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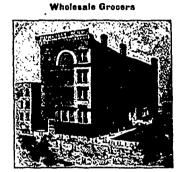
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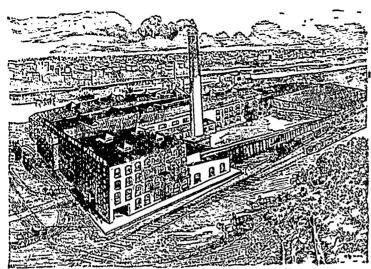
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Returns for the Winning Charing House for the week ending Thursday show as follows:

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FINANCIAL NOTES

E. E. Code, of the Union Bank. Mon treat, is coming to Winnipeg to take the position of accountant of the branch here.

branch here.

Walter Moss, of the Bank of Commerce staff, Winnipeg, is so edge his connection with the bank and will enter the firm of J. Robinson & Co.

E. J. McLelland, manager of the Merchants Bank branch at Carberry, died last week of pneumonia after a brief illness. He was transferred to the management of the Carberry branch from Brandon about a year ago. He was married about four months ago.

The net profits of the British Cana-

months ago.

The net profits of the British Canadian Loan and Investment Compans for the last year were \$25,578, out of which two half yearly dividends of 5 per cent per annum were paid and \$10,637 carried forward. Negotiations are still under way for the amalgamation with the Canada Permanent and Western Canada Mortgage Corporation.

Nestern Canada Mortgage Corporation.

On Feb. 5, the Standard Off Company declared a \$20,000,000 dividend, when as it is payable March 15, is supposed to represent the earnings of the company for the final quarter of last year in 1900 the company distributed \$35,000,000 in dividends among its shareholders. These dividends have become a suppose the suppose of the s

Grain Freights.

Chicago Trade Bulletin: Cars an scarce, but there is a shading of rate on flour of 2½c. Provisions of & Grain rates are also being manipulate by a skillful handling of the different divisional rates. The tariff on flow is 17½c per 100 pounds, and provisions 30c from Chicago to New York Tet tariff on grain is as follows.

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Ocean room was in light demails and rates lower at 1%d per bushed of grain from New York and 1%d free? Boston to Liverpool. The through rate on wheat from Chicago to Liverpool is 14½e per bushel all rail, tha Ner York, and 14e via Poston, and on confrom New York 14e, and Boston 18%, Flour is 23 to 25½e per 100 ibs. as provisions 35% to 41½e. Charters at being made to load, store and card to Buffalo in the spring at 2%e for old corn, and 1% to 1½e for oats. 11/1c for oats.

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THE OATMEAL BUSINESS.

A controversy has been in progress for some time in Canada in regard to the relative amount of protection which should be given in the customs tariff of the Dominion to oats and oat-This has found expression in Manitoba in the dispute which has been waiting settlement by arbitration for several weeks as to the basis upon which the duty on oatmeal coming into this city should be levied. Whether the price at Chicago or point of shipment should be used in figuring out the duty Perhaps this matter does not fully exemplify the broader question of Dominion duties, but it is a phase of it and an interesting phase too. Owing to the poor crop of oats produced in Manitoba last year the oatmeal mills of the province have not been able to secure enough of milling quality to make it worth while to start up and they have remained idle all through the winter. Dealers have actordingly been obliged to look elsewhere for oatmeal with the result that United States millers have been called upon to supply the market, their prices even with the duty added, being less than Ontario meal could be laid down for. Some Ontario meal has been brought in, of course, but no regular business has been done. Mills in different parts of the northwestern states have been shipping meal into this province with the result that the customs authorities have had a number of different invoice prices before them always, upon which the duty had to be figured out. At this stage the collector ruled that Chicago prices were to be the basis upon which oatmeal data would be collected regardless of where the meal actually came from. To this the millers, through their brokers here, objected as they claimed that Chicago was not an oatmeal market and only one Chicago mill was known to be shipping to Manitoba. The other mills doing business here were located at other places where prices frequently rule much lower than at Chleago. Arbitration on this point was arranged, the customs people meanwhile collecting duty according to their own ruling. This all happened everal weeks ago and it is only recently that the appointment of arbitrators has been completed. The work of examining been eriden a has not yet commenced. What the outcome will be it would not be wise to attempt to say. It will be a satisfaction to the trade in any case to know just how the duty is to be fixed. In the meantime consumers have been paying more for their ontmeat for several weeks past than they would if the old method of collecting duty on invoice price had been continued.

On the broader question of oatmeal duties generally it does not seem that Canadian millers have been given quite a fair deal so far as the relative duties on oats and oatmeal are concerned. The duty on oats is now 10c per bushel, and to that no one seriously objects, but when it is considered that the duty on oatmeal is only 20 per cent, it will be seen that there is a large discrimination in favor of the unmanufactured article which is a reversal of the usual policy of protecting Canadian labor and industry. Under the low outment duty the American Cereal Trust and other United States concerns have been able to come into Canadian markets and undersett our miliers both in Ontario and Manitoba and these were powerless to protect themselves. Efforts have frequently been made to induce the Dominion government to equalize, the duties, far without success. The Winnipeg board of trade has several times asked that these duties be equalized, but left it for the government to say in what way this should be accomplished. The result of these difficulties has been that the Canadian oatmeal milling industry is to-day almost at a standstill and the United States millers have possession of our markets.

HOLDING OUR OWN.

An editorial article in the last issue of the Nor'-West Farmer calls attention to the necessity for developing a trade in the commodities which they each produce between the prairie regions of Western Canada and British Columbia. The writer states what is a well known fact that much business is now being done by the United States in this country in fruit and produce, which should properly be kept at home; and instances a shipment of 10 carloads of eggs from a point in Iowa to British Columbia as a case in point. There is a good deal of truth in the contention that there is room for increase in the exchange of commodities between the prairie and Pacific provinces, and the less hold we allow the farmers of the United States to secure upon the profitable markets of British Columbia the better it will be for Manitoba. A little care in the handling of the goods, prompter shipments and closer selling, added to the advantages of a moderately high duty upon everything which has to cross the boundary to get into these markets should ensure the people of the west a perpetual hold upon their own markets against all comers. It is suggested in the article referred to that some governmental scheme of gathering eggs and other perishable products be established so that they could be placed in the hands of consumers quicker than at present. This is really one of the difficulties of the present in regard to Manitoba produce and the B. C. market. The goods are held by producers and country storekeepers so long that they practically become unsaleable before they get to the consumer. If the produce men here have learned anything from the past with regard to this trade it is that British Columbia will not buy anything but choice, fresh goods, and for such top prices can always be obtained. The problem is to get the goods there in that condition. If they can be laid down at low prices so much the botter.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A writer in The Miller, of London, England, discussing the question, "What is strong wheat and which wheats are strong?" states that the quality of wheat grown in England has degenerated and that its character changed so that it cannot any longer be regarded as a strong wheat in the sense in which that term is used in these days. The argument is that English wheat is strong in only one of the constituent parts of gluten which is the basis upon which calculations as to the relative strengths of wheat are made and that in order to produce good flour from it a mixture with some other wheat which contains a preponderance of the other property which goes to make up gluten is necessary. This, in his opinion, is best found in the wheat of Western America.

The Dominion revenue continues to increase at a very rapid rate and with h the governmental expenditures. During the seven months ending January 31 last the revenue increased \$1,073,-359, and the expenditure \$771,004. The total revenue for that period was \$29,869,000 and the expenditure \$24,-167,157. Expenditure on capital account amounted to \$5,658,000. Ratiway publidy payments have gone up when compared with the same period of the previous year from \$695,000 to \$1,-

The Dominion estimates which were presented to the house a few days ago show a decrease when compared with the total for last year, but as the supplementaries are still to come it is likely that the difference will be more than made up. In the west we are more particularly interested in the appropriations for expenditure in this coun-These are a growing quantity each year but are still a very modest sum when compared with what the rest of Canada is given. The most interesting features this year are the increased amounts allowed for Territorial government purposes, cattle quarantine, prevention of tuberculosis in cattle and protection of timber. This latter appropriation how amounts to \$15,000 as against \$10,000 last year. but even this looks very small in comparison with the vast sums of money which are annually lost to the country by destruction of timber.

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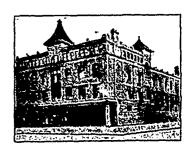
The new building of the Young Men's Christian Association at Winnipeg, which was formally opened on the 17th of last mouth, is one of the finest association buildings in Canada. It is situated on the corner of Smith street and Portage avenue and is a four story brick structure costing \$90,000, including the furnishings and the land on which it stands. Four stores and the main entrance to the association rooms occupy the entire front of the ground flour, the riar portion forming part of the space allotted to the gymnasium. The first floor is reached by a flight of wide oak stairs leading to a spacious hall. The general offices of the secretaries face on this hall, and adjoining these is the large public reading room, facing on Portage avenue. Across the hall at the other side of the building is a large parlor which also faces on Fortage avenue. This is an particularly fine room, well lighted and finished and very tastefully furnished. A fire place, of which there are several throughout the building, adds greatly to the cheerfulness of the room. Next comes the lecture room, in which the Saturday night and Suntage. room. Next comes the lecture room, in which the Saturday night and Sunday afternoon neetings are held. This can be reached either from the hall or the parlor. It has seating capacity for 150 and is furnished with movable 150 and is furnished with movable folding chairs.

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or six steps the gallery of the main auditorium, or "Association Hall," is reached. The floor of this hall can be reached from the entrance hall by descending a few steps and also from

the Smith street entrance, where a box office has been placed. Association hall is well lighted and ventilated and contains modern opera chairs to the number of 527.

The stairs to the second floor brings us into another large hall. To the left are seen the boys reading room and parlor containing the usual freplace, and across the hall is the boys' meeting room. On this flat also are rooms which will be used for the educational tester library and heard room of the which will be used for the educational classes, library and board room of the directors. To the rear are a number of large well-furnished bedrooms for young men, and the top flat is also devoted to this purpose, each flat having bath and wash rooms. The gymnasium is practically an annex to the building. It is 43x65 feet and contains a padded running track, which is 33.2 laps to the mile. The gymnasium outfit is a very complete



New Y.M.C.A. Building, Wirnipeg.

one and is said to be among the best in Canada To one side of the "gym" is the physical director's office, where all using the gymnasium must first come for physical examination. In the basement is the swimming bath, which is 15 feet wide, 35 feet long and from four to seven feet deep, with shower and needle baths in connection. At the back, and extending the whole width of the building, are the two bowling alleys Numerous lockers for the use of symnasium members, are

width of the building, are the two bowling alleys Numerous lockers for the use of symnasium members are also provided here.

The finishing of the building is in oak and redwood and everything has been fitted up in such a comfortable and hemelike manner as to make it a very attractive place to a young man in which to spend his evenings.

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The Montreal Trade Rulletin A carload of Manicoba hogs was re-ceived a short time ago, and the qual-try gave good satisfaction, the weights heing a pretty light even average. Another carload has just been pur-chased at \$8 laid down here to arrive."

A Chicago morning paper states that A Chicago morning paper states that N. K. Fairbank, who has been one of the most active and prominent members of the board of trade of that city for over forty years, and was among the best known of its presidents, sold his membership last Thursday for \$2,000. Fairbank was one of the largest operators on the board from 1860 to 1880. His specialty was lard, and he was considered the lard king.

The following advances were noted in Minneapolis prices current last week: Hogs, Mc; veal, Mc; celery, 5c per dozen; turkeys, Mc; chickens, Mc; onlons, 15c per bushel; apples, 25c per barrel The declines were: Roll and print butter 1c per lb strictly fresh eggs, 2Mc; creamery butter, 1c; beans, 15c per bushel; Armour's corned becf. 10c lower per dozen cans. Sultana raisins, California, 1 to 1Mc lower.

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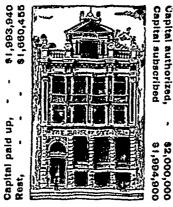
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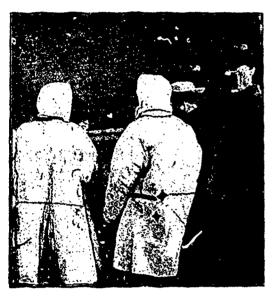
GALICIAN SETTLERS IN THE WEST

Some Departmental Reports on these as Immigrants.

The accompanying illustrations give the reader an idea of some of the characcoration of the Galleian settlers who have recently made their homes in Western Canada in large numbers and hav been much discussed in the newspapers and elsewhere with regard to their suitability as settlers in such a country as this. The cuts shown give an idea of the peculiar garb and general appearance of the Galician on his arrival here, and also of the kind of house which he first creets for his son disappears after he has had a little experience of Canadian ways and

who for the most part settled on home-steads at once. Some of them pur-chased land n ar Winnipeg while others went to the older settlements of their own people. The total number of arrivals during the first six months of the year was 1,582, and the destina-tions were as follows. tions were as follows

Edmonton, Alberta	.358
Rosthern, Saskatchewan	627
Yorkton, Assinibola	822
Dauphin, Manitoba	
Shoal Lake, Manitoba	
Stuartburn, Manitoba	
Pleasant Home, Manitoba	
Whitemouth, Gonor, Brokenhead,	
Cook's Creek, Manitoba	363
Total	.582



Galicians in Native Costumes

we may felly expect that the house to will soon give place to another, which more nearly conforms to the accepted ideas of dwelling houses in this country. A good deal has been said against the Galicians as immigrants to this country principally in the line of objection to his habits and ancestry. So far as his work and abilities as a farmer go no serious exception has yet been taken to the Galician.

The report of the department of the interior of Canada gives some interesting information about the Galician settlements in Western Canada. The deputy minister in his report says of these people: "As for the Galician settlements in western Canada. The means of remaining upon it, he will can oconsideration leave it to hire out if he can possibly avoid it. This characteristic is certainly much to his advantage, as it will ensure his permanent settlement upon the land and and minimize the ilkelihood of his drifting to the city or becoming unable to provide for himself." The deputy minister states that these people continue to make satisfactory progress towards their permanent settlement and are altogether prosperous and contented. They are on the whole thrifty, inciligent and honest and in most cases possessed of the necessary agricultural knowledge and experience to cable them to become successful amers. They are rapidly Redapting demelves to the manners of the country, especially in regard to language, which is no doubt the first and most important step towards their becoming true Canadians. Many of the malvedy have a fair working towledge of the English tongue.

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The Galician interpreters report, the Galician interpreters report, the Liven in the same blue book with the above, states that all of these copie was arrived in the country last rare true farmers or farm laborers.

These figures include the Galicians and Bukowinians, the two people being practically the same. They are sometimes grouped under the head Ruthenians.

Ruthenlans.

Another report on the Galician settlers which gives a favorable account of them for last year is that of General Colonization Agent Speers, who says that in January, 1900, he inspected the colonies in the Prince Albert, Fish Creek and Rosthern districts and found that they had made excellent

state of the first nine Galicians settled state of the first nine Galicians settled in Canada and found that their possessions are now worth \$31,278 as against \$1,291 worth when they settled in the Edmonton country in 1891. Speaking of his visit to the Beaver 11111 and Crooked Lake colonies of Galicians and also the colony at Saltcoats, Assimbola, this same officer reports that he found 450 families in these. They own about 950 head of cattle, have established some public schools. schools.

Gerhard Ens, immigration officer Rosthern, Saskatchewan, says of the colony there. "About 100 families of the Galicians have been settled near Fish Creek and in the Carrot river To Aid Beet Sugar Industry.

To Aid Beet Sugar Industry.
Toronto, Feb. 8.—A large deputation representing the Ontarlo beet sugar waited on the Ontarlo government yesterday to ask assistance for the industry and soveral boards of trade beet sugar industry in the province. It was urged that much of the sugar consumed in Canada, 300,000,000 lbs, now chiefly imported could be raised in Ontarlo from the beet if proper assistance were given to develop the industry, and a grant of \$100,000 was asked. In reply Premier Ross referred to the successful experiments made by the department of agriculture. As a result of these experiments and the report of the commissioners sent to



Galician Immigrants at Shoal Lake, Man.

district this summer, who had about \$10,000 when they came. They have all taken up homesteads, built their houses and shelter for their cattle and are now out working for the C. P. R. and among the farmers earning money to bring them through the coming winter. The Galicians, as a whole, are prosperous settlers and doing well. Most of last year's settlers and those of the year before have good crops now and also good gardens, with potatoes and other vegetables. Some of them brought winter wheat and winter rye from Galicia and sowed it on their farms in the Fish Creek settlement. The wheat will return 35 to 40 bushels to the acre and rye about 20 to 25 bushels. All their other crops are good. They are very careful of their cattle which are in extra good condition."

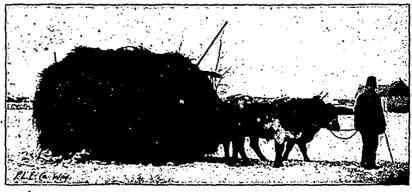
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These are the principal features of the official reports on Galician settlements for 1900. They are certainly favorable so far as the progress of the

Michigan, as well as the growing demand from farmers the government had decided to aid the industry. A bill will be brought down soon. He did not know that the grant to be made would be so high as \$100,000 as had been asked for, and suggested in several of the resolutions. A bonus could not be given direct to the farmer, but the government would safeguard the interest of that class. He thought they should provide for factories paying the farmer \$1 per ton for beets for the first year of the period over which government aid was given, and after that \$1 per ton and pro rata for the amount of sacharine matter. Other questions would also have to be considered, but in any event he thought the government's measures, when fully announced in the bill to be brought down, would be found to be satisfactory. satisfactory.

The total number of failures in Canada last week was 35, against 35 previous week and 33 last year.



Galician Hauling Hay.

progress. Most of them had improved their dwellings, had good cooking stoves and proper cooking utensils. Most of the young people could speak English. Other colonies were visited later on by this officer with the same results. Those at Edmonton had purchased \$40,000 worth of machinery from seal results are same. from local agents since arrival further reports having looked into the

people is concerned. The question people is concerned. The question as to their stress for assimilation with the population of this country is still an open one. There certainly seems to be considerable edjection to them on this score on the part of the many people who have been thrown in contact with them, but this may die out as they become better known and independent. as they be understood.

The general expression among the sealers, says the United States consul at Victoria, is that the fur seal is steadily disappearing, and that the time is soon coming when the business will cease to be profitable. For that reason the owners of the vessels are perfectly willing to sell on the basis proposed two years ago.

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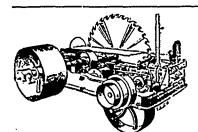
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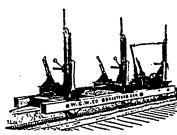
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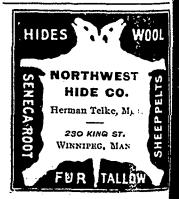
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Winnings City Council.

" the last fortnightly meeting of the Winnipeg city council a notice was Winnipeg city council a notice was giver of a motion that representation by wards be done away with, and that the aldermanic term we reduced to one year. A communication was read from the Beautiful Plains Agricultural Society asking that the council join in petaloning the government re hall insurance. A communication was received from the municipality of Kildonan regarding the taking away of the street rail gay cars from the portion of Higgins avenue, lying between

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Canada's butter exports varied from about one and a half to three million dollars from 1808 to 1885. That covered the period of the old fashloned farm dairy. Then Denmark, in which the modern factory system had been introduced, began sweeping everything before her in the world's markets, and in 1886 our butter exports dropped to \$832,355. In 1895, before our factory system and cold storage service had become fully established, our exports were down to \$697,476. The increase between that date and 1900 is due to the juprovement in quality brought about by the introduction of

in the history of the city The "Miner" says that business, whilst good for this season of the year is not equal in volume to the usual spring trade.

A writ has been issued in the case of Fenwick vs. B. C. Southern Railway Company, in which plaintiff is suing to recover \$1,500 as compensation for damage he claims has been done to his property at Wardner, East Kootenay, by the expropriation of land for railway construction purposes.

