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Manitoba.

M. A. Burton, of Winnipeg, has opened a butcher shop at Carman.

Theophile Bertrand has opened a liquor store at St. Boniface.

Wm. Duff, of Brandon, has bought out the carriage business of D. Kerr, of Carberry.

The by-law submitted at Carberry to raise \$6,000 by way of debentures for fire appliances has been defeated.

Bailey, baker, recently burned out at Portage la Prairie, has made arrangements to build a new bakery at once.

Rapid City wants a tailoring establishment. The good people of that place do not like to send their money and orders for clothing to other towns.

Watches by the tub full may be seen at W. F. Doll's wholesale jewelry store in Winnipeg. A unique design of window dressing is shown by the display of a number of large wooden tubs, filled with gold and silver watches.

Several stores and elevators are being established at Hartney, a new town on the C. P. R. Souris branch. The Keewatin Company and Messrs. Hammond, Leckie, and S. P. Clark & Co., are among the grain men who are preparing to handle grain. Spillington, from Melgund, contemplates opening a general store.

Haley & Sutton, general merchants, of Morden, who sold out a short time ago, were among the oldest and best known merchants of southern Manitoba. The Morden board of trade on Monday last passed a resolution of regret at the departure of these gentlemen, who go to

the Pacific coast to engage in business, probably at Victoria.

In order to give Manitobans an opportunity to inspect the facilities of the Northern Pacific railway for handling Manitoba's grain export, that company has given a free excursion to representative business men from Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie and Brandon, to Duluth, and St. Paul. The party have gone as guests of the railway, and they will be treated right royally without doubt.

The report that the steamer Millie Howell was wrecked on Lake Winnipeg has been shown to be false by the arrival of the steamer at Selkirk, with the barge of fish in tow, which was reported to have been lost with the steamer. The steamer Red River ran out of her course and she is reported as lying on a rock where no other steamer can get within two miles of her. She has a barge of fish in tow.

The Manitou Mercury says: Robert Ironside, who was interested to a considerable extent in the large shipment of cattle recently made from this place, returned from Montreal on Tuesday last. He reports the eastern live stock market rather dull and prices low, and these circumstances had a tendency to reduce the profits of the shippers to a pretty low margin, and prevented the speculation from being as remunerative as might otherwise have been the case.

Assiniboia.

On demand of Jas Baylis, a creditor to the extent of thirty-five thousand dollars, an order to wind up the Stair Coal Mine and Manufacturing company has been granted.

Alberta.

Lethbridge will celebrate the opening of the Great Falls and Canada railway in good shape.

The Edmonton Bulletin says that the business men's association has opened up communication with the produce commission merchants of British Columbia with a view to finding a market for the surplus of butter made in that district.

Officials of the Calgary and Edmonton railway recently visited Macleod. On the occasion of the visit, James Ross, one of the most prominent men connected with the road, spoke as follows to a representative of the Macleod Gazette: "There is not the slightest doubt that we shall build south as far as Macleod next season. All the money has been provided for building 300 miles of road, from Edmonton to Macleod. No arrangements to build further south than Macleod have as yet been made. I am now getting a general idea of the country."

Saskatchewan.

They are talking of getting up a big celebration at Prince Albert on the opening of the railway to that place, which will be completed next month.

Prince Albert business men are preparing for an increase in trade when the railway reaches the town. New buildings are being erected by some of them and others are enlarging their premises.

The crops throughout the Prince Albert district, says the Times of Aug. 16, are looking

magnificent. Barley is ripe and is being cut, wheat in some places is also being cut and the harvest will be general in another week.

Battleford people going east now drive to Saskatoon instead of Swift Current as formerly. The railway fare from the former place to Winnipeg is about the same as from Swift Current, but there is a saving of three days in the time taken to reach the railway by stage.

Quite a number of new buildings are being put up on the new town site at Duck Lake since the railway reached the place. Stobart & Co. are putting up a handsome store front; T. O. Davis, a fine store; L. Janquai, a restaurant and boarding house; Dr. Stewart, a surgery and drug store; L. R. St. Louis, implement waceroom; and Angus Thompson, a hotel. Several others are putting up small buildings.

Northwestern Ontario.

R. Brydon, Mount Forest, Ont., will open a drug store at Rat Portage.

Personal.

David Lockerby, of Lockerby Bros., wholesale grocers, Montreal, is in Winnipeg at present, and intends to make the trip to the Pacific coast. It is a number of years since Mr. Lockerby was last in Manitoba, and he expresses his satisfaction at the substantial progress which has been made.

W. F. Doll, wholesale jeweler, Winnipeg, has returned from a business trip to the Pacific coast.

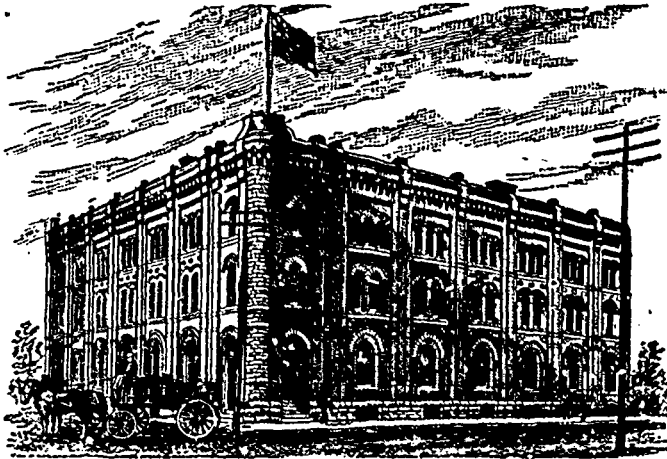
James Kirkwood left last week for St. Paul on a short business trip.

R. J. Whitla went east last week.

Working the Boom.

Some of the reporters connected with the Winnipeg daily press, (and perhaps some occupying a more exalted position than reporters) must be in league with those who are attempting to work up a real estate boom here. Every alleged sale of property is advertised over and over again in the papers, with flaming headlines to attract attention to the item. One would think that a real estate transaction in Winnipeg is a matter of vast importance, when a little item of this nature is announced with three or four big headlines of the "boom" class of literature. First the announcement is made that some wonderful transaction is on the tapis. The next day it is reported that negotiations are progressing favorably, and so on. Some times it is made to appear that the reporter has to do a little detective work to find out what great things are being done in real estate circles, and now and again a real estate man can be found who will, unwilling no doubt, "admit" or at least "will not deny" that such and such a deal is on hand. This style of giving these items to the public should show sensible people that there is a good deal of fiction about these alleged transactions, and that the manner of publishing is part of the game of the boomsters. We say "alleged sales" because not likely in one case in a dozen are the true facts given to the public. Even where a sale has been made, it may be taken for granted that the particulars and especially the price stated are not reported accurately.

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CANADA'S comic paper *Grip*, published at Toronto, has a good hit in its last issue on the commercial situation on this continent. We

would commend this cartoon to politicians and the people in Canada and the United States as well. The cartoon is entitled "In Darkest America," and it is inspired by a picture in Stanley's "In Darkest Africa." The original picture represents the dangers which traders are subject to in conveying merchandise from place to place through sections of the dark continent. *Grip's* adaptation of the engraving, shows a number of travellers loaded up with Canadian produce, being set upon by a horde of savages a number of whom bear a striking likeness to leading politicians in the United States, and who are endeavoring to prevent the travellers from coming into their country. In the background parties travelling in the opposite direction and bearing bundles of United States produce, are being similarly attacked by savages, and among the latter disguised in savage garb may be noticed several Canadian politicians. This is really an excellent hit, and to be appreciated it must be seen. While Canada is engaged endeavoring to drive back the flow of commerce from the south, the United States is similarly endeavoring to stifle trade with her northern neighbor. Surely the savages of Africa could not engage in anything more suited to the nature of the barbarian than this picture which is presented by Canada and the United States.

THE *Northern Lancel* has an article in its last issue on the sanitary condition of Winnipeg, which we would recommend to the consideration of our city daddies. Coming from a journal regarded as an authority among medical gentlemen, this article will carry weight with it. If there is an ornamental department in connection with our civic mill, it is that of the health office. There is undoubtedly plenty of work for such a department, but judging from results, practically nothing is accomplished. The picture presented by the *Lancel* is not overdrawn. Last summer the condition of the city was beyond description. Something original in the nature of an olfactory refreshment greeted one at every turn. In the matter of smells, the city is not so bad this year, but this is not the fault of the health department. Kind nature has deluged the city at intervals this season with

heavy rains, which have washed away much of the foulness which would otherwise have been left to perfume the air. Though the smells are not so loud as last summer, the yards and lanes are as filthy as ever. It is indeed high time that a more efficient administration of the health department should be secured.

Since the decision of the court at Victoria, B. C., that the imposition of a tax of \$10 on commercial travellers was illegal, it is reported that the city council has decided to levy a license fee of \$50, giving permission to commercial travellers to sell goods during a period of six months from the issuance of the license. This is being done, it is said, under a provision of the Municipal Act permitting a tax to be levied on wholesale traders not exceeding \$50 in amount. It is reported that some travellers are leaving the city without opening their samples, rather than submit to the tax, and that others have offered to pay the expenses of their customers to cross over to Vancouver to examine their samples. In Vancouver the trade license question remains in an unsettled state, but the measure is so unpopular that it is likely it will be finally abandoned.

OUR Manitoba provincial exchanges report a great many instances this year of what they call volunteer crops, that is, seed which has fallen on the ground from the crop of the previous and grown up the following year without cultivation. Some of these volunteer crops are reported to be returning heavy yields. In view of these facts, might it not be well to thoroughly test by practical experiment what results could be attained from sowing grain in the fall. If a volunteer crop on uncultivated ground, would do so well, seed put in properly on cultivated soil should do much better. It is said that spring wheat sown in the fall will ripen considerably earlier than spring-sown grain. If this is the case, and a good crop is reasonably safe from fall-sown grain, the quicker our farmers and it out the better. A farmer near Calgary who has been experimenting with fall-sown grain, claims to have had a better yield and a much earlier harvest than with grain of the same varieties sown this spring. This item is not given with any practical knowledge of the case from an agricultural standpoint, but simply to call attention to a matter which appears to be worth while enquiring into.

