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MACKENZIE & CHARREST have opened a butcher shop at Carberry.

D. RICKER, general merchant, Souris City, Man., style now Ricker & Allis.

A Mr. Street is establishing a flour and feed business at Whitewood, Assa.

THE wheat crop on the Portage Plains bids iafr to be A 1 says the local paper.

C. RANCE, of Clinton, Ont., will open a tailoring and furnishing store at Rat Portage.

ABOUT 123,000 pounds of barb wire has been sold at Carberry, Man., since the 1st of March.

THE Hudson Bay Co. has disposed of its butcher business at Lethbridge, Alberta, to J. Bratt & Co.

THE contract for the erection of S. D. Sibbard & Co's new block at Regina has been let to E. G. Weeks.

THE clothing travellers seem to have struck the North Saskatchewan country in force about the first of the month.

J. G. FITZ GERALD, of Calgary, has been appointed agent for Alberta for the Guardian Fire Insurance Co., of England.

THE Carberry News thinks there is a good opening for a cheese factory and a brick yard in that district of Manitoba.

DONALDSON & PEMBRIDGE, livery, Prince Albert, Sask., have desolved partnership. Donaldson will continue the business.

MACHEAY & Co., have commenced business at Prince Albert as bankers. Robert Machray was formerly Canon Machray, of St. John's ollege, Winnipeg.

ONE Ryan, of Toronto, has been fined \$50 at Portage la Prairie, for infringing the local by-law respecting transient traders.

JAMES BELL and Michael Blake have purchased the east end brewery at Portage la Prairie, Man. The firm will be known as Bell & Blake.

It is reported from Ottawa that the Government has decided to reduce the rate of interest in savings banks from 4 per cent. to 3½ per cent.

THE Maclood Gazette has entered upon its eighth year of publication. The Gazette is a good sample of a lively western journal. Long may it flourish.

THE Manitoba Electric and Gas Light Company, of Winnipeg, are now establishing a system of lighting by the incandescent light, in this city. The same company owns the existing gas system of lighting.

DUNCAN MACARTHUR, manager of the Commercial Bank, Winnipeg, left Sunday on a combined business and pleasure trip to Great Britain. R. T. Rokeby, of Carbery, will have charge of the bank during Mr. MacArthur's absence.

THE Rat Portage News says that the proposed reduction works, for which a bonus was voted some time ago, by the electors of that place, will be established this season. The party having the project in hand has arrived, and will go on with the work soon.

MR. BUCHANAN, general manager of the Bank of Montreal, is taking a trip through Manitoba with the view of making a personal investigation of the crop prospects. This shows the interest taken in Manitoba by the great financial and mercantile institutions of the east.

R. E. Belfry has established a weekly paper at Carberry, Man., which will be known as the Carberry News. The News will be independent in politics, which is the true position of a local journal. The busy little town of Carberry has long afforded one of the best openings in Manitoba for a local paper, and therefore the News is likely to prove a success.

James Bell has leased his hotel at Portage la Prairie, the Bellview, to H. C. Banister, formerly of the Queen's hotel, Minnedosa. The Bellview has not had a very good reputation among commercial travellers, while under the management of Mr. Bell, but now that the house is in better hands, a decided improvement may be looked for.

THE Act, passed at the last session of the legislature of Manitoba, providing a means of settlement of the financial difficulties of the towns of Emerson and West Lynne, is about to be brought into force. Under this Act the two towns mentioned were to be united in one corporation. The initial step to the enforcement of the Act has been taken by the election of a mayor and council for the united municipality. New debentures will be issued, upon which the provincial government guarantees interest, and these will be distributed to the creditors of the towns, as provided by the Act of the legislature. It is to be hoped that under this arrangement the new corporation of Emerson, formed by the union of Emerson and West Lynne, will enter upon an era of real prosAt the last meeting of the Rat Portage board of trade, a communication was read from S. J. Dawson, Dept. Marine & Fisheries, re buoying the Lake of the Woods, and improving the rapids on the river, and also asking for the names of boats on the lake, and the amount of business done. A committee consisting of Messrs. Chadwick, Matheson, and Galbraith, was appointed to furnish the desired information.

Calgary has suffered a loss in the death of F. G. Smith, of Le June, Smith & Co., bankers. Mr. Smith was one of the pioneers of banking in the territories, having been connected with a banking enterprise at Regina at the very birth of the place. Later he went to Calgary, where a bank was opened by Lafferty & Smith. The firm was dissolved not long ago and the firm of Le June, Smith & Co. formed. Mr. Smith was quite a young man, and alike popular in business and social circles where he was best known.

THE Dominion Illustrated has entered upon its second year of publication, and with this a change in the proprietorship of the journal is announced. The paper will hereafter be published by the Dominion Illustrated Publishing Co. A number of names well known throughout the Dominion are among those forming the new company, including Sir Donald A. Smith, Hon, G. A. Drummond, R. B. Angus, Andrew Allan, Sanford Fleming, Hugh McLennan, of Montreal, I. H. Brownlee, of Brandon, and several others. G. F. Desbarats & Son, late publishers of the journal, will continue in the company as managing directors. The Dominson Illustrated has maintained a high standard of excellence from its inception, and it is deserving of the liberal encouragement which it is evidently receiving. The last issue devotes two pages to illustrations of the mills and milling appliances of the Ogilvie Milling Co., including a cut of the Winnipeg mill.

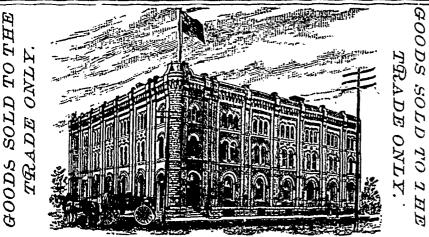
THE annual meeting of the Hudson's Bay Company was held in London, England, last week. The profits of outfit 1887, exhibited by the trading account, amount to £85,924 5s. 5d., as compared with £36,203 11s. 5d. for outfit 1886. The net profit of the company for the year ending May 31st, last, amount to £68,022 4s. 4d., to which must be added £43,822 6s. 3d. carried forward from last year, making a total undivided balance of £111,844 10s. 7d., out of which the governor and committee recommend a dividend of 14s. per share, amounting to £70, 000. The amount to be carried forward after the payment of the proposed dividend is £41, 844 10s. 7d. The sales of farm lands and town lots by the company during the year have been: Farm lands-26,189 acres. \$144,950 Town lots-

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As compared with \$66,000 for the year ending March 30th, 1898, and \$54,565 in the previous year. Mr. MacLean moved an amendment proposing a dividend of 20 shillings. Among other motions was one by Mr. McLean, proposing the total separation of the land and trading departments. These motions were defeated on ballot and the report of the bard adopted.



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The Donald post office is now a money order office.

Messrs. Ryan have leased the St. Charles hotel, Vancouver.

Apricots were ripe on Dominion Day, on the farm of Ben Evans, near Victoria.

F. C. McCartney has opened a commission office and employment bureau at Westminster.

Dr. W. W. Walkem, has brought an action of libel against the Nanaimo Courier for \$10, 000 damages.

The Delta Dyking and Draining Co. has been formed with the object of reclaiming Frazer river delta lands.

Clowe & Maclure, architects, have prepared plans for a new hospital costing \$10,000, which the people of New Westminster will erect.

J R. Barber, of Kamloops, has gone to Revelstoke, where he will open a branch watch and jewelry business for J. E. Saucier of Kamloops.

Vancouver celebrated Jominion Day in great shape, and those who visited the Terminal city are lovd in their praise of the place and its people.

Ogle, Campbell & Freemen, of Westminster, have been awarded the contract for supplying the Royal Columbian hospital with blankets, dry goods, etc., for the year.

A consignment of rails, manufactured at St. Louis, Mo., has arrived at Vancouver for the Vancouver Street Railway Co. The work of laying the track will be commenced soon.

Following were the customs collections at Vancouver for the month ending June 30th: Duties collected, \$7,407,81; minor revenues inclusive of Chinese returns, \$3,293,00; total, \$10,701,71; inland revenue, \$1,315,15.

