendency. The most important advances have been in the Chicago market, and other markets have not kept pace with Chicago. In the latter market there has been heavy trading, and apparently a strong bull element, but the market was nervous at the advanced prices and reactions were looked for. Though the situation is fairly strong, the advance appeared to be more of a nervous speculative nature than a steady and permanent upward movement. The upward movement at Chicago commenced on Monday with a gain of from 1 to 1½c in prices. The low quality and rather light movement of winter wheat had a good deal to do with the firmer feeling, and it was noticeable that bear holders of near options were feeling nervous. The visible supply statement on Monday showed an increase of 1,500,000 bushels, which was less than was expected. The total visible supply on Sept. 21 was 17,196,643 bushels, against 31,010,484 bushels a year ago. Chicago continued active throughout the week, and with slight gains on most days. There were reports of considerable buying of cash wheat at Duluth on foreign account. The movement from the seaboard has been light for some time, and wheat on passage showed a decline of 1,048,000 bushels. Though there has been some advance in British and foreign markets, yet American markets are still relatively higher than foreign prices, and apparently are likely to remain so, as the advance here has been more rapid than on the other side of the Atlantic. The movement of spring wheat has been larger, but is still less than it was at this time last year. Minneapolis was getting from 300 to 350 cars per day.

In Manitoba deliveries were checked by a three days' rain during the first three days of the week, but the weather was favorable for the balance of the week, and appeared to be settled down for a fine spell. Under these conditions threshing was resumed and deliveries by farmers at provincial points were increasing up to the close of the week. The movement, however, is still light, and farmers are evidently inclined to hold rather than market at present prices. At a few points considerable wheat has been stored on farmers' account, but at most points grain men who own the elevators will not accept wheat on store, and farmers are therefore compelled to sell what they bring in. Some wheat has been shipped to Lake Superior for storage by farmers, but this is limited to a few large growers, principally in the Portage district. A good deal of the wheat so shipped has been classed as rejected, which is rather a damper upon shipments by farmers. A good deal of smutty wheat, which must go rejected, is turning up. This has led to the fixing of two grades of No. 1 and No. 2 rejected, by the grain examiners who met in Winnipeg last week. The idea is to have two grades for smutty wheat, and by keeping the best samples separate it is thought it can be

handled to better advantage. Some wheat has been shipped to Port Arthur by farmers, for storage, who thought they were sure of a No. 1 hard grade, but have had their wheat classed rejected. Prices at country points have held at about last figures. Purchases from farmers have been heard of at as high as 65c, in one instance an entire crop of 2,400 bushels having been taken at this figure. About 60c per bushel for No. 1 hard, however, is the average price at country points to farmers. Telegrams on Saturday quoted Manitoba No. 1 hard at Montreal at 96 to 98c, and No. 2 hard at 94 to 96c. These prices, it is well known are simply ornamental, as there is no business doing. The tendency was stronger and these nominal quotations were marked up several cents to reach the figures quoted above. At Toronto quotations ranged up to \$1 per bushel for No. 1 hard, with offerings for future delivery reported at 90 to 95c.

#### FLOUR.

A further decline of 10c. per hundred has taken place in local prices in all all grades of flour. The mills throughout the country are getting to work on new wheat pretty generally. Prices are as follows per 100 pounds to the local trade: Patents, \$2.40; strong bakers, \$2.20; second bakers, \$2.00; XXXX, \$1.40; superfine, \$1.10. Graham flour, \$2.20; middlings, \$2.40 per 100 pounds.

#### MILLSTUFFS.

Wheat at \$12 per ton for bran and \$13 for shorts, in car lots, and at \$1 per ton advance on these prices in ton lots. Ground feed scarce and held at \$23 to \$25 per ton, as to quantity and quality.

#### OATMEAL, POT BARLEY &c.

Prices are as follows: Standard per 100 lbs. \$2.60; granulated, \$2.80; rolled oats in 80 lb. sacks, \$3.00. Cornmeal is held at \$1.65 per 100 pounds. Pot barley, \$2.75 and pearl barley, \$3.25 per 100 pounds. The local scarcity of oats at prices to compete with outside production, has caused some talk of importing oats for milling. Millers have been figuring upon bringing oats in from the United States. At Minneapolis quotations for oats range at from 19 to 22c. per bushel. It is claimed they could be laid down here, duty paid, from Minnesota country points, at under quotations ruling here, as it is said they can be had at about 15c. per bushel.

#### OATS

Prices continue very irregular and with not enough business doing upon which to base reliable quotations. For local requirements 35 to 40c. per bushel appears to be about the value.

#### BUTTER.

There is a better tone to the butter market since cooler weather set in. For choice dairy small lots have been taken by the city trade at 17 to 18c. per pound, but these top prices are for picked packages. For really choice there is a fair demand for local and western requirements. Ordinary dairy ranges from 14 to 16c. There has been some inquiry for creamery, and a good deal more of this article could be handled, if procurable. At Montreal creamery was quoted at 20 to 22c. per pound, and choice dairy at 18 to 20c., choice western dairy at 16 to 18c., and medium at 14 to 15c. Dairy at Toronto was quoted at 15 to 16c. and more packed at 11 to 14c.

#### CHEESE.

The local situation remains unchanged, and no further sales have been heard of. Latest eastern advices report a continued firm feeling. At Montreal finest colored for export is quoted at 9 1/2 to 9 3/4c. per pound, and finest white at 9 1/4c., with medium ranging from 8 1/2 to 9 1/4c. Prices at Toronto ranged from 9 to 10c. At the last cheese day at London, Ont., on October 23, twenty-one factories offered 6,010 boxes of August cheese. Sales were 460 colored, at 9 1/2c.; 1,625, at 9 1/4c.; 1,000, at 9 1/4c.; 450 white, at 10c.

#### EGGS.

Jobbing prices rang about 15 to 16c., with quotations usually at the latter figure.

