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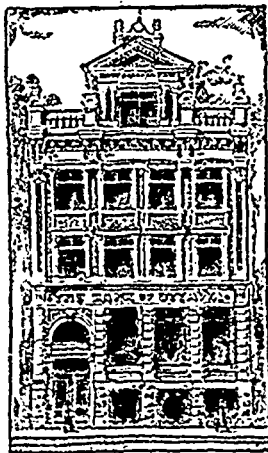
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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 1, 1897.

DISTRIBUTING WEEDS

Seeds of noxious weeds are often distributed through the seeds remaining in feed given to animals. Even ground feed often contains a large number of small seeds which are not destroyed by the process of grinding, and which will grow after being fed to animals. Feed, of course, can be ground fine enough to destroy the seeds; but much of the ground feed offered is full of small seeds which have not been destroyed in the process of grinding. Those who wish to keep their land clear of weeds, should be very careful about the feed used for their stock. Cooking will destroy the seeds.

MANITOBA LANDS

Manitoba farm lands seem to have indeed taken a turn upward. Almost every provincial paper has occasional items telling of the sale of lands at improved prices. In some districts the prices quoted are considerably higher than are asked for lands in the Winnipeg district. Lands around Winnipeg do not seem to have experienced as much of an upward movement as in many other districts, as real estate agents report that while there is rather a better feeling and the demand is somewhat improved, prices are still very low. The day is coming, however, when Winnipeg district lands will be considered valuable properties.

BEEF ROOT SUGAR

A beet sugar industry is talked of for Winnipeg. Parties who are said to control abundant capital to float such an enterprise, have been considering the matter, and will confer with a committee of the board of trade regarding the matter. It is greatly to be hoped that the evidence will show that the industry can be carried on successfully here. So far as growing the beets is concerned, there would seem to be little room for doubt. The qualities of the soil about Winnipeg for growing vegetables are well known. Roots and vegetables seem to be particularly adapted to this district, and no doubt the sugar beet would thrive here as well as other similar roots. The industry would be a very important one for the city. In spite of the old belief that Winnipeg could never become an important manufacturing centre, new industries have gradually been springing up. As population increases and the development of the country goes on, no doubt industries not now thought of, will be found profitable here. The establishment of a sugar refinery would help to dispel the old belief that we have not much room here for the establishment of profitable manufacturing concerns.

NEW LUMBER INDUSTRY

There has been considerable talk of late about the establishment of a big lumber manufacturing company in Winnipeg, to be known as the Minnesota and Winnipeg Lumber Company. This company, it is said, has acquired a large area of pine timber country in the state of Minnesota, south of the Lake of the Woods. The most available way to get this lumber to market is to bring the logs down the Rosseau river, to the Red river, whence they can be taken to any point along the latter river. The names mentioned in connection with the company are C. A. Moody, of War Road, general manager; Senator Buckman, president, and Albert Berg, vice-president, all of the state of Minnesota. A. E. Allison, of Winnipeg, has been mentioned as local manager at Winnipeg.

It is said that the company will connect the Rosseau river with the Lake of the Woods, by building a short canal through the low country separating the lake from the head waters of the river. This part of the scheme is no doubt perfectly feasible. In fact, The Commercial some time ago explained how a cheap water route could be established from the Red river to within twenty miles of Lake Superior, by using this same route for a portion of a cheap water highway.

According to reports, the company talks of cutting lumber at Winnipeg for the Dakota market. With the

present duty on lumber going into the United States, we fail to see why they should bring their logs to Winnipeg to cut, when they could take them to a point on the Red river in Minnesota or North Dakota and save the duty, though in the latter case the logs would have to be rafted for towing up stream.

Some of the statements as to what the company intends to do sound rather like "boom" reports, but aside from these flourishes there seems to be something genuine about the enterprise.

Note—A press telegram from St. Paul, since received, denies any knowledge of the proposed industry, at least so far as Senator Buckman is concerned therewith.)

EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE

The clerk or employee of any kind who gets ahead in life is usually the man who tries to further the interests of his employer, while he occupies such a position. The possession of such a disposition will show that the man is careful and honorable, as well as the possessor of good business instincts. There are too many employees, however, who seem to think very little of the interest of their employers. Their chief aim would almost appear to be to do as little work as possible for as much pay as possible. Men of such a disposition can hardly expect to succeed in business for themselves, for they evidently are careless and thoughtless in their ways, and it is not easy for them to change their manner when they start out for themselves.

The merchant who succeeds in securing a man who is thoroughly alive to the interest of his employer, should know that he has a good thing and strive to keep him, for such men are not readily picked up.

A representative of The Commercial went into a place of business in Winnipeg recently and found the proprietor in a disturbed frame of mind. He at once proceeded to tell The Commercial man the cause of his worry. His first remark was that he hadn't a man about the premises whom he could trust to do anything out of his sight. The said proprietor went on to say that he had served as an employee for six years in one establishment, and he had worked faithfully to advance the interests of his employer, doing many things which were not necessarily a part of his work, simply because he saw they should be done by some one. Now that he was in business for himself he had not been able to secure a man whom he could trust. For instance, he said, a line of goods which he frequently ship, have to be packed in a certain way to prevent damage in transit. He had

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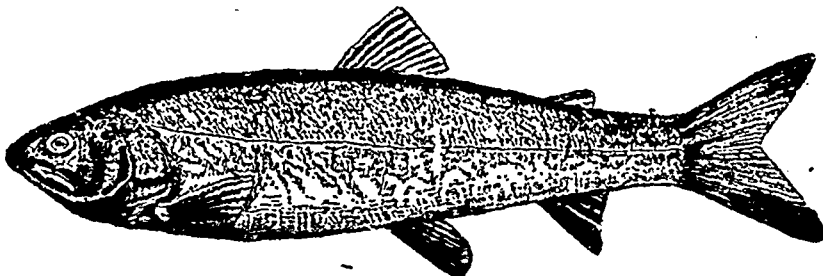
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A thoroughly honorable man will endeavor to do the best he can to further the interest of his employer, and in so doing he will certainly best serve his own interest. The trouble about secure faithful men, however, is not always the sole fault of the employees. A good man should be recognized as such. If employees sometimes seem to act on the principle of doing as little work as possible for the highest salary obtainable, employers also sometimes seem to think only of getting as much work as possible out of their employees for the least pay. There should be consideration on both sides to have matters run pleasantly and for the best advantage of all concerned. The writer once heard a merchant severely reprimand a clerk in front of several customers. How could a business man expect faithful service from his clerks when he treated them in this way. As a further instance of this kind, a lady was heard to remark that she would not patronize a certain store because the proprietor had once scolded a clerk in her presence. The conduct was certainly unseemly and merited the loss of custom noted.

Employees should be treated with consideration and respect, and given every encouragement to take an interest in their work. If this policy were more generally pursued, there would be less trouble about securing trustworthy men. At the same time, men who will consider carefully the interests of their employers are sufficiently scarce to make them valuable when they are found.

THIRTY DAYS

Thirty days is not always taken as meaning thirty days, when it refers to the dating of an invoice in Winnipeg. A jobber complained to The Commercial the other day about the tendency to stretch out this thirty days about two months, and still carry the discount. A discount allowed on an invoice payable in thirty days, should mean thirty days, but it does not always work that way. Retailers sometimes buy goods early in the month. They want the invoice dated thirty days from the first of the following month, and then if they pay the account by the fifteenth or twentieth of the third month, they think themselves entitled to the discount for thirty days. In this way they get over two months' time, with the thirty days' discount. While this is liberal treatment for the buyers, some of the jobbers think that thirty

days should mean thirty days straight from the time of purchase and not two to two and a half months.

SELLING STOCKER CATTLE

The Commercial several times during the season called attention to the large exportation of young cattle, known to the trade as stockers, a word used to designate cattle which have not obtained a condition fit for the butcher. It is claimed by many experienced persons, that there is more money in finishing an animal for the market than in raising it. Manitoba farmers apparently do not think so, or they would not dispose of their young and unfinished animals so freely. Of course, with wheat all of good quality and bringing a high price and a light crop of coarse grains, it is very profitable to sell the grain; but it might be well to look ahead. If next year we should have a large crop of low grade grain, combined with low prices, these young cattle which have been sold to ship to the States, would have been found very valuable to eat up this grain. Under such conditions it would be found much more profitable to feed the grain than to sell it.

One cattle dealer says that fully 15,000 head of these stocker cattle have been shipped out of Southern Manitoba this season, to the United States. Very fair prices have been paid for these cattle, considering the freight and duty charges against them, to get them to their destination in the corn districts. This would indicate that there must be money in feeding cattle, though these feeders have the advantage of cheap corn feed, which we have not in Manitoba. At the same time, while feeding might not be as profitable this year as selling the grain, we believe that one year with another, it will pay the farmers to finish their animals, rather than to dispose of them before they are ready for the butcher.

THE DOMINION COTTON CO. AND THE SELLING AGENTS

As indirectly alluded to recently, there has been no little stir in dry goods circles of late, owing to rumors of a probable severance of the connection for many years existing between one of our largest cotton manufacturers and the selling agents here and in Toronto. The reports circulated in the streets and through the press are more or less wide of the mark.

The new order of things organized a few years ago, by which the suicidal practice of the eighties was discontinued, and the double object accomplished of saving from destruction one

of our most important industries and guaranteeing to consumers a steady market for their wares, and value for their money, reflected no little credit on its promoters, prominent among whom was the head of the firm of the selling agents. The Dominion Cotton Co. was established, and so successful was the new departure that within a short time idle or struggling mills began to pay once more, hands to be assured of regular employment and storekeepers to hope that a new era had dawned upon the country. Those who years ago had ventured their money in the mills which now fell in with the new proposal, saw handsome returns accruing; and they were not disappointed. The property advanced in value, and good dividends were paid. It was shortly deemed advisable to issue new stock. Increasing the capital to 3 millions, the new shares—aggregating 11-2 millions—being divided pro rata among the shareholders at a nominal 10c in the dollar.

The consolidated stock began by paying 10 per cent dividends, but these were reduced to, and eventually to 8 per cent a year or two afterwards, while the last dividend was only 6; but this, be it remembered, was on the doubled capital of 3 millions of dollars.

During the last few months the question of the distribution of the goods for the future had been under consideration when a certain proposal was made to the selling agents which they could not see their way clear to agree to, the result being their resignation of the position that they had held for so many years. The Company have now as a consequence undertaken to sell their own goods direct, but exclusively to the wholesale trade. The Selling Agents have for years been identified also with other prominent Canadian manufactures, including the Canadian Colored Cotton Mills Co., the Peuman Manufacturing Co. and others, and these they continue to handle as vigorously and satisfactorily as usual.

As regards the system pursued in distributing goods, this differs on both sides of the Atlantic. In England many mills sell direct to the trade, retail as well as wholesale, while in the United States the great bulk of the goods, indeed all of them, we believe, with the exception of a single mill, are sold through agents, men usually of long and valuable experience in the trade, who reside or have their distributing centres in the large cities, chiefly in New York. Trade conditions differ in the various countries, and each will adopt that which best suits itself. The new order of things referred to is to some degree tentative, but the Board have every confidence in its success.—Montreal Journal of Commerce.

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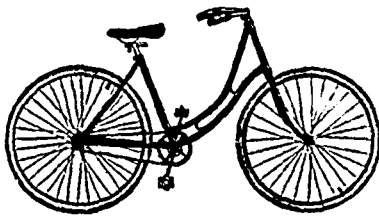
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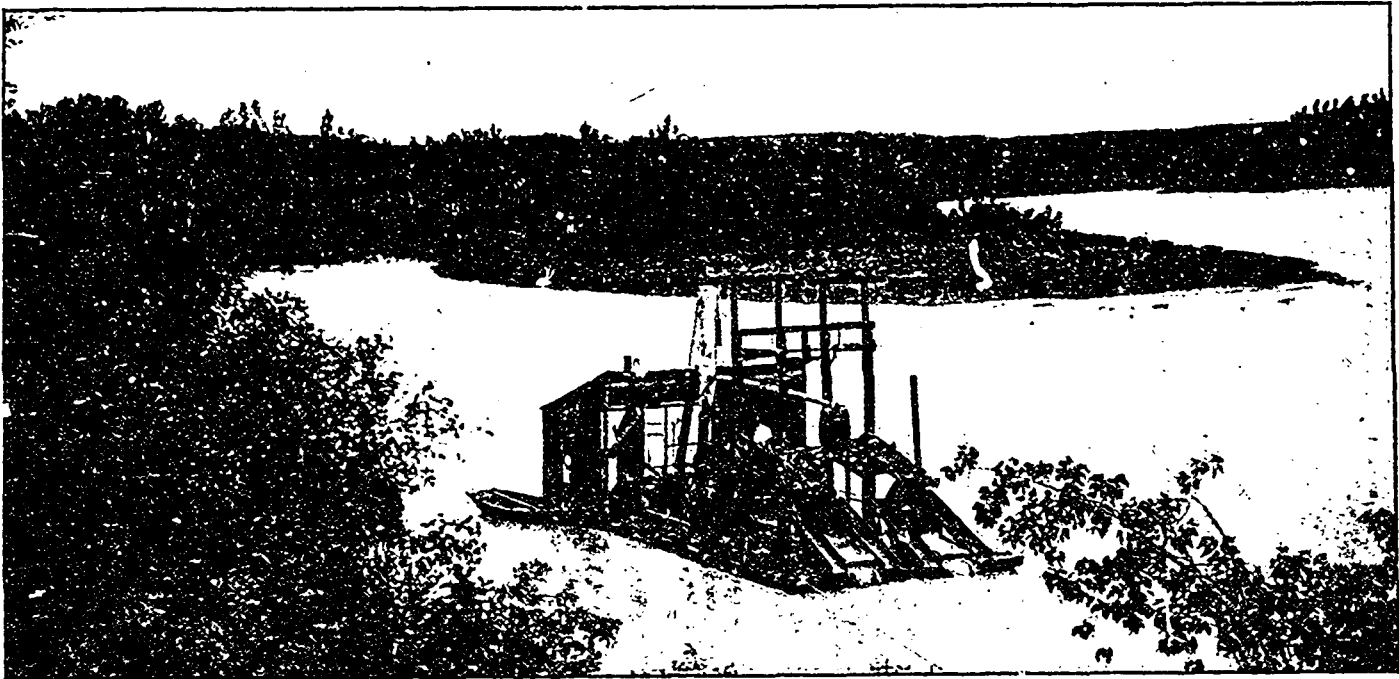
The gold washings on the North Saskatchewan river at Edmonton are among the resources of Northern Alberta which attract the attention of the visitor. He sees the solitary miner, or perhaps two or three together, working with the hand "grizzly," a laborious method of taking the precious dust from the gravel and black sand. This method has been in vogue for many years, washing having been done there in the early sixties, some of the original miners still residing at Edmonton. One of these, Mr. James Gibbons, came to Edmonton, overland from the south, and not over the prairie either, but up through the mountains. He spent some time in the country near Fort Steele.

have been worked also. Each succeeding spring freshet and summer high water have exposed new surfaces or made new deposits of black sand, which have renewed the possibility of making at least wages. Many a poor man has made enough to tide him over, and not a few have made some money and are even yet doing so with the hand grizzly.

During the last two or three years a revolution in the method of washing in the Saskatchewan has been instituted. The pioneer was practically Judge Roueau, of Calgary, whose dredge was the first of any proportions put on the river. Some smaller dredges with hand power, but very little better than the grizzly had been tried before. The commencement has been followed up with some half dozen or more steam dredges some of

vented work for a long time, and possibly prevented paying returns.