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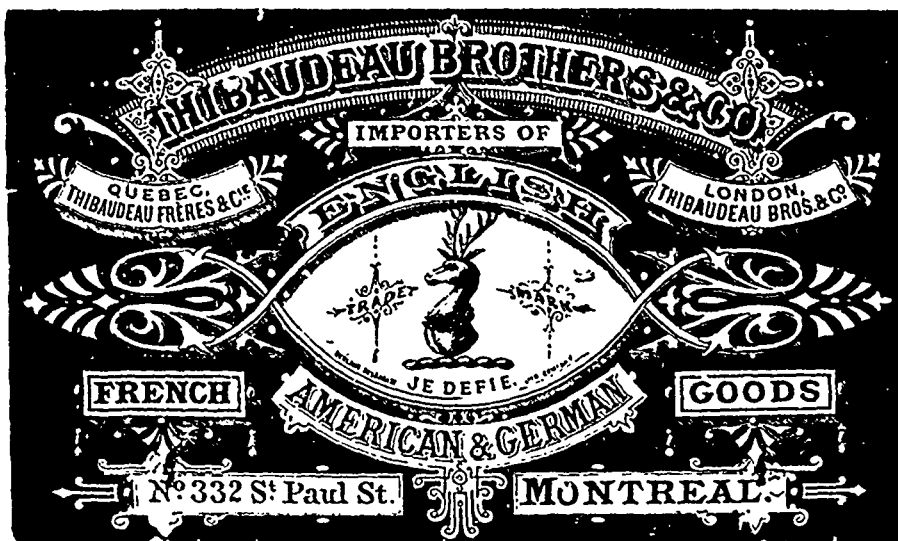
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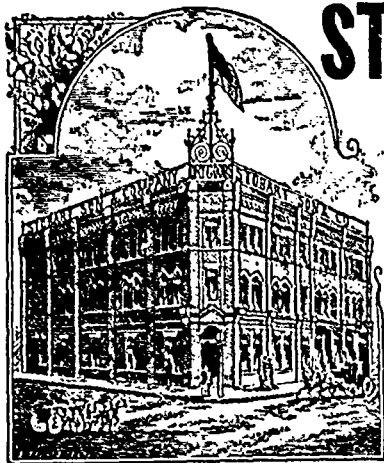
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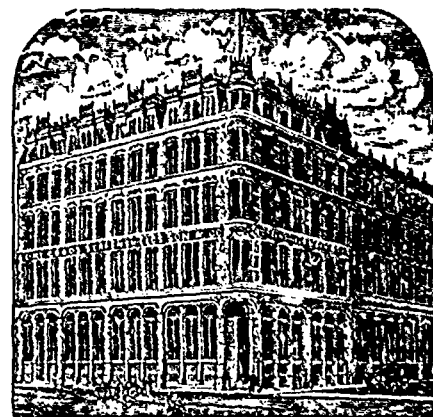
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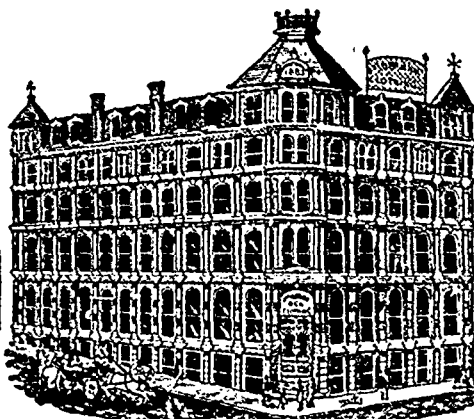
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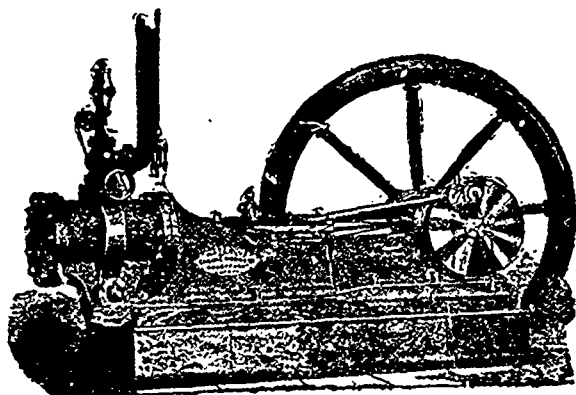
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SCIENTIFIC CROP REPORTS.

August is the anxious month in Manitoba, as it is the month in which the prosperity of the province depends entirely upon the weather, and more particularly upon the temperature. An August free from frost means a grain crop harvested in good condition, and a frost of any severity during that month may mean millions of dollars of loss to the residents of the province. It is not astonishing therefore, that many of our people have a weakness for telegraphing or writing during that month, crop reports to their friends in other parts of this continent. The very anxiety itself is productive of the weakness referred to, and if only those who are in a position to know the actual state of affairs, indulged in the practice, little or no injury would result therefrom. Unfortunately the bulk of the reports which are sent out thus, are from decidedly irresponsible sources, and are framed in accordance with the interests or desires of the sender, or perhaps are dictated in accordance with the state of his liver. A dose of calomel and jolap two days previously, might brighten up many of those irresponsible reports, while a fill up of whiskey punch, or an overdose of Welch rabbit the preceding night might give them an unnecessarily sombre hue. To such an extent has this weakness carried many of our people, that it is not safe to trust to any crop reports from this province, beyond the acreage and other statistics furnished in the government reports, until the threshing machine begins to tell its tale of truth.

But Manitoba stands in danger of being misrepresented in crop matters by the reports of those to whom people in the eastern portion of the Dominion look for reliable information, and last week we had a notable instance of this in a telegraphic report of a letter sent by Professor Saunders, of the Dominion experimental farm, to the Dominion Minister of Agriculture. The professor gets credit for stating that over two thirds of the crop of the province was cut before the frost of the morning of the 22nd of August, and that all of the remainder is more or less touched by frost. People in this province who know better may snicker in their sleeves at the report of this agricultural scientist, but people in the east look for absolute facts in a report sent by such an official to a Dominion Minister, and the report in question, according to practical opinions, unscientific though they may be, is a very long way off from absolute facts. A consensus of opinion from men who have their agents at all prominent grain points in the province, carefully watching progress of crops, would show that on the night of August 21st, not more than 40 per cent. of the wheat crop was cut, and the remaining 60 per cent. was still standing. Such would be the unscientific report the Dominion Minister would receive, if he desired to have it from the scores of men who are not only anxiously watching crop progress,

but who are equally anxious that there should be no misrepresentation in connection therewith.

In his estimate of the damage to standing grain crop by the frost of the 22nd of August, the Professor has made, probably a scientific calculation, but which seems to an unscientific but practical mind a very awkward guess. All this grain, he is credited with saying, is touched with frost, and if such is the case, there is a blue look out for Manitoba for another year. Against this scientific opinion there are a host of unscientific reports of practical men, who have, since the frost referred to, driven over a large portion of the province, and made practical but unscientific reports as to the damage done. One such report from the Winnipeg district states that in a drive of over thirty miles, not one patch of frosted wheat was seen, and not even a patch of potato vines cut down by frost. Another such report from the Brandon district states, that in a drive of over forty miles the observations were very similar. All of these unscientific reports do not assert freedom from frost damage, but they prove clearly that the damage is limited in area, and decidedly localized, and that the great bulk of the standing crop of wheat has escaped injury entirely. One of the strongest proofs of the truth of these conclusions can be found in the state of the potato crop, the vines of which in four cases out of five over the whole province are still growing and healthy, although the upper leaves have in most instances been blackened by hoar frost. Scientific opinion may propound what its professors please, but practical knowledge based upon years of agricultural experience in Manitoba has laid down the axiom, that a frost which will damage wheat in the dough, as our late wheat was on the morning of the 22nd of August, will cut potato vines down clear to the ground. The plain facts about the frost referred to are, that during the night and morning referred to the temperature dropped very rapidly to about freezing point over the greater portion of Manitoba, and as there was considerable moisture in the atmosphere, it fell in a heavy hoar frost, injuring the upper foliage of all vine plants, but doing no damage to growing grain, except in districts where the dip in temperature was exceptionally low. Practical examination of results would have demonstrated the truth of this statement if science and its professors would only wait and take the trouble to make it.

But the Professor has brought his scientific powers into play in another field, namely; that of market prophecy, when he suggests that the damaged wheat of this year will bring as good a price as the sound wheat of last year did. If the professor's science can forecast market futures, he can make a fortune as big as that of Jay Gould if he will only turn operator on the Chicago Board of Trade. His talents are badly wanted there, where he would be the sun and centre of attraction. In this move he glides with an elastic step from an agricultural to a commercial authority, but seemingly does not reach any greater success in one field more than another.

Practical people in agriculture and commerce do not wish to ignore the value of scientists.

They are useful in calculating the size of the sun, the weight of the moon, the distance between the planets Jupiter and Venus, and the unravelling of various other astronomical conundrums. They are even useful at times in enumerating the limbs and appendages, and otherwise making plain the anatomy of tarantulas, grass hoppers and potato bugs. In agriculture, trade, mining and various other fields however, their theories have been badly upset by the practical experiments of more practical but less scientific and theoretical men. Even Professor Saunders would do well to keep this in mind.

But the professor may be willing to admit that his market prediction is only a guess, intended as a sop of encouragement after damaging all the standing grain in Manitoba. If so, his statement is about as soothing as the words of the hardened old Scotch hangman to the culprit about to be hung. After pinioning the latter the finisher of the law took his handkerchief, wiped the tears out of the doomed man's eyes, and exclaimed in tones of mock sympathy, "Dinna greet man, I'll be as canny as I can wi' ye."

WEATHER AND CROPS.

Canada is an agricultural country above everything else. Agriculture is our great industry. It is of great importance to know at various times during the year the facts of the agricultural situation as nearly as possible. Business men base their expectations upon the crop outlook. The prosperity of the country depends more than anything else upon the result of the annual return from the soil. If therefore, a reliable system of reporting for the Dominion could be inaugurated, it would be of inestimable value to the country. People would know about what to expect in a business way, and they could "cut their cloth" accordingly. At present some of the provinces have a system of crop reporting, while others have not. In the United States a federal system covering the whole country is carried out, and though mistakes are often made, the result as a whole is of great value to the country. A similar system in Canada, if at all efficient, would be a very desirable improvement upon the existing situation.

Along with crop reporting is that of weather reporting. The crops depend upon the weather, and a crop report is a weather report to a great extent. The weekly crop bulletins issued from Washington by the United States government are really weather reports as well. In Manitoba the past week or two has shown the necessity for a reliable system of weather reporting. The recent frosts have caused a feeling of great uneasiness, and in the entire absence of any recognized service of this nature, people have to trust to hap-hazard information upon which to form an opinion as to the result of the frost. Under such conditions it is the wildest guess work to undertake to say what damage has or has not been done, and the result will not be known with any degree of certainty until the grain is marketed. With a good system of weather and crop reporting there would be something reliable upon which to base an estimate of the condition of the crop. Without this business interests are kept in suspense and are obliged to go it blind to a great extent. If the Dominion Government fails to extend its

system of weather reporting to Western Canada before another year, the Manitoba government should consider the advisability of establishing a meteorological system for the province, as an auxiliary to the present provincial system of crop reporting.

DISGRUNTLED BOOMSTERS.

The article in last week's issue of this journal, entitled "Engineering a Boom," seems to have had a nauseating effect upon the tribe of itinerant boomsters who are sojourning in Winnipeg at present, and the fact that any journal should use its influence to check a speculative attempt at booming local real estate, is to some of them cause for astonishment. Even some of the mere speculative of our permanent residents are a little astonished at the action, and in a tittle-tattling way are trying to circulate the impression that this journal is endeavoring to dissuade outside capitalists from investing money in this country. It is a noteworthy fact, however, that among the industrious business class here there is but one opinion expressed, and that is in favor of the course THE COMMERCIAL has embarked upon in connection with real estate speculation. In so doing it is following out the only course it can consistently adopt. Every reliable trade journal uses its influence to check and if possible stamp out speculation in connection with commercial affairs, and it would be a singularly anomalous policy to do so, and at the same time pass unnoticed an attempt to fan up crazy real estate speculation, which the experience of the past eight years has taught Winnipeg business men, would bring incalculable injury to legitimate trade in the city.

THE COMMERCIAL is ready to welcome any genuine outside capitalist who is ready to make judicious investments in Manitoba and particularly in Winnipeg real estate. Money judiciously invested thus cannot fail to prove a safe and eventually a remunerative undertaking. But the province, and particularly the city, offer no allurements to the gambler who expects to reduce real estate business here to the level of dealing in grain futures, Chicago style. It is at that crowd of shysters which this journal aims its blow, and it cannot be either coaxed or scared into rating a crowd of gambling idlers, whose natural location is around the faro bank, as capitalists looking for real estate investments. If the men who have real estate for sale will refuse every offer for option or what they want to sell and see that agents acting for them follow a similar course, thus placing real estate within the reach only of men who have money to buy and pay down a fair proportion of the selling price, they will frustrate the unprincipled schemes of those shysters and send them out of the province convinced that the "sucker" is a fish not yet acclimated in the prairie province capital.

