

Technical and Bibliographic Notes / Notes techniques et bibliographiques

The Institute has attempted to obtain the best original copy available for filming. Features of this copy which may be bibliographically unique, which may alter any of the images in the reproduction, or which may significantly change the usual method of filming, are checked below.

L'Institut a microfilmé le meilleur exemplaire qu'il lui a été possible de se procurer. Les détails de cet exemplaire qui sont peut-être uniques du point de vue bibliographique, qui peuvent modifier une image reproduite, ou qui peuvent exiger une modification dans la méthode normale de filmage sont indiqués ci-dessous.

Coloured covers/  
Couverture de couleur

Coloured pages/  
Pages de couleur

Covers damaged/  
Couverture endommagée

Pages damaged/  
Pages endommagées

Covers restored and/or laminated/  
Couverture restaurée et/ou pelliculée

Pages restored and/or laminated/  
Pages restaurées et/ou pelliculées

Cover title missing/  
Le titre de couverture manque

Pages discoloured, stained or foxed/  
Pages décolorées, tachetées ou piquées

Coloured maps/  
Cartes géographiques en couleur

Pages detached/  
Pages détachées

Coloured ink (i.e. other than blue or black)/  
Encre de couleur (i.e. autre que bleue ou noire)

Showthrough/  
Transparence

Coloured plates and/or illustrations/  
Planches et/ou illustrations en couleur

Quality of print varies/  
Qualité inégale de l'impression

Bound with other material/  
Relié avec d'autres documents

Continuous pagination/  
Pagination continue

Tight binding may cause shadows or distortion along interior margin/  
La reliure serrée peut causer de l'ombre ou de la distorsion le long de la marge intérieure

Includes index(es)/  
Comprend un (des) index

Title on header taken from:/  
Le titre de l'en-tête provient:

Blank leaves added during restoration may appear within the text. Whenever possible, these have been omitted from filming/  
Il se peut que certaines pages blanches ajoutées lors d'une restauration apparaissent dans le texte, mais, lorsque cela était possible, ces pages n'ont pas été filmées.

Title page of issue/  
Page de titre de la livraison

Caption of issue/  
Titre de départ de la livraison

Masthead/  
Générique (périodiques) de la livraison

Additional comments:/  
Commentaires supplémentaires:

This item is filmed at the reduction ratio checked below/  
Ce document est filmé au taux de réduction indiqué ci-dessous.

10X	14X	18X	22X	26X	30X
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12X	16X	20X	24X	28X	32X

**JOHN L. CASSIDY & CO.,**  
Importers of  
**China, Pottery, Glassware, Cutlery,**  
339 and 341 ST. PAUL STREET,  
**MONTREAL.**

OUR ASSORTMENT, AS USUAL, THE LARGEST.  
OUR PRICES, AS ALWAYS, THE LOWEST.  
OUR FACILITIES FOR PLEASING THE TRADE BET-  
TER THAN EVER.

**MOORE'S CHINA HALL**  
Direct Importers of

**China, Glass and Earthenware**  
SILVER-PLATED WARE,

Lamps, Cutlery and General House Furnishings

**MOORE & CO., Proprietors,**  
Wholesale Warehouse, 21 Albert St. WINNIPEG  
Office and Sample Room, 450 Main St.

Orders by Mail will receive prompt attention.

**THOS. W. TAYLOR,**  
THE PIONEER PAPER RULER,

**Blank Book Manufacturer,**  
Of Manitoba and the North-West.  
13 OWEN STREET, WINNIPEG, MAN.

**JOHN TAYLOR,**  
Produce & Commission Merchants

GENERAL WAREHOUSEMEN.

**Liberal Cash Advances!**  
MADE ON GOODS WAREHOUSED.

Premises ROOMY and CONVENIENT. GOOD  
CELLERAGE, and upper flats with Elevator.

54 PRINCESS STREET,  
WINNIPEG.

**JAMES A. SKINNER & CO.,**  
HAMILTON, ONT.

Every Merchant in the Northwest visiting  
Ontario should inspect our samples either in  
Hamilton or Toronto as our stock of  
TABLE AND FANCY CROCKERY,  
CHINA, GLASS AND LAMP GOODS,  
is the most complete in Canada. New Goods  
arriving every week. Close prices to large  
buyers.

**J. Y. GRIFFIN & CO**  
(Late Griffin & Allan)

**PORK PACKERS**

**COMMISSION MERCHANTS.**

dealers in Heavy Provisions; Bacon, Hams, Lard, Butter  
etc., at close prices to the trade. Special attention  
given to consignments of Farm Produce. Consignments  
of orders solicited.

64 & 66 McDERMOTT ST., WINNIPEG.

**J. S. CARVETH & CO.,**

**PORK PACKERS**

COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

General Produce Dealers. Correspondence  
solicited.

Princess St., Opera House Block, Winnipeg

**SAMUEL HOOPER, DEALER IN MONUMENTS, HEAD  
Stones, Mantle Pieces, Grates, etc. Special designs fur-  
nished on application. Cor. Bannatyne and Albert Sts.  
Winnipeg**

**THE FEDERAL BANK OF CANADA**

HEAD OFFICE, - - - TORONTO.

Capital, - - - - - \$1,250,000.  
Reserve, - - - - - 125,000.

**DIRECTORS.**

S. NORDHEIMER, Esq., President.  
J. S. PLAYFAIR, Esq., Vice-President  
William Galbraith, Esq. E. Gurney, Jun., Esq.  
B. Cronyn, Esq. H. E. Clarke, Esq., M.P.P.  
J. W. Langmuir, Esq.  
G. W. YARKEK, General Manager.

**WINNIPEG. F. L. PATTON, MANAGER.**

BRANCHES

Aurora, Kingston, Strathroy, Tilsonburg,  
Chatham, London, Simcoe, Winnipeg,  
Quebec, Newmarket, St. Mary's, Yorkville,  
Toronto.

Bankers—New York—American Exchange National  
Bank. Boston—The Maverick National Bank. Great  
Britain—The National Bank of Scotland. Chicago—  
American Exchange National Bank. St. Paul—Merchant  
National Bank.

**TEES, WILSON & CO.**

Wholesale Grocers and Tea Merchants,  
166 ST. PETER STREET, MONTREAL.

**TEAS A SPECIALTY.**

**BRUCE & COMPANY, McIntyre Block, Winnipeg**

Agents for Manitoba and Northwest Territories

**FOR \$10.00**

Dealers in nearly every branch of trade can profitably  
handle a few cigars. In order to introduce my goods for  
the fall trade, I will make the following special offer,  
good for three months from August 1.—I will send for  
\$10, seven half boxes all different brands handsomely put  
up in boxes. These cigars are selected from my choicest  
brands, made from the finest leaf tobacco, and guaran-  
teed superior to the ordinary imported 10 cent cigars.  
Mail orders forwarded promptly.

**THOS. G. FLEETON,**  
MANUFACTURER OF FINE CIGARS,  
361 MAIN STREET, WINNIPEG.

**RUBLEE, RIDDELL & CO.,**  
Commission Merchants,

AND IMPORTERS OF

Green and Dried Fruits,

15 OWEN STREET, WINNIPEG

**BOILER PURGER**

Prepared specially for the ALKALINE waters  
of the NORTHWEST, the

**ONLY RELIABLE**

preparation of its class made.

**JOSEPH PARKINSON,**  
MANUFACTURING CHEMIST,

WINNIPEG. - MANITOBA.

First-class in every Respect.  
Appointments Perfect.  
Graduated Prices.



ST. LAWRENCE HALL  
HENRY HOOGAN.

Every Attention paid to  
Orders.  
MONTREAL.



**THE UNION INJECTOR!** THE BEST  
known appliance for feeding all kinds of steam boilers,  
will lift water 25 feet. Manufactured by

R. MITCHELL & CO.,  
St Peter & Craig Sts  
MONTREAL.

**REMOVAL!**

**PEDDIE & CO.,**

Have removed to

56 Princess St (Gerrie Block)

where a full line of D. McCall and Co's samples  
of Millinery may be seen. Also special lines in  
Hosiery, Gloves, Underwear, etc.

A Call from the Trade is Solicited.

**PEDDIE & CO**

NOTHING LIKE LEATHER.

**W. N. JOHNSTON & CO.,**

Importers and Dealers in

Leather, Findings, Plasterers' Hair

HIDES AND OIL.

23 and 25 Alexander St. West, Winnipeg

DAWSON, BOLE & CO.,

**Wholesale Druggists, Etc.**

REGINA, N.W.T.

Large stock of leading Patent Medicines  
Sole wholesale agents for the Cow Boy Cigar. We  
also carry all line of popular domestic & imported brand

WRITE FOR QUOTATIONS.

**Hodgson, Sumner & Co.**

IMPORTERS OF

British, French, American and German

DRY GOODS,

**FANCY GOODS,**

Smallwares,

TOYS, BEADS, &c

WHOLESALE ONLY.

Cor. Bannatyne & Princess Sts., Winnipeg.

Andrew Allan, President. John McKechnie, Superintendent.  
F. H. Brydges, Vice-President. E. H. Williams, Sec.-Treas.

**THE VULCAN IRON COMPANY,**

OF MANITOBA, (LIMITED),

**BRASS & IRON FOUNDERS,**

Light and Heavy Forgings, Engine and Boiler Work  
Millwrighting,

**GENERAL BLACKSMITHING.**

All Kinds of Machinery.

POINT DOUGLAS AV., WINNIPEG

**HENDERSON & BULL,**  
Commission Merchants.

AGENTS FOR The Canada Sugar Refining Co., The Canada Jute Company, The } MONTREAL  
Edwardsburg Starch Co., The J. A. Converse Cordage and Plaster Works, }  
Messrs. W. T. Coleman & Co., San Francisco, and Peck Bros. & Co., London, England.  
STORAGE in Bond or Free. Lowest Rates of Insurance. Liberal Advances made on Consignments.  
OFFICE AND WAREHOUSE: 41 BANNATYNE STREET EAST,  
WINNIPEG.

**"Reindeer Brand" Condensed Milk**  
Contains ALL the cream of the original milk. Full weight and absolute purity guaranteed.  
**"Reindeer" Brand Condensed Coffee**  
Combining pure COFFEES, MILK and SUGAR One spoonful added to a cup of boiling water makes a delicious cup of  
Coffee all ready for use Manufactured by the  
**Truro Condensed Milk and Canning Company (Limited)**  
TRURO, NOVA SCOTIA.  
Sole agents for Manitoba and the Northwest, HENDERSON & BULL, WINNIPEG

AMES, HOLDEN & CO., MONTREAL.  
**The Ames, Holden Company,**  
WHOLESALE  
Dealers in  
**BOOTS & SHOES,**  
33 Queen Street,  
WINNIPEG  
JAMES REDMOND, WINNIPEG. A. C. FLUMBERFELT, WINNIPEG.

**Thompson,**  
Codville & Co.,  
WHOLESALE GROCERS,  
26 McDermott Street,  
WINNIPEG.

AS. PORTER W. M. RONALD.  
**PORTER & RONALD,**  
DIRECT IMPORTERS OF  
**GROCKERY**  
GLASSWARE CHINA  
LAMPS,  
**CHANDELIERS,**  
CUTLERY,  
SILVER-PLATED WARE & FANCY GOODS  
330 MAIN ST., WINNIPEG.

**TASSE, WOOD & CO**  
Manufacturers of.  
**Fine Cigars,**  
MONTREAL.  
Our Brands: { RELIANCE &  
TERRIER.  
MIKADO  
Are unsurpassed by any in the Dominion  
Ask your-Wholesale Merchant  
FOR THEM.

**Robinson, Little & Co**  
LONDON.  
**SPRING SAMPLES, 1888**  
Our Representatives, MESSRS. BRYCE & Co.,  
are now on the road with Samples of CANADIAN  
DRY GOODS, also of GERMAN HOISERY  
and GLOVES for Special Importations.  
We request your careful inspection of our  
samples before placing orders.  
**Robinson, Little and Co.**

**G. F. STEPHENS & CO.**  
MANUFACTURERS,  
IMPORTERS & JOBBERS OF  
**Window Glass, Paints, Oils**  
VARNISHES, BRUSHES,  
**PLASTER, CEMENT, Etc.**  
Sole Agents for  
**Alabastine:**  
SPECIALTY  
STEPHENS' PURE LIQUID COLORS,  
READY FOR THE BRUSH.  
20 MARKET STREET EAST,  
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

**H. A. Nelson & Sons**

TORONTO —AND— MONTREAL

Largest Assortment in the Dominion.  
Fancy Goods, Toys, Snow Shoes,  
Children's Sleighs, Toboggans,  
Fancy China, Glassware, etc., etc.  
Send for Illustrated Catalogue (enclosing  
business card)  
Represented in Manitoba and N W T by  
W. S. CRONE.



