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A WORD OF CAUTION.

These are days of trial to many business men. In a time of unusual prosperity like the present there is a great temptation to reach out. Expansion is the order of the day. While the wise merchant will endeavor to keep up with the times, he will at the same time be on his guard against over-expansion. For many men—perhaps the majority of men—there is more danger in times of unusual prosperity than in times of stringency. There is always the danger of outside investments and speculation. Those who are familiar with the history of Manitoba for the past twenty or twenty-two years, will well remember the situation after the collapse of the "boom" of 1881-82. There were very few merchants in the country who were not loaded up with real estate, upon which they were unable to realize, and they were consequently obliged to assign. Most of them were overextended with stock. Who will say that the same danger may not be present again? The situation is, of course, different now from what it was in 1881, but it is not without dangerous features. There is almost as great a temptation to go into real estate speculations now as there was twenty or twenty-two years ago. We see papers flooded with real estate advertisements, and we know that real estate offices have increased by scores in Winnipeg and other parts of the country during the past year.

While there is a good immigration of new settlers, and considerable land is being taken by actual settlers, the great bulk of the land business is of a speculative nature. Huge blocks of land have been bought up by speculative syndicates, and resold in smaller blocks to other speculators, who in turn are selling to individual speculators. All this is not doing the country any good, but rather harm. It is not assisting in the development of the country. It is not creating wealth. There is danger in this speculative land business. As will be stated in articles appearing in the press lately as well as during the "boom" period of 1881-82. Our agricultural lands may still be cheap, compared with the values of lands in other countries, but there will doubtless be many ups and downs in values as the years go by. Business men will

do well to avoid speculation, and keep their business well in hand. While profiting by the good business doing during these days of expansion, they should be prepared always for a period of contraction, which will come, sooner or later.

Speaking in a general sense, the great prosperity which has prevailed on this continent of late cannot always continue. The enormous capitalizations make an element in the situation which may cause much distress in the future. A wonderful industrial expansion is going on, both in Canada and the United States. When the depression comes and the consumption of manufactures is curtailed, these giant industries of the United States will flood the Canadian market with their wares, and possibly cause much depression in our manufacturing centres. At present these great industries have all they can do in their own market, and they do not feel the necessity of forcing their wares on the Canadian market, but the time will come when there will be over-production.

How long the present period of expansion may continue, is, of course, impossible to say. When the time of contraction comes, it is not likely to be felt as seriously in a new country

in the west, combined with good times and general tendency to speculation in the east, is favorable to the flotation of enterprises of more or less questionable character. We may be prepared to hear of big farming, colonization, and other enterprises. These big farms were tried before, and proved failures in every case, and they will fall again. They will prove an injury to this country, and doubtless a source of loss to those who invest therein. Joint stock farming enterprises are not likely to give any better results now than they did in past years. Another source of danger is the possibility of receiving considerable undesirable immigration through the operations of colonization companies, and the excessive amount of "boom" advertising that the country is now receiving.

SAVE THE PEOPLE'S ESTATE.

Government irrigation works in India costing \$100,000,000 irrigate about fourteen million acres, and the value of the products of this area often exceeds in a single year the entire cost of the works. Is there a man in Canada who doubts that the expenditure by our own government of a large sum for the reclamation of our western semi-arid lands would be



A COAL MINE NEAR EDMONTON, ALBERTA.

like Western Canada, as in older communities. Our expansion is of a somewhat different nature from that of which we have just been speaking. The features which mark our present period of prosperity are: Two splendid crop years in succession and a large immigration. A continuation of good crops here in the face of an industrial depression elsewhere, would help to keep up the situation here, though prices of agricultural products would undoubtedly be depressed, thus reducing the profits of the farmer. On the other hand, two bad crops in succession here would perhaps cause a serious depression in land values, and cause much hardship throughout the country to the new settler with limited means, as well as to older ones who have overreached themselves during these times of prosperity.

Really the only unsatisfactory feature so far as this part of the country is concerned, is the speculation in lands, made possible by the extremely bad management of our public domain in past years. There are also evidences of some schemes being placed on the market, relating to Western Canada, which are not likely to result in good to the country. The present period of rapid development

a paying investment, looking at the proposition from a merely cold business standpoint?

The surest way to relieve congested labor markets of eastern cities would be to provide an avenue by which the people could turn to the farms, and the only way to do this is to first stop the further looting of the public domain by greedy land grabbers and next reclaim the western lands by national irrigation works for the benefit of actual settlers and home-builders.

The policy which Western Canada is most in need of at the present time is a National Policy, which would put an immediate stop to the handing over of the public domain to speculators and land-grabbers of all kinds. Not another acre of land for any one but an actual settler, should be the strong demand of every honest citizen who has the welfare of the country at heart. One land corporation, which bought a block of 1,000,000 acres of land in Western Canada last year, is said to have sold it all, already. This land has not been sold to home-builders. It has been sold to smaller speculators in blocks of 5,000, or 10,000 or more acres. The settler will have to pay the price before he gets 100 or more acres, after several foreign corporations have had their rake-off. This

shows the beauty of subsidizing railways with grants of land. If the land had not been given away to railways, or alienated in other ways, this speculation in lands would have been in great measure avoided. Yet the premier of British Columbia has the nerve to publicly state that he still believes in the policy of subsidizing railways with grants of land.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

The Natural History Society of Manitoba was organized in Winnipeg last week. There is undoubtedly considerable scope here for the work which would properly come within the sphere of such a society. The Historical and Scientific Society is one of the old institutions of Winnipeg. This society, however, has given attention mainly to history. Those interested in the natural sciences felt that a new and more aggressive society was needed here, which would undertake more practical work. One object of the society will be to secure better game laws, and the improvement and enforcement of the laws relating to the protection of insectivorous birds, etc. There is certainly great ignorance throughout the country regarding the laws for the protection of animal life. These laws could be considerably improved and there is still greater need of better enforcement of the acts. The greatest hope for the future evidently is in the education of the young people to a due appreciation of the value of animal life. Boys are responsible for the destruction of many of our valuable birds, which would have been the case if the boys were given a little instruction in this matter. Much good work might be done in the schools in teaching boys and girls about birds, and it is a study in which most children would quickly become interested. It will also be the object of the society to secure the establishment of a provincial museum. Manitoba is said to be the only province of Canada that has not a museum. Such an institution would not only be of great value to students of natural history, but it would also be a source of much interest to visitors of a less scientific turn of mind.

BRITISH CANADIAN WHEAT COMPANY.

Leading papers throughout Canada are publishing articles recommending the shares of the British Canadian Wheat Raising Company. These articles might be taken by the uninitiated as editorials, but they are really paid advertisements. They are couched in most extravagant language, such, for instance, as the following: "The shares of the British Canadian Wheat Raising Company present that cannot be equaled by any other commercial enterprise in the British empire." Extravagant language is also used in describing the resources and capabilities of Western Canada generally, as well as with relation to this particular company. One article in the Toronto News, signed by D. S. McPherson, is apparently written to "boom" these shares. It is written in a grandiloquent style, and abounds in overdrawn pictures and absolutely false statements, as witness the following: "Land that produces an average of twenty-five to thirty-five bushels of wheat, and in especially favored sections reaches forty-five and fifty-five bushels per acre, can produce no more than the farmer. And these are official figures in the case of Western Canadian farms."

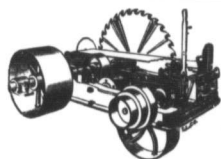
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Dry Goods Trade Notes.

A New York report says: All staple cottons are firm and not plenty. Lines of every description are higher, and prices are constantly trending against buyers, while yarns are extremely firm and scarce.

Crepe de chenes are a strong feature, the demand for these running ahead of the supply. In fact, it is already difficult to secure goods except at long deliveries. Colored taffetas are well patronized, and bid fair to be a prime favorite during the season.

Advances have been asked ranging all the way from 5 to 10 per cent at New York, on silks and full fall the probability is that another advance of 5 per cent will be asked. Creams and fancy whites are in heavy demand, and all descriptions of fancies are improving as the season progresses.

Fancy weaves grenadines are a feature in plain mesh, spider webs, cross bar effects, etc., and spiral stripes, in conjunction with shirred and tucked effects in black and white, are selling well. Throughout the entire summer season are expected to be in heavy demand, especially for shirtwaist suits.

A wire from Montreal on February 13 said: Mr. Gault, president of the Montreal Cotton Company, declares that unless the cotton industry gets more protection their works at Valleyfield and elsewhere will have to close down. He says that the manufacturers of Manchester are making a slaughter market of Canada.

The New York Journal of Commerce says the cotton spinners of England seem thoroughly alarmed at their dependencies upon the United States for their cotton supply, this alarm being sharply intensified by the present relations between the supply and demand for raw cotton. The opinion is unanimous that the culture of cotton should be encouraged in the British colonies and possessions.

There is increasing strength shown in woollen goods in Canadian markets. The steady advances in the prices of wool in the English and continental markets and the fact that stocks of Canadian fleece are now practically exhausted, have caused finished woollen goods to be held with greater firmness by the manufacturers both at home and abroad. Jobbers say it is impossible now to buy blankets at the old prices. Some houses are paying higher prices for blankets for present delivery, and for future delivery it is quite certain that prices cannot go any lower. Flannels are very much in the same position. In fine domestic woollen goods the situation is very firm. Retailers who are fortunate enough to have any stocks of these goods left over could sell them back to the jobbers at a good profit.

The Toronto Globe in a recent issue says: A number of agents of old country concerns have been in the market the past week, and they are unanimous on the general strength of the market for the raw material and the finished goods. These agents have been refusing orders at prices that were current in January. Samples sent out by British houses have reached the local trade this week, and they were accompanied by letters explaining that the accompanying prices could not be guaranteed for any length of time. No engagements could be entered into at these prices, and goods ordered could only be held subject to prices ruling at the time the orders were received. All reports on the markets in Great Britain agree on the strong advancing tendency shown and higher prices for all linen goods are consequently looked for.

Grocery Trade Notes.

English prices of Indian and Ceylon rice have advanced 14 per cent.

Latest mail advices on currants say: "The steady advance in prices of Greece is not at all warranted by the state of the markets of consumption. These are very weak throughout, and buyers abroad appear very indifferent indeed."

Mail advices from Japan on rice say: "In some of the northern districts of Japan the situation nearly approached a famine, and the further the season advanced the more serious was the shortage of the crop now being harvested because. There is now a well

stocked market but few sellers putting a stop to all business except export. With the exception of some shipments to Australia and San Francisco, where business has been made possible owing to a cut in ocean freights. We have had a very mild winter and there is some danger of frost now to harm the young plants, which is giving some anxiety to farmers."

The Federal Reporter says of cloves: "Cable advices have been received stating that instead of this year's crop being a small one, it will be rather larger than last year, and January-March steamer shipment from Holland has been offered as low as 80 per lb., while the far-off position such as February-April steamer shipment from the east, have been quoted at the same figure. Whether this is simply a bear movement to try and cover previous sales at a profit or the actual condition of affairs in the East remains to be seen, and for the present importers are doing absolutely nothing in the article. In fact there has been no movement at all through since the decline in prices set in, and we do not even hear of any bids having been put out."