The British Columbia Ice Manufacturing and Fish Freezing Company, of Victoria, has commenced operations. Ice for storage is not always readily obtainable in the winter seasons on the British Columbia coast, owing to the mildness of the climate, hence the establishment of a factory for the manufacture of ice.

A despatch to the Kamloops Sentinel says: It is reported that there is great excitement at Vernon, over the discovery of rich placer diggings on the Indian reserve, near that place. The average find per man equals \$30 per day.

Things in Nicola, says the Victoria Times, are reported as looking gloomy for farmers and stockholders. The grasshopper plague has completely destroyed the crops and pastural and should an early and severe winter ensue it will be almost impossible to carry any stock over.

The Vancouver World says: The stock-intrade of Findlay & Co., hardware and machinery, was sold to the highest bidder by Sheriff Armstrong this morning, the principal creditors being Cowan, Shaw & Co., Victoria, \$183.37. The purchasers were the Vancouver Foundry and Ironworks Co., the sum paid being \$625.

The merchandise exports from San Francisco to British Columbia in May were valued at \$79,270. Since January 1st, 1889, the monthly exports have been as follows: January, \$66,550; February, \$96,960; March, \$113,431; April, \$\$6,021; May, \$79,270; total, \$442,235. The total for the same time in 1888 was \$317, 137, showing an increase of \$125,098 for the current year.

The Victoria Times says: On almost every business street in Victoria handsome brick blocks are rising to take the place of the wooden buildings which, in years gone by, were regarded as quite good enough. They are the best indication that could be desired of the substantial growth of the city; and of the prosperity of every class of trade. The next enterprising citizen to move in the matter of building up the city will be A. J. Langley, who yesterday awarded the contract for building a new brick block on Yates street, to occupy a frontage of S0 feet.

Business in British Columbia.

The Vancouver News says: A considerable quantity of butter and eggs has been shipped from Manitoba and the territories, and the products of the surrounding ranches have also



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been coming in regularly. The market is abundantly supplied with fruit from California and Oregon, and with berries and a considerable quanty of small fruits from the adjoining country. Strawberries are out of the market, but raspberries and blackberries are plentiful. Quotations at Vancouver were reported as follows: Flour-Manitoba patents, \$6.65 per bbl.; Manitoba bakers', \$6 25; Oregon family, \$5.25; Columbia Milling Co. Patents, \$5 65; Columbia Milling Co. 3 star, \$5 25; Columbia Milling Co. 2 star, \$4.90. Oatmeal-Standard, 98 lb. sacks \$3, granulated \$3 15, rolled, \$4. Vegetables-Potatoes, \$10 per ton; cabbage, \$45; carrots, \$20; parsnips, \$20; onions, \$25; beets, \$20; thrnips, \$15 to \$20; sweet potatoes, \$6 per cwt. Feed-Bran, \$22.60 a ton; shorts, \$24; choppe l stuff, \$27.50; oats, \$24 a ton; wheat, \$35. Hay, \$14. Dairy-Fresh laid eggs, per doz., 35c; case eggs, 20c; butter, 16 to 22c; fresh prints 35c; fresh rolles, 28c; cheese, 121c; Limburger, 20c; German cream cheese, per lb., 22c. Swiss cheese, per 1b., 30c; Spring chickens, \$5 to \$6.50 per doz.; hens, per doz., \$11; roosters, per doz., \$12; geese, each \$2.50. Fruits-Oranges, Riverside scedings, \$5.50; Fancy Twogood, \$5 to \$5.50; St. Michaels, \$5.50; Malta Bloods, \$4,50 to \$5: Tabiti oranges, \$3 to 4; lemons (strictly fancy), \$9.25; bananas, \$5 to \$6; black cherries, per box, \$1.25; white cherries, per box, \$1.25; gooseberries, per lb., 121c; B. C. cherries, 15c per lb.; pine apples, per doz., \$11; peaches \$2 per box; apricots, \$1.50; apples, \$1.75 per small box; green corn, \$1.10 per doz.; tomatoes, \$3.25 per box; plums, \$1.25 to \$2 per box; raspberries, 15c per lb.; red and black currents, 75c per 10 lb. box. Fish-Spring Salmon, 9 to 10c; Helibut, 10c to 125c; Black Cod, 9c to 10c; Sturgeon, 5c; crabs, per doz. 4Cc; clams, per pail, 40c. Salt Fish--Labrador Herrings in bbls., \$13: Labrador Herrings in half bbls., \$6.50; salt Salmon, bbls., \$8; Black Cod, bbls., \$15; salt Oolachans, bbls., \$8; salt Oolachans, kits, 34; Georgie Bank Cod, in 100 lb. boxes, \$8. Salt meats-Pork, long clear, 15c per lb.; hams, sugar cured, 1Sc per lb.; wholesale, 16c.

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(Signed) JOHNSON & CO.

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(Signed) S. A. HAMILTON.

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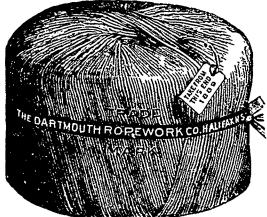
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BIG HEAD.

It has been dinned in our ears until we are almost tired of hearing it, that "nothing succeeds like success;" but the saying, though having the semblance of truth, cannot be taken as absolutely reliable. When success develops the disease known here in the West as "big head," then success frequently opens the way to easy failure. The last sentence seems somewhat contradictory in substance, but its meaning can be readily comprehended. How many people who at first meet with moderate success in their undertakings, are afterwards greatly hindered in the attainment of still greater distinction, or ultimately entirely ruined, by this malady of "big head"? Really it seems that very few people can bear a little success in life without showing some symptoms of this disease. Nor is its development induced by success only in commercial pursuits. With the man of business, those who aim for distinction in professional, educational, social or political spheres, are all liable to suffer from the same trouble.

What is "big head"? "Whiskey head," sometimes called "big head," is not to be taken into account. The query it is difficult to answer lucidly, though the disease has many unmistakable symptoms, and is readily diagnosed. "Putting on airs" does not exactly convey the desired meaning, though this phase, used in a broad sense, is not inappropriate. When this is used as a definition, the various ways of putting on airs must be taken into account. Those versed in the art of physic know that the same disease develops different symptoms in different individuals, according to the circumstances and conditions of the diseased persons. So it is with "big head." The symptoms vary in different persons, but there is no mistaking the disease. The verbose vendor of a quack medicine, after describing all the symptoms of infirmities which flesh is heir to, invariably concludes by intimating that the subject will likely only experience one or a few of these symptoms, but the terrible disease, for which his nostrum is the only panacea, is nevertheless certainly developing. So in this disease of "big head," the malady is certainly present,

though but a few of the symptoms may show on the surface.

The sufferer from "big head" is rarely if ever cognisant of the personal presence of the disease, which is working so insiduously upon him. Any person who has visited an insane asylum will have observed that many of the unfortunate inmates seem to labor under the hallucination that they are being unjustly detained among a lot of crazy people, they themselves of course being quite Likewise, "big head" does not prevent the observance of the disease in others, though the sufferer therefrom cannot observe it in himself. Old Æsop remarked to the effect that those who were honest in their detestation of flattery, were often very susceptible to a little of the commodity, when judiciously administered. So the symptoms of "big head" are objectionable and detestable in others, but pleasing when personally experienced.

