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Staple Cottons Firmer.

There has been an improvement in the situation for domestic cotton goods, says the Toronto Globe. This is partly due to the advance in the market for raw cottons, and partly to the active demand for these goods, which make the Canadian manufacturers in different about booking further orders at current prices. This week some of the good-sized orders have been turned down by the mills, notwithstanding the fact that better prices than previously paid were offered. The reason was that the makers were too busy to promise anything approaching prompt delivery. There is still difficulty in getting deliveries of some lines of cottons. The jobbers are anxious to secure delivery of the goods, and the mills are doing their best with the large volume of orders on hand and keep making deliveries of the goods in instalments to keep the jobbers going.

The position of cottons is very firm, and present indications are not favorable to the belief that there will be any weakness in the situation in the immediate future. The fact that the Canadian mills are not disposed to book further orders at current prices or even at advanced prices seems to indicate that they do not care to take the risk of a further advance in the prices of the raw material. It is asserted that unfinished goods could not now be manufactured at current prices if the mills were not supplied with raw cotton at lower prices than are now quoted. These facts make the jobbers very firm in their views as to the value of cotton goods, and they are making concessions, being satisfied to let trade take its course, and feeling satisfied that they will get full prices for the goods whenever they are sold. There is, however, a disposition among a certain class of well-positioned retailers to order freely in these lines at present, so as to secure themselves against having to pay higher prices later on.

The New York Journal of Commerce says:—The condition of the market for bleached cotton is attracting increased attention from buyers and sellers on their part to purchase forward deliveries at present prices with spot dating are noticeable in most districts. Sellers are now meeting such a demand in any leading ticket. They are, on the contrary, decidedly reserved, and from their present attitude it is highly probable that advanced prices will be named within the next week or two in medium and fine grades. In low grades the market is firm.

Railway and Traffic Matters.

It is reported that the C. P. R. is intending a double track, through their yards at Portage la Prairie and that a commodious freight shed and office will be built next summer on the site of the old M. & N. W. station.

A bill will be introduced in parliament next session to revise the charter of the Edmonton & Slave Lake Railway, which is to run through to Fort Simpson on the Pacific coast, via the Peace River pass. Recent reports have established the value of the Peace River district as a stock raising and mixed farming country, hence renewed interest in the railway project.

Some idea of the amount of railway building contemplated in the United States during the coming year may be gathered from the fact that orders for 1,300,000 tons of steel rails, for delivery in 1902, have been placed with manufacturers, in which amount included 350,000 tons held over from last year's orders, making a total amount actually on the books 1,650,000 tons. The aggregate orders for next year, it is estimated, will be about 2,500,000 tons. The output of rails in 1900 was 2,983,650 tons.

It is reported that the Imperial Tobacco Company of Great Britain and Ireland will take over each of the thirteen firms entering the trust in a footing of ten years' purchase of the average profits of the last three years and the good will. This is to be paid for separately. The names of the firms to be in the trust are, besides the big firm of Wills, there are two or three of the most important in the country in that city. Gallaghers and Murphys, two of the most important firms in Belfast, still hold aloof.

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WINNIPEG, OCT. 26, 1901.

BUY AT HOME.

A prominent Winnipeg retail merchant made an appeal a short time ago through the daily press to the people of the city to patronize their home industries in the way of retail stores and not to send their money east for goods which can be bought just as cheaply and as well at home. It is a regrettable fact that a great deal of this sort of buying is done by the people of not only Winnipeg but of the Western Canada. In the early fall and Christmas seasons when money is plentiful and the great bulk of the shopping is done it is no uncommon thing for orders ranging in value from \$25 up to \$150 and \$200 to be sent to Montreal from people living in Manitoba or the Territories, and orders for smaller amounts than the above are quite numerous. These purchases are mostly made on catalogue quotations and cover almost every line of goods worth mentioning. The consequence is that western merchants both in the city and country are robbed of just so much business which legitimately belongs to them. The aggravating feature of all this is that the buyer gains nothing at all by the mail order business and is more often than not a loser. It stands to reason that goods bought from catalogue are far less likely to prove satisfactory than when the purchaser has had a chance to examine them for himself before buying. It very often transpires that the article is not what it appeared to be in the catalogue and could have been bought at home for less money. A few cents gained on one article will not make up for the overcharges which are usually made on others in a long order and inferiority in the goods often reduces what appeared to be a saving to a positive loss. And when the purchaser takes into consideration the fact that the local storekeeper whom he has passed by in the hour when he has a little ready cash to spend has perhaps carried him in more than one season of adversity the strain of arguments against this unprofitable practice is about complete. In conclusion it may be said that if current reports are to be believed the retail merchants themselves have not all been perfectly free from this objectionable practice and some of them set their customers a very bad example in this respect. We know of one man who has to be delivered of dry goods in business in Winnipeg who habitually

places his personal clothing orders with eastern tailors and who has been known to declare that there is not a tailor in Winnipeg who can make a decent suit of clothes. Of course such statements are very far from being the case and betray a most lamentable want of patriotism and consistency on the part of that particular man. As a matter of fact this city has just as many good tailors of all kinds in the east and while the quality may not be so handsomely fitted up the quality of the work they turn out will compare more than favorably with anything the east can produce. From this it will be seen that even in any line circles there are some erroneous ideas which will have to be exploded before the retail merchant of the west will fully come into his own.

REAL ESTATE CONDITIONS.

The real estate men and loan companies of Western Canada have experienced a welcome change in the conditions surrounding their business during the past two or three years in the fact that whereas before it was a most difficult thing to find purchasers for farm and city property at any price, to-day the difficulty seems to be to find property for the purchasers who are flocking into the country. This has probably been the largest year in the history of the business so far as transfers are concerned, and in every respect the real estate business of the country is in better shape than for a long time. Choice residential property in the city has met with ready sale throughout the year and the loan companies have taken advantage of the opportunity to unload much of the property they have been carrying since the depression of several years ago. They have made the price of this property so reasonable in many cases that it has attracted a much of the property for themselves. For the most part loan companies have been inclined to discourage building lately as they would rather give a man a good bargain on some of the houses they hold for sale than lend him money with which to build a new place. Most of the purchases of Winnipeg real estate made this year have been decided bargains so far as prices go. Many of the old houses, which have changed hands have been thoroughly overhauled and modernized and there is a decided improvement to be noted in the residential properties of the city.

CHEAP COAL.

One of the features of the fuel trade of this country is the growing demand for the lignite coal which comes from the vicinity of Estevan in Southwestern Saskatchewan. It is now quite a number of years since this coal was first rendered accessible by the extension of the Souris branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway to Estevan, and during most of those years it has been steadily growing in favor especially with the consumer in rural parts of Manitoba, until to-day it is one of the most important fuels on our list. The quality of the coal has not always been satisfactory but with increased knowledge of the veins, better handling facilities and more suitable storage granaries has reached a degree of satisfactoriness with the ordinary consumer which ensures a steady demand for the coal in future. The price, \$1.00 per ton for car loads at the mine, is low when compared with other fuels, as on this basis it is the best delivered to the consumer in Winnipeg for \$4.50 per ton. This is

the actual price of the coal here to-day.

It is fortunate for the people of this country that we have such a supply of cheap coal convenient to our markets as there is no doubt that it has some effect in holding down the prices of other fuels. The Pennsylvania anthracite and bituminous coal fields are owned by one of the most despotic monopolies on this continent and it might be expected that were it not for the presence of extensive coal beds in the prairie regions of both the United States and Canada which render the settlers to some extent independent of that source of supply there would be no mercy shown in regard to the price of coal. As it is the price is kept just as high as the competition of western coal will permit. On this side of the boundary there is good reason to expect that as time goes by our own fuel resources will be more and more exploited, until the coal of the Pennsylvania monopoly will be practically shut out altogether.

FINANCIAL.

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Returns for the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending Thursday, show as follows:

Week ending Oct. 24, 1901.	\$	347,710	
Corresponding week, 1900.	\$	2,284,910	
Corresponding week, 1896.	\$	3,269,074	
The monthly totals are as follows:			
1901	1900	1899	
Jan.	\$ 9,923,258	\$ 9,960,677	\$ 7,083,922
Feb.	7,158,275	6,732,962	6,289,471
Mar.	7,829,692	7,209,942	6,776,121
Apr.	7,829,292	7,091,570	6,916,831
May	8,081,957	7,972,574	7,472,855
June	7,983,912	7,829,412	7,472,855
July	9,213,148	9,076,423	8,109,595
Aug.	9,324,746	8,173,607	7,966,291
Sept.	10,043,250	9,787,467	8,289,159
Oct.	10,183,477	10,383,000	12,680,000
Nov.	10,043,250	10,383,000	14,635,219
Dec.	10,980,323	12,969,965	
Totals	\$106,956,702	\$107,786,814	

FINANCIAL NOTES.

W. Macdonald, accountant of the Imperial Bank's Edmonton branch, has been promoted to the position of manager of the newly established branch at Ferguson, B. C. He left to assume his new duties on Wednesday last.

S. Burpe, manager of the Bank of British North America at Dawson City, passed through Winnipeg this week en route for Ottawa. Mr. Burpe has been transferred to Vancouver and will return in about two weeks to enter upon his new duties.

At the last meeting of Winnipeg City council the following were passed through their first and second readings to raise \$50,000 to build and equip four suburban fire halls and to construct foundations under the north and south halls and to purchase a dynamo and other electric lighting; also to raise \$44,714 for the purchase and installation of new water plant and water pipes and new services.

INSURANCE

THE RULING PASSION.

The life insurance agent was at the end of a long and creditable life, and his clergyman had been deputed to tell him that death was at hand. The information was tenderly conveyed and calmly received, and when the good man continued: "I feel sure there is peace and happiness for you beyond. You have been a true brother in the faith and a busy man, and I believe that this death is bright and fair." "But how about yourself?"

"The dying man's face conveyed a mild astonishment and inquiry. "I'm talking about that policy you have had for so long, and it's not long. Is all ahead 'bright and fair' for you with no life insurance? I'm leaving plenty of it for my family, but

where would yours be if I were to change places?"

"It is a simple thought," said his friend, "and I will attend to it at once."