The market for new crop Barbados molasses for the season 1903 has a much smaller crop than last year, and the opening price was considerably higher than that of 1902. The first bid for this season was made at 16s. f.o.b., and to-day's cables reported the market strong at an advance of 2c per gallon, 16s. 10c f.o.b. The market also stated that the demand from Newfoundland buyers was heavy and the offerings light. At present prices on the island it would cost 25c laid down here, hence the importation by local operators will likely hold off until the season is more advanced. In sympathy with the above, the spot market is stronger, and prices have been advanced, with a fairly good jobbing trade passing.—Montreal Gazette.

Hardware Trade Notes.

The price of German-Holland chains for spring and summer deliveries is somewhat lower.

The list price for lanterns for next season is out, and prices remain the same as before.

Building paper has declined and is now sold at the same prices as quoted previous to recent advances.

Winchester rifles have advanced and Model 1895 is now quoted at \$30 in proportionately higher.

The market for horse nails is very unsettled, and although there is a discount price to be had on nearly every brand, they are all subject to change without notice.

The Algoma Steel Co. has had to surrender its contract to supply steel for the Peninsula railway owing to inability to deliver the rails on time. The contract has now been replaced in Germany. The quantity required is 8,200 tons of 80-pounds rails, \$32 per ton. This is sufficient for 60 miles of railway and five miles of mining. The Algoma Co. will be favoured on subsequent orders to make up for the loss of this business.

Montreal Sugar Market.

The feature of the sugar market of late has been the easier feeling in New York in the raw article, owing particularly to sales of sugar about Cuba, and if a production of 1,200,000 tons from January to May by Cuba and the other West Indies is to be offered as fast as made, or at the rate of 240,000 tons per month upon a market that will only consume 150,000 tons, it is apparent that prices cannot be sustained. With reference to the refined article, prices in the above market were reduced 10c per 100 lbs. at the latter end of last week, and on Monday wholesalers offered to tender refiners' prices 10 points, which all tended to create an unsettled feeling in the market. The foreign market for raw beet sugar has ruled fairly steady, with the February option and the continued dullness of the above, here in refined sugar, there has been no actual change of price for some time. Prices are steady at \$3.80 for granulated, and at \$3.15 to \$3.60 for yellow, per 100 lbs., as to quality, at the factory.—Gazette.

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The News Co., Ltd., of Portage la Prairie, has been incorporated.

T. L. Lloyd has opened the Albano hotel at Gladstone. D. J. Fumeron is entering the hardware and furniture business at Itaska.

W. E. Ashdown has disposed of his implement business at Morden to L. M. Frankman who has bought the general store business of Whitman & Co. at Emerson.

Edouard Brox has purchased A. E. French's general store business at Minnedosa.

W. H. Hassett, general merchant, at Minnedosa, is opening a branch at Canollan.

The railway boys are adding a line of harness to their general store business at Gladstone.

A small blaze in McCullough's tailor shop at Portage la Prairie, on Thursday, the 12th, resulted in a loss of \$75.

The smoke house at Gordon, from a fire, was destroyed.

W. P. Pinkelstein, of Winnipeg, has bought the store of Wm. Knox at Macgregor, and will open for business there.

W. J. Britton has arrived at Hilton in the interest of the Prairie Land Co., which is going to put in a yard there.

The Winnipeg street railway company will extend their line on Portage Avenue to the city limits during the coming spring.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating the Souris Valley Land Co. of Weyburn, with a capital stock of \$100,000.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating the Farmers' Union Thresher Co., Ltd., of Argus, with a capital stock of \$5,000.

Notice is given of application for the incorporation of the City of Winnipeg, Driving Association, with a capital stock of \$100,000.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating the Red Deer Lumber Co., Ltd., at Winnipeg, with a total capital stock of \$250,000.

Notice is given of application for the incorporation of the Lauder Brothers Sawmilling Co., a lumberer, with a capital stock of \$200,000.

Among the new buildings to be erected at Winnipeg this year will be a moulding shop by the Vulcan Iron Works on their premises adjoining the C. P. R. tracks.

Announcement has been made in the Hamilton, Ont., papers that the Stanley Mills Departmental Store Company with a capital stock of \$200,000 has a business in Winnipeg.

A correspondent at Keyes, Man., writes that there is being opening there for a hardware store. A lumber yard and temperance hotel, the correspondent says, is also needed.

Geo. Armstrong, M. D., and W. A. Shouls have bought out A. T. Andrews' business at Gladstone, and will run it under the name of the Gladstone Drug Company.

The Life Insurance Agency asks for incorporation of the City of Winnipeg on the business of agents for insurance companies of various kinds, including life, fire, marine, accident and guarantee companies.

The partnership existing between G. Perrier and A. Falgout, residing at Winnipeg, has been dissolved. Business will continue to run the same as before. The other partner is general for himself on Portage Avenue.

The new building which the Great West Paper Co. will erect at Winnipeg this year for the accommodation of its manufacturing business will cost \$250,000.

Notice is given of the incorporation of the Great West Paper Co., with a total capital stock of \$200,000. The parties seeking incorporation are E. M. March, N. D. March and H. H. Wells.

G. S. Alexander, M. R. Grant and E. J. Simons have formed a partnership for the purpose of carrying on a real estate and financial business at Winnipeg. The firm will be known as Alexander, Grant & Simons, and will be located at 545 Main Street.

Plans are being called for a large hardware addition to W. E. Stephenson's establishment on Market Street. The addition will cost in the neighborhood

of \$25,000, being 50 feet by 150, with three stories, built of solid brick. An archway will connect it with the present building.

Letters patent have been issued at Winnipeg incorporating J. H. Ashdown, A. R. Bethune, G. F. Stephens, D. M. Elliot, J. S. E. Low, C. E. Sexton, F. Hutchings, H. M. Beheer and Wm. Stephenson in the "Policy Holders' Protective Association," with a capital stock of \$100,000.

The Brandon Hardware Company will build a new building, situated between of Rosser Avenue and Seventh streets this year. The building will be of solid brick, 125 x 40 feet, and of thoroughly modern. The company will endeavor in wholesale as well as retail trade when in its new quarters.

Notice is given of application for the incorporation of the Ryan Insurance Agency Limited, at Winnipeg. The parties seeking incorporation are Williams, Winnipeg, G. E. Sexton, Minneapolis; F. H. Philpen, and Ed. J. Crowe, Winnipeg. The amount of capital stock is \$50,000.

Henderson's directory of the city of Winnipeg for 1903 is now in general use. It is issued by J. A. Henderson, and it embraced over 700 pages of the usual information concerning the city and its vicinity. This is the total population of this publication. The total population of this city is given in this publication at 63,550 as against 52,425 of the previous year.

J. A. Rods, Scoback, England, manufacturer; J. G. Maulson, of Winnipeg, manager; William Heppeler, of Winnipeg, secretary; G. E. Sexton, Minneapolis; F. H. Philpen, and Ed. J. Crowe, Winnipeg, are the directors. J. A. Rods, Scoback, England, is applying for a charter for the Manitoba Lined and Paint Company. It will have a capital of \$400,000, and its headquarters will be at Winnipeg. The purpose of which incorporation is the manufacture and sale of lined oil, oil cake, and other by-products thereof at Winnipeg.

ASSINIBOIA.

Red Iron, are opening a machine shop at Regina.

Mosomil ratepayers vote on the 23rd inst. to grant \$5,000 to aid in the erection of a new school.

McPhail & Thompson have purchased the implement business of Wm. Ingram at Wolsely.

M. Krolik has bought out his partner's interest in the general store business of Krolik & Goldschmidt at Grandin, and will continue alone.

The annual meeting of the Qu'Appelle board of trade was held last week. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. R. North; vice-president, W. H. Hunter; executive committee, J. P. Beauchamp, J. P. Creamer, W. Henderson, A. Gray; secretary-treasurer, J. C. V. A. G.

The Indian Head board of trade held its annual meeting last week. Twenty-three members were present. Eight new members were elected. The following officers were elected: President, H. H. McKay; vice-president, A. S. Jarvis; treasurer, J. Conn; secretary, D. G. McKay; committee on finance, W. T. E. Donnelly, Wm. Wilson, J. G. P. Dickson and A. M. Fraser. A resolution was passed to urge the Dominion government to establish a bonded warehouse at Indian Head.

The following officers were elected this season promise in Medicine Hat. He will put up a new depot and round house at this place. The building will put up building on the east side of the street. The Medicine Hat Milling Company have material on hand for building a new building. E. Bentley is putting up a planing mill and saw and door factory on the east side of the street. A packing company putting up building. The Trading Company are getting the material for building an addition to their building. Marcho's Hunter will build a warehouse.

The board of trade of Wolsely held its annual meeting last week. The principal item of discussion was sought during the year was a four mile. Negotiations are still in progress with the Dominion government and it is expected that a good merchant mill will be secured this year. The election results in the Dominion are being reapportioned to the president's

chair; E. O. Banbury was elected as vice-president; and J. P. Middlemas secretary-treasurer. The following gentlemen were elected members: J. G. Vicia, Geo. Halfour, Levitt Thomson, R. A. Moore, N. A. Crozier, W. H. Hall, D. Curtis, R. S. Banbury, A. M. Batters, J. Morrison, Geo. Hurbird, J. T. Mutrie.

ALBERTA.

Wetsaskwin citizens have decided to purchase a McRobbie chemical fire engine to protect the town.

C. G. Cunningham and A. W. English of the Gypsum Supply Company, Greenwood, B. C., have opened a branch office in Edmonton.

The Great Western Saddlery Co. will build a factory and warehouse at Calgary this year. The building will be 70x130 feet and will cost \$30,000.

The following are the customs returns from the Edmonton custom house for the month of January, 1903: 1st week, \$12,544.31; 2nd week, \$1,053.00; 3rd week, \$4,221.37. For purposes of comparison the returns for the corresponding month of last year may be given as follows: 1st week, \$2,614.87; 2nd week, \$1,648.65; 3rd week, \$1,053.00; 4th week, \$4,221.37.

SASKATCHEWAN.

At the annual meeting of the Prince Albert board of trade the following new officers were elected: President, H. W. Wilson; vice-president, W. J. Kernaghan; secretary-treasurer, H. E. Ross; auditor, J. F. A. Stull; council, T. G. Goodfellow, G. J. Stull, F. J. McCallan, A. McDonald, A. Holmes, M. M. Mead, F. C. Baker, A. Wagner, Jos. Kidd, R. T. Tolford, T. E. Baker, H. Lacroix.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

The citizens of Fort William are taking active steps to secure all telephone business of that place for the newly installed municipal system. A public meeting was held on the 13th with this end in view, and if committee was appointed to canvass the town.