#### LARD.

Held usually at \$2 per pair in 20 pound pails.

#### CURED MEATS.

Home packers are commencing to cure more actively. Quotations are steady as follows: Dry salt, 9 1/2c; rolls, 11 to 11 1/2c; breakfast bacon, 13 to 13 1/2c; hams, 14 to 14 1/2c per pound.

#### DRESSED MEATS.

There are no changes in prices to report. Good beef is being offered freely by wholesale butchers at 5c per pound, for sides or carcasses. Mutton is unchanged at 8 to 9c in the same way. Dressed hogs are held at 7c per pound by wholesale butchers, but purchases of offerings by farmers are made at 6 to 6 1/2c. Lamb is worth about 10c per pound and veal 6 to 6 1/2c.

#### DRESSED POULTRY AND GAME.

Spring chickens bring 12 1/2c per pound dressed, and old fowl about 10c. Wild ducks bring from 25 to 30 per pair.

#### LIVE STOCK.

There is no change to note in cattle, and ordinary to good stock are still quoted at 2 to 2 1/2c per pound, with plenty at the latter figure. About 2 1/2c is the outside range for choice. Several car lots of hogs were in and taken by packers. Some of these were purchased at outside points and laid down here at a cost of about 4 1/2c, it is understood. One car lot sold here at 4 1/2c. Offerings are becoming more liberal. Some further shipments of cattle have been made eastward to Montreal, and a few hogs are reported to have also been shipped in the same direction. Advices by cable the first of last week were more favorable, prices being firmer and a shade higher. Cables reported steers and heifers ranging from 6 to 6 1/2d. at Liverpool. At Montreal few cattle fit for export were offering, and business in that line was therefore quiet. Ocean freights were lower. At Montreal good butchers cattle were quoted at 3 1/2c and common to good 2 1/2 to 3 1/4c. Poor sold as low as 2c. Export cattle were quoted at 3 1/2 to 4 1/2c. Live hogs at Montreal brought from 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c, at which range of prices there was ready sale.

#### VEGETABLES.

Potatoes were up to 50 to 60c for a while last week, owing to temporary scarcity, as farmers' offerings were light during the wet weather. This did not last long however, and prices were soon down to the old figures. Other prices are fairly steady with offerings of imported stuff liberal. Prices as follows:—Potatoes, 35 to 40c per bus. for loads on market; carrots \$1 bus.; parsnips \$1 to \$1.25 per bushel, beets, 75c per bushel, turnips 60c per bushel, onions \$1.50 per bushel, cabbage 40c to \$1.00 per dozen as to quality. Cauliflower 40c per dozen, cauliflower scarce and of poor offering, which bring 50 to 60c per dozen, tomatoes, ripe, \$1.50 per bushel, do green, \$1 bushel, hubbard squash, \$1.50 per dozen, vegetable marrow, \$1 to \$1.50 per dozen. Pumpkins, \$2 dozen, citron, \$1.50 per dozen; green corn, 15c dozen ears, sweet potatoes, 5c pound; cucumbers, 25c dozen; small pickling cucumbers, \$1.75 per small bushel basket; red peppers, \$1.75 per small bushel basket.

#### MEDICINAL ROOTS.

Seneca or snake root is being received, and brings 25 to 30c per pound.

## Grain and Milling.

Geo. Agnew will buy grain at Dominion City, Man., this season, for N. Bawlf, of Winnipeg.

J. McKenzie, miller, Duck Lake, Saskatchewan territory, is putting the mill in repair.

W. Joy, second miller of Ogilvie's Winnipeg mill, has succeeded to the position of head miller, recently vacated by G. H. Kelly.

The amount of Manitoba wheat at the C. P. R. Lake Superior elevators on Monday last was 172,515 bushels. Shipments during the week were 55,715 bushels.

The Hudson's Bay Co's grist mill at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, has been overhauled and is ready for work. The company intends to pay the highest price in cash for all the wheat it can get.

The agreement to build a 75 barrel roller flour mill at Arden, Man., has been finally signed by D. Moore, who undertakes the work, and the executive committee of Lansdowne municipality.

The work of overhauling and making additions to the machinery of the Qu'Appelle Valley Mills, Fort Qu'Appelle, has been completed. This mill has had a good season this year, and has only been closed down some three or four weeks.

Crops in the Austin district of Manitoba are said to be good this year, some fields yielding up to 40 bushels per acre. Austin is without a flour mill, but a bonus of \$5,500 and exempt from taxes for ten years has been voted in aid of a roller mill. So far no arrangements have been made with anybody for the erection of the mill, and the bonus is still open.

Representatives of the various western boards of trade met at Winnipeg on Tuesday of last week to fix standards for grading the grain crop of 1899. The following boards of trade appointed delegates as named: Port Arthur, F. E. Gibbs, inspector, and V. Bowerman; Portage la Prairie, A. T. Campbell; Regina, S. D. Sibbald; Moosejaw, R. Baker, Winnipeg, R. P. Roblin (chairman), S. Spink and A. McGaw. All the delegates were present except the Regina representative. About two hundred samples, representing the crop of Manitoba and the territories, and gathered by inspector Horne from all parts of the country, were on hand for examination. The following standards were selected: No. 1 hard, No. 2 hard, Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Northern and Nos. 1 and 2 rejected. The standards for oats and barley were also selected. All the wheat will weigh over sixty pounds to the bushel, and the percentage of the various grades will be the same as laid down in the act. A new feature will be noticed in the grades of 1 and 2 rejected. This is owing to the existence this year of considerable smutty wheat, and the idea is that by making special grades for this wheat, it can be handled to better advantage. Smutty wheat must grade rejected, but by keeping the best samples of smutty wheat in a grade by itself, it is thought it can be worked to better advantage to the grower and shipper. The delegates were entertained to luncheon at Clougher's by president Redmond, of the Winnipeg board.