"No time like the present," said the agent. "The application is in my desk over there. Suppose you fill it out now, and the doctor in the waiting room will examine you right off. I insured him the second day he called after I was called after him. I'm sure, if you'll never regret it, and it will help you out on the new business for the end of the year. Good-bye."

INSURANCE NOTES.

W. J. Rowland, of Toronto, has arrived in Winnipeg to do a policy with the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Canada.

The Peoples Life Insurance Co. has been granted a license to do business in Manitoba. D. R. Bruce, Winnipeg, is their agent.

The insurance losses in the big fire of last week at Sydney, N. S., are larger than was at first anticipated, and the total for all the companies represented is \$224,000.

Not 40 pay the life insurance premium when it becomes due is to be a great extent what you have already paid, and to stop the good work you intend to carry out. Remember that life insurance is a system of saving that has never been equaled by any other method.—The Statement.

Mr. Harlick, a resident of Philadelphia, is the oldest annuitant in The Mutual Life on October 7, 1883, depositing the sum of \$5,500. He has been drawing \$475 annually from the company ever since. The amount up to date stands: Paid The Mutual Life, \$35,500. Received 41 annual payments of \$175, \$10,475. Account in favor of Mr. Harlick, \$13,975.

Alberta Oats and Hay.

The daily papers announced with big headlines that the western Dominion government had arranged for the export of Alberta oats and hay to South America. It is probable that some error about this. Those familiar with commercial conditions would at once have seen that the export of hay from Alberta to South Africa, it is not at all probable that hay can be included in the shipments. If the government has arranged for the export of Canadian hay to South Africa, it will probably be secured in Quebec or some other eastern province, and not in the West. It is very likely to sell at export prices in the West this year, as we have a surplus, they can of course be exported on a commercial basis, without government aid.

Anthrax Scare All Over.

The Anthrax scare in the range country is completely over, says Dr. Dunlop, in this edition. The government veterinarian, A. Brock of sheep belonging to the Canadian Land and Fur Co., has examined the sheep in the herd, numbered 16,000, but only 2,500 were lost, the rest were innocuous, and the sheep are now being raised very successfully. As the prairie has been burnt over and other measures taken to control the disease, no further outbreak may be considered over.

The Dominion Trading Stamp Co., Limited, has announced its intention to fight the legality of the "Anti-Trading Stamp Act," passed at the last session of the Ontario legislature, which empowered municipalities to prohibit the use of trading stamps and to control the production of them.

Signal hemp is 2c higher in price this fall than it was last year at this time which some take as an assurance that binder twine will be higher next year. It is said that the United States manufacturers have practically obtained control of the production of this raw material.

It is stated that owing to the scarcity of men the Dominion Railway from railway to Lake Superior will not be completed until the end of the year, and possibly not in the fall or in January. The company say they cannot obtain men, even at the high wages of \$2 per day.

Some Ranching Districts of the West.

BY A COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIVE

PINCHER CREEK.

The last year has been one of the best in the history of Pincher Creek, and a large number of settlers have come to the surrounding district and a large increase is also to be seen in the town. A large number of dwellings were erected. A Catholic church, valued \$50,000 is now nearly completed, and a public school house is to be erected this year, at a cost of between \$2000 and \$7,000.

Heretofore the Pincher Creek district has been given up entirely to ranching, but recently a number of cities have been coming in who have started mixed farming, and as a result the ranches have been so taken up that the ranchers have had to either leave the example of the others and start mixed farming, or else move to some other section. This change has resulted in a much larger business for the merchants of Pincher Creek. It is said that the crop grown very well last fall, wheat producing over 40 bushels to the acre.

MACLEOD.

Macleod is one of the oldest places in the country, it having been an important station in the early days. It is still one of the chief stations of the riders of the Plains, but so far as an important business place. It, of course, is supplied with stores of all kinds, usually found in a prairie town, and has also a branch of the

C. P. R. shops are located here now there are a large number of railway men who make this their home and the business is conducted with them helps to a large extent to swell the profits of the merchants. Besides the Macleod branch of the C. P. R. is a line running north to Edmonton, and with the main line extending to the west and over the divide is situated to become a large distributing point. Recently the C. P. R. Co. has reduced the freight charge and given commodity rates that Calgary is now on a better footing than ever before to do business with the surrounding country.

It is also the centre of a good ranching district from which it derives a large volume of business. The city owns its own water works and is provided with telephone and electric light systems, the streets are well lighted, there is an efficient fire department, and in almost all respects Calgary is an up-to-date city. The population, according to the recent census is 4,000.

The citizens of Calgary are justly proud of their business blocks, the most of which are built of stone, marble in the immediate vicinity, and are handsome and substantial buildings. A large number of the residences are also very handsome buildings. During the past year a large amount of money has been spent in erecting new buildings and making improvements to some of the old ones. Hull Bros.,

like or no winter, the cold weather they have only lasting for a day or two at a time.

Everyone familiar with this country has heard of the natural gas found in this district. Until quite recently almost no use was made of this gas, although several wells had been sunk, but the town of Medicine Hat has had a large well bored with the object of using the gas as a fuel in connection with the running of the water works plant, and it is the intention to have the gas piped all through the town to be used for heating and lighting purposes. Gas is also to be used for running the plant of a wooden mill erected this year by the Western Canada Wooden Mills Co. This company has a capital of \$125,000 and intends to manufacture woods, brackets, etc., on an extensive scale, employing 25 to 30 hands.

This town is kept up by the railway men who make it their home and by the surrounding district which is one of the finest ranching sections of this great cattle country. All branches of business are well represented and the merchants appear to be doing a satisfactory trade. Some changes have occurred during the past year, the most important of which are: A hotel, built out by Wm. Cousine, general merchant, the general store business of Sarah C. Cochran is now run by C. Cochran & Son. Pingi took over the drug business of D. A. Black, Charles G. Gilling is now succeeded by G. Robinson, clothing and men's furnishings, Col. Millie & Co. bought out W. B. Marshall, grocery. R. H. Hinz started a fruit and confectionery business, S. Charlton & Co. started a butchery, C. H. Marshall opened out in the hardware business; Samuel Harris started a bakery and confectionery.

has taken over the general store business formerly conducted by Palmer & Smith. A brick church was erected by The Methodist congregation this spring and a number of residences built. W. P. Lawrence has started a brick yard at South. He is running this on a large scale and expects to be able to turn out between \$100,000 and \$125,000 brick a day with the machinery is all in place. The power is supplied by a gasoline engine.

SWIFT CURRENT.

Swift Current, the next place reached, is the most easterly of the ranching towns. It is surrounded by good ranching district and is, besides, a divisional point on the C. P. R. W. W. Murray and Chas. Reid have general stores on W. W. Sanders keeps a butcher shop.

Fruit Prices.

The average daily trade reporter usually makes a news of things when he undertakes to discuss business matters. This has been particularly true of recent articles which have appeared in Winnipeg dailies of late regarding the fruit trade. A short time ago a daily paper reporter allowed himself to be "stuffed" with a silly report about peaches. More recently another misleading article appeared in one of the dailies regarding fruit prices in Winnipeg this season, where in it was claimed that the city retail fruit dealers were not able to make any money this season as they could not turn over their stocks on account of the high price of fruit. In reply to this it may be said that the sales of



MANITOBA FARM HOMES—Buildings of Jas. Robertson, Treherne

Union bank, a private bank and two daily newspapers.

Like Pincher Creek, the district surrounding here has until quite recently been a ranching one, but now settlers have been coming in during the last year or two and have turned their attention to mixed farming, and those who still wish to keep to ranching are being drawn farther back in order to secure pasturage for their stock. Grains in different kinds have given good returns, particularly wheat, which produces a splendid crop. It is said that last year the total crops around here yielded 40 bushels to the acre.

Since our visit of a little over a year ago several changes and improvements have taken place. The old Union bank building existing between \$10,000 and \$7,000, has been built. The Union Bank building has been completed. It has a two-story brick block, which is occupied by a drug store, with a main floor on the second floor, and a good number of dwellings have been built. The firm of Harker & Gardner, general merchandise, has been changed to Brier & Co., and J. A. Struthers has started dry goods and clothing with a fine Macleod section of the C. P. R. line, which a week over this line from Calgary, going and returning the same day. There are two or three small towns along this line. The High River is a large general store, kept by the High River Trading Co., and there are there are two or three business places.

CALGARY.

Calgary is one of the most important places in western Canada. It is a busy divisional point, and as the

cattle dealers, are building a block on Stephen avenue which will be one of the finest in the west, Senator Lowhead is erecting a block on the site of the one burned last winter, James Riley has built an hotel, the Commercial, and S. J. Clark has built a large addition to the Queen's hotel and a large number of dwellings have been built, some costing \$6,000 or \$7,000 and one now being built will cost, it is said, some \$20,000. House accommodation is very scarce and as a result rents are high, but the number of hotels being built here should provide ample accommodation.

A large number of settlers have come north along the line of the Calgary and Edmonton, and it is estimated that immediately tributary to Calgary is good only for ranching, the rain fall being too light to permit of growing crops. A system of irrigation through the district lying between Calgary and Medicine Hat and the C. P. R. Co. has had a party out making surveys to find out whether this scheme is practical or not. It is proposed to take the water from the Bow river at a point near Calgary and to spread it over the district in a similar manner to that now in use in the Lethebridge district. If this plan is successfully carried out it will mean a great deal to Calgary.

MEDICINE HAT.

Medicine Hat, 180 miles east of Calgary, is an important railway divisional point. It is centrally situated in the valley of the south Saskatchewan river and enjoys a most climate of any place in the province. The west coast Territories as it is in the direct line of the chinook winds and thus has lit-

tle and the buildings erected is a solid brick town of about 5,000 population. This is probably the largest cattle shipping point in the Northwest Territories as it has tributary to it a fine grazing country extending for about 100 miles north, 40 miles south, 20 miles east, and 30 to 40 miles west. This district has some fine hay and grazing land, as parts of it are watered by creeks rising in the Cypress Hills so that even in the dry season there is no scarcity of feed or water for the stock. Cattle raising receives the most attention although large numbers of horses and sheep are also raised. A number of ranchers have been putting in good sized crops of grain during the last few years but as a usual thing this is cut green for fodder. A good immigration has been coming into this district, particularly during the past year, but there is so much vacant land here that it will be a long time before it is all taken up.