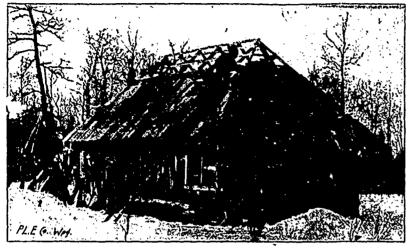
C. Southern interests were acquired some time since by the C. P. R. Co.

The customs returns at Nelson for the month of January were as under:

reduced \$1 per ton on January 1. On February 1 a reduction was made of \$2 per ton on matte and bullion from Nelson and Trdil to New York and Newark. On the latter date a reduction of \$1 per ton on matte from Grand Forks, Greenwood and Boundary Falis to New York and Newark also came into effect. The rate on matte and bullion is, therefore, now \$0 cents per 160 bts all round from the above-mentioned Kootenay and Boundary points to the Atlantic seaboard also named above.

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The American reduction companies have increased the smelting charges on silver lead ores by making a deduction of one cent per pound from the value of their lead contents, instead of continuing last year's deduction of 70 cents per 100 pounds. Notwithstanding this comparatively big increase in their treatment rates most of these smelting companies now decline to purchase Kootenay lead ores. As a consequence mine owners must now send ores of this class to Nelson, Trail, Everett or San Francisco.



Galician House Partially Completed.

Point Douglas avenue and the Louise bridge, and also with reference to the kind of crossing that is to be put upon the Canadian Pacific railway on the line that is to be built across Higgins avenue, to their new bridge. The market, license and health committee recommended: That the following tenders for relief supplies be accepted: For wood—The tender of John Swanson, at \$3.10 per cord. For groceries—The tender of J. A. McKerchar, at the prices stated in said tender. For drugs—The tender of W. J. Mitchell, at the prices stated in said tender. Print Douglas avenue and the Louise

Great Britain's Cheese and Butter Exports.

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The total imports of dairy produce into Great Britain last year, according to the London Times, were 3,378,516 cwt. of butter, 920,416 cwt. of margarine, and 2,771,805 cwt. of cheese or 7,070,737 cwt. in all, which is 285,422 cwt. in excess of the previous year. The total value of last year's imports was £26,768,588, which has over three millions in excess of the wheat imported during the same year During the last five years the amount of imports of butter, margarine and cheese has increased fully 20 per cent. Canada contributed in 1897 34 per cent. of the total imports of butter in 1898 4.9 per cent., in 1899 54.1 per cent., and in 1900 4.1 per cent in 1898 4.9 per cent., in 1899 56.7 per cent., in 1898 61.2 per cent., in 1899 56.7 per cent., in 1898 61.2 per cent, in 1899 56.7 per cent., and in 1900 55.8 per cent. In 1898 24.9 per cent. in 1899 56.1 per cent. in 1897, 20.8 per cent. In 1898 24.9 per cent. in 1899 56.7 per cent. in 1899 and 211 per cent in 1990. In this connection the Times says: "It thus appears that about 81 per cent. of our imports of cheese come across the Atlantic. The days of "filled" cheese have passed away, and the cheese-makers of the United States, by supplying a genuine are again trying to get hold of our markets. Canada; however, has tot such a firm footing here on account of the excellence of her cheese that she may look for a long time to come to the prospect of supplying at least half of our requirements from abroad under this head."

Canada's Farm Produce Ixports.

The government report of Canada's batter and cheese exports up to 30th lone last is as follows. The butter thorts were—1870, \$2,253,570; 1880, \$3,058,069; 1890, 340,131; 1000, \$5,222,000; and the cheese—1870, \$674,436; 1890, \$13,366; 1890, \$9,372,212; 1000, \$12,750,000.

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the factory system and the establishment of a cold storage service.
The poultry exports were: 1895, \$65,-600, and \$1900, \$239,000: bacon exports, 1895, \$65,000, and 1900, \$239,000.
Up to the present time our poultry trade is a small affair, but inside of ten years it's not improbable that it will equal the magnitude which the bacon industry has already attained.

Nelson News Notes.

A District Lands Titles' Registry office for the County of Kootenay, has been established at Nelson under the provisions of the "Land Registry Act." II. F. MacLeod, of the City of Nelson, has been appointed to perform the du-ties of this office, which will be open

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A statement of the ore receipts at the Hall Mines Company's smelter, at Nelson, for four weeks ended Jan. 19 shows a total of about 2,703 tons as against 2,154 tons received during the four weeks immediately preceding. The ore came from mines in the Nelson and Slocan districts, and contained values chiefly in sliver and lead. It is

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.
Following were 'Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat-No.1 hard closed at 60% in store Fort William.

Flour-Local price per sack: Patent, \$1.75; hest bakers', \$1.65.
Oatmeal-\$1.65 per 80lb sack, to the retail trade.

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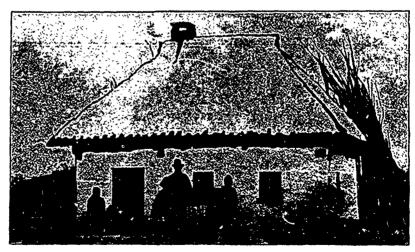
Millstuff4 — Bran, \$11.50 ton; shorts, \$12.50 delivered to city dealers.
Outs—Curbots on track, new outs, 30@32c, according to quality.
Barley—256/30c per bushel for feed grades of new, 30@35c for malting tomarty Wheat 52@54c per bushel, according to grade and freight rate to farmers at country points.
Corn—in carlots, 41%c per bushel of 500.

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trade.
Cheese—Regular sizes, 12@13½c to the retail trade.
Eggs—16@20c for Manitoba fresh.
Hildes—No. 1 green hides, 7½c per lb.
Wool—86the for unwashed fleece.
Seneca Root—37c per lb.
Hay—Baled, \$5@\$5.50 per ton on cars.
Pointoes—50@60c per bushel for farmers' loads

Polatoes—sugges per basel loads
Poultry—Turkeys, 11e per lb; chickens, 10e; ducks, 9e; and geese, 9e per lb.
Dressel Meats—Heef, 567e; veal, 768e; nunton, Stive; hogs, 6769e.
Live Stock—Cattle, 364e, as to grade; sheep, 4e; hogs, 4½64% off cars, according to quality.

The Chicago hide market seems to be holding fairly steady, but there is not much doing so that this condition may be due to apathy more than anything



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Howard West, a C. P. R. brakeman, who was injured in a train wreck at Slocan Junction, near Nelson, on Aug. 24, 1900, has commenced an action in the Supreme Court against the railway company. He alleges negligence on the part of other C. P. R. employees as having led to the accident in which he was injured and claims damages of \$4,600.

The "Tribune" states that the whole-

\$4,000.

The "Tribune" states that the wholesale shipments out of Nelson at the beginning of February was probably much larger than at any previous time

stated that a second furnace will shortly be blown in at this smelter.

The "Miner" states that the quantity of coal, coke and ore now being handied by the C. P. R. Company on its Kootenay and Boundary railway lines is double the tonnage hauled during the corresponding period of last year. The largest increase in ore shipments is in the Boundary country, which, too, is now receiving more coal and coke than at any previous time and with a prospect of a gradual further increase.

C. P. R. freight rates on sliver lead ores from all Kootenay points were

else. The outlook is considered favorable for a good demand. Buff hides were worth Sige per pound at date of last reports.

The dry goods section of the Toronto board of trade has declared itself in favor of a Dominion insolvency law.

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The public accounts of Ontario for the past year were laid before the legislature on Wednesday. The statement shows a surplus of \$18, 210.81; receipts over expenditures for the year and a total balance of \$1,03, 540.31 in the banks to the credit of the province at the present time.



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MEN'S

WHOLESALE

There will no doubt be the usual number of out of town merchants in Winnipeg for Bonspiel, and we wish to remind them that this important sale of Men's Furnishings is still going on.

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INSURANCE MATTERS.

ANGLO-AMERICAN STATEMENT. on another page of this issue will be found the annual statement of the Anglo-American Fire Insurance Company, which was presented to the shareholders at their meeting in Toronto on the 5th of this month. This company has now been in existence two years and during that time has spread the field of its operations over practically the whole of Canada, Notwithstanding the heavy thre losses of last year which included \$13,600 in the Hull-Ottawn fire the directors were able to report a surplus of \$23,-339.78, after all conditures were met which was very satisfactory. At the date of meeting the company had not s, single fire loss of 1900 remaining unpaid. The net premium income of the company for the year was \$133,877.73, out of which \$61,038,87 was paid for fire losses, and \$30,259.16 for re-insurance, and \$42,005.10 for expenses, government fees, etc. F. J. Holland is representing this company at Winnipeg.as agent for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

NEW CONFEDERATION LIFE QUARTERS.

One of the most important financial institutions doing business in Winni-



Head Office Confederation Life Association, Toronto.

peg is the Confederation Life Association, which has recently been obliged by reason of the increase in its business here to enlarge its office accommodation and staff. The Confederation Life building on Main street is one of the most central business blocks in the city, being just a little south of the city hall on the east side of Main street, and as recently remodelled has greatly increased facilities for the transaction of business. Cuts showing the front elevation of the building have been used at times in these columns. The interior appearance since the recent improvements is to less imposing than the exterior, the general offices and private offices of the office facilities are ample for the coffice facilities are ample for the cessities of the company's business for years to come. peg'is the Confederation Life Associa-

necessities of the company's business for years to come.

With reference to the amount of business row being done by this company it is charged that their returns to the Manitoba government show a larger premiura income here than any other compary operating in the province. The Confederation has also to also to western unce The Confederation has also to its credit in appealing for western business, the fact that its premium income is always invested in securities of the country and is not sent out of the country. This policy is not of course seculiar to this company, but it is a very creditable feature of lis management.

its management.

The accompanying dilustration is a cut of the head offices of the Confederation Life Association, Toronto, Ont.

SELLING INSURANCE ON CREDIT.

Just in the same way that the banket, when reviewing the statement is-sued by some rival institution, is im-pressed, favorably, or otherwise, by the amount of overdue debts shown therein, so will the reviewer of the an-

nual report of an insurance company nual roport of an insurance companybe apt to form his opinion of the management by the percentage of "premiums in due course of collection" to
total cash premium income. It would
be interesting just now if a censis of
all the insurance companies doing
business on this continent could be
taken, and correct answers returned
within thirty days, giving the actual
percentage of loss during the year because of the selling of insurance on
credit. That it would, especially so
far as the fire and marine companies
are concerned, sho, a very large
amount is very likely. Just how much
of the "premiums in course of collecof the "premiums in course of tion" are really collectable do not know, but we tion" are really collectable we do not know, but we do not know, but we do know that the uncollected and uncollectable portion is quite large enough to be of grave concern to managers and stockholders. In these times of close competition, close rates, and big fires, it is necessary that each dollar of premium charged should be represented by one hundred cents in cash, for that is the only commodity which basses current in payment of losses, expenses, and dividends.

If policies not paid for within one month were promptly cancelled, it

If policies not paid for within one month were promptly cancelled, it would be a very timely and sensible move. Everybody confesses that long credit when selling insurance is an evil. Yet, it is not a necessary evil, and it is possible to correct it—whenever the companies can be induced to act together for reform.—Insurance and Financial Gazzite. gether for refor Financial Gazette,

CARRUTHERS, BROCK & JOHN-STON'S NEW OFFICES.

STON'S NEW OFFICES.

This weil known Winnipeg firm has moved into new offices not very long ago in the Confederation Life block and are now very comfortably located with ample, room to accommodate their growing business for a long time. The location is central, being close to the city hall and post office. The interior arrangement of the offices is neat and convenient, hardwood counters and finishings giving the place a fine appearance. The business carried on by this firm is insurance, financial and real estate. They are also ugents for Taylor's safes and vaults. They represent The British Canadian Loan and Investment Company, The Ontario Accident Company and the British America, Queen, Western and Phenix fire insurance companies. For these fire companies this is a head office, with power to issue policies and do all manner of business.

' INSURANCE NOTES.

A report recently made to the Que-bec council shows that the water and fire appliances in that city are very inadequate.

John Adams, general agent of the Massey-Harris Co., has severed his connection with that company, and accepted a general agency from the Mutual Life of Canada. Winnings is to be his headquarters.

In all probability the basis 'upon which fire rates in Canada are levied will be changed in the near future. It is not expected that the present minimum tariff will be advanced, but what probably will be done will be special rating on exposed blocks and in congested districts in the different cities and towns.

and towns.

W. A. Lundy, of Lundyville, Man, has accepted the agency of the Farmer's Western. Live Stock Insurance Company, and reports considerable success in his canvass for business. The idea seems to be to insure farmers and ranchers against the loss of live stock by accidental death. The linit of insurance is two-thirds the value of the animal.

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value of the animal.

The total loss in the United State and Canada for January, as come led by the New York Journal of Comnerce, was \$16,574,950, against \$11.775,300 for the same month in 1900 and \$10.718,000 in.1899. The increase is \$4,800,000 over last year. Mee wal contributed last month \$3,-200,600 loss, according to the statement referred to.

ment referred to.

The annual meeting of the share-bolders of the Canadian Fire Insurance Company was held at the head oilice, Winnipeg. on Tuesda afterneon. President J. H. Ashd an occupied the chair. The reports were considered satisfactory, the increase in premium income being \$38,330,53. The loss ratio for the year was 64% per cent, of the income, and expense 26% per cent. The old board of directors was re-elected.

THE HARDWARE-TRADE.

U. S. PIG IRON.

The American Iron and Steel Asso-

U. S. PIG IRON.

The American Iron and Steel Association has received from the manufacturers complete statistics of the production of all kinds of pig Iron in the United States, in 1900; also complete statistics of the stocks of pig fron which were on hand and for sale on December 31st, 1900, which are given in its Bulletin.

The total production of pig iron in 1900 was 13,789,242 gross tons, against 13,020,703 tons in 1809; 11,773,934 tons in 1898, and 9,652,680 tons in 1897. The production in 1900 was 168,539 tons greater than in 1899.

The production of pig iron in the second half of 1899 and the first half of 1900 aggregated 14,974,105 tons, or almost 15,000,000 tons. It will be observed that there was a decline in production in the second half of 1900, as compared with the first half of 1,495, 896 tons. The production of Bessemer pig iron in 1900 was 7,943,452 tons, against 8,202,778 tons in 1800. The production of basic pig iron in 1900, all made with coke or mixed with anthractic and coke, was 1,072,376 tons, against 985,033 tons in 1809. The production of spiegelesen and ferromangances in 1900 was 255,077 tons. tons, against 980,033 tons in 1850. The production of splegelelsen and ferromanganese in 1900 was 255,977 tons, against 219,768 tons in 1899. The production of charcoal pig fron in 1909 was 339,874 tons, against 284,766 tons in 1890.

against 210, 105 tons in 1899. The production of charcoal pig fron in 1999 was 330,874 tons, against 254,766 tons in 1892.

The statistics of unsold stocks do not include pig fron sold and not removed from the furnace bank, or pig fron in the hands of creditors, or pig fron manufactured by rolling mili owners for their own use, or pig fron in the hands of consumers. The stocks which were unsold in the hands of manufacturers or their agents on December 31st, 1900, amounted to 412,370 tons, against 63,429 tons on December 31st, 1899, and 332,053 tons on June 30th, 1900.

Included in the stocks of misold pig fron on hand on December 31st, 1900, were 12,750 tons in the yards of the American Pig Iron Storage Warrant Company, which were yet under the control of the makers, the part in these yards not under their control amounting to 3,650 tons, which quantity, added to the 442,370 tons above mentioned, makes, a total of 63,300 tons which were on the market at that date, against a similar total of 63,000 tons on December 31st, 1809, and 342,007 tons on December 31st, 1900, amounted to 10,400 tons, against 4,900 tons on December 31st, 1800, amounted to 10,400 tons, against 4,900 tons on December 31st, 1800, amounted to 10,400 tons, against 4,900 tons on December 31st, 1900, amounted to 10,400 tons, against 4,900 tons on December 31st, 1800, and 5,800, tons on December 31st, 1900, was 232

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THE BIG STEEL TRUST.

In regard to the big steel combina-tion effecting the Carnegie Steel Com-pany, Ex-Judge Gary Chairman of the board of directors of the Federal Steel Company, has made the following statement:

statement: ""
"J. P. Morgan & Co. are undoubtedly considering plans for the acquisition of the properties of some of the largest iron and steel companies of this country. Presumably they will not make or authorize any official statement until after the plans are perfected. It is probable there will be such ownership or control as to secure perfect and permanent harmony in the ownership or control as to secure perfect and permanent harmony in the larger lines of this industry. It is not intended, however, to obtain control of any line of business or to create any monopoly or trust, or in any way untagonize any principle or policy of the law!"

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"The method to be adopted in acquiring properties will not permit any minority stock interests to interfere, it such stockholder were so disposed, which dis not probable, as his pecunlary interest will indicence him otherwise. He will be fully protected in any event. The success of the enterprise will result in the benefit to the investors in the securities, the consumers, and the workingmen or employees. Little if any new cash will be required, and, therefore, the present financial condition will not be disturbed. This statement is made solely on my own responsibility."

The latest reports regarding this transaction are that stockholders in the Carnegie Steel Co., who desire to sell, will receive \$1,500 for each \$1,000 share. This trust, if created, will, be

the largest the world has yet seen, with a capitalized stock estimated at from six hundred to a thousand million dollars. It will turn out more iron and steel than all the rest of the world put together, and will employ 400,000 men. The price which, it is reported, Carnende is to get for his stock is \$138,000,000 in cash, and \$6,000,000 in first mortgage 5 per cent, gold bonds. Great interest is being taken in the iron and steel trades in regard to this deal, as if it succeeds the influence upon the markets will be great and it is expected that it will develop

upon the markets will be great and it is expected that it will develop strength of buying. So far prices have undergone no change though it is expected a dollar or two will be added to quotations before long on some lines of products, but it is impossible to make any forecast owing to the uncertainty in confection with the pending deal. in= deal.

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

The demand for petroleum of late has not been up to the average for the season.

The Canada Horse Nail Company has issued a new price list for Ontain, Quebec and the Maritime provinces

From reports, received it would soom that the amalgamation of the Canadian stove foundries cannot be accomplished for another year at least.

It is understood that Canadian and United States capitalists will soon erect and operate in Ottawa a steel plant for the manufacture of tools and hardware.

The United States barbed wire combine has advanced its price to dealers in that country \$2 per ton, but is still selling to its Canadian customers at old prices, namely, \$2.97 per cwt., f.o. b. Cleveland, for less than carlots, and \$2.85 for carlots.

Linsee oil for summer delivery has declined anly 9c per gallon in the English markets since the first of February. This is said to be due to the dullness prevailing in London and low speculative offers which have been made in view of a promised large crop in Argentina. in-Argentina.

in-Argentina.

Merrick, Anderson & Co., manufacturers' agents, Winnipeg, notify the trade in the west that they have relinquished the agency for Ceverhill, Learmont & Co., wholesale hardware merchants, Montreal, which they have held for fifteen years owing to the growing claims of their own trade upon their time and attention. They are adding to and increasing the assortment of their stock of stoves, ranges, enamelied ware, tinware, paints, etc.

paints, etc.

In regard to the recent advance in the price of linseed oil in the east the assertion is made that the present prices are temporary and that the Argentine seed crop gives promise of influencing values to a considerable extent. This may explain why buyers appear to be holding off contrary to their custom on a rising market. On the other hand, the reluctance of the outside crushers to do business on the basis of current quotations is said to be due to a confident expectation that oil will go still higher.

On the Minneapolis market wire and

that oil will go still higher.

On the Minneapolis market wire and cut nails and barbed wire have advanced Ioc a hundred, and jobbers are of the opinion that a still higher price will be in effect by March. The bolt market is also strong. Manufacturers have made a slight advance but jobbers have not as yet, raised prices of the retailers. Sheet zinc has declined Ioc per lb. Bar lead is also slightly lower resulting in a reduction in all grades of solder of, lc a.lb., and 10c a sack in the price of shot. The price of grindstones has again been advanced, being now the highest price reached in fifteen years.