"Big head," as an outgrowth of some degree of success in life, must not be confounded with the vanity and conceit of the ignorant, and of those who have accomplished nothing in particular to de-It is a velop any self-glorification. trouble which shows itself by a visible swelling of the head of an individual, as he advances or succeeds in his sphere in life. By this swelling of the head, many men in the higher spheres of life are robbed of a portion of the distinction to which they are justly entitled, and are prevented from accomplishing much of the good which it should be in their power to perform. "Big head" has clouded their intellect and blunted their feelings, and made them unapproachable to the masses. Thus the opporturity of accomplishing much is lost. But while this is the case in the educational, social, and more distinguished walks of life, these remarks regarding "big head" are addressed more directly to the commercial community. Failure resulting from "big head," and following former success, is very common in the business world. The man who succeeds in his undertakings, and from this very success develops ideas above his business, is afflicted with "big head." He usually embarks in some enterprise which he considers is more in keeping with his improved circumstances, and very often winds up in a disastrous failure. It must not be understood from this that the idea is to discourage business changes, though changes in business

are for many reasons often undesirable. The reference is solely to those who feel above their business simply because they have made a little money. The person whose business is of an honest and honorable nature should never feel his calling beneath him. Again, men who have succeeded very well while careful and attentive to their business, have become afflicted with "big head" as they found themselves coming into easy circumstances. This "big head" has led them to put on business airs which the circumstances of the case did not warrant, and thus the door to failure has been opened. Others are led by the swelling of their heads to seek distinction in social or political spheres, to the neglect of their business, until failure cuts short their illusion.

To men who are succeeding in life, we would say, watch for any symptoms of "big head," and apply a radical remedy wherever there is an indication of the evil. Bear success meekly and patiently, using quiet judgment; and not forgetting what manner of man you are.

THE TRADE SITUATION.

The mercantile agency of Dunn, Wyman & Co., has issued their trade report for the first half of the present year, for the United States and Canada. In neither country does the report show any startling features, as to the number of commercial failures and the amount of liabilities, compared with the first six months of 1888. The total number of failures in the United States for the first half of the present year is given at 5,603, against 5,189 for the first six months of 1888, and 4,912 for the first six months of 1887. Total liabilities are, \$65,828,-853 for first half of 1889, \$68,114,159 for 1888, and \$55,138,092 for 1887. For Canada the total number of failures for the past six months is 886, with liabilities of \$7,352,338 against 872 failures, with liabilities of \$7,802,422, for the first half of 1888, and 721 fai'ures and liabilities of \$10,693,015 for the first half of 1887. It will be noticed that while the number of insolvencies in Canada has increased each year for the past three years, there has been a decrease in the aggregate of liabilities. For instance, total liabilities for the past six months show a marked decrease of over \$3,000,000, as compared with the same period of 1887, though in the portion of 1887, the number of msolvencies was considerably less than m the past six months. This would indicate that many of the failures during the past six months, must have been very small conterns.

By provinces, the failures and liabilities in Canada, shows as follows:—

| NUMBER OF PA | ilurus. | | |
|-------------------------|------------|--------|---------|
| | 1887. | 1889. | 1899. |
| Ontatio | 376 | 516 | 443 |
| Quebec | 193 | 218 | 305 |
| New Brunswick | 48 | 38 | 32 |
| Nova Scotia | 57 | 67 | 52 |
| P. E. Island | . 6 | 5 | 4 |
| British Columbia | 12 | Û | 16 |
| Maritoba | 19 | 27 | 25 |
| | | | |
| Totals | 709 | 868 | 877 |
| LIABILITI | KB. | | |
| 1887. | 1888. | : | 1839. |
| Ontario | \$3,919,18 | io 83, | 359,303 |
| Quebec 1,932,579 | 2,319,56 | 5 3, | 224.208 |
| New Brunswick 4,005,515 | 583,34 | 11 | 147,528 |
| Nova Scotia 308,260 | 404,40 | ાડ | 249,500 |
| P. E. Island 78,800 | 114,27 | 8 | 41,270 |
| British Columbia 86,000 | 77,64 | 9 | 115,948 |
| Maniteba 111,905 | 350,40 | 5 | 153,451 |
| Totals \$10,461,735 | 87,763,82 | 2 87, | 290,269 |

From the tables above it will be seen that the increase of failures has been nearly all in the province of Quebec, where a similarly marked increase in liabilities is noted. Ontario makes a good showing, considering that crops were short in that province last year. Manitoba (including the Territories) also makes a good showing. A slight decrease in the number of failures and a marked decrease in the amount of liabilities is shown in the table.

As to the business outlook for the Dominion for the next few months, it is difficult to speak with any degree of certainty. In a country so largely agricultural as Canada, a very great deal depends upon the harvest, and until the result of the harvest is assured, there will be more or less uncertainty. The present is a critical period in the crop situation, and with the limited information at hand, it is folly to attempt to speak with assurance as to the crop prospects for Canada as a whole. In Western Canada, owing to drought, a good crop is not now looked for, though a short time ago prospects were very bright. Reports from Ontario are somewhat mixed. In the high districts and where the soil is light, the crops are said to promise very good, but the flat counties of Western Ontario have suffered from a superabundance of rain and cold, backward weather. Quebec and the Maritime provinces especially, the crop reports are more uniformally favorable, but in these provinces agriculture, though an important factor in the trade of the country, is not of as vast importance as in Ontario and the West

Accompanying Dunn, Wyman & Co.'s report of failures, were summarised statements of the condition of business at leading trade centres. At Toronto the volume of business is said to be slightly better than last year, but cutting of prices continues, and the margin of profits is reduced. This shows a very undesirable condition of trade, and one which has been especially peculiar to Toronto for some time past. Keen competition and long credits is still the bane of the dry goods branch, and the same features are felt in boots and shoes. From Montreal stocks are reported less excessive than they were last year. Textile manufacturing concerns are said to be fairly prosperous, and the leading financial institutions are said to be in sound condition. Ontario particular reference is made to the unsatisfactory condition of the grain and flour-milling branches. Grain men have mostly lost money, owing to the peculiar course of prices of wheat during the past season, and flour milling has been anything but profitable to those engaged in the industry. The lumber industry is generally reported to have been in a prosperous state during the year to date.

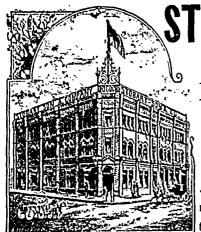
LOW GRAIN RATES.

Another cut in east-bound grain rates from Chicago has just been announced. "The Baltimore & Ohio has given notice of its intention to reduce the rate on corn and wheat to the basis of 20 cents per 100 pounds from Chicago to New York. This will make the rate 17 cents to Baltimore and 18 cents to Philadelphia, the points reached directly by that road. This is a cut of 5 cents per 100 pounds under the rates previously in force between Chicago and New York. "The action of the Baltimore & Ohio," says the Chicago Times, "causes considerable feeling among the other east-bound lines, all of whom have been earnestly laboring to hold up the grain-rate to the present basis of 25 cents per 100 from Chicago to New York." Later advices indicate that the other roads will meet the cuts made by the Baltimore & Ohio. As a matter of fact, the other competing lines will be obliged to adjust their rates to correspond with the new cut in prices.

This cut in grain freight rates does not of course directly affect the grain trade of western Canada, but it will neverthe-

less be of interest to grain men here, inasmuch as it shows the general tendency to reduce grain rates from the western wheat fields and grain centres to the eastern seaboard. Wheat producers in Manitoba, while not at present enjoying these close freight rates on their grain exports, comfort themselves with the assurance that their day is coming. The time will certainly come when our grain producers and shippers will enjoy freight rates about as low as those now in force from Chicago eastward. Indeed, in the few years that have elapsed since Manitoba began to export wheat, great reductions have been made in grain rates from this province eastward, and there is every reason to believe that the tendency in freight prices will continue downward, until a considerably lower basis than that at present ruling will be reached.

On the completion of the Canadian Pacific railway to Lake Superior in 1883, the first grain freight tariff over this route gave a rate of 28 cents per 100 pounds from Winnipeg to Port Arthur. From a central point in Manitoba, Brandon for instance, the rate to Port Arthur was 33 cents per 100 pounds. By vigorous "kicking" on the part of the people and competion, this latter rate has now been reduced to 24 cents and the former to 21 cents per 100 pounds. The first rate of course was a very high one, and still there is room for a liberal reduction in prices; but Manitoban's have reason to be pleased with what has been accomplished. It is not unreasonable to expect that in time the freight rate from Winnipeg to Lake Superior ports will be reduced to at least 15 cents per 100 pounds. Compare our present rate on grain from say Brandon to Lake Superior, distance 580 miles, at 24 cents per 100 pounds, with a rate of 20 cents per 100 pounds from Chicago to New York, estimating the distance between the two last named points at 1,000 miles in round numbers. This would seem to indicate that we can in time expect a rate of at least 15 cents per 100 pounds from Winnipeg to Lake Superior ports, even after allowing a margin for the water competition which Chicago enjoys. The experiences of the past in Manitoba and the reductions in rates elsewhere, all lead to the conclusion that within a few years wheat will be worth comparatively several cents per bushel more to our producers than it now is, owing to reductions in freight rates.



