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The Commercial certainly enjoys a very much larger circulation among the business community of the vast region lying between Lake Superior and the Pacific coast than any other paper in Canada, daily or weekly. The Commercial also reaches the leading wholesale commission, manufacturing and financial houses of Eastern Canada.

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WINNIPEG, DEC. 13, 1902.

New Quarters.

The business office and editorial rooms of The Commercial have been removed to the Merchants Bank building, Main street.

PURCHASING HOME MANUFACTURES.

The Canadian Preference League has been established with head office in the Freehold Loan building, Toronto. The league has the support of leading business men throughout Canada, who feel that some organized effort should be made to encourage or induce Canadians to give a reasonable preference to home manufactures, in making their purchases. An unreasonable prejudice, which is happily now gradually disappearing, has prevailed to a large extent in this country against home manufactures. In some way the idea became prevalent that it was the proper thing to buy imported goods. In certain lines of wearing apparel, particularly, it has been considered the "correct thing" to buy imported lines, and this foolish preference for foreign goods has been a great hindrance to the establishment of manufacturing in Canada. The Canadian Preference League will seek to remove what remains of this unpatriotic sentiment. The plan to be followed in prosecuting this work will be to secure as many members as possible who will sign the membership card issued by the league. By signing the card the member pledges himself or herself to "give preference, when making purchases, to the products of the country and to Canadian manufactures, when the quality is equal and the cost not in excess of similar foreign products." This, it will be seen is a very reasonable proposition. It does not bind the member to anything unreasonable, but only when the home article is as good as the foreign and will not cost any more. It includes home products as well as manufactures, and thereby will help the farmer and other producers as well as the manufacturer. Ladies are eligible for membership. There is no membership fee. Any one desirous of so doing, can obtain membership cards by applying to the Secretary Canadian Preference League, Toronto. Business men and others who are interested in this work are asked to secure membership cards and circulars explaining

the object of the league, for the purpose of obtaining members. While some may suppose that it will be difficult to accomplish much in this way, it will be recognized that the work done by the league will have an educative influence. While the actual number of members obtained may not be very great, the influence exerted in an educational way may be considerable.

If the principles which the Preference League desire to advance were generally acted upon by Canadians, a wonderful impetus would be given to home industry. While the individual purchases of a few people would not be very great, the amount in the aggregate of a large number would be considerable. If the people generally could be induced to give a reasonable preference to home products and manufactures, such as is set forth in the membership card of the league, the increased consumption of home goods would amount to millions of dollars annually. Such a great stimulus would be given to Canadian trade and industry, which would benefit all classes of people. Producers of raw materials or partly finished articles, as well as manufacturers would be

could complain with reason that Winnipeg had robbed them of the opportunity of selecting the name most suited to their institution. "The Northwest Bank of Canada" would be quite appropriate for a bank having its headquarters at Dawson City, but it is absurd to use it for an institution having its head office in Winnipeg. The vague and indefinite term Northwest probably came into use here on account of its application to the states south of Manitoba and the Territories. The states between Lake Superior and the Pacific Coast are spoken of as the northwestern group of states. This is geographically correct as applied to this portion of the United States, but it is geographically wrong when applied to that portion of Canada bordering on these states. In the latter case the term southwest should be used. Manitoba and the divisions to the west could properly be referred to as the southwestern provinces and territories of Canada. The term northwest as now used is indefinite. It is usually applied to the Territories only, and not to Manitoba or British Columbia. It is a term which will gradually drop out of use, and will probably cease to be used at