The amalgamation of The Davidson Co. of Waukegan, Ill., and The Davidson Co. of Gold Rock has been proposed. The business will be carried on as The Davidson and Ontario Trading Co. The personnel of the new firm will be W. H. Brown, Wm. Denmark, E. B. Martin, H. E. Brown, and G. J. Martin and Martin will conduct the business. The office of the business, while based at Rock end and Wood will attend to the Waukegan store.

Bad Fire in Winnipeg.

On Tuesday morning Winnipeg was visited by a bad fire, the worst since the McIntyre block was burned. This time it was the large retail carpet and furniture store of A. P. Banfield which suffered. The weather was extremely cold which prevented the firemen from working to advantage, but their service was a most satisfactory one and the fire was quickly confined to the building in which it started. The front and larger part of the building was destroyed. The rear part was built by Thos. Ryan rear part was built by Thos. Ryan and a half ago and was of brick. The walls are still standing and part of the roof. The value of the stock has not yet been ascertained but it is safe to assume that the daily paper estimates of \$80,000 and over were correct. The insurance upon the stock was \$46,000. On Tuesday morning the building was destroyed. Besides Mr. Banfield's business there were some office tenants in the building. The stories of the building who are small losses.

Railway Traffic Congestion.

Because of inability of eastern roads to handle all the freight offered to them, western roads have issued notices that affect several routes. It is estimated that in the latter part of winter, which the northwestern eastern roads will not receive for delivery to western roads is much worse than in winter, which was issued to agents Monday by the western roads. This gives a pretty comprehensive idea of the condition of affairs. The notice issued by the western roads is not given to us. The notice we decline to accept. Freight, except live stock, company material or

supplies, perishable freight or freight loaded within switching limits at Chicago, destined to Chicago, Versalles, Moundsville and Parkersburg, express cars for switching service within Chicago terminals, and with the exception of coal, coke, oil and perishable freight. All freight, except live stock or perishable, which is not reached via Wabash Railroad. Live stock destined to Buffalo. All freight, except live stock or perishable, which is not reached via Canadian Pacific Railway via Windsor and Detroit. All freight, except live stock, perishable or bituminous coal, destined east via Nickel and St. Paul. All freight, except live stock, perishable, or oil, destined to points on the Grand Trunk Railway. Grain, hay, lumber, and ore destined destined to points or on reached via Erie Railroad. Grain farming products destined east via Niagara from Trunk Railways across lake line.

Maple Sugar.

The recent cold strike has had a startling effect on general industry that touching maple sugar. It is more from maple sugar. The same of hard maple, from which the sugar is derived, has died. The sugar is cut down their trees and sold the sugar is put in Montreal, sending it in by car from Philadelphia. In the city this morning and stated that no less than nine large sugar raisers in his vicinity and that of Hemphill, and Bedford had within the week their sugar bushes and sent the saw the trees into blocks. His plan is to make long and split them into stove and furnace wood. He would that he has always tapped about the trees. The coming spring he will not leave standing any maple trees in the sugar wood much greater advantage than he said he, "the happy days of the sugar bush as things of the past; in any case, the price of maple sugar for sixteen years been so low that the maple growers have taken care to tap trees, and the latter place, the wood sold, and the price of what has been given in their place is change of fuel, even in the villages. It is sharp demand."—Mont

Movements of Business Men.

John Appleton left Winnipeg Sunday last on a pleasure trip to England.

J. Redmond, of The Redmond Co., Winnipeg, left for the east this week on a business trip.

J. P. Whitney, a prominent Yukon merchant, was in Winnipeg on Saturday returning from a trip east. His place of business is in Fairbanks.

S. Hoover arrived back at Winnipeg on Wednesday after an extended trip to Toronto, Buffalo, and New York, Chicago.

Fred Chilcott, traveller for Codville & Co., died at Brandon this week. He was a member of the Commercial Club of the best known travellers of the city.

Keep Out of the Doorway.

It is unfortunate that more clerks do not mind their reasoning "business" to post them on every little matter pertaining to personal conduct in the store. There is no item of personal conduct that has evidently been overlooked in any city. In some towns, and that is the matter of hanging around the store entrance. At this season of the year, and is particularly prevalent, but during the afternoon of a sunny day in early spring or during a hot day in summer, it is a unusual occurrence to see two or three young men hanging around the front of the store, talking, or even talking, or even working. It is not the store to the store. It is not favoredly impress the customer. Business hours should be devoted to his details of his chosen line so thoroughness of service. Businessmen should to loaf around the store from Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal.

one per bush; parsnips, 1c per pound.
POLTRY—There is very little
movement in poultry and the mar-
ket is quiet. There are no remain-
ing consignments of chickens are
being brought in from the south at
this time. The market for turkeys
is offering in a wholesale
at 11 to 12 1/2c per pound for chick
and 13 to 14c for ducks and
geese, and 16c for turkeys.

BUTTER—Creamery—City makers
are quiet. Quoting 24c for choice
fresh made in one pound bricks, de-
livered.

BUTTER—Dairy—There is but lit-
tle doing in the dairy butter market.
Receipts are very light. Rolls are
being offered at the retail trade
at 15 to 17c per pound. Tub butter
at 14 to 16c per pound delivered
less net price.

CHEESE—The market is quiet.
Dealers are supplying the retail trade
with Ontario stock at 13c to 14c per
pound.

EGGS—Receipts are very light.
Dealers are offering 22c per dozen for
fresh case lots, delivered here.

MEATS—Receipts are good.
Beef, city dressed, 6c to 7 1/2c per pound;
country stock, 5c under these figures;
mutton, 4c; lamb, 4c; hogs,
medium, 4c; packers price, for best weights,
4c, less.
Hides—Receipts are light and the
market is weak. We quote: Fron-
talis, 5 1/2c per lb., less 5c lbs.
Hides, 4 1/2c; butchers, 4 1/2c;
No. 1c, 5 1/2c for No. 2c, and 4 1/2c for
No. 3c, sheepskins, 20c to 25c each.

WOL—Market nominal.
TALLOW—No. 1 tallow is worth
3 1/2c per pound, delivered here, and
No. 2, 4 1/2c.

SENeca ROOT—Market nominal.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—There is nothing doing in
the cattle market beyond a little trade
with the city butchers. Cattle are be-
lieved to be scarce, and are firming
at 14 to 15c; finest steers are worth
14 to 15c, ordinary, 13 to 14c; and
from that figure quotations
vary. Stockers, according to quality,
are worth, 11 to 12c each.
COWS—Worth 2 1/2c per pound off
cars here. Lambs, 4 1/2 to 4c.

HOGS—The market is steady at a
figure for best weights. Steers firm at
150 to 250 pounds. Heavy hogs, 5 to
6c, weighed off cars, Winnipeg.

MILK COWS—Prices at this firm at
\$30 to \$45 each, according to quality.

HORSES—Trade is confined to a
limited demand for general purpose
horses, for which prices rule high.

DRUGS—Market nominal.
CURED MEATS—Hams, 15c @ 16 1/2c;
bacon 1c to 1 1/2c long cuts.

LARD—This, 13c; lard, 13 1/2c; tubs,
14c.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 25c @ 30c;
Manitoba creamery, 25c; Manitoba dairy,
15c @ 20c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 22c; Ontario, 15c
per dozen.

CHEESE—Ontario cheese, 15c.
SWISS—Fondue—Potatoes, local, 10c @ 12c
per ton; Ashcroft, 15 @ 16 1/2c per
ton; bas, 4c; whitening, 5c; smelts, 5c; sea
food, 5c; salmon, 8c; cod, 6c per lb.; crabs, 6c
per dozen; mackerel, 10c; herring, 10c;
halibut, 10c per lb.

FRUIT—Lemons, 25 @ 30c per
dozen; oranges, navel, 25 @ 30c; seedling
oranges, 15 @ 20c per dozen.

STARCH—Powdered, 1c per lb.;
Paris lump, 5c; granulated, 4 1/2c;
extra, 4 1/2c; long cut, 4 1/2c.

SYRUPS—30 gal. barrels, 2 1/2c lb.;
10 gal. tins, 4 1/2c each; 5 gal. tins, 2 1/2c
each; 2 1/2 gal. tins, 1 1/2c each; 1 1/2c
each; 3/4 gal. tins, 1 1/2c each; 1/2 gal.
tins, 1 1/2c each.

HARDWARE—Bar iron, 25c;
Horse shoe nails, 15c; cut nails, 15c;
cut horse shoes, 15c; nails, 15c;
cut nails, 15c; cut nails, 15c; cut
nails, 15c; cut nails, 15c; cut nails,
15c; white lead, 7 1/2c; putty, 25c;
herbed wire, 4 1/2c per 100 lb.; glass, first break,
8c per 100 feet.

British Columbia
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B. C. Business Review.

Vancouver, Feb. 10.
Local business is reported active,
and fully up to the average. There are
signs of a revival of the northern
trade, and there is also great activity
in the local shipping trade, small
craft being engaged in the
fleet. The big ship Dunraven is
loading flour and wheat for Australia
and sailing for the difficulty of getting
the grain from Manitoba it is being
secured from Pigeon Sound. Real
estate still continues though handicapped
the lumber business though handicapped
labor is also very active.

In the local market the feature of
the week is the decline in some lines
of produce owing to the fact that
persons who have no warehouses will
not buy rent or taxes have been put-
ting in carload lots and finding their
contents around the city at prices that
cannot be maintained. Legitimate
houses. Produce merchants claim that
indifferently packed creamery has ar-
rived from Manitoba in this way. The
fruit market is almost featureless.
Flour remains steady and there are no
chances to repeat the advance. The
hardware market is buoyant, turpen-
tine having gone up 810 a cargo.

Prices at Vancouver.
Special to The Commercial.

Lard has declined 3c to 1 1/2c. Eggs have
fallen sharply. Manitoba creamery,
25c; Ontario, 15c @ 20c.
MEATS—National Mills chop, 27c per
ton; bran, 24c; shorts, 25c; oil cake meal,
20c; flour, 10c; wheat, 10c; corn, 10c;
dried, 10c; potatoes, 10c; peas, 10c;
beans, 10c; lentils, 10c; chickpeas, 10c;
milk, 10c; butter, 10c; cheese, 10c;
eggs, 10c; fruit, 10c; vegetables, 10c;
nuts, 10c; seeds, 10c; oils, 10c;
syrups, 10c; starch, 10c; hardware, 10c;
clothing, 10c; shoes, 10c; hats, 10c;
furniture, 10c; carpets, 10c;
drugs, 10c; books, 10c; stationery, 10c;
toys, 10c; games, 10c; sporting goods, 10c;
miscellaneous, 10c.

Years. The firm will operate a can-
nery and handle fresh fish.
The Hoelsand Miner says: "The
strike at the Crow's Nest coal mines,
if allowed to continue, must eventu-
ally result in a complete tie-up of the
mining and smelting industries of
Southern British Columbia. Such a
situation must not be allowed to hap-
pen."