There have been several changes in the town during the last year, indicating that it is keeping pace with the growth of the surrounding country. G. H. Hustler, shoe maker, has put in a stock of ready-made boots and shoes. Jas. Gault opened a jewelry shop, a branch of the Merchant's bank was opened last February. Dr. Dean has opened a dispensary in the town three months ago. L. C. Parsons built a stone block last year, part of which he occupied in his store. The bank, harness, etc., the bank also having offices in this building. A. J. Smith

fruit have been unusually large this year, in Winnipeg, and they would have been considerably larger if the supply had been equal to the demand. Several times during the season city wholesalers were unable to obtain supplies sufficient to meet the demand. This was particularly true during the early part of the season, when the stock received comes mostly from the south. The fruit was more abundant when the Pacific coast varieties came to market, but prices were high, and the regulation of the cost of this fruit is not within the power of local jobbers. The trouble with the retail fruit trade in Winnipeg is, that it is not done on a business basis. Retail grocers sell fruit practically at cost, and this reckless custom is felt all over the country by fruit dealers who handle fruit alone. The grocers cut on fruit to draw trade for their regular business, and the fruit dealer depends on sales of fruit alone, and to suffer from this foolish custom.

The produce warehouse of A. A. Avery, in Winnipeg, and they would have recently. The loss exceeded \$10,000 and was covered by insurance.

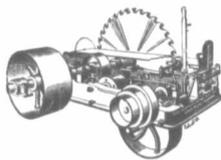
It is estimated by a New York holder of the retail trade supply of some ten amounts to little over 20,000 pounds, of which not more than 10,000 pounds are held in stock at the season there are about 80,000 pounds in this market alone. With an average yield of about 100 bushels of peaches, about 250,000 pounds of which about 120,000 pounds are required for export, the present season's crop of high prices seems assured. There is practically no root in London, and what little is in the market is bought at present, New York, Old Paint and Drug Reporter, New York.

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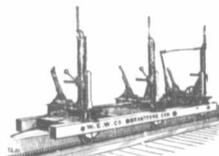


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At the last meeting of the Winnipeg city council a by-law providing for inspection of cattle brought into the city and a by-law regulating the size and style of shoes to be worn by horses on the pavements was read a third time.

At the meeting of the city council this week a motion was carried, that the department of railways and canals Ottawa, be written to, asking upon what terms the Dominion Government will sell or rent to the city of Winnipeg all the electric power to be developed at the proposed St. Andrews locks, on Red River near the city. "Security of white gold" known in chemistry and commerce as platinum, is causing concern in the medi-

cal, electrical and photographic circles. Five years ago it was worth \$5 an ounce, now it is quoted at over four times that price in New York and London. Increased demand and the flooding of the mines in the Transvaal are the alleged causes.

S. Thowaldson, of S. Thowaldson & Co., Icelandic River, was in Winnipeg last week. He reports that over 200 settlers have come to that district from Dakota this summer and more are expected. This section is well adapted for stock raising and mixed farming. There is a creamery at the settlement from which 30,000 pounds of butter have been turned out this year.

The value of the buildings erected

in Winnipeg this year or now in course of erection, for which permits have been issued, is \$1,543,700, whilst last year at this date the total sum was \$1,256,113, and increase of \$287,587, which would have been even greater but for the carpenters' strike this year.

The crop of Spanish onions has been larger this year than last and this delicacy will be plentiful in all markets. Canadian receipts have been about 800 crates larger than last year so that prices should be lower.

Main & Sons Rope Mfg. Co.'s building at Hamilton, Ont., was destroyed by fire on Tuesday night. The loss is from \$12,000 to \$12,500, with insurance for \$10,000. The machinery in the building cost \$8,000.

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Manitoba.

Wm. Bachman is building a flour mill at Brokenhead.

The Great West Saddlery Co.'s business at Rosevein has been bought by T. Scott.

It is rumored that D. McNeill has sold his hardware business at Snowflake to Mr. Adams, of Edenburg. N. J. Royal City.

The Acme Loan and Savings Co. has obtained a license to do business in Manitoba with E. L. Taylor as agent at Winnipeg.

W. S. Young, hardware merchant, West Selkirk, has sold out to Thompson Black, later to the McClary Mfg. Co. of St. Paul, Winnipeg.

Sigurdson Bros., general merchants, Hanausa, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Stephen Sigurdson.

The F. O. Maber company has been granted letters patent for the purpose of carrying on a general merchandise business in Winnipeg.

On Friday last a big fire swept over the northern part of the province and occasioned a great loss of hay.

The Colonial and United States Mortgage Company Limited, has been licensed to do business in Manitoba. Heber Archibald, Winnipeg, is provincial agent.

Mitchell & Sturges, pork packers, Winnipeg, are erecting a slaughter house and will in future purchase live hogs up to the present time they have had to buy them abroad.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company has enlarged and improved its stock yards at Crystal City to accommodate the increasing cattle business of that part of the country.

The safe in the general store of Horwood Co., at Crystal City, broken into last week and a considerable amount of money taken, most of which, it is reported, belonged to Winnipeg grain men.

A deputation of farmers and others from the municipalities of Thimbleton, Melfort and Mervin, called on the government buildings this week with a request for aid in opening up and grading new roads through the country.

Letters patent have been issued for the incorporation of "The Johnston Dairy Company of Beauport, Ltd. (inc.)". The chief place of business is to be at the Johnston Dairy Farm, in the county of Beauport, and the total capital stock is \$20,000.

W. F. Wilson, who has been well known in Winnipeg for a number of years in connection with the organization and management of building societies, died on Wednesday morning at the general hospital. Brain fever was the cause. Previous to entering upon the line of business which he was following at the time this sickness overtook him he deceased was engaged in the lumber trade here.

Three broke out in Dixon's drug store 352 Main street, Winnipeg, on Monday night and before it could be extinguished had damaged the stock to the extent of several hundred dollars and the building to a considerable extent. The fur stock of D. Boyaner, which occupied the adjacent store, was also damaged to some extent by the smoke, as was also the stock upstairs at the Havana and Syracuse.

Wm. Pengelly, who carried on business in Winnipeg as upholsterer under the name of Pengelly & Co., has formed a partnership with E. J. Boyd and the business is now carried on under the style of Pengelly and Boyd. The firm has taken up the corner of the new Alloway block, next the Y. M. C. A. building on Portage avenue. A general stock of furniture has been added in addition to upholstering. Mr. Boyd was in the furniture business in Neepawa, and in York, S. Dago, but recently has been residing at Wabington, Ont.

Hicks Bros., wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, have purchased the property comprising the warehouse at the Gurley, Stone and Range Co., on the east side, in this property there is a large warehouse, 10x110 feet, and fronting on Rupert and Pacific avenues. This warehouse is being fitted up and will be ready for occupancy at once. This firm has worked up a very satisfactory trade since starting in busi-

ness here and they have been gradually extending their business until now they carry all the principal groceries, though at first the business was confined to tea, coffee, etc. The premises which they have now acquired will give them much better facilities for their growing trade.

Assiniboia.

W. L. Carley has disposed of his drug business at Mossomin to Dr. Stevenson and his associates.

M. B. Appliton has purchased the bakery and confectionery business of S. H. Shattuck, of Yorkton.

The Regina town council has fixed the assessment rate for this year at 25.35 mills. The total assessment is \$62,125.

Alberta.

Calgary county is advertising tenders for a new city hall and fire station.

J. G. Templeton, druggist, of Calgary, has disposed of his business to J. T. Carver.

A. Mandeville and C. E. Beilfield, are opening a photograph gallery at Edmonton.

The Prairie Free Press reported that the McVittie coal areas at Blairmore have been bonded on behalf of J. P. Morgan and his associates. The terms of the agreement have not been made public but it is understood that the bond provides for considerable cash expenditure in proving the property and work will be carried on through the winter.

The new coal mining town of Franks, situated on the Crow's Nest line west of Pincher Creek, is experiencing a rapid growth. Several stores are being built, including hardware, general stores, jewelry, drug stores, etc., and a newspaper, the "Frank Sentinel," started, as has already been stated in "The Commercial." The water works works planer are to be installed. Six of the two hundred and fifty city blocks to be built are now completed, and it is expected that before long nearly 400 men will be employed around the mines.

Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.
Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:
Montreal 151,000 bushels
Toronto 24,000
Winnipeg 200,000
Port Arthur, Port Arthur and Winnipeg elevators 1,945,000
Manitoba elevators 1,650,000
Total Oct. 12 4,505,000
Total previous week 3,950,000
Total year ago 3,515,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.
Total stocks in the United States and Canada, and in Great Britain, as reported by Bradstreet's Oct. 12, were 55,727,000 bushels, as against 53,700,000 bushels on Oct. 5. Total stocks in the United States and Canada, as reported by Bradstreet's report, Oct. 12, were 42,525,000 bushels, as against 40,500,000 bushels on Oct. 5.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, as reported by Bradstreet's for the week ended Oct. 12, was 30,205,000 bushels, as against 28,000,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 27,200,000 bushels, or 45,520,000 bushels, three years ago 14,848,000 bushels, four years ago 24,928,000 bushels, and five years ago 27,280,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, is 8,000,000 bushels, as compared with 12,310,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn in the United States compared with 8,014,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in America and Europe and about for Europe, Oct. 1, in each year for the past five years were as follows: Bradstreet's report: Bushels
1901 135,000,000
1900 154,000,000
1899 152,000,000
1898 67,000,000
1897 127,000,000
1896 150,000,000

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States ports, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1901, to the date compared with the same period of last year.

Minneapolis	25,703,225	24,000,340
Milwaukee	2,703,480	2,218,500
Chicago	18,700,822	22,285,413
Total	47,117,527	48,504,253

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States seaport wheat markets from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1901, to date, compared with the same period of last year.

Toledo	1,600,007	2,308,957
Louis	11,844,180	6,031,374
Detroit	1,504,567	1,450,871
Kansas City	12,352,900	20,778,317
Total	30,781,854	30,748,735

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

During the week ending Oct. 21 there were inspected at Winnipeg and Emerson 1711 bushels of grain comprising the following cars:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, 346 cars; No. 1 northern, 171 cars; No. 2 hard, 496 cars; No. 3 northern, 59 cars; rejected No. 1, 25 cars; rejected No. 2, 4 cars.