THE *NacLeod Gazette* says: Mr. Grant, representing the Imperial Oil Company, spent several days in town last week. After visiting the oil territory, he met a number of gentlemen who have claims up there, and made an offer for the lands. The offer was not accepted. The fact that Mr. Grant, who is an expert, made this offer, would seem to support our oft repeated assertion that the oil field to the west of us is a big thing.

Over 1,000 sheep have been purchased by Van Volkenburgh & Bro. from Martin, of Calgary, for shipment to Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster, B. C. Alberta is branching out this year in her stock experts. Several lots of fine cattle have also been exported eastward, and more are to follow. The Cochrane Rancho Co. are shipping 500 head of three and four year old steers to England.

The new foundry at Fort William, says the *Journal*, is rapidly nearing completion. The buildings are of frame, large and commodious. The main building, which runs east and west is 30x110 feet, one half of which is two stories in height. From the main building a wing extends southward towards the river, which is 40x50 feet. The machinery will be placed in position as soon as possible, a portion of which has already arrived.

D. W. CUMMING, a prominent business man of Birtle, Man., has decided to sell out and move to Toronto, Ont. He has disposed of his banking and lumber business at Birtle to R. Gibson, who has been connected with Mr. Cumming for some time in the lumber line.

Mr. Cumming will offer his household effects, residence and real property at Birtle, for sale by auction on October 15. His purposes engaging in the banking and brokerage line in Toronto.

An enormous pitcher, recently placed in the window of Porter & Ronald, wholesale crockery, etc., Winnipeg, has attracted considerable attention from passers by. The pitcher was presented to the firm by Alfred Meakin, manufacturer of earthenware, Staffordshire, England. The pitcher is of stone china, mammoth in size and handsomely decorated. It bears on each side the inscription of presentation. The weight of the article is about fifty pounds, and the cost to the manufacturer estimated at \$50. A small sized man could sit down inside of it.

Lumber Cuttings.

The Brunette Sawmill Company, Westminister, B.C., contemplates the erection of a large new mill.

J. Sanderson will erect a saw mill at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan territory, for which he has the material on the ground.

R. T. Goodfellow has sold out his interest in the sash and door factory at Prince Albert, to his brothers A. and W. B. Goodfellow.

W. J. Macauley, president of the Chemainus Sawmill Company, states that the company has decided to build its new mill at Chemainus, B.C.

A few days ago, says the *World*, the Vancouver Shingle Mill, owned by G. F. Slater, cut no less than 125,000 shingles in ten hours.

This, it is said, beats the record in British Columbia.

The cargo taken out of Duluth, Minnesota, by the big barge *Wahnapiatae* recently is said to have been the largest cargo ever carried by any boat. It consisted of over 2,500,000 feet of lumber and 49,069 ties.

Andrew Haslam and A. E. Lees, owners of the Nanaimo saw mills, Nanaimo, B.C., have dissolved partnership. Mr. Haslam has purchased the entire interest of his partner in the mills. It is the intention of Mr. Haslam to further increase the capacity of the mill by the introduction of new machinery. Mr. Lees, it is said, will embark in business in Alaska.

Financial Notes.

The loan by-law for park improvements for the sum of \$20,000 extending over 40 years, will be voted upon at Vancouver, B. C., on the 21st of October.

Nanaimo, B. C., will vote to raise \$12,000 for a permanent roadway across the ravine on Bastion street. If this is not carried, a by-law will be submitted to raise \$5,000 for a bridge across the ravine.

The *Toronto Mail* says: Bank charters expire in 1891, and in the new legislation the chief point to be considered next February by the Dominion parliament is whether or not in the new charters the present system, under which the banks can issue notes, shall be continued. If it is not, the American plan must be introduced, and notes issued by the government, bonds being substituted for those now authorized.

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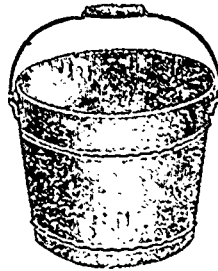
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### Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, wheat opened  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  over Saturday's closing prices. During the day September wheat ranged from 79 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 80 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, and December from 79 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 81c. Opening prices were about the lowest and closing at the top. May wheat closed at 84c. The market had a strong tone, though there were nervous spots and some fears of manipulation were expressed, owing to light stocks. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat	80 $\frac{1}{2}$	79 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	80 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	32 $\frac{1}{2}$	32	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	10.95	10.95	9.30	—
Lard	5.87 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.87 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.80	—
Short Ribs	5.12 $\frac{1}{2}$	4.87 $\frac{1}{2}$	4.67 $\frac{1}{2}$	—

Wheat opened a shade higher on Tuesday. During the day September ranged from 79 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 80 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, and December from 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. May closed at 84 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. There was large outside buying, which kept up a firm feeling in spite of heavy realizing. Cables were strong and higher. There was big trading in May. Provisions gained all around in prices. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat	80 $\frac{1}{2}$	80 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	81 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	10.95	10.95	9.52 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Lard	5.95	5.95	5.85	—
Short Ribs	5.25	5.02 $\frac{1}{2}$	4.72 $\frac{1}{2}$	—

Wheat opened  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  lower on Wednesday. September starting at 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and ranging from 80 to 81c. December opened at 82c and ranged from 81 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 82 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. May ranged from 83 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 85 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and closed at 85 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Outside buying stop-

ped the early decline. Trading was on a big scale, especially in December option. Prices closed as follows:

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat	81	81	—	82 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	11.15	11.15	9.52 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Lard	6.12 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.02 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.92 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Short Ribs	5.80	5.10	—	—

Trading in wheat was active on Thursday, and there was a strong upward movement. October wheat opened at 81c, which was the lowest price of the day for the option and ranged upward to 82 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, closing at the top. December ranged from 82 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 84 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. May closed at 87c. Other closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat	—	82 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	84 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	—	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Oats	—	—	—	—
Pork	—	11.05	9.60	—
Lard	—	6.10	5.95	—
Short Ribs	—	—	—	—

Speculation continued active on Friday, with nervous spots and irregular prices. December wheat opened at 84c, and ranged from 83 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 84 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat	—	81 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	83 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	—	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	—	—	—	—
Pork	—	11.05	9.70	—
Lard	—	6.07 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.97 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Short Ribs	—	—	—	—

### Duluth Wheat Market.

No. 1 hard wheat at Duluth closed on Friday, September 23, as follows:—September option, 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; October, 84. These prices show a gain for the week of about 3c per bushel.