The A. E. Howse Company, Limited,
capital \$75,000, is being incorpo-
rated in British Columbia. The
object of the company is to acquire and
carry on the business of a general
merchant and forwarding agent, now
carried on by A. E. Howse, at Nicola
and Princeton.

It is reported that the British Col-
umbia government has decided to ex-
clude Japanese and Chinese from the
lumber camps and mills. This will
not be a help to the industry if car-
ried out, as unless other white labor
is supplied, lack of labor will severely
handicap the industry, now badly
crippled by lack of cars for transpor-
tation.

The associated boards of trade for
eastern British Columbia will meet at
Fernie on March 10th. The provincial
government will be asked to take
measures to prevent forest fires and
to acquire a hundred thousand acres
of East Kootenay pine lands for a
public park. The Dominion govern-
ment will be asked to establish an ex-
perimental apple orchard in the
Rocky Mountain country.

The Brock Creek coal lands, west of
Midway, have been acquired by the
Ashcroft Smelter Limited. A four-foot
seam of coaking coal has been ex-
posed. Development work will be started
immediately. The work will comprise
the erection of a battery of coke
ovens. Construction operations on a
12-mile section of the Midway & Ver-
non Railway is to be started this
spring, thus connecting the coal fields
with the C. P. R. and the Great
Northern at Midway.

The Vancouver customs returns for
the month of January show an in-
crease in the revenue amounting to
\$6,912.29 over the collections of the
corresponding month last year. The
returns are as follows: Imports, free,

\$90,721; dutiable, \$210,880; total,
\$301,601. Exports, \$447,402; revenue,
duty, \$61,855.01; other sources, \$10,
908.98; total, \$77,763.01. In January,
1902, total, \$81,757.55 was collected for
duty, and \$61,344 from other re-
venue, a total of \$70,881.40.

Geo. Carter, importer and commis-
sionaire, Victoria, has taken in the
person of Mayor McLean, a partner in
the business of a general merchant,
cash and foreign manufacturing
concerns on the coast. The style will
be Carter & McLean. Connections
will be formed with the Northwest
Territories and as far east as Winni-
peg.

Morris & Steed's general store at
Reve stock was destroyed by fire on
the 9th, involving a loss of about \$13,
000, of which \$11,000 was goods. The
hardware department, which was in
a separate building, was saved. The
insurance on the stock was \$6,000,
made up of \$1,500 Norwich Union, \$1,
500 National, \$1,000 Ottawa, \$1,500
Equity. The building was the prop-
erty of H. N. Cousler, and was in-
sured for \$1,000, \$700 being in Equity
and \$300 in Ottawa.

The miners of Nanaimo have gone
on strike. About 800 men went out
on Monday against the Nelson Fuel
Company, of San Francisco, which re-
cently acquired the mine at Nanaimo.
The miners are asking for a gen-
eral advance from March 1 from 75
to 80 cents a ton, 25 cents per day for
using safety lamps, claiming that coal
cannot be got under as quickly with
the safety lamps, and they ask more
pay, \$1 a ton, for mining in the lower
level, which runs under the sea.

The board of trade of New West-
minster held its annual meeting last
week. The election of officers resulted
as follows: R. F. Anderson and L.
A. Lewis were re-elected president
and vice-president, respectively; and
D. Johnson, to whom a vote of
thanks for long and faithful service
was accorded. For council the choice
fell upon Messrs. Robson, Trapp,
Mathers, Hart, Schanke, Lunning-
ham, Curtis, Major, Glick, Peck, Boie
and Ryall.

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Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this
year last year.
Wheat—No. 1 hard winter closed at 72 1/2c
spot Fort William.
Flour—Jobbing price was quiet. Patent,
40c; best, 38c.
Barley—Malt, 14 1/2c per ton; shorts,
14c; malt, 14c.
Bulbs—Malt, 14 1/2c per ton; shorts,
14c; malt, 14c.
Fruit—Lots on track, feed grade 5c
per bushel.
Butter—Dairy, 20 1/2c per lb. net for
retail trade.
Cheese—1 1/2c per lb. to the retail trade.
Eggs—16c net for fresh cleaned.
Potatoes—Farmers' loads, 30 1/2c per
ton.
Dressed Meats—Beef, 5 1/2c @ 7 1/2c;
lamb, 5c; mutton, 4 1/2c; hogs, 4 1/2c;
turkey, 10c; chicken, 10c; ducks, 10c;
poultry, 10c; corn, 10c; wheat, 10c;
flour, 10c; sugar, 10c; coffee, 10c;
tea, 10c; fruit, 10c; vegetables, 10c;
nuts, 10c; seeds, 10c; oils, 10c;
syrups, 10c; starch, 10c; hardware, 10c;
clothing, 10c; shoes, 10c; hats, 10c;
furniture, 10c; carpets, 10c;
drugs, 10c; books, 10c; stationery, 10c;
toys, 10c; games, 10c; sporting goods, 10c;
miscellaneous, 10c.

After the Flour Agents.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 19.—An im-
portant point has been raised at the
recent sitting of the court of appeals
in the assessments for the year 1902
personal tax. The assessor had
demanded on the representatives of
the mill and the flour companies for
paying of income tax on the business
done in the province. The agents have
pleaded this case, which has been
disposed of till March 5.

British Columbia Business Notes.

J. H. Clements, of Ashcroft, intends
opening up a drug store at Kamloops
on March 1st.
Gutman & Lindley, fur dealers and
taxidermists, Victoria, have dissolved.
Gutman retiring.
It is understood the Royal City Mills
Co. will shortly erect a shingle mill
on what is known as their old Mud
Bay claim, at New Westminster.
The Marysville Lumber Company,
Limited, with a capital of \$25,000, has
been incorporated to carry on a
mill and planing business at Mary-
sville, East Kootenay.
A new firm is entering the fish busi-
ness at New Westminster. The part-
ners are Percy Venables and Norman

STATISTICAL WHEAT REPORT.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal.....	55,000
Toronto.....	20,000
Great Harbor, Ont.....	170,000
Quebec.....	100,000
Port Arthur.....	35,500
Port Arthur and Fort William.....	5,100,000
Winnipeg.....	280,000
Manitoba elevators.....	14,800,000

Total Feb. 14, 1914..... 16,000,000 bushels.
Total previous week..... 20,000,000 bushels.
Total a year ago..... 16,497,000 bushels.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS
Total stocks in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet Feb. 14, were 34,810,000 bushels, against 37,148,000 bushels the previous week.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 37,177,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report. Stocks of wheat at Pacific coast ports on Feb. 1 were 16,233,000 bushels.

THE WHEAT SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Feb. 14, was 48,760,000 bushels, being an increase of 511,000 bushels a year ago; the visible supply of wheat a year ago was 47,249,000 bushels, three years ago 47,249,000 bushels, five years ago 47,249,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.
The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, is 5,143,000 bushels, compared with 5,143,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 10,400,000 bushels, compared with 11,322,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

1906.....	147,000,000
1907.....	150,000,000
1908.....	159,000,000
1909.....	157,000,000
1910.....	117,000,000
1911.....	112,000,000
1912.....	156,000,000
1913.....	154,000,000

WHEAT MOVEMENT.

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

This Crop. Last Crop.	
Chicago.....	65,438,280 62,803,816
Minneapolis.....	6,428,280 7,999,816
St. Louis.....	20,998,280 19,288,280
Pittsburg.....	20,151,120 22,227,280
Total.....	113,015,160 112,329,280

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, 1913, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

This Crop. Last Crop.	
Chicago.....	10,867,212 9,562,296
St. Louis.....	28,708,230 19,252,500
Pittsburg.....	2,751,102 2,649,876
Kansas City.....	27,467,800 16,398,258
Total.....	69,834,342 57,742,930

GRAIN STOCKS AT LAKE PORTS.

Fort William.

Stocks of grain in C. P. R. elevators at Fort William on Feb. 14 were: as follows:
Wheat—No. 1 hard, 1,171,234 bushels; No. 2 northern, 737,644 bushels; No. 3 northern, 828,714 bushels; other grades, 290,751 bushels; total, 2,928,343 bushels.
Oats—3,222 bushels.
Barley—None.
Receipts of wheat at Fort William during the week amounted to 243,647 bushels, and shipments to 112,780 bushels.

Port Arthur.

Stocks in store at King's elevator, Port Arthur, on Feb. 14, were:
Wheat—No. 1 hard, 6,704 bushels; No. 1 northern, 8,014 bushels; No. 2 northern, 4,191 bushels; No. 3 northern, 11,006; other grades, 183,152 bushels; total, 216,131 bushels.
Barley—None.
Flaxseed—18,055 bushels.
Receipts of wheat at this elevator for the week totalled 10,620 bushels, and shipments, 12,197 bushels.
Stocks of grain in store at the Canadian Northern elevator at Port Arthur on Feb. 14 were as follows:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, 518,544 bushels; No. 1 northern, 506,887 bushels; No. 2 northern, 368,408 bushels; No. 3 northern, 53,294 bushels; No. 4, 28,408 bushels; feed, 32,087 bushels; rejected, 3,294 bushels; making a total of 1,551,565 bushels.
Oats—10,847 bushels.
Barley—32,720 bushels.
Receipts of wheat for the week were 77,510 bushels, shipped during the week, none.

From these figures it will be seen that the three elevator plants received during the week 331,922 bushels of wheat and shipped 124,973 bushels.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 5,179,894 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William and Port Arthur on Feb. 14. Receipts for the week were 331,922 bushels, and shipments, 124,973 bushels. A year ago stocks in store at Fort William were 4,533,388 bushels. Stocks in store at Port Arthur, Port Arthur, Clearwater, Winnipeg and interior points are estimated approximately at 875,000 a year ago; 7,000,000 bushels three years ago; and 8,250,000 bushels four years ago.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

During the week ending Feb. 14 there were inspected at Winnipeg 870 cars of grain, comprising the following:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, 227 cars; No. 1 northern, 164 cars; No. 2 northern, 39 cars; 3 northern, 165 cars; No. 4, 74 cars; rejected, No. 1, 4 cars; No. 2, 2 cars; No. 3, 1 car; No. 4, 1 car; No. 5, 1 car; No. 6, 1 car; No. 7, 1 car; No. 8, 1 car; No. 9, 1 car; No. 10, 1 car; No. 11, 1 car; No. 12, 1 car; No. 13, 1 car; No. 14, 1 car; No. 15, 1 car; No. 16, 1 car; No. 17, 1 car; No. 18, 1 car; No. 19, 1 car; No. 20, 1 car; No. 21, 1 car; No. 22, 1 car; No. 23, 1 car; No. 24, 1 car; No. 25, 1 car; No. 26, 1 car; No. 27, 1 car; No. 28, 1 car; No. 29, 1 car; No. 30, 1 car; No. 31, 1 car; No. 32, 1 car; No. 33, 1 car; No. 34, 1 car; No. 35, 1 car; No. 36, 1 car; No. 37, 1 car; No. 38, 1 car; No. 39, 1 car; No. 40, 1 car; No. 41, 1 car; No. 42, 1 car; No. 43, 1 car; No. 44, 1 car; No. 45, 1 car; No. 46, 1 car; No. 47, 1 car; No. 48, 1 car; No. 49, 1 car; No. 50, 1 car; No. 51, 1 car; No. 52, 1 car; No. 53, 1 car; No. 54, 1 car; No. 55, 1 car; No. 56, 1 car; No. 57, 1 car; No. 58, 1 car; No. 59, 1 car; No. 60, 1 car; No. 61, 1 car; No. 62, 1 car; No. 63, 1 car; No. 64, 1 car; No. 65, 1 car; No. 66, 1 car; No. 67, 1 car; No. 68, 1 car; No. 69, 1 car; No. 70, 1 car; No. 71, 1 car; No. 72, 1 car; No. 73, 1 car; No. 74, 1 car; No. 75, 1 car; No. 76, 1 car; No. 77, 1 car; No. 78, 1 car; No. 79, 1 car; No. 80, 1 car; No. 81, 1 car; No. 82, 1 car; No. 83, 1 car; No. 84, 1 car; No. 85, 1 car; No. 86, 1 car; No. 87, 1 car; No. 88, 1 car; No. 89, 1 car; No. 90, 1 car; No. 91, 1 car; No. 92, 1 car; No. 93, 1 car; No. 94, 1 car; No. 95, 1 car; No. 96, 1 car; No. 97, 1 car; No. 98, 1 car; No. 99, 1 car; No. 100, 1 car.