T. A. Anderson, of Merrick & Anderson, returned this week from a trip south and east.

Wm. Muckenzle, head of the firm of Mackenzle & Mann, arrived in Winni-peg on Thursday. The Ontario government has under

consideration the question of increasing the representation of the districts of Ea Algoma, West Algoma and Ninissing.

W. A. Kilgour, assistant accountant of the Bank of Commerce, at Winni-peg, has been appointed to an import-ent position in the new branch of the hank in London, Eng.

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FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

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REPORT OF DIRECTORS

Presented at the Second Annual Meeting of Shareholders Held at the Head Offices of the Company, McKinnon Building, Toronto, on Tuesday, the Fifth day of February, 1901.

Your Directors take pleasure in presenting their a port and statement of the company's business for the second year of its existence.

Since the last annual meeting the company has deposited with the Dominion Government \$54,723.99, and obtained a license authorizing it to transact business throughout Canada, and agencies are now established in Ontario, Manitoba, Northwest Territorics, British Countries, Nova Seria at New Brunswick, and an active and satisfactory business is being transported. acted.

acted.

The fire losses during the past year—have been the largest ever experienced in Canada, and all insurance companies have suffered more severely than usual, and your Directors, therefore, under the circumstances, regard the surplus of \$23,339.78 of income over expenditures as satisfactory.

The great conflagration in Ottawa—and Hull, which proved—so disastrous, involving a loss of some ten million dollars, caused us a net loss of thirteen thousand six hundred dollars, or about one-fifth of our total loss for the year.

The Directors find that the officers, agents—and representatives of the company have faithfully discharged their duties, and desire to express their appreciation of same.

S. F. McKINNON; President.

Financial Statement for the Year ending 31st December, 1900. REVENUE ACCOUNT.

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Interest account..

\$158,252 31 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

-\$28,339.78 LIABILITIES.

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ASSETS.

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SECURITY TO POLICY-HOLDERS.

Subscribed capital-\$472,100 00 23,330 78 Balance from revenue account \$495,439 78

ARMSTRONG DEAN, General Manager.

To the President, Directors and Shareholders of the Anglo-American Fire Insurance Company:

Gentlemen.—We, the undersigned having examined the vouchers, the ked the bank balances and audited the books of the Anglo-American Fire insurance Company for the year ending 31st December, 1900, certify that we have found them correct, and that the annexed balance sheet is a true statement as at above date.

J. P. LANGLEY. Auditors

Memo.—The outstanding losses at 31st December, 1900, amounting \$9.855.01, have since been adjusted and paid;

J. P. LANGLEY, RICHARD LEH, Auditors.

Toronto, January 31, 1901.

All of the directors were re-elected, and at a subsequent meeting of the directors. S. F. McKinnon. Esq., was re-elected President and John J. Long. Esq., was re-elected Vice-President.

FRED. J. HOLLAND,

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Manitoba.

11. W. Flack, general merchant, Holland, is refiring from business.

11. Lewis, contemplates openingar bakery at Newdale in the springs of

B. N. Woodhull, late of the Holland Observer, will start a new paper at

James Fowlies, implement dealer. Deforalne, has sold out to Stewart Bur-

The Carman Furniture Company, Limited, of Carman, is applying for a provincial charjer.

J. Rumohr has leased the Southeastern hotel at Winnipeg, and will take possession of it shortly.

J. Partridge has sold his blacksmith shop at Newdale to J. Livingstone, termerly of Minnedosa.

Chas. R. Duxbury and M. W. Mc-Kim, Elkhorn, have formed a partner-ship in the implement business.

The city of Winnipes will apply to the provincial legislature for a new charter at its forthcoming session.

The Boyne Valley Brick Works Company has applied to the local legisla-ture for a charter. Headottlee, Winni-

R. P. Campbell has commenced re-building his store at Portage la Pra-irle, which was partially destroyed by fire some time ago.

Jno. Smale has disposed of his groc-ery, fruit and confectionery stock at Neepawa, to Walter Green. Green ex-lects to take possession in about a

The butcher business lately carried on at Winnipeg by J. R. Macnamara, has been purchased by W. J. Langrii and H. A. Mullins. Langril will conduct the business.

À J. Stewart was the purchaser of the stock of general merchandise of E. J. Crawford, at Souris, and will carry on the business under the name of Stewart & Co.

The Sprague Collecting Agency of Toronto and Chicago has extended its field of operation to Western Canada and appointed James Dowler, of Winnipeg, its general agent, with power to appoint agents and negotiate consecutive.

The store occupied by P. E. Bourone, at Altamont, was destroyed by fire at 3 p. m., on Sunday last. The building was owned by M. Landry. The losses on contents and building are supposed to have been partially covered by insurance, but to what extent is

A successful meeting was held in the A successful meeting was held in the municipal hall, Portage la Prairie, this ac' when the "Growing of Fruits in the orthwest" and "Tree Planting on the Plains" was discussed. The speakers were Mr. Stewart, superintendent of the experimental farm, Ottawa, and A. P. Stevenson, of Nelson, Win.

A delegation composed of the reeve A delegation composed of the reeve and counciliors of the municipality of SL Francois Navier waited on the local government on Monday evening, and requested aid to numerous bridges and highways of which the municipality stands in urgent need. The minister of public works promised to consider the request of the deputation.

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D. D. Mann, of Mackenzle & Mann, told a Winnipeg reporter Wednesday that it was the intention of his firm to creet a large theatre and hotel building in this city on the site of the Queen's Hotel, providing owners of adjacent property which would be required to allow sufficient room can be induced to enter the scheme. The proposed building would cost \$750,000.

The Winnipeg school board nassed

proposed building would cost \$750,000. The Winnipeg school board passed its estimates for the present year on Tuesday evening. The total amount of money required by the board is \$155. The which means an assessment on the tar able property of the city of about 5 mills on the dollar About \$100,000 of this amount gets for salaries and the balance for buildings, maintainance and supplies. The total number of teachers now employed is 119. The school population of accity increased last year \$1-3 per cent.

The annual meeting of the Boisse The annual meeting of the Bolsse-vain board of trade was held on the 5th ast, when the following officers we elected: President, J. D. Baine, the president, J. F. Hunter: secretary, H. Price, treasurer, Alex. Welch, on 1. the elected officers and Messra for Palmer, C. A. Shaw, John McAl-list. Thos. Morrison, W. H., Ashley, We Hanley, D. M. Sutherland, and J.

J. Millege: board of arbitration Messrs. J. S. Mckay, T. H. Nicol, J. F. Grimmett, D. M. Sutherland, J. J. Millege, W. H. Ashley, John McAllis-ter and Wm. Hanley.

The merchants of Deloraine have decided to form a board of trade and at a recent meeting elected the following officers: President, W. E. Cowan; 1st vice-president, W. Perry; 2nd vice-president, O. C. Smith; secretary, S. K. Colquboun; treasurer, Jas. Cavers.

Saskatchewan.

Willoughby & Clarke have opened a drug store at Saskatoon.

The territorial government is calling for tenders for a new ferry to replace the one which operated last year across the Saskatchewan river at Saskatoon.

Assinibola.

Assintbola, the local paper at Salt-coats, has ceased publication. Williamson & Rac, hardware deal-ers, Medicine Hat, have added a line of agricultural implements.

D. P. Kennedy, barrister of Sinta-luta, Assa., has entered into partner-ship with Levi Thomson, K. C., of Wolseley, under the firm name of Thomson & Kennedy.

An experiment made at Medicine Hat with natural gas for heating and lighting purposes has proven very satisfactory. There is said to be an unlimited amount of natural gas available in the neighborhood of that town.

A meeting of the North-Eastern Assintbula Stock Growers Association was held at Yorkton on the 25th ult. It was decided to apply for incorporation. The following officers were elected. Pres., Jas. Carson; 1st vice-pres., Thos. Fulton. 2nd vice-pres., E. A Healy. Healy.

Northwestern Ontario.

W. J. Holmes, general merchant of Big Fork, Rainy River, is opening a branch at Devlin Corners, on the line of the railway.

of the railway.

The annual meeting of the share-holders of the Rainy River Navigation company, Ltd., was held at Rat Portage, on the 6th inst. Although the past season was very unfavorable so far as low water was concerned, the carnings of the company were satisfactory. The directors for the ensuing year are: John Bertram, president of the Bertram Engine Works, Toronto: Cornellus Nellson, treasurer, of Eric county, Sandusky, Ohio, and Walter Ross, Clifford Lewis and Goo A. Graham, of Rat Portage. At a subsequent meeting of the directors, Geo. A. Graham was elected president and manager: Walter Ross, vice-president, and G. C. Frisble, secretary-treasurer. treasure:

Lumber Trade Notes.

Yellow pine prices in the southern states are advancing.

Red cedar shingles advanced 5c per thousand at Minneapolis last week, making the price now \$2.25.

William Hoard will creet a small mill near Barwick, on the Rainy River in Northwestern Ontario, to be run by steam. He is now putting in logs. He had a water power mill there some time ago.

Arpin, Scott & Finger, who recently bought the Graham & Horne mill at Fort William, are arranging with the Dominion government for more timber limits on the north side of Hunter island and vicinity. Their cut this year will be 15,000,000 feet.

The Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association will hold its annual meeting in Minneapolis on Tuesday next. It is expected that in view of the improved conditions in the white pine lumber markets the price list on this line will be completely revised and many advances made. revised and

Live Stock Trade Notes.

The Pure Bred Cattle Breeders' Association will hold its annual meeting at Winnipeg, on Wednesday next, in the city hall.

Jas. McCausland shipped a car of stockers from Bolssevain to Winnipeg last week. The price he paid for these was \$12 per head. They were calves coming a year old.

Next Tuesday, the 19th inst., the annual meeting of the Sheep and Swine Breeders' Association will be held in Winnipez. The Pure Bree Cattle Breeders' Association hold their an-

nual meeting on Wednesday, the Horse Breeders' Association on Thursday.

Statistical Wheat Renort.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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Montreal	. 91,000
Toronto	
Coteau, Que	
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Kingston	
Fort William, Port Arthur au	
Keewatin	.1.838.000
Winnipeg	270,000
Manitoba elevators	.3.450.000
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BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS. Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's Feb. 2, were \$3,221,000 bushels, being a loss of 1,054,000 bushels, compared with the previous week

rious week.
Total stocks in the United Sintes and
Canada a year ago were \$7,475,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.
Stocks of wheat at Pacific coast ports
on Feb. 1 were \$,717,000 bushels.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, cast of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended I'eb 9 was 58,394,000 bushes, being a decrease of TZT,000 bushes for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 53,805,000 bushels, two years ago 20,761,000 bushels, three years ago 35,634,000 bushels, four years ago 46,658,000 bushels five years ago 65,926,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN

the visitie supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 10,200,000 bushels, compared with 5,38,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 16,650,000 bushels, compared with 14,709,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

									Bushels.
1901				 	٠.			٠.	166,000,000
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1835	••	••	•	 	٠.		٠.	••	201.000,000

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1800, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

				This Crop.	Last Crop
Minneapolis				59.280,000	53,441,590
Milwaukee	٠.			5,000,920	6,822,212
I)uloth				13,656 902	31.118.729
Chicago,	••	• • •	••	32,041,796	18,080,657

·101,008,908 112,4GR,2RS The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

Toledo	16,942,015	7,420,880
Kansas City	27,253,717	11.263,740
Total	56,088,740	

Grain and Milling Notes.

A Chicago dispatch says: "More Minneapolis flour mills will be shut down owing to the inability to sell flour without concessions, which are impossible at the cost of milling

Impossion at the cost of mining wheat."

In the seed grain competition for which Sir William C. Maedonald donated \$10,000, to be distributed among boys and girls who live on farms for the performance of specific work in connection with the selection of seed grain, the following is the list of successful competitors with spring wheat from Manitoba and the Northwest Territories: Mani'oba—Hugh Thompson, Roden, \$20; Beraml Bescoby, Stonewall, \$15; John D. Dickle, Minnedoxa, \$12; R. C. Lamb, Cartwright, \$10; Peter Brann, Greina, \$8; E. M. S. Sherris, Rapid City, \$5; Gwenydd Lumb, Cartwright, \$5; Charence Scott, Marquette, \$5, John S. McBain Portage in Prairie, \$5. Northwest Territories—S. Kirkham, Saltenats, \$25; Silas, E. Wheeler, Penhold, \$20; Peter States Parkinger, \$15; John S. McBain, \$25; Silas, E. Wheeler, Penhold, \$20; Peter States Parkings Parkings \$15; John Neunge la Prairie, St. Norinwest Terri-tories—S. Kirkham. Salteoats, S.Z. Silas E. Wheeler, Penhold. S.D. Peter P. Abrams, Rosthern, S.Z. Josafa Mer. Langenburg, S.D. Josafa Neu-mier, Langenburg, S.D. John Simm. Belle Prairie, SS, Peter Keith, Fitz-



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maurice, \$5: Barber Fraser, \$ Creek, \$5: George Sim, Grenfell, Violet E. McKell, Regina, \$5.

Hoerholm estimates the Argentine wheat export surplus at 40,000,000 bushels: Argentine official estimate, 72,000,000 bushels, and Handel's Zeltung 51,000,000 bushels, while Godwin, of London, favors the latter figure.

The Cincinnati Price Current says: The Cincinnati Price Current says: Snow is quite general in the whiter wheat belt, and the average condition of the crop is better than a year ago. There is no new feature in grain offerings. The week's hog packing was 500,000, against 455,000 a year 2go.

A Chicago Board of Trade member has been expelled for granting a re-bate. This was the dirst case brought up under the rule which makes expul-sion the penalty for giving rebates, presents, or in any way evading the iron-clad commission rule.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, Feb. 16, 1901

February's business is proving to be much better than it was thought if could be when the month opened and in nearly all lines of trade there is promise of a good spring business. Collections continue slow and there is much less money coming in from country merchants than is usual at this time. The movement of grain at country points is light, while produce is in a little better supply. Stocker cattle are being extensively bought for spring shipment to the ranges. The banspiel has brought many country business men to the city and they are filling in time by calling on city concerns with which they do business. Bank clearings for the week ended Thursday were \$120,955 larger than in the previous week, and \$375,896 larger than in the same week a year ago. As compared with two years ago they were \$587,267 larger.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, Feb. 16.

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

CURED MEATS.

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There is a good demand for lard and cured meats and the market has strengthened considerably since we last wrote. Pure lard in tins has advanced 50c per case of 60 pounds and is now quoted at \$7.00. Therees are ½c per pound higher at 10½c. Tubs of 50 pounds are ½c per pound higher Palls remain unchanged. Breakfast bucon, bellies are 1c per pound higher, backs ½c per pound higher, and pienic hams ½c lower. In dry salt meats long clear bacon is ½c higher at 10½c per pound, shoulders remain unchanged. Smoked long ciear is 1c higher at 11½c and backs remain unchanged. A full list of Winnipeg prices will be found on page 574.

DRUGS.

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on page 574.

A very good trade is being done by local houses with all parts of the west. Itsisness is considerably better than it was last month and it is also better than in February, 1966. Prices hold steady at our quotations of a week ago. A list of quotations for stapilines is given on page 574. The New York Oil. Paint and Drug Reporter notes the following changes in that market up to Saturday last. Advanced—Quinine, Ic. quinine saits. Ic. ceresin wax, yellow, ic. haariem oil. On, menthol, Doc. balsam, copaida, Jc. balsam, tolu, ic. quicksliver, 50c. cascara sagrada, ic. Declined—Hypophosphites, 10c. Chinese cambarides, Ic. colonynth apples, Trieste, ic. Colonynth apples, Trieste, ic. Coumarian, 25c. glucose, 10c. ipropodium, Ic. oil, wintergreen, 5c. sassafms oil, Ic. pulsaltilla herb. ic.

DRY GOODS

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Dry goods trade is developing more activity as the season advances and there is a good trade doing in all spring lines. Houses are still busy shipping and travellers are closing up their work on spring orders. There is no change in values to note locality, excepting that flannelette blankets are a little cheaper owing to cutting at the mids. Stocks here for spring and summer wear are large and well assorted, being quite equal in both these respects to anything in Canada.

FISH.

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Wholesale doalers here find the demand for fish seasonably active and prices hold steady on most lines. The only changes to note this week are a leedrop on pickerel and pike. We quote —Whitefish, 4 to Ge per fit, pickerel 3½ pike, 2½c, trout, 10c, salmon, 12½c, halibut, 12½c, Lake Superior hering, 20c per dozen: salt cod. Gec, Labrador herring, per barrel, \$4.15, salt mackerel, \$2.25 per kit, shad, ½bbls \$7.50, Digby chicks, 18c box, boneless cod, 7½c ib. homeless sha, 5½c ib., finnan haddles, 7½ to 8c per pound, fresh sea cod, big, 7c per 1b. tommy cod, 5½c, flounders, 5½c smelts, 7½c, mackerel, 13c, shad, 10c, bass, 13c cels, 10c, oysters, selects, 22.15 per gallon, standards, \$1.90 Wholesale dealers here find the de-

FUEL.

We have to note this week a sharp do line in carlot prices for wood fuel, due to increased stocks and competi-tion. The mild-weather now prevaildue to increased stocks and competition. The mild-weather now prevailing has also been a contributing factor as the consumption of wood for heating purposes is not as large as it would be with the weather seasonably cold. Tamarac, in carlots on track, is now 50c per cord lower than during January, pine 35c per cord lower, poplar 25c per cord lower, poplar 25c per cord lower, manitoba oak 25c lower and birch 50c lower. Quotations for these and for coal will be found on page 574. Coal prices hold steady at old figures. We have changed our quotation of Pennsylvania anthractic from \$10 per ton reinit to \$11 as some dealers are now regularly asking the latter figure. This coal can still be bought, however, in a retail way at \$10.

GREEN FRUPTS.

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GREEN FRUITS.

Trade in green fruits has been somewhat better than usual so far this month. There is a good demand for the season and owing to the efficient heated car service which is now available to most parts of the west there is no difficulty in shipping the most perishable goods anywhere. Apples have become quite scarce and several varieties are no longer to be had Greenings and Sples are both out of the market. Prices for best apples are higher, some dealers now asking \$5,00 per barrel. We quote prices as follows. Choice winter apples, \$4,00 to \$5,00 per barrel: russets \$850 per barrel. California naval oranges per box \$3.75 to \$4.25 per box; lemons, per box, \$4.75, as to size, bananas per bunch, \$3.50, pears, winter nelles, \$4; cranberries, 40 1-pound boxes, \$4.50; cranberries, 40 1-pound boxes, \$4.50; cranberries, 40 1-pound boxes, \$4.50; Malaga grapes per keg, \$5.01; figs, \$1.40 to \$1.60 per box; onions, per pound, 3c; mince meat in 25 bb, pails 10c per pound; cartoon dates, per package of 1 bb, 10c, new dates, 7c; cider in kegs or barrels, 35 per gal.; honey, 1 lb, Jars, \$2.50 a doz; maple sugar, 12c; maple syrup, 1 gal. tins, \$1? per dozen.

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Wholesale grocery trade is moderately active, all city honses reporting business good with them. Collections are very slow and but for this difficulty business would be very much better than it 4s. There is not much inducement for wholesale people to push sales when they know that the money is not available to pay for the goods. Values have remained remarkably steady since we last wrote and there is not a single change to report in values Green Rio coffee is steady at 10 to 10½c per pound, with indications of a somewhat firmer market in Brazii. Cereals hold steady six hist weeks figures. In cured fish the only feature to note is the continued strength in the market for Labrador herrings owing to their scarcity at St. John. Evaporated apples are still very scarce. Winnipeg wholesale prices for all staple lines of groceries will be found on page 574.

HARDWARE.

Business is very quiet and there is nothing new to note. Values hold steady at last week's range. Spring orders promise to be large this year.

IMPLEMENTS.