Oats—No. 2 white, 23 cars; 2 mixed, 6 cars; no grade, 2 cars; rejected, 2 cars; feed, 25 cars.

Barley—3 extra 1 car; No. 3, 5 cars; feed, 5 cars.

Filer—No. 2 1 car; rejected, 1 car.

A year ago the total number of cars inspected was 573, of which 20 graded 1 hard wheat.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 1,588,700 bushels of wheat in store at Port William on Oct. 19. Receipts during the week were 878,257, and shipments 1,027,000. A year ago stocks in store at Port William were 944,723 bushels. Two years ago they were 1,837,000 bushels. Stocks in store at Port William, Port Arthur, Winnipeg, and in interior points are estimated approximately at 3,708,000 bushels, compared with 3,400,000 bushels three years ago, 800,000 bushels two years ago, 2,700,000 bushels three years ago.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this date and a year ago:

Wheat—Cash No. 1 hard closed at 81c in store, Port William.

1 car—Winnipeg price per sack: Patent, \$2.30; best 'heavies,' \$2.15.

1 car—Winnipeg price per ton: shorts, \$13.50 per ton delivered.

1 car—Winnipeg on track, 36¢/38¢ according to quality.

Barley—60¢/58¢ per bushel for cars on track; Market nominal.

Corn—Duro, 14¢/16¢ per bu.; creamery, 10¢/12¢ per bu. in the factories.

Cheese—Cholco factory, 60¢/61¢, laid down here.

Eggs—16c for Manitoba fresh, less expressage.

Pork—16c New, per bushel, 35¢/40c.

Beef—12¢/16c per lb.

Butter—16c per lb.; dressed 10c; dressed heaves, 12c; dunks, dressed, 10c; dunks, dressed, 15c.

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Wool—50¢/52c for unwashed fleece.

Stocks—10¢/12¢ per bushel for cars on track.

Lard—Stoughton's cattle, 24¢/25¢ per lb.; export cattle, 30¢/32¢; sheep, 4¢; hogs, 5¢/6¢.

Grain and Milling Notes.

Up to October 1, there, 11,000,000 bushels of grain had been shipped out the Canada Atlantic Elevator at Colton, Quebec.

It is reported that the Clergue syndicate intends operating at the Canadian "800" one of the largest flour mills on this continent, with a capacity of nearly 4,000 barrels per day.

Notice has been given by Joseph King, manager of the Port Arthur, to the effect that on and after Nov. 1 the storage charges on empty wheat which was not stored, cleaned, and on condensed bin burned wheat, will be one cent for the first three months, and one cent for the succeeding fifteen days or part thereof. Until further notice the elevator and one cent for one grade good wheat will be the same as on straight wheat.

McGaw, for many years connected with the grain and milling business in the west, and one of the best

known grain men, is visiting Manitoba this week. Mr. McGaw is now residing at Goderich, Ont., where he is manager of the Lake Huron and Manitoba Milling Co. This is one of the largest mills in Ontario, having a capacity of 1,200 barrels. It has recently been remodelled. Goderich is well known to Manitoba, and Mr. McGaw for many years has been in connection with the Winnipeg grain trade, but he could not resist coming up this far to have a look at the crop situation for himself.

Lined-Off Mill Opening.

The lined-off mill of Body & Nooker, at Winnipeg, has resumed operations for the season. Flaxseed is still being marketed very slowly, but enough has been secured to keep the mill going in the meantime, and if the fine weather now prevailing continues there should be a considerable quantity marketed in the near future. Opinion as to the amount of flaxseed produced in the west of Canada is very an estimate which might be made at this time would be largely a guess and possibly very far from the truth. It is known, however, that there will be plenty of flax for local requirements.

A diamond thief brought before Recorder Goff in New York, urged in palliation of his crime, that his wife was ugly, and was plainly worn for display by one who showed both tenderness and poor taste. He asked that, in consideration of the double temptation to improve a snub and gain a little money—to which he was subjected, half the legal penalty would amount to fit his case. And the Recorder took the same view of the situation. There are still Daniels who come to judgment.

"No squeaking shoes!" "Squeaking shoes," said a man, "are no more, though, of course, you haven't noticed it." Stop a minute, though, and think, but I'm sure that for years you haven't come across a squeaking shoe. The thing that causes the trouble was a new piece of leather in the sole. This, as you walked, worked in and out like a bellows or an accordion. I have seen a man who had worn that stuff. All shoes are now sewed—many of them used to be pegged—and sewed shoes away with any loose pieces of leather in the sole and, therefore, with the same as a "77" Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal.

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The Commercial Men.



H. G. Middleton

T. H. Wardell, of S. F. McKinnon & Co., had his samples on view in the Ashdon block this week.

J. S. Smith, representative in the West for that well-known and excellent line of grocery specialties called the "Pine Grid" goods, was in the city this week.

W. J. Walters, formerly with Stohler & Sons Co., has accepted a position as traveller in the West for the W. R. Brock Co. Mr. Walters has gone east to complete arrangements to secure his samples.

H. G. Foster, who carries a fine line of samples in ladies' and children's wear, representing the "Columbia" Stock Co. and the Beatty Mfg. Co., was in the city this week on his way westward. Mr. Foster also handles samples for the Trues Knitting Mills, Toronto Feather and Down Co.

M. W. Marshall, of Trenton, Ontario, in Canada and Newfoundland for the Thos. G. Plant Co., of Boston, manufacturers of "Queen Quality" shoes, was in the city this week, returning from a trip to the coast. Mr. Marshall works the country from ocean to ocean, and the island at the entrance of the Gulf of St. Lawrence as well.

H. G. Middleton, of H. G. Middleton & Bro., wholesale books and shoes, Winnipeg, starts out this week on his long western trip to British Columbia. He is taking a fine line of samples of hand-made goods of their own manufacture, specially suited to the requirements of the trade in the mining districts. Take a good look at Mr. Middleton, as he appears in the illustration above. If you are not acquainted with him and you will know him when he calls.

Movements of Business Men.

H. H. Day, of Carruthers, Breck, Edinboro & Day, has returned from a recent week's tour of the coast. He has been as far as the Watson settlement at Carleton in southern Alberta, and up the railway and Edmonton branch.

The Wheat Movement.

The wheat movement from Manitoba country points has been steadily increasing. Last week there were 1,650 cars inspected, or say 234 cars per day. This week there were 241 cars on Monday, (this including Sunday's receipts), 343 cars on Tuesday and 243 cars on Wednesday and 211 cars on Thursday. There has been a noticeable increase in the proportion of No. 2 northern. This is owing to the fact that the threshing machines have been busy the last two weeks thrashing from the stack, and the stock grain in grading No. 2 northern. Threshing stocks is now about completed and the machines will go to work on stacks again, when an improvement in the average quality of grain marketed is expected.

W. H. McGuire, who is in charge of the Winnipeg branch of the James Scott Mfg. Co., opened here early in the summer, reports that they are working up a good business, particularly for their furnaces, known as the "K" they warm air generators.

Weather and Crops.

The country has experienced another week of delightful weather—bright and mild throughout, and the work of thrashing out the crop has made good progress. The machines have been busy on the stacks and the fields have been nearly cleared of grain in stack. Stock grain is grading No. 2 northern mostly. In some districts thrashing both stacks and stocks has been finished, but this is not the rule. A large portion of the crop, taking the country as a whole, remains yet to be thrashed. Well stacked grain is quite safe even if it has to be left in stack over winter. We may, however, have a long spell yet of good thrashing weather, in which event very little grain will be left in stack over winter.

Tenders.

The Winnipeg school board is calling for tenders for supplying 500 cords of wood, bids to be in by October 27.

The Winnipeg board of works is calling for tenders, to be in by October 27, for a sewer on Kennedy street, and a macadam pavement on Balmoral street.

The department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, is offering a number of parcels of land in the Ocean Man and Pleasant Rump reserves for sale by tender, to be in by November 10. On the same date tenders will be received for several parcels of land in the Chipewyan reserve.

Tourist Travel Through Canada.

There has been a large increase in tourist travel over the Canadian continental line this year, and tourist resorts in the mountains have been unusually active since the season opened. At Banff there have been a large number of visitors and the hotels there have had a large trade. Certainly a more attractive spot for a summer outing than the Canadian Natural Park, it would be hard to find, and as the place becomes known, there is sure to be an annual increase of visitors to this delightful spot. Owing to the increase in visitors, it has been decided to enlarge the Canadian Pacific Company's hotel at Banff, in time for next season's tourist travel.

St. Paul papers announce the retirement of W. F. Lawton, general manager, insurance and advertising chief, of the St. Paul Globe, from that position. He is coming to Winnipeg to live.

BUSINESS PERSONALS.

W. McFarlane, manager of the Marshall Wells Co.'s hardware business, at Winnipeg, is recovering from the attack of typhoid fever with which he has been prostrated for some weeks. If no accidents happen he should be well again shortly.

Geo. A. Merrick, of Merrick, Anderson & Co., Winnipeg, was accidentally shot in the thigh while on a shooting expedition at Russell. Mr. Merrick has returned to the city for treatment. His many friends will be pleased to learn that his wound is not serious, being only a flesh wound.

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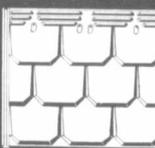
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Lying Goods—Trade is active; large selling orders are in hand. Spring samples are not likely to go into the hands of travellers till early next month with view to disposition to make use of spring trade while it lasts. Five cape wool dress goods have advanced in Europe, again making a considerable advance of price. In view of return of buyers a few weeks ago. **Hardware**—Metals are in good demand. Specialties in iron and steel generally are firm. Stocks small. **Proceries**—Good fall trade. Sugars are of standard grade, while city grades currents exact. Fillicuffs, 64c to 65c; Paris, 75c. Sultana raisins exact.

Hogs and Hog Products.

Special to The Commercial.
 Toronto, Oct. 25.
 Hogs hold steady at last week's figure. Products are in good demand and stocks light. Mess pork is 56c lower. Other lines unchanged.
 Pork—Canada, \$7.75 to \$8.00 per cwt.
 Lard—Canada short cut, \$21.50; long cut, \$21.00.
 Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Lard, beef, and tallow, 11 1/2 to 12c; dry salted, 11 1/2 to 12c; ham, 13 1/2 to 14c; ribs, 12c to 12 1/2c; shoulders, 11c; backs, 15c to 16c; green meats and hams are quoted at 1c less than smoked.
 Lard—Teros, 11 1/2c; tics, 12c and plus, 12 1/2c.