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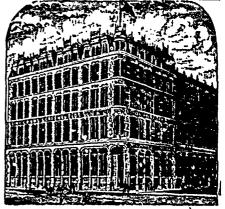
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The principal feature in monetary circles is the slackening up of loan business on real estate security. This is perhaps partly due to the season of the year, and partly to the changed 'crop prospects from what it was earlier in the season. The slackening up of business in real estate transfers would also likely have the effect of curtailing loan transactions on farm properties. In the city there is little building doing to call for similar At the banks business remains business. rather quiet, and a good deal of anxiety is manifested regarding the crop situation. The feeling, however, is more hopeful than it was a week or two ago, and it is felt that even with a light crop this year, the country will come through all right, and that undue despondency is unnecessary. There have been no transactions at the banks of a special nature, and rates of discount are unchanged.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The past week has been one of more than usual quiet in wholesale trade circles in this city, though perhaps not more so in several branches than is often the case at this time of the year. Several houses report having sold their full completment of goods to date but in some lines, orders previously taken for fall and winter stocks have been cancelled or partly cancelled to some extent. However, this is not looked upon as an unmixed evil. In cancelling heavy orders, eastern houses will suffer along with the local houses, and it is expected that the result will be to give a heavier sorting trade in fall and winter goods in season. The first prospect of a failure in crops created a reaction from the very bright prospects of the early spring to the opposite of despondency, and naturally as early prospects were very bright, the revulsion of feeling was carried to the very depths of despondency. With the improved prospects of the last two weeks there has been another partial reaction, and now, though a less sanguine view is taken of the business outlook than was the case earlier in the season, yet the situation is not considered altogether hopeless. Indeed, many are now of the belief that with good weather for the balance of the crop season, the year will be more prosperous than has been the past one.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Prices are as follows: Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.30 to \$3.40; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.75 to \$4.00; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net pieces, I inch, 9½c; 1½ inch, 12c; 1½ inch, 15½c; 2 inch, 23½c; ingot tin, 29 to 30c per lb., bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.25 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 6½; per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6½c nett.

FURS.

Quotations are unchanged as follows: Beaver, 50c to \$6 per skin; cubs do. 25c to \$1.50; badger, 10c to \$1.50; black back, \$1.50 to \$22; cubs, do. \$1 to \$5; brown bear, \$1.50 to \$18; grizzly bear, \$1 to \$16; cubs, do. 20 to 70c; timber wolf, 50c to \$2.50; prairie wolf, 25c to \$1; wolverine, \$1.50 to \$5, as to color and quality; fisher, 50c to \$6; red fox, 20c to

\$1 60; kit fox, 10c to 50c; cross fox, \$1. to \$5 silver and black ox, \$10 to \$60, as to beauty and condition of skin; martin, dark, 50c to \$2 50; martin, yellow or pale, 25c to \$1; mink, 20c to \$1; muskrat, 6c to 15c; otter, \$1.50 to \$7.50; skunk, 10c to 65c Prices all per skin.

FRUITS -GREEN.

There has been considerable activity in this line, and importations have been fairly large. California oranges have come forward freely, and in good shape, and other Ca ifornia fruits in season are usually to be had. Following are the principal varieties in the market, with prices. Le dons, \$7 to \$7 50 per box; Oranges -Fancy Riverside Mediterranean Sweets, St. 50 to \$7; fancy Riverside St. Michaels, \$7.50. Apples, \$6 per barrel, or 75c per box; Plums, \$3 per box; peaches, \$3 to \$3 25 per box; Fananas-Port Limon, \$3 to \$3.50 a bunch. according to quality and size; tomatoes, per crate, \$2.50 to \$3; Melons, \$6 per doz.; cucumbers, 75c per doz; onions-Egyptian, in 100 lb. crates, per crate, \$6; Bermuds, in 50 lb. crates, per crate, \$2.75.

FRUITS .- DRIED, NUTS, ETC.

The movement is quiet in dried fruits, with prices as follows: Figs—choice in 10 lb. boxes, per lb., 15c; in lb. cartoons, per doz., \$1.75; dates—Persian, in 50 lb. boxes, per lb., 10c; Fard, in 15 lb. boxes, per lb., 12c; California dried fruit—fancy apricots, in 25 lb boxes, per lb., 19c; fancy peeted peaches, 25 lb. boxes, per lb., 22; white apricots, do, 21c; Nuts, S. S. Taragona Almonds, 20c per lb; Grenolile walnuts, 18c; filberts, Sicilian, extra large, 15c; pecans, polished Texas, 17c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c.

GROCERIES.

There were further advances in sugars at New York last week, but cables reported lower prices. Valencia raisins were higher at Toronto, where 7 to 71c. was quoted. Prices here are as follows: Sugars, yellows, 9 to 91c; granulated, 101 to 101c; lumps, 111c. Coffees-Rios, from 22 to 25c: Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 462; Congous, 22 to 69c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 471c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c.: Beaver, 61c; Olderow, 47c; Woodcock, 52d; Silver Ash, 62; Standard Kentucky, 80d. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40, Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HIDDES, WOOL AND TALLOW.

There is hardly anything doing in hides, and prices are unchanged. Wool is moving freely, and competition is brisk, with prices paid in some instances at outside figures. Quotations are: Hides, Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 2c per pound. Calf, 7 to 13 pound skins are quoted at 4 to 5c. reacon skins, 10 to 20c each, the lower price for cut skins. Sheepskins 25 to 55c each as to quality, for old. New, lately killed skins, with long wool are worth 75 to 80c, but few of this sort offering. Sheared skins, 5 to 10c each. Lambskins, 15c each. Tallow quoted: rough, 24 to 3c rea-

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dered 5c.; wool, low grades, 9 to 94c; shropshire and Southdowns, 11 to 12c; washed, 15c. LUMBER.

The very dry season has seriously interfered with the lumber industry, and a good many logs are hung up, owing to low water. About one-half of the logs which were to be cut at the Lake of the Woods mills, have not yet been moved, and unless good rains are experienced, there will likely be a shortage of lumber this season. The most of the mills have some logs on hand from last year, so that they have been able to do some cutting. A good deal of lumber has been brought in from the Lake Superior district, and a considerable quentity has also been imported from Minnesota, but the latter has been mostly poor, cheap stuff, such as 3rd common and culls. This comes more into competition with the Lake Winnipeg apruce lumber. Trade has been good up to recently, but of 'ate the demand has fallen off very materially. Prices are unchanged, list prices at the mills, f. o. b , beingas follows: Dimension-2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$15; do 10, 18, and 20 ft long, \$16. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch surface. 50 cents per M advance on each foot over the above length to 24 feet long. \$1 per M advance on each foot over 24 feet long. Surfacing, 50 cents per M; Surfacing and sizing, \$1.00 per M. Boards-1st, common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd common rough \$15, dressed, \$16; Culls, rough, \$11; dressed, \$12; 1st common, stock, 12 in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do, 8x10 in, rough, \$18, dressed, \$19; 2nd common, 12 in, rough, \$17 dressed, \$18; do, 8x10 inch, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17. Ten feet long and under, \$1 less per M. Shiplap-10 inch, \$17.50; 8 inch, \$17. 8 and 10 inch flooring and siding at \$1 per M advance. Siding, ceiling and flooring -- 1st, 6 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd, do, \$21; 4th, do, \$18; 1st, 5 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd do, \$20; 4th do, \$17; 1st, 4 inch, \$29; 2nd do, \$25; 3rd do, \$19; 4th do, \$16. \$1 per M advance for dressing on both sides. \$1 per M less for lengths 10 feet and under. Bevel Siding No. 1, 1st siding ½ in. x 6 in, \$20; No. 2, 2nd, \$17. Stock No. 1, \$35; No. 2, \$30; No. 3 \$25. Clear, 1 inch-1st and 2nd, \$40; 3rd, \$32. Finishing, clear-11, 11, and 2, inch-1st and 2nd, clear, \$45; 3rd, \$40; selects, \$30: shop, \$25. Mouldings-Window Stops, per 100 feet lineal, \$1.00; Parting Strips, do, 60 cts; 1 round and cove, per 100 feet lineal, 75 cts. Casing-4 inch, O. G., per 100 feet lineal, \$1.75; 5 in, do, \$2.25; 6 in, do, \$2.50; 8 inch, O. G., base, \$3.50; 10 in, do, \$4.25. Lath, \$2.00. Shingles-lst quality, \$3, 2nd do, \$2.50; 3rd do, \$1.50; 4th do. \$1. Dealers are requested to order by number. No delivered prices.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Business has been fairly brisk in this branch, but is slower at present. Turpentine is quoted lower; also pure white lead. Price are: Turpentine in barrels, 83c per gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 67c, boiled 7/c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar, \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$4.75 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.40 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whiting in barrels, \$1.50