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There has been a good deal more activity noticeable this week around local warehouses owing to the presence in the city of a number of country dialers who have been looking over samples in the various warehouses and settling up their last year's tusiness. Spring trade promises very well so far as present indications go and it looks as if the volume of business done would be harger than ever and it looks as if the volume of business done would be larger than eyer. The increased settlement of last year will, no doubt, contribute largely to this spring's trade. Reports from factories in both Canada and the United States are to the effect that they are all very busy making up goods. Values seem to be holding steady and there are no changes to note in these. Binder twine is quiet and there is not much inclination on the part of dealers to operate owing to prospects of lower prices for twine PAINTS OHS AND GLASS

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

PAINTS OILS AND GLASS.

Rusiness for spring is engaging the attention of wholesale men. This promises to be exceptionally good Travellers have booked more than the usual number of orders and the average amount of orders is larger. It is generally believed here that linesed oil prices will be lower after the open-

ling of St. Lawrence navigation as the English markets have declined sharply of late on news of a large Argentine crop and at present values can be laid down there for less money than oil is now skilling for. As the Manitoba crop of flaxseed last year was almost a fathure the stock of oil of local minufacture was necessarily small and is now skilling for. As the Manitoba minufacture was necessarily small and is now exhausted, so that until another crop comes in the market will have to depend upon imported stock for fresh supplies. In view of this weakness in the outlook for oil, manufacturers of mixed-paints have decided not to advance their prices for these as a decline in oil during the consuming season would necessitate a corresponding reduction in paints. Leads are holding very firm. Putty is firm and will probably seil higher this year as on a basis of present values at manufacturing points it is worth its in barrels here, whereas it is being quoted at 22½c. Turpentine is steady and inclining towards higher prices. Latest advices from Belgium on window glass are to the effect that the strike among operatives in the factories is still on, consequently deliveries are very irregular and prices higher than ever.

OED MATERIAL.

We quote buyers prices here as fol-

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We quote buyers' prices here as follows: No. 1 cast iron, free from wrought and malleable, \$12 to \$13 per ton: No. 2; \$4.00' to \$5 per ton; wrought fron strap, \$5 to \$6 per ton; heavy copper 10 to 12c per pound; rad brass, fuc per pound; light brass, be to \$6 per pound; lead, pipe or tea lead, 2 to 2½c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c per 100 pounds; rubbers, free from rivets, buckles and arctics, \$6 per pound; zinc scrap 1c per pound; bones, clean dry and bleached, \$5 to \$6 ton; bottles, quarts, 20c per dozen; pints, 12½c per dozen.

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WHEAT—The pust week has shown steadiness and a fair amount of strength in the wheat markets in the face of generally bearish news and statistics. There has been notincrease of activity in trading, but rather a holding back from operating on the part of buyers and sellers, among whom opinion as to the probable course of the market seems to be about evenly divided. It is the same among the buyers and sellers of actual wheat and the consequence is an almost strictly hand to mouth trade. About the middle of the week a little strength was infused into the market and an advance of from 1 to 1½c was recorded but half of thits has been lost since and at close of yesterday's markets the change in prices stood at an advance of ½ to ½c on the week. The primary receipts in the States still keep liberal as compared with last year and the expected falling off in these is still in abeyance, aithough it may soon materialize, for about this time a year ago there was plenty of wheat in the Northwest and receipts began to increase considerably. This year with the smaller crop and the freeness of deliveries hitherto it is not to be expected that receipts from this out can anything nearly approach last year's. At the same time the world's supplies in sight are large and the position they are in gives confidence to European buyers that their needs will be easily supplied for some time to be 208,GI,000 bushels, compared to 180,Si,000 bushels, compared to 180,Si,000 bushels on Feb. 1st. 100,000 bushels more than at the same time the quantity of wheat and flour on Feb. 1st to be 208,GI,000 bushels on Feb. 1st. 100,000 bush an increase of over 9.000,000 bushels, and at the present time the quantity on ocean passage to Europe is about 15,000,000 bushels more than at the same date last year. Argentina, as was expected, is shipping moderately but other countries are shipping liberally and world's weekly shipments are large. India, which has not exported any for two years, will again be a shipper in a few weeks. Crops in America and Europe are all doing well and there are no unfavorable reports to speak of from any winter wheat country. We reterate, therefore, what we have written in previous reports that for all the firmness apparent at present, if some serious mishap does not befall a wide extent of this year's crop later on, present prices will be difficult to maintain during the coming months. The American visible suppared to a decrease of 1.024,000 bushels the previous week, and a decrease of 5.585,000 bushels the same week a

year ago. The world's shipments were \$858,000 bushels, compared to 7.31 000 bushels a previous week and 500,000 bushels a year ago. The world's visible supply according to Bradstreets increased 1,788,000 bushels the previous week, and a seconsare of 1,856,000 bushels the same week last year.

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Therefore that the little spart in said was had no influence on them. Prices are nominal and at the close yester in year quoted, I hard \$316, 2 hard \$3 were quoted, I hard \$316, 2 hard \$3 hard \$3 northern \$10, at an store Fort William spot.

FLOUR—Prices remain unchanged

FLOUR—Prices remain unchanged as follows: Lake of the Woods, Five Roses, \$2.10, Red Patent, \$1.95, Medora, \$1.400, NNXX, \$1.35 per sack of 98 pounds, Ogilvie Milling Co., Hungar, \$2.10; Glenora Patent, \$1.95 Manttoba, \$1.60, and Imperial NAXX, \$1.20 per sack of 98 pounds.

MILLFEED—Supplies are only moderate, while demand is good. Prices are: \$14 per ton for bran and \$16 for

GROUND FEED-Ground feed is

GROUND FEED—Ground feed is scarce owing to the small supplies of coarse grains. Pure out chop is worth \$27 per ton delivered, mixed barles and outs \$25 per ton and corn \$20 per ton COUNTRY WHEAT—The country wheat market is quiet. Deliverles have fallen off. Most of the wheat offering is of poor quality. Quotations range from 55c to 65c per bushel, according to quality and rate of freight.

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OATS-Manitoba cats are almost out of the market and we have only heard of a few cars offering this week. Their quality is very poor. Quotations range from 34 to 38c per bushel for carbots on track here. Northern Alberta cats are coming forward freely, in fact some claim that the market has been overstocked this week. Other dealers are of the opinion that the supply of Alberta cats, while perhaps ample at the moment, is nearing its end and that prices will be higher before long We hear of quotation, as high as 4% for carlots and the range is from 40 to 41c. Some buyers have been bidding 39c.

BARLEY—The nominal value is about 40 to 45c per bushel for car-lots on track, according to grade

CORN—The market is firmer this week and we now quote 46 to 48c per bushet for No 3 corn in carlots on track here. This is an advance of 2c over the top price of a week ago.

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HAY—Opinions vary greatly as io amount of hay in the country Some reports say that stocks are rapidly being depleted while others say that there is plenty of hay for all requirements. It is probable that there is an element of truth in both these views. It depends upon where the reports are from Some districts have plents of hay and others have not. We hear of hay and others have not. We hear of hay high as \$10 per ton' being paid at country points. In this market prices are unchanged from a week ago and we quote fresh baled in cars on track \$7 to \$8 per ton. Farmers loads are worth \$0 to \$8 per ton.

worth \$0 to \$5 per ton.

POULTRY—There is an active demand for fresh killed poultry, but end stock is not so readily taken. Fresh killed chickens will bring as high as 10c per pound here, held stock \$5... om mission basis. Turkeys are bringing life per pound, commission basis. Turkeys are bringing life pround, commission basis. The bringing life pound, commission basis. The first sea good demand for will pigeons at 20c per pair. Common rabbits are worth 10c per pair and jack rabbits 25c each.

DRESSED MEATS—We girls.

DHESSED MEATS—We quite Beef, butchers dressed, 5 to 6c per pound, delivered here: country dressed, 4½ to 5½c, venl, 7 to 8c nutton, 8½ to 9c, hogs, 6 to 6%c

BUTTER—Creamery—The mark is in a nominal condition as there is no creamery butter offering from first hands. Dealers are selling from ock at about 22c per pound.

BUTTER-Dairy-Choice fresh r not from FOTTER—Dairy—Choice frest out-ter not more than ten izes from the churn is in sood demand. Held and inferior st to not wanted as the market is a sade overloaded with these grades. It is be-lieved that the winter make the reb-out the province-has been larger than issual, we droducers lose money by holding waster goods, which practice seems be ab atmost universally followed in seems of the fact that has been said against the past. Strictly me and the past of the past of

CHEESE—Commission men are selling best Manitoba cheese at 10c per pound to the city retail trade.

pound to the city retail trade.

EGGSB-Roceipts of Mainitoba certs
are increasing and the price is now
down to 220 per pound net. Minneappils eggs are still supplying a considerable part of the trade. Frosh gathered eggs are worth-Mo-per dozen.

ed eggs are worth 350 per dosen.

VEGETABLES — The market is steady and without special feature. We quote: Potateos, 40 to 450 per dosen; tettuce, 400 per dosen; tettuce, 400 per dosen; tettuce, 400 per dosen; tettuce, 400 per dosen; tettuce, 500 per bushel; turnips, 300 per bushel; parsnips, 51.25 per bushel; ontons, \$1.50 per bushel; cabbage, 1½0 to 20 per lb.; celery, 250 to 750 per dosen.

h.: celery, 25c to 75c per doren.

HIDBS-Receipts have fallen off unill they are now very light and the
quality is becoming poorer. The feeling in the market is weaker owing to
unfavorable advices from the case,
we quote: Country hides, frozen, ac
per pound, leastive pounds tare; buils,

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per pound, less five pounds tare; buils, ic. Kips' same price as hides. Sheep and lambskins bring from 40 to 70c each, the higher price being for sheepskins. Slunks, 25c to 35c each.

WOOL-Market is nominal. Deal-rs quote S to Sigo per pound for un-rashed fiecce and 121/c per pound for

washed.

TALLOW—Lealers are paying for No. 1 tailow at 4c per pound. No. 2 is worth 3c per pound. A good deal of tailow is being sold by country shippers in the rough, in which state it is worth 2c per yound.

worth 20 per pound.

SENECA. ROOT—There have been at new lots of root in the market for some weeks and it is believed that can be a seen at the lot of lot of the lot of lot

TIVE STOCK

CATTLE—There is very little move-ment in beef cattle and the market is quiete. Prices are firmer and the property of the cattle and the market is quiete. Prices are firmer in a sentioned as the regular firmer in for prime cattle. From 3½ to do in the range. Stockers are being bought in the country at from 3½ to 3½ each for yearlings, and 315 to 322 for two-var-obia.

SHEEP-Market notainal.

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HOGS—The market for dressed logs is steady at last week's prices. Receipts are quite large. Best hogs are worth \$5.23 per 100 pounds. Inferior lots are ruling at 4½ to 5c.

MILCH COWS—There is not much lemand for cows and the market is fimost nominal. From '30' to \$45 about represents the value.

HORBES.—There is very little de-mand for berses at present and the market is quiet. Halter broken bron-chox are worth from 360 to \$125 each, according to weight and quality.

Winniper Gantal Inspection

For the week ending Fcb. 14 there were 251 cars of grain-inspected which graded as follows:

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Wheat—1 hard, 4: 2 hard, 20: 3
hard, 52: 3 northern, 5: rejected, 3:
no grade, 138: condemmed, 2 cars.
(ats—No. 2 white, 1: no. grade, 24: rejected, 1 car.

Barley—No. 3, 1 car.
Finx seed—None.
For the corresponding week of last year there were 164 cars of grain inspected, of which 75 graded 1 hard.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

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There were 1,64,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort. William on Feb. 9. Receipts for the west were 1,64,000 bushels and shipments ever 61,772 bushels and shipments ever 61,772 bushels and shipments of 16,867 bushels for the corresponding week last year. A year ago stocks in store at Fort william were 2,323,000 bushels. Stocks in store at Fort William, Fort Arthur, in store at Fort William, Fort Arthur,

Keewatin, Winnipes and interiors points are estimated approximately at 5.378,000 bushels, compared with 8.700,000 bushels at year ago, \$885,000 bushels two years ago, and 5,000,000 three years also.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

· Business at | Vancouver.

The fine weather of the past two weeks has caused an increased antivity including trade. There are several capable as a revisal in the following trade. There are several capable as a revisal in the following trade. There are several capable as a revisal in the following trade. There are several capable as a revisal to the following trade. There are several capable as a revisal that the following trade as a few proposed and the following the entirely supplied deformance may be entirely supplied deformance and lemons and california potatoes, in the formance and lemons and capital for farmers shipped such quarties of apples. The depression in the immeter business is still several the immeter business is still several to the immeter business in still several to the search of the following the immeter mills have a following to the search of the following to the search of the following t

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PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

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(By wire to The Commercial.)

Vancourer, Feb. 10.

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CURED MEATS—Hams, 14614½c; break
ast lacon, 15616£c; backs, 14614½c; long
lear, 12½c; rolls, 12½c; smokel sides, 13c.
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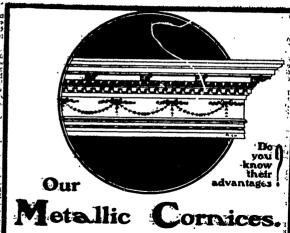
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ELARDWARE—Bar from Hane, \$2.75.

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PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Nelson, Feb. 16. Northwest Territories and Washington fresh eggs are wriving to sell at Zie per dosen. Potatoes have advanced 35 per son. Other lines unchanged. Trade is fairly active. Prices are:—

Butter-Creamery, 24% to 25%.

Eggs-Choice fresh, 35c: Northwest and Washington, 35c: Per dozen.

Chesse-New cheese, 13c.

Oats-Per ton, 25%.

Millfeed-Bran, 350; shorts, \$22 per no.

on. Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.40. Hay—Per-ton, \$23. Potatoes—Per ton, \$25.

Britisk Columbia Notes.

Notice is given that the Lost Moun-sin Mines, Limited, of Vancouver, has tain Mine assigned.

McCuaig & Co., Vancouver, have purchased the bankrupt stock of Archie Murray, merchant tailor, of the same

E. F. Gigot, late manager of the Hudson's Bay Co. at Macleod, has been premoted to the management of the Nelson's branch.

The firm of Theo Davies & Co., Liverpool, have formally taken over the iron-works of Assumences & Morrison. The new firm will so extending in the latest the control of the

the manufacture of mining machinery and bridge castings, etc.

Another large fish curing establish ment has been started up in Vancou-ver. A fish market will be run in connection with the industry.

connection with me incontry.

The weekly coal report shows that
Vancouver Island, still retains the supremacy in the California market, as
out of 18,620 tons received, 18,826
came from the B. C. mines.

came from the B. U. sunter.

The Delta Creamery, whose fine butter is famous throughout B. C., has declared a dividend of 10 per cent. This butter sells for 40 cents in Victoria and for 35 cents in Vancouver.

The following companies have been incorporated: Cassiar Shipping Company: Johnston & Co. Limited: Metropolitan Gold and Silver Mining. Co., of Lardeau; and the Riewelabi Mines, and Kasio-Smelter. Co.

and Kaalo Smeller. Co.

A committee of the Vancouver board of trade has gone into the matter of dealing with smolvent and other estates, particularly with regard to securing more squitable meshods of distribution than: Fass hitherto prevailed in British Columbia, A new assignment act has been prepared, the Ontario Creditors' Relief Act achapted to the needs of British Columbia, and the Bills of Sale Act amented and, with the co-operation of other boards of wade, an "effort will be made to get same-pamed, by the provincial legislature.

The annual meeting of the Western Retail Lumbermen's Association will be held in Albert hall, Winnipeg, at 7.30 p. m., next Tuesday, the 18th

inst.

The annual meeting of the Regina board of trade was held on the 8th inst. It was shown that efforts put forth by this board had resulted in attracting a large immigration to the district. Lengthy discussions ensued in regist to the continuance of the well-boring experiments and the establishment of an agricultural illustration shadton near the town where the growing of trees would receive special attention. The following officers were elocated: 3. W. Smith, president: G. Michaelie vice-president, and W. Trans, Seaterland.

TOROYEOTHHOLESALE TRADE.

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Special to The Commodula:

Toronto, Feh. Bi.

Dry Goods - Business a Hitle more dective. Wholesalers say white and black goods are strong, Colors will certainty be popularion; rural centres, Cottons and linear are strong. It is jumulated that two large outerlo underwear mills and one blunket mill are arranging to sell direct to reinilers. Hardware—Rather quiet, but prespects are bright. Values are generally steady. Pig fron is in good demand and likely to go lower here as soon as the Sodney and Midhard smelters have fron on markets.

Groceries—A trille more active. Canded goods inca. met here during past week but made no change in prices. Tourstoes and compare may and firmers had so before any and firmers had so points belowingstry of prices paid by standalm liningstry. Sugars are straily and unchanged.

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TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE Special to The Commercial

Toronto, Feb. 16 The market for wheat is steads and first tike buckwhiati, barley, corn, and outs are all be higher than the opening prices for the week. Flour is quiet. The supply of dairy butter in rolls is liberal and there is a good demand at unchanged prices. New laid eggs are offering freely at firm prices. Pickled eggs are lower. Poultry supplies are proposed to the rolls of the rolls of the rolls. Pickled eggs are lower. Poultry sup-plies are small and prices for fresh

plies are spuil, and prices for fresh than.
Flour - Manitoba Patent \$4.25.
Manitoba bakers, \$3.90 to \$4.00, for carlots an Toronto. Ontario patent.
\$2.55 to \$2.00 per harrel for 90 per cent patents, middle freights.
Wheat—Ontario winter wheat 65c to 66c for red and white Ontario spring, 62c; No. 1, hard 955gc to \$1.00 No. 2 hard, 95cc and No. 5, 83c grinding in transit.
Onts—No. 1 white 30c cast 2 white 290, middle freights.

200 middle freights. 200 extra at

country points west.
Militadis+Shorts, \$14,50 10 \$15.00 to \$15.00 to \$13.50.

Communication for carlots, Toronto.

Hay—Carlots on track, \$9 to \$10.50

Hay—Carlots on track, so to partition, and to let partition, and to 21c for fresh in case lots, held lots, 15c, limed, 12 to 14c in the first control of the lots from the lots of the lot

Potatoes-33 to 31c per bushel for

Dressed Hogs-Car lots offering no per 100 rounds.

TORONTOFIAVE STOCK MARKET

Silder forms commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 13.

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Export Cattle—The market was firmer and prices advanced for to 15 per cwt. Choice steers sold up to 55 15. Other choice for sold at \$4.65 t. 55. Medium cattle were quoted at \$1.25 to \$1.66.

Cattle - Offerings

Butchers Cattle Offerings were every targe and second rate eattle were The houndance. Choice lots were firm and unchanged at \$2.85 to \$4.10, but tool cattle were chespor at \$1.25 to \$1.80, and medium were quoted lower at \$2.50 to \$2.15.

Export Bulls—Heavy bulls said well at a slight advance on last weeks indees. They are now quoted at \$1.75 to \$1.50, and the majority of those sold to-day brought \$1 to \$4.50. Light are rother quiet, but are steady at \$1.50, and the wall of \$1.50.

\$2.50 to \$3.15, for best, and \$1.75 to \$2.25 for second grades.

Sheep—The local trade has brightened up and pilos are higher. Export twee are quoted 25c higher at \$3.00 to \$3.50, and butchers sheep \$1 higher at \$3.00 to \$3.50, and butchers sheep \$1 higher at

\$3.50, and butchers sheep \$1 higher at \$2.50 to \$15 each.
Hors—The light run at this market of late have led to an increase in the demand, and prices have advanged theory, hogs are not badly needed and they are unchanged at \$5.75. Light are worth \$6, or 25c more than the price paid last week. Selects of 160 to 200 lbs, natural weight are now quoted at \$5.50 an advance of 25c on last Friday's flighters. The price was rafsed 12½c on Saturday and again advanced 12½c to-day. 121/2e to-day.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Feb. 16.

Receipts at the semi-weekly markets yesterday were, 63 cats, including 700 sheep and lambs, and 500 hogs.