### Minneapolis Markets.

Closing prices for wheat on Wednesday, Sept. 25, were as follows:—

	Sept.	Dec.	May.	On track
No 1 hard	80	82 $\frac{1}{2}$	87 $\frac{1}{2}$	81
No. 1 northern	77	79 $\frac{1}{2}$	84 $\frac{1}{2}$	78
No 2 "	74	77	81	73-6

Of the flour market the *Northwestern Miller* says: It has been difficult to avoid accumulations, from the moderate production of the week. There has been only a limited demand. Foreign bids for patents at 29 to 30s could not be met by a few cents at least and bakers' grades seldom sold lower, net, for export. The firmness in ocean freights continues to serve as a check to foreign trading.

Quotations at the mills for car or round lots were:—Patents, \$4.40 to \$4.75; second patents, \$4.10 to \$4.45; bakers', \$3.10 to \$3.40, in barrels; best low grades, \$1.25 to \$1.50 in bags; red dog, \$1.10 to \$1.35 in bags.

W. DUNLOR, of the Neopawa house, Neopawa, Man., has been succeeded by D. A. Campbell, of Glendale. At the same place Jas. Hill, of Glendale, has purchased the Commercial hotel from E. Ducklow, who will resume his farming operations.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE Review: The grain market has been at a stand still this week, on account of the wet weather. Wheat is still quoted at 60c and oats from 38c to 40c and very scarce. Barley seems out of the race as there is none being marketed. Cattle, live weight, bring 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 3c. Butter is quoted at 20c for good, and eggs are scarce at the same figure. Potatoes are still quoted at 50c per bushel.

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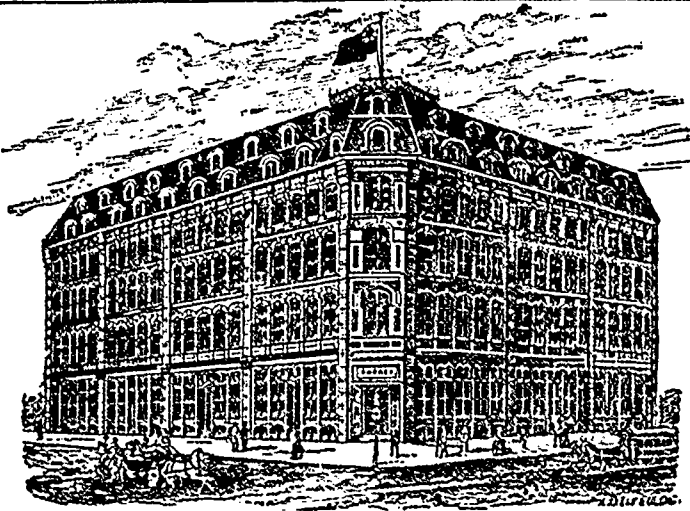
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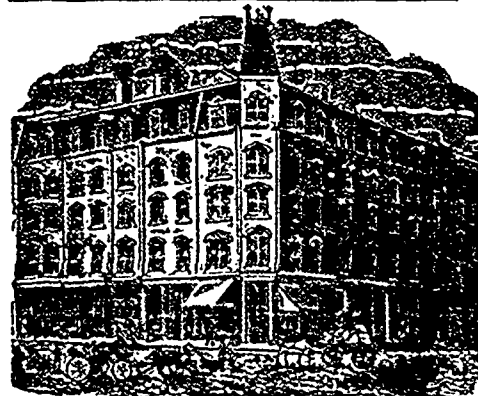


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### A Jog Along the Northwestern.

A representative of THE COMMERCIAL recently made a hasty trip over the Manitoba Northwestern railway. The south-eastern terminus of this road, it is well known, is at the town of Portage la Prairie, and for some miles from this place the road runs through what appears to the eye to be one vast wheat field. The farmers were busy threshing from the stook, and the smoke from the steam threshers could be seen in all directions, while in many places the stooks of golden grain still covered the ground, their closeness together showing that the crop is a heavy one. The Portage Plains will undoubtedly by turn out a lot of wheat this year, and the amount is estimated to be about 2,000,000 bushels. This will be marketed at Portage, McDonald, Burnside, Westbourne and other railway points in the district.

Macdonald, the first station from Portage on the Northwestern, is right in the midst on the most extensively cultivated portion of the Plains country, and near the station is the celebrated farm of McLean & McRobie, who this year have 40,000 bushels of wheat, grown from 1,300 acres, or about thirty bushels per acre. Near Westbourne, one station farther on, is the well known stock farm of Senator Sanford, of Hamilton, Ont. The White Mud river runs near Westbourne, on its way to Lake Manitoba, and its banks are heavily timbered with oak, elm, poplar, cottonwood, etc., affording fine shelter for cattle. There are also good hay meadows in the district. The country from Westbourne to beyond Gladstone, through which the White Mud river runs, is well supplied with timber of large size.