The total number of cars of grain inspected as above was 870, of which 729 were on the C. P. R. and 141 on the C. N. R. roads.
The foregoing figures bring the total inspection of wheat from the first of September, the beginning of the crop year up to Feb. 14, 1914, to 1,150,000 bushels.
During the same week a year ago the total inspections amounted to 411 cars of grain, of which 332 were wheat. Two years ago the total of all grains was 261, and three years ago 164 cars.

Grain and Milling Notes.

Some time ago a number of grain tickets were stolen from the books of E. O'Reilly, at Chater, Man. The name of Mr. O'Reilly's agent at Chater was registered on a certain number of tickets, and on these L. S. Patterson secured an advance of \$1,500 from the Bank of Montreal in North America at Brandon. Since then detectives have been working on the case. Another elevator company at Forest is understood to have had tickets stolen also. The number of tickets in this case was six, and on these the Imperial Bank at Brandon advanced \$1,100. Patterson is a young man, formerly in the employ of one of the firm's interested, and is highly connected.

The Minneapolis Market Record says: The oats market continues to be strong and active, that is, active as transportation facilities will admit. There has been a good demand for export throughout the week at top prices. All eastern markets are short of stocks and urgent buyers of the best grades. Local shippers feel strong on the northern grades, are capped by a shortage of cars. Speculatively, there is a strong bullish feeling developing in the May future. Speculative prices have been in a rut for some time past, but during the week the market was lifted out of the rut by strong speculative buying by enthusiastic bulls, backed by the most conservative faculties. At Chicago the prices touched the highest price on the crop, the range being from 26 to 28c for May, resulting in a net gain of 1 1/2c for the week. The car situation above referred to seems to be getting a little better, and the hope is expressed that the movement both in and out will be about normal in the near future. Light stocks everywhere at distributing centres is a bullish factor. The east would take oats freely if they were available, and exporters are becoming anxious about contracts already made. The oats position is certainly strong.

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Toronto Wholesale Trade.

Special to The Commercial.
Toronto, Feb. 21.
Dry Goods—Fairly active. Staples firm. Millinery operations are to be on March 2. Many buyers are expected next week.
Hardware—Active. Outlook promising. Values are firm. Augers and sugar bits have advanced. Lath rope is in lower. Building paper is likely to advance. Copper and tin is to higher. Iron and steel firmly held.
Groceries—Fair movement. Sugars unchanged. Rice is likely to advance next season. Natural vanilla is about 25 per cent higher. Another cut has been made in table syrup.

Toronto Grain and Produce.

Special to The Commercial.
Toronto, Feb. 21.

There is less demand for winter wheat and prices are easier. Flour is quiet. Oats are easier. Receipts of butter are fair and the demand is moderate. There is an easier feeling and prices are the same. Receipts of eggs are fairly liberal. Cold storage stock is in active sale.
Wheat—71 to 71½c for new, red and white, middle; freight; spring wheat, 2c over old; old wheat is worth 87½c for No. 1 hard, and 81c for No. 2 northern, all rail, Norin Bay.

Oats—No. 2 white, 32c middle freight.
Barley—No. 3 extra is quoted at 46½c and No. 3 at 44c, cut, or middle freight.

Flour—Per cent. Ontario patents, \$2.65 to \$2.70 in buyers' bases, middle freight. Choice brands are held 15 to 20c higher. Manitoba flour is steady at \$4.40 to \$4.50 for Hungarian patents, and \$4.65 to \$4.75 for strong makers in car lots, bags included, on track, Toronto.

Milled—Shorts, \$17.50 per ton, and bran, \$16.00 per 100 lbs. middling freight; Manitoba feed, \$21 to \$22 for cars of shorts, and \$19 to \$20 for bran, sacks included.

Meal—\$4.00 for cars of bags, and \$4.10 in wood for carlots, Toronto.
Hay—Carlots, extra, \$5.00 per ton for No. 1 Timothy.

Eggs—Case lots, new laid, 18c to 19c per dozen, cold storage, 9 to 10c; 10c, 14 to 15c.

Butter—Dairy, pound, 17c to 18c; tubs and storage, 9 to 10c; 10c, 14 to 15c; creamery, tub, choice, 19 to 20c; prints, 21 to 22c.

Cheese—15c for 40 lb. lots.
Hides—7½c for No. 1 green cows; No. 1 steers, 9½c; calfskins, 10c for No. 1 and 8c for No. 2; lambs, 9c to 9½c each; fallow, 5c to 6c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 9c; unwashed, 8 to 9c.
Beans—\$1.90 to \$2 per bushel for job lots of hand picked, and \$1.70 to \$1.75 for unpicker.

Apples—Evaporated, 6½ to 7c; dried, 4 to 4½c.

Maple Syrup—\$1 per imperial gallon, in bulk or gallon tin.
Honey—8 to 8½c per gallon in bulk; in frames, \$1.50 to \$1.75.

Poultry—Young chickens, dressed, 12 to 14c per pound, gone, 9 to 10c; turkeys, 15 to 16c for dressed birds.

Potatoes—Cars, \$1 for choice Ontario stock.

Montreal Grain and Produce.

Special to The Commercial.
Montreal, Feb. 21.

The grain markets are quiet. Stone business has been done in Manitoba wheat for spring shipment from this port. Demand for flour is only fair. Manitoba flour is unchanged but Ontario grades are 5c to 10c lower owing to competition. Flour is dull and easy. Cheese quiet and but little is offering. One thousand undergrades have been sold at 10c.

Oats—37½ to 37½c for No. 2 white ex. store, No. 2 white for export 39½c to 40c for high quality.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$4.40 to \$4.50; Manitoba strong brands, \$3.70; straight rollers, \$3.70 to \$3.75; winter patents, \$3.80 to \$4.00.

Feed—\$3.50 to \$4 per barrel, and \$1.85 for bags.
Wool—Manitoba bran, bags included, \$19 to \$20; shorts, \$21 to \$22 per ton. Baled Hay—No. 2, \$4 to \$5.50 per ton.

Beans—13½c to 15c per pound.
Butter—Creamery, 19½ to 21c for held stock; 22 to 22½c for finest fresh; dairy, 17c to 18c.

Eggs—Lined, 10 to 12c; cold storage, 10c per dozen.

Maple Syrup—70 to 80c for large tins; sugar, 8½ to 10c for good.

Honey—White clover, comb, in large sections, 12½ to 13½c.
Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 14c to 15c; chickens, 14c; geese, 10c to 11c; ducks, 12c to 13c.

Hogs—Fresh killed, \$5.50 for best weights of abattoir stocks; country killed, \$5.25 to \$5.40.
Potatoes—Carlots, 50c to \$1.00 for choice varieties.

Hides—No. 1 beef hides, 8c; No. 2, 7c; No. 3, 6c, with resales to tanners at 85c; calfskins, 10c to 11c; sheep, 10c to 11c; No. 1 and 8c for No. 2.

Montreal Live Stock.

Special to The Commercial.
Montreal, Feb. 17.

At the East End abattoir on Monday receipts included 700 cattle.

There was an active demand from butchers, and a brisk trade was done. Choice animals sold at 5 to 7½c, good at 4 to 4½c, fair at 3 to 3½c, and common at 2½ to 3c per lb. The demand was strong for good stock.

Sheep sold at 3½ to 3¾c, and lambs at 4½ to 4¾c per lb. There was no change in the market. The demand was good and sales of good lots were made at 6 to 6½c per lb.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, Feb. 20.
Receipts at the East End abattoir on Thursday included 900 cattle.

Cold weather depressed trade. Prime cattle brought \$5 to \$5.40, good 4 to 4½c, dressed 3½ to 3¾c, comb, 4½ to 4¾c. Good fat hogs, 6 to 6½c.

Toronto Live Stock.

Special to The Commercial.
Toronto, Feb. 21.

Receipts at the stock yards yesterday included 500 sheep and lambs and 900 hogs.

Export cattle were firmer on light offerings, and to be brought \$4 to \$4.50. Butchers were a light run and prices were steady at yesterday's decline.

Hogs—Carlots, \$2 to \$2.25. Higher would be paid for prime. Cull cows were firmer at \$55 to \$60. Good stock prices were steady at yesterday's decline. Prime cattle brought \$5 to \$5.40, good 4 to 4½c, dressed 3½ to 3¾c, comb, 4½ to 4¾c. Good fat hogs, 6 to 6½c.

Hogs and Hog Products.

Special to The Commercial.
Toronto, Feb. 21.

Hog products are quiet and steady. Dressed hogs of choice weights are nominal at \$1.70 to \$1.90 per cwt.

Pork—Canada short cut, \$23.00 to \$23.50; heavy mess, \$21 to \$21.50; clear mess, \$18 to \$19.

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, tons and cases, 10 to 10½c; hams, 13 to 13½c; ribs, 11½ to 12c; 12c; 11½c; breakfast bacon, 14½ to 15c; green meats out of pickle are quoted at 11c when smoked.

Lard—Trens, 10½c; tubs, 11c, and pails, 11½c.

British Live Stock Market.

London, Feb. 16.—There was a firmer feeling in the market for cattle to-day, and prices show an advance of 4c to 5c for choice steers at 13½c. The demand for sheep was good, and prices firm at 14c to 15c choice steers.

Liverpool, Feb. 16.—The trade in Canadian cattle was firmer, and prices slightly higher, 12½c for choice heaves.