a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.50; Royal Charter, \$7.00; Railroad, \$6.50; Alabastine, \$7.50 per case of 20 packages: Window Gloss, first break, \$2.10.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

Wheat experienced quite a boom during the early days of last week in leading markets, but there was a corresponding reaction and decline later in the week. However, t e situation would seem to be fairly strong. There was strength and improved tone in British markets. Indeed, the advance that has taken place here in the very face of new winter wheat coming into the market, is alone an indication of a strong under current in the situation. Samples of new winter wheat are said to be anything but choice, and with heavy rains in the fall wheat districts while harvest is progressing, the grain is expected to be on the soft side. This condition of winter wheat, and the certainty of a short crop of spring wheat on this continent, makes it apparent that hard spring wheat, if harvested in good condition, will sell at a premium next fall and winter.

The local crop situation has improved some during the last week or two. The weather has heen cooler, and with frequent showers of rain felt in all parts of Manitoba and the Territories to the west, the conditions have been favorable to making the very best of a bad situation. The straw in most districts averages very short, but the favorable weather of the last two weeks will help to work up the heads to the very best advantage. Still anything like a full crop, taking the country as a whole, cannot be expected. The best that can be hoped for now is a moderate crop and an early harvest, the probability of an early harvest of course doing a good deal to offset the damage already done from drought.

FLOUR

Prices hold firm, at the recent advance, with a fair local demand, and a good shipping demand from the least for Manitoba grades. Prices to the local trade in broken lots are as follows: Patents, \$2.80; strong bakers, \$2.60; second bakers, \$2.35; XXXX, \$1.90; superfine, \$1.30. Graham flour, \$2.60; middlings, \$2.80 per 100 pounds.

MILLSTUFFS.

There has been a considerable movement in mill stuffs for eastern shipment, and as the mills have taken orders ahead, prices to the local trade were advanced \$2 per ton at the close of last week. Quotations now are: bran, \$12, per ton; shorts, \$14 per ton. Ground feed, \$22 to \$23 per ton.

OATS

Prices are firm, owing to a poor crop outlook, and holders are asking stiff prices. From 33 to 35c is asked to deliver cars on track here. About 35c is usually asked for loads on the market, and lots in the city sell about 40c per bushel.

BARLEY.

Prices are stronger, and in the city as high as 35 to 40c was paid 6 r a load of medium quality, on the market.

OAT AND CORNMEAL, FOT RARLEY.

Prices for oatmeal are six dy as follows. Standard per 100 lbs. \$2.60; gn nulated, \$2.75; rolled oats in 80 lb. sacks. \$3. Cornmeal is held at \$1.75 per 100 pounds. Pot barley, \$3 and pearl barley, \$3.50 per 100 pounds.

BUTTER.

There is practically no wholesale market in the city for this commodity, the city retail trade being supplied direct from producers. Outside markets are also slow, western markets, which are supplied to some extent from here, being largely stocked, with at best but a limited demand. There will likely be some movement eastward later on but it must be at low prices. From 13 to 14c per pound are the best local prices heard of, and very dull at that.

KGGS.

Eggs have held pretty firm and case lots were quoted at 14c per dozen at the close of last week. The packing season is about over.

LARD.

Home rendered is offered at \$2.15 per 20 lb. pail.

CURED MEATS.

Prices for the home cured product are: hams, 13c; breakfast bacon, 13c; rolls, 11c; long clear bacon, 10c. These are close cash prices, and ordinary quotations range ½c per pound higher and for canvassed. Bologna sausage is held at 7c per pound. Mess pork, \$18 to \$19 per barrel.

DRESSED MEATS.

Dressed beef is held at 5½ to 6c as to quality. Mutton is 1 to 2c lower, and now quoted at 10c per pound. Pork easier at 7 to 7½c. Lamb, 12½c, and veal, 7c per pound.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle are more plentiful, and offering freely, with buyers rather independent. Several car lots of western ranche cattle have been brought in, and more are on the way. These have given good satisfaction, being in good condition, and dressing well. About 3c. per pound live weight is the top quotation heard of, quotations from 24 to 3c. Hogs are offering more freely, 47c. has been paid for lots at outside poin', but this price was above the views of buyer at the close of the week, though the figure named would be paid delivered at the yards here. One purchase was reported at 4c. per pound live weight, but the animals were said to be of the razor back sample, and therefore not desirable stock.

HAY.

The dry season and scare ovor a possible shortage of hay next winter, owing to the poor hay crop this year, has had the effect of advancing hay prices already. There is abundance of old hay to be had, but owing to the conditions noted, holders are demanding fancy prices, as they think they can make money by holding even until next winter. It is altogether likely, however, that by next spring, it will be found that there is abundance of hay, as the prospect of a shortage is inducing a great many to put up every available ton of hay. "parations are now being made to come. I haying, and a good many new mowers are going out for this purpose. Baled hay is now held at \$13 per ton and loose at \$12 to \$14 per ton, on the market here.

POTATOES.

Old are held at about 85c. per bushel, and new at \$1.10 per bushel, to \$3 per barrel.

FLAX SEED.

The flax seed crop is said to be a failure this season. The flax grown in the province is nearly all produced by the Meanonite settlers of the Gretna district, and there the drought has been very severe upon the flax crop. A load of flax seed sold in the city recently for \$1.25, which is a big figure. Of course any considerable quantity could not be disposed of at this figure.

In the last two weeks over two thousand communications have been received at the Government Intelligence office, Winnipeg, from persons residing in the United States, inquiring for land and asking about the climate, etc.

Canadian Securities in England.

The following are the prices of the leading Candian securities in the London market, as reported by the Canadian Gazette of June 27th:

| Price. | Rise. | Fall |
|--|-------|------|
| Canada 4 per cents, 1874-9 111 | | 1 |
| Oitto. 34 per cents 105 | | _ |
| Ditto. 4 per cents, 1895 | _ | 1 |
| Ditto, 3 per cents 951 | - | |
| British Columbia 6 per cents, 1865 112 | 4 | _ |
| Ditto. 41 per cents 97 | _ | _ |
| Manitoba 5 per cents 115 | | _ |
| Quebec Province 4 per cents 833 | | _ |
| Montreal 3 per cents 831 | | - |
| Quebec City 6 per cents, 1878 125 | ٠ | - |
| Toronto 4 per cents 109 | 3 | |
| Winnipeg 6 per cents 111 | 2 | |
| Canadian Pacific shares (N.Y. register) 57 | - | î |
| Ditto shares (London register) 661 | - | 2 |
| Ditto first mortgage bonds 110} | _ | ł |
| Ditto 31 per cents 981 | _ | _ |
| Ditto Algoma branch 110 | 1 | - |
| Grand Trunk ordinary stock 101 | - | _ |
| Ditto first preference 683 | | à |
| Bank of British Columbia 331 | _ | _ |
| Bank of B. N. A So | _ | 1 |
| Manitoba Mortgage } | | į |
| Trust and Loan, £3 pald 31 | - | _ |
| British American Land 28 | _ | - |
| Canada North-West Land 45-1 | 6 — | - |
| Hudson's Eay 202 | _ | 3 |
| Land Corporation of Canada 13 | - | _ |

Roland J. Barnett, the man who appropriat ed \$10,000, the property of the Central Bank, of Toronto, was sentenced to seven years in the Kingston penetentiary.