EASTERN CANADA FRUIT CROP.

Latest advices from Ontario are more unsatisfactory as to the apple crop. Apples are a failure in many districts, and reliable reports place the total crop of the province at not over one-third of an average. Peaches and plums are a failure also. In fact grapes are the only

exception to the general reports of very poor fruit crops. The grape crop is remarkably fine in the districts of Ontario where this fruit is largely grown.

J. J. Vipond, a well known fruit dealer of Montreal, has made a trip of investigation through the apple districts of Ontario, and he says the crop is a failure in the best apple districts west of Toronto, with the exception of the northern section bordering on Lake Huron and Georgian Bay. The Prince Edward district in eastern Ontario is also a failure. Boyots from the United States have been in the province, and it is reported they have offered \$2.50 and \$2.75 per barrel to growers, delivered on cars. The great Annapolis apple country in Nova Scotia it is also said will produce a light crop this year.

Mr. Philp, a Winnipeg fruit dealer who has recently returned from Ontario, confirms these reports. In very rare instances he saw any quantity of apples on the trees, and all reports were very unsatisfactory. In the Niagara district he says there will be few apples over local requirements. Along the western portion of the Lake Erie shore apples were reported to be very scarce. In view of the general scarcity, growers hardly know what to ask, and prices he says are not mentioned yet for winter fruit. Early varieties were selling at about double last year's prices.

The recent official crop report of the Ontario Government says that "much of the fruit did not set, and apples, pears, plums and other fruits have been falling in an immature condition to an alarming extent. Apples will be less than one-third of a crop, and the quality so far as appearance is concerned will not be of the best. It is also a poor year for pears. Plums are a comparative failure; except in Grey and one or two other localities; the black-knot and the curculio are doing deadly work. Cherries are reported as giving a big yield in several sections, but the black-knot has also claimed this fruit for its own, and in many instances the trees are rapidly disappearing from the orchards. There will be a few early peaches for the market, but the later and better varieties will be very scarce. Strawberries were not so abundant as was expected, but small fruits generally were about an average. Grapes give promise of a glorious yield in the lake Erie region, where this fruit is now being largely grown."

With the scarcity of apples in the United States, high prices are certain for this commodity. A theory advanced for the scarcity of apples in Ontario is, that heavy rains washed the pollen from the blossoms before fertilization took place.

ONTARIO CROPS.

The Ontario Government has recently issued its annual report showing the condition of the crops, area planted, and other statistics. The acreage of fall wheat is 720,101 acres, estimated to return a total yield of 14,832,240 bushels, or 20.6 bushels per acre, against 15.8 bushels per acre last year, and an average of 19.4 bushels per acre for eight years. The spring wheat area is 601,753 acres, which is estimated to return 9,628,186 bushels, or an average of 16 bushels per acre, against 14.8 bushels per acre last year, and an annual average of 15.6 bushels per acre for eight years. This makes fall wheat about a bushel more and spring wheat about a bushel

below an average crop. In fall and spring wheat combined Ontario will thus have a total of 24,460,420 bushels of wheat, or a surplus over home requirements of about 15,000,000.

The area sown to barley is stated to be 701,326 acres, which is estimated to produce 23.3 bushels per acre, or about three bushels less than the average; 1,882,368 acres are devoted to oats, which are estimated to yield 30.1 bushels per acre, or about five bushels under the average. Rye is a less important crop, only 103,061 acres being given to this grain, with an estimated yield of 15.7 bushels per acre, which is slightly under the average. Peas were sown on 781,206 acres, and are expected to produce 20.9 bushels per acre, which is about an average crop. Beans were sown on 39,452 acres, and are expected to return 21 bushel per acre. The most important crop as to area is hay and clover which covers 2,462,002 acres, and is estimated to give 1 1/2 tons per acre, or about 1/2 of a ton above the average.

The area of fall wheat is 102,000 acres less than last year, and the area of barley is 174,000 acres less. There is also a decrease of 41,000 acres in the oat crop. On the other hand, the area of spring wheat is greater than last year's by 203,000 acres, of peas by 73,000 acres, of beans by 17,000 acres, of rye by 13,000 acres and of hay and clover by 76,000 acres. The estimated yield of wheat exceeds last year's crop by 5,700,000 bushels, that of peas by 2,500,000 bushels, of beans by 470,000 bushels and of hay and clover by 577,000 tons. But the estimated yield of barley is less than last year's crop by 7,000,000 bushels, and the yield of oats is less by 8,000,000 bushels. Compared with the annual averages of the eight years 1882-9 there is a decrease of 2,400,000 bushels in wheat, of 4,000,000 bushels in barley and of 500,000 bushels in oats, but an increase of 3,000,000 bushels in peas, 400,000 bushels in beans and 1,264,000 tons in hay and clover. The wheat area is less than the average of eight years by 176,000 acres, and the barley area by 71,000 acres, while the oats area is greater than the average by 269,000 acres, the peas area by 137,000, the beans area by 17,000 acres, and the hay and clover area by 225,000 acres.

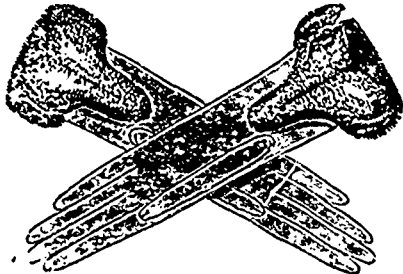
The returns show that Ontario will have a fair crop all around, based on the average returns for the past eight years. Oats give the poorest yield as compared with the eight year's average, but the acreage, though less than in 1889, is sufficiently greater than the average acreage for eight years, that the total crop is only 500,000 bushels less than an average. Fall wheat is a good sample, and spring wheat fair. Barley is said to be "uncertain in color and probably not a great deal will rank first-class." Rain during harvest damaged the crop. The imported two-rowed barley which was sown to some extent this season for testing, is from ten days to two weeks later than other barley, and though the season was favorable for this grain, it was not generally regarded with favor.

Of other crops the corn area is 223,836 acres, or 41,000 acres more than the average of the previous eight years. Potatoes 150,094 acres; buckwheat 90,111 acres and turnips 110,055 acres. There are 2,540,092 acres of cleared pasture land,

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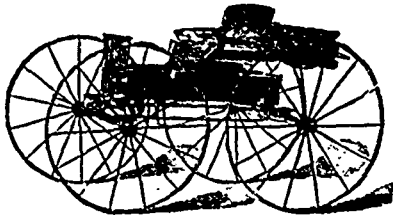
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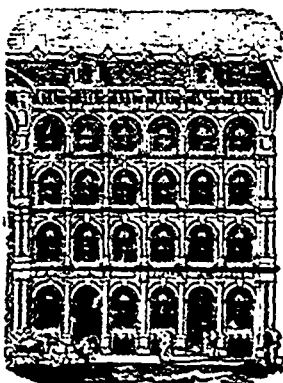
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

In monetary circles matters are quiet at the moment, but the banks are preparing for a heavy call for funds as soon as grain commences to move. Commercial collections are very close, but dealers are consoling themselves with the belief that money will soon flow in as the crop moves out. Discount rates are holding firm. Mortgage loan business on farm property is dull, but there has been something doing on city property. Most of the companies are holding rates of interest firm, and some refuse to do business under 9 per cent. even on choice city security. Loans, however, are known to be made at 7 per cent. on good city property.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The long continued spell of wet weather following closely in the wake of the frost scare, caused a good deal of uneasiness in commercial circles last week, which, however, largely disappeared as the weather cleared off at the end of the week. The frost scare has been discounted, and the general belief is that the damage is not as great as was at first feared, while fine weather for the future will make up for the delay caused by the recent rains. Business is in a dormant state in most branches, and dealers are waiting for a brisk movement and general livening up after harvest. With an occasional load of new grain already coming into market at different points, a sense of security, such as has not been felt for many months, is being felt, and it is believed that the good time long looked for is now safely within reach.

DRUGS.

Quotations here now are unchanged as follows: Howard's quinine, 60 to 75c; German quinine, 50 to 60c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.50; iodide of potassium, \$1.25 to \$1.75; bromide potassium, 65 to 75c; English camphor, 80 to 90c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 65 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$6 to \$3; bicarb soda, \$3.75 to \$4.50; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$1.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$1.50 to \$5; American blue vitrol, 10 to 12c.

DRIED FRUITS.

Prices are all very firm. California fruits are advancing, and with the general scarcity in the fruit crop the coming season is likely to be one of high prices for dried fruits. Prices are: California London layer raisins, \$3.00 per box, do. 1/2 boxes, \$1.00; Valencia raisins, \$2.80 to \$2.90 per box; Valencia layer raisins, \$3.25 per box; currants, 7c per lb.; dried apples, 7 1/2 to 8c per lb.; evaporated apples, 14c; choice new Elemo figs in 10 lb. boxes, 16c per lb.; choice figs, 13c per lb.; fancy Elemo layer figs, 20 lb boxes, 18c per lb.; figs in 1 lb cartons, per doz., \$1.75; golden dates, in 50 lb. boxes, 9c per lb.; California evaporated fruit—apricots, 22 to 24c per lb.; peeled peaches, 27 to 30c per lb.; pitted plums, 13c; raspberries, 35c; prunes, 7 1/2 to 11c per lb. as to quality, the higher quotation for choice of best varieties; nectrines, 21 to 23c.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

The market was almost bare of fresh fish for a while last week and the supply is limited. A small shipment of eastern cod and haddock were received last week, but went off in a short time. Fresh salmon is higher at 17c; Lake Winnipeg whitefish at 6c per lb.

Smoked goldeyes 40c per dozen; salt whitefish, \$5 per keg of 100 lb.. Oysters are jobbing at \$2.50 per gallon.

GREEN FRUITS.

California fruits are coming forward freely and have a good sale. The first lot of Ontario fruits is expected this week. Quotations are: Rodi oranges, 200 size, \$9; 300 size, \$10.50 per box; Messina lemons, \$9.50 to \$10.50 per box; bananas, yellow, \$2.50 to \$3.50; Minnesota tomatoes, per bushel basket, \$2 to \$2.50; watermelons, \$4.00 to \$5.00 per dozen. California fruits are quoted: Peaches, 275 per box; pears, \$1.50 per box; plums, \$2.75 per box as to variety; southern plums, \$1.25 per eight pound basket; grapes, eight pound baskets, \$1.25. California grapes, \$3.75 per half crate; new apples, \$1.50 to \$5.50 per barrel. In native fruits, blueberries are about done. Cranberries are plentiful on the market at 25c per pail. Native black currants commenced to come in at the end of last week, but were held high \$1.50 to \$1.75 per pail being asked.

GROCERIES.

No important changes to note in this branch. Canned goods are about the most interesting feature at present. The situation in these is firmer, and those who bought early in the season are on the right side of the market. At one time packers were a little alarmed and sold freely, but there is nothing but strength in canned fruits and vegetables at present. Prices here are: Sugars, yellow, 6 1/2 to 7 as to quality; granulated, 7 1/2 to 8; lumps, 8 1/2 to 9c. Coffees, green,—Rios, from 24 to 25c; Java, 27 to 29c; Old Government, 29 to 32c; Mochas, 33 to 35c. Teas: Japan, 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. & B. tobacco, 56c per pound; lilly, 7s, 52c; diamond solace, 12s, 48c; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W.. caddies, 47 1/2c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 66c; Ancho, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 35c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator, 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000. Mauricio, \$42.50; Soudan Whips, \$40.00; Turkish Caps, \$35.00; Commercial Traveller, \$25. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles, in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.50; do five gallons, \$3.50; do 10 gallon kegs, \$6.50.