FRIDAY'S CABLE.

Special to The Commercial.
London, Feb. 20.

Canadian cattle, 11 to 12c; United States, 11½ to 12c; estimated dressed, 14 to 14½c.

The French official crop report shows for winter wheat a total sowing of 16,567,567 acres. The average price for No. 1 is 95.1, compared with 69.9 last year. Oats show a total of 2,004,707 acres. The average price is 95.1, compared with 64.4 last year.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—May wheat closed at 77½c; July at 76c. May corn closed at 58c; July at 57c. May soyabean, 47c; July at 46c. May clover, 11½c; July at 11c. May rice, 11½c; July at 11c. May sugar, 11½c; July at 11c.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—May wheat closed at 77c; July at 75c. May corn, 57c; July at 56c. May soyabean, 46c; July at 45c. May clover, 11c; July at 10c. May rice, 11c; July at 10c. May sugar, 11c; July at 10c.

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New York Money.

New York, Feb. 20.—Money on call steady at 3½c. Prime mercantile paper 3½c to 4c. Exchange on London 25½c. Commercial bills 48½c to 49c. Gold 100 to 100. Treasury bonds 100 to 100. Railroad bonds 100 to 100. Government bonds 100 to 100. 2½c per cent; highest 2½; ruling rate 2½. Time loan 2½. Closing 2 to 2 3/8. 30 days 2 1/8; 6 months, 3/4 to 5/8.

Chicago Live Stock.

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A bill has been introduced in the state legislature of Michigan which is aimed at the Clergie industry at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. This bill provides for an increase in the company's taxes from \$5,000 to \$50,000 per year. This, it is said, would drive the company out of business there.

Dr. J. O. Orr has been appointed manager of the Toronto Industrial exhibition, and will assume the duties of the office immediately.

Opium has again advanced in leading markets. Damage to the Turkish crop is the reason for the advance, which amounts to about 1d to 3d at primary points.

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IMPLEMENT TRADE.

The Twine Situation.

A price of 10 cents, sisal and standard, carloads, has been named within the past week, but the same seller asked 10 1/2 cents for five-ton lots and 11 cents for less quantity. The carload price has the appearance of sincerity, but there is no precedent, nor valid reason, for making a difference of 1 cent between carloads and small lots, nor 1/2 cent between carloads and five-ton lots. The situation as regards the largest seller remains unchanged. They are canvassing with more or less vigor for orders without price, and it is said that some of the harvester concerns have written an immense amount of this kind of business.

At a recent meeting of dealers the opinion was freely expressed that the announcement of prices should be no longer withheld and the blank contract was condemned. This was not a part of the official proceedings, but was the almost unanimous sentiment of the dealers present.

The price of 10 cents, above referred to, seems to indicate that some of the smaller concerns have decided to go after the trade with the best they have to offer, not waiting until the prices of their competitors are named, but the indication would be stronger if consistent prices had been offered on less than carload lots.—Farm Implement News.

Implement Trade Notes.

The Farmers Co-operative Harvesting Company, of Toronto, with a capital of \$1,000,000, in ten dollar shares, has been incorporated. Dr. Oronchytokha and Major McPhillivray are the principal promoters.

Lumber Trade Notes.

At the annual meeting of the Ontario Lumbermen's Association held in Toronto on Tuesday, a resolution was passed opposing the export duty on pulpwood. The lumbermen now enjoy the protection of an export duty of 50 cents.

Those in the trade who have much to do with hardwood lumber are wondering where the stock to meet this season's demand is to come from. A review of the situation shows that stocks of leading lines are exceedingly tight and the demand is about as heavy as has ever been experienced. Values are firm and continually tending upward.

Lumbering is active in Prince Albert district this year. Cowan & Co. expect to take out 80,000 logs this winter and they have 92 men and 24 teams of horses now engaged in the bush. The timber limits formerly operated by Moore & Macdowall are being worked this winter by Telford, who has 100 men engaged. The mill in connection with this business will be completed in the improved this year. It has been idle for several seasons. Jak, Sanderson has 70 men and 22 teams in the woods and he expects his mill to cut 3,000,000 feet this season. Shannon & Co. have 60 men in the bush and expect to work their mill to its full capacity.

The Mountain Lumber Manufacturers' Association held its annual meeting recently at Cranbrook, B. C. The following members were present: A. Moffat, of the B. C. Lumbermen's Association; Fernie: H. A. Kanouse, of the Cedar Valley Lumber Company; Fernie: A. McDougall, of the Fernie Lumber Company; Fernie: M. Foster, of Cotton & Foster; Cowan's Nest: John McGee and T. W. Leask, of Leask, C. Slater and J. C. Slater, Cranbrook; A. Moffat and

W. Calpinan, of the East Kootenay Lumber Company; Cranbrook: H. Cameron, of the Moyie Lumber Company; Cranbrook: J. W. Robinson, of the Elk-Mekong Lumber Company; Cranbrook: George Rogers, of Leitchridge, and E. J. Wadley, of Regina, representing the Western Retail Lumber Dealers' Association, were present to confer with the association regarding the anticipated heavy demand for lumber on the prairie next season. It is considered that the market this season will be a good one and the demand of the sawmill companies of the Kootenay to meet it. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, A. Leitch; vice-president, J. W. Robinson; secretary-treasurer, W. P. Jones; Golden: J. C. Slater, Cranbrook; H. H. Bentley, Fernie, and M. B. King, Cranbrook.

Labor Notes.

Fifteen hundred carpenters in Montreal may strike for 25 cents an hour and a nine hour day.

The carpenters of Brandon, Man., are asking for an advance in wages to date from May 1.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—Employees of the Dominion Paper Co. presented a petition for an increase of twenty per cent in wages.

Attention is called to the fact that the Cotton Co. mill, Montreal, B. C., spinners, mostly girls, having gone out on strike, the introduction of new machinery.

At noon on Wednesday about 300 employees of the McLaughlin Carriage Co. went out on strike. The principal demands are put up in arrears, half barrels, 20, 10 and 2 pound tins.

The Toronto Iron Moulders' Union has decided to demand an eight hour day to go into effect on May 1, the wages to remain as at present, viz. a minimum of \$2.75 per day. At present the moulders work ten hours a day.

It seems very probable so far as present indications go that there will be trouble in Winnipeg this spring between the building contractors and their carpenters. This class of skilled labor is notoriously underpaid in Winnipeg, and in comparison with bricklayers, stonemasons and other building tradesmen, their wages appear to be very small. The business is so tight that it calls for a longer apprenticeship and a more expensive outfit of tools than in any of these other trades. The men feel that they do not receive adequate remuneration in view of these facts. They have tried to secure advances in their scale before, but have met with little success, largely for the reason that rough men are plentiful in the spring of the year when their strikes have been called and contractors have been able to recruit without much trouble. There has also been some talk of unity among the carpenters. There is no doubt that if they are forced to strike this year, it is to be hoped that the differences with the contractors will be amicably arranged, and that no interruption to what promises to be an active building year will occur.

The Imperial Starch Co., of Prescott, Ont., are putting a line of dry syrups on the market. G. B. Theisen, manufacturer's agent, Winnipeg, has the handling of this company's goods in this market. The syrups are put up in barrels, half barrels, 20, 10 and 2 pound tins.

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Per 100 lbs.	
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WESTERN RYE GRASS	7.00
Orchard Grass	17.00
Canadian Blue Grass	12.00
Red Top Seed	15.00
Per Bush	
Timothy, Fancy imported	3.50
Timothy, Choice native	3.25
Timothy, Prime	3.00
Hungarian	3.00
Millet	1.60
Per 100 lbs.	
LAWN GRASS (special mixture for the Northwest)	\$30.00
Shady Nook Lawn Grass, for sowing under trees and in shady places	35.00

CLOVERS.

Per 100 lbs.	
Red, Fancy	\$15.00
Red, Choice	12.00
Alsike, Fancy	18.00
Alsike, Choice	15.00
Lucerne or Alfalfa	16.00
White Dutch, Fancy	28.00
White Dutch, Choice	35.00

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(Flint Varieties)	Per Bush, 50 lbs.
North Dakota, White Flint	\$1.95
North Dakota, Yellow	1.50

FODDER CORN.

(Dent varieties)	Per Bush, 50 lbs.
Best Cob, Kinnings	\$1.90
Yellow up	1.50

SEED GRAIN.

Barley, six-rowed, per bus.	\$18.50
Barley, White, per bus.	18.00
Buckwheat, Japanese	\$10.50
Flax Seed	12.00
OATS—RU'STLESS WHITE	\$10.50
Oats—Linné	\$9.50

SEED GRAIN—Continued.

Oats—Jagow, white	54 lbs. 75
Speltz or Emmer, per bush	50 lbs. 20
Tarps or Vetches, half bush	2.00
Wheat fed Flie, per bush	5.00

BEANS.

Choice White	per bus. 60 lbs. 2.50
California Lima, for cooking	per 100 lbs. 8.00

PEAS.

Yellow Field	per bus. 60 lbs. 1.80
White Marrowfat	2.10
Black Eye Marrowfat	2.10
Wheat fed Flie	per bush 5.00

RAPE, For Sowing.

Broad Leaf Dwarf English or Essex	5.50
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ONIONS, For Planting.

Yellow Dutch Beta, per 100 lbs.	10.00
Red Dutch Beta, per 100 lbs.	10.00
Red Dutch Beta, per 100 lbs.	10.00
Multipliers, per 100 lbs.	6.00
Garlic Bulbs	15.00

CRUSHED OYSTER SHELLS.

Per 100 lbs. (bags free)	1.75
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MICA CRYSTAL GRIT.

Per 100 lbs. (bags free)	1.75
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CARNEFAC POULTRY FOOD.

Put up in cases of 2 doz. per case	2.00
Retail price, 25c per pkg.	
Retail price, 50c per case	4.00

DOG BISCUITS.

With meat and bones, per lb.	54
Without meat	52

COTTON SEAMLESS BAGS.

Lon B Brand, per bag 100	18.00
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Little Grass, each—

150

MISCELLANEOUS.

Linsseed Meal, pure	1.50
Oil Cake, fine ground, ton	\$20.00
Burford Seed	6.00
Pop. Corn, shell	6.00
Red Popcorn, per bush	1.30
Herbs, garden, per application	1.00
Druggist's Flux, per bus	50 lbs 1.50

BIRD SEED.

Per 100 lbs.	
Canary	7.00
German Rape	6.00
German Rape	6.00
Miller's Seed	5.00
Chickweed	5.00

PLANET JR.' HAND TOOLS.

No. 1—Combined Drill Bits	\$2.25
No. 2—Combined Drill Bits	2.25
No. 3—Hill and Drill Bit	12.25
No. 4—Hill and Drill Bit	12.25
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Protect Cat with FLY FUMA.

Per 100 lbs.	
Canary	7.00
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Miller's Seed	5.00
Chickweed	5.00

Evans' Electric Sprayer and Bug Extirpator.