Judge Roueau's location is some 75 miles up the river from Edmonton. This summer a grant of 80 miles was made to Seigneur Drolet, an eastern gentleman. His grant is what is known as a subaqueous claim, taking in that part of the bed of the river comprised between points taken at two feet below low water mark. This leaves shore and bar claims held previously by others not interfered with. At least that is the proposition but some of the others interested hardly agree. The amount of capital invested is proof of what the opinion of the richness of the sands is, in the mind of experts. The gold is all what is known as flour and float gold, being very fine, no coarse gold having been found. The



STEAM GOLD DREDGE ON THE NORTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER

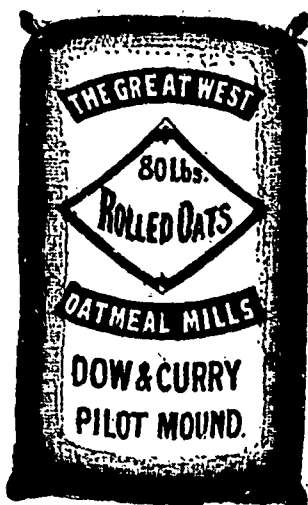
When he first washed the sands of the Saskatchewan, as high as \$24 had been made in some days, and their average was \$15 to \$20 per day. There were some of the bars of the river known to be good and these were the only ones worked. When the washing got down as low as \$6 to \$8 per day Mr. Gibbons left off washing, as it did not pay owing to the very high expenses at that time. In exploring the river up and down, Mr. Gibbons and others discovered that it is possible to get above and below the gold bearing reaches of the river, some 100 or 125 miles above and less than that below Edmonton covering the territory very nearly.

Since the days of the best paying work on the river, successive sets of miners have turned the same bars over and over, and the poorer bars

them being very complete in their appointments. During the past season several Omaha gentlemen representing different companies have had dredges built and various styles of machinery have been put in, some even having a small dynamo and electric plant. Just what results these have made is known only to the proprietors, but it is the general opinion that the investments have not yet paid very well on these more expensive machines.

The one in the accompanying illustration is the property of Dr. Braithwaite, of Edmonton. It is shown working on a bar at Big Island, some 15 or 16 miles above the town. This is a steam dredge worked by three men and two boys and has been giving very satisfactory returns since low water. The unprecedented high water during the past summer pre-

form in which it occurs makes it very difficult to save and it is thought that even the dredges wash over quite a percentage. The method of saving has hitherto been by the quicksilver amalgam process. Each of the American firms is supposed to have a special process of their own, which, if known, is probably the cyanide process. One gentleman has established himself in the business of buying the black sand either before or after the quicksilver process has been used on it. The gold washed from the Saskatchewan yearly is about \$50,000. The origin or source of the gold deposits is a question for scientists. It is generally accepted that it has not been brought from the mountains by the river. All the gravels which underlie the country show colors when washed, even miles away from the river.



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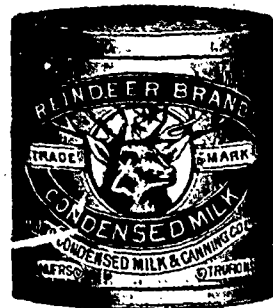
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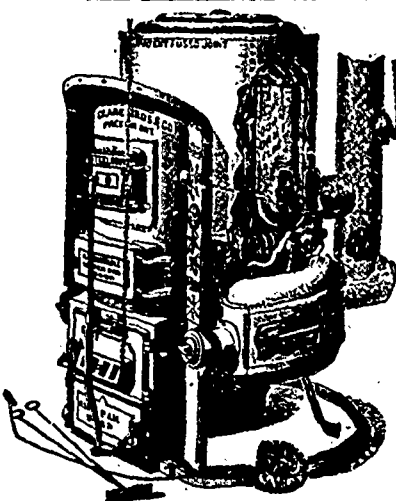


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From McGregor west almost to Carberry was at one time pointed out as one of the districts the great Canadian highway should not have run through because it was looked on as of little value. True there is a considerable range of sand hills, and the road still passes through them and they have not changed, but there has been a mighty change in the country outlying from the line. There are now large well settled and prosperous communities; to right and left the whole way, and that they exist is indicated as well as by the trade which has built up, and is continuing to support the solid little towns at the railway stations. McGregor has probably the best land lying close to the town of any of these along the section named. The land is all taken up and farmed, and while the farms and fields are not so large owing to the fact that the growth of poplar and scrub must first be cleared, the farmers as a class are as prosperous as any of the more popular wheat growing plains in other parts of the province. They have the additional advantage of not depending solely on wheat, as mixed farming is more suited to the locality.

McGregor has a creamery that this year turned out in the neighborhood of 25,000 lbs of butter netting some \$3,000 to the patrons. It was operated this season by the late Mr. Hettle and the buttermaker was F. Lutley, who attended the dairy school at Winnipeg last winter. A cheese factory, owned by a joint stock company, was also started this year, but was not in operation the whole season. Some 6,000 lbs of cheese was turned out in one month. The estimated quantity of wheat tributary to this

point this year is about 100,000 bushels. There are four elevators, Rogers Bros., who own the grist mill, having erected a 25,000 bushel elevator in connection. The mill is a very good roller process, capacity 125 bbls, is operated day and night. Mr. H. Rogers is the resident partner and manager. The Lake of the Woods Milling Co., Northern and Dominion Elevator companies are also on the market. Merrick Bros. and Wm. Knox have good stores, carrying large stocks of general merchandise. There are also two hardware stores. J. H. M. Carson is now proprietor of one of these, having bought Hy Byer's stock on Sept. 15th. H. Hurdman carries a stock of groceries, fruit, and a small stock of dry goods, also has a bakery; Peter Martin is in the grocery and boots and shoe business, having purchased R. Martin's stock two months ago. E. E. Turner has a very neat butcher shop and does a business in buying stock to ship. He has shipped out this season some half dozen cars of hogs, about 100 head of fat cattle and has shipped west to the ranches 400 to 500 head of stockers. McGregor has now a newspaper the Herald, published by E. A. Bailey. There are two temperance hotels. Drs. Haworth and Pannetier are located here. Each has a drugstore. There is a pumpmaker, G. Matthew, and several smaller businesses. The postmaster is Mr. T. R. Vardon, who is also clerk of the municipality, and a general insurance agent. Mr. Vardon has been here from the time that he was almost the sole business man of the place. McGregor is a substantial little town and while not likely to be a metropolis is assured of a steady and increasing trade, depending as it does on a prosperous surrounding settlement.

The village of Austin has also a considerable grain trade, with three elevators and a good grist mill, the latter owned and operated by Hon. Walter Clifford. Mr. Clifford has been in business at Austin a number of years now and is a progressive, public-spirited business man. He is also proprietor of a large general store doing a good trade. J. C. Stinson owns the other general store in Austin. A good hardware stock is kept by J. Stinson. W. D. Duncan is proprietor of the hotel. There are two butchers, E. Creamer and J. Gray. A fruit store, boarding house and two livery stables and the usual blacksmith shops complete the business places of the village. The land immediately surrounding Austin is not so good as that further back. The country is becoming well settled up and the farmers are engaged in mixed farming, which is the safe line in agriculture.

Sidney and Melbourne, the next two stations have now two elevators each,

some of them erected this year. John McElreth is a general merchant at Sidney and a village is beginning to grow up at this point. Some of the new elevators erected this season are fitted with gasoline engines, a small brick building being erected some distance from the elevator in which the engine and gasoline tank are located, a shaft connecting with the elevator machinery.

British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, Oct., 25.—Business is generally fair, though wholesalers in grain, flour and feed report things rather quiet, with a downward tendency in prices. The grain and flour men don't anticipate any large immediate development in the direction of exports to Japan via Vancouver and through themselves. The trade is too strongly entrenched in the Puget Sound ports to be readily or easily captured despite the sanguine hopes of Mr. Anderson, Canada's trade commissioner to the land of the Mikado. Wholesale provision men report business good, and a better feeling generally existent throughout the province. In dressed meats prices are slightly lower in some varieties. Plums are out of the market, and in fish the Sockeye salmon have been replaced by the later running cohoes, not quite so highly esteemed. There is much home shot game, including venison, now on the market, retailing at very easy prices for consumers.

A very buoyant feeling as to the early future, here generally prevails, in view of the promise of Sir Wm. Van Horne and the visiting Canadian Pacific railway directors, that by the establishment in spring of a first-class steamship and railroad service between Vancouver, the Stikkeen River and other points, en route directly to Klondyke and Yukon gold centres, they will make Vancouver a big entreport for Yukon outfitting. As one result, the Hudson's Bay Co. is here preparing to get in a complete and very costly stock of Yukon supplies, representing probably at least \$50,000 as a first outlay. Another matter hailed with much local satisfaction, is the promise of the C. P. R. to extend largely the present inadequate company's wharfage and erect an unusually fine range of depot, storehouse, office and other terminal buildings along the city's harbor front and next the station, also to increase freight delivery facilities by many new side tracks. The great railway company asks the city in return, to concede some tax exemption, which will probably be arranged and ratified by the necessary majority of voting citizens, on a basis of the complete or almost complete exemption from municipal taxation of the

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The results of the Golden Cache first ore crushings—\$10 to the ton in gold—were thought here to indicate, allowance being duly made for the new plates absorption of gold and fact that the best rock was not put through that Lillooet will prove profitably productive in free milling gold, but only if and when ample capital and excellent modern machinery are forthcoming. Vancouver is very strongly interested in the Lillooet gold country.

Adulteration of Flour.

The New York Journal of Commerce gives warning against a proposed adulteration of flour with corn starch. It says that the secretary of a glucose trust has issued a circular proposing to furnish corn starch in great quantities, with the assurance that it can be mixed with flour up to ten per cent. The Modern Miller of St. Louis says on this subject: We do not anticipate any trouble with our foreign trade, as the mixer has not the nerve to send his products on a long voyage, but in the domestic trade, and especially in Southern markets, the time has about come when the millers of pure wheat flour must either defeat the mixing fraud or surrender to it. The suggestion is made that the U. S. Congress authorize the Department of Agriculture to afford protection by requiring a distinct brand in cases where flour is mixed with corn starch. The matter concerns every miller and purchaser of flour.

The Lumber Trade.

The Rainy River Boom company will improve and strengthen the booms very considerably this fall, to avert trouble from the usual spring freshet.

The Assiniboine lumber mills, of Brandon, have cut 5,000,000 feet of lumber this year, besides which, it is said, 10,000,000 feet have been shipped to that place from outside mills. This would indicate that Brandon is a large consuming market for lumber.

The report that a large lumbering industry would be established at Winnipeg, has had a set back by a denial from the alleged president of the alleged company, that he knew anything about the matter. The report reads too much like a "boom" story to be fully credited, especially the statement of the amount of lumber which would be cut and the shipment of lumber to Dakota.

It is reported that H. B. Mitchell, of S. Laik, a well-known business man of that place, engaged in the lumber trade, will lose his arm through a gun accident.

A beautiful specimen of the Douglas fir has been shipped from New Westminster, B. C., to Kew Gardens, London, England, the great botanical and forestry display centre. The actual length of the tree was over 250 feet from ground to top, and 116 from ground to first limb. Owing to large roots at the base, the tree had to be felled some eight to ten feet from the ground to get a clear section, and as perfect a circle as possible. The section was seven feet in diameter. On the butt, measurement ran between eight and nine feet.

The Minneapolis Lumberman says. The feature of the trade situation is the steady advance of white pine prices, which is being done not only on paper but in the actual sales made. Where white pine comes in competition with southern pine it is found to be an easy matter to secure better prices than have prevailed the past month, and at down river points particularly advanced lists have been issued by nearly every wholesale concern quoting prices on nearly all items at an advance of from 50 cents to \$1.50 over the prices that prevailed early in September. Southern pine has advanced in price much more than has the northern article, but with the advances that have been made the past week in white pine, and others that are very likely to follow, it will not be long before northern pine bears the same relation to the southern article that it has in the past. White pine shingles are particularly strong, there being no large stocks of them anywhere in the country. From \$1.75 per thousand, and even less a few months ago, they have advanced in price to \$2.25 at present, and few wholesalers are able to fill all of the orders for shingles that they received.

Grain and Milling.

Gasoline engines have been put in a large number of elevators this year.

The new flour mill at Holmfield, Man., is nearing completion.

The Sturgiss elevator at Buffalo, N. Y., was burned on Oct. 27. Loss \$100,000; insurance \$75,000.

Several cargoes of wheat have been shipped from Duluth and Chicago, owing to the premium in Chicago wheat over Duluth.

E. L. Drewry, brewer, Winnipeg, requires a large quantity of malting barley, and is desirous of receiving samples from farmers or dealers who have such to dispose of.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. has forwarded a check for \$200 to the mayor of Windsor, Nova Scotia, for the relief of sufferers by the recent fire in that town.

T. B. Baker is building an elevator at Moose Jaw, Assinibola. It will have a capacity of 30,000 bushels, and will be operated by a ten-horse power gasoline engine.

S. M. Taylor, in charge of the elevator at Woods, in Dakota, was gagged and robbed by masked men. The sum of \$1,030 was received by the robbers.

The shipment of wheat in bond from Manitoba via Durh is much heavier this year than last. To date last year the receipts had been 420 cars, and this year the amount is 1,400 cars. This may only indicate the earlier marketing of wheat this year, which is common to all parts of Manitoba.

The Live Stock Trade.

Gordon & Ironsides have sent several shipments of stocker cattle to the farmers along the Manitoba and Northwestern railway, for distribution among them.

R. J. Wilson, of Wawanesa, returned recently from St. Paul, Minnesota. While away Mr. Nelson made arrangements to send down several shipments of Manitoba stocker cattle to the Twin City markets. He thinks he can do a profitable business in spite of the 20 per cent. duty imposed by the Dingley tariff.

The cattle shipments this season from the Manitoba and Northwestern railway districts, show a large increase compared with last year. Up to the 31st October, 1896, 7,120 head of cattle were handled by that railway, while up to the present date this year 11,461 head have been shipped.

The following shipments of live stock are reported: Chalmers Bros. & Bethune shipped twenty-six cars of cattle from Pilot Mound to Montreal; Campbell & McGregor shipped one car from Crystal City and seven cars from Manitou. The latter hold over 100 head for stall feeding. D. J. McLean shipped eight cars of stocker cattle west and five of fat cattle east from Warden. E. E. Turner shipped a car of hogs to Winnipeg; W. B. Merrick a car of fat cattle to Bat Portage, from McGregor.

Argentine Wheat Crop.

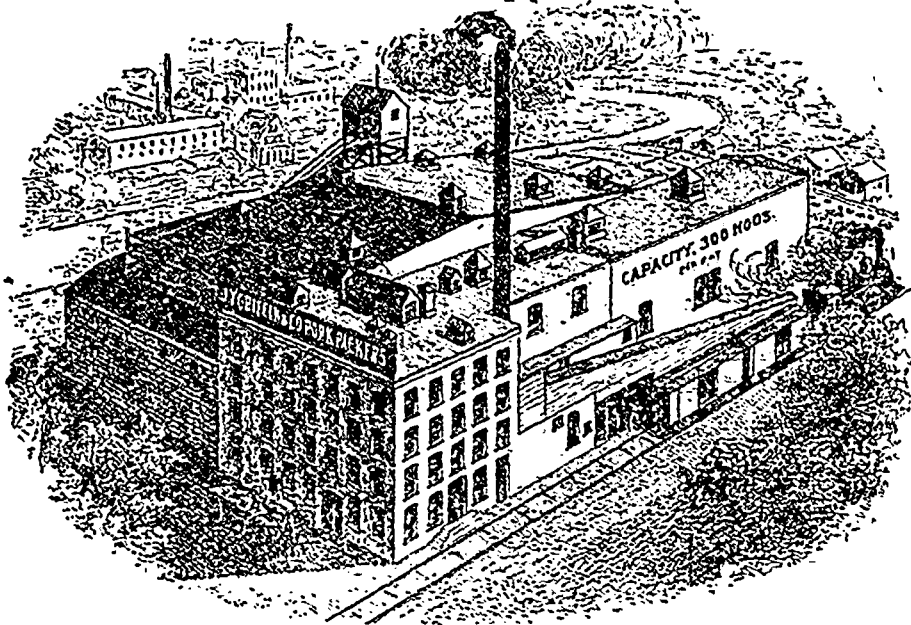
The Philadelphia Press recalls that "the Argentine wheat crop has never amounted to much, except to give the European buyer an excuse to bear the price of wheat of more important exporting countries. The largest crop ever raised was 85,000,000 bushels, and the largest exportable surplus was 56,000,000 bushels. Such a crop ought not to interfere with our market in Europe, especially when the facilities of geographical position and transportation are taken into account. The crop and exports to Europe of Argentina for a series of years have been as follows in bushels:

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1893...	58,000,000	33,600,000
1894...	81,000,000	56,000,000
1895...	60,000,000	37,600,000
1896...	44,000,000	18,000,000
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The market for sisal rope is very firm at the advance previously noted and the prospects are that still higher figures will rule in the near future.