NOTS AND SUNDRIES.

Nuts—S.S. Taragona almonds, per lb. 20c; Grenoble walnuts, 19c; Sicily filberts, 15c; peanuts, white Virginias, green, per lb. 15c; do., roasted, 17c; hickory nuts, 10c; pecans, large, polished, per lb. 17c; cocoanuts, per hundred, \$9; candies in pails, 13 to 16c per lb.; Cal. comb honey, per lb. 22c; new maple sugar, in small cakes, per lb. 13c; new maple syrup in wine gall. cans, 10 to the case, per case, \$12.50.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Price are as follows: Turpentine in barrels, 76c per gallon; in 5 gallon cans, 81c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 81c; boiled 84c; benzino and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$4.90 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.25 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3 1/2c a pound, bulk in

barrels, 3c; whiting in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.25; Royal Charter, \$6.75; Railroad, \$6.25; Elephant pure white lead, \$7.25; Elephant No. 1. do., \$6.25; Bulls head do., \$5.75; Calsomine, \$6 per 100 pounds; Alabastino, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.10.

LEATHER, LEATHER GOODS AND FINDINGS.

The great strength in leather holds in all markets, and prices have experienced a regular "boom" in the United States and eastern Canada markets. Here sole leather has been advanced two cents on best qualities. Prices are as follows: Spanish sole, 26 to 30c; slaughter sole, 26 to 30c; French calf, first choice \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1, wax upper, 40 to 45c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 30c for plump stock. English oak butts, 60c; buffo, 17 to 21c a foo.; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21c; colored linings, 12c; shoes uppers, from \$1.25 to \$2.75. Horse collars—Short straw, \$22 der dozen; long straw, \$33 per dozen; long straw bodies, \$22; Boston team (thong), \$27 per dozen.

WINES AND LIQUORS.

Quotations are unchanged and as follows: Canadian rye whiskey, five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$2.80; old rye, \$1.85; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquit Debouche & Co., \$4.50; Martel, vintage 1885, \$6.50; vintage 1880, \$7.50; Hennessy, \$6.50 to \$7.50, for vintage 1885 to 1880; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Poet wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4 to \$4.50 DeKuyper red gin, \$12.00 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$7.00 per case; Tom gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$15.00 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$20.00; v. s. o. p., \$22.50.

TEXTILE LINES.

In the clothing trade dealers have been busy for some time making up shipments and sending out fall orders. Retailers have been very slow in placing their orders for fall stocks this season, as many preferred to wait to see how the crops would turn out. This will make a rush at the end of the season. The same is true in some other branches, and in nearly all lines fall orders have been delayed. As a result of this a great many travellers have been on the road during August, from both local and eastern houses, picking up the orders of retailers, who refused to do business earlier in the season. Some orders will hardly be placed before the first of this month (September).

HARDWARE.

A good deal of speculative excitement is reported from British markets, with the general tendency higher. Especially was this the case in pig iron warrants. Tin plates also were higher and excited. Steel products were generally firmer. Locally the situation is very dull, and likely to remain so until after harvest. Prices here are as follows:—Cut nails 10d, and upwards, \$3.25; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$11.75 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4 to \$4.15; sheet iron, \$4.25 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net prices, 1 inch, 10 1/2c; 1 1/2 inch, \$13 1/2c; 1 3/4 inch, \$16 1/2c; 2 inch, 25 1/2c per foot; ingot tin, 30c per lb; bar tin, 31c per pound; sheet zinc, 7 1/2 and 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 28 guage, 7 1/2 to 8 1/2c lb; bar iron, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6 to 6 1/2c per lb.; tarred felt \$2.30 to \$2.40 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6 1/2 nett.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

Wheat was irregular and nervous in leading markets last week, and the firm upward movement of the previous week gave place to rapid fluctuations. Chicago dropped over 2c on Monday, more than made up the loss on Tuesday, declined 1 to 2c on Wednesday, and dropped 2 to 2½c on Thursday, and was nearly stationary on Friday. The general tendency of prices was therefore lower. Prices have had a long-continued upward movement, and apparently for the time being the timid ones are beginning to fear that prices have been advanced too far, and are standing from under. A weakening feature on Monday of last week was the publishing of an advance report of the European grain congress, held at Vienna, which gives Europe 200,000,000 bushels of wheat in excess of last year's crop. This gave wheat a black eye on the first day of the week. The advance at Chicago on Tuesday was caused by a local scare that a deal was on, and as it was purely speculative the reaction came as soon as the scare had subsided. Chicago was largely influenced by local speculative features for the balance of the week, independent of the general situation. Wet weather in the northern wheat belt, together with the fact that the bulk of the evidence went to show that the northern wheat crop is likely to be below an average in quality, were factors of importance affecting prices. *Braudstreet's* latest report makes a surplus of \$4,000,000 bushels of wheat for the United States this year, including reserve stocks.

FLOUR

There were further advances in flour locally and also in eastern markets. Holders in eastern markets were asking 25c more. In the local market prices were put up 15c per hundred on the first of the week. Jobbing prices to the local trade are as follows:—Patents, \$3.05; strong bakers', \$2.85; second bakers, \$2.55; XXXX, \$1.70; superfine, \$1.50; middlings, \$3.05; Graham flour, \$2.85 per 100 pounds. There is some cutting on low grades on these quotations.

MILLSTUFFS.

There was a great scarcity of mill feed, supplies at times being nearly exhausted. Prices are unchanged. The feeling continues firm. Bran is quoted at \$13 to \$14, and shorts at \$15 to \$16 per ton.

GROUND FEED.

Very little moving, and stocks very light. Ground corn chop held at \$28 to \$29 per ton, and likely to be soon out of the market, as this class of feed will be too high to admit of its sale in competition with new oats.

MEALS.

Prices are firm as follows: Oatmeal, standard, \$2.50; granulated, \$2.65 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$2.75 per sack of 90 pounds; rolled oats are also obtained in 80 pound sacks at \$2.65. Cornmeal is held at \$1.50 per 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

OATS

There was almost a dearth of oats in the city last week. Stocks were very low all around, and only small lots in the hands of a few dealers. These were held at about 60 to 63c per bushel, and may be said to only be obtainable in retail quantities. A few loads of new oats were offered on the market during the week, and these brought about 50c. The wet weather, no doubt delayed offerings. With favorable weather offerings of new oats are expected to rapidly increase, and prices will doubtless

be lower. Dealers have allowed stocks of old to go very low, in expectation of lower prices with new coming in the market.

BEANS AND SPLIT PEAS.

White beans are jobbing at \$2.25 per bushel in small lots. Split peas are held in the same way \$2.75 per 100 pounds.

BUTTER.

There is no particular change in the situation prices rule at about the same, namely, 12 to 13c for average dairy, though a little better is sometimes obtained for very small lots of choice. The demand is light from the city trade, as this is supplied by farmers to a considerable extent, while retailers are also receiving shipments from country traders, which tends to cut off the trade of local commission houses. This custom will no doubt have a tendency to cause lower values. Receipts from the country are not large, and stocks are not accumulating in the city to any burdensome extent. An improvement in the quality of receipts would be very desirable, as a good deal is far from choice. In regard to the official statement in the local government crop bulletin that farmers are reducing their make of butter this year, on account of low prices, it may be said that this statement is not endorsed by the trade so far as can be known. The quantity of butter tubs distributed throughout the country is large, and this is supposed to indicate a full average make.

EGGS.

Prices continue firm, and hold at about the range of last week. From 19 to 20c per dozen is the usual quotation.

LARD.

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CURED MEATS.

The general tendency is firm and prices are well held. Prices are: Dry salt bacon, 10c; smoked long clear, 11c; spiced rolls, 12½ to 13c; boneless breakfast bacon canvassed, 13½ to 14c; smoked hams, 14½ to 15c. Mess pork \$18 to \$18.50 per barrel. German sausage, 9c per lb.; Bologna sausage, 8c lb.; ham, tongue and chicken sausage, 9c per ¾ pound package.

DRESSED MEATS.

There is something of an easier tendency in mutton and lamb. Beef holds at about 5½ to 6c for good to choice. Pork is rather scarce at times, and holds at 8c, and sometimes 8½c obtained. Mutton, though quoted at 11c in a jobbing way, has been obtained at 10c in some cases, and lamb is obtainable at 11 to 12c. So far this season no sheep have been imported, and none are likely to be brought in. This is the first season, therefore, that Manitoba has been self-sustaining in the matter of mutton.

POULTRY.

There is a good demand for turkeys, and all offered will readily bring 12½c per pound. Chickens are worth 60 to 65c per pair, and spring chickens 25 to 50c per pair.

LIVE STOCK.

Further shipments of cattle are being made eastward. A train load will be ready to ship to Montreal for export to-day (Saturday) and another trainload will likely follow in a few days. Equal to about 3c per pound is being paid for the best of these cattle, and this is about the top prices which will be paid for local demand. The country is likely to be so well drained of surplus stock that prices will keep up well for local trade. Live hogs would be worth between 5 and 5½c per pound, sheep between \$4 and \$5 per head, and lambs \$3 to \$4 per head.

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VEGETABLES.

Potatoes have held at about last week's range of prices. On the market prices have ranged all the way from 35 to 50c per bushel, but about 40c has been the usual price. There has been quite a demand for potatoes for shipment, but prices offered are not up to the views of grow-

ers to draw out supplies. Besides, the tubers are improving in size and quality, as they are not done growing yet, and growers do not care to market entire stocks yet. Those offering are fine quality and show a great growth. Cauliflower is again much lower. Tomatoes are lower; also peas, green corn, etc. Native onions are offering much lower than the price at which Southern have been held. Quotations here are as follows: New potatoes, 40c per bushel. Cauliflower 60c per dozen head for choice. Cabbage 30 to 60c per dozen. Cucumbers, 20c per dozen. Tomatoes—Minnesota, per bushel basket, \$2.00 to \$2.50; green tomatoes per bushel, \$1.25 to \$1.50. Onions, 2½ to 4c lb. Green beans, 50 per bushel; peas in pod, 50 to 60c per bushel; celery, 30c per dozen heads; vegetable marrow, 75c to \$1.00 per doz. Citrus, \$1 per dozen. Green stuff in bunches is quoted: Radishes, 15c per dozen bunches; beets, 20c; lettuce, 10c; green onions, 20c; rhubarb, 25 to 30c; turnips, 20c; carrots, 20c. Green corn is worth 7 to 10c per dozen ears.

HIDES.

Locally the market is unchanged. In outside markets, hides are still strong. Prices in Winnipeg market are: No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; No. 3, 3c per pound. Calfskins, No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c. Sheep pelts, are now worth 30c each for fresh killed; lamb skins, 40c each for new. Tallow, 2½c for rough and 4½ to 5c for rendered.

WOOL.

Nearly all in and prices hold their own. Ordinary unwashed is quoted at 10½c and up to 11 and 12c for fine downs; washed 13 to 15c.

HAY.

Offering plentifully on the market at \$4 to \$5 per ton for loose. Pressed hay, coming in by rail, worth about \$3 per ton, but very little demand for the latter. Wet weather interfered some with local offerings, and a good deal of hay is reported to be damaged in the country from the excessive moisture of late, so that dealers are looking for a considerable quantity of poor hay this fall and winter. There is abundance of hay which can yet be cut, of good quality, and if the weather turns out more favorable no doubt a good deal more will yet be put up this season. It is said that owing to wet weather some farmers have left their haying until after the grain has been harvested.