#### AT GLADSTONE

the local storekeepers were all elated over the prospects of a good fall and winter trade, owing to the fine crops. The wheat crop has been a success in the Gladstone district this year, and all reports were universally favorable, and the people are correspondingly happy. Gladstone is one of the oldest towns of Manitoba, the place having assumed considerable importance previous to the "boom" days. The place suffered a good deal in common with most of the older settlements of Manitoba, owing to the second homesteading regulations. The land regulations formerly allowed settlers, who had received a patent for their homestead to take up a second homestead. This was one of the worst features ever connected with the administration of the public lands in Manitoba. While the boom was on, settlers, who were anxious to grasp as much land as possible, mortgaged their farms and took up second homesteads. As Gladstone was one of the early settled districts, a good many of the residents had received patents for their homesteads, previous to the "boom" days, and they forthwith proceeded to mortgage their farms, in order that they might move west and take up a second homestead. In this way a great many of the best settlers were drained from the district. Their idea was that they would be able to sell one of their farms for a big sum in a short time; but when the "boom" collapsed they were unable to do so, and the change proved disastrous for many of them. In most cases it simply amounted to

the throwing up of an improved farm for an unimproved place, and often exchanging a good farm for an inferior one. The money raised by mortgage on the deserted place would only about pay for the cost of moving to the new location. Their crops did not turn out so good in the western districts to which they had moved, and as they were unable to pay the interest on the mortgages raised on their first homesteads, the lands passed into the hands of the loan companies. The towns in the older settled districts suffered a good deal in this way from the removal of settlers who went west to take up second homesteads; but these lands are now being sold to new settlers, and the conditions are improving. All through these older settled districts, a good many new settlers have come in during the past year or two, and located on the deserted lands. The business places of Gladstone number about a dozen, including the local paper, *The Age*. P. J. McQueen, general dealer, and J. L. Logie, stationer, are old timers of the place.

At Arden, a couple of stations beyond Gladstone, there are now two stores, conducted by M. E. Boughton & Co., and Van Blaricorn, Renwick & Co. These firms each handle wheat and other grain and farm produce, and they are counting on taking about 75,000 bushels of wheat this year, or about 10,000 more than last year. M. E. Boughton was the second settler in the district, and still has his farm near Arden, in addition to the store, which he opened in 1884. The Arden people are counting on getting a roller flour mill soon. The municipality of Lansdowne has voted a bonus of \$4,000 for the erection of a mill, and negotiations were going on with D. Moore, of Neepawa, formerly of the Oak Lake mill, to build a 75 barrel mill. Arden is beautifully situated on a high, level ridge, on the bank of a branch of the White Mud river, which rises in the Riding mountain. The mountain can be seen plainly from Arden. North of Arden is the famous Lake Dauphin district, into which a good many settlers have gone during the last year or two. A railway into this district will soon be a necessity.

#### THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA

is the next point reached. This is a thriving place, which has made very considerable progress during the past few years. A large number of new business establishments have been started since our last visit to the place, something over a year ago, and a good many new buildings have been put up and others are in course of erection. One of the most recent improvements is the fine solid brick block just completed by Davidson & Co., general merchants, and into which the firm was moving at the time of our visit. The building is 54x60 feet in size, two storeys. It is a very important addition to the buildings of Neepawa, and will make one of the best stores in Manitoba. J. A. Clare, general merchant, has moved his store to a new and better location on the corner of the two main streets, where he is fitting it up in good shape. He is brick veneering the building, and adding thirty feet to its length, which will give him a fine store, 66 feet long. Another fine building is the one being erected by Hutchings & Bemrose, manufacturers of harness, collars, etc. This firm is

erecting a solid brick building, size 25x50 feet, two storeys, which they will occupy when completed with a large stock of harness and horse goods. Their store will be one of the finest of the kind in Canada, outside of the larger cities and towns. Another new building is the brick block built for and now occupied by the Neepawa *Register*, the local paper. The *Register* has given an additional sign of prosperity by putting in a new steam press. The Great Western hotel, near the railway station, is another new building owned by J. Crawford. It is a large three storey frame building, size 60x60, and opened last spring. It is the largest hotel building on the line. A new industrial establishment is the planing mill and pump factory of Wakefield & Killington, started this season. The establishment is well supplied with planing machinery, moulding and scroll work machinery, etc. Special attention is given to the manufacture of wooden pumps, in which line the firm do a good business, as they ship pumps to all points along the railway, in addition to supplying the residents of the locality. They also handle iron pumps of all kinds. J. T. Crawford, general merchant, has changed his location since our last visit to Neepawa, having built and moved to a store near the station. McDougall & Co., hardware and tinware, have also moved to the station, and occupy a portion of the new hotel block.

Among the new business places of Neepawa since our last visit are the following: S. Hartford, general merchant, who moved from Bridge Creek to Neepawa last spring, and who occupies premises near the station. Reid & Gerhardt is a new firm, who recently succeeded to the business of R. C. Ennis, general merchant. The gentlemen are both from Ontario, Mr. Reid coming from Port Perry and Mr. Gerhardt from Walkerton. They are now putting in a new stock, and will give special attention to furnishing goods, etc. Jas. B. Mutter, who carries a good stock of books, stationery and fancy goods, commenced business this summer. J. Wake & Son, have only recently opened in the flour and feed line and butcher shop. W. J. Wake is in charge. The firm buy cattle all along the line of railway from Gladstone to Birtle for shipment and the name has been known in this connection for years. The Neepawa Feed company, managed by A. Mercer, recently from Winnipeg, is also a new business. The company handles flour, feed, etc., and produce, for shipment. A. W. Caswell, opened in the bakery and confectionery line the past summer, and finds business good in his line. W. J. Hamilton has opened a harness shop, and John Boyd a furniture store. The Patterson & Bro. Co., implements, etc., have opened an agency at Neepawa. W. J. Hamilton is taking charge of the agency.

From these new lines of business and building improvements, it will be seen that Neepawa is going ahead. The place has a large farmers' trade and is one of the best grain markets in Manitoba. The crop of wheat will not be large this year, but it is a fine quality, and local grain buyers expect more good milling wheat this year than last. The crops are the best northward from the place this year, a remark which is true of nearly all other points along the Northwestern railway this season.