**LYON, MACKENZIE & POWIS,**  
WHOLESALE GROCERS,  
Cor. McDermot & Albert Sts., WINNIPEG

GEO. D. WOOD, Winnipeg. Wood & Leggat, Hamilton, Ont.  
**GEO. D. WOOD & CO.**  
WHOLESALE  
**Hardware AND Metals**  
GUNS AND SPORTING GOODS.  
22 & 24 ALEXANDER ST. EAST, AND 35 &  
37 McWILLIAM ST. EAST.  
WINNIPEG.

  
**English Salt.**  
HIGGINS EUREKA BRAND for Butter and  
Cheese Makers. WINDSOR for Meat Packers  
Received a Car Choice Elcme and Valencia  
Raisins.  
NATIONAL FOOD,  
CHASE AND SANBORN'S COFFEES.  
FOR SALE BY  
**Turner, Mackeand & Co.**  
2 BANNATYNE STREET EAST, WINNIPEG

# The Commercial

A JOURNAL DEVOTED TO THE FINANCIAL, MERCANTILE AND MANUFACTURING INTERESTS OF THE CANADIAN NORTH-WEST.

Published by James E. Steen—Every Monday—Subscription, \$2 per annum

VOL. 6.

WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 14TH, 1887.

No. 8

## The Commercial

Journal devoted to keeping a comprehensive record of the transactions of the Monetary, Mercantile and Manufacturing Interests of Manitoba and the Canadian Northwest.

ISSUED EVERY MONDAY

THE COMMERCIAL will be mailed to any address in Canada, United States or Great Britain at \$2.00 a year in advance.

### ADVERTISING RATES.

1 month weekly insertion.....	\$0 30	per line.
3 months, do .....	0 75	"
6 " do .....	1 25	"
12 " do .....	2 00	"

Casual rates for all advertisements inserted for a less period than one month, or for all transient advertising 10 cents per line each insertion.

Reading notices in news columns, 15 cents per line each insertion. Special location will be charged extra.

THE COMMERCIAL will be circulated extensively amongst wholesale and retail Merchants, Jobbers, Bankers, Brokers, Manufacturers, Hotel Keepers, Insurance and Loan Agencies throughout the entire Canadian North, west.

Book, Newspaper, Railroad, Commercial and Job Printing, specialties.

Office, 4 and 6 James St. East

JAMES E. STEEN,  
Publisher

WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 14, 1887.

J. W. WEART, furniture dealer, Deloraine, style now J. E. Saunders & Co.

R. P. BUCHART & Bro., hardware and tins, Boissevain, have opened a branch at Deloraine.

ALFRED ASHDOWN, hardware, Boissevain, is closing out his business and removing to Killarney.

A TELEPHONE line has been opened between Saskatoon and Clarke's Crossing, on the Saskatchewan.

WM. WADE, lumber dealer, Deloraine, is admitting W. J. Mathers into partnership, under style of Wade & Mathers.

THE Port Arthur town council have passed a by-law, exempting the lands and buildings of the proposed new smelting works from all municipal taxation, except school taxes.

A. HEAD has opened a photo. gallery at Battleford.

S. HANNA, livery, Morden, has sold out to Geo. George.

FORD BROS., livery, Calgary, have dissolved partnership.

W. C. ASPREY, fruit dealer, Regina, is selling out her business.

F. FRASER TIMS, general store-keeper, Battleford, has sold out.

A. TAYLOR has opened a boot, shoe and harness shop, at Rat Portage.

DAVID CALLENDER, blacksmith, Morden, has sold out to George Sinclair.

MCTAVISH & Co., general storekeepers, Morris, have closed out their business.

GEO. E. W. WINSTANLEY, hotelkeeper, Craven, has sold out to Leslie Hoskins.

GERIE & STERLING, contractors and builders, Rat Portage, have dissolved partnership.

W. E. COCHRANE, boots and shoes, Morden, has formed partnership with one Sinclair.

MARKS, RUTLEDGE & Co., general storekeepers, Nicola, N.W.T., have assigned in trust.

J. F. GALBRAITH, printer and publisher, Morden, has sold out the Manitou Printing and Publishing Co.

SPEDDING & McDONALD, printers and publishers, Manitou, have dissolved partnership. R. H. Spedding continues alone.

MESSRS. G. F. & J. GALT, wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, have moved into their newly-constructed premises at the corner of Princess and Bannatyne Streets, where they have the finest establishment of its kind in Canada. A description of the same will appear in a future issue.

THE Edmonton Bulletin makes the statement that between the 5th of October and 10th of November—the close season, when fishing is illegal—more white fish are caught than at any other time of the year, in the Northwest Territories. This matter should be of as much interest to the Mounted police as hunting for contraband whiskey.

A PARTNERSHIP has been formed by Messrs. Grammond & Lightholt, printers, Fort William, Ont.

JOHN MORRIS, tea dealer, Winnipeg, has given up business and sold out to J. A. F. Tizard.

OWING to defective building, a portion of the upper story of the Keewatin mill has been torn down and will be re-built.

MCBEAN BROS. of Winnipeg, have purchased the farmers' elevator at Manitou, and will commence buying grain there.

THE Stewart Rancho Company have sold out the plant of their express and stage business at Fort Macleod to I. G. Baker & Co.

ALEX. WADDELL has offered to build a grain elevator at Dominion City, if the farmers around there will give him a bonus of \$750.

FISH & SCOTT, ranchers and cattle dealers, Pincher Creek, Alberta, have dissolved partnership. Thos. S. Scott continues the business.

T. R. FOSTER, of Tara, Ont., has applied to the city of Brandon for a bonus to aid him in starting a woollen mill in that city. He is credited with the statement that the C.P.R. Company have offered him a bonus to locate the mill at Calgary, Alberta.

SOME idea of the destruction of hay, caused by prairie fires during October, can be had from the statement of a farmer, who knows thoroughly the country he speaks about. This man states that "a fire which started near the La Salle River and swept through the municipalities of Macdonald and Assiniboia to the Assiniboine River, destroyed nearly two thousand tons of hay. Another fire west of the city and north of the Assiniboine, destroyed about four-hundred tons." A few such fires would hoist the price of hay in Winnipeg.

SOME weeks ago THE COMMERCIAL echoed the complaint of grain shippers, that the C.P.R. management were charging an unnecessarily high figure for freights by lake east of Port Arthur. We understand that the rate has since been struck at nine cents a bushel to Montreal and all points in Quebec and Ontario west of that city. This rate should be a satisfactory one to shippers.

THE recent resolution of the French-speaking Board of Trade of Montreal, asking the Government to cause a forced reduction of railway fares in Canada to two cents a mile first-class, and one cent second is a novelty in the line of demands. This would reduce railway fares to half the rate fixed by the British Parliament, or a figure they never could be worked at here in a country possessing five millions of a population sprinkled over half a continent. If our friends in Montreal had a taste of the four cent rate generally in force in this country, and without any regard to class or comfort, all trains being the same, they would doubtless find cause for congratulation over their present state. Heretofore railway legislation in Canada has been framed to give railways power to oppress the people, and some change is necessary in order that the rights of the people may have some consideration. It is not likely however, that such foolish and unreasonable requests as the Montreal Chambre de Commerce have put forward will incline our legislators towards the necessary legislation. On the contrary more sensible requests might receive a standard line of treatment established to meet such requests as the one referred to.

In the suit brought against the Hudson Bay Railway Company by Messrs. Mann & Holt, contractors, for payment of the work of construction done about a year ago, some statements are being made on oath which ought to make the Manitoba tax-payer stare in amazement and even consternation. For instance, Mr. Hugh Sutherland, the president of the company, stated in his evidence, that although the Manitoba Government's debentures amounting to \$256,000 in value, had been paid out, the Dominion Government have refused to deliver over the land grant, which was to be the security the province of Manitoba should have as a guarantee that the debentures would be repaid in time to the province. It is a fact to be regretted, that statements made on oath are not always authentic, and there are those who will question the statement of the President of the Hudson Bay Railway Co. No matter how many may be prepared to do so, the fact is an alarming one, that the tax-payers of Manitoba have before them a sworn statement, that they must pay interest on \$256,000 for which they receive nothing of any kind. Rumors are rife that there is an understanding between the Dominion and Local Governments on this matter, and the aim is to freeze Mr. Sutherland and his associates out of the undertaking, after which the land grant will come all right. Of course this is only placing a rumor against a sworn statement, and this same rumor may have as much foundation as others, about how the proceeds of the Hudson's Bay Railway debentures were disposed of, and what uses these proceeds were put to. Of course we may be told, that sworn testimony, oaths and all are so much bosh, but before swallowing such a wholesale denial the tax-payers of this province are entitled to ask the Local Government to rise and explain. If the President of the Hudson's Bay Railway Company were looking less after his own pecuniary gain, and more after the railway interests of the province, we might expect him to rise and explain, and it is just

possible his explanation, if he chose to give them, might electrify as well as enlighten the Manitoba tax-payer. There is an Ethiopian in the fence here somewhere, and the man is a true friend to his country who will root him out of his ambush.

THE anti-bucket shop crusade still goes on, and judging from the following article from *Bradstreet's* of the 5th instant, it is taxing the ingenuity of those who are pushing. That journal says: "The latest development in relation to the 'bucket shops' is the proposed formation by those in New York city of a 'clearing-house association,' of which the shops themselves and their customers are to become members. According to the scheme proposed there is to be a 'clearance' daily. The move is, without doubt, suggested by the recent recommendation of the Stock Exchange 'Committee on Dullness.' It is a perfectly transparent device, having for its object an attempt to mislead the public by throwing an apparent atmosphere of respectability around purely gambling transactions. The adoption by these institutions of the incidentals and accessories of legitimate exchanges, no matter to what extent, will not blind people to the fact of the broad distinction between the two classes of institutions. In the case of the bucket-shops there is no sale or delivery, and no intent to sell or deliver any of the commodities pretended to be dealt in; whereas in such institutions as the New York Stock Exchange, the New York Produce Exchange or the Chicago board of trade every contract made contemplates the actual delivery of the commodity or security bought or sold. With regard to the suppression of the 'bucket-shop' nuisance it is known, of course, that an attempt has been made to secure the conviction of a bucket-shop proprietor in New York under the gambling law of the state. The result of the prosecution yet remains to be seen. It is one thing to declare a contract void in a civil suit, on the ground that it is a gambling contract; it is a very different thing to hold the same transaction an act of gambling within the penalties imposed by the criminal law. The courts, it should be recollected, display a constant indisposition to extend the provisions of the criminal law by construction. Those who are anxious to bring about the extirpation of the bucket-shops should secure the passage of legislation bringing the bucket-shop business specifically within the prohibitions of the penal statutes against gambling. Such legislation could in no way interfere with transactions on the recognized exchanges and boards of trade.

UNDER the heading of "The Commercial Value of Mountain Scenery," a writer to the *Monetary Times* signing himself "Vitor" furnishes the following flighty but interesting article: This may strike most people as an odd way to put it. Mountains are not fit for ordinary settlement; but they may have a commercial value for all that. Switzerland is almost full of mountains and draws crowds of tourists from all parts of Europe and America to see and climb them. Probably half of the whole business of Switzerland arises from her mountains. Anyone who has been there can

certify to that. But we are just realizing that we have a Switzerland of our own in the Rocky Mountains and British Columbia. Every feature of the Swiss mountains is to be found there. Travellers will recall, with delight, the exquisite valley of Interlaken, with the snow-capped peaks of the Bernese overland close by. We have a veritable Interlaken at Banff; indeed, in many respects, Banff is superior to Interlaken, for in combination with its mineral springs it is both Interlaken and Baden. We might put Saratoga in this list, too, considering the new hotel just built by the Pacific Railway Company. The Swiss Matterhorn is reproduced in a range which towers over the Bow River valley within a mile or two of this very hotel. All the tremendous features which make the Matterhorn famous are reproduced there. We have the Jungfrau range over again in the heart of the Selkirks, where the Hermit mountain towers over all her neighbors, and all are snow-capped. The famous Mer-de-glace, that wonderful sea of ice near Mont Blanc, is more than paralleled by the magnificent glaciers underneath Mount Sir Donald. The Kicking Horse Pass and the passes and canons of the Fraser and Columbia are quite as grand as the great passes which have made the Swiss mountains historically famous for centuries. So then, we have actually got a Switzerland of our own in the Northwest and the Pacific Slopes. And just as Switzerland supports an immense population out of her scenery, and does constantly increasing business with tourists that swarm over her hills and valleys—so doubtless will Canada. There is now reason why there should not be thousands and tens of thousands of visitors visiting these mountain regions every summer. Instead of one large hotel we may expect, before long, to see five and twenty at least, with little settlements of shops springing up about them exactly as they have done at Thun, Interlaken, Lucerne and other places in Switzerland. Why not?