Turpentine has made a sharp advance of 3c per gallon at Montreal, due to the recent steady upward tendency of prices at points of shipment. Recent sales of 5 barrel lots have been made at 49c and single barrels at 50c.

Western jobbers of window glass at a meeting held at Chicago, ordered an advance in price of 5 per cent., to take effect at once, and notified the trade of another advance of not less than 5 per cent. to take place November 1. Stocks of all the staple sizes of window glass are said to be very low.

A Montreal report says The trend of the market for glass is much firmer owing to the light stock, and the scarcity of some sizes. Importers in some cases have advanced prices 10c to \$1.40 for first break, but this change has not actually been established yet, as some firms are still selling at the old figures.

The organization of the great window glass manufacturers combination in the United States has been completed. It is called the American Window Glass Co., and is composed of all the factories in the country except half a dozen small concerns. The capital stock of the company is fixed at \$1,200,000, but the actual capital represented in the combination aggregates nearly \$30,000,000.

The Montreal Gazette says: The advance in English brands of cement has been followed by a rise of 5c per barrel on outside prices for Belgian, which is due to the fact that Belgian makers advanced prices 3d per barrel and rates of ocean freight are also 2s 6d per ton dearer. The prospects at present are that prices will rule still higher in this market, as stocks are unusually light and importers find it impossible to secure freight from Belgian ports.

Grocery Trade Notes.

Currants advanced 1-2c in New York last week, and are very firm.

A cable received from Patras quoted 17s 6d for barrels and 17s 9d for half-cases of fine provincial currants for prompt shipment, the market still showing an advancing tendency.

A Toronto report says: Large supplies of Sultanias, Valenciennes and currants have been received ex-direct steamer Avlona via Montreal. There is a good demand for fruits and prices are very firm, especially for currants, which are in very active demand. Canned goods are in good demand and prices are firm. The pack of tomatoes, owing to the short season, was only about half the average.

Concerning the salmon situation the San Francisco Herald of Trade says: "The fish commissioner of Washington places the pack on the Pacific coast as follows: Puget Sound, 394,500 cases; Fraser River, 878,650 and upper British Columbia rivers, 150,000; Alaska, 1,000,000; Columbia River, 484,000. Total, 2,907,150. Adding to this the pack of Sacramento River, outside rivers in Oregon and the fall pack of Puget Sound and Columbia River, the total pack will reach fully 3,100,000 cases, which is 750,000 cases more than the previous largest pack. Even this very

heavy increase in the total pack will go into consumptive channels, owing to the exceptional low prices at which the fish have been put on the market. When it is considered that 3,100,000 cases represent 118,800,000 cans of one pound each it is readily seen that the enormous proportion this industry has assumed since its inception in 1866, when the pack was only 4,000 cases, equivalent to 192,000 one pound cans.

Dairy Trade Items.

At a recent meeting of the Manitoba Dairy Association, held in Winnipeg, a resolution of condolence was passed with the family of the late Mr. Hottle.

It has been decided to hold the next annual meeting of the Manitoba Dairy Association at some point outside of Winnipeg, early in February next. The secretary is prepared to receive invitations from jointed dairymen of having the meeting.

London, Oct. 23.—Sixteen factories offered 6,030 boxes September and October cheese; sales 200 at 83-1c, 1,410 at 87-8c, 230 at 9c. Market quiet; factorymen inclined to hold for better prices.

The grand total of butter manufactured in the Dominion creameries in Alberta territory this season is 89,271 lbs., of which nearly 78,000 lbs. has been shipped, partly to Great Britain and partly to British Columbia. The balance of butter is intended for export. This is the production of five creameries. At the Calgary creamery 9,249 pounds were made, at Innisfail 25,115 pounds, at Red Deer 21,276 pounds, at Wetaskiwin 12,182 pounds, and at Edmonton, 18,787 pounds.

Dry Goods Trade.

In the United States cotton fabrics are dull, the market being affected by the weakness in raw cotton. Prices for woollens hold firm and are gradually being worked higher. The advance in woollens, so far, does not cover the increase in the cost of the raw material.

Winnipeg jobbers report the sorting trade remarkably good, considering the fine, warm weather which has prevailed so long, such weather being unfavorable to an early movement of fall goods in this branch. With more reasonable weather business would have been larger. The outlook is regarded as very encouraging.

A Toronto report says: There is more business being done in wools. There is a better feeling among the Canadian woollen manufacturers and there is more disposition to place liberal orders. Prices being paid for manufactured goods are better. One mill received 10 to 15 per cent advance this week on a lot of goods for the west. Prices of wools are firmer.

Dried Fruits.

The Montreal Gazette says: The dried fruit market generally, exhibits a firm tendency; in fact prices in many instances point upward. The most notable strength is shown by Valencia raisins. Cables from Denia quote fine off stalk at 17s, for shipment by the second steamer and supplies by this vessel will cost more laid down than those ex Avlona. Accordingly values here are firmly held in a jobbing way, at 1-1-2c for ordinary off stalk, 1-3-1c

for fine, 5 3-4c for selected, and 6 3-1c for 4-crown layers. California raisins are unsettled, as it is difficult to secure stable quotations for forward shipment. It looks very much now as though the importation of these fruit into Eastern Canada, at least, would be greatly curtailed this year. The Dingley bill has practically shut out Mediterranean fruit from the United States, and the Pacific coast article having the home market for itself, promises to sell so high that it will not be able to compete so successfully in Canada, with Spanish raisins, as in former years. Quotations to-day on 4-crown are 8 1-2c; 3-crown, 7 1-2c, and 2-crown 6 1-2c. Malaga table raisins are now on the way, and will be here presently. Based on c.i.f. prices they should open out for jobbing purposes about as follows: London layers, \$1.50 per box; Imperial Cabinet, \$1.75, and Empire Delisha custers, \$2 Currants, 5c per lb., prices are Filadelfias, 5 3-8c barrels, half barrels, 5 1-2c, and half cases, 5 3-1c, Provincias, half cases, 5 1-2c; and Patras, half cases, 6 1-4c. French prunes are very firm, and shippers in France have withdrawn quotations for the time being. Goods now on the way, are offered to arrive in jobbing lots at 4c to 4 1-4c. Cables on Bosnia prunes are 1-6 higher this week, and these fruit are expected to open out here at about 6 1-4c. The first shipments of dates, are expected to leave Bussorah, on the 10th, and will reach London about a month later. No supplies of new dates can therefore reach Montreal until after the middle of November, which is ten days later than last year. They are expected to out about 1c higher than last year, at 6c to 7c, in jobbing lots. New figs were offered for the first time on Friday at 12c per pound. Advice on Valencia shelled almonds from primary markets, state that they are dearer than they have been for four or five years. No quotations are spoken of yet. Shelled Grenoble walnuts are quoted for shipment on the 15th November at a figure equivalent to 16c to 17c laid down here, for jobbing lots.

Hides, Wool, etc.

Hides were scarce and in active demand at Toronto, at an advance of 1-2c. There is a demand for them for export, but supplies were barely sufficient to meet home requirements. Green No. 1 were quoted at 9c, and cars of cured were at the same price. Lamb skins were 5c higher at 90c for green butchers.

A Toronto report says: The inquiry for leather is better, sales are larger and owing to the scarcity of hides and the demand for export at good prices values of leathers are firm.

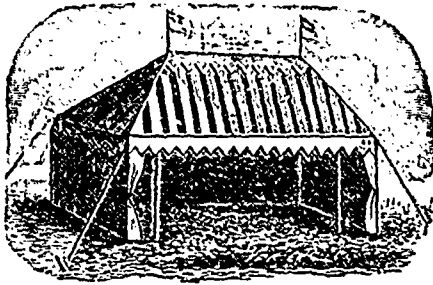
Bradstreet's says of the United States wool markets: Trade has fallen off considerably during the past few weeks and the market is apparently settling down to a quiet period. There is very little weakness in values, however, and bids on territory lots of 1-2c below the grease price have been refused. Fleece wools are quiet but firm at 28 to 29c for XX and above Ohio, with medium washed at about the same price.

London wool sale closed 21-2 to 5 per cent. above the opening for best merinos.

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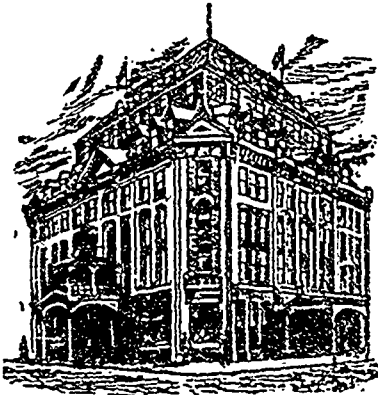
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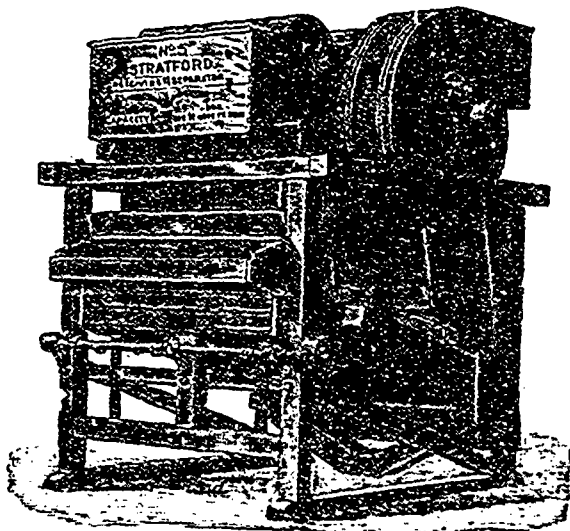
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Trade with Japan.

Mr. Geo. Anderson, of Toronto, who sailed from Vancouver on August 2, to visit Japan as Canadian trade commissioner, passed through here Monday on his return trip, accompanied by Mrs. Anderson.

Speaking of his visit to the Flowery Kingdom Mr. Anderson said that while he would present the details of his interviews with the business people of the country to the government on return to Ottawa, he could say that as a result of his investigations he was fully satisfied that a large amount of business could be done with Japan by the Canadian people in many lines. The outlook for that trade was exceedingly bright and promising as far as Canada was concerned. In his report there would not be a gloomy word, for he had found everything favorable. "I would consider," he said, "that if the business men and manufacturers of Canada take advantage of the markets open to them in the east, the business done will develop to enormous proportions. I would expect that British Columbia, the Northwest Territories and Manitoba will profit largely by the increase of trade which is sure to come about by the energy which I am confident the business men of Canada will exercise in pushing business in eastern countries."

Talking of the importance of the trade with Japan, Mr. Anderson said he would consider its development of more advantage to Victoria and Vancouver than the Klondyke boom, "There is no reason," he continued, "why these two cities should not become as important to Canada as San Francisco is to the United States. The development of the resources of British Columbia and the trade that is now awaiting Canadian merchants in the east is sure to bind all the provinces closer together than ever they were before. "I do not wish to be optimistic in my views on the trade with the east, but I am confident that a few short years will develop such a commerce that it will open people's eyes. As far as British Columbia is concerned the lines of demand would be for the most part lumber." The immediate demand is exceedingly large, and we are not getting our share. Oregon and other Pacific coast states are supplying a large amount which British Columbia might easily supply. The Northwest Territories and Manitoba can send flour and grain, a great deal of which is now being supplied by Oregon and California. The flour and grain, that has already been sent from Canada has been found very satisfactory, but the Japanese are not as well acquainted with Canadian flour and grain as they might be and should be. "The general feeling in Japan was that trade with Canada would be most beneficial, and there was a general desire for trade extension. In return for the products of Canada the Japanese merchants can send tea, rice, silks, etc.

United States Bi-Metallic Proposals.

London, Oct. 22 --The correspondence in regard to the bi-metallic proposals of the United States monetary commission was issued by the British foreign office this evening and the following account of the negotiations was taken from it: At the conference held at the foreign office on July 12, the premier, the Marquis of Salisbury, the secretary of state for India, Lord George Hamilton; the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael

Hicks-Beach; the first lord of the treasury, Mr. A. J. Balfour; the United States ambassador, Col. John Hay, and the United States monetary commissioners, Senator Edward O. Wolcott, of Colorado; ex-Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois, and General Chas. Jackson, Payne, of Massachusetts, were present.

On the invitation of the premier, Senator Wolcott explained that the object of the mission was to ascertain, in advance of an international conference, if one should be called, the views of the government and the envoys had determined to ascertain the views of the French, British and German governments on the question of reaching an international bimetallic agreement. They had been to France, where they reached a complete and satisfactory understanding with the French government and the envoys would have the co-operation in this matter of the French ambassador in London. The senator then explained that the success of the mission depended upon the attitude Great Britain would take, and he requested Great Britain to agree to open the English mints as its contribution to the attempt to restore international bimetallicism with France and the United States co-operating together in an attempt to that end.

The Marquis of Salisbury asked if France was ready to open her mints to free coinage, and Senator Wolcott replied, "Yes."

The premier thereupon inquired at what ratio France would open her mints.

Senator Wolcott said at 15 1-2, adding that the United States envoys had accepted this ratio. The senator then presented the following list of contributions, which, among others, he suggested Great Britain might make: "First--The opening of the Indian mints, and the repeal of the order making the sovereign legal tender in India.

"Second--Placing one-fifth of the bullion in the issue department of the Bank of England in silver.

"Third--Raising the legal tender limit of silver to say £10, and issuing 20s. notes based on silver, which shall be legal tender, and the retirement in graduation or otherwise, of the 10s. gold pieces, and the substitution of paper based on silver.

"Fourth--An agreement to coin annually so much silver, the amount to be left open.

"Fifth--The opening of the English mints to the coinage of rupees, and to the coinage of British dollars, which shall be full tender in the Straits Settlements and other standard colonies, and tender in United Kingdom to the limit of silver legal tender.

"Sixth--Colonial action, and the coinage of silver in Egypt.

"Seventh--Something having the general scope of the Huskisson plan."

The meeting closed, and it was understood by the parties that the absence of the French ambassador Baron de Courdel, from the proceedings should be regarded as informal, and a second conference was held on the 15th, at which, in addition to those already mentioned, the French ambassador, and M. Geoffroy, the counsellor of the French embassy, were present. The French ambassador was then invited to declare the position of the French government, and he said France was ready to reopen her mints to the coinage of silver if the commercial nations adopted the same course; and he advocated at great length the ratio of

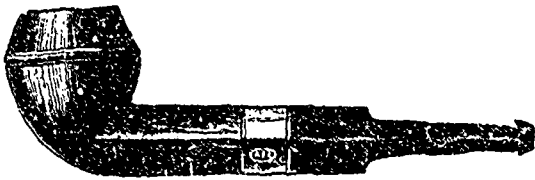
15 1-2. But, he explained, France would not consider the reopening of the mints of India alone as being sufficient guarantee to permit the French government to reopen the French mints to the free coinage of silver.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach then announced definitely that Great Britain would not agree to open the English mints to the unlimited coinage of silver and that whatever views he and his colleagues might separately hold regarding bi-metallicism, he could say that they were united on this point.

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Visiting the West.

Manager Whyte, who accompanied Sir William Van Horne and party on their trip to the Pacific coast, returned to the city on Monday, and was accompanied by Mr. Jas. Ross, the millionaire contractor, and ex-president of the Winnipeg Electric Street railway; C. C. Chipman, commissioner of the Hudson's Bay company, who was visiting the coast ports of the company to arrange for the run toward the Yukon in the spring, and J. McGillivray, private secretary of the manager. While in the west Mr. Whyte inspected all the lines of the company and, in conversation with a representative of the Free Press, says he never before encountered such a general tone of hopefulness and confidence among the people as is prevalent in all sections of British Columbia and the Territories. This year remarkably fine crops of grain had been harvested in the Edmonton, Indian Head and Prince Albert districts. Quantities of wheat are being exported from the Edmonton country, notwithstanding there are now two mills in the district, which are kept busy. Oats were an exceptionally good yield in the Prince Albert country, and that cereal realizes to the farmers there 32 cents per bushel, nearly a cent per pound. Ranchers also had done well, the demand in British Columbia and the sales for export trade, combined to keep up prices, and prime cattle were selling at good figures. There was considerable excitement on the Pacific coast in respect to the discoveries of gold in the Yukon, and this was having a material effect in improving general business. While at Edmonton he saw a party of fifteen to twenty men, some of whom were from Los Angeles, Cal., arranging to start for the Klondyke.