The Kingston cotton mill shareholders are dissatisfied because they have got no dividend this year and claim that the workmen receive the profits of the mill.

Voting on the by-law granting a bonus of \$200,000 to the Port Arthur, Duluth and Western Railway took lace at Port Arthur last week, and was carried by 250 majority, only 14 rate-payers voting against it Great interest was taken in the matter and the result gives much satisfaction. It is expected work on the road will be commenced shortly.

Remnants.

We have to draw the attention of the trade to the fact that some of our Canadian cotton mills are really manufacturing remnants. In other words they are selling new piece goods in twenty to forty yard lengths under this title in order to under ut their competitors. A true remnant should not run over three or four yards in length, but these supposed remnants often lack only ten or fifteen yards of the size of a full piece and are apparently only cut to these lengths in order to evade the guarantee of price.

Of course this deliberate sacrifice of goods entails loss not only on the mill practising it but on the trade in general. Considering the present price of the new material, prices of cottons in this country are already far too low. The severity of competition has reduced values until but few of our mills are able to make the slightest return to their shareholders; and yet we find mills, like the ones in question, ready to stil further sacrifice their prospects in order to make sales. The effect on the regular trade can well be imagined. They are suddenly confronted with "remnants" which are really piece goods slightly cut down in length, but

which are sold at remnant prices. What is the honest maker to do? He must either meet the "ent" or lose his customers; and therefore he must either follow the example forced upon him or run the risk of seeing his buyers go else where. This is all there is to it.

At a time like the present when the price of cotton is high in proportion to the cost of its products, and when the course of prices is decidedly upon the upward bend both in England and the States, such a discovery as this is particularly disheartening. To find a mill or firm willing to break down what little margin of profit yet remains in order to attract buyers, and thas secure trade by underhand methods, is certainly not calculated to help pullic confidence. If the mills would only stick by one another and leave off this kind of business we should soon see a lift in prices from which the consumer would be in no way a sufferer The present cut-throat policy helps no one except a few agents and jobbers. The public pay just as much for their cottons as if the mills got a fair living price for their output, and the loss to the majority of the latter is out of all pro portion to the advantage gained by one or two. Montreal Journal of Commerce.

British Columbia Board of Trade.

The board held its meeting at Victoria last week. The report submitted by the president was pronouncedly in tavor of reciprocity with the United States. Referring to the fishery industry of the province, it is said that in the absence of any useful effort on the part of the

Federal Government, private enterprise has explored and demonstrated that the black cod and halibut banks are practically unlimited. The board expresses the earnest hope that the Dominion Government will eudeavor to bring about an interchange of fishery products with the United States, as there is no other market. Reference is made to the vast iron deposits in the province which would be utilized to the advantage of both countries, were reciprocity adopted. Had the forty per cent. increased duty on lead been passed last session against the States it would have produced bad results to the salmon industry. Full lumber reciprocity would be of incalculable benefit. The report draws attention to three causes which have retarded the development of the province .--

First-Lack of sufficient unskilled labor at moderate cost.

Second—An unduly severe customs tariff under which necessaries of life which have to be imported become so dear that the rate of wages current in other parts of the Dominion cannot be adopted there.

Third—The absence of a market for provincial products.

In conclusion the report urges the board to represent in proper quarters the disadvantages under which the province is placed, both by its isolated position and the present fiscal policy of the country.

Trade in British Columbia.

Dunn, Wyman & Co.'s agency at Victoria, B. C., reports as follows:—

There appears to reign in the minds of the trade generally, a feeling of contentment and satisfaction with the past season's business. Although open accounts have not been materially reduced, still there has been a desire and consequent effort on the part of the majority of retailers to accomplish this, and collections, as a result, have been somewhat better than for the corresponding period of last year. In the upper parts of the province, however, money is still a little tight, as also in the Vanconver district, where many retailers barely hold their own. The few failures occurring have been in the retail line, and only small concerns, and mainly the result of negligence on the part of the managers. Notwithstanding the competition of eastern houses, the home trade reports an encouraging increase, several claiming a percentage of 20 per cent. to 50 per cent. over last year, and on the whole, a buoyancy and confidence in the future is plainly manifested. This feeling is also shared by retailers, the whole giving promise of continued, if not greater prosperity. The lumber interests are extending, but lack of shipping facilities somewhat curtails the export trade in this line, freights being high. Many large shipments, however. have been made to advantage. Coal interests are much as last season, the mild winter just passed having, if anything, decreased the output. The salmon industry is encouraging, nearly every cannery having arranged for the disposal of its output at good prices, and the run of fish is eagerly awaited to make the season a most profitable one, preparations having been made for a large pack.

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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat opened rather active on Monday, with a nervous under-current. The bears were out in force, but they were unable to pound down prices. July wheat opened at \$3c, which figure was a fraction above Saturday's closing price, and ranged upward to \$33c. December wheat opened at 80c. and the range was upward to Sige. Provisions were weak. Closing prices were:

| July | Aur. | ocpa | 000 |
|-------|------------------------------------|---|--|
| 331 | 799 | 793 | |
| 3.5 | 352 | 35] | 361 |
| 222 | 221 | 221 | |
| 11.49 | 11.50 | 11.60 | 10.40 |
| G 30 | 6.35 | 0.45 | 6 424 |
| 5.80 | 3.50 | 5.871 | 5.72} |
| | 331 352 522 11,49 6 30 | 831 799 355 359 529 221 11,49 11,50 6 30 6.35 | 531 793 792 353 359 351 522 221 221 11.49 11.50 11.69 6 30 6.35 6.45 |

Wheat opened on Tuesday at Monday's closing figures for July, but higher for other options, especially for September, which opened 2 over Monday's close, and ranged during the day from 791 to 80 c. December ranged from S1 to S21c. Cables were strong on wheat and flour, and with active buying on foreign account, prices were strong. Crop reports from the western spring wheat belt were very blue, and this had a strong influence on prices. Speculation centered largely in December option, which closed at \$23. The expected light receipts of hogs exercised a temporary strong influence in the provision markets. Closing prices were :

| July | Aug. | Schr | t)CF |
|-------|------------------------------------|---|---|
| 843 | S12 | 80! | |
| 35} | 351 | 361 | 361 |
| 222 | 22 | | |
| 11.40 | 11,50 | 11.55 | 10.50 |
| 6.25 | $6.32\frac{1}{2}$ | 6,40 | |
| €.30 | 5.80 | 5.85 | 5.75 |
| | St3 351 222 11.40 6.25 | St3 S13 354 354 225 22 11.40 11.50 6.25 6.324 | \$43 \$11 \$0! 354 \$54 364 222 221 11.40 11.50 11.55 6.25 6.324 6.40 |

July I wheat opened to higher on Wednesday,



August ge higher than Tuesday's close. December was ic lower at the start. September onened the same as Tuesday's close, and ranged during the day from 794c to 814c. The strength at the opening was not long maintained, and prices soon broke, and there was marked weakness the balance of the day. The decline was due to local speculative causes, cables being strong and crop prospects unchanged. A bear raid on pork sent prices down 30 to 35c. Closing prices were:

| | July. | Aug. | Scit | Oct. |
|------------|-------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Wheat | 23.3 | 792 | 713 | |
| Com | 331 | 35 2 | 361 | 36] |
| Oats . | <u>99</u> j | 223 | 2224 | |
| Iork | 11.20 | 11.321 | 11.35 | 10.374 |
| Lard | 6 25 | 6 32 | 6.40 | |
| Short Ribs | 5.75 | 5.774 | 5.824 | 5 721 |

On Thursday wheat continued weak, closing at the bottom prices for the day, as follows:

| | July, | Aug. | Sept. | Oc*- |
|------------|-------|-------|--------|------|
| Wheat | 78) | 77 | 773 | _ |
| Corn | | 35} | 351 | 357 |
| Oats | _ | | | |
| Pork | 11.30 | 11.30 | 11.321 | 1040 |
| Pork | 6.25 | 0.274 | 6 374 | 6.35 |
| Short Ribs | | | | |

On Friday wheat was offered freely on bulges, and prices were irregular December wheat closed at 787c. Pork declined 20 to 25c per barrel, but recovered part of the loss. Closing prices were as follows:

| | July. | Aug. | Scpt | Oc : . |
|------------|-------|--------|-------|---------------|
| Wheat | . 78} | 76 | 761 | _ |
| Corn | | 35≨ | 359 | 35 2 |
| Oxts | | | | _ |
| Pork | | 11,274 | 11.30 | |
| Lani . | | 6.274 | 6,35 | 6 35 |
| Short Ribs | | | | |

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Minneapolis Markets.