THE season for lumber sales is nearing a close, and although it has been a fairly active one, it has not been satisfactory in regard to freedom from cut prices, notwithstanding the efforts of the bulk of the trade throughout the province to get business down to a paying basis. It is a lamentable fact, that for over four years it has been impossible to furnish reliable quotations of lumber. So many insolvent concerns have been selling at any price for cash, and so much of the stock of practically insolvent concerns has been held by banks and other creditors, who were ready to break any code of prices, when a chance to realize turned up, that until the current year there was no chance of getting matters down to a safe paying basis. That is past now however, and these loads have all been absorbed, and it is to be hoped that the last season of lumber slaughter has passed at last for many years to come. With the opening of next season dealers should be able to place affairs so that a state of safety for one season could be guaranteed. An organization of wholesale dealers and manufacturers could do that if it was formed, and it is to be hoped that one will be formed during the winter ready for next spring.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

Closing prices for No. 1 Hard on each day of the week were:

	Cash	Dec.	May.
Monday .....	72	71½	78½
Tuesday .....	—	—	—
Wednesday .....	71½	72	78½
Thursday .....	71½	72	78½
Friday .....	71½	72	78½

On Saturday at 11 o'clock prices were: Cash, 81½c; December, 72c, and May, 78½.

**ROBLIN & AITKINSON**

WHOLESALE

**Grain Shippers,**

SPECIALTIES: WHEAT, BARLEY & OATS

P.O. Box 612. WINNIPEG

CORRESPONDENCE INVITED.

**GRANT & HORN**  
PRODUCE AND

**COMMISSION MERCHANTS**

19 Alexander Street West, Winnipeg, Man.

Receive on Consignment all Kinds of Produce. Agents for the Dundee Sacks of the Toronto Bag Works. All kinds of Flour and Grain Sacks, Stencilling Inks, etc. New and improved process of Printing Flour Bags. Agents Liverpool Salt for Packers and Dalry use.

ESTABLISHED, 1830.

**THE Dominion Type Foundry Co.**

(LIMITED)

CHENNEVILLE STREET, MONTREAL,

are prepared to execute orders for every article required by Printers. They will be happy to send Price Lists and Estimates, and they feel warranted in claiming that they are in a position to supply

**TYPE,**

Presses, Inks and Printers Goods

generally, ON BETTER TERMS than any other establishment in the country.

Sole Agents for the Johnson Type Foundry

and agents for George Bruce's Son & Co., James Connor's Sons, Farmer, Little & Co., Wm. H. Page Wood Type Manufacturing Co., Chas. E. Johnson & Co's celebrated Book and Color Inks, W. D. Wilson's News Inks, and Messrs. R. Hoe & Co., C. Potter, Jr. & Co., the Gordon and the Peerless presses. Sole agents for the "RELIANCE" Wharfedale.

Peter A. Crosby, Manager.

**McBEAN BROS.,**

CITY HALL SQUARE,

WINNIPEG.

A. G. McBEAN, P.O. Box 1299 Montreal.

**Commission Merchants.**

AND EXPORTERS OF

**GRAIN & PRODUCE.**

**GREENE & SONS COMPANY**

WHOLESALE

**HATS and CAPS,**

STRAW GOODS,

etc., etc., etc.

*Manitoba Spring Trade, 1888.* Men's Furnishings

Merino & Woolen Underwear, Scarfs, Ties, Shirts, Collars, Waterproof Coats

WAREHOUSE:

517, 519, 521, 523 and 525 St. Paul Street, - - MONTREAL

**MONTREAL STENCIL & RUBBER STAMP WORKS**

S. A. FERNEYHOUGH & CO.

Stencil Mill and Bag Brands of every description. Steel Stamps, Soap Stamps, Earning Brands, etc., etc. Ribbon Stamps, Wax, Notary, and Corporation Seals, etc., etc. RUBBER HAND STAMPS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

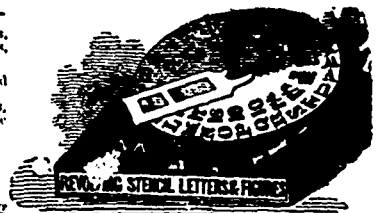
Nickel Dating and Self-Inking stamps. Pocket and Pencil Stamps. Solid Rubber Type, etc., etc. Tabbox Patent Alphabet and Figures.

We employ experts and first-class hands, manufacturing on our own premises, where careful and constant supervision is given, thus being able to guarantee the BEST WORK and CONSTANT SATISFACTION. Sole Agents for the Dominion for

Reese's "New" Patent Adjustable Letters and Figures.

219 MCGILL STREET, MONTREAL.

Represented by A. A. Andrews, 490 Main St., Winnipeg



**JOHN OSBORN, SON AND CO.,**

MONTREAL,

SOLE AGENTS IN CANADA FOR:

Bisquit, Dubouche and Co., Cognac.  
"Piper-Heidsieck," Sec. - Champagne.  
Schroder and Schyler and Co., Bordeaux.  
Osborn and Co., Oporto.  
M. Gaztelu e Yriarte, Port St. Mary.

Sir Robert Burnett and Co., London.  
Kirkor, Greer and Co. (Ld), Belfast-Glasgow.  
"Glenrosa" Pure Highland Scotch Whiskey.  
Carey, Hermans and Co., Tarragona.  
C. Machen and Hudson, Liverpool, Bottlers  
of "Beaver" brand Bass's Ale and Guinness's Stout

WINNIPEG REPRESENTATIVE:

**John B Mather, McDermot St.**

**EMPIRE . . . . .**

**TOBACCO**

**. . . . . COMPANY,**

◀ MONTREAL ▶

Manufacturers of the "GRAPE,"  
"GLORY" and "JOY" brands of

**CHEWING TOBACCOS**

and "GOLDEN PLUG," "GEM"  
and "EMPIRE" brands of

**SMOKING TOBACCOS**

HENDERSON & BULL,

Agents for Winnipeg.

**ROYAL HOTEL, CALGARY.**

REILLY & MARTIN, Props.

This new, commodious and comfortably furnished house is opened for the accommodation of the public on August 15th. The only first class house in Alberta and with special features for COMMERCIAL TRADE.

**CROCKERY, &c.**

DOUGLASS & McNIECE,

Importers and Dealers in

China, Glass & Earthenware

181, 183 and 185 McGill St., MONTREAL.

ASSORTED PACKAGES ON HAND FOR COUNTRY TRADE  
ORDERS SOLICITED.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

**Campbell, Spera & Co.,**

WHOLESALE IMPORTERS OF

**GENTS' FURNISHINGS,**

Smallwares, etc.

Have removed to the commodious premises recently occupied by MESSRS. THIBAudeau BROS & CO.

27 PORTAGE AVENUE EAST,

where they will be pleased to receive calls from all their old customers.

# The Commercial

WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 14, 1887.

## INDIAN WHEAT COMPETITION.

*Bradstreet's* of October 29th, contains a letter from Mr. Edward Atkinson, of Boston, containing explanations concerning his recent arguments before the British Association for the advancement of Science, upon the cost of producing Indian wheat, and placing it in Mark Lane, London. We regret that lack of space forbids our giving the letter in full, but the following extract will be sufficient to show the assumption from which Mr. Atkinson starts, and shadows the conclusions he rather indefinitely points out:

"It is doubtless true that there is a very large area of land in India which may be devoted to wheat. It is not doubted that the people of India are as a rule too poor to subsist themselves upon wheat to any great extent. It remains to be seen whether or not with the increasing prosperity of India, due mainly to the construction of railways, their consuming power may not be greatly increased, in which case the domestic consumption of wheat may be substituted for that of rice.

But, assuming that the whole production of wheat may be exported, the conditions appear to be about as follows:

The area of possible wheat cultivation is extensive, but it is from 700 to 1,000 miles from the seaboard; it is in a hot section where the supervision of Europeans is necessary but very costly; without such supervision the wheat cannot be prepared for export, even in the rude manner in which it is now prepared. It is cultivated by prehistoric methods, or by scratching the soil with a pointed stick for a plow, reaped with a sickle and winnowed by hand by people who earn barely enough to keep life in their bodies; therefore, although the wages are very low, the crop per acre is small and the cost of production relatively to the rate of wages is very high, corresponding therein to the conditions of all hand work devoted to agriculture, viz., low wages and high cost. The wheat is dirty; when it reaches the seaboard at a heavy charge by rail it has to be re-packed, dusted and put in fit condition for export. The railways are subject to the disadvantage of government subsidies, lack of competition and want of sufficient volume of traffic to enable them to reduce the rate of transportation to anything even approaching the cheap transportation of this country. When the wheat reaches Bombay it must be carried by the Suez Canal and by sea a distance of about 6,000 miles. Its quality when it reaches London is subject to much uncertainty, and merchants are said to have met many costly reclamations for low quality. It is at least doubtful whether anything less than 34s. per quarter will leave any margin whatever at the point of production for the payment of the laborers under the present condition of the trade. At that price the supply appears to be diminishing."

If we could only accept Mr. Atkinson's conclusions regarding the price at which Indian wheat can be laid down in London, the wheat raisers of this portion of the American continent could afford to rest quite satisfied as to their ability, to make competition in the British market pay

them. But we must remember that Mr. Atkinson is an American dyed in the wool, possessed with all that gushing faith in the ability of his own countrymen, and mistrust of the ability of other countrymen, so peculiar to Americans. Indeed these pardonable vanities are possessed by people in all the progressive countries of this continent, and that Mr. Atkinson is an ultra in this respect is evident from the above extract from his letter. It commences by an unwilling admission of something as possible, that the grain interest of this continent and Europe have long ago admitted as an unquestionable fact, namely, the large area of wheat growing country in India. Then through all his letter he takes care to magnify all the obstacles that may arise to hinder the development of Indian wheat raising and exporting, while he only half admits the few advantages in its favor, which he mentions. To be plain in the matter, Mr. Atkinson has furnished a newspaper letter in which the reader can clearly see the strained argument which indicates the writer's wish being farther to his thought in every conclusion he arrives at.

It is the worst kind of folly to imagine that the wheat grower of India, far behind as he may now be in his ideas of civilized agriculture, is forever beyond the reach of progress in that respect. The very progress, which has already been made there under such difficulties, is a convincing proof, that an era of advancement has set in, and that modern ideas and appliances will steadily if not rapidly supersede those of a past age. The same rule will undoubtedly apply to transportation facilities, and although changes may come slowly, compared with what they do in the New World, they will come with sufficient rapidity to wipe out the supposition, that at thirty-four shillings a quarter in Mark Lane, London, Indian wheat has touched the bottom figure at which its production can be made to pay.

Taking this minimum figure fixed by Mr. Atkinson for Manitoba wheat in London, present prices paid here to the producer, would allow a very liberal profit to the middlemen. It is now generally acknowledged, that wheat raising at present prices will pay here, although five years ago the belief was general, that it could not be profitable unless at prices ranging from ten to fifteen cents a bushel higher. No man acquainted with the facts of the case is foolish enough to think, that the ingenuity of our agricul-

turists has exhausted itself, in cheapening production down to its present level, and that further progress in this direction is impossible. Nor can we find a man foolish enough to assume that we have made any material approach towards the minimum price at which our wheat can be carried to a European market. And it would be equal folly to assume that in both these directions progress cannot be made in India. Of course the soil and climate of that country never can and never will produce the quality of wheat produced here. But this fact is accepted as an axiom by all who look forward to competition from the great tropical peninsula, and in no way affects the progress which can be made in other particulars.