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NORTHWEST SEED SPECIAL

Head Office: Toronto.

Protect Cat with FLY FUMA.

This liquid preparation may be applied to any animal in the form of a spray which will protect them from attacks of the flies of all kinds. Put on with Evans' Electric Sprayer in 10 to 15 minutes for 1/2 cent per day.

Means Comfort for Stock. More Work from Horses. More Milk from Cows.

Evans' Electric Sprayer and Bug Extirpator.

For spraying horses and cattle (using Fly Fuma), hens, turkeys, chickens, and other fowls, trees, potatoes, etc. It is the simplest, cheapest and most effective means of spraying. It is used by the farmer, the stock raiser, the grower, the gardener, the housewife, etc.

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We are buyers of Seed Grain, Flax Seed, Orange Grass, Timothy Seed, etc., when anything in seed line to offer please mail samples and state quantity; will advise by return mail our best bid. If you have not received copy of our Wholesale Catalogue, please write us.

THE STEELE, BRIGGS SEED CO. LIMITED, WINNIPEG, MAN.

Railway and Traffic Matters.

The Canadian Northern Railway has started a special tri-weekly freight service from Winnipeg to Neopawa.

Application will be made at Ottawa next session for extending the time for the commencement and completion of the Hudson's Bay and Pacific Railway.

The Canadian Northern Railway has issued circulars offering one-half mileage rail rates for wheat, barley, oats, flax seed and grass seed for sowing purposes.

Walter Pratt, superintendent of the dining and sleeping car department of the C. P. R. western division, has resigned his position on the road. H. J. Cherry, formerly inspector of the department at Montreal, will succeed Mr. Pratt temporarily.

In connection with the improvement of the C. P. R. mountain hotels during the approaching spring and summer, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has recently decided upon and is now carrying into effect the substitution of electrical for acetylene gas lighting at all their important stations in the mountains.

A railroad is projected which will connect Cranbrook, B. C., with Spokane, Wash. The road will be built from Spokane to a point on the international boundary in Idaho about ten miles from Tochtay and the C. P. R. will build from that point to connect with the Spokane line, thus giving a direct route from Cranbrook to Spokane.

Application will be made at the next session of the Dominion House for power to build a railway from Fort Churchill, on Hudson's Bay, to the southern shores of Lake Athabasca, then westerly through the Peace River Pass to Fort Simpson on the Pacific coast, and to operate the connection line between points of connection with the said railway and domestic or foreign ports.

H. C. Bith and Co., of Victoria, B. C., say in their latest circular: "The market for grain freights, although somewhat somnolent at the beginning of the month, showed very quiet, with no demand from Europe, and no report. Some business has been done with Australia at 11s to 11s 1d for Sydney and 13s to 13s 6d for Melbourne. The disengaged tonnage is still large, but owners are accepting contracts for what is taking in the lumber charters they can procure."

On February 11 the Cedric, of the White Star line, the greatest leviathan on the Atlantic, started on her maiden voyage. The Cedric is 100 feet in extreme length, 15 feet in breadth, 40½ feet in depth, with a gross tonnage of 21,000 tons, and a displacement of 28,000 tons. The propelling machinery consists of two sets of quadruple expansion engines, driving twin propellers, and the vessel is designed to attain a speed of about seventeen knots an hour. She has four masts and two funnels, and is capable of carrying 350 first saloon passengers, 2,500 second cabin passengers and 2,000 of the third class, in addition to a crew of 350 men, 120 of whom will be in the engine-room.

Cattle Dying of Thrust.
Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 7.—Northern Montana cattle are starving and dying of thrust on ranges from the Dakota line west to the Flathead country. The loss to stockmen will be the greatest known since 1892, according to W. H. Huston, of Butte, who attributes the mortality from a trip through southern Montana. The trouble is caused by the heavy fall of snow of the past week ago, which covered the prairie to a depth of three feet. The snow, a chinook, lasting long enough to melt the snow. Cold weather followed and formed a crust so hard that cattle are unable to break through. Thousands of cattle are dying on the frozen snow, while thousands since rounded into corrals had their heads and noses cut by snow crusts until they were masses of raw flesh. Settlers everywhere in Montana are trying to round up the cattle still alive.

WANTED—SEVERAL PERSONS OF white race in this county required to stand up and advertise old established business and house of solid financial standing. Salary \$2.50 weekly with expenses, all payable in advance. Write W. H. Sweeney direct from head office, 1000 Broadway, Montreal, when necessary. References. Enclose self-addressed envelope. Colonial Co., 324 Dearborn St., Chicago.

INSURANCE

The Confederation Life.

The thirty-first annual statement of the Confederation Life Association is given in The Commercial this week. It will be of interest to the many friends of this leading Canadian life company in the west. The directors' report states that in no previous year has the company's progress been more substantial. The company's sound business methods are exemplified by the fact that the management has adopted a higher standard even than that required by the Government in estimating the liabilities to policy-holders. The Government's standard places this liability at \$8,127,710, but the directors charge their assets with \$8,292,983 for a reserve for policy-holders and annuitants. The premium income during the year was \$1,129,054, an increase over the previous year of \$87,753. The interest income also shows a satisfactory advance of \$43,707, making the total income increase \$131,442. Assets have also increased \$410,905, being now \$8,888,981. There were 151 deaths during the year, calling for a total net sum of \$285,906.35, under the policies. On account of the demand for office space in the head office building of the company in Toronto, it has been decided to put three additional stories on the Yonge street front of the building, and to make other changes in the connection between the east and west wings, in order to make them more uniform.

An Interesting Legal Decision.

The practice of insurance companies of sending receipts to policy-holders for the amount of their premiums as they come due, and being notified, was the occasion of an interesting argument in the Toronto court of appeal recently, in an action by W. Doherty against the Millers' and Manufacturers' Insurance Company. Doherty is an organ manufacturer at Clinton, and carried two policies in the Millers' company for \$10,000 and \$20,000 respectively. The company's title was for the insurance company to send Doherty his receipts for the amount of his premiums for the amount of his receipts to the company. On one occasion he refused to do so, he nearly two months after the premium was payable.

On the 28th October, 1901, the company sent receipts to the plaintiff for the premiums due on the first of that month. The receipts had been increased the plaintiff did not pay the premium at once, and during the negotiations for a lower rate, a fire occurred on the plaintiff's premises. Upon this event the defendant's attorney sent the plaintiff immediately for the premium and claimed the loss. Mr. Justice Street dismissed the plaintiff's action at the trial, and now the plaintiff is appealing on the ground that the receipt was not given to the plaintiff by the company, and that the company treated the insurance as still subsisting and in force, and considered the premium to be a debt due by the plaintiff Doherty.

Insurance Notes.

J. Bradshaw, of Prince Albert, has been appointed a traveling inspector of the London Mutual Anglo American and Equity Fire Insurance Companies, and of the London Guarantee and Accident Co. in the western and western agents of these firms is F. J. Holland, Winnipeg.

In our reference to the annual report of the Anglo-American Fire Insurance Company, in The Commercial last week, a clerical error appeared in referring to the local manager, Fred J. Holland, Winnipeg, (not E. J., as given) in general agent for this company for Manitoba and the Territories. Mr. Holland has his office at 362½ Main street.

The Insurance and Financial Chronicle, Montreal, says the loss ratio of fire companies in Canada last year was the lowest for many years, and gives the figures of British, American and Canadian companies: Canadian, 1902, 38.18; 1901, 38.22; 1900, 39.25; American, 1902, 38.14; 1901, 38.83; 1900, 40.17; British, 1902, 38.02; 1901, 74.15; 1900, 97.94.

The Dominion government has promised a regular winter mail service to Athabasca Landing.

Thirty-first Annual Statement

OF THE

Confederation Life

ASSOCIATION

HEAD OFFICE - - - TORONTO
FOR THE YEAR 1902.

CASH STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.		
Premiums (net)	.....	\$1,139,054 38
Interest and Rents (net)	.....	378,760 79
		\$1,517,815 17
DISBURSEMENTS.		
To Policy-holders—		
Death Claims	.....	\$295,422 02
Endowments	.....	198,897 00
Annuities	.....	17,045 78
Surrendered Policies	.....	48,014 29
Cash Profits	.....	73,784 24
		\$633,163 33
All other payments	.....	284,175 32
Balance	.....	600,476 52
		\$1,517,815 17

BALANCE SHEET.

ASSETS.		
Mortgages	.....	\$3,858,650 96
Bonds and Debentures	.....	2,304,497 64
Real Estate, including Company's Buildings at Toronto	.....	1,478,662 10
Loans on Stocks	.....	91,059 15
Loans on Company's Policies	.....	982,933 29
Sundry Items	.....	16,538 41
Cash in Banks and at M. O.	.....	122,382 95
Interest and Rents Due and Accrued	.....	139,898 69
Net Outstanding and Deferred Premiums (Reserve thereon included in Liabilities)	.....	267,362 88
		\$8,988,986 07
LIABILITIES.		
Reserve on Policies and Annuities (Government Standard)	.....	\$8,127,710 00
(The Reserve exceeding the more stringent standard of the Association, is \$8,292,983 00)		
Death Claims accrued and not adjusted	.....	18,950 33
To Policy-holders for balance declared profits, Cash and Temp. Reductions	.....	76,136 50
Capital Stock Paid-up	.....	100,000 00
Sundry Items	.....	15,055 24
Cash Surplus above all Liabilities (Government Standard)	.....	651,134 00
		\$8,988,986 07
CASH SURPLUS above all Liabilities, Government Standard	.....	\$651,134 00
CAPITAL STOCK, Paid-up	.....	100,000 00
CAPITAL STOCK, Subscribed, Uncalled	.....	900,000 00
TOTAL SURPLUS SECURITY FOR POLICY HOLDERS	.....	\$1,651,134 00

J. K. MACDONALD,
Managing Director.

New Insurance issued 1902 \$3,400,495 00
 Insurance in force 34,609,831 00
 Full reports of the Annual Meeting which was held at the Head Office of the Association on Feb. 10, 1903, are in press and will shortly be issued on application.

W. D. MATTHEWS, President.
FREDERICK WYLD, Vice-President.

DIRECTORS:

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| A. McLEAN HOWARD, Esq., | JOHN J. LONG, Esq., |
| W. C. MACDONALD,
Actuary. | J. K. MACDONALD,
Managing Director. |

ELLIS & GROGAN
WAREHOUSEMEN
COMMISSION AGENTS, ETC.
CALGARY, ALBERTA.

We have made large additions to our warehouse accommodation, and are prepared to buy or sell consignments on commission, and do a general warehouse business. Cars distributed, etc.

Nichol, McDonald & Co
Manufacturers' Agents

Have been appointed by G. Hartley, manufacturer of brooms, whisks and brushes, and William, as his wholesale agent in the west. All orders promptly attended to.