The next point of importance on the railway is the

TOWNS OF MINNEDOSA,

situated in the valley of the Little Saskatchewan river. So much has been written about the beautiful location and surroundings of Minnedosa, that it is getting to be a chestnut. Everybody who knows anything about Manitoba, has heard of or seen the natural beauties of the place. Minnedosa was established years before the railway reached the place, and the place is well known among the towns of Manitoba. In addition to its location, Minnedosa has another strong point in its favor, and this is the friendly and sociable dispositions of its business men. Everybody in Minnedosa gets THE COMMERCIAL, and everywhere THE COMMERCIAL man was greeted in a hearty manner, though the remark no doubt accidentally dropped by one merchant, that he looked ten years older than at the time of his last visit, about a year ago, was not very comforting, in view of the fact that he is still a bachelor.

Minnedosa has not changed greatly since our last visit in a business way, no doubt owing to the fact that all lines of business were then fully represented, and that many of the merchants carried large stocks of goods. This is still the case. Minnedosa's business places cover all lines of trade, and include several well-stocked stores of general merchandise, and special lines, such as should draw trade from a large section of the surrounding country. The business institutions of the place number about forty in all. The most important business in the industrial line is the roller flour mill of Jas. Jernyn. The mill has been running full time, right along up to a few weeks ago, when it was closed down for the annual overhauling, previous to commencing on the new crop. In addition to the mill there are two large grain elevators, so that Minnedosa has the best facilities for a good grain market. The crops in the Clan William district, immediately north of Minnedosa, are fine this year, and claimed to be equal to any in Manitoba. The country northward right through to Lake Dauphin is a beautiful park region, well wooded and watered, with many bluffs and lakes, and an excellent grain and stock country, as has been proved year after year by the fine crops secured. This part of Manitoba is now attracting more attention, and new settlers are constantly going in. A colony of Scandinavian settlers have located about twenty miles north of Minnedosa. The substantial barns and houses erected throughout the Minnedosa district shows that the settlers have come to stay. If those who are inclined to grumble at the progress which Manitoba is making, could take a drive through the country and compare the buildings and improvements with the existing state of things from five to ten years ago, they would likely change their opinions. E. J. Darroch, general merchant, who has a farm three miles north of Minnedosa, threshed nearly forty bushels of wheat to the acre, bulk measure, which is not a bad crop for a dry year.

Minnedosa is exercised at present over the liquor question, all licenses having been refused, both hotels and stores. Of course public opinion is divided on this matter, the temperance people being jubilant, while those in

favor of licenses are correspondingly depressed. One Englishman who came into town and was unable to get a "gloss" of beer, was heard to remark that "the blawsted bloody country is not fit to live in." However, the temperance people seem to be getting the best of it all along the line, for from Portage la Prairie to the end of the track, a distance of over 200 miles, the only place licensed to sell liquor is at Binscarth. Evidently the temperance sentiment is strong along the Northwestern country. Minnedosa is therefore no. the only town on the road whose bibulously inclined citizens have been deprived of the opportunity of taking a social glass in a public way, when so inclined. However, there are two hotels offering accommodation to the public. The well known Brunswick house has been lately fitted up by C. R. B. Scobell, who has the place in good shape for the travelling public.

The business men of Minnedosa are very anxious to have a bank established in their town, and as the place is a central point on the line of railway, a bank could probably do a good business with other towns along the road. There is a good bank building which can be secured reasonably, it is understood. Negotiations have been going on with the Commercial Bank of Manitoba, for the establishment of a bank at Minnedosa, and if the branch is established, it will no doubt do a good business. Minnedosa has a lively local paper, the *Tribune*, published by D. Cannon.

The Minnedosans are now preparing for their fall fair, which will be held on the 9th of October. \$1,000 has been raised to be distributed in prizes at this fair.

(To be continued.)

U. S. Pig Iron in Canada.

Owing to the higher prices of English, Scotch and Canadian pig iron, United States brands are being sold very extensively throughout Ontario, a letter to that effect having been received in this city from a Toronto firm which complains of the difficulty now experienced in making sales of Scotch and Canadian iron owing to the cheaper values offered by United States houses for qualities fully equal to some of some of the leading brands supplied by Montreal firms. This is quite a new feature in the trade, which is of no little importance, being a new source of competition from an unexpected quarter. What are our manufacturers about, with their big bonus and high protective duty that they should allow Americans to undersell them in the Canadian market? —*Montreal Trade Bulletin.*

The Portage la Prairie *Review* claims the "honor of being the leading Conservative paper in Manitoba." The *Review* has been holding up its end pretty well of late, and gives evidence of continued progress.

The property on the corner of Rosser avenue and Tenth street, Brandon, was sold by auction recently and brought \$176 per foot frontage. The property was purchased by the Bank of British North America. The masonic building, burned some time ago, was on this property, and the location is one of the best for business purposes in the place.

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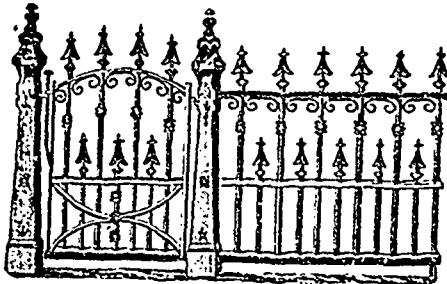
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J. Finlayson, grocer, Victoria, has assigned to R. P. Rithet & Co., for the benefit of his creditors.

John Walsh, proprietor of the White Horse saloon, Victoria, has purchased the property for \$6,000.

J. W. Rasure, well known on the coast as the cowboy evangelist, will open a store at New Westminster.

Lindsay & Jennings, Victoria, have dissolved partnership; the business will be continued by George Lindsay.

A new jewelry store will be opened at Victoria, by Davidson Bros., watchmakers, of Calgary, Alberta.

The Vancouver Foundry & Machine Works Co., has given notice of its intention to increase its capital stock to \$100,000.

The scalers propose to air their grievances on the occasion of the visit of Governor-General Stanley, to Victoria.