There is but one light in which American wheat raisers can base calculations on Mr. Atkinson's conclusions, and that is by assuming, that our progress from where we now stand will be as steady and rapid, as that of the Indian wheat raiser will from where he now stands. Which means that the American wheat raiser cannot afford to lull himself into any fancied security, or allow himself to become a non-progressive mortal. As matters stand he is pretty much on a level with his Indian competitor in the markets of Europe. He has certain advantages in the quality of the grain he produces and other details; but he requires them all to balance other advantages in cheap labor and such like, which the Indian producer will always possess, and which he never can secure. His only course to hold his own in the markets of Europe is, to recognize in his Indian competitor a dangerous rival, whom he cannot afford to under value, and to successfully compete with whom, he must be ever watchful and progressive. As a basis of calculation for such a course Mr. Atkinson's conclusions as to Indian wheat production may be of some value to the American grain raiser, but it would be foolish if not suicidal to accept them in any other light.

### "SAVE ME FROM MY FRIENDS."

In its issue of October 28th the *Montreal Journal of Commerce* expended most of its editorial power in proving to itself, (certainly not to anyone else,) that the present monetary stringency was due almost entirely to its prophecies to that effect, made as far back as June last. In its issue of Nov. 4th it varies the show a little, and with undiminished egotism supplies a short lecture to the people of

Manitoba under the above well chesnutted caption. Not a curtain lecture, although it would be an act of charity to throw a curtain around the egregious ignorance the writer displays.

The *Journal* announces with inconsiderate and cruel abruptness (!), that an English insurance company contemplated investing some of its spare funds in a Northwestern land and colonization scheme, but had decided at the last moment not to embark in the scheme, on account of the present agitation in the province against railway monopoly. O! how inconsiderate and heartless on the part of the *Journal* to thus announce to the people of Manitoba how near they were to the cup of bliss only to let it for ever fall from their lips. Could our contemporary not have prepared us for the great shock, by quoting the historic fact that "Christmas comes but once a year," the philosophical axiom that "Patience and perseverance overcome the greatest difficulties," or a few soothing couplets from the angelic ballad of "Mary had a little lamb." Any of these quotations in the columns of the *Journal* would have shown less want of sense than the article we refer to, and would come better within the limited range of knowledge possessed by the writer.

The *Journal* tells us that the "self-styled, self-elected patriots" in Winnipeg are responsible for all of this great calamity. Further on we learn that the "merchants of Winnipeg stand to lose millions of dollars" in consequence; and lastly we are furnished with the valuable information, that "Capital is exceedingly sensitive, and will shrink from contact with a people who do not exhibit a strict regard for the sacredness of contract engagements."

We hope the latter statement is true, for then the people of Manitoba, who in their contest for freedom from railway monopoly ask for the violation of no contract, may look for friends in financial centres; while the C. P. R. directors by whose authority Sir Charles Tupper announced in the House of Commons, that monopoly should cease with the completion of the C. P. R. around Lake Superior, will be without financial friends, seeing they have violated a most sacred pledge made to the whole people of a province, and now seek by employing might against right to enforce their perfidy.

No doubt this view will appear strange to the writer in the *Journal*. But we

commend it for his consideration before writing any more articles, instead of rushing into print, as he now seems to do upon an unfounded cry, which parrot like he has learned to repeat like "Pretty Polly," but the truth or falsehood of which he never has considered, if he really has brains enough to give it consideration.

Now as to the millions of dollars the "merchants of Winnipeg stand to lose," the *Journal* need not get restless. With scarcely an exception the "merchants of Winnipeg" are among the "self-styled self-elected patriots" it affects to sneer at, and one hundred of them can be picked out, who have more at stake in the mercantile interests of Manitoba, than all the balance of Canada put together. Being thus the parties with everything at stake, it is just possible that they may know what is for their good, quite as well as the *Journal* in its assumed omniscience.

Now as to the loss Manitoba has sustained by failing to secure this land and colonization scheme from England, that may be variously estimated. We have had many a colonization scheme in connection with Northwestern lands, and while a few of them may have given some aid in the development of this country, they have as a whole been the worst curse inflicted upon the Northwest with the exception of railway monopoly. They were one of the greatest powers in alluring to this country the deluge of irresponsible speculation, which came to a crash in 1882, and when that crash came, followed by two years of crushing financial contraction, no aid came from such land schemes, but the men whom the *Journal* terms "self-styled and self-elected patriots" carried the country with their resources and credit, during the long seige and saved it from the bankruptcy and panic which land speculation did its best to produce. Perhaps the loss to the country is not after all so irreparable as the *Journal* imagines.

### THE RED RIVER VALLEY RAILWAY.

As we stated in our last issue, there is but little hope of the construction of this road being completed during the present year, and it seems as if some sweeping changes would be necessary in provincial affairs generally before there is a ghost of a chance of the people's wishes being carried out in this respect.

During the week Mr. Holt has stepped down a little from the "shut your eyes, open your mouth and swallow" ultimatum with which he placed his contract before the deputation representing the city of Winnipeg, and has condescended to present the objections and suggestions of

the deputation to his associates for their consideration. The conditions on which the citizens will advance \$300,000, have been drawn up by Messrs. Nugent and Robertson, two of our local barristers, who have both the will and the ability to carefully guard the interests of the citizens. Both of these gentlemen state, that in the offer made to Mr. Holt and his associates, the conditions are such as to guarantee the desired end, if the citizens invest their money. This offer Mr. Holt has now to submit to his associates, to see if they will accept its conditions. Such is the present position of affairs in connection with these negotiations.

But the negotiations between the Winnipeg representatives and Mr. Holt are not all the week's matter of interest connected with the Red River Valley Railway. Little murmurs have been oozing out about the handling of our provincial finances, which have tended to anything but the strengthening of public confidence in the present Local Government. The smouldering mistrust in the public mind burst into expressions on Monday last when the morning papers recorded the sworn evidence of the President of the Hudson's Bay Railway Company, to the effect that Mr. Holt had received the provinces debentures on that railway, to the face value of \$256,000, while the land grant of the company to an equal number of acres, which by law should be in possession of the Local Government as a security, before they handed over the debentures, had not been even conveyed by the Dominion Government. Now people who have any interest in the finances of the province are asking, and with good reason, are the citizens wise or justified in entrusting a single dollar of their money in the hands of another Holt-Norquay-LaRiviere combination, which may handle it as recklessly and may be dishonestly as the \$256,000 which the province has now lost on the Hudson's Bay Railway construction. It is this same combination which now calls for \$300,000 from the citizens of Winnipeg, and if the citizens are simple enough to let them have it, then it is time the fool killer was making us a call.

For a long time it has been a mystery to men possessed of business ability, how the burlesque upon a Government, which has muddled the affairs of this province continues to expend an annual income of over half a million of dollars? for it must take ingenuity even in squandering to accomplish this. Such manipulation as is now brought to the public ear from sworn evidence in a court of law does not lessen this spirit of inquiry, and it is to be hoped that the question will be answered by further revelations.

Another question agitating the minds of our citizens is, are we as a people powerless to deliver ourselves from this Political Slough of Despond? or can we, by combined effort free ourselves? It is high time a decided answer was heard.



# "BUFFALO"

Cook Stoves, Ranges,  
Heating, Hall and Parlor Stoves,  
Farmers' Boilers, etc.

A Splendid Line of Well Finished and Well  
Mounted Stoves, of First Class Value.

**H. R. IVES & CO.**  
MANUFACTURERS,  
MONTREAL.

New Catalogue supplied to the Trade on  
application.

**LYMAN BROS. & CO.,**  
WHOLESALE

**CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS.**

Every requisite for the Drug Trade  
promptly supplied.

TORONTO, ONT.

**W. E. SANFORD & CO.**

**Manufacturers of Clothing.**

45 to 49 King St., 24 McDermott St.,

HAMILTON & WINNIPEG.

**STRANG & CO.**

Wishart Block, Market St. East,

**WHOLESALE GROCERS**

AND DEALERS IN

Provisions, Wines and Liquors,  
WINNIPEG.

**THOS. DAVIDSON & CO.,**

DOMINION STAMPING WORKS,

Stamped and Japanned Tinware,

WIRE GOODS, Etc., Etc.

Office and Warerooms: 474 ST. PAUL and 291 COMMIS-  
SIONERS' STREETS, MONTREAL

NORTHWESTERN AGENTS:

**G. F. Stephens & Co., - Winnipeg**

EUCENE. WATER WHITE. SUNLIGHT

**STANDARD OIL COMPANY,**

(CLEVELAND, OHIO)

Manitoba & Northwest Department, Winnipeg.

ILLUMINATING OILS LUBRICATING

GASOLINE, AXLE GREASE, CANNIES and all  
PRODUCTS OF AMERICAN PETROLEUM.

Our stock here embraces all the Manufactures of the  
Standard Oil Company. Correspondence solicited.

W. P. JOHNSON Mgr., Office 343 Main St

CAPITOL ELDORADO CHALLENGE  
CYLINDER ENGINE. MACHINERY

**KIRKPATRICK & COOKSON**  
Established 1860,  
MONTREAL,  
Commission Merchants,  
FLOUR, GRAIN, BUTTER, &c.,  
Consignments and Orders Solicited.

**Redwood Brewery**

Fine Ales, Extra Porter  
& Premium Lager.

Most Extensive Establishment of  
the kind in Western Canada.

**Edward Drewry,**  
PROPRIETOR,  
WINNIPEG, - MANITOBA.

Highest cash price paid for good  
Malting Barley.

**Ross, Hilyard & Co**

Importers of

DRY GOODS AND  
UPHOLSTERS' TRIMMINGS,

No. 3 WELLINGTON ST. WEST  
Toronto, Ont.

**John A. Tees,**

TEA & COFFEE IMPORTER

—AND—

**WHOLESALE GROCER.**

Gerrie Block, Princess St.

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.

**MACKENZIE & MILLS,**

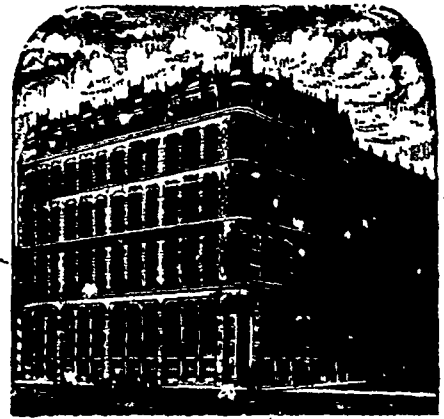
**WHOLESALE GROCERS**

Special attention given to

Teas, Coffees, Canned Goods,

DRIED FRUITS, Etc.

CORNER KING AND ALEXANDER STREETS,  
WINNIPEG, MAN



**S. GREENSHIELDS,**  
**SON AND CO.,**

GENERAL

**DRY GOODS,**

17, 19 & 21 Victoria Square and 730,  
732, 734 and 736 Craig Street, MONTREAL

Complete Set of Samples with

**Mr. W. B. McARTHUR**

Donaldson's Block, WINNIPEG

**JAS. McCREADY & CO.,**  
WHOLESALE

Boot and Shoe Manufacturers,  
MONTREAL.

SAMPLE ROOMS, 496 MAIN ST. WINNIPEG  
W. WILLIAMS, AGENT.

**PATERSON, KISSOCK & CO.,**

Importers of

MILLINERY and FANCY DRY GOODS,

12 ST. HELEN STREET,

MONTREAL.

John A. Paterson. Wm. Kissock. And. Paterson.

**Crathern and Caverhill,**  
WHOLESALE HEAVY HARDWARE  
Metals, Window Glass, Paints & Oils, etc.

**CAVERHILL, LEARMONT & CO.**

Wholesale Shelf Hardware,

WAREHOUSES, SAMPLE ROOMS AND OFFICES:

Caverhill's Buildings, 89 St. Peter Street,  
MONTREAL.

Complete Set of Samples with

**Merrick, Anderson & Co., Winnipeg**

**A. RAMSAY AND SON,**  
37 to 41 Reccollet St., Montreal,

Manufacturers of

Ready Mixed Paints, White and Colored Paints,  
Varnishes, etc. Importers of PLATE GLASS and  
Belgian Window Glass.

Wholesale Agents for the Dominion for Winsor and New-  
ton's Artists' Materials.