Also agent for the Plomo Belt Dreming, gun weather strip, Kola Wine. Office and sample room.
222 McDermott Street. - WINNIPEG

JAS. MCCREADY & CO.
LIMITED.

WHOLESALE . . .
Boot and Shoe Manufacturers
MONTREAL, QUE.
W. WILLIAMS, Agent.



150,000

Healthy, well-rooted Manitoba grown truck, plants, seedlings, roots, slips and cuttings of fast-growing Russian poplars and willows, maple, elm, flowering shrubs, Virginia creepers, rhubarb roots, small fruits of all kinds and many more. Send for price list.

CALDWELL & CO.

Virden Nurseries. VIRDEN, Manitoba.

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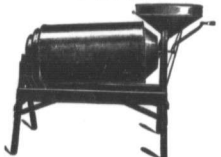
TEA IMPORTERS

And wholesale dealers in Fancy Groceries, Butter, Eggs, Cheese. Packers of Britannia, Beaver and Buffalo Brands of Packet Teas, and Sole Agents for These Lipton's Package Teas for Manitoba, N. W. Territories and British Columbia.
277 Rupert Street.
274 Pacific Avenue, Winnipeg

What We Are Made Of.

If you would know of what frail stuff you're made,
Go to the tombs of the illustrious dead;
There rest the bones of kings, there lie the bones of nobles;
There sleep the rich, the noble and the wise;
There pride, ambition, beauty's fairest form,
All dust alike, compound over common man.
Reflect on these, and in them see yourself.
—Menander, B. C. 320.

Beeman Grain Cleaners
ARE THE BEST.



They separate flax from wheat, wild or tame oats from wheat or barley, cockle and all fool seeds; cleans flax, timothy, clover, etc., perfectly.

Want to raise your wheat from one to three grades by separating all from sprouted or shrunken kernels?

Want to clean and bluestone your wheat at one operation?

Want to sack your clean grain, tailings and screenings all at the same time?

IF SO, OUR JUMBO WILL DO IT FOR YOU.
Write for catalogue and prices. Dealers make money selling our machines.

FACTORIES:
Winnipeg, Man., Minneapolis, Minn.
BEEMAN & CO.
131 Higgins Ave., WINNIPEG, Man.

Canada's Greatest Seed House

Brome Grass
LAWNLESS

A Grass for the Stock Raiser.

Owing to the rapidly increasing herds of cattle and the increasing interest in grasses and fodder plants is increasing each year. As a pasture grass Brome Grass for the Northwest is unequalled.

All kinds of stock eat it readily. It makes good hay, and immediately after cutting a fine growth of leafy spring up, which remains green until the snow flies. Sowing early in the spring again it is fit to pasture two weeks earlier than our native grasses. It is perfectly hardy and withstands dry weather.

WESTERN RYE GRASS

One of the best western hay grasses. Produces an abundance of soft, luscious stems and root leaves and ripens a large amount of seed that is easily gathered.

Gives good results as a pasture grass, especially for horses.

GRASS SEED is the first consideration with the wise farmer. The quality of the seed we have to offer of these two magnificent grasses is the **BEST OBTAINABLE**. If interested, write us for prices and samples.

The Steele, Briggs Seed Co.
Limited.
Head Office: Toronto, Ont. Winnipeg, Minn.

It is Common.

So are the stars and the arching skies,
So are the smiles in the children's eyes;
Common the life-giving breath of the spring;
So are the songs which the wild-birds sing.

Common the grass in its glowing green;
So is the water's glistening sheen;
Common the springs of love and mirth;
So are the holiest gifts on earth.

Common the fragrance of rose June;
So is the generous harvest moon;
So are the towering mighty hills,
So are the twittering tickling rills.

So unto all is the promise given,
So unto all the hope of Heaven;
Common the rest from the weary strife;
So is the life which is after life—

OUR LINE
OF
Bicycles and Sundries

Is so attractive in Price and Quality that we cannot fail to please our patrons. Have you seen our Catalogues? If not, send us a postal card and you will receive one by return mail. Agents wanted. Write us for terms.

CANADA CYCLE AND MOTOR CO., Ltd.
144 Princess Street, - WINNIPEG.

The Great West Permanent Loan & Savings Co.
Incorporated.

Head Office: Y. M. C. A. Building, Winnipeg, Man.
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL \$7,500,000

Permanent preference stock, one hundred dollars per share, bears 5 per cent. per annum, and is entitled to receive in addition to said 5 per cent, the entire profits of the Company. This stock may be paid for in full at the option of the subscriber, or in instalments to suit purchaser. This stock is being rapidly applied for, and will be on the market at par but a very short time, as there is but a limited amount of this class of stock left.

Money to Loan on Easy Terms. For particulars apply to
W. T. ALEXANDER, Manager.
274 Portage Ave., Winnipeg. Phone 1835. P. O. Box 172.

Trunks of Starch

Lily White Gloss Starch

In beautiful Toy Trunk with real Iron Lock and Key holding 6 lbs each.

These trunks are Handsome, Useful, Salable, and the Starch, Purest, Whitest, Strongest.

Can be obtained from any Wholesale Grocer.

The Brantford Starch Works
LIMITED
BRANTFORD, ONT.
JOS. E. HUXLEY, Winnipeg Agent.

Bingo—I'm going to bring my wife around to call on you to-night. Winterby—That's right; but do me a favor, old man. Don't let her wear her new sealskin cloak. I don't want my wife to see it just now. Bingo (grimly)—Why, that's what we are coming for.

They Were Needed.
Mrs. Newwed (at dinner)—Mandy, why do you serve nutcrackers with the turkey?
Mandy—Well, yo' done teler me to stuff de turkey wif chestnuts.—Detroit Free Press.

ADVERTISE.

Businesses for Sale. Partners Wanted. Travellers Wanted. Houses Wanted. To Purchase, etc., in The Commercial. It goes into almost every place of business in Western Canada, from Lake Superior to the Pacific coast.

FOR SALE.

Good blacksmith business for sale in good locality. Apply F. G. Crossley, Newdale, Man.

FLOUR MILL FOR SALE.

A splendid opportunity for investment. Just completed 25-barrel millinery mill. Situated in prosperous village of Swan River, Wn. and is 1/2 mile's distance and most up-to-date machinery. 8,000 bushel elevator in connection. Also 2,000 bushel elevator on track. Mill at present running night and day. A large area of best wheat growing, and tributary to this point. No other mill nearer than 30 miles, fuel plentiful and cheap. Situated on bank of river. Excellent water supply. Steam power plant by Cowan and Co., Galt. Out Doughnuts this year have 4,000 bushels wheat to grind. Large exchange trade with farmers. Good supply and demand for feed meal. Whole plant heated by steam and lighted by electricity. For price and terms death of proprietor. Write and name may be had by referring to Mrs. Nancy Noble, Swan River, Wn.

WANTED.

Partner with about \$1,000.00 or \$1,500.00 to invest, in making a profitable business in Vancouver or some other good B. C. town. A good opportunity for a young man with some experience in handling business. Price will be a total abstinence. Correspondence solicited. By one John Chipperfield, general merchant, Chichester, B.C.

FOR SALE.

A small general store of merchandise in good running order in a young and growing settlement in Western Assiniboia. Apply Box 11, care The Commercial.

FOR SALE.

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Live Stock Trade Notes.

The governor of Jamaica has issued an order raising the prohibition against the importation of Canadian cattle. The order against the importation of cattle from the United States is still enforced.

Between 4,000 and 5,000 horses in Brooklyn are being fed on molasses because it is cheaper and better than hay. This statement is made by a veterinary surgeon, who adds that horses in harness from 12 to 14 hours a day do not take time to masticate and properly prepare dry oats and other fodder.

Ireland, which has been reaping the greater share of the benefit from the exclusion of Canadian stocker cattle from the British markets, did well out of the trade last year. The total number of cattle sent into England from Ireland was 892,251, the largest number on record. In 1901 the total was 825,000 head, and in 1900 the total was 745,519. Over half of this number of cattle are sent into England as

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stores to be grazed and fattened there. The Irish shipments of sheep into England last year numbered 1,057,943 head of pigs 298,129 head, and of horses 25,318 head.

Farmers in South Dakota are buying cattle. They have the advantages of stock raising. At the time of the corn failure in Kansas, Missouri and Iowa, the South Dakota farmers began stocking up their herds. During the fall many thousand head of cattle were brought into the state for feeding purposes. Soft corn is there in abundance, as is hay and other fodder. This move is certain to prove highly profitable both to the farmers and the state. It is only a few years back that the farmers of South Dakota raised grain almost exclusively. They worked six months in the year, during the growing, harvesting and plowing season, and rested the remainder of the time, and tried to get a year's support out of six months' work. Now they are going into live stock extensively, a line which makes a profit all the year round.—Minneapolis Market Record.

Montreal Gazette: Owing to the discouraging cable advices of late and the low prices ruling in the leading foreign markets for Canadian cattle, a weaker feeling has prevailed on this side, and prices recently declined 25c per 100 lbs. for export stock. The demand from shipping has been slow, owing to the slow trade in England of late, and the unsatisfactory returns received for shipments made, which is said to be due to the fact that plenty of cattle are being shipped from other sources and besides exporters in many cases find it more profitable to buy cattle in Chicago and ship them direct. This, coupled with the fact that the embargo on Argentine cattle has been holding up returns from the Argentine come to hand, and, in this, along with the prospects of increased supplies in the near future will, no doubt, have a depressing influence on the foreign markets, and, in consequence, shippers on this side prefer holding off for a little until the markets abroad become more settled.

Tenders.

Tenders will be received by March 1 at rate on the dollar for the purchase of the stock, fixtures, furniture and good-will of the Mercantile Bank at Winnipeg. J. P. Keeler is the proposer; proprietor.

Tenders will be received up till 1 p. m. Wednesday, 25th inst. for the mason, brick and carpenter work required in the erection and completion of a building on Market street east, at Winnipeg, for G. F. Stephens & Co.

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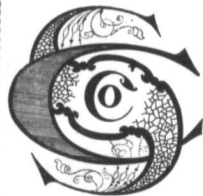
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Jan. J. Hill has been giving his fellow citizens of the United States some sound instruction as the following extract shows: "After briefly discussing anti-trust law and the proposed department of commerce, Mr. Hill said: 'As labor unions killed industrial England, so are they destined to bring about a grave financial reverse

in the United States, and the country is swiftly approaching that crisis. It may come in a year. It may be deferred until the presidential year, but it is bound to come.' He denied flatly that, as the average citizen believes, the United States is the greatest manufacturing nation, and is rapidly gathering to its bosom the markets of the entire world. This misapprehension is the result of the fact that over one industrial victory, the country sets up a louder shout than England, Germany or France makes over a dozen. There seems to be too much confidence in the ability of the country to walk right ahead of all other countries in manufacturing. It is indeed a grave crisis we are approaching, although few seem to appreciate it. A few years may see the closing of many factories and the throwing out of work of hundreds of thousands of men. We have been reaping the harvest and the reverse is coming."