Toronto Grain and Produce.

Special to The Commercial.
 Toronto, Oct. 25.
 The grain markets are firm on local deliveries. Ontario wheat is 1c higher and Manitoba 1/2c higher. Oats are 1/2 to 1c higher. Buttes show no improvement. Creamery is dull. Eggs in good demand and receipts liberal. Wheat—New and old, white and red, 65 to 67c middle freight and old 1 1/2 to 2c higher. Spring, 67c for No. 1 hard, 65c for No. 2. Manitoba wheat is worth \$2 for No. 1 hard, grinding in transit, and 70c for No. 1 northern.
 Barley—New No. 2 white, 35c to 36c, middle freight.
 Flour—90 per cent. Ontario patents, \$2.50 in buyers' bags, middle freight. Four brands are held 15 to 20c higher. Manitoba flour is unchanged at \$1 for Hungarian patents and \$3.70 for strong bakers' in cartons, bags included, on track, Toronto.
 Milled—Shorts, \$15.00 to \$15.50 per tons for cars and bran \$12 per ton.
 Hay—Carlots on track, \$5.50 to \$6.00 per ton for new.
 Eggs—17c for selected, 14 to 16c for ordinary in case lots.
 Butter—Best tubs and pails, 16 to 16 1/2c per pound, 17c; medium, 12 to 13c; creamery choice, 18 to 20c; prints 21 to 21 1/2c.
 Cheese—8 1/2 to 9 1/2c for job lots of cheddar.
 Hides—8c for No. 1 cows, No. 1 steers, 8c; country hides, 1/2 cent under; prices of calves, 3c for No. 1, and 8c for No. 2 sheepskins, 25c each, tallow, 5 1/2 to 5 1/2c.
 Wool—Washed fleece, 13c for new; unwashed, 8c.
 Beans—\$1.75 per bushel for job lots of picked.
 Dried Apples—6c for round lots, evaporated, 10c to 12c.
 Beans—\$1.50 to \$1.75 per bushel in bulk, in frames, \$1.50 to \$2.25.
 Pulleys—Spring chickens, 45c to 50c per pair; spring ducks, 45c to 50c; turkeys 10 to 12c per pound.
 Potatoes—New 50c per bushel for cartons.

Montreal Grain and Produce.

Special to The Commercial.
 Montreal, Oct. 25.
 Grain markets are steady. Oats, 2 to 2 1/2c higher. Creamery butter is in better demand for export and finest quality is in short supply. The cheese market is dull and unsatisfactory. Eggs are firm on better choice offerings. No. 1, 15c; No. 2, 14c; No. 3, 13c; No. 4, 12c; No. 5, 11c; No. 6, 10c; No. 7, 9c; No. 8, 8c; No. 9, 7c; No. 10, 6c; No. 11, 5c; No. 12, 4c; No. 13, 3c; No. 14, 2c; No. 15, 1c; No. 16, 1/2c; No. 17, 1/4c; No. 18, 1/8c; No. 19, 1/16c; No. 20, 1/32c; No. 21, 1/64c; No. 22, 1/128c; No. 23, 1/256c; No. 24, 1/512c; No. 25, 1/1024c; No. 26, 1/2048c; No. 27, 1/4096c; No. 28, 1/8192c; No. 29, 1/16384c; No. 30, 1/32768c; No. 31, 1/65536c; No. 32, 1/131072c; No. 33, 1/262144c; No. 34, 1/524288c; No. 35, 1/1048576c; No. 36, 1/2097152c; No. 37, 1/4194304c; No. 38, 1/8388608c; No. 39, 1/16777216c; No. 40, 1/33554432c; No. 41, 1/67108864c; No. 42, 1/134217728c; No. 43, 1/268435456c; No. 44, 1/536870912c; No. 45, 1/1073741824c; No. 46, 1/2147483648c; No. 47, 1/4294967296c; No. 48, 1/8589934592c; No. 49, 1/17179869184c; No. 50, 1/34359738368c; No. 51, 1/68719476736c; No. 52, 1/137438953472c; No. 53, 1/274877906944c; No. 54, 1/549755813888c; No. 55, 1/1099511627776c; No. 56, 1/2199023255552c; No. 57, 1/4398046511104c; 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WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES

Prices in retail dealers for ordinary lot, with usual discounts for cash or long time.

Table of grocery prices including Canned Goods, Dried Fruits, California Evaporated Fruits, Matches, Nuts, Syrups, Beans, Cereals, Coffee, Canned Fish, Dried Fish, Canned Fruit, and Canned Meats.

TEAS

Table of tea prices including China Blends, Choice, and Young Hyson.

TOBACCO

Table of tobacco prices including T. & B. No. 35, 45, and 60 Cads., and T. & B. No. 100.

CURED MEATS, ETC.

Table of cured meats prices including Lard, pure, 1 lb. 5 and 10 lb., and Smoked Meats.

DRUGS

Table of drug prices including Following are prices for parcels with usual relations for outside packages.

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It was reported from Montreal Thursday that the shareholders of the Lion Company which is one of the largest industrial concerns in Canada, had become frightened by the continued weakness of the stock and were sacrificing their shares. On that day the stock advanced 40¢ to the lowest price on record. The company has been paying six per cent on its common stock it reported this time in its report.

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447 MAIN ST.

Dairy Progress in the West.

OTTAWA, Oct. 28.—J. A. Ruddle, assistant Dominion Dairy Commissioner, is back from British Columbia, where he instituted a travelling dairy school, under the direction of J. E. Hopkins and C. W. MacDougall, two competent instructors from the Northwest Territories. Classes have been held at Victoria, Comox and New Westminster, concerning which very satisfactory reports have been received. The instructors will go next to Enfield, in the Okanagan Valley, and the school will be closed on the first week in November. Mr. Ruddle visited a number of agricultural exhibitions during his stay in British Columbia, and noticed several fine displays of vegetables, butter and fruit.

The quality of the butter was excellent. British Columbia is making considerable progress in dairying, said Mr. Ruddle this morning, although that progress is somewhat slow. The reason for this is that it is difficult to bring the land under cultivation, owing to the heavy timber. There are six creameries in operation in the province, all doing a successful business. Their total output would probably be about half a million pounds. The product was sold to merchants for thirty cents a pound, and by the latter retained at 35 cents. Mr. Ruddle before returning visited all the government creameries in the Northwest Territories. Their total output last year was over 1,000,000 pounds, but this season the total quantity of butter produced will be much larger. Most of the butter was disposed of at good prices in British Columbia. The greater number of the Northwest creameries are now free from debt, having repaid the loan which they received from the government. Some have paid off as much as \$25,000 since they began operations four years ago. Settlement is taking place very rapidly in the Territories, many of the newcomers having crossed the line from the United States. There are also a great number of foreigners, many of whom are doing well.

Cut in Glucose Sugar.

New York, Oct. 24.—According to the Journal of Commerce, local glucose dealers are of the opinion that the cut in the price at Chicago to \$1 per hundred pounds means an interesting contest between the various glucose companies. It is also generally believed that the Glucose Sugar Refining Company or the independent companies are about to attempt to satisfy the demands, both of this country and Europe.

Respecting the National Starch company it is said that the management has maintained the price of \$1.70 per hundred pounds for some time. And also that it sold large amounts of produce in advance at the higher prices.

Anthracite Coal Output.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 24.—The production of anthracite coal in Pennsylvania this year will be the largest in the history of the trade. Approximately the output will be about 10,000,000 tons more than in 1909, when the production was 43,107,484 tons. For nine months of this year the shipment of coal has amounted to 40,399,786 tons as against 34,292,710 tons for the same period last year. The demand for hard coal this year has been greater than ever before. The production has been fully taken up and the mining companies have little stock on hand. Lehigh Valley and Jersey Central railroad companies have practically placed an embargo on other lines and will not permit their coal cars to go off their line of tracks, period last year.

Big Drop in Dominion Cotton.

Montreal, Oct. 21.—The shareholders of the Dominion Cotton company, the largest industrial trust in Canada, has ever known, appear panic-stricken. The price of that stock, which last year was above par, to-day sold down to 50, which means a shrinkage of over a million and a half in the value of that security.

The company for years has been

paying six per cent on its common stock and this fact, in no longer doing so has caused the shareholders to throw the stock on the market at whatever price it would bring.

Besides the common stock there is a million of preferred stock held by the Bank of Montreal as security for a large loan. There is also a bond issue of \$1,455,000 outstanding, the redemption of which was to begin in 1900, and to continue at the rate of \$35,000 annually. The company controlled nine of the largest cotton mills in the country.

Freight Rates.

Chicago Trade Bulletin, Oct. 19.—Eastern roads are short of car and although the grain movement to the sea board all rail is small and there is comparatively little old business to go forward on low rates, it is hard to get cars to move it. Rates on grain and grain products advance 2½¢ October 21. Provisions remain unchanged at 30¢ per 100 lbs. to New York. The new tariff is as follows:

	From	From
To—	Chicago, Minn.	River
Boston	109 13	22½ 18½
New York	175 13	20½ 18½
Philadelphia	155 11	19½ 17½
Baltimore	145 10	18½ 17
Newport News	115 10	18½ 17

The export rate on oats from Chicago to New York is 15¢ with the usual differentials from other ports.

Ocean rates are higher with more demand, part of which comes from exporters of hay. Rates on grain from New York to Liverpool are 14¢ to 15¢ and from Boston 7¢ to 1d. Through rate on wheat from Chicago to Liverpool is 9½¢ per bu. Lake and rail via New York, and 9.30¢ via Boston and corn from New York to and Boston 8½¢. Flour 77.00¢ per 100 lbs. and provisions 31½¢ to 32.00¢ per 100 lbs. Rates east of Buffalo are 14¢ on wheat, 15¢ on corn and 3½¢ on oats. Lake and rail rates from Chicago to New York

are 14½¢ on flour and grain products. Lake rates are slow at 18¢ on wheat and 14¢ on corn to Buffalo.

Ocean Freights Fall.