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

There has been but little change in the monetary situation in the city since our last report, and as yet affairs have not settled down to the level, from which we judge what will be about the average state during the coming winter. There has been quite a flow of money out of the banks for crop hauling purposes, while the returns in the retirement of mercantile paper falling due have also been heavy. Thus while one string of the money bag pulls tight the other is loosening up considerably. Reports show that the supplementary payments to obligations of the fourth have come in very satisfactory, thus lifting another straw off the pressure on banks, which have nevertheless plenty of scope for their funds on hand. There is now less talk about advancing discount rates than there was a week ago, and commercial paper considered good to first-class passes at 7 to 8 per cent. In real estate mortgage loans new business is still very slow, and will continue so, as long as farmers can plow. Interest payments come in with considerable freedom, but the full volume of these has not yet commenced to flow in, and agents in some instances are getting a little impatient. There is no change in the rate of interest, 8 per cent. being the fixed figure, and only in special cases could a lower rate be secured.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The report from the wholesale trade of the city for the past week, while a satisfactory one on the whole, is somewhat mixed in its details. The weather during the past week has been decidedly against activity in most lines of season goods, and there has been in such lines a marked falling off in the number of calls for sorts, which the cold snap in October stirred up, and which caused considerable life. Still the sorting trade to date in staple goods of the class referred to is already nearly equal in aggregate to the whole sorting business of last year, and between this date and the opening of December quite a large addition is confidently looked for. Another feature of the week's slow sales was the unwillingness of retailers to buy from spring samples for future delivery. It is now six weeks at least since the first travellers with spring samples started out, and the growing haste in this respect seems to have reached a reaction, as buyers are not inclined to take hold before the latter part of this month, and travelling expenses have been quite an item to the houses who were so early in the field trying to force matters. We hope the evil has got at least a partial cure this year. In lines dependant upon building operations there has been considerable activity, although signs of the near approach of the close of the season are very plain to view. In staple every day lines the volume of business has been rather on the increase, until now activity is general. The first symptoms of the trade in holiday lines have made their appearance, and will doubtless increase as the month wears on. The most encouraging circumstance has been the general improvement in collections. In instances this has not been as rapid as could be desired, and from the city trade the cash returns are still slow. But from the country generally money is coming in with a very encouraging freeness.

## BOOTS AND SHOES.

So far as sales are concerned, matters have been quiet in this line. The continued mild weather of last week caused a big falling off in the demand for sorts, and but slow progress is being made in selling for spring delivery. The most encouraging feature is a marked improvement in collections as the month advances.

## CLOTHING.

In this branch sales have shown a falling off since our last report. The weather has been decidedly unfavorable for further winter demands, and throughout the country retailers are very shy about purchasing spring goods for future delivery. From the country collections are coming in with a freedom that is quite encouraging, but in the city cash returns are still a little slow.

## CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

The country demand for staple goods has been quite heavy of late, while quite a share of fancy lines have also been called for, some calls indicating that the holiday trade is about to commence. Collections are reported very satisfactory and steadily improving.

## DRY GOODS.

Sales have fallen off very much since our last report, and in that respect the past week has been rather a quiet one. The weather has spoiled sales of winter goods, and buyers are not in the humor to look at spring patterns. Collections have kept up the improved tone with which the month started.

## DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

There is nothing worthy of note to report in connection with this trade. Prices are unchanged and are as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.75 to \$3.25; iodide of potassium, 65 to 75c; bromide of potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 40 to 45c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 70 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$8 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; sal soda, \$2.25 to \$2.50; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5.00; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5.00; sulphur, roll, \$4.50 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 6 to 8c.

## FURNITURE.

There has been a little let up in the activity noted in our last report, but no real quietness has set in. Wholesalers are still short of supplies from the factories with which to fill orders.

## FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

There has been a falling off in sales during the week. No new varieties have reached the market and prices are unchanged. Quotations are: Winter apples, \$3.50 with \$4 asked for some very choice lots; Florida oranges, \$8 to \$9.50 a box; lemons, steady at \$6.50 to \$7.50; California pears are still offered at \$4.50 to \$5 a box; Malaga grapes in kegs are quoted at \$8.50 to \$9. Winter is threatened and soft fruits are gradually disappearing. Southern onions are held at \$3 per 100 lbs, and Egyptian onions at \$7 for cases of that weight. Native onions are higher and quoted at \$2 per cwt.

## FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

New Valencia raisins are on the market as are also new London layers and Black Crown raisins, the latter being quoted at \$3.25 to \$5.50.

Prices of other goods are unchanged as follows: Figs, Turkey, in boxes, 10 to 11c, new Elome, figs, in layers, 15c per lb., or \$2 per dozen in 1 lb. boxes; golden dates 10c; Valencia raisins \$3.25; London layers, \$3.50; Patras currants 8 cents per pound; evaporated apples, 14c; dried apples, 8 to 8½c; new Turkey prunes, 0½ to 7c. Nuts are quoted: Peanuts, roasted, 17 to 18c; peanuts, raw, 15c; walnuts 18c; almonds, 20c; filberts, 12½c; Texas pecans, 17c.

## GROCERIES.

Improvement is slow in this staple branch, and some houses complain of a quietness. The report on collections while generally good comprises one or two complaints of slowness. Sugars are slightly advanced and are now quoted. Other goods are unchanged and are as follows: Dark yellow sugar, 6½c; medium to bright, 6½ to 7½c; granulated, 8½c to 8¾c; lump sugar, 9½ to 9¾c. Coffees—Rios, 25 to 29c; Government Java, 33 to 35c; other Javas, 25 to 30c; Mochas, 31 to 35c. New season's teas are now quoted as follows: Japan season 1896-7, 20 to 45c; Congous, 1896-7, 20 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 50c. Old range Moyune gunpowder, 25 to 70c; panfired Japan, 23 to 45c; basket-fired, 25 to 40c; Pingsuey young hyson, 25 to 35c; Moyune young hyson, 25 to 50c; Season's congous, 1885-6, 20 to 55c. Syrups, corn, \$2.25 to \$2.60; sugar cane, \$2.10 to \$2.35; T. and B. tobacco, 50c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 48c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 55c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 57c; Index d. thick Solace, 2s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c.

## HARDWARE AND METALS.

Signs that the season's trade in heavies is about over are now clear, but in shelf goods business has been fairly active. Collections are reported improving. No changes in prices are reported, but with the recent advance in tin goods in the east, a similar movement may follow here. Prices are: Cut nails, 10d and larger, \$4 to \$4.25; I. C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$5.75; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.75 to \$4.90; sheet iron, \$3.50 to \$5.00, according to grade; iron pipe, 35 to 40 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 32c per lb., according to quality; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6 to 6½c per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.75 to \$2.95 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6½ to 7c.

## HIDES.

Business has been about an average, and without any marked interest. Prices are as follows: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 5c; bulls, 4½c; calf, fine-haired real veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 8c; No. 2, 6c; sheep pelts, 30 to 65c; tallow, 3½ to 4c.

## LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

The week has been rather a quiet one with no changes to report. Prices of goods are as follows: Spanish sole, 28 to 31c; slaughter sole, 30 to 32c; French calf, first choice \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 90c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; Bourdon kip, 75c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, \$1 to \$4c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 23 to 25c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings, 12c.

## PAINTS, OILS AND COLOURS.

There has been very little business done during the week, except in glass and some other articles for the finishing of buildings, and in these sales have been very heavy. Collections are improving, but not very fast. No changes in prices of goods reported and quotations are steady, as follows: Turpentine, 80c in five-gallon cans, or 75c in barrels; harness oil \$1.25; neatafoot oil, \$1.50; linseed oil, raw, 70c per gallon; boiled, 75c in barrels or 5c advance in five-gallon lots; seal oil, steam refined, \$1; castor, 12½c per lb.; lard, No. 1, \$1.25 per gal.; olive, oil, pure, \$1.50; union salad, \$1.25; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 25c; water white, 28c. American oils, Eocene, 31c; water white, 31c; sunlight, 27c. Calcined plaster, \$4.25 per barrel; Portland cement, \$5 to \$5.50; white lead, genuine, \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.25

## STATIONERY AND PAPER.

There has been considerable activity in this branch during the week, and the trade in holiday goods has set in thoroughly. Collections are reported quite encouraging.

## WINES AND SPIRITS.

The feeling is still rather quiet in this trade. Prices are: Canadian rye whiskey, five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet DeBouche & Co., 4.50; Martell, vintage 1885, \$6.50, vintage 1880, \$7.50; Hennessy, \$6.50 to \$7.50 for vintage 1885 to 1880; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$1.00 to \$1.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$14 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$19; v. s. o. p., \$22.

## THE MARKETS.

## WINNIPEG.

## GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The movement of grain throughout the province during the past week shows a very marked falling off, when compared with the one previous. The cold snap which stopped plowing in the end of October, has been succeeded by a continuation of bright, sunny weather, which has allowed of plowing during the greater portion of each day, and, as a consequence, farmers have given up coming to town, and receipts at all outside points have been falling off. This has been most easily noticed with wheat, but with barley and oats the same causes have brought similar results. The short movement and the continuation of open navigation on the lakes, have enabled the C.P.R. management to avoid what threatened soon to be a block at Port Arthur, and it is to be hoped that shipping by the lakes will be possible for some time longer, as it will materially lessen the chances of blocking. In oats the movement has fallen off, and only two or three cars of barley have gone east or reached the city during the week. Flour has also been moving freely, and most mills report no stock on hand and mills running day and night. The

short supply in British Columbia has several consignments on the way to its relief, but the demand from that quarter still keeps active, while the home trade shows no falling off. In provisions the movement of the week has been about normal, with a tendency to quietness.

## WHEAT.

As the season advances the feeling gets weaker, and although the week opened with the quotations in our last, near its close a drop of a cent all round had taken place, and there are signs of a further decline. Near the close of the week the quotations here stood as follows: No. 1 hard, 56c; Nos. 2 hard and northern, 53 to 54c; No. 2 northern, 50 to 54c.

## FLOUR.

Although wheat is easier in price, flour has not changed, and no change to lower figures need be expected so long as the present active all-round demand continues. The closer local competition which will doubtless come with the close of lake navigation, is not expected to cause any change in an opposite direction. Quotations here are now as follows: Patents, \$2.15; strong bakers, \$1.90; XXXX, \$1.40; superfine, \$1.25.

## MILLSTUFFS

No change is yet reported, although the output of the mills is now heavy. Car lots cannot be had for less than \$9 a ton for bran and \$11 for shorts.

## OATS.

Any efforts made to get oats down to a figure at which exporting would pay, have failed during the past week, owing to receipts falling off so much that there was no surplus over the local demand. Prices are consequently held steady in the city. Car lots on track were worth 23 to 25c, according to quality, and at outside points they were worth 19 to 21c.

## BARLEY

There has not been enough of a movement to warrant reliable quotations. Car or two have been bought at outside points at what would be equal to about 35 to 37c, and the quality would hardly grade extra No. 3. For really bright, plump lots from 5 to 8c higher would be paid could they be had. Feed is sold in the city at 23 to 30.

## BUTTER.

Receipts have fallen off to a very low ebb, and have been scarcely sufficient for the city trade. Stocks in the city are very low, but there is no chance of any material advance in prices, eastern markets will not admit of exports at present figures here, and it is known that stocks in farmers hands are heavy, and will come in rapidly once plowing is over. No sales over 23c are reported, and generally choice dairy sold at 21 to 22c; medium lots ranged from 16 to 19c.

## CHEESE.

There are no heavy sales as yet to report, and a number of factories are still holding, although they are a little inclined to do a little to meet the figures of buyers. No reliable quotations can be given, as they would be purely nominal.

## POTATOES.

The price is tending upwards, but no one will risk shipping. Small lots delivered in the city bring 30 to 32c a bushel.

## EGGS.

A few more fresh have come to market, but have been quickly picked up. Nominally fresh and fine pickled stocks are to be had at 20c.

## LARD.

The price seems to be fixed in this product, as no change from \$2.25 for 20 lb pails is reported. The week's movement was light.

## CURED MEATS.

The local supply is still very light, and Chicago goods supply most of the demand, which has been normal. Dry salt ranged 11 to 11½c; Chicago rolls, 14½ to 15c; Armour's breakfast, 14½ to 15c. Some eastern hams sold at 13½ to 14c, but Chicago stock is held at 14½ to 15c.