The stock and fittings of Captain J. D. Warren's coal and wood yard, James Bay, have been sold at auction by the sheriff.

The debentures of the National Electric Tramway Company, of Victoria, have been purchased by the Bank of British Columbia.

F. G. Richards, jr., and a number of other business men have formed a company to be known as the Victoria District Telegraph Company.

Over 1,000 tubs of butter and 1,000 cases of eggs says the *Victoria Colonist*, have been received in this city during the past week from Manitoba.

The British barque *Lebu*, has arrived at Victoria from Liverpool, with 1,100 tons of miscellaneous merchandise consigned to Welch, Rithet & Co.

The sum of \$13,219 was raised at Victoria this year from what is known as the trades licenses. Liquor licenses brought \$12,950 into the civic treasury.

The salmon catch in the Fraser river, says the *Columbian*, of Sept. 21st, continues large. There are many boats on the river. The sock-eye species predominate.

A quantity of granite from the quarries in the vicinity of Vancouver, owned by H. T. Keefer, has been sent to Seattle, Washington, amounting to about forty tons.

Another industry, says the *Vancouver World*, in the shape of a factory for the manufacture of woodenware, is about to be started by several of our enterprising business men.

James Bolton, of the Britannia hotel, Nanaimo, has been compelled to close up owing to pressure from his landlord and other creditors. Liabilities are said to be about \$5,000 and assets nominal.

Deposits of pipe clay have been discovered at Cowichan, Vancouver Island. The deposit was found in Bear Creek Valley. Specimens in various stages of rough manufacture have been forwarded to San Francisco for further opinion. A company has been formed for working the find.

The Danish barque *Doris Brodersen*, has cleared from Victoria for London direct, with a cargo of 27,993 cases of salmon. A total valuation of \$158,215 is placed on the cargo, which with fair winds and weather Captain Nielson expects to lay down in London in a little over 100 days.

Chas. Elliot, managing director of the Bow River Horse-Raising Company, of Alberta, has purchased an interest in the Victoria Transfer Company. It is the intention of the latter company, in addition to its present business, to carry for sale a stock of horses, bred from the best English stock on the Bow River ranch.

The Canada Western Hotel company, limited has been incorporated at Victoria. The following gentlemen are the promoters of the company: J. D. Pemberton, E. G. Prior, J. H. Todd, James Dunsmuir, Alex. Dunsmuir, T. B. Hall, Robt. Ward, F. S. Barnard, H. Croft, W. P. Sayward, P. C. Dunlevy, Thomas Earle, C. E. Pooley, E. B. Marvin and E. M. Johnson.

The Hudson's Bay Company's ship *Titania*, under charter to Findlay, Durham & Brodie, Victoria, completed her cargo and sailed for London, England, Sept. 28th. Her cargo is valued at over a quarter of a million dollars, and consists of 33,811 packages, comprising 33,721 cases of salmon, six cases of personal effects and thirty-four packages of furs, the value of the latter being \$74,219.55, and the total value of the cargo \$268,882.

Geo. Weeks, manager of the Hudson's Bay Company, Vancouver, has been presented with an address and a pair of opera glasses, by employees of the company, on the occasion of his retirement from the services of the company. It is understood he will engage in business for himself, at Vancouver. Mr. Weeks is well known in Winnipeg and at Rat Portage, where he was formerly connected with the Hudson's Bay Company.

Large quantities of cranberries are being brought to Westminster from up the country by the Indians. They have been asking \$6 per sack. The cranberry of commerce thrives in portions of British Columbia, and there could seem to be no good reason why a large shipping trade should not be done in this article. The cultivation of the berry should prove very profitable. The local markets are now supplied with the native berry gathered by Indians.

The following resolution were unanimously passed at a recent meeting of the board of trade, Victoria:—"Resolved, That Sir John Macdonald be asked by our local representatives in Parliament, what steps, if any, have been taken by the Dominion Government in advising the Imperial authorities to carry out the recommendations of the British Columbia board of trade for ensuring the calling at Victoria of the China Japan steamships under subsidies from the Imperial and Dominion Government." The following resolution was also carried:—"Resolved, That this board by communication ask Mr. Van Horne, president of the Canadian Pacific railway, the following, viz: If a proper depth of water is provided at low tide to enable China steamers, or other steamers of deep draft, to land at the outer

harbor of Victoria with safety, will the Canadian Pacific railway management guarantee the calling by said steamers at said outer wharf, both in and out, to land and take on passengers and mail, proper facilities being at the same time guaranteed by the customs authorities." The board has been untiring in its efforts to secure the calling of the China Japan steamers at Victoria, and it is to be hoped it will soon succeed in the undertaking.

**A Growing Industry.**

It is generally believed that very little is done in this country in the carriage-building line, and that such articles are usually imported from the east. This is a mistake. True a good deal of this class of work is imported in a finished or partially finished state, but a good deal is now done at home.

In Winnipeg the industry of carriage building has been growing steadily, as is indicated by the activity going on at Boyce's Carriage Works. This establishment has recently been greatly extended, a large new showroom having just been completed, and the space used in the manufacturing departments has been proportionately enlarged. The establishment is now the largest of the kind in the West, and is entirely devoted to the manufacture of new work.

The enlargement of the business was made with the intention of increasing the manufacture of fine home-made goods. The large new show room, occupying two floors of the building, is filled with home hand-made work, including carriages, cutters, sleighs, etc. In the rear of the new show rooms is the wood-working department, and beyond this again is the iron working shop. Work is now being prosecuted on cutters and sleighs, in which some handsome new designs are being turned out. The upper floor of the rear part of the building is used for a paint and varnishing shop, and upholstering and trimming department. In all the buildings cover 50x100 feet. In addition to this there is another building used for stock and finished work.