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Choice export cattle were in active demand. The 'top price paid was \$5.1245, and from that prices rifled down to \$4.75. Butchers' choice were from \$4.15 to \$4.10. Poor qualities dragged. Export bulls were in active demand and firm. Sheep and lambs steady at Tugsday's prices. Grain-fed lambs were the lower at \$4.40 to \$4.75. Hogs were from heavy fats seeiing 25. Hogs were firm, heavy f per cwi, higher at \$6.00. fats selling 25

MONTREAL GRAIN & PRODUCE Special to The Commercial

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Montreal, Feb. 16.

Ontario spring wheat is steady to Mechower for May shipment. The export demand for peats and oats is good for prompt shipment. Manitoba flour is fairly active and firm. Ontario brainds are quiet. Demand for rolled oats is good. Feed firm. Hay active and strong Cheese irregular Butter quiet, and easier. Eggs weaker Receipts of pointoes are larger and prices 25c lower. Chickens an scarce and want ed at 2c advance. Meats are active and steady Hogs active and strong, prices having advanced 50 to 75c.

Wheat—No. 1 spring wheat, 76½ to 77c for May deflivery affoat.

Barley—18 to 48½c for No. 2, prompt shipmen. No 1 maiting is worth 50c. Oats—No. 1 cais are offering at 15c, No. 2 at 31c, spot oats 31½ to 31½c.

Flour—In fair demand Manicoba satent, \$4.50. Manitota strong 1 akers, \$4.50. Straight rollers, \$3.30 to \$4.40.

Rolled oatmeal—\$3.35 to \$3.40 per

Rolled oatment—\$3.35 to \$3.40 per barrel and \$1.62\frac{1}{2}\$ to \$1.65 for bags Feed—Market firm, good demand Manitoba bran, bags, \$17, shorts, \$18. Baled Hay—Choice, \$10.50 to \$11 No 2, \$9.50 to \$10 (these, blaser).

No 2, \$9.50 to \$10
Cheese -Finest, 10% to 10%c; seconds, 994 to 23%c
Butter-Pinest creamery, 22% to 23%
seconds, 21 to 22%; dairy, 18% to 10%c,
Eggss-Prices firm New laid, 21 to
23%; choice cold storage stock, 13%-to
15%; choice to 11%c; Montreal
limed 15%; to 11%c; western ilmed, 14%to 15%.

limed 15½ to 15c western limed. 14½ to 15c.

Maple Syrup—6½ to 7c in wood: tins, 50 to 75c; sugar, 7 to Sc.

Honey—White clover, comb. 13½ to 1½ co 14½c buckwheat comb. 10 to 12-extracted, 7 to Sc.

Hides—No 1. 7½ to Sc. No. 2. 6½ to 7c; No. 3. 5½ to 15c; calfskins, Sandöc, lambskins, 13c for good fresh skins.

Potatoes—Carlots, 42½ to 45c.

Poultry—Turkeys, Sc. to 10c; chickens, S to 10c; fowls, 4 to 6c; ducks, 7 to 9c; geese, 5 to 7c.

Game—Partridge, firsts, 70c a pair, seconds, 45650 , deer, carcases, 4½35c per pound.

meronis, 1950 deel carcuses, 1923 of per pound.

Meats—Beef hinds, 5c to Sc: fores, 3c to 5c, lamb, 6g to 7c; mutton, 4½ to 50,c; hogs, carlots Manitoba, 48.20; Ontario, 48 to \$8.25.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK MARKET Special to The Commercial

Montreal, Feb. 12

Montreal, Feb. 12. At the East End abbatoir yesterday iscepts of cattle were 600 head. There was a good run of cattle at the East End abhatoir market this morning, but notwithstanding this fact the tone was steady for good to choice steers, as the supply of such was raiber limited. The feeling for lower grades was custer, and the indications were at an early hour that prices would have to be shaded in order to make a clearance. The demand for desirable stock was good, but other kinds only m's with a moderate sale. Choice cattle sold at 4½ to 4½c, good at 5½c to 4½c, fair at 5c to 3½c, common at 2½c to 2½c, and

inferior at 1½c to 2c, per ib. The receipts of sheep and lainly were exceedingly small. The demand was good
and prices firm. Sheep sold at 3c to
3½c, and lambs at 4c to 4½c per ib.
The receipts of live hors at the C. P.
R stockyards were 100, and at the
G. T. R. they were 150. In the face of
the small offerings, the tone of the
market was strong and prices were
5c per 100 ibs, higher. The demand
was good and sales were made at \$0.00
to \$0.70 per 100 ibs.

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The impression prevails among shippers that ocean freights will be easy in the spring consequently there; is no disposition to operate in advance. Itates of freight from Portland and St. John, N. B., are steady at 40s to Liverpool, and at 35s to Glasgow.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

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Montreal, Feb. 15.
Beccipts of live stock at the East End abbatoir on Thursday were 550 cattle and 25 sheep and lambs.

There was a large attendance of buyers and the demand was good for desirable stock on which the supply was only fair. Prices for choice held stendy. Trade in common stock was slow and at the close some were held over. Best cattle sold at 4½c per pound, but they were nothing extra. Good sold at 3½ to 45gc, common at 2½ to 3½c, and buils at 2¾ to 4c There were not many sheep offering, and they sold at 3½c per pound; and lambs at 1c to 43;c. Live hogs were very scarce, there being none for sale at either stockyards, consequently, in the absence of sales it is difficult to quote prices.

MONTREAL GROCERY TRADE Special to The Commercial.

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Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 16.

The demand for sugar is fair and prices steady. Barbadoes molasses at the Island is lower, first cost now 13c.

Two cars of old molasses have been sold here at 3Sc and holders are now offering at 27½c. Valencia raisins are quiet and steady. Round lots of French prunes have sold at 3%c.

Spices are fairly active. Japan teas strong. Sales of 500 packages lower grades are reported at 1½c to 16½c.

Low grade Ceylons have sold at 1½c.

Medium at 13 to 15c, and good to choice at 18 to 22c.

Sugar, granulated, \$4.65 per 100 fts. yellows, \$3.95 to \$4.45, molasses, 38 to 39c. Valencia raisins, off stalk, 7c.

time, 7½c, selected, So; layers, Size. currants, 5½ to 9c, canned goods, formatoes, \$5 to \$7½c; peas, \$0 to \$5c, corn, \$5 to 90c. salmon, \$6 to \$6.75 per case; Japan teas, old crop 14½ to 16½.

The good to choice, Congous, 11½ to 15c; greens, 15 to 18c.

Provisions — Market quiet. Quotations are. Pork, \$19 to \$21; lead, pure, 10½ to 11½c; hams, 13 to 14c; bacon, 14 to 15c.

14 to 15c.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Liverpool, Feb. 15.
The cattle market is steady and ich higher Quotations range from 11 to 1216 per pound, dressed weights: sheep 12 to 13c.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET Special to The Commercial,

Liverpool, Feb. 15 Cheese quoted steady at 50s 6d to 51s 6d.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

Special to The Commercial: London, Feb. 15, Beet sugar is Ed higher at 98 314d for February.

HOGS AND HOG PRODUCTS. Special to The Commercial:

Packers are unable to get hogs and consequently are holding meats very firm. They say stocks will last till July and after that they may have to import. Cars of dressed hogs here are worth \$7.50 per cwt, but none are offering.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKETS. London, Feb. 11.—The trade in American cattle was firm and the undertone to the market was stronger, prices showing an advance of Mc since this week, with sales at 13Mc.

Liverpool, Feb. 11.—The market was stronger and prices 14 to 14c higher, with sales of choice Canadian cattle at 12Mc. There were no sheep on the market.

market,

. Montreal Hardware Market.

. Special to The Commercial. Montreal, Feb. 10, 1901

Pig Iron-Canadian pig is worth \$1868.0, and Summerice, \$246823.

for fron-Ruling price \$1.65@\$1 70.

Black Sheets—\$2.80 for S to 10 gauge Gatvantzed fron—No. 28 Queen's Hi \$55(\$5.10; Apollo, 10% oz., \$56(\$5.10; Co No. 23, \$4.50, with 25c allowance in

Turpentine-Single barrels, 50c, 2 to 4 barrels, 58c, 5 barrels, and over, open

British Stocks.

London Feb. 15.—4 p.m.— Consols for money 97%; do. for the account 97% Atchison 58%; Can. Pac. 334; St. Pat 1534; Hilmois Central 1714; 1. dt. 1534; Hilmois Central 1714; 1. dt. 154; H. P. pfd. 904; N. Y. C. 14; Priz 25%; Pennsylvania 764; Reading 17; Priz 154; pfd. 671%; N. P. pfd. 85%; G. T. 1. 6. Anaconda 3%; Rand Mines 35%; His event and 154; Read Mines 35%; His event The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 35% per central for three months bills is 33% per central for three months bills 183% per central for three months bills 183% per central for three months bills 183% per central for three months bills 183%.

The death occurred at an earthour Saturday morning of E. To touk Winnipeg.

An explosion occurred on Friday, 15th Inst., in a shaft of the cumberland coal-mine, near Union about 60 miles north of Nannim vancouver Island. Details of the aster are meagre, but it is known at 65 miners are imprisoned.

The Rallway Deal:

The RRIIWAY Dealism. Thursday evening, at a Convertive banquet at Neepawag. Proseer Roblin announced the terms of the agreement which his has centered on behalf of the province of Manha with the Northern Battho Rattany Company and the Canadian related to the former company in Manitoba. The government-has agreed to tests from the Northern Pacific Company its entire system of branches in the province of Manitoba. The government-has agreed to tests from the Northern Pacific Company its entire system of branches in the province of Manitoba, together with all terminals in Winnipeg, rolling slock and appurtenances of every kind, mituding telegraphs for 1991 years at an annual rental of \$210,000 the first 10 years, \$225,000 for the second ten years, \$225,000 for the second ten years, \$225,000 for the second ten years, \$225,000 for the third ten years and \$200,000 per annum thereafter, with an option of at any time phychasting the whole for \$7,000,000. With the Canadian Northern Railway (impany the government has agreed to turn over the property leased as above from the Northern Pacific on the same terms, the Canadian Northern assuming all obligations of the government with regard to the lines in consideration of the railway company, doing this the government agrees to guarantee interest at 4 per cent per annum on its bonds to the amount, of \$20,000 per mile on the 290 miles of road between Port Arthur and Rainy River. As a part of the burgain the government is to have the right to collect an income tax not to exceed two per cent on the gross earnings of the road chimmening, with the year 1905, in the event of the earnings of the company not beins sufficient to meet its expenses in connection with the libes covered by this bargain the government is to make good all deficencies. This, in brief, isthe bargain which has been presented to the peoper fe of the province for their consideration. ion Thursday evening, at a Con-

Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association.

The tenth annual meeling of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association will be held at their office in Winnipeg on the 21st inst. The president in his report to the sharcholders will say in part. It was felt at the commencement of the year that in order to maintain the great interest that had been shown in the exhibition in the past, no mains or expense should be spared and it is very gratifying to observe that, notwithstanding the depression caused by the drought in the spring and early summer, the admissions, as well as other receipts, with the exception of those from advertising show a substantial increase.

It was felt that a large increase must be made in the capacity of the grand stand, and, accordingly, the present handsome structure was erected at a cost of about \$14,500. It was thought by some that this stand was too large but instead of that it was found to be too small to accommodate the rowds visiting the fair and it will probably be necessary to further increase its capacity in the near future. Owing to the assistance given by the Dominton government of \$1,000, the contribution of the imbermen of British Columbia, of the material, and the Canadhari Pacific railway, who rebated the freight charges, the association the season. The great satisfaction of visitors from this province, the Territories and the United States, which was easily accounted for by the constitution of the season. The great satisfaction expressed by all visitors, however, leads to the belief that the next exhibition will see an unprecedented attendance.

It has been the policy of the board to secure the best available attractions The tenth annual meeting of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition As-

next exhibition will see an unprecedented attendance.

It has been the policy of the board to secure the bost available attractions and the large attendance, especially at the grand stand, is the best evidence of its success in this direction.

of its success in this direction.

The expenditures for the year exceed the receipts, but it must be borne in mind that \$20,109.91 was spen in improvements of the grounds and buildings, \$1,650 provided for sinking fund and interest on debeniures and \$1,358.02 for three years ingurance, in advance. Another feature is the prizes which totalled nearly \$16,000.

The Commercial Men.

W. E. Davidson, traveller for Nerlich & Ca., fancy goods, Toronto, is recovering from a recent illness and will be in the west again shortly.

ne an the west again shortly.

R. R. Gallagher left on Saturday Instvia C. P. R. for Toronto and Montreal.

W. J. Anderson, formerly of The Francy Goods Company of Toronto, is now representing Nerlich & Co., of Toronto, in the west. He will handle a full range of this firm's samples of fancy goods, smallwares, etc.

Tenders.

The department of the interior are calling for tenders for permit to cut ties on timber berth No 953 on Lake Manitoba. Tenders to be in by the 25th inst.

Hough & Campbell Winnipeg, are advertising for tenders up to the 15th of March for clearing grubbing and breaking 250 neres of fand, situated 25 miles from Winnipeg.

Dairy Trade Notes.

Manitoha dairy butter sold in Mont-real last week at 16 to 17%c per

pound.
The 15th annual meeting of the Manitoba Dairy Association will be held in Winnipeg on the 22nd inst., commencing at 9 a. m.

The Brandon Creamery Company is The Brandon Creamery Company is being inerged into a joint stock company under the name of the Brandon Creamery and Supply Company, Limited, with headquarters at Brandon, The capital stock is \$40,000, divided into 2,000 shares. They will manufacture butter and cheese and handle all kinds of farm produce and dairy supplies.

supplies.

A petition from the darryment has been presented to the Manitoba government asking that government aid be granted in placing Manitoba dairies on an equal footing with those of the territories as regards the British Columbia market, which it is claimed is being monopolized by the territories. The matter will come up for discussion before the dairy association and at the next session of parliament.

The Montreal Trade Buildin in its

before the dairy association and at the next session of parliament.

The Montreal Trade Builetin in its last weekly review of the cheese market in that cityrsays:

The market is quiet, and values appear to be all topsy-tury, no two holders seeming to agree on the basis of values. For instance, one dealer said. "I have sold linest western at 10%c," while another, "I have offered finest Brockvilles white and colored at 10%c, and I cannot get it." Again, another said. "I have offered finest Brockvilles white and colored over the cable at 51s 6d, and to my disgust I found that a large holder here had offered the same buyer in London the same class of goods at 40s 6d." Another dealer said that he had sold finest eastern at 10%c on this market, while his competitor says he is unable to obtain 10c for the same kind of cheese. Until the market is more steady, therefore, it is impossible to give an exact senie of prices. The Liverpool public cable declined 6d to-day to 51s 6d colored and 50s 6d white. Shipments are going forward a little more freely from New York, the bulk of which are said to be from Western Ontario.

Ontario.

As a result of the tuberculosis convention held in Ottawa' this week it is hoped that action will be taken to prevent the spread of this disease. It was pointed out that probably one fifth of the deaths in the Dominion were either directly or indirectly traceable to tuberculosis and that steps should be taken at places where consumptives were in the habit of resorting to prevent the spread of the germs. Dr. Fegan, of Victoria, B. C. sald that ladies' fashionable trailing skirts were the means of circulating the disease. A resolution was moved by Dr. Roddick, of Montreal, favoring the notification of all cases of tuberculosis, the prevention of expectoration in all public buildings and conveyances, the inspection of workshops, to improve their ventilation, to prevent the spread of the disease through milk and meat, and to aid a scheme, for homes or sunitariums to treat the disease.

· Chicago Board of Trades Prices ...

The Commercial Men.

E. R. Lewis, representing Telfer
Bros., Collingerood, Ont., is a guest at the Vendome, Winnipeg

E. H. White western manager for the Vendome, Winnipeg returning from a Ve

1761. Chlefigo, Feb. 12.- Market closed, Line ; ojny, hirthday

Chlengo, 1 ch. 13 — Whopt Feb. apen 738, 5195, class 7378; May open 75513; high 70, low 75, closs 750476; Corn, leb Close 38; May open 38, high 398, low 394; close 395, high 2519, low 2539, close 31 2536; Pork May open 251, high 2519, low 2549, close 31 2536; Pork May open 814 high 814 15. Flow 814 01, close 814,12 Flax, May close 31 314, close 314,

S145 a, Chicago, Feb. 11 - Wheat, Feb, open 74, high 74, low 735; close 7345. May open 76 6755, high 764; low 7545; close 75464 v. Corn. Feb, close 334c. May open 77, high 404, low 595; close 49464; C. Our. May open 254, high 254, low 254, close 254c. Pork, May open 814.12, high 814.32, low 814.12, close 814.32 Land, May open 8755, high 87567 low 8755, close 8757 Flax, May \$1449.

Flax, May \$1.649.
Chicago, Feb 15 - Wheat, Feb, closed at 734c May open 75%674, high 75% iow 75%, close 7549c Corn, Feb, close 384g-May open 40%66x, high 40% low 40% close 40%6. Oats, May open 25%, high at 25% low 25%, close 25%60%c Pork, May open \$14.20, high \$14.25, low \$14.25, close \$14.20. Flax, May \$1.65.

**Chicago, Feb. 16.—May wheat opened at 75%c. Closing prices were Wheat—Feb. 76%c, May 75%c bid. Corn—Feb. 39%c, May 41%-%c; July 40%-%c.

Oats—Feb. 21%c, May 25%c.

Oats—Feb. 21%c, May 31%-%c.

Pork Feb. \$1.95. May \$1.50.

Lard—Feb. \$7.45. May \$7.50.

Ribs—Feb. \$7.67. May \$7.10.

A week ago May option closed at 71% to 74%c A year ago May wheat closed at 65%c two years ago at 72c, three years ago at \$106; four years ago at 70%c; five years ago at 01%c. six years ago at 50c.

. New York.

New York, Feb. 11. Wheat, May open 79%, high 80 low 79 close 79%, b New York, Feb 12-Market closed, Lin coin's birthday.

coin's birthday.

New York, Feb. 13 - Wheat, Feb. open 2004, high 7005, low 7004, close 805c.

New York, Feb. 14 - Wheat, May open 805(304), high 80%, low 80%, close 804c.

New York, Feb. 15 - Wheat, May open 805(36, high 80%, low 80, close 80c b)

New York, Feb. 16. -Wheat closed at Soc for May option. July closed at

Minneapolis Wheat.

Minneapolis, Feb. 11.—Wheat, May 703, b. high 74½, low 705, close 74%/fibe.

b. high 6432, low 6532 cloye 6453(126).
Minneapolis, Feb. 12.—Market closed:
Lincoln's birthday.
Minneapolis, Feb. 13.—Wheat. May open
74532. high 75, low 7452, close 75c.
Minneapolis, Feb. 14.—Wheat. May open
7432 b. high 7536, low 7455, close 745505.c.

Minneapolis, Feb. 16.—Wheat dry open 74%-615, high 74% for 74% close 74% for May option Cash No. I hard closed at 75%c; No. 1 northern 25 75% c at 73%c.

Duluth Wheat.

Dulnth Feb. 11.—Wheat, May open 75%, b. high 7618, low 75% b. close 7618c. No. 1 hard 375%, "No. 1' northern 375%. To hish Feb. 12.—Market closed, Lin., colfs birthday.

Dulnth, Feb. 13.—Wheal, May open at 75%, b. bleh 76%, low 75% close 76% No. 1 hard 37%. No. 1 northern 378%.

I hard 45%. No. I northern 438.c.
Dulufh, Feb. 14.—Wheat. May open 76% b. high 40% 10% 10% 10% 108 76% No. I hard 75% No. I northern 73%c.
Duluth, Feb. 15.—Wheat. May open 76%, high 76%, No. I northern 73%c.
No. I hard 75%. No. I northern 73%c.