## Grain and Milling News.

The wheat prophets are at their wits end at present, for the reason that all their bullish calculations for the past two years have fearfully miscarried, and for the present they must keep shut mouths, although there are now indications as well as facts at hand to make a basis of bull calculations, and some are beginning to make such upon the official wheat figures of this year and last. Take for instance the visible supply figures. On the first of August, 1886, that was stated at 34,656,798 bushels, and by the 15th of October, during a time when it usually increases, it had reached 23,828,300 bushels, or an increase of 19,221,602 bushels. On the first of August, 1887, the visible supply was 33,141,112 bushels, but by October 15th it failed to increase, and actually dropped to 31,331,423 bushels, a decrease of 1,809,689. Thus the visible supply on October 15th, 1882, was 20,731,291 bushels less than it was at the same date in 1886. The increase in the visible supply during the eleven weeks of 1886, took place notwithstanding the fact that exports from Atlantic ports aggregated 23,600,500 bushels, while the decrease during the same time in 1887 was going on, exports from Atlantic ports aggregated only 18,100,500 bushels, or 10,500,000 less than they aggregated during the same period of 1886. The Department of Agriculture places the entire United States crop of 1886 at 485,000,000 bushels, and that at 1887 at 450,000,000 or 35,000,000 less for the current year, which, if we are to judge by the way figures of visible supply have been adjusted themselves this fall, is allowing 1887 every bushel of its product. To persons possessed of bullish proclivities, these figures are calculated to produce high hopes, and if the supply and demand of this continent exercised as powerful an influence on the British market as they did twenty or even ten years ago, it would be safe to calculate upon higher prices in the near future. However, Russia, Australia, India and other countries have their influences on Mark Lane figures, and in gaining that they have materially diminished ours, so much so that in forecasting markets now, the American surplus may enlarge and spring to an enormous extent without having any material effect upon British market prices.

McDONALD & JOHNSON contemplate opening up a saloon business at Fort Macleod.

MR. C. HARLEY is the name of the new proprietor of the Palmer House, Regina, who succeeds W. P. McCormick.

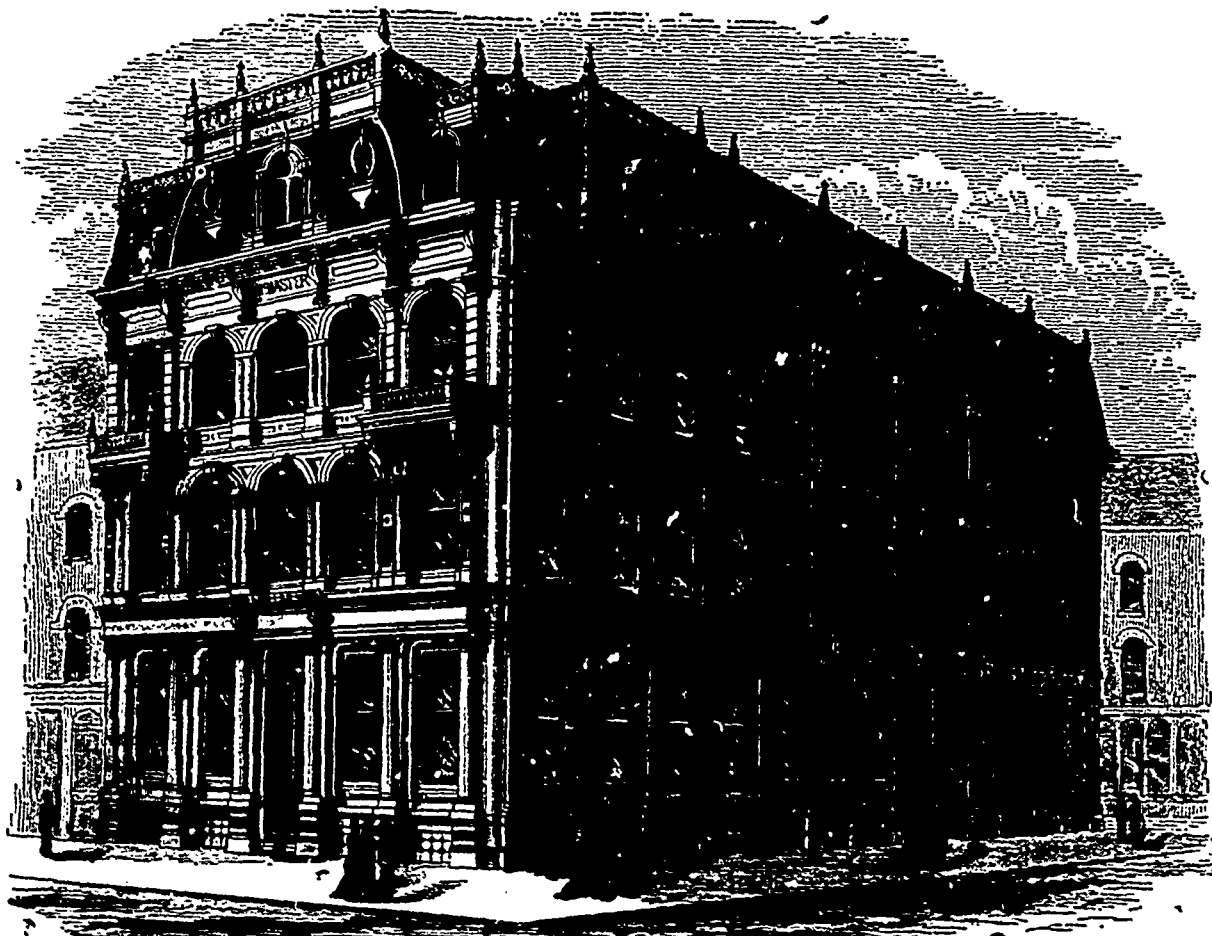
THE Selkirk Mining & Smelting Co., owning mills at Illecillewaet, is now under the management of Edward G. Tilton, of Marion & Tilton, wholesale hardware dealers, Victoria. Since the 3rd of October six cars of galena ore have been shipped from these mines to the Selby smelting works at San Francisco. The value of the shipments is placed at \$7,500.

# McMaster, Darling & Co.,

J. SHORT McMASTER,  
LONDON, ENGLAND.

SPRING, 1887.

HENRY W. DARLING,  
TORONTO, CANADA.



Our Stock in all Departments is now complete, and worthy the attention of every enterprising buyer.

**STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS.**

**CANADIAN AND IMPORTED WOOLENS.**

**CARPETS, OILCLOTHS, Etc., Etc.**

Special attention is directed to our Stock of Woollens and Clothiers Trimmings for Merchant Tailors.

*In Carpets and House Furnishing Goods the assortment this season is very large and attractive.*

## McMASTER, DARLING & CO.,

*12 Front Street West, TORONTO, Ont.*

Offices: 34 St. Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, London, E.C.

**J. G. MACKENZIE & CO.,**  
**WHOLESALE DRY GOODS,**  
 MONTREAL.

Samples and Prices of Goods adapted to the Northwest Trade furnished on application.

**JAMES HAY & CO.,**  
 MANUFACTURERS,  
 WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN  
**FURNITURE !!**

Warerooms: 298 Main St., Winnipeg.  
 Factories—Woodstock, Ont. P. O. Box 303.  
 Hoboken, N.J.

WISNIPEG FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING HOUSE  
**285 MAIN STREET,**  
 FURNITURE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL  
 Coffins and Caskets of every description in Stock. A great variety of Trimmings. Undertaking a speciality. Undertakers furnished on reasonable terms. Telephone.  
**M. HUGHES & CO.**

**Toronto Preserving House**  
 PACKERS AND PRESERVERS OF  
**FRUITS, VEGETABLES**

Jams, Jellies & Fruit Butters.  
 TOMATOES A SPECIALTY.

**W. A. SNYDER & CO., - PROPRIETORS**  
 Awarded Silver and Bronze Medals at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition.

Factory: 121 & 123 Front Street East  
 TORONTO, ONT.

ASK YOUR WHOLESALE FOR OUR GOODS.

**THE SELKIRK LUMBER COMPANY**  
 (LIMITED).

**Spruce & Tamarac**  
 DIMENSION, TIMBER & BOARDS.

NOW READY TO RECEIVE ORDERS

Office, Cor. Maple St. & Point Douglas Av.  
**WINNIPEG.**

P.O. Box 58. G. R. Crowe, Manager

**DICK, BANNING & CO**

MANUFACTURERS OF  
**Lumber, Shingles and Lath,**  
 DOORS AND SASH.

MILLS AT KEEWATIN. OFFICE: OPPOSITE C.P.R. PASSENGER DEPOT, WINNIPEG.

**E. A. SMALL & CO.,**  
 WHOLESALE  
**CLOTHING**

NEW FIRM, NEW GOODS.  
 503 and 210  
 MCGILL STREET, **MO TREAL**

**COCHRANE, CASSILS & CO.**  
**Wholesale Boots & Shoes**  
 Cor. Craig & St. Francis Xavier Sts.,  
**MONTREAL.**

Samples with **W. B. McArthur,**  
 Donaldson's Block, WINNIPEG.

**Mitchell Drug Company**  
**WHOLESALE DRUGS,**  
 17 Owen Street, - - WINNIPEG.  
 A Full Assortment of Drugs, Patent Medicines and Sundries at Lowest Prices.  
 CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED.

**LIVINGSTON, JOHNSTON & CO.,**  
 WHOLESALE  
**Manufacturers of Clothing**  
 44 BAY STREET,  
**TORONTO.**

**GURNEY & WARE,**  
**SCALES**

Manufacturers of  
 Platform Scales—all sizes.  
 Millers and Grain Scales.  
 Hopper Scales—40 to 600 bush  
 Hay, Coal and Stock Scales.  
 Grocers, Counter and Union Scales.  
 Warehouse Trucks.

The E. & C. GURNEY CO., Rupert St., Winnipeg

**BOECKH'S**  
**STANDARD**  
**BRUSHES.**

Quality and Size Guaranteed.  
 For Sale by all Leading Houses.

JAMES WHITHAM. A. A. AYER, Special Partner  
**James Whitham & Co.**  
 Manufacturers of & Wholesale Dealers in  
**BOOTS & SHOES,**  
 43, 45 and 47 St. MAURICE STREET,  
 Near McGill Street,  
**MONTREAL.**

Represented by J. M. MACDONALD,  
 525 MAIN ST., WINNIPEG

**JAMES O'BRIEN & CO.,**  
**Manufacturers of Clothing**

—AND—  
 Importers of **GENTS' FURNISHINGS,**  
 HATS, CAPS AND FUR GOODS, GLOVES  
 AND MITTENS.

72 and 74 Princess St., Winnipeg  
 VICTORIA SQUARE, MONTREAL

**A. A. ANDREWS,**  
 REPRESENTING  
**Goldie & McCulloch's Fire and Burglar-proof Safes**  
 VAULT DOORS, LININGS, ETC.  
 Awarded Gold Medal for Fire and Burglar-proof Safes and highest prizes at all exhibitions shown

**Gutta-Percha and Rubber Mfg. Co. of Toronto**  
 Rubber Belting, Packing, Hose and all kinds of Rubber Goods, sole manufacturers of the celebrated Maltese Cross Brand of Fire Engine Hose, also Rubber, Cotton and Linen Hose.

All Kinds of FIRE DEPARTMENT Supplies & Apparatu  
**W. Millichamp & Co., of Toronto,**  
 Manufacturers of Nickel, Walnut & Ebonized Show Cases  
 Write for Price List.

OFFICE: 490 MAIN STREET, FREEMAN BLK  
 WINNIPEG, MAN.

**OGILVIE MILLING CO.**

Mill at Point Douglas.  
 Capacity - - - 750 Barrels per day.  
 OFFICE:—Corner King and  
 Alexander Streets, Winnipeg.

A Full Stock of Patent Hungarian, Strong Bakers' and Spring Extra Flour; Oatmeal, Pot and Pearl Barley, Graham Flour, Cracked Wheat, Bran, Shortst, Ground Feed, Otas, Barley.  
 Wheat buyers at all C.P.R. Shipping Stations

**RICHARD & CO,**  
 Importers and Wholesale Dealers in  
**Wines, Spirits and Cigars**  
 365 MAIN STREET,  
 WINNIPEG.

**EASTERN MARKETS.**

**CHICAGO**

The wheat market during the past week has been of the most uninteresting character, and was absolutely without a tendency of any description. At the opening on Monday the interest was on the flag, and when the increase in the visible supply for the week was announced at over 2,000,000 bushels it did not give any new life to business. The fluctuations were confined all week within a very narrow range, and altogether the market was without interest except to the scalpers. In pork matters were quite different, a steady rise set in and kept on during the whole week. Lard was without any remarkable features.