Of course only first-class hand-made work is turned out. The cheaper class of goods and staple lines, such as wagons, etc., cannot be profitably made here in competition with the East. But when a first-class rig is wanted, and the purchaser wishes to know what kind of work he is getting, he will have a home-manufactured outfit every time. The demand for this class of work is steadily growing, and this has led to the enlargement of the establishment in question. In addition to carriages, cutters, sleighs, etc., such special lines as express wagons, busses, band wagons, etc., are turned out to order. Any rig wanted out of the ordinary staple run of goods in the line, can be procured to order at Boyce's Carriage Works. The establishment is located on James street west, near Main, and is one of the important industries of the city.

THOS. RYAN, wholesale boots and shoes, Winnipeg, east on a business trip last week. As previously announced Mr. Ryan has sold out his retail department to Geo. Ryan, a brother, and will now devote his entire attention to his growing wholesale trade.

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Freight No. 55 Daily (except Sunday)	Express No. 61 Daily	Central or 90th Meridian Standard Time	Miles	Express No. 54 Daily	Fr't Ex. S. m.
12 15 p. m.	1 40 p. m.	Winnipeg	0	9 25 a. m.	4 16
11 57 a. m.	1 32 p. m.	Portage Junction	3	9 35 a. m.	4 31
11 30 a. m.	1 20 p. m.	St. Norbert	9	9 48 a. m.	4 54
11 00 a. m.	1 07 p. m.	Cartier	15	10 00 a. m.	5 18
10 17 a. m.	12 47 p. m.	St. Agathe	23	10 17 a. m.	5 51
10 07 a. m.	12 30 p. m.	Silver Plains	32	10 37 a. m.	6 27
9 35 a. m.	12 10 p. m.	Morris	40	10 56 a. m.	6 59
9 00 a. m.	11 55 a. m.	St. Jean	47	11 09 a. m.	7 27
8 34 a. m.	11 33 a. m.	Letellier	60	11 33 a. m.	8 00
7 55 a. m.	11 05 a. m.	West Lynne	68	12 01 p. m.	8 35
7 15 a. m.	11 00 a. m.	De Pembina	88	12 15 p. m.	8 50
7 00 a. m.	10 50 a. m.	Winnipeg Junction	85	12 06 p. m.	
	2 25 a. m.	Minneapolis	9 35 a. m.		
	4 40 p. m.	St. Paul	7 05 a. m.		
	4 00 p. m.	Helena	4 00 p. m.		
	3 40 p. m.	Garrison	6 35 p. m.		
	1 05 a. m.	Spokane	9 55 a. m.		
	8 09 a. m.	Portland	7 00 p. m.		
	4 0 a. m.	Tacoma	6 45 a. m.		

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE BRANCH.

Mixed No. 5 Daily (except Sun.)	Mixed No. 6 Daily (except Sun.)
9 50 a. m.	Winnipeg
9 35 a. m.	Portage Junction
9 00 a. m.	Headingley
8 30 a. m.	Pose Plains
8 10 a. m.	Gravel Pit
7 51 a. m.	Fustace
7 30 a. m.	Oaklake
6 45 a. m.	Portage la Prairie

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14 00 De	Lethbridge	Ar 1 30
15 55	Voo'p'cker	23 35
16 50	Liqu' Springs	22 40
17 45 Ar	Grassy Lake	21 45
18 00 De	Cherry Coulee	20 55
18 50	Winnifred	De 20 00
20 00	Winnifred	Ar 19 55
20 55	Seven Persons	18 45
22 10 Ar	Dunnore	De 17 30

E. T. GALT, Manager, Lethbridge. J. BAILEY, Supt, Lethbridge.

Manitoba and Northwestern Ry. CHANGE OF TIME.

PASS Tuesday Thursday and Saturday	Miles from Portage	STATIONS.	PASS Monday Wednesday and Friday
LEAVE		ARRIVE	
10 00		Portage la Prairie	13 20
4 17 45	35	Gladstone	12 05
18 45	61	Neepawa	10 38
19 45	79	Minnedosa	9 25
20 50	94	Rapid City	8 30
21 30	115	Snod Lake	8 00
22 30	128	Birtle	7 00
23 30	155	Binscarth	6 55
24 10	166	Russell	6 10
24 40	180	Langenburg	7 15
1 15	200	Saltcoats	3 40
ARRIVE		LEAVE	

\*Trains for Binscarth leave Birtle Tuesdays and Saturdays only at 22 50, returning leave Binscarth Wednesdays and Mondays only at 5 55. For Russell leave Birtle Tuesdays only at 22 50, returning leave Russell Wednesdays only at 5 15. For Langenburg and Saltcoats leave Birtle Saturdays only at 21 50, returning leave Saltcoats Mondays only at 3 40. For Rapid City leave Minnedosa Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 20 00, returning leave Rapid City Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 30. Above trains connect at Portage la Prairie with trains of the Canadian Pacific Railway to and from Winnipeg. For information as to Freight or Passenger Rates apply to A. Macdonald, Assistant Freight and Passenger Agent, Portage la Prairie, or to W. R. BAKER, General Superintendent.

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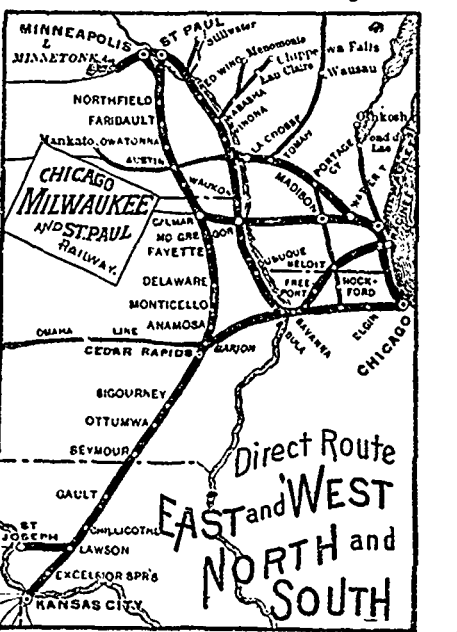
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