Duluth, Feb. 16.—May option closed at 75%c for No. 1 northern wheat. Cash No. 1 hard closed to day at 74%c and cash No. 1 northern at 72%c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 75 lie. A year ago May wheat closed at 177c, two years ago at 717c, three years ago at 81.00 four years ago at 761c, five years ago at 617c, six years ago at 577c.

Chicago Flax Market: Chicago, Feb. 16.—May flax closed at \$1.634 per bushel. Liverpool Wheat some over

No 3 hard closed to-day at 674-240 per bush 1 in store Fort Whitam Market very hulet,

Livernoof, Putters, § § 5. A. Livernoof, Feb. 15.—Closhing, where spot dult, No. 1 Cattornia 6s. 25d. No. 1 northern spring 6s. 3d. No. 2 god western winter for 115d. Futurely quiet; March 5s. 115d. May 6s. 3dd.

May 68 3.ds.

- Liverpool, Feb. 18.—Wheat closed to-day 3.d lower fat 58 113.d per cental for March option.

Western Business Items.

Western Business Items. J
W G Liesner & Co. will open a
hardware store at Didsbury, Alfa.
The flour mill at Indian Head, Assa.
has been shat down owing to a shortage in the water supply
ad late western Items — eshrokenats
John Cain is opening — hardward
store at Virilen, M n
Asjoint stock — any has been
formed to take over — e World news
paper plant at Moosoia, n, Assa.
The boot and shoe stock of Alex-

The boot and shoe stock of Alexander Paul, Winnipeg, was sold to Ta Finklestein at a rate of 60c on the dol.

A S. Stewart, agricultural imple-ment dealer, Prince Albert, Sask., is opening a oranch warehouse at Stony

J. P. Gilbert and G. W. Frampion, of Scepawa, will start a new paper all Grand View on the Gilbert Plains branch of the Canadian Northern Rail-

J McLeod, general merchant, La-

M J McLeod, general merchant, Lagrands Alta, has taken his brother into partnership, the fling-root partnership was made and fling-root partnership with the fling-root partnership with the fling-root partnership with meaning of the creditors will be flexible of needing of the creditors will be flickly for meeting of the creditors will be flickly for some 200 men to take down to Fort Frances to work on the construction of the Canadian Northern Lailway. Mr. Welch is biasting out twenty-five miles of the rock work of the road in the Rainy Lake district.

Lake district.

Campbell & Treleaven maye purchased the stocery stock of J B. McNamara, Winnipeg, at tife on the dollar, John M. Scott who has been for four teen years with Strang & Co. Winnipeg, has left their employ and intends starting in business for himself at Winnipeg as a broker and commission, merchant. Mr. Scott is still confined to his house as a result of the accident met with last December.

The new tariff issued by the C. R. R. The new tariff issued by the C. R. R. on matte and bullion from all Kocte-nay points to New York and Newark promises to confer a substantial benefit upon the spielting, and mining industries. The new cut in the rates from Nelson and Trail is \$2 per toniand from Grand Forks and Greenwood \$1 per ton.

Merchants for 1901

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Implement Trade Notes.

A-good-many country dealers have taken-advantage-of the low-rates to the bonspiel this week and have come into the city for the purpose of visit-ing wholesale warehouses here. They ing wholesale warehouses here. They have huseled themselves looking, over the fine displays of timplements, vehicles, etc., to be seen in the sample rooms, and have placed quite a few orders for some lines. Last year's business has also, been, talked over with managers, accounts adjusted and arrangements made.

new arrangements made.

Binder twine manufacturers seem to be a little afraid to push business just at present owing to the high cost of best manila hemp and comparatively low price of twine. They see large stocks of hemp in sight, but are not able to buy it at a price that will enable them to make a profit with the manufactured article as low as it is at present.

United States manufacturers of farm implements are said to be pretty well loaded up with orders for all kinds of goods and are working night and day to get these out.

The retail implement dealers of Man-ltoba will hold their annual meeting next Tuesday evening in Maw's hall, Winniprg. Efforts are being made to secure a good attendance and to rouse up the trade generally on questions affecting their interests.

The promoters of the Chatham Bin-der Twine Co. of Chatham Ont, re-port that stock has been so readily subscribed that the factory is an as-sured fact. Machinery is now being

subscribed that the factory is an assured fact. Machinery is now being hought. On January it. the New York, annual statement, of manila and stail hemp for the year 1900 was issued as follows. Janila, hemp-stock of importers and speculators in the United States Jan. 1, 1909, 1900 bajes; Jimported from Manila, during the past year, 218,684, bales; imported from Europe, 95,039 bales; total supply for the way from the Phillippiaes, 33,000. bajes; receipts bales, delivered for consumption during the year, 309,545 bales, total supply for the way from the Phillippiaes, 33,000. bajes; receipts bales, delivered for consumption during the year, 309,545 bales, total supply for the way from the Phillippiaes, and the third states on Jan. 1, 1901, 11,182 bales, on the way from the Phillippiaes of the third of the phillippiaes of the phillippiaes of the third of the third of the phillippiaes during the year, 182,180 bales; sailed for Great Britain, 444,080 bales, is sailed for Great Britain, 444,080 bales; sailed for Great Britain, 444,080 bales; sailed for Great Britain, 444,080 bales; sailed for Great Britain, 444,080 bales, 1824, 5 bales; total appropriate from Mexico, 482,877 bales; papiorted for the year, 457,835 bales; delivered for consumption, 485,224 bales. Stock of importers and speculators in the United States Jan. 1, 1901, 27,09 bales.

The ligalite coal deposits in North Dakota, about which there has been coalled the coal of the coal about which there has been coalled the coal appearance of the coal appearance of the coal appearance of the coal appearance of the coal and is add as it is a coal an excellent fuel for domestic purposes. A railroad has lately been built to these fields.

lately been built to these fields.

Premier Dunnaunt of British Columbia. Hon. Mr. Eberts, attorney-general; R. E. Gosnell, the premiers series, actionally and college of the premiers of the cast on Wednesday and continued their journey, to the coast the following, day. Premier Dunnaunt and his colleagues have been interviewing members of the federal government resarding, a number of matters of revincial concern. Among other things brought any were regulations governing the fighing industry. Indian reserve matters and railroad plans. He said that negotiations had been very saidsfactory.

Dominion Estimates.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—The estimates for the year ending June 30, 1902, were ented to parliament to-day. The total amount asked for on consolidattotal amount asked for on consolidat-d'Yund is \$44,002.33, or a decrease of \$2,278,720 below the amount asked for the current year. On capital ac-count there is \$0,200,500 required as-against \$10,230,041 for 1900-01, or a-lecrease of \$3,033,541. The decrease, on capital and consolidated fund, ac-counts taken together is \$0,212,200. The items for both years are as fol-lows:

Service.	1900-01.	1901-02.
l'ublic debt	112 388 200	\$13,457,050
Charges of manage.	Language	420,200,000
ment	103,893	170,443
ment	1,507,530	1,525,178
Administration of	2,001,000	*10=01=10
justice	891,531	, 933,755
Police	56,250	
l'enitentiarles	480.012	475,560
Arts & agriculture .	657,500	002,900
Quarantine	150,000	162,900
Quarantine	445,000	445,000
Pensions	97,859	95,265
Superannuation	328,240	328,240
Militia	2,053,919	1,659,279
Militia Railways and canals	344,724	160,037
l'ublic works	4,300,397	2,607,985
Mail subsidies	733,696	683,560
Ocean and river ser-	100,000	000,000
vice	201,000	202,300
Light house service.	680,310	638,560
Scientific Institut'ns	30,700	
Marine hospitals	38,000	96,293
Steamboat Inspect'n	28,500	41,000
Fisheries	500,700	
Superintendence in-	500,150	457,000
surance	12,600	40.000
Subsidies to pro-	12,000	13,300
Subsidies to pro- vinces	4,251,500	4 071 700
	62,000	4,251,500
indians	1,027,788	62,730
Mounted police	854,101	1,030,263
Northwest Territ'les	499,859	850,000
Yukon territory	235,000	410,359
Dominion lands	123,932	270,000
Miscellaneous	320,491	154,032
Customs	1,106,375	209,333
Excise	481,742	1,102,365
Culling timber	18,530	1,152,365 482,590 18,350
Weights and meas-	10,000	18,330
ures	97,260	102 400
inspect n of staples	4,500	103,400
Adulteration food	95,000	15,000
Minor revenues	25,000 2,400	25,000
Railways and canals	E 107 FO	2,000
Public Works	5,197,531	5,211,360
LOST OTHER	262,450	203,450
Trade & commerce.	3,803,200	3,833,915
commerce.	24,100	24,::50
Total, Con. fund	10 381 043	\$44 100 200

..\$40,381,043 \$44,102,323 Decrease-\$2,278,720.

Decrease—\$\(\frac{1}{2}\) 2.5720.

In the estimates there is an item of \$100,000 for St. Andrew's Rapids, \$45,000 for public buildings in Manitoba and \$60,000 for public buildings and \$60,000 for public buildings and \$60,000 for public buildings \$400,000 for the state of the s

Homestead Entries.

The following is a statement of homestead entries in the west, and sales and half-breed grants during the last four calendar years by districts:

		Homes	steeds		25≅
	1897	1598	1899		7.3
Winnipeg				1300	. 20
Brandon	272	694	C41	620	47
Brandon	313	461	618	551	41
Minnedosa	168	256	246	285	ē
Dauphin	463	757	891	532	
Alameda					3
Transfers	.109	897	528	804	21
Yorkton	108	225	396	514	21
Regina	383	528	925	1012	286
Protice Albert .	53	251			
Battleford		201	518	357	112
matteroru	. 3	•••	8	3	
Edmonton	294	904	942	1316	115
Red Deer	59	164	544	785	24
Calgary				100	- 24
caigary	94	153	278	677	-174
Lethbridge	135	336	309	352	97
Kamloops	120	141	172	70	47
New Westmer .	64	~69	-::		
tient westinger .			28	23	• •
Swift Current .	24	24			
Wetaskiwin	51				
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	2114	<b>3260</b> ,	7044	7910	917

#### Canadian Forestry Association.

The second annual meeting of the Canadian Forestry association will be held at Ottawa on the 7th of March next, commencing at 10 a. m. The next, commencing at 10 a. m. The morning and afternoon sessions will probably be held in the railway committee room of the house of commons, as last year, and the evening session will be held in the assembly hall of the normal school. A very interesting programme has been arranged for this conference. The chief feature of the evening meeting will be a lecture by Dr C. A. Schenck, principal of the school of forestry at Billmore, North school of forestry at Billmore, North Carolina, on "Governmental and Private Forestry," which will be liliustratted by stereopticon views. The following papers have aready been promised: "Forest Insects," James Fietcher, LL, D., Dominion entomologist, Ottawa, "Forestry in British Columbia; "J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture for British Columbia; "Forest Management in New Brunswick," W. P. Fieweiling, deputy surveyor general for New Brunswick, "The Eulp, Industry in Relation to Our Forest Management in New Brunswick," "The Eulp, Industry in Relation to Our Forests," J. C. Langeller, superintendent of forest reserves for Quebec. Other general or being arranged for that will cover, as possible, the whole scope of the association's activities, so that the report of the secondary in the cover, as possible, the whole scope of the association and that the report of the same of the secondary in the canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk. Canadia Pacific, Grand Trunk, Canadia Pacific, Grand Trunk, Canadia Pacific, Grand Trunk. Canadia Pacific, Grand Trunk. Canadia Pacific, Grand Trunk. Canadia Pacific, Grand Trunk, Canadia Pa

#### Virden Board of Trade.

The annual meeting of the Virden, Man., board of trade was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., in the municipal of fices. The secretary read the ninth annual report of the council. The report dealt with the most important potential po Man., board of trade was held on Tues-

#### THE FUR TRADE.

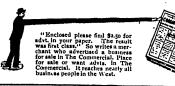
#### RAW FURS.

The London January sales prove that the ought-to-have-been-expected may happen as readily as the unexpected; happen in the twentieth century just as well as in the experience-teaching years most recently passed and forgotten; and happen, in spite of experience, which is said to instill in

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childish minds a dread of excessive warmth. Previous to the closing dates for shipping to the sales the market at home was somewhat excited, or enthused, as usual, and prices of various articles were steadily advanced, really marked higher and higher from day to day; dealers seemed to be actuated by only one purpose—to purchase—values and profits apparently ranking as immaterial. We have set this down as the usual course at the beginning of the raw fur season; but on the present occasion it was more than usual, as it lacked the customary fairly good home demanding for the fact, or the generally entertained opinion, that the "ago of miracles has passed;" for when we think of it, we all know that selling goods, even raw furs, in London for less than the price paid for them in New York, with no reason for anticipating any other result, is not of the nature of speculation. Prices of raw furs should rule lower for the remainder of the season of collection, and buying should be conducted in accordance with conditions rather than hopes—unless it is deemed desirable to insure a further decline in March and deeper depression in the merry month of June.—[Fur Trade Review.]

#### WINNIPEG RAW FUR PRICES.

Following is a list of the prices now being paid by responsible fur buyers in Winnipeg for consignments of furs from all parts of the west:

From

	EIUIII	10
Badger, prime	\$ .25	\$ .50
Bear, black, small	4.00	10.00
Bear, black, small Bear, black, middling	. 8.00	12.00
Bear, black, large	12.00	20.00
Bear, brown, small	3.00	8.00
Bear, brown, middling .	8.00	12.00
Bear, brown, large	19.00	18.00
Beaver, large	. 12.00	10.00
Donton middle.	3.00	1.00
Beaver, middling	3.00	5.00
Beaver, small	. 1.50	2.50
Fisher, according to s	ze	
and color	4.50	8.00
Fox, silver, according	to	
_ size and color	. 50.00	150.00
Fox, cross, according	to	
size and color	. 5.00	15.00
Fox, silver, according size and color  Fox, cross, according size and color  Fox. red, according to si and color  Lynx according to size and color	ze	
and color	. 1.00	2.50
Lynx, according to size a	nd	
Lynx, according to size a color	1.00	4 (Y)
Marten, large dark	500	10.00
Marten, large, brown	4 50	700
Marten, large, brown Marten, large, light, pale	9.80	4.00
Mink seconding to a	. 3.30	4.00
and color ing to a	** 1 1/10	200
Muscuash winter	. 1.00	2.00
Musquasi, willer	03	.10
Musquasn, spring	06	.12
O ter, according to an	ze	
and color	. 5.00	10.00
Skunk, according to al	ze	
and color	25	.75
Wolf, timber	. 1.50	2.50
Wolf, prairie	.50	1.00
Wolverine, according	to	
size and color	. 3.00	6.00
Marten, large, light, pais Mink, according to a min color and colo	n nrime	abina
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color.	FO BIE	e and

#### RED FOX.

RED FOX.

I once was half-jokingly assured by an old fox-hunter that the red fox never ran; that we was blown along by the wind, and just used his legs to guide himself with; and, after observing a good many foxes, I confess, I lead to the red with the series and a continue to the red with the red will be red wi

Hay is now selling at from \$8 to \$10 per ton at some country points in Manitobs, a pretty good price.

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"Puilin, weeds in the garden."
"But your hair is all wet, my son."
"That's perspiration."
"Your vest is on wrong side out,

"Your vest is on wrong side out, too."
"Put it on that way a purpose."
"And how does it sappen, Toenmy, that you have got Jack Howard's trousers on?"
Tommy (after a long pause)—
"Mother, I cannot tell a lie! I've been a-swimmin'."—Stray Stories.

"My case is peculiar," remarked the letter B.
"How so?" chorused the other letters of the alphabet.
"Well, when it comes to making boodie! I always lead, and, you will notice there is absolutely no reason why I should be in 'debt."—Philadelphia Press.

There may be nothing in a name, but an Ohio man named Slaughter who recertly built a hotel and christened it the Slaughter House-is now bankrupt.—Chicago News.

# The New Century



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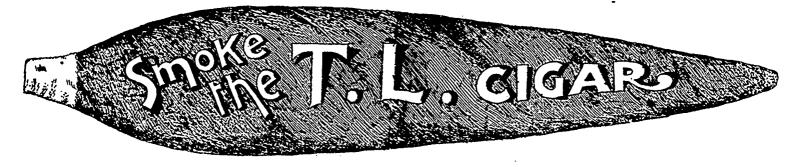
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#### Grocery Trade Notes.

The world's visible supply of coffee on February 1, 1901, was 7,217,925 bags, showing a decrease of 342,420 bags, compared with that of January 1, 1901.

The current market in London keeps rey firm at the recent advance, according to The London Grocer, which says: "With continuous purchases by exporters and a fair amount of business doing for the home trade the stock is being reduced and is beginning to present a more healthy appearance than it has done for some pearance than it has done for sometime past.

The grocers and tobacconists of Brandon, Man.. have advanced the price of Macdonald's tobaccos to 10c per plug straignt. This is a move that might be followed to advantage by sellers of tobacco generally, as there does not seem any reason why any one article, and particularly such a staple line as tobacco, should be sold at absolute cost.

with reference to rice, late advices state that the purchases of new crop Japan rice by European millers thus far this season have amounted to only about 10 per cent. of last year's takings. United States millers also have been very moderate buyers, the comparatively low prices ruling for domestic Japan holding the importations of Japan rice into the United States in check. in check.

The tone of the market for Japan teas is very firm, owing to the fact that stocks on spot are comparatively small, as compared with previous mux stocks on spot are comparatively small, as compared with previous years at this date; consequently, prices have an upward tendency. The demand is good, especially for low grades, which are scarce, and there is none to be had now under löc, showing an advance of ½c to lc per lb. during the past ten days. In Ceylons a fair business has been done, but the tone of the market for these grades is not so strong.—Montreal Gazette. is not so strong .- Montreal Gazette.

Is not so strong.—Montreal Gazette.

Last week we reported the opening of the Porto Rico market, and this week we have to advise our readers of the opening of the Barbadoes market for the season, which took place on January 29, at 14c first cost, and on the 31st advanced to 15c first cost. These figures are 1c lower than the opening rates of last year, which occurred several weeks later than the recent opening. Of course, the offerings are light, as usual at first, but the first cargoes are expected to be loaded for Newfoundland as small vessels are no doubt waiting at Barbatoaded for Newfoundland as small vessels are no doubt walting at Barbadoes for return cargoes. The last quoted figure at the Island, namely, 15c, means about 32c laid down here, but of course no cargoes can reach here before May next. Round lots of Barbadoes are severed to the resolute 4.75 does are quoted in this market at 37c to 38c, the last sale of about 300 puncheons being reported by us at 38c. Antigua is quoted at 32c to 33c in round lots. In a jobbing way Barbadees are quoted at 40c to 41c.—Montgel Trade Multical real Trade Bulletin.

In regard to currants, latest advices from New York say:—Notwithstand-ing some little improvement has been noted in the demand for currants the trade continues far from active. Buying is generally limited to the hand-to-mouth requirements of local hand-to-mouth requirements of local and nearby country consumers. Little business is being done in round tots, and there appears to be an absence of speculative interest unusual at this period. "The distribution from New York for the month of January," say the Hills Bros.' Company, "is not over one-half of that recorded for January last year. This is disappointing to holders, who, in view of the small consumption during the tail, had expected an increase in business after the turn of the year. Mail advices from Liverpool to 17th of January report stocks at that date 125 tons, as against 0,650 tons the provious year, with a fair business dome and prices tending rather upward. be able to take a fair proportion of the stocks still remaining in Patras.

It is understood that committees are being appointed in British Columbia and Washington who will make repre-sentations to the Dominion and United States governments with a view to the establishment of a hatchery on the Fraser River at the Joint expense of the Canadian and United States gov-ernments.

#### THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

THE IMPERIAL DRY GOODS COM-PANY.