On Monday the feeling was decidedly weak in wheat, while corn was in sympathy. Pork was quite firm and advancing. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat .....	72½	73½
Corn .....	41	40½
Oats .....	25½	25½
Pork .....	—	12.55
Lard .....	6.40	6.40
Short Ribs .....	—	—

On Tuesday there was no change in the tone of wheat and fluctuations were few and of no consequence. Pork kept steadily rising. Closing quotations were:

	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat .....	72½	73½
Corn .....	41	41
Oats .....	25½	25½
Pork .....	—	12.65
Lard .....	6.42½	6.40
Short Ribs .....	—	—

On Wednesday wheat opened weak and declined a few points, recovering partially near the close. Pork showed a decided upward tendency and advanced a point or two. Closing quotations were:

	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat .....	72½	73½
Corn .....	41½	41½
Oats .....	25½	25½
Pork .....	—	12.72½
Lard .....	6.42½	6.40
Short Ribs .....	—	—

On Thursday the feeling in wheat was quiet with but little trading done, and with a slightly firmer tone near the close. Pork was strong and higher. Closing quotations were:

	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat .....	72½	73½
Corn .....	42½	41½
Oats .....	25½	25½
Pork .....	—	13.00
Lard .....	6.57½	6.55
Short Ribs .....	—	—

On Friday there was a slightly firmer feeling in wheat, with a little advance in price. Pork kept slowly advancing. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat .....	72½	73½
Corn .....	42½	42½
Oats .....	25½	25½
Pork .....	—	13.15
Lard .....	6.62½	6.50
Short Ribs .....	—	—

On Saturday wheat opened retaining some of the firmness of the previous day, and the announcement on Monday as to the visible supply is expected to be favorable to a firmer feeling.

**MINNEAPOLIS.**

\*Taking the report of the *Northwestern Miller*, from which we quote prices, the market during the week has been an uneventful one for wheat. Fluctuations have been confined to a small range, and prices were steady. There is every symptom of a coming blockade in wheat, as mills, elevators and railway yards are all about full, and still complaints of shortage of cars show that receipts are not at their heaviest, although the week shows higher in that respect than any corresponding week in former years. Prices ranged:

	Cash.	Dec.	On track.
No. 1 hard .....	70	70½	71½
No. 1 northern .....	66½	67	68
No. 2 " .....	63½	63½	65

**FLOUR.**—This market is much quieter than for some time, few orders being booked the past day or two. Foreigners are bidding three pence lower than a week ago, and are not urgent, while domestic buyers are less pressing in their demands for prompt shipment. The enforced increase of ten cents per barrel in freights, due to the closing of the lake lines has temporarily checked business, but a better market is looked for before the regular holiday period of dullness sets in. There is no complaint as to a surplus of any particular grades.

Quotations were: Patent sacks to local dealers, \$4.15 to \$4.30; straights, \$3.70 to \$4; first bakers', \$3.60 to \$3.75; second bakers', \$2.80 to \$3.00; best low grades, \$1.80 to \$2.00 in bags; red dog, \$1.50 to \$1.60 in bags.

**MONTREAL MARKETS.**

**GRAIN.**

The wheat market has been quiet but steady during the week, with the export demand holding out good. Manitoba grades were a little inclined to weaken. Prices are: No. 1 hard, 84 to 85c; Nos. 2 hard and 1 northern, 82 to 83c; No. 2 northern, 80 to 81c. Canada red and white winter ranged from 85 to 87c, and Canada spring, 83 to 84c.

**FLOUR.**

Under a good export demand for the Glasgow market, Manitoba strong bakers' held steady at \$4.40 to \$4.50. Patents were selling at 10 to 15c advance on these figures.

**BUTTER.**

The market has been steady but quiet, and with scarcely a change in prices. Choice western sold as high as 18c, while creamery and fancy dairy ranged from 22 to 23c.

**CHEESE.**

The feeling has been quiet, but not so nervous as reported in our last. Finest September sold from 11½ to 11¾ and medium from 9½ to 9¾.

**Hides Inspection.**

All hides and calf skins however prepared, are bought and sold in the Winnipeg market subject to the inspection and classification of a Hide Inspector, appointed for Manitoba by the Dominion Government.

The Inspection Act requires the Inspector to subtract from the weight of each rawhide all fat and meat adhering to it, as well as all dirt, manure, blood, etc. The hide must also be without horns, hoofs, dew-claws, muzzle and lip.

The following directions should invariably be pursued in taking the hide from an animal:

Care must be taken to split the hide from the throat along middle of belly to tail, in such a manner that one side will present exactly the same outline as the other.

To class No. 1, a hide must be perfectly free from any cut, deep scoring, brand or horn scratch. If any of these defects appear it is classed as No. 2. If any number of these faults are found it is classed No. 3, which also comprises all stag and bull hides.

To properly cure a hide, lay in a cool place after being taken from the animal. After the natural heat has disappeared spread out evenly, flesh side up, and from 20 to 25 pounds of strong, coarse salt carefully and regularly distributed over its surface. In the way one hide may be laid upon the other until a pile is formed of from twelve to eighteen inches in height. Hides treated in this manner will turn out in perfect condition, and no loss will be incurred by any parts of hides being hair-slipped. Hides showing hair-slips will class according to extent of same, as 2nd, 3rd, or glue stock, which latter makes them unfit to be manufactured into leather.

In winter, hides should be doubled over once, (skin side out), and frozen in that form. This prevents the delay in inspection caused when hides are bunched together and require to be thawed out prior to inspection.

For several years past there has been a gradual falling off in the manufacture of distilled spirits, which is attributed to the more temperate habits of Americans. For the year ending June 30, 1886, the internal revenue receipts from distilled spirits were \$69,092,266; during the year ended June 30, 1887, the receipts dropped down to \$65,829,321 71, making a decrease of \$3,262,944 29. While the manufacture of whisky is on the decrease, the brewing of beer is becoming more extensive, and that beverage is now the popular American drink. The receipts from beer during the past fiscal year were \$21,922,187 49, against \$19,676,731 29 the year previous, thus showing an increase of \$2,245,456 20. Commissioner Miller proposes at an early day to have a chemical analysis made by the department chemist of all the various brands of beer manufactured. It is alleged that certain brewers use more alcohol in their beer than the law allows, and the proposed test will probably create a revolution among the makers of what is supposed to be standard beer.—*Cincinnati Price Current.*

**The Drummer.**

A little chaff, a merry laugh,  
A word for every corner;  
There is not a man in all the land  
But who extends a ready hand  
To greet the jolly drummer.  
In business wise, in enterprise  
As thrifty as a plumber,  
So chivalrous and debonaire,  
This favored one that ladies fair  
All love the gallant drummer.  
His latest joke will provoke  
A roar from every drummer.  
That hangs around the village bar,  
Reflecting luster from his star,  
The gay commercial drummer.  
With work and wit he hits the grit  
Fall, winter, spring and summer;  
Alert and watchful, day and night—  
The world would go to ruin quite  
But for the busy drummer.  
A skull that's numb may beat the drum,  
But ah! it takes a hammer—  
A freak of supernatural brood—  
Some being most supremely shrewd  
It takes to beat the drummer.

**Business East.****ONTARIO.**

Thos. Tracey, barber, London, is away.  
 Geo. Ward, grocer, Toronto, has sold out.  
 Richard Dixie, plasterer, Watford, is away.  
 P. S. Hicks, grocer, Napanee, has assigned.  
 W. H. Crow, grocer, Chatham, has assigned.  
 T. H. Battram, livery, Bridgen, has sold out.  
 W. Roszell, grocer, Oil Springs, has sold out.  
 Thos. Mitchell, grocer, Toronto, has sold out.  
 J. H. Rodgers, baker, Watford, is selling out.  
 John Smith, builder, Tilsonburg, has sold out.  
 Platt's Drug Store, London, was closed by bailiff.  
 Mrs. Hourigan, dry goods, Toronto, has assigned.  
 Chas. Humphries, tea dealer, Guelph, has assigned.  
 W. W. Blott, grocer, etc., Fenelon Falls, has sold out.  
 J. S. McDonald, hotelkeeper, Forest, has sold out.  
 A. W. Burke, hotelkeeper, Hamilton, has sold out.  
 Mary Clysdale, fancy goods, Comber, has sold out.  
 C. R. Brown, harness dealer, Tilsonburg, has sold out.  
 Jos. Rusc, pianos and organs, Toronto, has sold out.  
 Walter R. Over, hotelkeeper, Toronto, has assigned.  
 Glasgow & Cliff, furniture, Lucknow, have dissolved.  
 Taylor & Oates, grain dealers, Toronto, have dissolved.  
 Walter Beatty, sash factory, Pembroke, was burned out.  
 S. A. Findlay, general storekeeper, Ancaster, has sold out.  
 Thos. W. Bridgeman, crockery, etc., Ottawa, has assigned.  
 Thorner & Bullard, blacksmiths, Watford, have sold out.  
 Preneau & Galbraith, dry goods, Chatham, have assigned.  
 Geo. E. Perkins & Co., grocers, Ingersoll, have assigned.  
 John Harrison, planing mill, Owen Sound, was burned out.  
 John Harvey & Co., wool dealers, Hamilton, are under seizure.  
 C. R. Haverstock, fancy goods, Watford, has moved to London.  
 D. K. Miller, grocer, etc., Otterville, has removed to Hawtry.  
 — Stephenson, physician, Seaforth, has removed to Toronto.  
 Thos. Milbee, shoe dealer, Essex Centre, has removed to Barrie.  
 Geo. J. Mason, Jr., stationery, etc., Woodstock, has assigned.  
 D. P. Ross & Co., hardware, Aurora, have removed to Toronto.  
 V. Allis, harness dealer, Heidelberg, has removed to Tavistock.  
 J. F. Whelan & Co., grocers, Napanee, — stock sold by sheriff.  
 N. M. Currie, general storekeeper, Alvinston, is about leaving here.  
 Smith & Adams, general storekeepers, Oshawa, have assigned.

Garnett & Parker, general storekeepers, Bethany, have dissolved.

Newsome & Leyden, law stationers, Toronto, style now Newsome & Co.

Staebler & Morloch, general storekeepers, Tavistock, are about to dissolve.

Pigot & Bryan, crockery, London, were partially burned out—fully insured.

Harvey, McQuesten & Co., woolen mill, Hespeler.—I. B. McQuesten has assigned.

A. E. Black, liquors, Toronto,—business has been transferred back to Thos. Gillies.

Alex. Gillies, manufacturer of agricultural implements, Harriston, was burned out.

R. J. Smith, harness dealer, Napanee,—creditors have advertised stock for sale.

Toronto Engineer and Supply Co., Toronto,—assets have been sold for 80c. in the dollar.

Thos. Chapman, lithographer, Toronto, has admitted W. B. Newsome, and style is now Chapman & Newsome.

Edward Stovel, pumps, Guelph, has removed to Lucknow—now of the firm of Stovel & Cliff, furniture manufacturers.

**QUEBEC.**

Jos. Charron, Jr., saw mill, St. Denis, has assigned.

St. Aubin & Co., butchers, Montreal, have dissolved.

Nap. Chamberlain, grocer, Montreal, was burned out.

Frederick J. Cross, mill owner, Melbourne, has assigned.

MacDougall Bros., stock brokers, Montreal, have dissolved.

W. E. Brunet, druggist, St. Sauveur, is offering to compromise.

Wm. Laverdure, general storekeeper, Montreal, was burned out.

Montreal Furniture Co., (Limited) Montreal,—liquidators appointed.

J. Richards & Son, tailors, Montreal—Stock partly damaged by water.

Atkinson, Garratt & Co., Japanese goods, Montreal, have dissolved.

Thibaudeau, Girard & Co., wholesale dry goods, Montreal, have dissolved.

Geo. Lamontagne, jeweller, Quebec,—demand of assignment made on him.

Malie, Nixon & Co., lobster packers and general storekeepers, Corner of the Beach, have dissolved.

**NOVA SCOTIA.**

Brown & Brennan, painters, Pictou, have dissolved.