Manager Whyte, in reply to inquiries as to enterprises of the C. P. R. in British Columbia, said that negotiations were in progress looking to railway connection with Rossland. Efforts had been made to come to some arrangement with Mr. Heinze, but so far no terms have been arrived at, therefore, he had sent engineers out to revise the surveys previously made and on completion of this work contracts will be made for construction of a line from the Columbia river into Rossland.

"Two steamers have been purchased," answered Mr. Whyte, to questions respecting the Canadian Pacific Ry. service towards the Yukon, which will ply between Vancouver and the head of navigation on the Stickeen river, and from this point Mr. E. J. Duchesnay is now examining a route for a railway across to Teslin Lake, on which and the connecting water courses leading to Dawson City, on the Yukon river, boats will be placed, so that passengers over the C. P. R. will have direct transportation into the heart of the gold region. Mr. Whyte added that it was intended to make the service first-class in every particular, and that the steamers acquired were very superior to those now in the service from coast points. The company will advertise this route during the winter in the east, the United States and Great Britain, and there was no doubt much of the traffic to the Yukon next spring will be over the route, which will result in great commercial advantages to Canadian business houses.

Manager Whyte and party inspected the work on the Crow's Nest Pass railway, and found everything well

advanced, except that tracklaying is somewhat retarded by the necessity of bridge building, some large structures being needed between Lethbridge and Pincher Creek. A trip was also made to Edmonton, where a large number of men are at work on a combined railway and traffic bridge.

In respect to the centralizing of the accounting at this point the manager said that, in view of the large amount of work in progress on the Pacific division, the removal of the office from Vancouver to this city would be delayed till the new year.

Mr. Whyte had been much grieved on learning of the death of the late D. A. Stewart, chief engineer, of the western division. No steps have yet been taken towards appointing a successor to the office.

Live Stock Markets.

Liverpool, October 25.—The market for both cattle and sheep showed no change. Choice States cattle sold at 10 1-4c, Canadians at 9 1-2c and sheep at 10c.

London, October 25.—There was a firmer tone to the cattle market. Prices for States' cattle advanced 1-2c, Canadians were unchanged, Choice States sold at 11 1-2c, and Canadian and Argentine at 10c. For sheep prices were slightly firmer, choice Canadian selling at 10 1-2c and Argentine at 11c.

The Montreal Gazette says: In regard to the live stock trade abroad, the markets continue in a very unprofitable condition for shippers, and it has without a doubt been one of the worst seasons to date for some years past, and shippers state that it looks as if it would wind up bad.

At the East End Abattoir market, Montreal, on October 25, the supply of cattle was again large and there was no export demand. The quality of the stock was somewhat better than last week and a fairly active trade was done on local account. The demand for stockers for Buffalo was quiet and a few bunches were bought at 2 1-2c for steers and at 1 1-2c for bulls. Good cattle sold at 3 3-4c to 4c; fair at 3c to 3 1-2c; common at 2 1-4c to 2 3-4c, and inferior at 1 1-2c to 2c per lb. live weight. There was an active demand for lambs for Boston. Buyers for Boston paid 4 1-4c per lb. Buyers for Boston paid 4 1-4c per lb. for choice lots while sales for export and to the local trade were made at 4c per lb. live weight. Sheep sold at 3c for export and local buyers paid 2 1-2c to 2 3-4c per lb. live weight for culls.

Freight Rates.

Engagements of wheat from Fort William and Duluth to Montreal were made at 6 1-2c, and 2c was quoted on wheat, Duluth to Lake Erie ports and 4 1-4c to Kingston.

The Grand Trunk railway rate is 30c per 100 lbs for heavy grain from Midland through to Liverpool via Portland; and the Canadian Pacific railway's rates from Owen Sound through to Liverpool via St. John, N. B. is 26c per 100 lbs.

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 27. — The freight rate on flour has been further disturbed by the announcement of the St. Paul and Duluth to-day that on November 1 it will reduce the New York bound domestic rate from 25 to 22 1-2 cents per 100 pounds. This is a cut of two and a half cents. The

export rate is 20 cents, following the cut by the Soo road.

The tariff on flour and grain from Chicago to the seaboard is 22 1-2c per 100 lbs., and provisions 30c. The ocean rate on wheat is 17 5/8c per bushel from Chicago to Liverpool. The rate on flour is 31 7-8 to 34 3-8c. Through rates lake and rail, from Chicago to New England are steady at 10c per bushel on wheat, and 5 3-4c on oats. The flour rate has advanced 2 1-2c and is 77 1-2c. Lake rates were steady at 17 7-8c for wheat and 13 1-4c for corn and 13-8 to 11-2c for oats to Buffalo, and 4c for corn to Kingston.

Wheat Supplies

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

Montreal	302,000
Toronto	39,000
Kingston	12,000
Winnipeg	227,000
Manitoba elevators	3,890,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	1,572,000

Total, Oct. 16... 6,042,000
Total stocks in United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's, on Oct. 9, were 36,594,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 76,716,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report. Two years ago stocks were 55,078,000 bushels, three years ago 71,108,000 bushels, five years ago 59,845,000 bushels. These figures do not include Pacific coast stocks. The latter was 6,251,000 bushels on October 2 compared with 9,760,000 bushels a year ago.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the mountains, on October 23, was 24,629,000 bushels, being an increase of 699,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 57,285,000 bushels, two years ago 50,486,000 bushels, three years ago 78,180,000 bushels.

Manitoba's Wheat Movement.

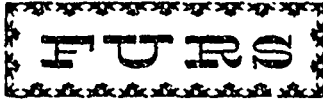
Receipts of wheat at Fort William for the week ending October 23, aggregated 867,891 bushels, the shipments by water from that port were 675,563 bushels, and the quantity in store was 1,364,616 bushels. For the corresponding week last year receipts were 594,555 bushels, the shipments were 402,060 bushels, and the quantity in store was 1,648,719 bushels. Two years ago stocks in store were 2,076,000 bushels, three years ago 1,529,000 bushels, and four years ago 1,201,000 bushels. For the corresponding week two years ago receipts were 998,000 bushels and shipments 720,000 bushels. For the like week three years ago receipts were 893,000 bushels and shipments 890,000 bushels. At this date last year about 3,000,000 bushels were in store at interior points west of Port Arthur.

Jas Hall & Co. report an unusually busy season at their glove factory at Brockville, Ontario. They are now employing 125 men and their trade has been so large this season that it has been difficult to fill the orders as fast as the goods were required. They report business in the east as well as in the west as remarkably good.

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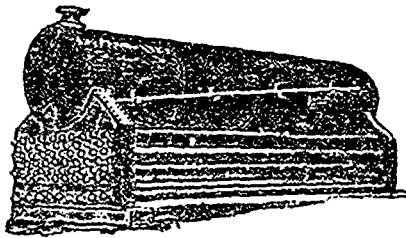
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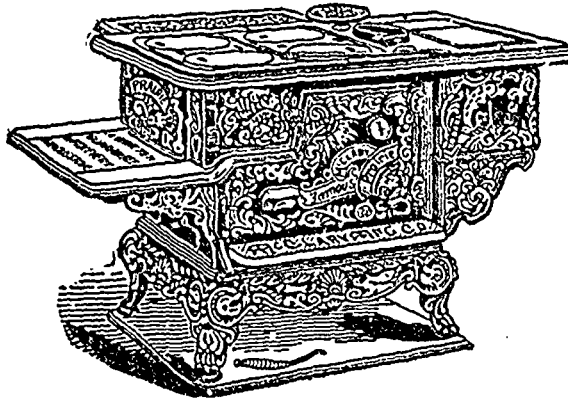
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Weak Dairy Markets.

The Montreal Gazette of October 20 says: Cheese does not seem to have any bottom at present for prices continue to recede in a manner that is unprecedented, when it is considered that fine fall cheese is being offered. To-day the transactions were confined chiefly to the offerings of Quebec makes and they sold around 81-1c with some lots for a fraction less. This is a decline of over 3-8c per pound on the prices realized last Monday.

Butter gives little prospects of any change for the better. Shippers are not willing to pay what holders ask; in fact many of them are not in a position to name any price at all. Business, therefore, is confined to the local jobbing trade. Dairy butter when fine meets a fair sale, but the decline in the price of creamery is curtailing its chances: Finest creamery, 18 1/4 to 18 1/2c; seconds, 18c; dairy butter, 14 1/2 to 15c.

Manitoba Flour in Australia.

It is claimed Manitoba hard spring wheat is unexcelled anywhere in the world for bread making purposes. The following correspondence from Australia fully bears out this contention.

Rockhampton, Australia, Aug. 17, 97. Messrs. Burns, Philip & Co., Ltd., agents of W. W. Ogilvie.

Dear Sirs,—Herewith we hand you an unsolicited testimonial in connection with Ogilvie's flour from John Cunningham, Mount Morgan, a baker with whom we do business.

Yours faithfully,

WALTER REID & Co., Ltd.
Mount Morgan, Australia, Aug. 14, 1897.

Messrs. Walter, Reid & Co., Rockhampton:

Dear Sir,—I have great pleasure in informing you that Ogilvie's patent Hungarian flour from Manitoba, Canada, supplied by you to me during the last twelve months, makes the whitest and very best loaf, and is the strongest flour I have ever worked during my baking experience of forty years in this and the old country.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN CUNNINGHAM.

Farm Storage.

J. J. Hill, the great railway man, and president of the Great Northern railway, is evidently strongly in favor of grain storage on the farm, a subject which was recently discussed in The Commercial, through an interview with Mr. Thompson, of the Ogilvie Milling company. Mr. Hill says:

"I think wheat, is going to bring better prices this year than for two years past. But I do not believe the era of high prices will be of long duration. With increased production dollar wheat will come occasionally, but it won't stay long. If the farmers would stack their wheat securely and then go ahead with their fall plowing, marketing at their leisure later in the season, I am sure they would get 8 or 10 cents a bushel more for their wheat than if they rush it to market all at once. If the farmers would build granaries and hold their wheat, a single crop would pay the cost of building them. Let them spend their time now in getting their land into shape for the next season's crop instead of threshing their wheat right away and rushing it into market."

Winnipeg Board of Trade.

A meeting of the council of the board was held on October 25, to consider the city waterworks proposals. It was decided to call a meeting of the full board on Monday, Nov. 1, at which the following report, prepared by the council, will be submitted: "1st.—That a system of water works should be constructed by the city as recommended in the report of Mr. Hering, C. E., and modified, as to distribution, to meet the present requirements of the city, viz: 41 1/2 miles. 2nd.—That the works should be constructed and afterwards operated by a commission to be nominated by the city council, and appointed by the judges of the court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba. 3rd.—That the question of the city taking over any portion of the existing works, and also whether construction of the works be by contract or day labor, be left to the commission for decision."

Members of the city council have been invited to this meeting of the board.

New Customs Regulations

Ottawa, Oct. 24.—The customs department yesterday issued the consolidated and amended regulations respecting the entry of goods under the reciprocal tariff. Two new points are embodied in the order, one that the exporter is to make a declaration that the goods are the product of the country, and entitled to the reciprocal rebate before a magistrate, notary, etc., is abolished and "subscribing witness" substituted. In other words the exporter may make a declaration before one of his own employees. This change is made because it has been found in England that all these officials charge a fee for taking a declaration, varying from one to five shillings, which the importer eventually had to pay. Both the Canadian importer and consumer will benefit from this change. The second new point is the substitution for the exporter's declaration, a declaration by the importer when the goods are of less value than \$10 for the whole importation.

Manitoba.

Jas. Doutay, shoemaker, is opening business at Treherne.

McQueen & Foster, blacksmiths, Deloraine, have dissolved. The business will be continued by McQueen.

A. Macdonald & Co., Winnipeg, have began packing hogs for the winter season. They have received several car lots already.

The Lake of the Woods Milling company are enlarging their warehouse at Newdale, Man., and converting it into an elevator. Mr. Hastings went west last week to give instructions regarding the work.

The steamer Premier arrived at Selkirk recently with 20,000,000 white fish eggs for the hatchery. The ova was secured by one of the fish companies. The government gave the company permission to gather the ova allowing the company to keep the fish from which the ova was obtained in payment therefore, it being the close season.

J. H. Anderson & Co., who purchased the cold storage warehouse formerly carried on by J. J. Philip, Winnipeg, are now carrying on a wholesale produce and commission business in the prem-

ises, handling fruits, vegetables, farm produce, etc. Mr. Anderson has been doing business in this line for some time, and is therefore already known to a considerable section of the trade.

C. P. R. Earnings.

Montreal, Oct. 28.—Canadian Pacific Railway Company's earnings for September, 1897, were: Gross earnings \$2,344,329; working expenses \$1,284,638, net profits \$1,059,691. In September, 1896, the net profits were \$758,325 and for the nine months ending the 30th September, 1897, the figures are as follows: Gross earnings \$6,750,490; net profits \$6,015,850. For the nine months ending the 30th September, 1896, there was a net profit of \$5,381,361. The increase in net profits over the same period of last year is therefore for September \$801,568 and from January 1st to September 30th \$1,264,490.

The Canadian Pacific makes the banner showing its gross earnings for the second week of October. Gross earnings of northwestern roads, as reported by the Financial Chronicle for the second week of October, are as follows:

	1897.	1896.
Canadian Pacific	\$644,000	\$440,000
Great Western	122,419	103,207
Milwaukee	804,988	740,416
M. & St. L.	57,077	49,824
Soo	92,312	95,871
Northern Pacific	583,564	316,572
Wisconsin Central	106,921	91,183

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

Clearings. Balances.

Week ending Oct. 28,	1897	\$3,121,577	\$553,722
Week ending Oct. 28,	1896	1,886,323	284,345
Week ending Oct. 28,	1895	1,944,744	378,619



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Coal Mining in the West.

W. H. McNeil, managing director of the Anthracite Coal company, arrived in the city from the west Thursday and proceeded on the outgoing Atlantic express to Montreal. He had been at the mines some weeks, directing the operations to empty the Anthracite pits of the water that had flooded every crevice during the freshets in the mountains last spring. Pumping was kept up continuously for four months, from June 15 to the middle of October, and in that period 30,000,000 gallons of water were drawn out, a tonnage equal to the total of coal, rock and slate taken out of the mine during the previous six years. Mining operations have been resumed and will be running to full capacity early in November. The Caimore mines are now being operated and turning out 10,000 tons per month, and the capacity of the Anthracite mines will be 3,000 tons per month. Speaking of the effect of the flood on the supply for the ensuing season, Mr. McNeil said no inconvenience would be experienced in Winnipeg to supply the demand, as a quantity had been in store here, but in Brandon and other points the supply in hand was diminishing. New shipments, however, will be made as soon as possible from the mines, and he was hopeful of being able to place sufficient quantities at all points in time for the winter supply.

"There is quite an army of men working at the coal mines," continued Mr. McNeil, "some 500 in number, and the monthly expenditure for provisions, clothing, and other articles, which aggregates from \$15,000 to \$20,000 a month, is a factor in maintaining the prices of farm products in the west. The tone in the west is very confident and hopeful, both among merchants, ranchers and farmers, who realize and acknowledge that coal mining, as well as the development of the gold industry, is aiding in increasing a profitable home market."

Boats for Alberta.

Edmonton Bulletin, Oct. 25: The Mackenzie Steam Navigation company, head offices in Winnipeg, but capitalized in St. Paul, will put a through connection of three steamers on the waters of the Mackenzie in time for next season's trade. The boat for the Upper Athabasca will be a stern wheeler, that for the Lower Athabasca may be a stern or side wheeler and that for the Mackenzie will be a twin-screw propeller. All three will be steel framed and be driven by the best machinery obtainable. The hulls of all three will be put together at the Landing. Those of the boats for the Lower Athabasca and the Mackenzie will be run down the rapids light, the machinery being taken on scows. The boat for the Upper Athabasca will be completed at the Landing. The Mackenzie river boat will be constructed with special care for the work which she has to do. It is expected she will come up from Peel river to Fort Smith 1,200 miles, in eight to ten days. Possibly a small steamer will be taken down in a knock down condition for use on the Yukon part of the route. The material for the steamers will be brought to the Landing in February and it is expected all three will be ready to take through travel as soon as the ice is out of Great Slave Lake. They will make a specialty of towing row boats,

carrying parties bound for the Yukon. G. T. Leitch, of Park River, Minnesota, who came in on Oct. 14th, visited the Landing and went out on Friday's train, is the engineering expert of the company, who came to look over the ground. He found everything favorable and will so report to his principals. There is no doubt of the steamers being on as above stated. If this is done the Edmonton water route to Dawson City will simply knock out all other routes for speed and cheapness.