Produce Prices at Toronto.

Flour—There was again a very active enquiry for flour to-day, and a good many sales were reported on a basis of \$4.65, Toronto freights, for straight rollers, and \$4.90 for 90 per cent. patents. For extras \$4.30 was bid. The close was strong, with prices tending upward.

Bran—Purchases were made at \$12.50, Toronto freights, and \$14 was bid for cars on track.

Wheat—Some millers are still carrying a good deal of wheat, but many are running close to their stock and are looking about for some. Holders are all stronger, but odd sales are made at low prices. A lot of Midland spring sold at 95 cents this morning. At the same time the same grade realized \$1.00½, with 98 freely bid. No. 2 white held at \$1 northern, with 98 to 99c bid. On the call board bids of \$1 were made for No. 2 white, 97c for No. 2 red and \$1 for No. 1 red, but none offered. Manitoba wheat dull; a bid of \$1.25 was made on change for No. 1 hard.

Peas—Purchases were made at 62c.

Oats—Were quiet, but with a better demand. New and old mixed sold on track at 40c.—*Empire*, August 27th,

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Manitoba Crop Report.

Four or five days rain right in the midst of harvest is not a favorable feature, but such is the record for the week. A drizzling rain set in on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 23, and continued with the exception of short intervals, well into Wednesday night. It cleared up Thursday morning, and the balance of the week was very favorable. Harvesting was seriously delayed as a result of the rain, and late grain further retarded in ripening. About all the grain cut was still in the stook, and it would receive a thorough soaking, which of course, will not improve the quality. There has also probably been some slight loss from the shelling of over-ripe standing grain. The wet spell will prolong harvesting well into next week, in districts which would have finished by to-night. To-day (Saturday, Aug. 30) the weather appears more settled than it has for some time.

The frost of August 21 and 22 is still the subject of much discussion, and reports as to damage are very conflicting. Fuller advices received show that frost was experienced nearly all over the country, but in nearly all instances it was very light, and nine reports out of ten assert that little or no damage was done. Several very sweeping reports have been sent abroad, to the effect that all the standing grain, amounting to something more than half of the entire wheat crop, was damaged by the frost. One report published abroad said that 70 per cent. of the crop had been damaged. Such reports are absurd upon their face, as can be easily shown to the satisfaction of any reasonable person, and there is no doubt but that some of these reports were intended to influence the

markets, rather than to give a correct statement. The frost was so slight in some sections that even tender garden plants were not injured. This is the evidence that comes from quite a number of districts. Where tender plants were not damaged to a serious extent, it is reasonably certain to believe that grain has not been injured, and therefore it is reasonably certain to state that a large portion of the standing grain has not been damaged in the least. With nearly half the crop cut before the frost, and the certainty that a large portion of the standing grain was not damaged, the percentage which may be damaged would be small. This is the condition after allowing every reasonable doubt as to the safety of the crop. While the sweeping reports of damage are absurd, as has been shown, it is equally wrong to make light of the frost and declare that no damage at all has been done. Some allowance should be made for the fact that the tendency in the past has been to underestimate damage from this cause. But after making this allowance, there is less reason for fear than was at first felt. Some very authoritative statements have been made as to damage, which has or has not been done, but with such evidence as there is to go upon, it would be foolish to undertake to give a figure of the percentage either way.

Harvesting was so delayed last week that little additional information has come to hand as to quality and prospective yields. A good many reports have been heard, of rather poor samples, from uneven ripening, light grain, etc. It is also reported that some wheat has been cut too green to make a good sample, as some commenced cutting on account of the cool weather of last week.

Weather at Brandon.

In our last issue we gave the lowest reading of the thermometer at the Manitoba Experimental Farm, Brandon, taken with government standard instruments, for each day of the week ended Aug. 19. The lowest point reached was 36 above zero, on Aug. 19. Following is the report showing the extreme range of temperature at the experimental farm for the week ended Aug. 26:

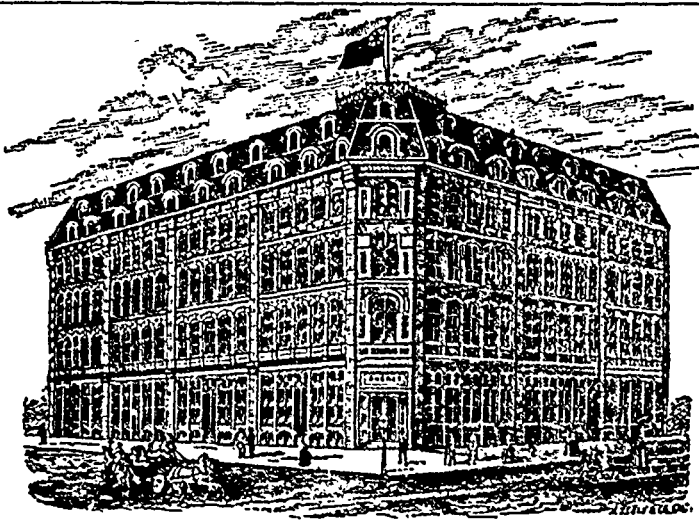
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The above report shows that the lowest temperature recorded was on Thursday morning, and this was one degree above the frost mark. This covers the cold period of the season.

The Montreal egg market was firmer on Wednesday last, but prices were unchanged at 15½ to 16½c.

The Montreal Gazette say: "The potato crop, according to all accounts, will be a favorable one, but there are reports from sections of this province of fears of rot from some flat lands which are flooded. In consequence prices run pretty steady at \$1.25 to \$1.50 per barrel, some fair sized lots having been placed in the West at this figure."

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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

The strong upward movement in wheat on Saturday was followed by a sharp reaction on the following Monday, August 25. Weakness was caused by the estimates of the Vienna wheat conference which makes the European crop larger than previous reports. Wheat declined over 2c, corn about 1c and oats about 1/2c. Provisions were also lower. Closing prices were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	1.04 1/2	1.04 1/2	—	1.07 1/2
Corn	48 1/2	48 1/2	49	50 1/2
Oats	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Pork	10.75	10.70	10.75	—
Lard	6.20	6.25	6.40	6.65
Short Ribs	—	5.32 1/2	5.47 1/2	—

Wheat recovered on Tuesday the loss of the previous day. There was a big spurt in prices, September advancing from \$1.04 1/2 at the opening up to \$1.08. December sold as high as \$1.09 1/2. May wheat sold up to \$1.13 1/2. The top prices were not maintained, and the close the latter option stood at \$1.12 1/2. Fears of a "deal" in September was the cause of the bulge. The continued wet weather in Manitoba and northern Minnesota and Dakota, added to the strength of the market. Corn and oats made fractional gains. Closing prices for futures were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	1.06 1/2	1.06 1/2	—	1.06 1/2
Corn	49 1/2	49	49 1/2	49 1/2
Oats	37	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2
Pork	11.00	11.00	10.75	—
Lard	6.20	6.25	6.40	6.65
Short Ribs	5.22 1/2	5.32 1/2	5.47 1/2	—

On Wednesday wheat had a wide range, but closed 1 to 1 1/2c lower. May wheat closed at about \$1.11 1/2c. There was very heavy selling, causing weakness. Closing prices for futures were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	1.05	1.05	—	1.07 1/2
Corn	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	49 1/2
Oats	37 1/2	36 1/2	36	36 1/2
Pork	10.75	10.75	10.70	—
Lard	6.20	6.22 1/2	6.40	6.62 1/2
Ribs	5.20	5.27 1/2	5.42	—

Wheat closed 2 cents lower on Thursday, owing to heavy selling. May wheat closed at \$1.05 1/2c. Prices were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	—	1.02 1/2	—	1.05 1/2
Corn	—	47	47 1/2-47 1/2	—
Oats	—	36	35 1/2	—
Pork	—	10.50	10.50	—
Lard	—	6.20	6.32 1/2-35	—
Short Ribs	—	5.25	5.40	—

On Friday wheat closed 1/2c higher. The market was of a local nature. Oats closed a fraction higher. Provisions were easier, pork and lard closing lower. Closing prices were:—

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	\$1.02 1/2	—	\$1.05 1/2
Corn	47 1/2	47-48	—
Oats	36 1/2	35 1/2	—
Pork	10.25	10.25	—
Lard	6.17 1/2	6.32 1/2	—
Short Ribs	5.25-27 1/2	5.40-42 1/2	—

Montreal Live Stock Market.

The market last week was still largely supplied with stockers. Prices were firmer for local trade early in the week. Good butchers' stock brought 3 1/2 to 4 1/2c as to quality, poor 2 1/2 to 3c. Freight rates were easier, owing to increase in available shipping, rates being quoted at 45 to 55 shillings insured. A Liverpool cable on Tuesday last reported prices 1/2 to 1c higher for cattle, owing to very light offerings.

Minneapolis Market.

Following were wheat quotations on Thursday, Aug. 23:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.	On track
No. 1 hard	1.10	—	—	1.13-14
No. 1 northern	1.02 1/2	1.00 1/2	1.03 1/2	1.06-8
No. 2 northern	1.00	—	—	1.02-3

New wheat on track quoted—No. 1 hard 1.08 1/2, no. 1 northern 1.03-4, no. 2 northern 97-99. These quotations are slightly lower than a week ago.

FLOUR—No excitement has been noted in the product, compared with wheat. Flour has followed wheat up but because the millers were compelled to increase quotations even if it cut off demand. Now that wheat seems to be halting there is increased dulness, with too little going abroad for activity. Patents quoted at \$5.75 to \$6.10 as asking figures; bakers were called about \$5.40 to \$5.80 and low grades, including red dog, \$1.95 to \$2.35.

Bran and Shorts—Market steady with bran ranging from \$11.75 to \$12.25; shorts, \$13.25 to \$13.50 and middlings at \$14.25 to \$14.75.

Corn.—This market remained very quiet with little besides a purely local trade at 47 to 47 1/2c for fair feed samples.

Oats.—This grain was not offered so plentifully, and choice stock went quite well at 35 to 36c with extremes in quality above and below these figures.

Barley.—The new barley that came in from this crop has among it some thin grain but mostly of good color and attractive with sales at 45 to 55c.

Flax—Is beginning to arrive from the new crop. Quoted at \$1.31 to \$1.32.

Feed.—Coarse meal and mixed feed were quiet with rather more inquiry noted by millers who held at \$18.75 to \$19.

Eggs—The receipts are running very light. The demand is good for fresh stock with holders generally asking 15 to 15 1/2c and occasionally making a sale at 16c.

Potatoes—New held at 80 to 85c per bushel. Sweet potatoes, \$5 to \$6 per barrel—Market Record Aug. 23

Montreal Stock Markets.

Following were quotations of leading stocks at Montreal on Aug. 23:—

Banks	Sellerr.	Buyers
Bank of Montreal	231	229 1/2
Ontario	120	115
Molson's	170	164
Toronto	223 1/2	219
Merchants	147	144
Union	—	—
Commerce	123 1/2	123
Miscellaneous		
Montreal Tel	101	99 1/2
Rich. & Ont. Nav.	59 1/2	57
City Pass. Ry.	193 1/2	186 1/2
Montreal Gas	211	209 1/2
Canada N. W. Land Co.	84 1/2	83 1/2
C. P. R. (Montreal)	84 1/2	82 1/2
C. P. R. (London)	—	85 1/2
Money—Time	7	—
Money—On call	6	—

Eastern Cheese Markets

Belleville, Ont., August 26.—At the market to day 16 factories offered 450 white and 650 colored; total 1,100 boxes. Nine cents was bid for the whole board, but only 75 white and 20 colored accepted this figure. Factorymen are accepting one-eighth better after the board.