The closing prices for wheat on Thursday, July 13th were

| | July. | Aug. | Sept. | On track |
|----------------|-------|------|-------|----------|
| No 1 hard | 1.05 | _ | _ | 1.05 |
| No. 1 northern | 50 | 85 | 80} | 90.1.00 |
| Nc 2 | SS | _ | | 90.2 |

A firm feeling has existed in the flour market the past week, and in some instances dealers asked a further advance. It was evident that buyers entertained the belief that high prices would not continue for spring wheat flour, but in view of the cost of wheat local millers will continue to ask firm prices or be compelled to shut down. The later movement of winter wheat than was expected, and the soft character of that moving, has increased the demand for spring wheat and consequently hardened the values of both wheat and flour. Flour buyers are on the lookout for snaps, but the high cost of wheat does not admit of reductions to effect large sales. The cost of wheat is daily moving upward, through the large demand for the little there is of it for sale. About four local firms own the wheat, or the bulk of it, and all other spring wheat millers must take their chances of getting any. Yesterday and to day there was enough demand to take away the current production, and the inquiry was mainly for the most prompt shipment. Quotations at the mills for car or round lots

are: Patents, \$5.50@\$5.85; second patents, \$5.00@\$5.45; bakers', \$3.40@\$3.75, in barrels: best low grades, \$1.70@\$1.90 in bags; red dog. \$1.25@\$1.50 in bags.—Northwestern Miller.

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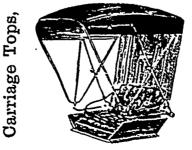
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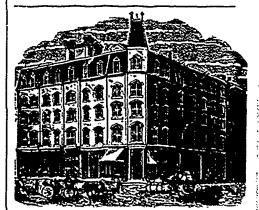


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Frank Reynolds, baker, Toronto, is dead. Howarth Paper Co., Toronto, have assigned. Wm. Telford, brickmaker, Shedden, has assigned.

D. L. Beaudet, manufacturer, Ottawa, has assigned.

Marks, Dobie & Co., general store, Thessalon, have assigned.

W. Culbert, flour and feed dealer, Kincardine, is out of business.

T. M. Lawton, physician, Harwick, is about leaving that place.

J. S. Deacon, grocer, London, has called a meeting of creditors.

J. W. Cryer, & Co., plumbers and contractors, London, have disolved.

Geo. Elliott, agent and fruit grower, Thorold township, has assigned.

H. F. Holmes, merchant and contractor, Rat Portage Tp., has assigned.

Isaac Rogerson, saw mill, Blyth, was destroyed by fire; partially insured.

Roche Danford & Co., dealers in dry goods, Barrie, are asking for an extension.

James Goodwin & Co., general storekeepers, Bothwell, are moving to Port Dover.

Alex. Irving & Co., cigar manufacturers, London, has the bailiff in possession of their

Southam & Brierly, printers, London, have dissolved partnership—Southam continues the business alone.

QUEBEC.

Mrs. A. Clement, milliner, Montreal, has assigned.

Hilarie, Bachand, carriages, St. Cesaire, has assigned.

T. & A. U. Grothe, jewelers, Montreal; A. U. Grothe is dead.

Wm. Peatman, dealer in dry goods, St Hyacinthe, has assigned.

NOVA SCOTIA.

G. W. Henderson, druggist, Liverpool, is dead.

Antonio Cesale, lobster packer, Arichat, is away.

P. H. Ringer, grocer, Lockeport, has assigned.

A. C. Angus, physician and druggists, Springhill, is out of business.

Wm. Gossip, stationer, Halifax; stock advertised for sale by tender.

Neal, White & Co., wholesale dry goods and clothing, Halifax, have suspended payment.

Angwin Theakston & Co., dealers in hard-ware, Halifax; stock is advertised for sale by tender.

Leipzig For Market.

At the date of despatching our May letter, the first and more active part of the Easter fair was over; the closing dates were sufficiently quiet to prove that the present prices of furs are not practical for speculation, which was formerly the character of the business during the latter part of the fair. Though Leipzig and foreign dealers hold only moderate stocks, no one cares to buy much in excess of immediate needs.

Russian dealers, who still remain here, buy carefully, finding prices too high and the rate of exchange not firm enough; the latter has shown a decline of four or five per cent. within the past few weeks, owing to unfavorable reports respecting Russian crops. A few new Polish buyers came late, but, on learning the

new prices, postponed their purchases and returned home; rather satisfactory sales were made later to Swedish and American dealers.

Beaver still meets with a limited demand for Germany, England and Russia, large skins have been preferred. Russian furriers have taken some fisher, silver and cross fox.

The demand for dark American otter is over for the moment; lower and paler sorts for plucking and raw lynx have been taken for England; the latter article was scarcely touched by others. Certain Russian owners of last year's lynx have, owing to present high prices, ordered the skins returned from the Asiatic frontier and Siberian markets. Black-dyed lynx has been exported to America to some extent. Red fox has continued to sell well for Russian consumption, and for use in Turkey; directly imported parcels preferred.

Common cat has sold fairly well to Roumania; cased prime skins are scarce and dear. Rough bear skins sell well to England for boa manufacture. Trade in raw racoon shows on improvement; only the low sorts have been in steady demand for Russia; parcels of the latter, of direct importation, have been taken for plucking or dying.

The later demand for skunk has been limited. Musquash sells slowly on account of high price; skins under one mark have been sold for Russia to some extent; though this article is wanted, would-be buyers delay placing orders, hoping for a decline in value. Some fresh musquash has been given out for dyeing seal color with the expectation of a demand later on

Mink was more quiet the latter part of the fair. Marten has been taken for Turkey, but at small profit to sellers. Wholesale manufacturers have secured small wolf skins for making rugs.—Correspondence, New York Fur Trade Review.

The Flour Millers.

The first annual convention of the Dominion Millers' association was held at Toronto, on Tucsday and Wednesday last, three hundred delegates were prosent. After organization, J. C. Hay, of Listowel, was appointed president. A motion was proposed and adopted, providing that the Government be memoralized to assimilate the duty on flour with the U.S. duty on Canadian flour, and that all flour imported into Canada shall be inspected by a duly authorized flour inspector, and the market value of the flour when inspected shall be the basis of value on which the duty shall be co'lected, and that in event of the United States being willing to wipe out the duty on Canadian wheat and manufactured products thereof, that the duty of American wheat be dealt with in a similar manner. It was proposed to pledge members of the association to support as candidates for Parliament only men who would pledge themselves to help to secure the desires of the asso-After discussion of considerable energy and length the proposal was withdrawn to come up again at the next annual meeting. It was decided to make a special appeal to the farmers of Ontario and Manitoba, to be issued containing the tariff on wheat and flour. The effect of such tariff on millers, the taxation paid in Ontario on coal, lubricating oils, belting, mill machinery, farm implements etc., and

also that paid upon breadstuffs by the lower provinces with a comparison of the rate of population. It was decided to forward copies of the following reso'utlon to all boards of trade and corn exchanges in Ontario and Manitoba. "Be it resolved, That we, the millers of Ontario m convention assembled, do urge upon the members of your board to take such action as will assist us in obtaining justice."