One of the largest retail establishments in Winnipeg is the Imperial Dry Goods Company, which last fall moved into its new premises on Main street, nearly opposite the post office. The business of this company has grown wonderfully during the last three years under the management of A. E. Ham; starting out with four clerks they now employ a staff of about thirty. It soon became apparent that larger quarters were necessary and it was decided to erect a specially designed building. The block is 216x40 feet with three stories and basement, giving 126,000° square feet of floor space and in the planning of the different floors the convenience both of customers and employees was considered. One very noticeable feature is the excellent lighting system moved into its new premises on Main



New Store Imperial Dry Goods Co., Main St. Winnings.

which shows off the goods to advant-

which shows off the goods to advantage and makes it possible for customers to see just what they are buying.
On the first floor counters run the
entire length of the building on either
side with a series of tables in the middie. The counters throughout are of
a special design known as the "skele"
ton". These recede from the top and a special design known as the "skele" ton." These recede from the top and overhang the chairs placed for the customers, thus giving space for the steam pipes along the bottom. On the right hand side are found the hosiery, gloves, corsets, underwear, etc.; on the left hand side is the dress-goods counter and in the centre are counter. counter and in the centre are counters of small wares, stationery, confection-

ery, etc.

The rear portion of the first floor is elevated about three steps. Here are found dress trimmings and staples, mantle cloths, men's and boys' clothing and furnishings as well as a flower counter, where plants and cut flowers may be obtained. A wall agroom for customers, the manager's office, inquity office, cash and parcel offices are found here.

A broad staircase leads to a well lighted basement, where a large as-

A broad staircase leads to a well lighted basement, where a large assortment of china, granite and wooden-ware and wall paper is kept. The marking rooms, where the goods are received and priced, wash rooms for male employees and a store room for reserve stock occupy the balance of this flat.

On the second floor, which can be reached by elevator is the department for mantles, furs, cloaks, biankets and house furnishings. Near the centre are lavatories for use of the public and in the rear are the dress making quarters. On this floor also a willinery department is being opened this spring under the charge of Miss Baldwin.

On the third storey is the readymade manufactory for blouses, skirts, etc.

In all parts of the building the same

etc.
In all parts of the building the same In all parts of the building the same fineness of finish is seen. The cellings are of the metallic type, the radiators are glided and the woodwork is of polished hardwood and every portion of the store is so easy of access and the goods so attractively arranged that a visit to this establishment can hardly fail to produce a feeling of pleasure and satisfaction.

#### DRY GOODS TRADE NOTES.

The Toronto nullmery openings take place on March 4th.

Demand for prints in Canadian wholesate markets promises to be good this year. The products of our domestic wills is said to show much better quality and style than ever before especially in the mercerized goods which have become so popular.

A new line of print goods which promises to be popular in Canadian markets this year is the mercerized pongee, a very line fabric of light weight, made in imitation of pongee silk. It comes in spots, foulard patterns and scroll effects.

A London letter says: Black is the only color displayed in the shop windows throughout the empire. The millillners' stores are flilled with black bonnets, and other establishments have a funeral show of black clothes, gloves, neckties and hats. In London overy Englishman who can afford it is wearing black clothes, a black necktie and black gloves. The women are all attired in black and the officers of the army and navy have crape bands on their arms. All army flags are draped with black. Naturally, there will be loss on stocks of colored goods, particularly in the case of London firms accustomed to depend on court and society business. On the other hand, dealers in black goods will be able to sell their cutire stocks at a very great profit. In fact, a famine in black goods threatens the British markets and offers an opportunity for American enterprise. British orders are aiready exhausting the resources of the French and German manufacturers. It is said that Lyons. Dresden and other continental centres are aiready refusing more orders. A London letter says: Black is the

#### World's Wheat Stock Increased.

Despite slight decreases in the stocks of wheat held in this country and in Europe during January, the total world's stock of wheat showed a considerable increase during that month, says Bradstreet's. This was due chiefly to a very heavy gain in the stock held in Australia, as reported by cable, but this increasing tendency is also shared in by Argentine stocks, the crop of which has begun to move to market. These gains should occasion little surprise, because the month of January is the harvest time in both countries. Nor should the large increase in Australian stocks be taken entirely as a bear point as regards the outlook for American wheat in Europe. The bulk of the Australian surplus, which promises to be the largest for some years, will, no doubt, seek nearby markets, such as South Africa, but to just the extent that this wheat competes with American wheat in the last-named and other countries American wheat will be displaced. Last year, it may be recalled, saw some Australian wheat shipped to Europe, some coming as far as Marseilles and Barcelona. It is an interesting feature in this connection, however, that last week witnessed the shipment of some American flour from the Pacificoast to Sydney, N. S. W. stocks, the crop of which has begun

The total stock of wheat in one lead ing countries of the world on or about February I compares with preceding periods as follows:—

#### f000's omitted.1

	Feb. 1.	Jan. 1.	Feb. 1.
	1901.	1901.	1900.
I. S & Canada	95.041	96,517	96,398
Europe and affoat	70.700	71.400	-66,000
Australia	10,000	2,000	7,400
Argentina	1.680	960	5,520

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The total stark it will be seen, is shown to be 177 121 000 bushels a gain of 5.51 0000 bushels a gain of 5.51 0000 bushels for the month of January, an increase of over 2,000,000 bushels as compared with February 1, 1890. The chief gain, it will be seen, is shown in the Item of Australian stocks, which increased 7,00,000 bushels during the month, while Argentine stocks gained 720,000 bushels. On the other hand, stocks in the United States and Canada decreased 1,56,000 bushels, while European stocks fell off 700,000 bushels. The stocks in this country and Canada, of course, have the most present interest, and

we therefore append the following table showing the said stocks monthly since January 1, 1900.—

#### [000's omitted.]

1	Last of Pacific U.S. &
_	Rockles, coast, Canada.
Jun. 1, 1900	[89,265]10,022[99,287]
Feb. 1	[87,473] 8,923]90,396
March 1	[85,570] 7,814[93,381
May 1	. [79,690] 7,207[S0,S97
	[70,704] 7,050[77,814 [57,017] 0,860[64,483
July 1	[58,523] 5,903[61,426
Aug. 1	
Sept. 1	(60,210) 7,483 73,723
Oct. 1	
Not 1	\$2,238_ 9,583(92,221
Dec. 1 Jan 1. 190!	$-\cdots$ $ 86,591 10,057 26,048$
Jan 1, 1901 ccb, 1, 1901	87,911 8,808 96,607
100. 1, 1001	\$6,324  8,717 95,041

Stocks east of the Rockies, it with be seen, decreased 1,587,000 bushels in January, while Pacific coast stocks increased 31,000 bushels for the month. The position of American, that is, United States and Canadian, stocks on February 1 this year as compared with the same date in preceding years is shown in the following table:—

#### [000's omitted.]

						Torne
					East of Pacific	U.S. &
					Rockles, coast, C.	anada.
Feb.	1.	1901			80,324  8,717	
Feb.						
Feb.	1.	1820			51,648 5,030	
Feb		1838	• •		51,105 5,318	
reb.		1807			68,092 3,003	
Feb.	ī.	182Ht			97,592 5,5891	102 181
Feb		1805	••	•	106,917 13,118	100,101
I cb.				٠.		
		1803	• •		111,005; 6,457	
	••	2000	••	• •	(TITIONS (CASIL)	140,004

compared with a year ago, it will be seen, the above stocks are 1,205,000 bushels smaller, but they are 38,354,000 bushels larger than at this date two years ago and 38,618,000 bushels smaller than in 1898. They are also larger than the stocks held in 1897 by over 24,000,000 bushels but are 8,000,000 bushels smaller than in 1896 and 25,000,000 bushels smaller than in 1896 and 1895. The position of European supplies on February 1 compared with preceding months and years was as follows: follows :-

#### [00,000's omitted.]

	1896, '97, '98, '99, 1900, '01
Jan	89.8:79.2:71,6:61,9:68,2:71.4
. eb	(73.8,77.5,71,3;61.7)66,1;70,7
March	72,3 70,2 69,0 68,2,66,3
April	69,061,769,967,774,7
May	63,1 55,9;61,5;65,5;70,2
June	(62,0 55,5 67,2 70,5 68,1
July	[61,4]50,3[59,3]69 4[64,4]
Aug	,45,0,35,0,44,8,63,5,61,9,
Sept.	46.2(43.1 37.0 63.6 62.2)
Oct	58.5,57,3,39,7,66,0,67,9,
Nov	78.8 61,6 48,9 71,6 74,4
Dec	80,2 70,5 54,4 71,1 72,4

European supplies are slightly less than they were a month ago, but are 4,000,000 bushels heavier than a year ago and 9,000,000 bushels larger than in 1899 but are smaller than in any previous year since 1894. The combined American and European stocks make the following comparison:—

#### [000,000's omitted.]

'01	. '00. '99. '98.'97, '96, '95,
Jan. 1	29 167 117 132 156 194 205
Feb. 1	30 162 118 127 148 177 204
March 1	159:124 118 133:172 193
April 1	161 123:114 122 163:181
May 1	[148]117] 95[107]146[172
June 1	132 116 99 94 133 158
July 1	128 110 80 78 124 148
Aug 1	128 110 38 64 108 140
Sept. L	135,117, 55, 68,107(132
Oct. 1	11541134 67 95 127 153
No. 1	.106(159) \$8((11))162(178)
Dec. 1i	100,159, \$8,11,162,178 117011601106112711721185

A decrease of 3,000,000 bushels in European and American supplies is shown for January, but the gain over a year ago is 4,000,000 bushels; over 1899, 48,000,000 bushels, and over 1898, 39,000,000 bushels. It is, in fact, necessary to go back to 1896 to find a smaller combined total.

At a meeting of railway and steam-lmat representatives held last week in from the summer rates in force on the great lakes last year. There are some slight increases from northern lake ports and the basis of rates to Port-Arthur, Fort. William, Duluth and Sault Ste. Marle were rearranged, the same rate now applying both ways.

As many as seven applications for charters for rallways touching at Grand Forks, B.C., are now being made Three of these are for roads from the coast. One of these applications is being made by the C. P. R. and another by Mackenzie & Mann. The prospects for the boundary country seen becoming well supplied with rallways would appear to be very bright.

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#### Freight Rates.

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A New York report of the freight market there says: "For steamers with full cargoes of grain there continues an extremely dull market, but with no special pressure upon the part of owners' rates are maintained with some show of steadiness. General cargo, cotton and timber freights from the south remain quiet, with rates showing no important change, Grain—British steamer Menantic, 18,000 qrs. hence to Lisbon, 3s. February.

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"A steamer has been engaged to take cargo of deals to Hull at 51s 3d. By the regular liners space for deals has been taken at 45s 6b to 46s 3d to United Kingdom ports. In grain a lot of orn has been booked for London at 2s 1½d, but 2s 3d is said to be the lowest that ship agents will let any further space for. Liverpool is quoted at 1s 0d, and Glasgow at 2s 3d. To the continent 2s 6d to 3s."

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Although the demand for ocean grain freight from this port for spring continues quiet, says the Montreal Gazette, yet there is little disposition on the part of steamship agents to reduce present asking rates in order to do business, as several bids were made within the last day or two slightly below their ideas, which they turned down. The volume of business in this line up to date as compared with the same period last year has been very much smaller, owing, it is stated, to the fact that there is little Canadian grain to move and the demand from foreign buyers for American gracin is low. Liverpool space is held at 1s 7d to 1s 1d; London, at 2s 3d; Glasgow, at 2s to 2s 3d; Bristol, at 2s 3d; Dublin, at 2s 6d; and Belfast, at 2s to 3.

#### nilway and Traffic Matters.

The total amount of taxes imposed on the C. P. R. by the local legislature last session will be about \$70,000 yearly.

yearly.

It is reported that F. W. Jones, who some years ago filled the important position in the C. P. R. service at Winnipeg, of assistant to Manager Whyte, which he left to assume the management of the Columbia River Lumber Co., at Golden, B. C., is coming back to Winnipeg to enter the Canadian Northern service.

Northern service.

W. T. Sterling, an Okanagan Valley fruit grower, has written a letter to the president of the board of horticulare at Victoria, B. C., urging that action be taken towards securing better freight rates on fruit grown in that province so that this industry may be able to hold its own with competition from the United States.

The last issue of the Manitoba Gazette contains a notice that application will be made to the legislature for a charter for a railway to run from the international boundary at a point between ranges 3 and 6, west, through Morden to Neepawa, and from there to the boundary of the province in western Manitoba. The proposed railway would touch Miami, Treherne and Carberry en route. According to the way would touch Mismi, Treherne and Carberry en route. According to the application Morden would be the radial point of the rallway from which in addition to the through line, a branch would run northeasterly to Winnipeg passing through Carman, and another would run southwesterly and another would run southwesterly to a point on the international boundary, south of Snowflake. This makes three railways running in a more or less northwesterly direction through the province for which charters will be asked from the legislature at the coming session. Official notice is also given of the calling of the legislature for February 21.



BRANDON,

Estimates given on every description of Monument, Headstone or Fence. This monument, 27 feet 8 inches in height, manufactured of Manitoha granite, was erected by us in Brandon cemetery during 1899.

#### Experimental Farm Reports.

Bulletin No. 36 sent out by the director of experimental farms, O tawa, shows the results obtain ed during 1900, in test sowin at our experimental farms. Th testing of various varieties of seedunder the most favorable conditions under the most favorable conditions showing possible productiveness and process, as well as time of ripering, to of the greatest value; and, as these tests are made, not at one point under special climatic conditions of favor of disfavor, but made at various points throughout Canada, the results of such reliable information cannot fail to be of great use to those anxious for knowledge.

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The report says: "At the Brandon and Indian Head farms on the western plains unfavorable conditions of weather have prevailed. There was a severe drought in the early part of the season, followed by strong which, and later by unusually heavy and frequent rains. The seed did not germinate young plates dry soil the spring rains. The seed did not germinate young plates dry soil of the spring rains. The seed did not germinate young plates dry soil of the spring rough and the spring frosts after, or the serious plates are suffered to the spring frosts after, or the serious plates dry soil of the spring frosts after, or the serious from spring frosts after, or the serious from the farms named are very incomplete, these reasons the returns from the farms named are very incomplete, many varieties having proved a failure. To publish such particulars acan be had in the usual way would give no correct information as to the comparative productiveness of the varieties under test and could only be misleading. On this account the yields of oats, barley, spring wheat and peas at Indian Head are omitted, also the particulars regarding the trial plots of oats, barley and wheat at Brandon. These details as far as they are available will be found in the annual report of the expérimental farms for the crops in each case will be given in this builetin under the separate headings.

this bulletin under the separate headings.

Some varieties of peace suffered from unfavorable weather at Brandon, but the injury was not such as to prevent the details of this crop being given Mangoids have been hurt considerably by bad weather both at Brandon and Indian Head, and the yields of man sorts are light. Carrots have been complete failure at Indian Head, and the first sowing, owing to drought affect of the second sowing was late instanting and the crop is unusually small."

Forty-seven varieties of barley have

starting and the crop is unusually.

Forty-seven varieties of barley have been tested in the trial plots during 1990, including eighteen different sorts of two-rowed barley and twenty-nite of six-rowed. Among the two-rowed sorts there are twelve hybrid varieties which have been produced at the experimental farms, namely, Beaver, Bolton, Jarvis, Clifford, Harvey, Dunham, Victor, Nepeun, Fulton, Sidney, Logan and Leslie. Among the six-rowed sorts there are seventeen of these hybrids, namely, Ploneer. Argyle, Summit, Albert, Vanguard, Claude, Surprise, Success, Nugent, Trooper, Mansfield, Stella, Garfield, Empire, Phoenix, Yale and Brome.

The barley plots were of the same

Summit, Albert, Vanguard, Claude, Surprise, Success, Nugent. Trooper, Mansfield, Stella, Garfield, Empire, Phoenix, Yale and Brome.

The barley plots were of the same size as those sown with oats. Two bushels of seed was used per acre in each case, and the dates of sowins were as follows: At Ottawa, May 1st. Nappan, May 30th, and at Agassiz on April 20th.

For reasons submitted no returns are given from the branch farms at Brandon and The plots of the property of the branch farms at Brandon and The plots of six-rowed barley at Brandon varied in yield from 34 bushels 18 lbs. to 16 thushels 42 lbs. per acre, and the plots of six-rowed barley from 42 bushels in the total form 34 bushels 18 lbs. to 16 the plots of six-rowed barley are reported on, which have varied in yield from 35 bushels by 18 bushels per acre; particulars are given of the crops of eighteen out of twenty-nine sorts of six-rowed barley, which have ranged from 55 bushels to 24 bushels 28 lbs. per acre.

Forty-nine varieties of spring wheat have been grown on the uniform test plots for 1900. Among these there are thirty cross-bred sorts which have been produced at the experimental farms. These are Huron, Blenhem, Preston, Laurel, Captor, Weldon, Admiral, Crown, Stanley, Harold, Civile Bron, Advance, Fraser, Blair, Alpan, Norval, Mason, Progress, Ebert, Vennon, Early, Rigs, Rideau, Davin, Countess and Dufferin. The size of the

piots in each case was one-fortieth of an aere and the quantity of seed sown was in the proportion of one and one-half bushels per aere. The dates of sowing were as follows: At Ottawa, April 28th to 30th; Nappan, May 26th, and at Agassiz, April 10th and 11th. No returns are given from the branch farms at Brandon and Indian Head. The plots of spring wheat at Brandon mayo ranged from 31 bushels 30 lbs. to 3 bushels 20 lbs. per acre. At Indian Head the returns of twenty-nine plots only out of forty-nine are available. These have varied in crop from 30 bushels 20 lbs. to 11 bushels per acre.

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Fifty-six varieties of pease have been tested in the uniform trial plots during 1900. Among these are included thirty of the cross-bred sorts which have been originated at the exportmental farms. These are Fergus, Duke, Fenton, Prince, Lanark, Kent, Arthur, Dover, Bright, Nelson, Picton, Aima, Perth, Pearl, Gregory, King, Agnes, Archer, Macoun, Vincent, Trilby, Carleton, Mackay, Herald, Cooper, Bruce, Elder, Elliot, Bedford, and Chelsea. There were sown in plots of one fortieth of an acre each at Ottawa, Nappan and Agassiz, and at Brandon in plots of one-twentieth acre, the quantity of seed used per acre has tarted from two to three bushels, depending on the size of the pea, The dates of sowing were as follows. At Ot.awa, May 7. Nappan, May 28th, Brandon, April 23rd and at Agassiz, April 3rd.

No returns are given from the branch farm at Indian Head. Out of fifty-seven plots sown their returns

Brandon, April 23rd and at Agassiz, April 3rd.

No returns are given from the branch farm at indian Head. Out of fifty-seven plots sown their returns from sixteen only are available. These have ranged in yield from 33 bushels to 14 bushels per acre.

Thirty-two varieties of Indian corn have been tested during 1900. These were planted on fairly uniform soil in rows three feet apart and the plants thinned out to six or eight inches apart in the rows. The dates of planting were as follows: At Ottawa, May 25, Nappan, June 7; Brandon, May 10, Indian Head, May 10, and at Agassiz, May 29 and 30.

All the plots were cut green and put into silo for winter feeding of stock. The dates of cutting were: At Ottawa, Sept. 12, Nappan, Oct. 8, Brandon, Sept. 3, Indian Head, Sept. 4; and at Agassiz on Oct. 3. The yield per acre has been calculated in each case from the weight obtained from two rows each 66 feet long.

Brandon Experimental Farm:

Per Acre.

Per Acre.

							Lbs.
1. T	horo'	bred	White	FI	nt	29	1,400
2. 5	orth	Dak	ota V	Vhite		22	1,100
3. P	earce	e's Pt	olific			22	220
4. E	arly	Yello	w Lor	ıg E	ared	22	220
5. E	arly	Mast	odon.	· · · ·		20	920
6. C	ompt	on's	Early			20	700
A	ave	rage	crop c	1 22	tons	1,70	10 lbs
ter	acre.						

Indian Head, N. W. T..

Per Acre Per Acre.
Tons. Lbs.
1. Early Yellow Long Eared 18 960
2. Angel of Midnight. . . . . 18 190
3. Thoro'bred White Flint. 17 1,420
4. Early Mastodon. . . . . . 16 1,110
5. Mammoth S-rowed Flint. 16 1,110
6. Compton's Early. . . . . 16 340
An average of 17 tons 523 bbs per acre.

acre.