Indian Flour Contracts.

The Indian department has awarded the contracts for the November deliveries of flour, which means all the flour required on the reserves in Manitoba and the Territories until June 30th of next year—the close of the fiscal year. It will be noticed that the bulk of the contracts have been awarded to local millers, which shows that these firms have decided to enter in competition with the bigger concerns for government business. The successful tenderers are Edmonton Milling Co., for the Edmonton agency; Jos. Kidd, Prince Albert, for the Duck Lake, Calgary, Battleford and Onion Lake agencies; Ogilvie Milling Co., for Swan river, Crooked Lake, Assiniboine and Saddle Lake agencies, Alberta Roller Mills, Calgary, for the Hobbema, Morley, Sarsce, Blackfoot, Blood and Pegan reserves; Moose Mountain Trading Co., for the Moose Mountain Agency; Joyner and Elkington, of the Fort Qu'Appelle mill, for the File Hills, Muscowpetung and Touchwood agencies.

Movements of Business Men.

Mr. G. F. Stephens has returned from an eastern trip.

A. C. Beach, who has been through to the coast representing the John L. Cassidy company, of Montreal, returned east last week. Mr. Beach reports the feeling very buoyant throughout the west.

J. D. Roberts, lately of Toronto, but who is well known in the west as pure gold Roberts, from his connection as travelling salesman for goods handled under that name has taken a position with G. F. & J. Galt, of this city, as manager of their manufacturing department, for which he is particularly qualified through his experience in the same line in Toronto.

BANK STATEMENT.

London, Oct. 28.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes, compared to the previous account. Total reserve increased £312,000; circulation decreased £240,000, bullion increased £72,502; other securities increased £2,307,000, other deposits increased £1,969,000; public deposits decreased £694,000; notes reserve increased £310,000, government securities decreased £1,335,000. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability, which last week was 48.30 per cent, is now 47.63 per cent. The Bank of England's rate of discount remains unchanged at 3 per cent.

VISIBLE SUPPLIES.

New York, Oct. 25.—The statement of the visible supply of grain in store and afloat last Saturday, Oct. 23rd, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange, is as follows: Wheat, 24,929,000; increased 998,000. Corn, 41,772,000; increased 4,274,000. Oats, 15,868,000; increased 984,000. Rye, 3,251,000; increase 91,000. Barley, 8,672,000; increased 265,000.

MONTREAL STOCKS.

Montreal, Oct. 25.—C. P. R. in London, 82 1-2; C. P. R. in Montreal, 80 3-8.

DAIRY QUOTATIONS.

Montreal, Oct. 28.—Cheese—Weak and declining; 8c to 8 7-8c. Butter—Creamery weak, 17 1-2c to 18 1-2c.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, Oct. 29.—Money on call easy at 1 1-2 to 2 per cent; prime mercantile paper 3 3-4 to 4 1-2 per cent; sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$1.85 1-4 to 3-8 for demand, and at \$1.82 1-8 to 3-8 for sixty days; posted rates \$1.88 to 1-2 and \$1.86 to 1-2; commercial bills \$1.81 to 1-2; bar silver 58 1-4, Mexican dollar 45 1-2; government bonds firm; stocks closed quiet but firm.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Liverpool, Oct. 29.—12.30 p.m.—Wheat—Spot firm. Corn—Spot firm. Wheat—Spot No. 1 California 8s 1d to 8s 2 1-2d; No. 1 red northern spring 7s 9d to 7s 10d. Corn—Spot American mixed 8s 1 3-4d. Receipts during the past three days: Wheat—364,000 cwt., including 335,000 American. American corn—83,200 cwt. 3.45 p.m.—Wheat—Spot No. 1 red northern spring firm at 7s 9d. Corn—Oct. steady at 3s 1 1-2d; Nov. steady at 3s 1 7-8d; Dec. steady at 3s 2 3-8d. Spot American mixed firm at 3s 1 3-4d.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, Oct. 29.—The market for American securities opened easier, then improved, but gave way again. Selling caused the weakness. The close was barely steady, with a moderate demand.

4 p.m.—Consols for money 111 13-16; consols for the account 111 7-8. Canadian Pacific 81 1-2. Bar silver 27 1-2d. Money 2 1-2 to 2 3-4 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills was 2 13-16 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for three months bills was 2 7-8 per cent.

MONTREAL STOCKS.

Montreal, Oct. 29.—Coml. Cable, Montreal, 182 3-8; C. P. R., London, 81 1-4.

Price Current says: Wheat crop information is less cheerful to considerable extent as a result of the dry weather. More apprehension prevails than a week ago. Corn is deficient in expected yield in many instances in important sections.

The New York Produce Exchange has a cable reporting the Australian wheat prospects very unfavorable. Another cable says the drought there is terrible, that 50,000 sheep and hundreds of cattle have already perished.

The little envelopes used by the churches for the weekly offerings are sometimes put to other uses than that for which they were originally intended. The Commercial received fifteen cents the other day for sample copies, enclosed in one of these envelopes upon which was printed "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

Scott & Peter, brokers, Winnipeg, received 1,000 cases of currants on Thursday. This is the first lot to reach this market by steamer direct to Montreal, previous smaller lots having come via Liverpool and New York. The goods were landed at Montreal by the steamship Avlona. The same firm also received a shipment of new figs on Thursday.

Territorial Legislature.

Regina, Oct. 28.—The third session of the seventh legislative assembly of the Northwest Territories was opened today by the Lieutenant Governor. His Honor left Government House precisely at three o'clock, accompanied by a travelling escort of the Mounted Police, the depleted condition of the stables not permitting of a more imposing cavalcade. There was no salute of guns and there was no band, on account of the reduction of the force. A flourish from a bugler announced the arrival of the Lieutenant Governor at the assembly chamber.

His Honor at once took his seat in the Speaker's chair, the speech was handed to him by his aide-de-camp, Inspector Montague Baker, and the speech was then read by His Honor, who immediately afterwards withdrew. The room was crowded, chiefly by ladies. The only members of the assembly present were Messrs. Haultain, Ross and Bulyea, members of the council, Speaker Batts and Messrs. Dill, Tims, Macdonald, Neff, Dr. Patrick, Gills, Simpson, Eakin, Page, Maloney and Brown. Dr. Patrick will move the reply to the address which will be seconded by Mr. Macdonald. The house then got into session, when the newly elected members present were introduced, the formal motions appointing committees passed and the house adjourned until tomorrow.

Following is the text of Lieutenant-Governor Mackintosh's 'speech from the throne':

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

I have much pleasure in meeting you at the opening of the third session of the third legislature.

Since I last met you the sixtieth anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne was appropriately marked throughout the Territories by loyal celebrations of that auspicious event, and in every community of the country evidence was given of the regard in which Her Majesty's subjects in this part of the empire hold her person and crown. It will not be unfitting that the Legislature of the Territories should take the first opportunity afforded it of expressing in a more formal manner its loyalty and devotion as well as that of the people whom it represents.

I am happy to be able to congratulate you upon the many evidences of prosperity to be seen all over the Territories as a result of a bountiful harvest and the sound condition and good prospects of all of our important industries.

The wonderful discoveries of mineral wealth in hitherto unexplored parts of the Territories, and the almost absolute certainty of establishing ready means of access to the new gold fields from the settled portions of the country promise the most beneficial results in the way of opening up new markets for our staple products, while the building of the Crow's Nest railway will enable stock raisers and agriculturists to avail themselves of the constant and increasing demand for food supplies of all kinds from the rich mining regions of the neighboring province of British Columbia.

Since the last meeting of the legislature important changes in the constitution of the Territories have been made by the act passed at the last session of the federal parliament. In accordance with the provisions of that act I have chosen an executive council and can now congratulate the Territories upon having obtained a completely responsible system of government.

In consequence of this change a reorganization of the offices of the government and the creation of public departments for the more efficient carrying on of the public service will be found necessary, and measures having those ends in view will be submitted for your consideration.

The commissioners appointed to revise and consolidate the ordinances have presented their report, which will be laid before you at an early day and measures for the completion of this important work will be submitted.

Before the consolidated ordinances are brought into operation a large amount of amending legislation will be necessary for the purpose of securing symmetry, simplification and uniformity of treatment as well as for adapting them to the new system of government.

As a consequence of the adoption at the last session of the legislature of a public works policy looking to more permanent and important undertakings under central supervision and control, and also of the delegation by parliament to the legislature of larger powers with regard to road allowances and trails, your consideration will be asked to bills dealing with public works, the expropriation of land and the direction, management and control of public highways.

Among other measures also to be submitted for your consideration will be a bill providing for the more complete control and audit of territorial funds; a bill to establish practice and procedure in connection with controverted elections; bills relating to the branding of animals, inspection of hides, supervision of shipments of stock and other matters connected with the stock industry; and bills amending the ordinance relating to liquor licences, elections, municipal government, judicial procedure, the magistracy and foreign corporations.

Among other reports which will be laid before you will be the report of the council of public instruction, the report of the inspector of hospitals, and the report of the chief license inspector.

The public accounts of the Territories, showing the receipts and expenditures of the past two years and the estimated expenditure for the current year will be promptly submitted. The estimates will be prepared with a view to keeping the expenditure as low as possible, consistent with a regard for the public interests.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I now leave you to undertake the work of the session in full confidence that you will bring an earnest resolve to work in the best interests of the Territories, and trusting that you will have the guidance of Divine Providence in all your deliberations.

The Edmonton Route.

Mr. Carlisle A. Kemp, of New York, was a guest at the Hotel Manitoba on his return from a journey which with several others he made towards the Klondyke via the Edmonton route. On the first of September about twenty men from the eastern States gathered at Edmonton with the intention of forming a party for the Yukon gold fields and reaching that point entirely through Canadian territory. "We felt confident," said Mr. Kemp to a Free Press man, "that we could reach the fam-

ous gold fields without going around by the Pacific passes. When I left the party to return to civilization to transact some private business, we had reached a point 500 miles north of Edmonton at Fort St. John on the Peace river. Our party intended to continue the journey until winter set in and then they would build huts and remain until spring. They expected to reach the Nelson river, 150 miles north of the Peace river. We had 120 pack horses in our party and my intention is to return and join the party with the assistance of dogs and toboggans in February."

"Do I think the Edmonton route the best one? Why, most assuredly I do. We have demonstrated that the road via St. Anne is a perfectly practicable one. A great number of people could safely traverse it. I saw the government had an offer from a company to build a road into the Yukon if the Yukonians and outfit were found for the men. I think they should have accepted. A large revenue could be secured if a toll were placed on all persons travelling over a road that was known to be a direct and safe trail. I am a United States citizen, but if I were a Canadian I would most assuredly urge the government to accept if fifty lumbermen offered to cut a way through those big forests. I never saw a more beautiful country in my life than there is in that northern district—magnificent forests of timber opening out into luxuriant plains upon which grow the best grass that ever was placed before an animal for feeding purposes. We went to Lesser Slave Lake without meeting a muskox and progress was not hindered by any impediment."

"The opening of the Edmonton route would mean a great deal to Winnipeg's wholesalers. All the outfitting would be done at Edmonton and the merchants tell me that they have to depend upon Winnipeg as their source of supplies. I met many people on my return journey going along our trail and several parties are fitting out in the town. These will go as far as they possibly can this year and then await the opening of spring to continue on towards the arctic El Dorado."

British Stocks.

London, Oct. 28.—4 p.m.—Consols for money 111 1-2; consols for the account 111 9-16; Canadian Pacific 80 3-4; Erie 15 1-4; Erie seconds 37; Illinois Central 10 1-2; Mexican ordinary 18 3-4; St. Paul common 95 7-8; New York Central 110 1-2; Pennsylvania 58 1-2; Reading 11 3-4; Mexican Central new fours 66 1-2; Bar silver 27 1-2d. Money 2 1-2 to 3-4 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills was 2 7-8 per cent. The rate of discount for three months bills was 2 7-8 to 3 per cent. The market for American securities opened easier, improved and continued firmer all day. Bears were early sellers, but covered later on. Close steady; demand fair.

Liverpool Markets.

Liverpool, Oct. 28.—12.30 p.m.—Wheat—Spot firm. Corn—Spot quiet. Wheat—Spot No. 1 California 7s 11 1-2d to 8s 1d; No. 1 red northern spring 7s 8d to 7s 9d.

3.45 p.m.—Wheat—Spot No. 1 red northern spring new 7s 8d. Corn—No. 2 3s 1d, Dec. 3s 11-4d.

Private advices from Argentine say crop prospects are disheartening and that exports from there will be scarce. Public cables contain opposite views.

Winnipeg Grocery Prices.

Canned Goods		Cereals		Nuts		Teas	
	Per case		Per sack		Per pound		Per pound
Apples, 3s, 2 doz.	2 25	Split Peas, sack 98	2 25	Brazils	12 1/2	China Blacks—	
Apples, preserved, 3s, 2 doz.	3 25	Pot Barley, sack 98	1 50	Taragon Almonds	13	Choice	35 40
Apples, gallons, (per doz.)	2 50	Pearl Barley, sack 98	4 00	Peanuts, roasted	13 15	Medium	25 35
Blackberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 25	Rolled Oats, sack 80	4 00	Peanuts, green	10 12	Common	13 20
Blueberries, 2s, 2 doz.	2 50	Standard Oatmeal, sack 98	2 75	Grenoble Walnuts	15 15	Indian and Ceylon—	
Beans, 2s, 2 doz.	1 80	Granulated Oatmeal, sack 98	2 00	French Walnuts	13 15	Choice	32 40
Corn, 2s, 2 doz.	1 60	Beans (per bushel)	1 25	Sicily Filberts	12 1/2	Medium	25 32
Cherries, red, pitted 2s, 2 doz.	4 75	Cornmeal, sack 98	1 45	Shelled Almonds	25 30	Common	22 28
Peas, Marrowfat, 2s, 2 doz.	1 80	Cornmeal, 1/2 sac 49 (per 1/2 sac)	0 75			Young Hysons—	
Peas, sifted, 2s, 2 doz.	2 00			Syrup		Choice	35 45
Pears, Bartlett, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50	Rice, B.	Per pound	Extra Bright, per lb.	3 1/2c	Medium	28 35
Pears, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 75	Rice, Japan	4 1/2c	Medium, per lb.	3c	Common	22 30
Pears, Bartlett, 3s, 2 doz.	5 50	Sago	5 c	Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	7 00	Japan—	
Pineapple, 2s, 2 doz.	4 50	Tapioca	4 c	Molasses, per gal.	35c	Finest May Picking	35 40
Pineapple, imported, 2s, 2 doz.	5 00					Choice	30 35
Peaches, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50			Sugar		Fine	25 30
Peaches, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 75			Extra Standard Granulated	4 1/2c	Good Medium	20 25
Peaches, Canadian, 3s, 2 doz.	5 50			German Granulated	4 3/4c	Common	15 20
Plums, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50			Extra Ground	6 c		
Plums, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 50			Powdered	6 c		
Pumpkins, 3s, 2 doz.	2 25			Bright Yellow Sugar	4 1/2c		
Raspberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 00			Maple Sugar	12 1/2c		
Strawberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50						
Tomatoes, 3s, 2 doz.	2 25			Salt			
Salmon, talls, 1s, 4 doz.	4 50			Rock Salt	1 1/2c		
Salmon, Cohoes talls, 1s, 4 doz.	2 50						
	Per tin.						
Sardines, domestic 1/2s	06						
Sardines, imported, 1/2s	09						
Sardines, imported, 3/4s	18						
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless	20						
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s	10						
	Per doz.						
Imported Fresh Herring, 1s	1 50						
Imp. Kipperd Herring, 1s.	1 90						
Imp. Herring, Tom. Sauce 1s	2 00						
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 1s	1 90						
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 1s	2 00						
	Per case.						
Corn Beef, 1s, 2 doz.	3 00						
Corn Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 75						
Lunch Tongue, 1s, 2 doz.	6 50						
Lunch Tongue, 2s, 1 doz.	6 25						
Brawn, 2s, 1 doz.	2 50						
Pigs Feet, 1s 2 doz.	6 00						
Roast Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 75						
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 1s	2 doz 50						
	Per doz.						
Potted Ham, 1/2s	75						
D. ve led Ham, 1/2s	75						
Potted Tongue, 1/2s	75						
Potted Ham, 1/2s	1 50						
Devilled Ham, 1/2s	1 50						
Potted Tongue, 1/2s	1 50						
	Per pound.						
Coffee							
Green Rio.	15						

WINNIPEG DRUG PRICES

Following are prices for parcel lots with usual reductions for broken packages.