Numerous floating grain elevators many of them tossing idly, attest an unprecedented dullness in ocean freights, says the New York World. It is due to the shortage of the corn crop out west. Corn exports are 30,000,000 bushels behind the schedule of 1900. Exports estimate 100,000 tons of ocean cargo space tied up in New York, about the same amount in Philadelphia, and smaller amounts in Boston, Baltimore, Norfolk and New Orleans. Coal that was formerly carried to Europe for \$3.75 and \$4 a ton is now carried for \$2. A general cargo from the Gulf to New York that brought \$4.50 and \$5 a ton, is now being taken for \$3.12. Ocean freights have fallen 20 per cent, at least. Even the big trans-Atlantic steamers have difficulty in securing cargoes.

The Labor Market.

There is no change in the situation regarding labor. There is still an active demand for men and the supply is decidedly short. The railway companies are most urgent in their call for men and they are offering high wages as an inducement to secure the required help, but cannot get the number of men wanted. A large force of men are still busy with the farmers, thrashing and securing the crop, at very remunerative wages.

Arthur Erskine Clearidge, of Brockville, Ont., has arrived in Winnipeg to take charge of the branch here of Thos. Clearidge, his father. Mr. Clearidge is now carrying a stock of gloves, mitts, muscans and socks at No. 28, Market street, Winnipeg, for the western sorting trade, and is in a position to fill orders promptly from Winnipeg for such lines.



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THE GROCERY TRADE.

SHREWD ADVERTISING.

J. R. Duke, leader of the United States combination, who is at present in Liverpool, is reported to have said, in the world of the British trade within the next four years or less a million sterling in the attempt. The change has been accepted by the foremost British manufacturers, who are mustering their forces as well as possible. The shrewd Yankees have evidently planned to get a lot of free advertising, and the British newspapers, which the manufacturers have evidently fallen wholesale into the trap. The common rationale of Great Britain over acceptance of United States tobacco manufactures, culminating with a combination of British manufacturers against the invasion, has thoroughly affected the matter, and every smoker in the United Kingdom will be sure to buy at least a sample package of the imported goods just to try them.

GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

Potatoes declined 6c per bushel at Minneapolis last week.

Package coffees advanced 7c per pound in the Northwestern States last week.

Jersey sweet potatoes developed a somewhat astringent taste at Minneapolis last week.

New pack California seeded raisins have opened this season 2c per pound over last year.

The first direct steamer to Canada with Mediterranean fruit was expected at Montreal on Wednesday of this week, which is a month earlier than last year.

The manager of St. Paul butchers and packers have been fined for infringement of the recently passed pure food law. The adulteration, which they were guilty was in sausages. The fines amounted to over \$400. It is understood that the adulteration was of other cases of the same nature on hand in other cities of that state and that the pure food law will be rigidly enforced.

The United States consuls at Malaga in Spain to the government at Washington, says that from reliable sources he learns that this year's Turkish crop is 100,000 tons, against 100,000 cwt. of Sultana, and about 107,000 cwt. of Elexes. Regarding the crop of raisins, the estimates are at about 650,000 cwt. against 600,000 cwt. for 1900. The following is the price of the crop for this year: Sultana, 410,000 cwt.; Elexes, 107,000; Dania, 650,000; Malaga, 250,000; total, 1,417,000.

The price situation on 2, 3 and 5 Crown California raisins remains unchanged this week, says the Minneapolis Commercial Bulletin, and the intricate trade war among association growers and packers continues without abatement. Nevertheless there is a somewhat firmer feeling in the raisin market among growers, owing to the conditions affecting the crop. Recent rains in some districts have caused considerable damage to grapes and it is reported that this may considerably reduce the total of the California crop, although the extent of the damage is not yet fully noted.

The firmer feeling in the tea market last week ago has been fully maintained by the reports of the Manchester and cable advices from Japan report that market strong at the advance. The price in London has risen to 1c to 2c per lb. in the price of Ceylon. There has been a fairly good demand here from western buyers for Japans, and a number of sales of 100 packages of 100 lbs. each at 17 1/2c and one lot of 250 was placed on local account at 17c. There has been an active inquiry for small quantities of small offerings on spot of some grades the volume of business has been the best.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

NEW CANADIAN SHIRT AND COOL.

The Gault Brothers Company, Limited are erecting a factory in Montreal for the manufacture of shirts and neck wear and allied lines such as ladies' and children's silk waives, etc. It is expected that the factory will be commenced operations about the middle of next month.

The building, which is of brick on a stone foundation, consists of the main

building and a wing, the former 145 feet long and 60 feet wide, and the latter 100 feet deep, each having five stories and in basement.

In the basement of the main building will be located the entry and shipping rooms, as well as two or three horse stalls, which will be used for heating the building. The hot water for the washroom of the building will be raised from the wing. On the ground floor will be located the offices, sample rooms and a storeroom. The second floor will be the shirt operating room where 250 machines will be in operation. The third floor will be used for the laundry, starch and dry rooms in the wing. On the fourth floor there will be 200 machines for the manufacture of collars, cuffs, cotton blouses, silk waives and ladies white wear for the laundry, ironing room in the wing. The fifth floor is to be reserved for the manufacture of neckwear, the wing to be used as a cutting room and stock room.

This firm already does a very large business in these lines, but with the completion of their factory, which will be equipped with the latest machinery and appliances will be under the most experienced and thoroughly profitable management. It is estimated that a much larger business will be done and that the firm's brand of goods become an even more well known throughout Canada than at present.

DRY GOODS TRADE NOTES.

The cooler weather has stimulated the demand for flannels and for blankets. There has been a good demand for these lines and the market is generally firm. The demand for the best quality of Canadian-made blankets is particularly orders with difficulty owing to the activity in the demand and manner in which the mills are crowded with orders.

The statement was made recently by the principal of one of the leading white goods houses in the United States that they were not in the least anxious about the balance of the 1902 season, but were in a position as to how they were going to do business. They said that the orders they had so far taken in the order of a fair representation of the general condition of the market in white goods, both plain and fancy.

Improvement in demand has forced advances of 4c to 1c in hard yards. The market is generally firm, but with somewhat increased freedom but buyers are too well aware of the large stock which is on hand, generally much less to pay material advances. Efforts of dealers who are anxious to get the business to advance has been unavailing except on a few counts that are in rather full supply. Medium count yards, or 14c to 30c, have been in best demand and advanced most.

Jackets are made after the Norfolk style with the collar, and the buttons are their tight-fitting reaching just to the waist line, and pointed slightly below the waist. The collar is one which a stitched plait in graduated width extends to the waist in the plain style in which the collar is pointed opening at the throat. The turnover collar is of velvet, and the single button is of metal. The jacket is very likely of mixed goods, brown or blue, and with a plain skirt flaring below the hips. The waist is buttoned simply with bone buttons. —N. Y. Times.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

NEWFOUNDLAND LUMBER.

A prominent Scotch lumberman, says the Canadian Lumberman, operating in Sweden for 20 years past, having exhausted his forest reserves there, has removed to Newfoundland where he has secured 800 square miles of timber land, and is to cut 80,000,000 feet of lumber every year.

Sweden and other European countries, where the extinction of the lumbering business is within measurable distance, the same operations have to be practised in order to make lumbering pay. The saws are of the thinnest razor steel, and

the heavy cut made by the thick saws used on this side of the Atlantic causes the saws to form a cutting, our methods a "slaughter of wood." The fineness of the cut with them frequently enables the getting of an extra board or two out of a large log. The blades and end pieces are all used and no waste, and it is the intention to apply this rule as much as possible in Newfoundland. The logs are as small as 2x4x10 inches are to be used.

There are large tracts of pine here and fir timber, coming from the United States, and several United States concerns are seeking pulp reserves on the island.

WORLD'S TIMBER RESOURCES.

A review of the timber resources of the British empire, coming from London, gives the following summary of conditions: The United Kingdom, Australasia and South Africa are importing countries and the other colonies are exporters. Except Canada, they export hardwoods chiefly, whereas their imports are soft woods in greater quantity and value. The value of the timber exports of the Dominion is about £4,000,000. The greatest future for Canada's pulp and paper lies in the use of pine, which is almost universal in every part of the Dominion yet explored. Taking the demand for spruce for pulp making at the present time, it is estimated that the timber in the Dominion will be sufficient for about fifty years' consumption and the spruce output being increased will renew themselves about every thirty years, though it is certain that the spruce will increase enormously long before any such period shall have elapsed. The United Kingdom is now drawing heavily on Australasia for timber, but with the exception of Tasmania kauri it is hardwoods. Certain portions of South Africa have moderate quantities of timber, but there are no great forests of soft wood in the forests, but at best can supply only its own wants. The United Kingdom so far as its own timber resources are concerned, before half a century shall have expired, will have drawn upon the reserves to such an extent that prices are likely to rise to almost prohibitive figures. In view of these facts it is urged that an empire-wide scheme of forest preservation and tree-culture should be set on foot.

LUMBER TRADE NOTES.

This years cut of pine lumber in the state of Minnesota beats all previous records. The output being estimated at 650,000,000 feet.

Reports from the south indicate an improvement in the hardwood lumber market due to the good demand from factories. Plain red and white oak is scarce and basswood and poplar are none too plentiful. No changes in prices have been recorded lately.

It is estimated by the superintendent of forest rangers of the province of Quebec that the spruce forests of the province aggregate 144,335,000 acres and that the average annual demand is 8,170,000 acres annually, so that if no increase in the consumption took place it would take 173 years to exhaust the supply. As the spruce forest reserves itself in from fifteen to twenty years, it is estimated that there is enough timber in Quebec to supply any probable demand practically forever.

Hardware Trade Notes.

The movement of iron and steel in United States is being hampered by want of railway cars.

The Indiana Revenue department has issued a ruling giving the results of the tests made of white lead. The department gathered 90 samples of which 81 were sold as pure the balance which were without guarantee, were of course adulterated. Of the 81 which were pure, 25 were found to be adulterated.

Implement Trade Notes.

One hundred and fifty-six mowers and 100 reapers were sold by the Edmonson and Strathcona during the past season.

W. E. H. Massey, one of the members of the Company was seriously ill at Toronto with very little hope of his recovery.

R. McKenzie, manager for the McLaughlin Carriage Co., Winnipeg, says that he will go on a business trip. He will visit Springfield, Ohio, and then go on to Ottawa, Ontario, where the factory of the McLaughlin Carriage Co. is located. He will also visit Markham, Ont., where the Spight Carriage Co. factory is located, whose goods Mr. McKenzie handles in Winnipeg.