Ingersoll, Ont., Aug. 26.—At the cheese market, held here to-day, very little business was transacted, there being only five hundred boxes boarded August make; three hundred were sold at 9c. Previous to the opening of the market 9c was freely offered all round, but refused, salesmen holding for 9 1/2c.

Chicago Barley Market.

Cash sales of barley on the Board of Trade on Wednesday last were as follows:

Free on Board and Switched—Now No. 3—1 car at 52c, 1 at 53c, 1 at 54c, 2 at 55c, 2 at 56c, 3 at 55c, 5 at 60c, 1 at 61c, 1 at 62 1/2c, 1 at 64c, 3 at 65c, 1 at 66c, 1 at 67c.

New No. 4—1 car poor at 39c, 1 fair at 45c, 1 at 47c, 3 at 48c, 2 good at 50c, 1 at 51c, 1 at 52c, 1 at 53c, 1 at 55c.

No. grade—2 cars at 43c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

No. 1 hard wheat, September option, sold between \$1.05 and \$1.06 at Duluth on Thursday last, Aug. 23

Barley Wanted.

Messrs. A. C. Buell & Co., grain commission men, of the Chicago Board of Trade, have written to the publisher of THE COMMERCIAL giving a rather doleful tale as to the crop in the western States, and foreshadowing a heavy demand for fine barley, which they will have difficulty in filling, and which they cannot fill from their home crop. They have sent in their advertisement to this journal, in hope of securing a supplementary supply from Manitoba. There should be quite a surplus of plump, bright barley for export here, which should find a good market in Chicago, and especially through the agency of the house above named. The proposed prohibitory duty which some United States politicians would place on barley imports from Canada is not likely to be placed on the statutes by the present session of Congress, as such action during this year of scarcity would raise a big howl, wherever beer was brewed or drank. This move of Messrs. A. C. Buell & Co., of advertising for consignments from this province is the first attempt of the kind by any Chicago grain house, but a year or two more will bring many others to look up this way for barley supplies, and follow their example.

Real Estate Business at Vancouver.

Like all rapidly growing western towns, real estate business has been one of the important features of Vancouver. It was evident from the start, that the terminus of a great trans-continental railway at a port possessing admirable shipping facilities, rendered the situation of Vancouver a favorable one. Under such conditions, it was only a matter of time when the place would become a city of importance in point of population and as a commercial and industrial centre. Though only a few years old, Vancouver has already made wonderful progress in the direction of attaining a position among the leading cities of Canada.

The conditions at the outset were favorable for a steady advance in the value of real estate, and the field was an inviting one for the real estate agent. It was not long unoccupied. Real estate offices were among the earliest institutions of the embryo city, and the number constantly increased up to last spring, when they could have been counted by the score. It

then became evident that the business was over done. A somewhat quiet season in Vancouver last winter, followed by a lull in real estate transactions, rendered the business unprofitable to a number of the offices, and quite a number accordingly closed up. There are still a large number of real estate offices in the city—probably a good many more than there are any use for—and the weeding out is likely to continue for some time, until the number is reduced to a normal basis.

Real estate in itself is just as legitimate as any other form of commission business. When unaccompanied by the spirit of gambling, and falsifying which always goes hand in hand with what is termed a "boom," it is just as legitimate as any other calling. During a period of activity in real estate, men are apt to get into the business who are not careful how they make a sale, so long as there is money in the transaction. When real estate business settles down to a normal condition, these parties are generally the first to draw down their blinds. In Vancouver, though the real estate business is still overdone, there still is a field for a certain number of offices to carry on operations on a profitable basis and in a legitimate manner. The business will ultimately be reduced to this condition, and while a great number of the offices will be compelled to close up, a few of the more reliable firms will do a profitable business right along.

Among the leading firms still remaining at Vancouver is that of Goodwin & Wilkinson, who do business as real estate brokers, insurance and financial agents, etc. They are sole agents for the Brighthouse estate, which is one of the best districts of the city, and also handle mining claims. W. H. Goodwin, senior member of the firm, is a notary public for British Columbia, and he is one of the foremost of Vancouver's citizens in taking an interest in anything which will aid in the advancement of the city.

Another firm which has taken a leading position in Vancouver is that of Douglas & Co. This firm is composed of C. S. Douglas and B. B. Johnston. Mr. Douglas is well known in Manitoba as a member of the Legislature for the Emerson district for years. His friends will be pleased to know that he has succeeded in Vancouver, and his firm is now just about at the head of the list. A general real estate, financial and insurance business is done, loans negotiated, collecting rents, etc. Mr. Douglas was the principal promoter of the Vancouver and Lulu Island Electric Railway and Improvement Company, and he is the secretary of the company, which proposes to build an electric railway from Vancouver to the south side of Lulu Island. The object of this road would be to bring the trade of the rich Delta district to Vancouver, by carrying passengers and light freight traffic.

Among other well known real estate firms in Vancouver are Meershon & Timberlake, who carry on the Dominion Real Estate and Loan Agency; Bodwell Bros., real estate and insurance agents; and C. Whetbam & Co., real estate, financial and insurance agents, etc.

While Vancouver has had a steady and at times a rapid advance in values of real estate, the spirit of speculation has not been carried to such an extent as it has in many other towns under similar conditions. At the same time the business was undoubtedly greatly overdone

at one time, particularly as to the number of agencies. This year, though some important investments are still being made in real estate, it is being done in a quiet way, and there are no indications of anything approaching a "boom," either in the amount of business or in advancing values. More attention is being given to the establishing of industries and public improvements, than to inflating real estate values. For purposes of assessment, property is rated at 33 per cent. of estimated cash value. Improvements are assessed at 50 per cent. of value. Interest rates for loans on real estate range from 7 to 10 per cent. as to the nature of the security. The ordinary bank discount rate on paper is 9 per cent. The insurance rate is about one per cent. on brick buildings in the business portion of the city, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of one per cent. on isolated brick or stone blocks.

Prices of property are now well advanced for a city of the size of Vancouver. The best business property is held at between \$500 and \$600 per foot frontage, and down to about \$200 per foot for less desirable property. Suburban property ranges from \$30 to \$300 per acre, as to location and desirability. This would seem a big price for property surrounding a prairie city, but in British Columbia, it must be remembered, that the quantity of land available for such purposes as market gardens, etc., is more limited, and therefore more valuable. The figures, however, are sufficiently high to indicate that the advance in values cannot be continued with safety indefinitely.

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High Fruit Contracts.

The California fruit growers are not satisfied with the turn the market has taken, at least those who made early contracts for the season's product, and at a low price. These contracts were made largely with canners, a good many with shippers, and at a price only about one-half the present quotations. Apricots were contracted at \$15 to \$20 per ton in the southern part of the state; peaches at \$30 to \$35 per ton; Bartlett pears at \$30 to \$40 per ton, etc. The high prices realized at the East at the opening of the season excited the California green fruit market and prices advanced rapidly all along the line until at present prices are fully double those at which the season opened. Dried and canned fruits naturally participated until at present the excitement is running very high. Standard peaches, for example, which opened early in the season at \$1.65 per dozen (2½ lb. tins) are now selling at \$2.35 to \$2.40 per dozen, with the prospect of still further advance.

The *California Fruit Grower*, after making observation on this condition of things, says it is plain to be seen that growers, who contracted early in the season at the prices above mentioned, to-day can figure their losses at from \$1,000 to \$10,000, according to the size of their crop. Very many of these growers have delivered the bulk of their fruit in accordance with their contract; many others have deliberately attempted to cancel their first contract by selling their crop and delivering it to a second party at a higher price; while others are industriously at work trying to escape delivery upon their contracts, if possible. It occurs quite frequently in this contract system that the crop falls short of the amount estimated in the contract, but buyers in the majority of cases accept the situation. It also frequently occurs that the crop turns out much larger than was expected or estimated, and generally when this state of affairs exists, prices are low, if not lower than the contract price, but the buyer is expected to take it all, no matter what the quality or how low the price. This year being an exceptional one, the shoe has been shifted to the other foot and the grower is being pinched and complains bitterly at what he considers a loss of so much good money. A number of the large buyers have employed detectives to watch the fruit, which they have purchased in the various orchards throughout the state. Some of these detectives report queer proceedings. One grower was caught shaking his apricot trees during the night, picking up the fruit from the ground next morning, cutting it and spreading it on trays, which he placed in the field back of the orchard to dry. When taken to task for it he offered the excuse that they were "drops" and "windfalls," not included in the contract. This is only one of the many subterfuges that are being reported by the detectives now in the fruit districts, which the growers are resorting to in order to avoid full delivery of their fruit crop at contract prices. Several lawsuits have been commenced and many more will probably result from the non-delivery of fruit upon contracts this season. Considerable bad feeling will be engendered between growers and dealers, and a general squaring of accounts will be had next season.

J. Kuhn, produce dealer, Winnipeg, who has had a light attack of typhoid fever, is getting around again.

Fur Trade Notes.

The *Fur Trade Review* says: "We are permitted to give notice that the Behring Sea question will be vigorously agitated in 1891, and will be carried to dangerous extremes against England. There need be no alarm, however, as the wallo words will merely partake of the nature of bluster, and the whole matter will be amicably settled by the middle of December."

The fashion for boas, which was the rage last winter, is said to be already dying out in Europe.

The only American fur meeting with good demand in Europe is muskrat; lynx and beaver have some demand; skunk, raccoon, mink, etc. are dull. Astrakan and Persian lamb continue in good demand, and cheap imitations are being bought out on this account.

"The Big Game of North America" is the title of an elaborate work by G. O. Shields, and he devotes no less than twenty-one pages to an account of the wolverine, accompanying his account by a portrait of the animal, which will give many, even among Michigan people, their first clear idea of his appearance. It is safe to say that not one person in a thousand knows what a wolverine is, and the number of those who have ever seen one, alive or dead, is much smaller. The author tells us that the animal is extinct within the limits of the United States, and that to find it we must go to the sub-arctic regions of British America, particularly of the Northwest. It was never abundant in this country, and its shrewdness and cunning always made it hard to see and harder to trap or kill.

The *Fur Trade Review* of New York says:—"Business transacted to date warrants the belief that the season 1890-91 will be fully up to the average of past years in general activity. Furriers complain that prevailing competition is excessively keen, reducing profits materially; this condition is undoubtedly due to the fact that the productions in furs are limited in variety, the demand centering on a few specialties, instead of embracing the many articles formerly regarded as staple; all the houses are working on these specialties, and in consequence the price is a more important factor in transactions than in former seasons. The continued summer consumption of fur capes insures the maintained popularity of these dressy articles; the furs most generally observed in use are seal, mink, skunk and wool seal. The European market affords no favorable outlook for American furs; muskrat alone appears to be in steady request, the other articles being neglected, or in only very moderate demand."

The cargo of seal skins brought to Victoria, B. C., from the north, by the steamer Mischief, are being prepared for shipment to London via the Canadian Pacific. The skins which are valued at \$150,000 were purchased at that figure for cash by H. Liebes & Co., of San Francisco. They are being packed in 200 casks and will make seven carloads.

Seal Skins by the Thousand.