Alum, lb	3 1/2	4 1/2
Alcohol, gal	5 00	5 75
Bleaching Powder, lb	06	08
Bluestone, lb	06	07
Borax	11	13
Bromide Potash	05	05
Camphor	05	05
Camphor, ounces	80	90
Carbolic Acid	40	45
Castor Oil	13	15
Chlorate Potash	25	30
Citric Acid	55	04
Copperas	03 1/2	04
Cocaine, oz	4 50	5 00
Cream Tartar, lb	30	35
Cloves	20	25
Epsom Salts	03 1/2	04
Extract Logwood, bulk	14	18
Extract Logwood, boxes	18	20
German Quinine	30	40
Glycerine, lb	30	35
Ginger, Jamaica	30	35
Ginger, African	20	25
Howard's Quinine, oz	35	50
Iodine	5 00	5 50
Insect Powder	30	40
Morphia, sul	2 00	2 25
Opium	4 50	5 00
Oil, olive	1 25	1 40
Oil, U.S. Salad	1 25	1 40
Oil, lemon, super	2 75	3 25
Oil, peppermint	4 00	4 50
Oil, cod liver, gal.	75	2 25
Oxalic Acid	13	16
Potass Iodide	3 75	4 00
Paris Green, lb	18	20
Saltpetre	10	12
Sai Rochelle	30	35
Shellac	35	40
Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2	05
Sulphur Roll, keg	3 1/2	05
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	3 75	4 25
Sal Soda	2 00	3 00

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New York Wheat.

New York, Oct. 25.—Wheat receipts 433,875 bushels; exports, 824,371 bushels; sales, 5,795,000 bushels futures; 80,000 bushels spot. Spot weak; No. 2 red, \$1.01 1-4 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 New York, 99 1-2 f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard, 99 1-4 f.o.b. afloat to arrive. Options opened weak on disappointing cables, rallied on scarcity of Dec. or offerings and big clearances, but broke sharply near the close under small export orders and hammering of May, which closed 2 1-8 lower against 5-8 decline on other months. Sales included No. 2 red, May, 93 1-4 to 95 1-8, closed 93 1-4; Oct. closed 97 1-4; Nov., closed 97; Dec., 96 11-16 to 97 5-8, closed 96 3-4.

New York, Oct. 26.—Wheat receipts, 435,900 bushels, exports, 193,910; sales, 5,415,000 futures; 200,000 spot. Spot firm, No. 2 red, \$1.01 5-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern, New York, 98 1-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, \$1.02 5-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern, Duluth, 99 3-8 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened lower in response to weak cables and rains west, but rallied and was firm all day, closing 1-4 to 3-8 net higher. Big clearances, predictions of cold weather and prospective smaller northwestern receipts, combined to drive in the shorts. Sales included No. 2 red, Jan., 96 1-2 to 97 3-8, closed 97 3-8; May, 92 3-8 to 93 11-16, closed 93 1-2; Oct., closed 97 1-2; Nov., closed 97 3-8; Dec., 96 1-4 to 97 1-4, closed 97 1-8c.

New York, Oct. 27.—Wheat receipts, 167,075 bushels; exports, 281,383 bus.; sales, 5,395,000 bushels futures; 200,000 bushels spot. Spot firm. No. 2 red, \$1.01 7-8 to \$1.02 1-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern, Duluth, \$1.00 7-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 hard, Duluth, \$1.03 3-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern, New York, \$1.00 1-8 f.o.b. afloat. Options strong, and advanced steadily all day on higher cables, active coverings at fair export business, bullish domestic statistics and evidences of a December squeeze; closed a fraction off from top on realizing, but 1 to 1 3-8 net advance. Sales included No. 2 red, Jan., closed 98 7-8; May, 93 7-8 to 95 1-8, closed 94 7-8; Oct., closed 98 5-8; Nov., closed 98 5-8; Dec., 97 5-8 to 98 15-16, closed 98 5-8c.

New York, Oct. 28.—In the face of discouraging cables to-day the bulls in wheat maintained yesterday's aggressive action and after the opening decline succeeded in jumping the market for December up to \$1 just before the close, amid wild excitement all over the big floor. Shorts were the heaviest buyers of the advance, showing alarm over the strong statistical position in this country, bullish crop news from Australia and prospects of enormous wheat and flour clearances from both coasts. Since December wheat last sold at a dollar it has been down to 90 7-8 on October 14th. Its highest figure this season was \$1.04 3-8, on August 23rd. The range to-day was from 98 cents to \$1, closing at the latter figure. On this basis cash wheat here is nominally worth \$1.04 per bushel.

Wheat—Receipts 341,625 bushels, exports 115,601 bushels, sales 4,275,000 bushels futures, 160,000 bushels spot. Spot strong; No. 2 red \$1.04 1-2 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 hard Duluth \$1.05 f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 northern Duluth \$1.00 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 northern New York \$1.01 1-2 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened weak under disappointing cables, but turned strong and advanced all day, reaching a dollar for December amid excited trading; closed 1c to 1 1-4 net higher; strength was based on bad Australian crop news, heavy covering and outside buying, big clearances and strong late French cables. Sales include No. 2 red Jan. 98 5-8 to

\$1.00 7-8, closed \$1.00 3-8; May 94 5-10 to 95 1-4, closed 96 1-4; Oct. closed 92 1-2; Nov. 99 to 99 1-2, closed 99 1-2; Dec. 98 to \$1.00, closed \$1.00.

New York, Oct. 29.—Wheat receipts 202,925 bushels; exports, 118,562 bushels; sales, 5,575,000 bushels futures, 320,000 bushels spot. Spot easier; No. 2 red, \$1.03 1-2 to \$1.03 3-4 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, \$1.01 3-4 afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, \$1.04 1-2 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 northern, New York, \$1.00 3-4 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened steady and advanced sharply on active covering, accelerated by drought news and small northwest receipts, but gradually sagged off in afternoon realizing, closed 1-2c net lower and 13-8; off from top. Sales included No. 2 red, Jan., 99 3-4 to \$1.00 3-4, closed 99 3-4; May, 95 13-4 to 96 7-8, closed 95 3-4; Oct. closed 99c; Nov. closed 99c; Dec., 99 1-2 to \$1.00 7-8, closed 99 1-2c.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Chicago, Oct. 25.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, No. 2 — Oct., new, 92 1-4; Dec., 93 1-2; May, 91 5-8.

Corn, No. 2 — Oct., 24 3-4; Dec., 25 5-8; May, 29 3-8.

Oats, No. 2 — Oct., 17 1-4; Dec., 18 to 18 1-4; May, 20 5-8.

Mess pork — Dec., \$7.82, 1-2; Jan., \$8.75.

Lard — Oct., \$4.32 1-2; Jan., \$4.47 1-2.

Short ribs — Oct., \$4.55; Dec., \$4.52 1-2; Jan., \$4.55 1-2.

Chicago, Oct. 26.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, No. 2, Oct., new, 93 1-2; Dec., new, 94 3-8 to 1-2; May, 91 3-4.

Corn, No. 2, Oct., 24 5-8; Dec., 25 7-8; May, 29 5-8 to 3-4.

Oats, No. 2, Oct., 17 1-2; Dec., 18 3-8; May, 20 7-8 to 2 1-2.

Mess pork, Oct., \$7.75; Jan., \$7.82 1-2.

Lard, Dec., \$4.25; Jan., \$4.37 1-2.

Short ribs, Oct., \$4.45; Dec., \$4.45; Jan., \$4.50.

Chicago, Oct. 27.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, No. 2, Oct., new, 96 3-8; Dec., new, 95 7-8; May, 92 3-4.

Corn, No. 2, Oct., 25 1-8; Dec., 26 1-8; May, 30c.

Oats, No. 2, Oct., 18c; Dec., 18 5-8 to 18 3-4; May, 32 1-4.

Mess pork, Dec., \$7.77 1-2; Jan., \$8.67 1-2.

Lard, Dec., \$4.27 1-2; Jan., \$4.40.

Short ribs, Dec., \$4.50; Jan., \$4.52 1-2.

Chicago, Oct. 28.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—No. 2, Oct. new 97 1-2, Dec. 97 1-4, May 94.

Corn—No. 2, Oct. 25 5-8 to 25 3-4 Dec. 26 5-8 to 26 3-4, May 30 1-2.

Oats—No. 2, Oct. 18, Dec. 18 7-8, May 21 3-8.

Mess pork—Dec. \$7.77 1-2, Jan. \$8.67 1-2.

Lard—Dec. \$4.25, Jan. \$4.40.

Short ribs—Dec. \$4.50, Jan. \$4.52 1-2.

Chicago, Oct. 29.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, No. 2 Oct., 96 3-4; Dec., new, 96 3-4; May, 93 3-4.

Corn, No. 1 Oct., 25 5-8; Dec. 26 1-2; May 30 1-2 to 30 1-4.

Oats, No. 2, Oct., 18 5-8; Dec., 19 1-8; May, 21 5-8.

Mess Pork, Dec., \$7.47 1-2; Jan., \$4.35.

Lard, Dec., \$4.12 1-2; Jan., \$4.27 1-2.

Short Ribs, Dec., \$4.40; Jan., \$4.40.

(See Saturdays Market on another Page)

Montreal, Oct. 29.—Cheese — Weak and declining, 77-8c to 83-4c.

Butter—Creamery weak, 17 1-2c to 18 1-2c.

Friday's Wheat Prices.

Wheat quotations throughout the province are still maintained at good figures and at several points yesterday a slight advance was made. Oats are still worth 24 cents per bushel and flax 60 cents. Considering the weather the deliveries at interior points are liberal, the aggregate at elevators along the C. P. R. reaching over 150,000 bushels yesterday, and shipments east were heavy. Following were the prevailing prices at C. P. R. points yesterday for No. 1 hard wheat:

Main line—Bagot 79c, Poplar Point 80c, High Bluff 81c, Portage in Prairie 82c, McGregor 78c, Austin 78c, Selkirk 79c, Carberry 81c, Sowell 80c, Douglas 80c, Brandon 82c, Komrath 82c, Alexander 82c, Griswold 77c, Oak Lake 80c, Virdon 79c, Hargrave 78c, Lilhorn 79c, Burnside 78c, Fleming 79c, Moosomin 79c, Wapella 80c, Whitewood 76c, Broadview 78c, Grenfell 74c, Wolseley 78c, Sinitaluta 78c, Indian cad 78c, DuAppelle 74c, Balgonie 75c, Regina 72c, Penso 72c, Moos Jaw 76c, Lumsden 72c, Caron 74c, Roethern 93c No. 2 hard.

Souris branch—Bresford 73c, Souris 87c, Elva 80c, Hartney 80c, Launder 80c, Napinka 75c, Melita 77c, Pierson 79c, Gainsborough 78c, Carn-duff 75c, Oxbow 75c.

Glenboro branch—Alameda 75c, Carlyle 75c, Carman 81c, Rathwell 80c, Treherne 79c, Holland 80c, Cypress River 79c, Glenboro 82c, Carroll 80c, Methven 80c, Nesbitt 77c, Pipestone 75c, Reston 79c.

Deloraine branch—Morris 81c, Rosenfeld 77c No. 2 hard, Greta 79c No. 2 hard, Plum Coulee 79c No. 2 hard, Wirkler 77c No. 2 hard, Morden 81c, Thornhill 76c No. 2 hard, Manitou 78c, La Riviere 81c, Pilot Mound 80c, Crystal City 77c, Clearwater 80c, Cartwright 77c, Holmfelt 77c, Killarney 78c, Nunga 77c, Boisevain 83c, White-water 81c, Deloraine 78c, Altona 79c 2 hard.

Stonewall branch—Stonewall 82c. Emerson branch—Emerson 79c, No. 2 hard, Dominion City 74c No. 2 hard, Otterburne 75c No. 2 hard.

At M. & N. W. points: Deliveries at important stations along this line were large yesterday and the 85 cent mark was reached at Neepawa, about the highest of the year in that town. It was 83 1-2 cents at Gladstone and 83c at Macdonald, and in consequence the farmers there were in high spirits and predict still higher prices. The figures were: Macdonald 83c, Gladstone 83 1-2c, Arden 80c, Neepawa 85c, Franklin 80c, Minnedosa 80c, Strathclair 75c, Shoal Lake 75c, Birtle 75c, Binsearth 75c, Yorkton 71c, Russell 74c, Rapid City 77c.

Bank Clearings.

New York, Oct. 29.—Bank clearings totals at eighty-seven cities, for the week ending October 28, as telegraphed to Bradstreet's, show total clearances of \$193,497,468, an increase of 22.9 per cent., as compared with the corresponding week last year. Outside of New York City the clearances were \$188,567,224, an increase of 18.1 per cent.

The clearances reported for the Dominion of Canada were as follows: Montreal, \$13,953,645, increase 22.8 per cent.; Toronto, \$7,416,191, increase 19.7 per cent.; Winnipeg, \$3,121,527, increase 65.9 per cent.; Halifax, \$1,139,047, decrease 5.8; Hamilton, \$597,077, decrease 12.8 per cent.; St. John, \$554,363, increase 21.7 per cent.

Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

Tin—Lamb and Flagg, 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb 19@20c.

Tin Plates—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12 x 12 and 14 x 20, \$1.50@1.75; I X, same size box, \$5.75@6; I C, charcoal, 20 x 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50@9; I X, box, 20 x 28, 112 sheets, \$10.50@11.

Terne Plates—I C, 20 x 28, \$8.50 @ 9.

Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.10 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.05@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3@3.25; best cast tool steel, lb, 9@11c; Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

Sheet Iron—10 to 20 guage, \$3; 22 to 24 and 26 guage, \$3.25; 28 guage \$3.50.

Canada Plates—Garth and Blain, \$3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 guage, \$3.75; 22 and 24 guage, \$4; 26 guage, \$4.25; 28 guage, \$4.50 100 lbs.

Iron pipe is quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1/2 inch, \$2.50; 3/8 inch, \$2.75; 1/2 inch, \$3; 5/8 inch, \$4; 1 inch, \$5; 1 1/2 inch, \$7; 2 inch, \$8.50; 2 1/2 inch, \$11.50.

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$8.00 lb., broken lots \$6.50.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb., 14@16c.

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent.; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 guage, \$6 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6 1/2c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; 1/2 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$18 per 1,000. No. 10 guage, \$20.70 per 1,000.

Dupont Powder—Dupont Rifle FFG, 25-lb keg, \$5.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$2.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$6.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$8.50, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.25; Dupont Rifle FFG, 25 lb keg, \$5.25, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3.00, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$9.00, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.75; Dominion Rifle, 25 lb keg, \$5.75, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$11, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$12; Sea Shooting Fg, 25 lb keg, \$6; Manitoba Sporting, 25 lb keg, \$6.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$4.25, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$9.00; cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$13.00; Eagle Ducking, 25 lb keg, \$11.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$5.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$12.00; Crystal Grain, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$14.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$17; Blasting, 25 lb keg, \$3.00. Dupont Smokeless powder, 12 1/2 lbs, \$22.00, 6 1/2 lbs, \$11.25, 3 1/4 lbs, \$5.75, 4 canisters, \$1.00.

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, \$2.60@2.65 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$2.75.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 6 1/2c base; manilla, lb., 8 1/2c base; cotton, 1/2 to 1/4 inch and larger, 16c lb.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.50 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 1/2@6 inch, \$2.65 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes

Horse Nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount of above list prices 5 per cent.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.25 100 lbs.
Prepared Paints—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 5 1/2c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1/2c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3 1/2c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18@19c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, 100 lb. kegs, 4c; less than kegs, 4 1/2c lb.