Dairy Trade Notes.

At Brookville last Thursday sales of cheese were made at 9c to 9 1/2c. The price of the delicious wedge of 4c is claimed, the market does not warrant these prices.

The suit Brels v. Dairying Co., which came up for trial on Wednesday of this week and judgment was given for defendant with costs, it was claimed an agreement was made between plaintiff and defendant that the butter made by Brels during 1901. A shipment of 12,000 pounds to Winnipeg was refused on the claim that the butter was not made by Brels and was sold at a loss to plaintiff of \$100, for which amount they entered suit.

Live Stock Trade Notes.

In regard to the export horse trade, the Chicago Drivers' Journal says:—The volume of business made between the low ebb of the year, notwithstanding the foreign representatives were recently reinforced and made a change of Scotland and F. Lamiche, Antwerp, Belgium who arrived with orders for light horse and made a change of many have practically ceased through the operation of the new tariff schedule. The volume of business made by American horses, exports to Belgium, that a few years ago were of large proportions, has been practically a thing of the past. The bulk of the horses taken now on foreign account are exported to the British Empire.

Attractive Holiday Staples.

McAllister & Watsy, wholesale stationers, Winnipeg, carry a good stock of the mere staple lines of Christmas cards. They do not handle toys or fancy goods.

One of their leaders for the Christmas season is a toilet soap which shows what is possibly the nicest range on this market. A specialty range of cards, made in attractive designs. A nice line of paperies with floral designs have just been received. A large selection is given, comprising some very pretty and unique designs. The price is very low. It is kept in fact, this is one of their special features. Only the Hohner and Messner boxes are kept, as it is generally acknowledged that these are the best. A new thing in these is the clever hairbrush, consisting of a small phone attached to the organ, which gives great richness to the hair and increases its value. They have a wide range of pipes, including the best and latest styles of pipes, made in England and United States goods. This is one of their leading lines and the sales are very good. They have beyond expectations. A good stock of tobacco pouches is also kept. They have a large stock of pocket knives, a miscellaneous assortment of goods such as fancy and plain ball pens, combs, and pocket knives, and cheap jewelry, etc.

The firm has heretofore made a point of having only the best lines of goods belonging to their class and business and they have not, therefore, made any special preparations for the Christmas trade.

The San Jose scale is again making itself felt in Ontario and is affecting not only peach and pear trees but also apple trees. It is, however, thought to be comparatively safe. Flaming with hydrocyanic acid has been recommended by the government inspector, as being the best treatment to overcome this pest. The problem of the Winnipeg city council will submit a by-law to ratepayers to raise funds for a building fund for the city library. This is proposed more with the object of ascertaining the public feeling in regard to the \$75,000 raised by Andrew Carnegie for the public library, as the city has now several properties available for this purpose.

Industrial Combinations in Britain.

New York, Oct. 25.—The projected amalgamation of the business interests of the largest iron and steel manufacturers in the United Kingdom, has so far escaped observation says the *Times*. London correspondent. The formation of the British Iron and Steel Corporation was the signal for similar concentrations of capital in European, German, industries and steel manufacturers, under the leadership of the Krupp, have been endeavoring to acquire an industrial empire in Belgium and the Belgian mine owners and iron and steel manufacturers have been working in the same direction. The interests of both these countries are centered in four hands, and the same amalgam, while not yet effected, are easy in comparison with the amalgamation of the British iron and steel manufacturers, whose interests here are of tremendous magnitude.

Contracted negotiations have been required, but a combination is being formed by a group of the largest iron and steel manufacturers in the north and south, with the help of an American organizer. This combination will control the manufacture of rails in the United Kingdom and will have a cash capital of £20,000,000 and own another group of large manufacturers of iron and steel with whom negotiations are now in progress. The value of the plant to be incorporated is £10,000,000.

The projected enterprise is exclusively English and is not connected in any way with the United States Steel Corporation. It is a measure of the stability to the American combination in the same industry, but as a financial measure, the combination and self-defense for the immense masses of English capital invested in the steel manufacturing. The concentration of capital in the iron and steel trade will open the way for similar movements. Coalminers, iron and owners, shipping lines and textile trades, and even railways, which are now operating against one another.

Indian Head Experimental Farm.

Indian Head, Oct. 19.—The weather is most favorable for threshing operations and the farmers are taking advantage of it. Every available threshing outfit is now busily engaged early in the morning and reliable information received from all parts of the district the yield exceeds former expectations. An Arnold's reaping six miles north of the town, had a field of 40 acres under wheat which yielded over 60 bushels of excellent quality. The same grain, etc., on the experimental farm have yielded largely, as is demonstrated by the following figures, which are correct.

Wheat—71 varieties: Mason, 67 bushels; Australian, No. 13, 64.40; Hudson, 64.80; Columbia, 65.29; Gosport, 63; Ribston, 62.40; Red Frye, 31.40 on Oct. 57; lowest yield, Byron, 43.40.

Field 101 varieties: Marquette, 147.2 bushels; Thousand Dollar, 138.25; American, 137.2; Improved American, 139.20; Banner, 73 on list, 129.14; lowest, Bonanza, 72.32.

Barley—15 varieties—Olesna, 80.30; bushels; Menzury, 67.31; Claude, 62.12; lowest, Excelsior, 36.

Field 2-cowled varieties—Standard, 60.74 bushels; Sidney, 61.32; Bolton, 59.28; lowest, Heaver, 36.32.

Potatoes—10 varieties: 60 bushels per acre; Pride, 60.20; German White, 60; lowest yield, Chelsea, 39.20.

Field corn—25 varieties: Early Marston, 29 tons, 1,724 pounds per acre; Pride of the North, 29 tons, 800 pounds; Giant, 29 tons, 1,000 pounds; one, 1,480 pounds; lowest, Extra Early Brown, 19 tons, 554 pounds.

Potatoes—18 varieties: Mammoth No. 1, 19.23 bushels; turnips, Monarch, 1.85-2.1 bushels; carrots, New White In-selate, 420.48.

Catch of Seal.

The first squadron of the returning sealing fleet has reached Victoria and consists of six schooners, having on board 2,213 skins valued at \$40,000. The sealers are in excellent spirits, due to tell of bad weather during August, but not heavy weather, but not so moderate a country made the sealers full. September was a very

fair month, although from the 9th to the 13th there was a very heavy southeast gale. The seal were there plentifully as before, but they were very scarce on the 14th and 15th (thirty sweepers) would be seen, but they were always one or two days later ready to be on their feet. The approach of the hunters.

It was possible for any of the returned crews to come on and deny the return seizure of three vessels of the fleet.

The total catch of the Behring Sea fleet is expected to total about 10,000 to 12,000. It is the coast catch of 7,000, the 22,000 taken off the Pribyloffs, the 10,000 taken off the Cape Barren and the Japanese catch, the world's catch of fur seals this year will aggregate about 14,000 skins, which means that there will be about 10,000 or 12,000 new seals for the fall.

Developing Manitoba Resources.

E. P. Stephenson, the inspector of the department of the interior agencies, gave some interesting information regarding the utilization of some of the natural resources of Manitoba.

It is pointed out that there are numerous water powers, the capacity of which are practically unlimited. A large tract of land in the province has been recently purchased for the purpose of lands fronting on this river which is valued at \$1,000,000. It is pointed out that the development of these water powers means a great deal to Manitoba and in order to prevent them from falling into the hands of a monopoly the intention of the department is to reserve a sufficient area of these lands to give control of the situation.

In regard to the overflow channel of the drainage of Lake Manitoba is now completed. It is not the purpose of this drain to greatly reduce the level of the water, but merely to provide an outlet for the overflow. The water of the lake at its normal stage. The lands contiguous to the lake or bordering the overflow channel, the conditions will not be affected, as a result of the construction of the Fairbank works. Contiguous lands will benefit only by the avoidance of submergence when conditions are favorable to an abnormal high of the lake.

In regard to the locks being constructed at the St. Andrew's rapids on the Red river, the completion of the work now in progress at St. Andrew's rapids is hard to estimate. It is reckoned that the completion of the locks will result in the price of flour at \$1.00 per bushel. As the annual consumption in Winnipeg is now 125,000 cwt, it results in the effect upon this item alone will assuredly justify the expenditure which is being incurred on a work of such great public utility. The stone quarries and fisheries of the lake will be brought within reach of Winnipeg. The cheap transportation and transport, thus established will greatly affect the development of the lumber industry, and some of the lumber industries, must enlarge and cheapen their products and will be able to present a more capable than at present of thorough test, and will prospects warrant, cheap development.

Regarding the Manitoba cement and gravel works, the Manitoba Cement Co. has already shipped 55 cars of cement to the United States. The new iron railroad Morris-Brandon branch. At the price obtained the consumers of plaster of Paris have been produced. The total amount of cement in Manitoba and 650 tons were sold in the Winnipeg market. The price at present is \$1.00 per ton, which is the imported plaster.

Speaking of the lumber trade here, it is pointed out that the quantity of lumber sold in Manitoba during the last year. Of this 25,532,300 feet were manufactured in this country. The increase in Manitoba, 4,000,000 feet were cut under Dominion government permit. The quantity of lumber which is taken under settlers free permits; manufactured lumber imported from the United States. The quantity of lumber coming from Northwestern Ontario and British Columbia. Although the above figures are not in the report of F. B. M. in the log, were imported

from the United States, it is satisfactory to observe that as regards manufactured lumber our importation from the States is decreasing year by year. In the month of June, 1901, the quantity imported was in excess of 24,000,000 feet, while for the present year the quantity is but 11,000,000 feet. The quality of shingles imported from the United States was reported to amount to 102,000 for the year ending June 30, 1901, to 2,210,000 for the present year.

The approximate total of the quantity of coal and cordwood consumed in Manitoba in 1901 was 1,100,000 tons. The west as Regina is American anthracite, 37,500 tons; American bituminous, 1,000 tons; Canadian anthracite, 6,500 tons; Canadian bituminous, 614,000 tons; Canadian lignite, 25,000 tons; total, 1,012,000 tons. Cordwood (Winnipeg), 125,000 cords.