The *Victoria Colonist* has the following to say of a recent big transaction in seal skins at that place:

"Just now the ware house on Janion's wharf presents a gratifying scene. More than a dozen men are to be seen hammering at casks, wheel-

ing barrows or carrying heavy loads. The floor of the building is strown with a valuable collection of sealskins, which are awaiting the operation of packing in the casks. It is the Mischief's cargo of skins which are being gotten ready for shipment. Morris Moss, who for many years has represented the house of H. Liebes & Co., of San Francisco, purchased nearly the entire shipment, and in doing so transacted a deal of considerable magnitude on behalf of the Liebes house. When the task of packing has been completed, there will be 200 casks, or seven car loads, value \$150,000, or thereabouts. This is the largest shipment that has ever been made at Victoria at one time; and another feature that commends itself to buyers is that the transaction was cash down.

The process of packing is an interesting one. The skins are sorted out in sizes, and rolled up in bundles of two, with a layer of salt between. These bundles are packed in strong casks, each layer being thoroughly salted before another is placed upon it. A cask will hold from fifty to eighty skins according to size, but sometimes a cask will hold only twenty skins; each cask weighs about 750 pounds, the packing being done at the rate of a carload a day."

The skins referred to by the *Colonist* are now on the way to London, England, via the C. P. R.

To Visit the West.

The following we clip from *The Courier*, of Liverpool, England: "From the letter of John Dyke, Canadian agent at this port, printed elsewhere, it will be seen that the Dominion Government are repeating an experiment made ten or eleven years ago. In 1879 they invited a number of delegates, representing tenant farmers in the United Kingdom, to visit the Dominion; examine its resources, and report on its suitability as a field for British settlement. The great progress since made by Manitoba and the Northwest territories is tolerably well known, but with a view to afford English agriculturists and others an opportunity of investigating the developments of the past decade the Canadian Minister of Agriculture has decided to invite six practical agriculturists to visit the great Northwest this autumn, under the conditions mentioned in Mr. Dyke's letter. The reports of these gentlemen will be waited with much interest by many English people who have friends settled in the territories and by capitalists and others concerned in the welfare of this nearest of British colonies."

The Council of the Montreal Board of Trade has decided to urge the Government to forward unstamped letters to their destination, doubling the amount of deficiency charged on delivery.

The net debt of the United States is shown to be \$923,376,000 and the net State indebtedness \$132,336,000. The aggregate therefore is, in round numbers, \$1,056,000,000 which, assuming the population to be 64 millions, makes a per capita liability of \$16 50. Canada's record may be summed up very briefly. The net debt of the Dominion has increased from \$152,451,000 in 1880 to \$235,000,000 at the present time and our per capita liability, putting the population at five millions is \$47. The provincial debt will add about \$2 per capita to the amount, making the total debt \$49 per capita.

British Columbia.

Alexander Clyde, blacksmith, Victoria, is dead.

Bank discount rates at Victoria range from 8 to 10 per cent.

Hay is a good crop, and owing to dry weather has been harvested in good shape.

The Union mine at Comox is turning out between 300 and 400 tons of coal a day.

J. P. Lamotte, J. B. Latrimouille and Ernest Perry have started a brick yard near Nelson.

Two locomotives and fourteen flat cars has arrived for the Westminter Southern Railway.

W. R. Austin, grain and produce dealer, Westminster, has sold out to Calhoun and Steves.

The Alderly Brick and Terracotta Company has been formed at Victoria, with a capital of \$50,000.

H. F. Page, of Matsqui, says he has measured out-heads on his farm 31 inches long. Now let Manitobans open their eyes.

McGirr & McCoskery, hotelkeepers, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership. McGirr & Son will continue the business.

R. Baker & Son, grain merchants, Victoria, have received four tons of new fall wheat, grown in the Chilliwack country.

The Canadian Pacific Navigation Company have purchased the steamer Danube to run on the Northern route in place of the wrecked Sardonyx.

Bewicke & Wulffsohn, bankers, Vancouver, have resigned the agency of the New York Life Insurance Company to assume the general agency of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

A despatch received from Nanaimo states that No. 3 shaft of the Wellington mine is on fire and will have to be flooded. There were only two men in the mine at the time, and they got out safely.

R. D. Atkins, of the Hall mines, Kootenay, is dead. Mr. Atkins had but recently come to Toad Mountain and had purchased a half interest in the Hall Mines. He was one of the best known miners of the province.

The German bark *Hustede*, which cleared from Victoria many months ago with a large cargo of last year's pack of salmon, and about which nothing has been learned since, has been finally given up as lost and her insurance paid.

The lockout at the Wellington coal mines continues. The proprietors refuse to treat with the Union, but say they will meet a committee of the miners. New men are gradually being secured, and it is claimed 75 men are now at work.

The Victoria assessor has submitted a statement of the assessed value of Victoria property at \$9,372,094 for the present year as against \$8,943,903 for 1889. The exemptions for church and city property in addition will reach about \$840,000.

G. H. Cross and W. Farmer, late of Nanaimo, have formed a partnership under the style of G. H. Cross & Co., as accountants, notaries public, conveyancers, insurance agents, collectors and general agents, and have opened an office at Westminster.

Flour has advanced 25c at Victoria, at is quoted at \$5.50 for Portland, (Oregon), roller, and \$6.50 to \$7 for patents. Oats are worth

\$30 to \$40 per ton, the lower price for now. Bran \$26 per ton; potatoes \$17 to \$20 per ton; eggs 30c per dozen.

The Nelson *Miner* says: "The highest price paid for Nelson property was paid on Thursday by Joe Wilson to E. S. Topping. The latter sold all his right, title and interest in lot 9, block 5, including a 24x40 story and-a-half building, for \$1,350 in cash, which was about \$500 for the 30 foot lot on which the building stands.

The Vancouver Loan, Trust, Savings and Guarantee Company, Limited, has just been organized with a capital of \$500,000 in 10,000 shares of \$50 each. The company will make loans on real estate and other approved securities; do a general financial business and open a savings and deposit department. The company has purchased the insurance and real estate business of H. T. Ceperley.

Says the Westminster *Columbian*: "Yesterday afternoon there was brought into this office a sample of agricultural produce that fairly wins the premium for size. The sample consisted of a small sheaf of Golden Giant oats, and they stood exactly six feet, four inches high. The stems were beautifully straight, and nearly as hard as wood. The heads measured fifteen inches long, and were very heavily filled out."

J. D. Ross, has decided to establish a tannery at Kamloops. Work on the building which will be 26x36 feet, with ten vats has been commenced. The Kamloops *Sentinel* says:—"Any quantity of hides can be readily obtained in the district, while the best of hemlock bark can be secured at Shuswap and with little difficulty and cost brought down the river, and there is no reason why the tannery should not meet with success.

An exchange says that on account of the continued strike at the Wellington coal mines on Vancouver Island, the city of San Francisco, which is the principal market for the product of these mines, is threatened with a coal famine. There is no Wellington coal in the city. The New Wellington coal has advanced to \$11 a ton, and it is expected will reach a still higher figure. No Australian coal is to be had, and but six ships are on the way, the nearest one only a few days out from Sydney.

Canadian Made Preserves.

That the finer grades of jams, jellies and other European made preserves have such a hold upon public favor in this western country, is due in a great measure to the fact, that heretofore Canadian makers have not only failed in producing a first-class article, but have displayed a great lack of uniformity in the character and quality of what they did make. People here must have an article uniformly good, and they are always willing to pay for such, rather than take an inferior one at a reduced figure.

Messrs. Michel, Lefebvre & Co., of Montreal, the well known manufacturers of pure vinegars and pickles, have, we see, launched out in the line of putting up jams, jellies and other preserves, and in their circular to the trade recently issued, they announce their intention of turning out goods equal to the finest imported brands. Their announcement will be well received by those merchants handling such goods, as reliance can be placed in their promises with respect to quality of goods. They have already

taken a front position in the manufacture of vinegars and pickles, and secured a reputation which they cannot afford to tarnish with worthless promises as guarantees about their preserves. If they can only reach the same excellence in their newly added department, as they have in the lines they have been manufacturing for years, they will fulfil every promise or guarantee they make in their circular. A reliable house, which can furnish the finest grades of jams, jellies and other preserves is much wanted in Canada at present, and there is every reason to believe that Messrs. Michel Lefebvre & Co. will fill the bill.

Items About Trade.

Fall apples at Montreal were quoted at \$3.25 to \$4 per barrel last week. Dried apples have experienced further advances, and are quoted at 7 to 7½c. Evaporated apples were strong at 13½ to 14½c in large lots.

Minneapolis *Market Record*: "The quantity of potatoes produced last year was approximately 10,000,000 bushels in Minnesota and the Dakotas. This year will probably equal that owing to some increase in range. In many localities the crop is light this year, and while that reduces the yield, the same was true of it a year ago, so that the total compares quite well with 1889. In Iowa and the other great middle states, the crop is very small and justifies expectations of very satisfactory prices for this season's production."

At the cheese board at Belleville, Ont., on Aug. 19, twenty-four factories offered 1,236 white, 696 colored; total, 1,932 boxes. The following were the sales: 475 at 8½c; 635 at 8½c.

The Toronto *Empire* of Aug. 23 reports dairy produce as follows: "Good butter is scarce, firm and in demand, but medium and low grades abundant and unsaleable. A few lots of good dairy were bought outside at 12 to 12½c; on spot they are selling at 13 to 15c for good to choice. Creamery in pound rolls in demand at 20 to 21c. Cheese is in fair demand. Twenty boxes finest sold at 8½c between dealers, but generally dealers buy at 8½c. Small lots are going at 9 to 9½c.

Oatmeal at Montreal keeps firm. Standard in bbls is worth \$4.85 to \$5, and granulated \$5 to \$5.10. Pearl barley \$6 to \$6.50 per bbl, and pot barley \$4.25. Split peas \$4 to \$4.25.

The *Trade Bulletin* of Aug. 22 has the following to say of the Montreal flour market: "The market is decidedly stronger and holders have been enabled to establish a further advance. City strong bakers have gone up another 25c to \$5.75, and \$6 is confidently looked for in the near future. In Ontario flour, \$5 is obtainable for straight rollers, but millers are asking 10 to 15c advance upon that figure."

Cables recently report a further advance in Rio coffees of about ½c. At Toronto 23c was about the inside for a choice sample of green Rio.

The Toronto *Empire* says that there appears to be little doubt that some of the canned goods packers sold more peas than they were able to put up. We hear of a case where one packer had to buy from another to fill his orders.

At the cheese market at Woodstock, Ont., on Aug. 20, 11 factories boarded 3,400 boxes; 350 sold at 8½c; 420 sold at \$7-16c; 1,200 sold at 8 5-16c.

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Eastern Business Changes.

ONTARIO.

John Doyle, liquors, St. Thomas, is dead.
M. M. Downing, cattle, Thedford, is dead.
A Saxon, hotelkeeper, Manchester, has sold out.
Jas. Milan, hotelkeeper, Port Elgin, has sold out.
Wm. Gilbert, livery, Southampton, has sold out.
Thos. Board, stationery, Windsor, has assigned.
J. G. Robinson, dry goods, Toronto, has assigned.
M. A. McAuley, tailor, Southampton, has sold out.
J. O. Guy & Son, coal, etc., Oshawa, have assigned.
W. W. Higgins, photographer, Trenton, has assigned.
W. T. Morrison, blacksmith, Kinmount, has assigned.
Murray & Mauer, tailors, etc., Paris, have dissolved.
J. W. Fenner, dry goods, Toronto; Receiver appointed.
Thos. Brown, boots and shoes, Ailsa Craig, has sold out.
H. Stone & Son, undertakers, Toronto; Henry Stone dead.
Marter, Nicol & Co., commission, etc., Toronto, have dissolved.
A. McBean, hardware, Woodstock, advertising business for sale.
W. G. Holden, drugs, Southampton, has removed to Owen Sound.
Wm. McKay, gents' furnishings, Ailsa Craig, is closing out business.
J. H. Bowman & Co., furniture, Dundas, is offering to compromise.