Varnishes—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50@1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50@2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold-size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 @2.25; No. 1 orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

Sundries—Glue, S. S., in sheets, 1b 12 1/2 @15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 16 @25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$4; benzine, case, \$4. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2c, do., less than barrels, 1b, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass—First break is quoted at \$1.75 per box of 50 feet and \$2 for second break.

Linseed Oil—Raw, gal., 55c; boiled, gal., 58c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 60c; less than barrels, gallon, 63c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 33@40c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18 1/2c; crescent, 22 1/2c; oleophene, 23 1/2c in barrels. Car lots, 1c gallon less. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 27c for cocene and 24c for sunlight.

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

These prices are retail quotations at Winnipeg, such as contractors and others buy at. The mills quote delivered prices at various points.

Dimension and Timber—No. 1, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$18.50, 18 ft, \$19.50, 20 ft, \$20.50, 22 ft, \$21.50, 24 ft, \$22.50; 3x6 to 3x12, 4x4 to 4x12, 6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$20.00, 18 ft, \$21.00, 20 ft, \$22.00, 22 ft, \$23.00, 24 ft, \$24.00; 8x10 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$22.00, 18 ft, \$23.00, 20 ft, \$24.00, 22 ft, \$25.00, 24 ft, \$26.00; 2x4, 10 ft, \$20.50; 2x6 to 2x12, 10 ft, \$18.00. No. 2 dimension, \$1.50 less than No. 1. Dimension, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$26.00. Timber, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$28.00. \$1.00 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch in depth and width. Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M less than pine. Cull plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$30.00 per M., 32 to 40 feet, \$33.00, 40 to 60 feet \$36.00. \$1.00

per M extra for each 2 in. over 12 in. in width or depth.

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25.00, 2nd common, \$18.00, 3rd common, \$16.00; No. 1 cull, \$12.00, No. 2 cull, \$8.00; spruce, \$16.00. \$1.00 per M extra for stock boards. \$2.00 per M less for 10 ft. and under. No. 1 box, 14 in. and up, \$30.00, No. 2 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$26.00. Extra dressing \$1.50 per M.

Siding, Flooring and Ceiling—2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$36.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28.00; 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$30.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25.00; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red and white, \$20.00; B.C. No. 1 fir, \$32.00; B. C. No. 2 fir, \$29.00; B. C. No. 3 fir, \$26.00; B. C. spruce, \$32.00; 4, 5 and 6 inch spruce, native, \$20.00; 8 and 10 inch pine, \$23.00; No. 1 cedar siding and ceiling, \$36.00; No. 2 cedar siding and ceiling, \$30.00; 1/2 inch cedar or fir siding and ceiling, \$26.00. \$1.00 per M advance for dressing both sides.

Bevel Siding—No. 1 white pine, \$26.00; No. 2 red and white, \$23.00.

Shiplap—Pine, 6 inch, \$18.00, 8 and 10 inch, \$20.00; Spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19.00, 6 inch, \$18.00; cull shiplap, \$16.00.

Shingles—B. C. cedar, per M, No. 1, \$2.50, No. 2, \$2.00; B. C. cedar dimension shingles, \$1.00; B. C. cedar dimension band sawed, \$5.00; No. 1 pine, per M, \$2.50, No. 2, \$2.00, No. 3, \$1.75.

Lath—Pine lath, per M, \$3.00.

Finishings—1 1/2, 1 1/2 and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00, 3rd clear, \$55.00, selects, \$45.00, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$32.00; B. C. cedar clears, \$55.00; B. C. fir clears and stepping, \$45.00; \$5.00 per M advance on 2 1/2 inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$60.00, 3rd clear, \$48.00, selects, No. 1, \$38.00, selects, No. 2 (extra 1st com) \$30.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$30.00; B. C. cedar, clear, \$55.00.

Oak—Red and White—1/2 sawed, \$85.00; 1st and 2nd, 55.00 to \$65.00; common, \$40.00.

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, 4x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 75c, 1x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 85c; window and door stop, 1 1/2 inch lineal, \$1.25, ditto, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; 1/2 round and 3/4 cove, 75c; 1 1/2 round mould, \$1.50; 2 round mould, \$1.75; 2 1/2 round mould, \$2.00; 3 round mould, \$2.25; 3 1/2 round mould, \$2.50; 4 round mould, \$2.75; 4 1/2 round mould, \$3.00; 5 round mould, \$3.25; 6 round mould, \$4.00; 5 round window stool, 1 1/2, \$4.50; 6 round window stool, 1 1/2, \$5.25; 4 round casings, \$2.50; 5 round casings, \$2.75; 6 round casings, \$3.25; 8 round base, \$4.50; 10 round base, \$5.50; 12 round base, \$7.00; hand rail, 2x4, \$5.00; wainscot cap, 2 1/2 inch, \$2.35, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 75c. Moulding m ide from 1 1/2 stock add 25 per cent; 1 1/2 add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings or mouldings to detail at special prices. All shop work at special net prices.

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Manitoba

Dr. Hughes, drugs, Souris, is adding jewelry.

R. Spence is opening an hotel in Winnipeg.

Jas. Foster, baker, Gladstone, has sold out to R. Willkroft.

The Winnipeg River Trading Co. is opening a general store at White-mouth.

G. W. Ray has opened a furniture store and undertaking business at Newdale, Man.

J. W. Clarke is opening business at Portage la Prairie, Man., in pianos, organs and sewing machines.

The estate of A. Adam & Co., general store, Dauphin, Man., has been sold to T. Fluklestein.

T. H. Logan, flour and feed dealer, Carberry, Man., has bought out Chas. Street, flour and feed dealer of the same place. Mr. Street thinks of starting business at McGregor.

J. Moore, of Souris, Man., has given up his grocery and fruit business and accepted the position as provincial organizer for the Order of Chosen Friends.

Geo. James, of Cypress River, takes charge of the business formerly carried on by Mr. Moore.

Beek & Sharp, general storekeepers, Neepawa, Man., have dissolved, and the new firm of Beek & Co. has been formed to continue the business. Mr. Sharp retires and will enter into partnership with Josh. Ritchie in the livery business at Neepawa. E. J. Leggin, livery, Neepawa, has sold out to Mr. Sharp, late of Beek & Sharp, and Josh. Ritchie.

Alberta

D. Evans, is opening in flour and feed at Edmonton.

D. G. Stewart, hotel, Lacomb is succeeded by V. H. Mott.

Burdett & Dyson are opening in tobaccos at Calgary.

Mr. Holm, saddler, Wetaskiwin, is selling out his business to Mr. Finch. Mr. Holm is going into ranching.

J. L. Johnson, formerly of the Calgary Hardware Co., is opening a hardware store at Edmonton.

The Calgary Brewing Co. is putting up a cold storage building at Rosebery, B. C., in order to accommodate their Kootenay trade.

Mr. Ducharme, a director of the Bank of Jacques Cartier, arrived from Montreal last week on his way to Edmonton, where he will inspect the bank's branch there.

John Sharples, Calgary, has just purchased from Thompson, Cadville & Co., of Winnipeg, the general stock of J. H. McNulty & Co., Cammore, and L. C. Fulmer & Co., Banff, and has placed J. C. Dowsett, late of the Calgary Hardware Co., in charge of them.

Assiniboia.

J. & J. Brown are opening a butcher shop at Grenfell.

Dawson Co., Ltd., general store, Regina, has assigned to G. T. Marshall.

The general stock of Donald Livingstone, of Yorkton, will be sold in Winnipeg, on November 5, by auction.

Northwest Ontario.

P. Gallagher & Sons, butchers, are building a cold storage warehouse at Keewatin.

It is stated that the Keewatin Lumber & Manufacturing Co. purpose closing down their mill at the end of the week.

MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents \$5.10 to \$5.20; second patents, \$4.95 to \$5. Flour has advanced 15c to 20c compared with a week ago. Millfeed 25c lower, oats 3-1c higher; flax seed 3c higher; corn 1c higher.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$7 to \$7.25; bran in bulk, \$6.50 to \$6.75; corn feed \$1 to \$1.11 per ton.

Corn—Quota at 24 1-2c to 25 1-4c for No. 3 and No. 4.

Oats—19 1-2c to 20c for No. 3 and No. 4.

Barley—Feed quoted at 24c to 24 1-4c per bushel of fifty pounds, malting samples, 25 to 35c.

Flax seed—\$1.03 3-4c per bushel.

Eggs—13c to 13 1-2c for strictly fresh, the latter case including cases. Cheese—Choice to fancy, 5 to 10 1-2c fair to good, 7 to 8c.

Butter—Creamery, 21c to 22 1-2c; seconds 15c to 18c; dairy 12c to 20c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 4 to 6 1-2c; lamb, 6c to 9c.

Dressed hogs—3 3-4c for heavy; medium to choice, 4 3-4c to 5c.

Potatoes—Car lots, mixed, 27 to 30c; choice white, 35 to 40c per bushel.

Poultry—Chickens, 5 1-2c to 6c; old fowl 3 to 4c; turkeys 8 to 8 1-2c; ducks 7c; geese 6c.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. Montreal, Oct. 30.

Teas are firm, sugars steady. Valencia raisins offering 1-2c lower. Other lines unchanged.

Quotations are: Granulate sugar, 4 1-16c in lots of over 250 barrels, and 4 1-8c for 100 barrel lots, at the refineries; yellows, 3 3-8c to 3 3-4c. Molasses, 25 to 26c. Syrups, 13-4 to 2 1-2c, as to quality. Valencia raisins from 4 3-4 to 5 1-2c. Coffee, Rio, 10 to 13c; Mocha and Java 20 to 24c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. Montreal, Oct. 30.

Another strong advance has been made in turpentine of 3 to 4c since a week ago. White lead, paints and cement very firm. Iron and heavy hardware very firm.

White lead, government standard, \$5.37 1-2c; No. 1, \$5. Linseed oil, raw, 43c, boiled 46c. Turpentine, 49 to 50c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial. Montreal, Oct. 30.

Oats are about 1-4c higher than a week ago, on the outside range. Oatmeal has advanced 5c per bag. Hides are firm and higher. Other prices unchanged.

Oats—No. 2 white in store, 26 to 26 1-2c.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.90 to \$5; Manitoba patents, \$5.10 to \$5.45.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, including sacks, \$11.50 per ton. Shorts, \$12.50.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.65 to \$1.70 per bag.

Hides—8c to 8 1-2c for No. 1. Eggs—Candled, 13c; new laid, 16c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial. Montreal, Oct. 30.

Prices are about the same as a week ago in every line.

Cattle—Export, 4c; choice shippers, 4 1-2c; cattle, butchers, 3 to 4c.

Sheep—2 1-2c to 3c per lb. Hogs—5 to 5 1-4c. Exports this week were as follows: Cattle, 3,669; sheep, 2,193.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. Mullins & Wilson wire The Commercial the following reports of prices realized at the semi-weekly live stock market at Toronto, on Friday, October 29.

Toronto, Oct. 30.

Sixty carloads were offered, including 3,615 hogs and 1,282 sheep and lambs.

Cattle—Exporters paid 3 1-2c to 4 1-2c. Butchers' cattle sold at 2 1-2 to 3 1-4c. Bulls, shipping, 3 to 3 1-4c. Stockers, 2 1-2 to 3c. Feeders 3 to 3 1-2c. Stock bulls 2 to 2 1-2c.

Sheep—Export sheep brought 3 to 3 1-8c. Bucks, 2 1-2c per lb.; lambs, 4 to 4 1-8c.

Hogs—Hogs, best bacon, 4 1-2c per lb.; thick fat, 4 1-4c, and light fat, 4 3-8c per lb., weighed off cars.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

No. 1 Northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week:

Monday—December 83 3-8c, May 90 1-8c.

Tuesday—October 91 1-8c, December 85 5-8c, May 90 1-4c.

Wednesday—December 89 7-8c, May 91 1-4c.

Thursday—December, 91 1-8c, May 92 1-2c.

Friday—October 93 7-8c, December 90 7-8c, May 92c.

Saturday, Dec., 91 3-4; May, 92 3-4c.

Cash, No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 96c, and cash No. 1 northern at 94 1-2c.

Last week December option closed at 89 5-8c.

A year ago December option closed at 73 1-4c, and two years ago at 54 3-4c. Three years ago December option closed at 56 1-2c, and four years ago at 59 1-4c.

SATURDAY'S CHICAGO MARKET.

On Saturday, October 30, wheat opened at 97 to 97 1-4c for December option, and ranged from 96 7-8 to 97 7-8c closing prices were:

Wheat—Oct. 97 3-4c, Dec. 97 3-4c, May 95 1-4c.

Corn—Oct. 26c, Dec. 26 7-8c.

Oats—Oct. 18 3-4c, Dec. 19 1-4c.

Pork—Oct. \$7.50, Dec. \$7.50.

Lard—Dec. \$4.15.

Ribs—Dec., \$4.40.

Flaxseed—Cash \$1.07, Dec. \$1.05, May, \$1.07 1-4.

A week ago December wheat closed at 95c. A year ago December wheat closed at 72 5-8c, two years ago at 53 3-4c, and three years ago at 53 1-4c, and four years ago at 52 1-8c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, October 30, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 93 3-4c for October, 92 1-4c for December, and 92 5-8c for May option. A week ago December wheat closed at 90c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

The feeling for cash wheat was easier, owing to the price of cash stuff at New York being lower, compared with futures. Offerings were free at 94 1-2c for No. 1 hard, about Fort William, this (Saturday) morning.

Closing firmer at 94 1-2 to 95c.

NEW YORK CLOSE.

On Saturday, October 30, wheat closed at \$1.00 1-8 for December, and 96 1-8c for May option. A week ago December wheat closed at 97 3-4.

Gilbert E. Carters, of Duck Lake, will open a general store at Rosthern.



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Vancouver, October 30, 1897.

Butter—Manitoba dairy 18@20c; Manitoba creamery 23½@25c.

Eggs—Eastern eggs, 17½@18c.

Cheese—Manitoba 11½@12½c.

Cured Meats—Hams 13½c; breakfast bacon 14c; backs 12½c; long clear 10c; short rolls, 10½c; smoked sides 11½c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10c per lb, in pails and tubs ½c lb.

Fish—Founders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 5c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring 4c; spring salmon 14c each; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; smoked salmon 10c; finnan haddie 10c; kippered herring 12c; Columbia river oolochans 7c lb.; fresh halibut, 6c; coho salmon, 4c.

Vegetables—Potatoes \$12@14 per ton; California onions 2c lb; onions 1½c lb; cabbage 1½c lb; carrots turnips and beets \$10.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons \$4.00 @ 4.50; cucumbers, 6 doz. box \$1.25; California grapes, \$1.40 to \$1.50 box; apples, 40 lb box, 60c@\$.1.25.

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.75; 245 pound sacks \$2.80; 4-22½ pound sacks \$2.90; 10-7 sacks, \$2.00; Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2-50's \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.50.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$6.25; strong bakers, \$6.00; Oregon jobbers price \$6.00.

Grain—Oats, new, \$17@18 per ton; wheat, \$25@26 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00@24.00 per ton; ground barley \$22 ton; shorts \$21.00 ton; bran \$19.00; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F. O. B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff. Higher prices for bran and shorts next week.

Hay—\$13.00 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef \$5.75 @ \$6.25; mutton 7½@8c; Australian mutton, 6c; pork 6@7½c; veal 6@8c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, grass fed \$3.25 @ \$3.50 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$3.75 @ 4.00 per 100 lbs; hogs \$5.00 per 100 lbs; cows \$2.75 @ \$3.00.

Poultry—Chickens \$4.00@4.50 a doz. spring chickens, \$3.00; ducks, \$3.50.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 9c; plums 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7½c, loose Muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8½c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnuts, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered and icing, 6½c; Paris lump, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C. 4½c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3½c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1½c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$4 case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$4.75 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 13c; choice 26c. Ceylons: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Winnipeg, Saturday, Oct. 30.