Chas. Rogers, hotelkeeper, St. Margaret's Bay Road, is dead.

Stephen Finck, general storekeeper, etc., Lunenburg, is dead.

C. McQueen, confectionery, Halifax, has sold out and gone away.

**NEW BRUNSWICK.**

J. W. Peters, grocer, Portland, has assigned and gone away.

D. McSHERREY, butcher, Manitu, has closed out his business there.

An organization has been formed and a petition prepared to be presented to the Secretary of State for British Columbia, for a board of trade for the city of Vancouver.

PEARSON & Co., curiosities, Winnipeg, have opened up in the furniture business.

S. R. PARSONS. HENRY BELL. W. E. HAZLEY

**PARSONS, BELL & CO.,****Wholesale Paper Dealers****—AND—  
GENERAL STATIONERS!****AGENTS****Canada Paper Company,**

Manufacturers Printing, Wrapping & Writing Papers &c., Montreal and Windsor Mills, Quebec.

**Alex. Pirie & Sons,**

Manufacturers Fine Stationery, Aberdeen, Scotland.

**M. Staunton & Co.,**

Manufacturers Wall Papers, Toronto.

GERRIE BLOCK, PRINCESS STREET,  
WINNIPEG.

**BLANK BOOKS !!****WARWICK & SONS**

Manufacturing Stationers, Publishers, Book-sellers, Printers, Bookbinders, etc., Printers and Binders to the Ontario Government.

**TORONTO, ONT.**

Day Books, Ledgers, Journals, Minute Books, Letter Books, Invoice Books, etc., etc., in all qualities and thicknesses. A LARGE VARIETY OF BLOTTERS AND MEMO.

WRITE FOR QUOTATIONS.

**BROWN BROS.,**

Wholesale and Manufacturing

**STATIONERS,**

64 to 63 KING STREET EAST,

TORONTO.

**SPECIALTIES.**

Account Books Paper—all kinds  
 Office Supplies Stationery  
 Wallets. Pocket Books  
 Ladies Hand Satchels  
 Pocket and Office Diaries  
 Leather Goods Binders Material  
 Printers' supplies

The Fensom  
**Elevator**  
 Works,

Manufacturers of Hydraulic,  
 Steam and Hand Power Passenger  
 and Goods Elevators,

34, 36 and 38 Duke Street

**TORONTO.**

# WHAT ARE WE DRINKING?

IT IS A FACT that there is an enormous quantity of something being sold at the present time under the name of **Coffee** which is an insult to the name and an imposition upon the public. In view of this fact it is the **duty** of every dealer to purchase his **Coffee** of a reliable house and to protect his own interests by giving his customers **pure** Goods. We have established a reputation for **Pure Coffee** which is equalled by no firm in the Dominion, and we intend to hold fast to a reputation so justly earned.

Ask for and **INSIST** upon having Coffee that is prepared by

## CHASE & SANBORN, Tea and Coffee Importers,

—BOSTON.—

—MONTREAL.—

—CHICAGO.—

### DOLL

W. F.

#### WHOLESALE JEWELER.

Watches, Diamonds, Clocks, Spectacles,  
Gold-headed Canes, Silver-plate, Watch  
Material, Tools, etc., etc.

525 Main St., WINNIPEG.

#### HILLIARD HOUSE.

RAT-PORTAGE.

The Palace Hotel of the Northwest, Ontario.  
Newly and elegantly furnished throughout.  
The only Commercial House in the district.  
First class Sample Room. Terms Reasonable.

LOUIS HILLIARD, PROPRIETOR.

### DUPONT GUN POWDER

For Sale by all Jobbers.

Sole Agents Manitoba, Northwest Territories  
and British Columbia,

MILLER, MORSE & CO.,  
HARDWARE MERCHANTS,  
WINNIPEG, - MANITOBA.

### PHILP & CO.,

WHOLESALE IMPORTERS

## FOREIGN FRUIT

Commission Merchants,

—AND—

EGG PACKERS.

Particular attention given to Country  
Orders, Cash paid for Eggs. Corres-  
pondence solicited.

Address Box 568,

WINNIPEG, MAN.

### SMITH & FUDGER,

## Fancy Goods, Woodenware,

WHOLESALE.

MANUFACTURERS AGENTS,  
AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

◀TORONTO▶

Represented in Manitoba, Northwest Territorio  
and British Columbia by

W. H. SMITH,

Sample Room, Clements' Block, Winnipeg  
No. 525 Main Street, second flat.

—THE—

### McCLARY MANFG CO.

OF LONDON, TORONTO, MONTREAL, WINNIPEG,  
AND LONDON, ENG.

Manufacturers of

### McCLARY'S "FAMOUS" STOVES,

Stamped and Pierced Tinware, Japanned Ware,  
Stove Boards, etc., and Dealers in Granite Ironware, and

Tinsmiths' Metals and Supplies.

—WHOLESALE ONLY.—

Warerooms: Cor. Rachel St. and Point Douglas Avenue  
Show Rooms and Offices,

33 LOMBARD STREET, WINNIPEG.  
J. W. DRISCOLL, Manager

## Smith & Keighley, TEAS,

### EAST and WEST INDIA PRODUCE

—AND—

GENERAL GROCERIES,

9 Front St. East,  
TORONTO



# THE COLONIST

VICTORIA, - B.C.

EBBS & CO., . . . PROPRIETORS.

Established in 1838. The leading journal of British Columbia. Furnishes full information for intending settlers.

Daily . . . \$10 per year.  
Weekly . . . 2 per year.

**SAMPLE COPIES FREE**

## British Columbia Soap Works, Manufacturers of a full line of **LAUNDRY SOAP**

Consisting in part of Yellow Soap, Brown Soap, Red, White and Blue Mottled Soaps, Toilet Soaps, Coconut Oil Soap, Soda Crystals, Washing Powders, and their Shaving Soap

FULLY EQUAL TO ANY IN USE.

PENDRAY & CO. - - VICTORIA, B.C.

## J. & A. Clearihue,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS  
AND MANUFACTURERS AGENTS,  
Dealers in—

## Fruits and all kinds of Produce

YATES ST., VICTORIA, B.C.

Representing D. Richards, Manufacturer of Laundry and Toilet Soaps, Woodstock, Ontario, Jas. Hall & Cos. manufacturers and dealers in Gloves, Mitts and Moccasins, Brockville, Ontario.

## J. C. DEVLIN, FLOUR

MILLSTUFFS, GRAIN,

Farm Produce & Commission Merchant.

Correspondence Solicited.

GOVERNMENT STREET, Victoria, B.C.

## THE DRIARD,

VICTORIA, B.C.

The only strictly first-class hotel in the province.

## Samuel Gray,

Manufacturer of

## SASH, DOORS, BLINDS

Mouldings, Stairs, Handrails, Newels, Baulsters, etc.

VICTORIA, - B.C.

Having made arrangements with the G.P.R., I am prepared to furnish the trade with the above mentioned articles manufactured from the very best seasoned dry cedar and white pine. All work guaranteed. Correspondence solicited. P.O. Box 30, Victoria, B.C.

Jas. Tate, blacksmith, etc., Cape Canso, is dead.

S. W. Doyle, general storekeeper, Five Islands, is away.

NEARLY every industry that requires a considerable capital for successful operation is looking to the organization of a "Trust," to limit production and control prices, and it will soon be considered a poor business that has to enter into square competition with rival concerns in the same line of trade. The organizers "trust" that the public will take stock in their enterprise, and then the shareholders can "trust to luck" to ever see any profit on their investments. The "Linseed Oil Trust" is a new candidate for public favor. A director explains its ostensible object as follows: "Our object is not to prevent new men from going into the business, as the amount of money required to operate on any scale is sufficient to keep down the number. What we want to do is to prevent such sharp competition as there has been in the past, under which oil has been sold at less than the added cost of freight over the cost of production. Too much capital is invested in the business to allow profits to be thrown away. The Trust may prevent speculators from running up the price of flaxseed, and may make it impossible for farmers to secure fancy prices, but, after all, supply and demand will control that, and, dealing with us instead of the speculators, farmers will get what their seed is worth, and will not have to pay for the services of expensive middlemen. I think the fancy prices in the past have gone to the speculators anyhow, so that farmers may not feel the weight of the organization at all. Of course, if any new company starts up to slaughter prices and run out any of our factories we will use our power, and certainly freeze out such opposition, but we will be on the defensive rather than the aggressive so far as that is concerned."

## HY. ARKELL,

WHOLESALE

### PRODUCE AND COMMISSION

MERCHANT,

Vancouver, B.C.

MANITOBA PRODUCE a Specialty.

Consignments Received in All Lines.  
Correspondence solicited.

## Colonial Hotel,

WESTMINSTER, B.C.

Largest hotel in the city; centrally located in business portion. Headquarters for tourists and commercial men. Sample rooms, bath rooms, etc. Fire-proof building. First Class.

LUKE PITHER, Proprietor.

## HOTEL FOR LEASE

A new three storey brick hotel on corner of Columbia and Clement Sts., New Westminster City, supplied with water, gas, bathrooms, etc. A splendid opening for a good hotel man. For particulars apply

W. A. DUNCAN,  
NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.

## WHEN YOU ARE GOING

MINNEAPOLIS, TO ANY POINT  
ST. PAUL TO EAST OR SOUTH

TAKE THE

## St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway

The shortest, best and most desirable route  
TO ALL POINTS IN ONTARIO, QUEBEC  
AND UNITED STATES.

If you want to save time and money purchase your tickets from starting point through to destination via the

ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS & MANITOBA RAILWAY.

For full information, maps, etc., apply to

G. H. McMICKEN, Agent,  
WINNIPEG.

C. H. WARREN, Gen. Pass. Agt. } ST. PAUL.  
W. S. ALEXANDER, Traffic Mgr. }  
A. MANVEL, Gen. Manger. }

## CHICAGO MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL

Is the Fast-Mail Short Line from St. Paul and Minneapolis via La Crosse and Milwaukee to Chicago and all points in the Eastern States and Canada. It is the only line under one management between St. Paul and Chicago, and is the Finest Equipped Railway in the Northwest. It is the only line running Pullman Drawing-Room Sleeping Cars with Luxurious Smoking Rooms, and the Finest Dining Cars in the World, via the famous "River Bank Route," along the shores of Lake Pepin and the beautiful Mississippi River to Milwaukee and Chicago. Its trains connect with those of the Northern lines in the Grand Union Depot at St. Paul. No change of Cars of any Class between St. Paul and Chicago. For through tickets, time-tables, and full information, apply to any coupon ticket agent in the Northwest. R. Miller, Gen'l Manager; J. F. Tucker, Ass't Gen'l Manager; A. V. H. Carpenter, Gen'l Pass. and Ticket Agent; Geo. H. Heafford, Ass't Gen'l Pass. and Ticket Agent, Milwaukee, Wis. W. H. Dixon, Ass't Gen'l Pass. Agent, St. Paul, Minn.

### TRAVEL VIA THE

## Minneapolis and St. Louis Railway

AND THE FAMOUS

## Albert Lea Route

	Lvs St. Paul.	Lvs Minneapolis
Chicago, Burlington, Kansas City and Des Moines Ex.....	a8 45 a.m	a9 25 a.m
St. Louis Fast Ex .....	b6 25 p.m	b7 05 p.m
Chicago Fast Ex .....	d6 25 p.m	d7 05 p.m
Des Moines Passenger .....	a6 25 p.m	a7 05 p.m
Excelsior and Watertown .....	a8 00 a.m	a8 45 a.m
Arlington and Excelsior .....	a4 15 p.m	a4 50 p.m
Mankato Express Accom .....	a3 15 p.m	a4 00 p.m
a Ex. Sunday. b Ex. Saturday. d Daily.		

THROUGH COACHES and PULLMAN PALACE SLEEPERS to Chicago, St. Louis and Des Moines

DIRECT LINE TO WATERTOWN, D.T.

PALACE DINING CARS ON CHICAGO TRAINS.

2—THROUGH TRAINS DAILY—2  
to KANSAS CITY, LEAVENWORTH, ATCHISON  
ST. JOSEPH, making connections in Union Depots at all points west.

Fast and frequent trains between St. Paul, Minneapolis and Lake Minnetonka points.

For maps, sleeping car berths, or other information call upon any agent in the Northwest or write to

S. F. BOYD,

General Ticket and Passenger Agent, Minneapolis