New Machinery Company.

Last week we mentioned that a Mr. Gibson, late of the Stuart-Adams Machinery Co., Winnipeg was undertaking a new company. We learn that the following persons are associated with Mr. Gibson in this new enterprise: J. McDiarmid, contractor, W. Alexander, mill engineer and mechanical superintendent, C. Kirkland, street railway lines, C. A. Harris, late of Winnipeg, A. L. Wells, of the incorporated company has been applied for the name of the new Winnipeg Machinery and Supply Co.

Holiday Statistics.

The line of seals for the Christmas trade handled this year by Clark Bros. & Co., wholesale stationers, Winnipeg, is strikingly different from that of this country not only in extent, but variety, and also in quality.

It is strikingly different in variety, ranging from about an inch to several feet in length. The designs are of the most up-to-date style, including the large, to mention in favor among the ladies at present. There is also a great deal of the original ideas noticed in the commercial types this year, and in the standard designs are also shown. More substantial makes are being called for, a large range of book games for children, with great favors. This is also called for.

There has been a big demand for Christmas cards this season but a marked change in the style of the past years. The old style card, consisting of the oft-repeated "Christmas greetings" or "Season's greetings" or a verse of poetry is now almost a thing of the past, as very few of those are asked for. These now used are mostly in the form of a booklet, having a very artistic cover and a few words of greeting or memorandum on the inside pages. The colorings and designs of these cards are very fine. A selection of comic cards are also shown. This is the first year for the comic cards and it is expected that they will be received with great favor.

A nice line is shown of portable writing desks, toilet sets, neat jewelry boxes, and a large number of jewelry cases, work boxes, etc. These are very handsomely made and are much more substantial than those of a few years ago.

A full range of handkerchiefs from the boys' stock to the boxed baby's are kept.

In books the greatest demand is still for the cheaper grades, but there is also a but a very fair trade has also been done in the better quality of the large stock of books in the library binding as well as the more of bound books for gift uses. A stock of new books is kept in the store. This firm has a standing order with all of the leading publishers to have these reviewed as soon as issued. Clark Bros. & Co. are well known as agents for the "Globe" and a large number of orders have been taken for the Christmas number of this well known paper.

Ingenu Telephone Arrangement.

The following is one of the many devices which have been patented in Western Canada in their endeavors to overcome some of the drawbacks always to be found in a country where a firm of grain dealers in a town west

of Winnipeg decided to open a general store at a station about seven miles distant. They secured a good man to manage this store but matters often went so far wrong that the resignation of the members of the firm and a great deal of time was wasted, as well as money in large quantities, in driving between the two places. The train service was of very little use, and the telephone was often too slow and not very satisfactory at any time. A telephone was suggested, but the expense of erecting poles and stringing the wire was rather more than the expected cost. The result of this proposition was not so satisfactory. The result was that someone noticed that nearly all the farms lying between the two places were enclosed with barbed wire fences, which, it was thought, might be used in place of the regular telephone wire. Experiments were made with the fence wire which were found to be so satisfactory that in a very short time a long distance telephone was in operation between the two places.

Commercialism.

For a long time past we have heard about long commutation and have noted not a few instances of it in the general mourning of the late President. The President died at 2.15 on the morning of the 14th, and before noon the same day the buttons were sold on the street with portrait and the name of the deceased. The spirit of commercialism was noted in a number of the efforts at mourning. The buttons, which were simple and expressive of grief, were combined with the merchandise of the late papers that their stores would be closed the day of the funeral, a large proportion of such announcements were omitted, proposing simple statements of fact, but a number was presented in large space with the name of the deceased. In the advertisements, that of a large dry goods house in Newark, was rather Antiquarian in tone. "We mourn our loss-store will be closed all day tomorrow."—N. Y. Fur Trade Review.

The town of Sydney, N. S., has suffered severely by fire. Insurance men are now estimating the total loss at \$200,000 to \$250,000 and the total amount covered by insurance at from \$150,000 to \$175,000.

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MINING MATTERS.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

During September the Sandon mines shipped 1,261 tons of ore.

The Granby Co. has ordered a steam shovel for use at the Knox Hill mine.

The Royal Banner group in Summit camp, has been bought by a Minnesota syndicate.

The Peerless group, consisting of four claims near Skeena City, has been bought for \$200,000.

For the last week the Granby smelter treated 4,172 tons of ore, making a total of 238,125 tons to date.

The North star mine in East Kootenay purpose making an experimental shipment of 100 tons of ore to Antwerp.

The Granby Co. is substituting electric power for steam in the machine shop at its smelter, Grand Forks.

It is reported that a company has been organized for the purpose of buying the Royal Banner group in Summit camp.

The statement of the secretary of the Winnipeg Mines, Limited, shows that the revenue for 1910 was \$448,851 and expenditures \$28,204.66.

It is stated that a company has been formed to be known as the Leadeau Smelting and Refining Co., to build a smelter at Ferguson.

Recent rich placer gold discoveries in Yukon are giving confirmation from several reliable sources and are creating considerable attention.

Work has been commenced upon the smelter to be erected in connection with the Sullivan mine, East Kootenay, and it is hoped to have it ready for operations by next spring.

A lead found recently on the Lavina group in the Lac Beau has been opened for for about 400 feet in length and from four to five feet in width, showing fourteen inches of vein ore of a high grade.

The following are the ore shipments from Sandon for last month: Skeena Star, 143 tons; Ivanhoe, 40 tons; Revelo, 30 tons; American Boy, 22 tons; Last Chance, 20 tons; Sunset, 20 tons; total, 275 tons.

A six foot ledge, carrying two pay-streaks of four inches and eight inches, has been struck by the Monterey group, Spindler creek. The smaller streak assays from 410 to 500 ounces in silver to the ton and the larger 80 ounces.

Placer mining on Perry creek, East Kootenay, has paid well this summer and it is now generally conceded that there is an immense deposit of gold in the bed of this creek but that capital is required to work it profitably on a large scale. It is reported that a property on the creek has recently been sold for \$120,000.

The following dividends have been paid by Kootenay mines this year so far: Bonanza, Nevada, \$12,500; Center Star, Rossland, \$100,000; Le Roi No. 2, Rossland, \$144,000; Le Roi Star, East Kootenay, \$117,000; Payne, Sandon, \$78,000; St. Eugene, East Kootenay, \$210,000; Bonanza, Kootenay, \$12,500; Ymir, \$50,000; \$114,000; total, \$822,000. As these amounts represent a capital of \$10,000,000 this represents a profit of 8.22 per cent.—Sandon Mining Review.

Ore shipments from the Rossland mines are growing. The Barroes for the week ending Saturday last show as follows: Le Roi, 4,000 tons; Le Roi No. 2, 2,840 tons; St. Eugene, 1,000 tons; Total, 6,840. The Le Roi shipments all went to Northwest with the exception of 1,700 tons to Trail. The operations in the mines during the past week have been largely confined to stripping. The No. 1 mine has been watered and mining will be carried on there during the week. The No. 2 mine is now being watered and the pumping operations are progressing rapidly.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO

Additional machinery has been ordered for the Black Eagle mine.

Some promising gold properties are still being located in the Sturgeon Lake country.

The 10-stamp mill for the Big Master mine is nearly completed. It is understood that it will only be started about a month from this coming winter

but will be working steadily next summer.

At the end of the drift on the ninth ledge of the Mikado mine a three-foot ledge of rich ore has been encountered. This bears out the theories of many mining men that with depth splendid and uniform values will be obtained.

The coal brought into Fort William this summer will be the last in the last shipment to have been introduced, be somewhat over a quarter of a million tons, and will probably be 10,000 tons more than was received at the docks in 1900.

During 1900 SIS colonists took land in Ontario, representing a total amount of 2,292, and the returns for 1901 will show a much larger number. Work on the Manitowish and North shore railway is being pushed ahead and will open up a large tract of country. There is a lot of good farming land still lying idle throughout New Ontario, as well as large areas of timber and rich mineral deposits.

Telegraph Line to the Yukon.

The government telegraph line to Dawson is now completed. Work on the construction of this line was commenced in April, 1898, but owing to the severity of the weather it had to be discontinued during the winter season.

Owing to the wild, unexplored country through which the line passes, the construction has been a most difficult and arduous piece of work. In places the construction party has had to work in snow five feet deep, and at an altitude of 3,750 feet between 75 and 80 experienced telegraph construction men have been employed on the work besides a large number of packers. With the exception of the section of the line between Ashcroft and Quenest, 225 miles, and the Dawson-Atlin section, 100 miles, the party had to pack their own trail, pack every pound of wire, tools, food, etc., erect poles, and in many places had to build a road and run the telegraph wire through a country practically previously unexplored by man.

It was necessary to build a number of bridges to carry the supplies, etc., across unfavorable streamings. The longest of these bridges being 110 feet long, and some of the spans across the river and ravines are very long. The longest of these is 1,180 feet in length. Telegraph stations and line-men's houses have been built. These houses are forty miles apart, and midway between each is a refuge house, so that in the event of a break-down on any section the men at each end can travel down till they find the break, and spend the night at the half-way refuge.

The line extends from Dawson 103 1/2 miles to the boundary line, connecting with the United States telegraph line to St. Michael and Cape Nome. The main line is nearly 2,000 miles in length and in addition to this a spur line has been built from Hazelton to Port Simpson. The distance of 108 1/2 miles of a spur is over a remarkably difficult section of country.

Kansas stockmen are feeling chagrined as to how, and say they find it profitable as a finishing article.

The total number of failures in Canada in 1910 was 29, the same as the previous year, a year ago the total was 31.

St. Christopher Furness while visiting Canada is studying the feasibility of establishing a fast steamship service between Montreal and the coast line by way of the St. Lawrence route.

It is stated that some United States oyster shippers have been making use of various methods to keep oysters from spoiling which is against the pure food laws and accordingly there will be an investigation.

Last week prices were let down on huffs about 1/4c; eggs Hile and Less than of Chicago, which led to a better demand from the tanners. Eastern markets were slow to get going. Some huffs but are now reported steady and tanners more anxious to buy at a price. A further advance in oyster hides this week has been a tonic to the country market. Several thousand hides were let at 1/2c. Some of the dealers are endeavoring to secure an advance, but up to this writing we hear of no sales at any advance.

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