The cooler weather this week improved the demand some in retail trade circles for fall goods, but up to the present time the weather has been too fine to cause consumers to buy freely. This is more noticeable in the city retail trade than in the country. In the country farmers will often lay in their supplies for fall and winter even although they may not be immediately required. This year, owing to the early grain movement, they have had money to buy early. In the city, however, consumers will not buy until they require the goods. Sorting trade is opening up some, but business has been mainly in filling late orders, or enlargements of orders given earlier. In every branch of wholesale trade reports are of a cheerful nature and all around business may be described good for the season. The improvement in wheat prices has induced freer selling of grain on the part of farmers, and the export movement of wheat continues large. Cattle experts keep up, but will soon begin to slacken. Threshing is being wound up, the season was an admirable one for this work. There has been a good demand for men to go to the woods for the winter, and also for winter work on the Crow's Nest railway, and labor is well employed. There is still some complaint about scarcity of cars for moving out grain and live stock, and also of delay of goods in transit this way. The enormous increase of late in bank clearings at Winnipeg, is again conspicuous this week, clearings being vastly in excess of previous years.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

Winnipeg, Saturday Afternoon, Oct. 30

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Business is good in this branch notwithstanding the fine weather. A good many late orders and enlargements of earlier orders have been filled lately. The volume of trade for October is reported by one jobber as being 25 per cent greater than October last year, which is a remarkable showing in view of the weather, which has been too fine for the store trade this year, while in October last year the weather was favorable for inducing buying.

COAL.

The weather has not been cold enough yet to make much demand for coal. Prices are the same, at \$10 per ton for Pennsylvania anthracite, \$9.50 for western anthracite, \$6.50 for Lehigh, and \$4.50 for Souris. These are retail prices, delivered to consumers. Reports from Duluth this week noted an advance in soft coal, Hocking being quoted at \$3, and hard coal at \$5.35 to \$5.60 as to size, etc. Freight was quoted at 25c per long ton, Buffalo to Duluth.

HARDWARE, PAINTS, ETC.

Business is reported good for the season. Glass is moving freely and

is very firm, owing to advances in other markets. Turpentine is very strong. There have been sharp advances in other markets, and some were quoting higher here at 60 per barrels, but the advance was not general. It is very firm, however, as is almost every staple line in hardware and paints. See quotations on another page.

DRUGS.

There are no changes in prices this week. See quotations on another page.

FARM IMPLEMENTS.

In this line attention is being given mainly to collections at present. Some wind mills have been selling, and cutters and sleighs have begun to move somewhat.

FURS.

A few fall rat and skunk have come in, but the raw fur season has hardly opened yet. Manufacturers are very busy making up fur garments, etc., and a good season's trade is expected.

FISH.

Local jobbing prices are as follows for fresh fish: White 5 1-2c, pickerel 4c, trout 9c, salmon 12c, halibut 10c per lb., kippered goldeyes, 30c per doz.; Finnish haddies, 11c per lb. Oysters are quoted at \$2.50 per gallon in bulk, and \$3 per barrel for shell.

GREEN FRUITS AND NUTS.

There are several new lines in this week, which were just opened yesterday. The first new Jamaica oranges have come to hand, and they have turned out very fine fruit. New Malaga grapes, figs and coconuts have also been received. The coconuts are about the finest ever brought to this market, being extra large, thick fleshed and white. They are the Venezuela variety. No Ontario late winter apples are in yet, but are expected early next week. There are plenty of grapes in, but they are beginning to be somewhat unsafe for shipping. Catawba grapes are expected to be the only eastern variety yet to come forward. Tomatoes are out. Few very poor crates in. Ontario pears now offering are very poor truck, and they are about done. A carload of Oregon winter pears was sold by auction, and ranged from \$1.40 to \$1.90 per box, which are considered good prices. A few bananas still come to hand, notwithstanding the yellow fever quarantine south. Cranberries are higher. Prices are as follows: Jamaica oranges, \$13 per barrel, equal to about 21-2 boxes; Mexican oranges, \$6.50 box; bananas per bunch, \$2.50 to \$3; California lemons, \$5 to \$5.50 a box; Washington and Oregon pears, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per box; apples, \$4 to \$4.50 per barrel for fall and winter varieties; Concord grapes, 30c 10 lb. baskets; California grapes, \$2.50 to \$3 per crate for Tokays; Ontario pears 60 to 65c per 20 lb. basket; Cape Cod cranberries, \$10 per barrel; sweet potatoes, \$5 to \$5.25 per barrel; Malaga grapes, \$8.50 to \$9 per keg, as to size; coconuts, \$1 per dozen; figs, fancy grades, \$1.70 per 10 lb. box.

GROCERIES.

The grocery market, which a short time ago was unusually bare of staple lines of goods, is now well supplied in most lines, by the arrival of new goods. Large receipts of new emigrants came to hand this week and the market is now well supplied. The first new figs were also received. A couple of cars of California evaporated

apples have also been received. Eastern holders of dried and evaporated apples, as commented on last week, are away up in their views, and for this reason buyers here have been slow to purchase stocks of these goods. It is believed here that if the present high prices are maintained, consumers will take other lines of dried fruits, such as prunes and apricots in place of apples, and if this is general, the consumption will be so decreased that prices may be lower later on. The California evaporated stock are selling about the same as eastern evaporated apples. A car of Oregon prunes, the first ever brought to this market, are expected daily. They are larger and blacker in color than Californias, and are dried by steam process inside instead of being sun dried like the California fruit. They are expected to be something extra fine, and will sell about the same as the best California prunes. See quotations on another page.

LUMBER.

This branch still keeps fairly active but the season's trade is drawing to a close, and it has been the best one for the mills in many years. The mills will go into the winter with lower stocks than they have had for a series of years. Some of the mills are now closing down. Lumber camps for the winter have been established in the woods, and several gangs of men were sent to the woods this week.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

Dealers report business very brisk. Shipments of holiday goods are now being made by wholesalers.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Winnipeg, Saturday Afternoon, Oct. 30

WHEAT—The week on the whole has been a strong one in wheat, and prices have nearly reached the top mark again, as will be seen by the quotations for New York, Chicago and other markets. Prices were off on Monday from Saturday's close, but there was a continual advance from Monday to Friday, when prices showed some reaction at the close, though early on Friday, Chicago sold as high as 98 1-2c for December option. The Chicago market has been particularly strong. Chicago was so much higher than Duluth, that several cargoes of Duluth wheat were cleared for Chicago during the week. Though the movement of wheat from farmer's hands has been liberal, stocks refuse to pile up to the big figures of a year ago, the visible supply—see statistics on another page—being less than half what it was a year ago. This is owing to large exports and the reduction of stock before new wheat began to move.

The higher prices have led to freer selling by farmers in Manitoba markets, and when wheat touched 80c a good many farmers, who had wheat stored in elevators, sold out. Prices in Manitoba country markets have been strong. A week ago to-day prices were advanced in Manitoba country markets 1 to 3c. On Wednesday, this week, prices were noticeably higher at a number of country points, 80c being paid for No. 1 hard, to farmers, at a number of points, and as high as 81 to 82c was quoted at two or three points. Deliveries by farmers would average about 150,000 bushels per day. By the close of navigation the bulk of the crop will be out of the country, as the movement started early and has been heavy right

along, the weather being favorable throughout the season for threshing and marketing grain. The bulk of the crop continues to grade No. 1 hard (see inspection returns), with No. 2 hard a slow second, and a very small percentage of other grades.

Prices in the Winnipeg market advanced with other markets. The week opened with No. 1 hard quoted at 93 1-2 to 94c, and sales at this range. On Tuesday 94c was made. On Wednesday 94c to 94 1-2c was quoted, with sales at this range, and on Thursday 95c was reached. There were liberal offerings, however, at this figure. Yesterday 1-2c better was touched, sales having been made at 95 1-2c at the top, but 95c was quoted at the close, for No. 1 hard afloat Fort William, No. 2 hard quoted 2 1-2c to 3c under No. 1, and No. 3 hard 4c under No. 2, afloat Fort William. A telegram from New York yesterday quoted Manitoba No. 1 hard 95c c.i.f. Buffalo, equal to 95c Fort William. The rate on wheat from Duluth to Buffalo was quoted at 1 1-4c per bushel. Buffalo to New York, canal rate, including charges at Buffalo, 37-8c.

FLOUR—A good export demand for Manitoba flour is reported from Montreal, at fair prices. The market was decidedly firmer, owing to the advance in wheat; Ogilvie's Hungarian patents was quoted 10 to 15c higher at \$2.55, and Glenora at \$2.35 per sack of 98 lbs. Lake of the Woods quoted patent \$2.45, strong bakers \$2.25, second bakers \$1.80 and XXXX \$1.40, prices to local dealers here.

MILLEED—Prices are stronger, \$8 to \$9 was quoted for bran and \$10 to \$11 for shorts per ton, to local buyers.

GROUND FEED—Owing to high prices of oats and barley, ground feed is higher. Up to \$20 per ton is asked for best rolled oat feed, and we quote \$17 to \$20 per ton for feed, as to quality. Ground elevator feed, is offering at lower prices. Some corn feed is being sold, and if the high price of oats is maintained, more of this will be used. Ground corn is offering at \$15 to \$16 per ton.

OATMEAL—The market is uncertain regarding oatmeal, owing to the high price of oats and the difficulty of securing a supply of oats even at any price. Millers have been offered orders which they could not fill. A couple of cars of oatmeal have been brought in from the States. The duty on the meal is less than half what it is, proportionately, on the oats, which seems a rather peculiar situation. If we have to import, it would seem better to bring the oats in for grinding here and thus encourage our home industries. About \$1.60 is quoted for car lots of rolled oats, but available supplies are light. Lots to retail dealers quoted at \$1.80.

OATS—The scarcity of oats continues. Very few are offering, and the tendency of prices was higher, higher prices having been paid in country markets this week. Here we quote 30 to 32c for car lots on track, per bushel of 34 pounds, but there has been scarcely anything done at these prices. For farmers loads about 30c was paid, and 23 to 26c was paid at country points, for cars. It looks as though there would be a scarcity even for home requirements, as some country points are buyers of oats.

BARLEY—Nominal in the absence of offerings. A few loads offered locally at 30c per bushel of 48 lbs.

WHEAT—Local farmers' market. From \$5 to \$6c has been paid on the

street here for No. 1 hard wheat, by the millers, to farmers.

BUTTER—Creamery—Very little business done, though one or two lots were still held by factories. We quote 20c for round lots.

BUTTER—Dairy—The local market is firm. We quote ordinary round lots at 14c, and choice to fancy lots at 15 to 16c per lb. Considerable dairy is believed to still be held in the country. Owing to the high prices here, compared with values in the east, some buying of butter has been done east, for the western trade. It is claimed that either creamery or dairy butter can be bought in Montreal for the western trade to better advantage than here. The local situation seems rather abnormal in dairy goods. A car of Ontario butter was reported at Rat Portage this week.

CHEESE—Transactions have been reported this week at 10c to 10 5-8c, the latter price having been paid for small sizes.

EGGS—Buyers are paying 15c net for receipts of fresh.

POULTRY—Dressed chickens bring 10c per lb., and old fowl 8c to 9c as to quality. Turkeys will bring 11c to 12c, and geese and ducks 10c per lb. dressed.

GAME—Dealers have paid 15 to 30c per pair wild ducks, as to quality. Wild geese, 30 to 50c each. Waxies 25c each.

LARD—Prices are. Pure \$1.70 for 20 lb. pails, and \$1.25 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard, in 3, 5 and 10-lb. tins, quoted at \$6.00 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8 to 8 1-4c per lb.

CURED MEATS—Prices are as follows: Smoked meats, hams assorted sizes, 12 to 12 1-2c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 12 to 12 1-2c; do., backs, 10 1-2 to 11c; short spiced rolls, 9 to 9 1-2c; shoulders, 8 1-2c to 9c; smoked long clear, 9c to 9 1-2c; dry salt meats are quoted; long clear bacon, 8 1-4 to 8 1-2c; boneless shoulders, 8 to 8 1-2c; backs, 9 to 9 1-4c; barrelled pork heavy mess, \$14.50 to \$15; short cut \$16 to \$16.50; pork sundries, Bologna sausage, 7c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 3c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 20 to 25c per lb.; pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per pail.

DRESSED MEATS—There has been a weaker tendency all around in dressed meats particularly for hogs, which are fully 1c lower. Hogs have been offering freely at 6c, and 5 1-4 to 6c is quoted, the outside price for choice bacon, and the lower range for heavy hogs over 350 pounds, dressed weight. Country dressed hogs have been offering freely. Beef is also easier, and is about 1-2c lower on the outside, 4 1-2c being now about the top for city dressed beef, and we quote 4 to 4 1-2c for beef. Lamb is lower. We quote mutton 5 to 6c; lamb 6 to 7c; veal 5 to 6c.

HIDES—Up to 7c has still been paid for No. 1 city hides, with 6c offered for country hides. Calf skins, 8 to 15 pound skins, 7c to 8c per lb.; dekins 10 to 20 c each; kips 5 to 7c; sheepskins, fresh taken off, 30 to 35c; lambskins, 30 to 35c. Horsehides 75c to \$1.25.

SENECA ROOT—Quoted at about 16 to 17c per lb. here. Nothing now coming in.

WOOL—We quote 8 to 9 1-2c here for unwashed fleeces. Next to nothing offering.

TALLOW—Quoted steady at 3 1-2c for No. 1 and 2 to 2 1-2c for other grades as to quality.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes are firmer and are now selling at 25c to 30c per bushel for loads on the street or to load cars for shipment, most sales being 27c to 30c; onions are higher; cabbage \$3 to \$5 per 100; celery 40 to 50c per dozen bunches; onions 1 1-2 to 2c per lb.; cabbages are 1 1-2c to 2c per lb.; squash 1 1-2c per lb.; pumpkins 1c per lb.; 40 to 50c per bushel; beets 25c per bushel; turnips 15c per bushel; parsnips 1 1-2c per lb.

HAY—There is a good demand for baled to ship west to the Crow's Nest construction, and also to send east with trainloads of cattle, for feed en route. Prices are rather easier; \$5 per ton being quoted for car lots of baled hay at point of shipment in this district, though some hold higher. On track here \$6 to \$6.50 per ton for cars of baled.

CORDWOOD—Prices are firm. We quote car lots here on track as follows: Tamarac, \$4.25 to \$4.50; pine, \$4 to \$4.25; poplar, \$3 to \$3.25 for car lots on track here, per cord.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle—Export shipments keep up. Prices are easier. Butchers' cattle range from 2c for rough common up to 2 1-2c for good cattle. Sales at 2 1-4c in the yards here for very fair lots of butchers' were reported.

Hogs—Prices hold at the decline noted last week. We quote choice bacon hogs weighing 150 to 250 lbs. at \$4.50 per 100 lbs.; 250 to 300 lbs., \$4.00; heavy hogs, over 300 lbs., \$3 to \$3.50, as to quality, off cars here.

Sheep—Nominal at 2 1-2 to 2 3-4c off cars here. Lambs, 3c.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

On Tuesday, October 26, offerings were light, being only 38 cars, of which 674 head were sheep and 1,700 hogs. Balance cattle. Export Cattle—Best steers sold from 3 3-4c to 4c per lb., the latter price being paid for only one carload. Butchers' Cattle—The top price may be put at 3 1-2c per lb. There were quite a few sales at 3c to 3 1-4c per lb. Stockers and Feeders—Steers, weighing from 950 to 1,000 lbs., sold for 2 1-4c to 2 1-2c, and those weighing from 1,050 to 1,200 lbs., 2 3-4c per lb. Sheep and Lambs—Export sheep were dull but steady at \$3 to \$3.30 per cwt. Butchers' sheep are quiet at \$2.75 to \$3.25 each. Lambs are in fair demand for export to Buffalo at \$3.75 to \$3.90 per cwt. Hogs—The tendency is still downward. Best bacon sold for 4 3-8c to 4 1-2c per lb., a few lots touching 4 5-8c; heavy fat, 4 18 to 4 1-4c; light fat 4 1-4c, stores 4 1-4c to 4 3-8c, sows 3 to 3 1-4c, stags 1 7-8 to 2c.

WHOLESALE GROCERS IN SESSION.

A meeting of wholesale grocers was held at Montreal last week to endeavor to arrange a uniform scale of prices on sugar. It is said an agreement was arrived at, but it has not been made public. Allowing for the refiners' rebate, the proposition, from what can be gathered, will give the jobbers a margin roughly speaking of about 4 per cent., which is not excessive.

The grade of extra Manitoba hard wheat, heretofore known as a commercial grade, has been declared an official grade by order in council, so that it now becomes a regularly established and officially recognized grade of wheat.