The average weight, cut green of all the varieties of Indian corn tested at each of the experimental farms in 1900 was as follows. At Ottawa, 18 tons 1.818 lbs per acre, Nappan, 21 tons 619 lbs, Brandon, 16 tons 1,406 lbs; Indian Head, 13 tons 1,746 lbs, and at Agassiz, 19 tons 414 lbs. The average return given by the whole of the varieties at all the farms was 18 tons 17 lbs per acre.

Twenty-eight varieties of turnips

thes at all the larms was locus at the per acre.

Taenty-eight varieties of turnips were tested during 1900 sown on drills of on flat 2½ feet apart. Two sowings acre made at each farm, the second about two weeks later than the first. The dates on which the roots were pulled were as follows: At Ottawa, Oct. 16, Nappan, Nov 1; Brandon, i.e. 29, Indian Head, Oct. 8; and at Versile, Oct. 23. The yield per acre in each case has been calculated from the weight of roots gathered from two rows, each 66-feet long.

The six varieties of turnips which have produced the heaviest crops in 1800, taking the average of the results manined on all the experimental farms are the following:

Per Acre.

are the following:	Per A	cre.
1. Carter's Elephant	Tons 28 27 25 24 24	Lbs.

An average crop of 25 tons 1,339 fbs per acre.

The early sown plots have again given the larger crops at four of the experimental farms. The average results from all the farms show (Brandon being the exception) a difference of 3 tons 1,280 lbs per acre in favor of the early sowings.

Twenty-two varieties of mangolds have been under test during 1900, all sown on drills or the flat rows 2½ feet apart. Two sowings were made at each of the experimental farms, the second sowing two weeks later than rise first. The dates on which the roots were pulled were the following: At Ottawa, Oct. 16, Nappan, Oct. 24; Brandon, Oct. 2; Indian Head, Sept. 28, and at Agassiz, Oct. 24. The yield per acre has been calculated in each case from the weight of roots gathered from two roys each 66 feet long. Nincteen varieties of carrots were under test during 1900, all sown on drills or on the flat, in rows two feet apart. Two sowings were made in each case, the second sewing two weeks later than the first. For reasons previously stated no returns are given in the appended table from the results of the second sowing only at Brandon.

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The dates on which the roots were pulled were the following: At Ottawa, October, 16th; Nappan, November 2; Brandon, October 4th, and at Agassiz, October 23rd. The yield per acre in each case has been calculated from the weight of roots gathered from two rows each 66 feet long.

Experimental farm for Manitoba, Brandon, Man.

Per Acre.

Per Acre.

Tons,	LUS.
From second sowing only.	
1.—Green top white Orthe5	1880
2Half long Chantenay 5	1000
3.—Glant white Vosges5	1000
4.—Early Gem	1000
5.—Half Long White	560
6.—Guerande or Ox-heart5	
Ar average crop of 5 tons 1,000	) lbs.
per acre.	
Cly regulation of guren heats	

been tested during 1900, sown on drills or on the flat two feet apart. Two sowings were made in each case, the second sowing about two weeks later

than the first.

Experimental farm for Manitoba,
Brandon, Man.:—

	Tons. Lbs	
1Danish Red Top (2nd	50W-	
ing)		)
2Wanzieben (2nd	80W-	
ing)		n i
3Improved Imperial		-
sowing)		r.
4Red Top Sugar (2nd		•
ing)	11 1939	•
An average crop of 13	tone 202 the	-
An average crop of 10	tous 202 108	•

per acre. Experimental farm for the North-est Territories, Indian Head, N. W.

Territories :-Per Acre. Tons. Lbs. 1.-Red Top Sugar (2nd sow-

....15 1125 sow-....12 1740 

An average crop of 13 tons 614 lbs.

An average crop of 13 tons 614 fbs. per acre.

Eighty-two varieties of potatoes have been under trial in uniform test plots during 1900. The potatoes for planting were cut into pieces with two or three eyes in each and these were planted in rows 2½ feet apart, the sets being placed a foot apart in the rows. The following were the dates of planting. At Ottawa, planted on May 22nd and 23rd, dug October 9th to 11th, Nappan, planted June 6th, dug October 16th; Brandon, planted May 23rd, dug September 20th; Indian Head, planted May 14th, dug September 20; and at Agassiz, planted May 17th and 18th and dug October 1st to 4th.

The twelve varieties of potatoes which have produced the largest crops at the western experimental farms in 1900, are the following:—

Experimental farm for Manitoba,

Experimental farm for Manitoba, Brandon, Man. PAR ACEA

	Bush. Lbs.
1-Dakota Red	. 374
2-Delaware	
3-Seattle	. 348
4-Carman No. 1	348 20
5-New Variety No. 1	344 40
6-Troy Seeding	337 20
7-Brownell's Winner	

S-Seeding No. 7 330	
U-Lizzie's Pride 311 4	
10-Money Maker 311 4	
11-Seeding No. 230 311 4	U
12—Carman No. 3 308	
An average crop of 325 bushels 1	2
lbs. per acre.	
Experimental farm for the North	-

west Territories, Indian Head, N.W.T.

	Per	Acre.
	Bush	Lbs.
l-Rochester Rose	722	<u> </u>
2-American Wonder	. 662	
3-American Glant	. 650	
-Empire State	. 607	15
S-Seattle	. ĞŎŻ	īš
-Beauty of Hebron	598	
—Uncle Sam	. 579	
3—Irish Daisy	. 573	
D—State of Maine	. 570	
A B		45
	. 570	
1-New Variety No. 1	. 501	30
2-Carman No. 1	. 559	15
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11—Now Variety No. 1..... 561 30

The results of experiments with varieties of grain to ascertain their relative productiveness become much more reliable and conclusive when the average experience of a series of years can be given. In this way slight variations arising from inequality of soil and variability of season are, to a large extent equalized, and the conclusions reached become a much more valuable guide to the farmer in his selection of seed. The longer the experiments are continued the more accurate are the indications given. The experiences here recorded with most of the more important cereals now cover a period of five or six years.

Experimental farm for Manitoba, Brandon, Man.

Average for five years.

For reasons already stated the crops of eats for 1900 are not included.

Per Ac Bush, I	
1-American Beauty 99	3)
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2-Banner 94	G
2—Banner 94 3—Bavarian 93 4—Early Golden Prolific 88	97
0 - 2avarian	
4-Early Golden Prolific 88	25
9-American Triumph 81	11
10-Abundance 78	4
11-California Prolific Black 77	30
	20
12-Columbus 77	
An average crop of S5 bushels	ไข้

An average crop of 55 busines 2clbs. per acre.
Experimental farm for the Northwest Territories, 'Indian Head, N.W.T. Average for five years.
For reasons already stated the crops of oats for 1900 are not included.

Per Acre.

Per A	ere.
Bush, I	.bs.
1-Columbus 88	20
2-Holstein Prolific 87	-š
3—American Beauty 86	31
	٥ř
4—Abundance 85	4
5-Golden Beauty S3	24
6-Wide Awake	
7-Bavarlan	22 17
1	
S-White Schonen 81	
9-Early Golden Prolific 81	16
10-Early Archangel So	32
11-American Triumph So	32
12-Banner 80	27
An average crop of 83 bushels	13

Experimental farm for Manitoba, Brandon, Man:—

Average for five years.

For reasons already stated the crops of two-rowed barley at Brandon for 1900 are not included.

		Per 1	lcre.
		Bush.	Lbs.
1French	Cavalier	51	4
2.—Sidney		49	30
3.—Nepean.		47	24
1Newton		47	12
5Bolton		47	-4
6Victor	• • • • • • • • • • • •	45	10
An avera	ge crop of 47	bushels	46
lts. per acr	e.		
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Experimental for the Northwest Territories, Indian Head, N. W. T.. —

Average for five years.

For reasons already stated the crops of two-rowed barley at Indian Head, for 1900, are not included.

Per Acres

Per A	cre.
Bush.	
1.—French Caviller60	12
2.—Danish Cavaller	24
3.—Canadian Thorpe55	21
4.—Prize Prolific 51	1.4
	86
6.—Sidney52	32
An average crop of 55 bushels 31	ms.

per acre. Experimental farm for Manitoba,

Brandon, Man.

Average for five years.

For reasons already stated the crops of six-rowed barley at Brandon for 1900 are not included. Bush. Lbs. ..57 9 ...50 4

3.—Mensury	55 8
4Nugent	53 30
5.—Summit	52 26
CSurprise	51 46
An average crop of 5	i bushels 20
ibs, per acre. Experimental farm for	n the Stanth

west Territories, Indian Head, N. W. Territories .-Average for five years.
For reasons already stated the crops of six rowed barley at Indian Head for 1900 are not included.

	Per	Acre.
	Bush.	
1.—Rennie's Improved		
2.—Odessa	59	44
3.—Mensury	58	20
4.—Trooper		
5Common		
6.—Baxter	57	30
An average crop of 58 bu	ishels	9 lbs.

An average crop of 58 bushels 9 lbs. per acrc.

The twelve varieties of spring wheat which have averaged the heaviest crops at the western experimental farms during the past five and six years, are the following:

Experimental farm for Manitoba, Brandon, Man

Average for five years.
For reasons already stated the crops of spring wheat at Brandon for 1900 are not included:—

	Per J	Lere.
	Bush.	Lbs.
1 -Goose	40	34
2.—White Fyfe	39	4
3Crown	37	30
4Red Fyfe		10
5Monarch		4
G.—Preston		37
7Pringle's Champlain		59
SWhite Connell		40
9Rio Grande		3ŏ
10White Russian		22
11Wellman's Fife		59
12.—Advance		40
An average crop of 36 b	eisneus	40
lbs. per acre.		
Experimental farm for the	North	west
Territories, Indian Head, N. W.	'. T	

Territories, Indian Head, N. W. T. Average for five years. For reasons already stated the crops of spring wheat at Indian Head for 1900 are not included.

ıot	included.		
		Per A	cre.
		Bush.	Lbs.
1	Red Fyfe	41	38
<u>.</u>	Red Fyfe Wellman's Fyfe	40	24
3.	Huron	40	Ü
	Red Fern		50
	Preston		48
	Emporium		38
	White Fyfe		:4
ä	Beaudry		30
	Percy		22
	Crown		46
	Alpha		46
	Monarch	38	2
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The twelve varieties of pease which have averaged the heaviest crops at the western experimental farms for the past three to six years, are the following. Experimental farm for Manitoba, Bran

lou, Man.	•	
•	Per A	cre.
	Bush.	
1. Pride, 6 years		17
2. Carleton, 5 years	46	
3. Mummy, 6 years	45	30
4. White Wonder, 4 years	. 45	
5. Trillby, 5 years	44	19
6 King 4 verre	13	200
6. King, 4 years	. 30	22 58
S. Kent, 5 years	. 7.	32
9. Crown, 6 years	42	27
O Mackey 5 mans	42	4
0. Mackay, 5 years	42	
1. Archer, 4 years	. 41	30
2 Blk-Eyed Marrowfat, 6 yrs		42
An average crop of 43 bushe	ls 391b	per
icro.		

Experimental farm for the Northwest

retricories, indian fiend, N. W. T.	
Per	Acre.
Bus	h. Lbs
1. Trilby, 4 years 40	40
2. Cariton, 4 years	2
3. Paragon, 4 years 38	37
1. Urown, 4 years 20	.30
3 Archer, 3 years 35	36
	99
4 Prince Albert, 4 years 34	
8. Centennial, 4 years 31	
9. Perth, 3 years	
10. Macoun, 4 years 33	45
11. Creeper, 4 years 33	40
12. White Wonder, 3 years 33	36
An average crop of 35 bushels 33 acre.	3ld per
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The six varieties of Indian corn which have averaged the heaviest crops at the western experimental farms during the past five or six years, are the following:

Experimental farm for Manitoba, Brandon, Man.

1. Thore'bred White Flint 21 1098

2. Angel of Midnight 21 623

3. Longfellow 19 903

4. Compton's Early 18 1707

5. Red Cob Easilage 18 1418

An average crop of 19 tons 1.556fb per acre.

# 574 Experimental farm for the Northwest erritories, ludian Head, N. W. T. errifories, Indian Head, N. W. T. Per Acro. Tons. Lio. I. Thoro'bred White Filmt 11 1632 Manun. 8 rowed Filmt 11 1522 Sanford 11 1157 Comptons Early 11 1637 Comptons Early 11 1637 Comptons Early 11 1637 Comptons Early 11 1637 An average crop of 11 tons 1,2041b per cre. Prices to tots, with usarge lots. Z. Sanfora. 4. Compton's Earry. 5. Compton's Earry. 6. Compton's Earr don, Man. Per Acre. Per Acre. Tons. Lbs. Selected Purple Top 24 945 Literation Swede 25 1282 Literation Swede 25 1282 Literation Swede 25 1282 Literation Swede 25 21 1282 Literation Swede 25 1283 wh Peaches, 2a, Peaches, Cai Peaches, Cai Plums, 3s, Plums, Calif Pumpkins, 3 Raspberries, Raspberries Strawberries Strawberries Comatoes, 3s almon, talif valmon, Col ап итегаве стор от 23 (601) 1000 рег астеретирована јаги бот the Northwest Territories, Indian Head, N. W. Т. Per Acre. Tons. Lbs. 1. Perfection Swede, 5 years 29 0 2. Hartley's Bronse . 19 130 3. Champion Purple Top 19 0,5 4. Selected Purple Top . 19 140 6. Blangholm Selected, 4 yrs. 18 1863 An average crop of 19 tons 8030b per acre. ardines,do ardines, in ardines, in ardines, in ardines, in An average or crup v. av our crup v. | Terrange Per Acre. An average crop of 22 tons 765th per acre. The six varieties of cattots which have produced the heaviest crops at the western experimental farms for the past four or five years at the following: Experimental farm for Manitoba, Brandon, Man. Per Acre. tice, B.... Patna lice, Japan lago Capioca don, Man. Per Acr. Tons. Libs. 1. Half Long White, 5 years . 12 1823 2. Glant White Vosges, 5 years 12 125 3. Iverson's Champlon, 5 years 12 1764 4. Early Gem, 5 years . . . . 12 124 4. Early Gem, 5 years . . . . 12 124 5. White Belgian, 5 years . . . 11 170 An average crop of 12 toss 2011b per acre. Ild Judge ... hthlete ... iweet Capo weet Sixte Perby .... An average cop of 12 tons some per acre. The six varieties of carrots which have produced the largest crops during the past four or five years, taking the average of the results obtained on all the experiment-al farms, are: al farms, are: Per Acre. 1. Half Long White ... 20 1723 2. Giana White longes ... 20 1724 2. Giana White longes ... 20 1724 3. Manmoth White ... 10 1784 5. Iverson's Champion ... 10 1784 5. Iverson's Champion ... 11 1976 An average crop of 20 tons 3335b per acre. Acre. 1794 An average crop of 20 tons 3335b per acre. Acre. 2000 crop of 20 tons 335b per acre. Acre. 2000 crop of 20 tons 335b per acre. Experimental farms of potatoes which have averaged the beaviest crops at the past four to six years, are the following: Experimental farms for Mantolos Braudon, Man. acre. Experimental farm for the Northwest Territories, Indian Head, N. W. T. 1. American Giant, 5 years... 2. American Wonder, 6 years... 3. Rochester Rose, 5 years... 4. Vick's Extra Early, 6 years... 4. Vick's Extra Early, 6 years... 6. New Variety No. 1, 5 years... 7. Brownells Winner, 6 years 6. General Gordon, 4 years... 5. Empire State, 6 years...

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10. Lizzio's Pride, 6 years ... 382 10

11. Northern Spy, 6 years ... 382 10

12. Houlton Rose, 4 years ... 382 10

13. Houlton Rose, 4 years ... 382 10

14. An average crop of 400 bushels 210 per acre.

The evidence furnished by, the work of another year adds further testimony to the importance of choosing the best and most productive varieties of seeds, and confirms the view that there are marked and fairly confirmed the seed of varieties when grown side by side under sorts of oats which have been subject to uniform tests for six years, nine of these have appeared among the twelve most productive sorts every year for the whole period, and other three places have been silled during the time at tregular intervals by fix other varieties. Hence only fitteen of the 41 varieties have produced a crop of the 42 varieties have produced the heat twelve of 1890 we flad that ten of them are the same.

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Taking the results of the cropping of the

twelve most productive sorts of oats at the Central Experimental farm for six years, where the climate and soil are fairly reptices and Quebec, we find that they have greated to the two great provinces of Untario and Quebec, we find that they have given an average yelf for the whole remaining 20 varieties have averaged during the same time 51 bushels 710 per acre, an average difference in favor of the productive sorts of 18 bushels 100 per acre. The value of these figures is more fully really contained to the average crop of Canada puts about one million dollars into the productive of Canadian farmers.

In spring wheat we find similar persist ent productiveness in certain sorts. Of the 3 country of the control of the comparing the best twelve varieties for 1500 with the best twelve for 1900 we find that eleven of them are the same. Taking the centre of them are the same. Taking twelve orts of spring page of the exercise of the productive for the whole period. The same of them are the same. Taking the less have re he same. Taking the less that they have at the central farm, we find that they have

pan—

Finest May Picking. 35
Choice 30
Fine 25
Good Medium 25
Common 15

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Smoked Long Clear
Backs
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The London Wool Sales.

London, February 9.—The first sales of the 1901 wool auction sale closed today with offerings of 9,231 bales of destrable. Strades, including good new
clips. Competition was brisk, and all
but the best scoureds sold at full rates.
Superior greasy was in sellers' favor.
Cross-breds were firm and sold readily.
Several parcels of good greasy were
withdrawn to await better prices.
Cape of Good Hope and Natal were in
good demand and sold with a better
spirit, notwithstanding the depression
during the interval between series.
The sales opened strong and animated
at an average advance of 5 per cent.
for merhos, especially the better
grades. This level was maintained for
a few days, but when immediate needs
of buyers were filled prices receded to
the unsatisfactory condition of new
clips greasy. A good selection of
cross-bred greasy, particularly northern New Zealand, brought out spirited competition. Bright qualities suitable for America opened 5 per cent.
higher and maintained this advance to
the close. Lambs of good quality were
scarce, but the smal' offerings of this
grade did not attract much competition. Cape of Good Hope and Natal
was in strong demand and when the
sales opened, sold at an advance
ranging from 5 to 7½ per cent. The
prices gradually weakened, however,
and closed unchanged at 5 per cent,
below the November values. The sales
were well attended, buyers were present from all sections. Germany was
a good competitor. France was reserved, and the home trade, while not
a keen buyer, secured its full share
of the offerings. The sales as a whole
closed generally becter, with the established level of values maintained.
Of the 338,000 bales available, 261,759
were catalogued. Of the 75,000 were
sold to the continent, 5,000 to America,
1,400 to the home trade and about 94,
000 were held over for the second of the 1901 wool auction sale closed today with offerings of 9,231 bales of deseries. The arrivals for the second series number 120,781 bales, including 47,000 forwarded direct.

Stuttering employer (writing a let-ter)—"B-b-b-b-oy, hand me a b-b-b-bl-bl-ol—"

Office boy-"A blotter, sir, do you wish?"

Stuttering employer—"Never mind n-n-n-now; the ink has d-d-d-dried."

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Teacher—Who can name the bones of the skull? Bobby—I've got 'em all in my head, but I can't think of them.—Atlanta Constitution.

"If an empty barrel weighs ten pounds what can you fill it with to make it weigh seven pounds?" asked Senator Depew of Senator Spooner. "Have to give it up," replied Mr.

Spooner.
"Fill it full of holes," answered Mr. Depew, and they both laughed.—New York World.

Grace Greenwood, leaving a tea party after telling a funny story, was begged to stay and tell another "No," she said, "I can't get more than one story high on a cup of tea."—Youth's Companion.

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