Chas. Hasket, cabinetware, Ailsa Craig, is closing out this branch.

J. G. Douglas, drugs, etc., Pinkerton, has removed to Southampton.

Grundy Bros. & Griffin, foundry, Kincardine, have dissolved; Griffin retires.

Ennis & Cook, printers, Hamilton, have dissolved; Adam Cook continues.

Joshua Siler, general storekeeper, Aylmer, has sold out dry goods business.

Blackley & Anderson, accountants, etc., Toronto and Hamilton, have dissolved.

Gorman, Dyson & Co., spices, etc., London, have dissolved; David Dyson retires.

QUEBEC.

Wm. Rourke, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.

Geo. Woods, trader, Montreal, has assigned.

Arnton Bros., coal, Montreal, have assigned.

J. H. Lawzon, tailor, Montreal, has assigned.

John McNiece, tobaccos, Montreal, has assigned.

P. P. Lanoie, staple goods, St. Aime, has assigned.

M. Lajoie & Co., plumbers, etc., Montreal, have assigned.

Michael Dooley, latter, Montreal; demand of assignment.

Metayer & Fortier, contractors, Montreal, have dissolved.

Chamberlain & Brousseau, contractors, Montreal, have dissolved.

Galloway, McMurray & Co., builders, Montreal, have dissolved.

Lacoste & Prefontaine, hay, grain, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.

Senecal & Gauthier, blacksmiths, etc., St. Cunegonde, have dissolved.

G. Geuest, general storekeeper, St. Thomas de Pierreville, has assigned.

Groome & Warren, shirt and collar manufacturer, Montreal, have dissolved.

Kinno & Danforth, hotelkeepers, Montreal, have dissolved; business continued by Kinno & Peavey.

P. D. Dods & Co., wholesale paints, Montreal, have dissolved; Eusebo Tongas continues under same style.

NOVA SCOTIA

Fowler & Co., tailors, etc., Amherst, have assigned.

A. Kedy & Co., general storekeepers, Mahone Bay, have dissolved.

Gough Bros., grocers and victuallers, Halifax, have dissolved; each partner continues.

Fruit for the West.

As a result of correspondence between leading Ontario fruit growers, Mr. Philp of Philp & Co., wholesale fruits, Winnipeg, made a trip to that province in the interest of securing a supply of fruit for the West. Mr. Philp returned last week from the East, having concluded arrangements with the Niagara District Fruit Growers' Association to handle their products in Winnipeg. This association covers the finest fruit region in Ontario, and includes the great majority of the leading growers of the district. By the appointment of Philp & Co. as agents for the association, the fruit will be shipped direct to Winnipeg by the growers, and thus a considerable reduction will be made in the usual cost of handling through dealers at both ends. This saving will be a gain to consumers here, as well as to the growers. The principal fruits handled will be grapes, pears and plums, and also tomatoes. The first car lot is expected shortly. The fruits supplied by the growers will be handled by Philp & Co. as agents for the association, and it has been arranged between the parties interested to sell the fruit to the trade here at low prices for cash.

Mr. Philp reports the apple crop in Ontario very poor, peaches are also a failure, and there will be none to ship west, pears are about half a crop, grapes are a fine crop.

Crop Reports.

The United States official crop report, dated Aug 25th say "The weather during the last week in Minnesota and the Dakotas was too cold for late crops. Although wheat has been nearly all cut some fields late sown in the extreme north have been injured by frost. Light frosts also extended over the extreme northern portions of Iowa and Michigan, but caused no material damage. The recent rains have greatly improved the condition of the crops throughout the corn belt, extending from Ohio westward to Kansas and Nebraska, and in this section the condition of corn and potatoes is much improved.

The crop estimate of the Agricultural Gazette, like most others, shows the English crop as likely to be only slightly below an average.

Lumber Cuttings.

Rat Portage lumbermen want the Ontario Government to grant them permits to go on and prepare for taking out logs next winter. The sales of timber limits takes place at Toronto on October 1st, and this date, the lumbermen say is too late to give them time to get in supplies before it freezes up.

Angus Fraser has completed a contract for getting out 5,000,000 feet of logs for the Cowichan Lumber Company, Cowichan Lake, Vancouver Island, B.C. The logs all through are said to be the finest ever cut on the Island, and there are lots more in the same place.

The Minnesota & Ontario Lumber Company, of Rat Portage, have met their men half way by reducing the hours of labor to 10½ hours per day. The other mills it is said will likely follow suit.

Grain and Milling.

A carload of machinery has arrived for the new flour mill at McGregor, Manitoba. A. J. McKay, millwright, is busily engaged with a gang of men placing it in the building.

The new engines and other machinery for the Pilot Mound flour and oatmeal mills has arrived. Millwrights from Ontario will proceed at once to place the machinery in position.

The old style flour mill at High Bluff, Manitoba, is being fitted up with modern machinery. A. Leitch has the contract.

The Assiniboine roller mills at Moosomin, Assa., will be offered for sale by auction on October 20, as a result of legal process.

A Mr. Groves, of Ontario, is building a flour mill at Austin, Manitoba. Mr. Groves is the owner of mill's in Ontario.

British Columbia Trade.

There is considerable of interest in the mercantile and financial situation this week to report. The matter of greatest moment to any one corporation is the strike at Wellington mines. Nanaimo, which derives the principal amount of trade from the miners, is affected by it and the loss is appreciable. Somewhere about \$150,000 a month in wages is distributed in this way, so that any diminution in the volume of the output of coal is directly felt by the trade dependent thereon. Nanaimo is simply the creation of the mining industry. On the other hand the output of the New Vancouver Coal Company's coal is largely increased thereby, and there is some compensation in this respect, but, of course, not sufficient as an offset to the

large business of the Dunsmuirs. However, there is no anxiety among the people of Nanaimo as the strike can only be temporary, although neither side at the present shows signs of weakening. The Dunsmuirs have agreed to the demand of the men to work in eight hour shifts, but will not recognize the Union as a body. This at present is the only point of difference. The sympathy of the people generally seems to be with the miners. A good deal of the public demonstration made is no doubt for political effect. One result of it is that the demand for the New Vancouver coal is rapidly increasing. About 1,600 tons is being mined per day and this is expected to reach 2,000 tons shortly. Your correspondent has had an opportunity to see a good deal of the country lying between Comox and Victoria. Settlement is not as rapid as it is in the Westminster district, but substantial improvement is being made all along and a most important agricultural district is being developed, apart from that from the older settled parts. The land in and immediately adjoining Nanaimo cannot be said to be particularly well adapted from appearances for agricultural purposes, but whether it is due to the favorable influences of the climate or some other cause the character of the fruits grown there is surprising and pears, apples, cherries, plums and small fruits are grown which are not surpassed anywhere in Canada. Corn was observed growing which measured 13 and 14 feet, equal to the best in Western Ontario. Such results are surprising.

Business is steady and generally speaking very healthy. A good harvest, with returns already coming in, is sending prosperity and cheerfulness to all affected thereby. The new crop of hay and oats is still weakening prices. The fish market is principally confined to salmon; butter is crowding the market, much of it inferior. Eggs, both packed and fresh, are scarce and in big demand. In flour and feed business quotations are steady, with an upward tendency if anything, owing to advanced prices elsewhere. Vegetables are plentiful and of good quality. California grapes are coming in freely, and the market is well stocked with peaches, plums, melons, and apples, both home grown and foreign. The quality of all, apples excepted many of which are inferior, is excellent. Venison is coming in, the close season having ended.

Wholesale houses are all doing an excellent business. Meats and sugars are firm; canned goods are scarce and dear. The canning factories report that their great difficulty has been to obtain anything like a sufficient supply to can in order to meet the demand, showing that the demand is altogether in excess of supply.

Shipping continues heavy. The arrival of the Parthia from China this week, makes this the fourth steamer within a month. Several more ships to load lumber have arrived, and one is taking on anthracite coal at Port Moody, for San Francisco. Shipping between local points is good.

Real estate is quiet all over the province. During the past week the president of the Provincial Exhibit Association, Mayor Oppenheimer and the active secretary Mr. Burdick, have been preparing the provincial exhibit which goes to Toronto and St. John, N. B., starting on the 1st of September. A very determined and systematic effort has been made to make this the most successful yet attempted,

and exhibits are being received from all parts of the province. Mr. Gosnell, of the firm of C. Whetham and Co., and late of the Vancouver News Advertiser, has been appointed to take charge of it and will accompany it east.

A few days ago the prominent shareholders in the New Westminster and Burrard Inlet Telephone Co. visited Nanaimo and purchased the principal part of the stock of the Nanaimo telephone company and the two will be incorporated and a cable laid between the two cities. Since my last writing, the Cutch which plies between Nanaimo and Vancouver, has been subsidised to carry the mails, thus forming another important link.

Sicamous.

Sicamous is a station on the C. P. Railway, located at the east end of the Shuswap lakes, British Columbia, where the waters of Spallumcheen river flow in from the south. During the day of railway construction it was the head of steamboat navigation, where supplies were transferred to the wagon and pack-train, for transportation eastward into Eagle Pass. It was during those days an active camp, but the section in which it is located is now having a new era of development in the construction of the Shuswap & Okanagan Railway, from Sicamous to Vernon. T. W. Patterson of the firm which has the contract for building the road, is on the ground giving general supervision to matters. McCoy of the engineering staff, has the north half of the line in charge, and Perry the south half. The grading to Enderby, 25 miles, is well advanced, and it is the expectation to lay the steel for that district this fall. The rock work near Sicamous is being done by steam drills. More than 500 men are actively employed on the work, and preparations are now making to receive the steel rails for laying the track to Enderby.

Sicamous is the gateway or outlet of the best agricultural district in British Columbia. To the southward the Spallumcheen and Okanagan valleys are reported to have wonderfully abundant crops, wheat 30 to 50 bushels to the acre, one of the best yields ever known. At Enderby, the head of steamboat navigation, is located a roller mill, the only one in the province, and here the wheat produced in these rich valleys will be converted into flour, and during the active season 200 barrels per day have been regularly shipped by steamer to Sicamous, and thence by rail to consuming markets. Not one-tenth of the grain producing area is now under cultivation, but the stimulus and confidence which the road when extended to Okanagan lake will give the farmers will appear in an almost indefinite expansion of the natural products of these valleys.

On lake Okanagan Capt. Shorts has recently launched a new steamer 74 feet long, 16 feet beam, costing \$8,000, which will be running in about ten days, just in time to handle the crop now being harvested.

G. G. Mackey, Dr. Whetham and W. E. Thompson, of Vancouver, have recently returned from an extensive trip to Mission, in Okanagan valley, and are filled with enthusiasm in regard to the country visited. At the point where the railroad is expected to terminate on Okanagan Lake, they purchased 520 acres of land, paying \$9,000 for the tract, which they intend subdividing into a townsite.

Wood & Tunstall have a general store at Sicamous, and there is a China store well filled with Mongolian and oriental goods, and also the railroad company's store, also a hotel kept by Col. E. Forester. These with the C. P. R. station house and the dwellings of the railroad employees enumerate nearly all the structures which at present form the village of Sicamous, but its prospects are equal to any interior locality in British Columbia.—Kootenay Star.

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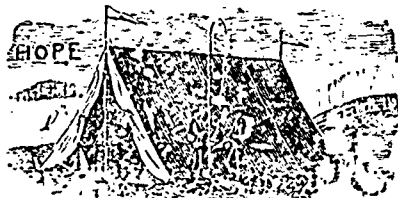
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