At Tuesday's session the chief items of business transacted were the drafting of a memorial to the Dominion House, praying for the abatement of railroad discrimination and asking for the appointment of an independent commission, such as an interstate railway commission, to settle any disputes over shipment and rate. A combine on milling rates was decided upon. They further decided to tuy all wheat by inspection and certificate as to weight and quality. The secretary was ordered to issue a daily notification sheet containing the export value of all wheats and flours, so that country millers could regulate their prices accordingly.

An Ottawa Telegram on Friday says: Hon. J. J. C. Abbott has been appointed Canadian Commissioner to Australia for the purpose of promoting commercial relations with that country and Canada. He left Montreal to-day for England to pursue his mission. While in England he will put himself in communication with the British Government and representatives in London of the Australian colonies previous to his departure. He will arrive about autumn, in time to attend the international conference on the subject of trade relations between the members of the Australasian group and other points in the empire.

Ir is announced that the proposed transfer railway in Winnipeg will be built at once, by the Winnipeg Transfer Railway Co., the officers of which are: President and manager G. R. Crowe; board of directors, G. R. Crowe, Hon D. H. McMillan, D. E. Sprague, H. Ruttan, W. W. McMillan and Alex. Moffat. The road will be a short one, something over a mile in length, and w I run along the Red river front, through the central part of the city. The object, of course, is to connect the lines of the Canadian Pacific with the Northern Pacific and Manitoba system. The road will materially increase the value of property along the river front, for warehousing and manufacturing purposes.

FORTY years is no mean duration for a bus .ness under one continuous management, and it is something for which any establishment may well be proud, especially when this forty years has been one of continuous advancement and expansion. This has been the case with the great dry goods house of John Macdonald & Co., of Toronto, which is now entering upon its forty-first year of existence. Paul Campbell, a confidential employee of the house, and John Kidston Macdonald, eldest son of John Macdonald, have now been admitted partners in the business, and there is every reason to believe that the house will continue to flourish. A new department has been added, called the "letter order department," a description of the working of which will be found elsewhere in this journal. The Commercial wishes the house continued prosperity.

What Becomes of Old Shoes.

"Old Shoe" merchants never pass an ash can without inspecting for old shoes. If any are found they soon find a hiding place in the capacious bag carried for the purpose. Each day's labor is taken to the home of the "old shoe man" where it is sorted over. Shoes that are not past a few days of usefulness go under the resucitating care of an Italian cobbler. He gives the old shoe a new lease of life by endowing it with a new sole and other repairs. These go to some second-hand shoe store, of which there are a goodly number in this city.

The shoes that are past repair are taken to the old junk dealers, who in turn ship them to the shoddy factories. There they are pulled to pieces in order to remove the steel shank piece, if there be any, and then ground to pieces to a fine dust. This leather dust is then mixed with about forty per cent. of rubber, which has been gathered in the same way. The mixture of rubber and leather dust is spread in sheets about two feet square, and subjected to a pressure of 6,000 to 10,000 pounds per square foot. The substance is then colored, and sold at prices some fifty per cent. below that of leather.

This manufactured leather is used by the manufacturers of cheap shoes, mostly for inner soles. As it is wholly wanting in fibre, it is manifestly a very poor substitute. Shoes with these should inner soles are to be found in large quantities strung on poles and bearing the legend, "All leather, \$1.

The industry of making shoddy shoes has greatly improved. At first straw board was used for inner-sole counters, and sometimes for out-soles by pasting over with a thin veneer of sole leather. Next leather scraps and old shoes were ground up and mixed with the straw paper. This gave a little better substance. Now shoddy contains leather dust and rubber.

—N. Y. Sun.

Lumber Cuttings.

Fire did slight damage in Cameron & Kennedy's lumber yard, at Rat Portage, recently.

The Rat Portage News reports various damage to standing timber from bush fires, throughout the Lake of the Woods district.

The Alberni Saw Mill Co., have ordered the necessary engine and machinery for the mill they are about to establish at Alberni, B. C.

The ship MacDuff, has loaded lumber at the Royal City Mills, Westminster, B C.. She carried away 800,000 feet, and her detination is Liverpool, England.

The new mill at Emerson, Man, which has been idle for some years, has recently been put in operation. The logs come from the Red Lake district of Minnesota and are floated down the Red River to Emerson.

Victoria Custom Receipts.

The duties paid upon goods imported are a sure indication of the increase or decrease of trade. The fiscal year just ended shows that there has been a most satisfactory increase in Victoria's trade, the duties collected being \$797,336.63, as compared with \$761,991.72 for the year previous. It was thought that this year would show a larger increase, but the long

passage of a couple of vessels, and the quantity of goods in bond at present, caused a serious reduction in the duties of June, 1889, as compared with June, 1888. Still the year's showing is most satisfactory, and especially when it it considered that importations from eastern Canada have been steadily increasing, to the exclusion of dutiable goods. The collections for the month just ended are as follows:

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The grand total of 1885 was the result of railway construction then going on within the province. Imports from the United States at that time were also extensive. The trade of the past year has not been augmented by any extraordinary work, but is simply the result of substantial advance in the city and province. — Victoria Colonist.

Grain and Milling.

R. O'Malley, M.P.P., for Lorne, Man., says the crops in his county are looking first-rate, and the farmers expect a good big yield.

Prince Albert Times: The crops through the district are looking splendid, and the shower of rain on Wednesday is making the farmer look very happy.

The amount of wheat in the C. P. R. elevators at Lake Superior on June 6th was 674,019 bushels, the amount shipped during the week S0,099 bushels.

Though it is now conceded that this will be a short crop year in the west, yet even in the districts where the drought has been most severe, there are individual instances of fine crops. The following from the Manitou Mercury is one such case: John Armitage, of this district, has a magnificent crop of about 150 acres, the grain standing over three feet in height, well headed out, and looking strong, vigorous and healthy. Mr. Armitage has had hard luck in the past but this season's crop promises to be a bonanza to him.

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The House has endeavored to keep pace with this development, and may modestly claim to have done its share of making the trade of Canada better known in the markets of the world.

Realizing what the possibilities of the future were, the House as far back as twenty years ago adopted the departmental system, the only true system of successful carrying on a large importing business. A few years later it conceived the idea of sending its departmental buyers to Europe in order that they might personally make their purchases from the leading manufacturers (not merchants, be it noted) of Great Britain and the continent. Later still it resolved to make its purchases in every case where it could obtain an equivalent for cash only. Each purpose, so framed, the House has carried out with manifest advantage, it believes, to all who have entrusted it with any portion of their trade.

Impressed with the difficulties which beset many in visiting the markets and with a view of meeting these a new department called the Letter Order Department was formed, the head of which received the following instructions:

1st. You are to regard yourself as the representative of the customer in the filling of the order. 2nd. You are to select every article from the various departments personally and with the greatest care, that nothing but the best style and the best quality may be sent. 3rd. You are to procure such goods as may not at the moment be in stock. 4th. You are to send prices and patterns when the same are requested. 5th. You are to write fully assigning reasons if in an any case any line from any cause had either to be omitted or substituted. 6th. You are to have the order dispatched with the least possible delay.

Customers Ordering by Letter were Asked--1st. To describe goods wanted as accurately as possible, giving, when practicable, width, shade and price. 2nd. When goods are wanted of particular quality or pattern, to enclose small cutting, remembering, however, that exact style in pattern cannot always be duplicated. In such case the same class of goods as near as possible would be sent. 3rd. To state if goods not in stock should be procured, and 4th. To state whether any change in the mode of conveyance is desired. 5th. In addressing letter to put at top FOR LETTER ORDER DEPARTMENT.

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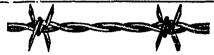
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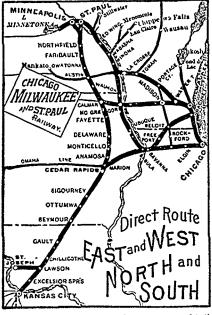
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