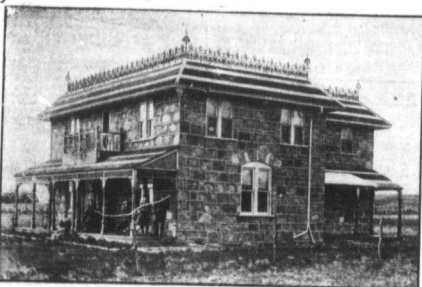
Columbia and Western railway a little over two years ago and the installation of smelters at Greenwood and Grand Forks somewhat later. This district at once took a foremost place in British Columbia. Lode-mining, and now ranching, has become one of the leading and important producers of copper in Canada. Though the country is not rugged, prospecting has been difficult because of the drift which conceals the rocks over a considerable portion of the surface. Eruptive rocks in general, and altered siltstone and metamorphic rocks are met with. The sedimentary rocks of this district are of the area of disjunctive porphyry, while the dykes which traverse the country are of the horribled, biotite granite or diorite porphyry. The ore bodies may roughly be divided into three classes: (1) the large low-grade copper-bearing sulphide deposits; (2) the oxidized copper veins; and (3) the small lead and silver-bearing quartz veins; which are characteristic of the Mother Lode mine, development work so far has been confined to a length of 1,180 feet, an ore body 140 feet, and it is continuous to the west for a distance of 500 feet. The highest point of the vein, and it has been proved for a width of 400 feet. The principal minerals are pyrrhotite, chalcopyrite, and magnetite, with pyritic minerals. Marcasite, arsenopyrite, galena, and stibnite, also occur in smaller quantities. Calcite and quartz are the common gangue minerals. The ore is all rocks except the most recent, and probably belongs to the early Tertiary age. The value of the ore is principally in copper and gold, with accessory silver. In some cases, when occurring alone, and pyrrhotite barren in gold, and the best gold values are said to be obtained in the Mother Lode mine, when the ore contains about 3 per cent. of copper. The ore, as a rule, is of a low grade, lower than was at first hoped. This has been partly counterbalanced by the size of the ore bodies, and their development, and their remarkable adaptability to smelting. The magnetite, quartz and calcite, in the proportion required for roasting is necessary, and the cost of roasting and smelting these ores is exceptionally low. It is generally admitted that many of the properties can only be successfully exploited by doing their own smelting, and for this reason a union of the smaller mines has been suggested. A sample of ore from Greenwood camp, showed a net value of copper \$3.10, gold \$2.40, silver \$0.22, per ton of ore, while at Winnipeg mine values as high as \$30 per ton are reported, but the latter return is exceptional—Imperial Institute Journal.

Great Nile Dam.

Assouan, Egypt, Dec. 10.—The great Nile reservoir and dam were opened to-day in the presence of the King and many other distinguished persons.

Today's ceremonies at Assouan mark the completion of the greatest work ever attempted. As a triumph of engineering the Assouan dam stands perhaps at the head of human achievement, and is 1,600 feet high. It is placed by 180 feet wide, while the water will rise to a few miles up the river. It is intended as a reinforcement of the great dam to resist the force of spring floods and restrain them in a local reservoir capable of storing more than 1,000,000,000 cubic feet of water. The irrigation works supplied by this great reservoir will enable the fertile Nile to bear two crops a year instead of one, and will bring waste districts into tillage, and will greatly increase the area of sugar cultivation. The work of construction was performed by the English firm of John A. Smeaton, and it is estimated that the cost will amount to a little over \$25,000,000.

Returns of the referendum vote in Ontario on the liquor act are: For the act, 154,774; against, 17,774. Majority for the act, 70,252. The total vote is over 200,000 to enforce the act. Over 200,000 votes were required.



Western Farm Homes—Residence of Mr. W. H. Bryce, Percy, Assiniboia.

benefitted, while work for the Canadian people would be greatly increased by reason of the increased consumption of home goods. If really an extensive movement of this nature could be worked up, it would certainly produce wonderfully favorable results. It is a movement which is free from any shadow of party politics, and one in which all Canadians can join without fear, favor or prejudice. The Jamnison, who have made great progress in commerce, industry and civilization during recent years, acted on the principle of purchasing home goods whenever possible, and to this policy is due much of their rapid advancement. Are Canadians less wise than the Japanese?

WHAT'S IN A NAME.

It is said that the new bank which is to be organized, with headquarters at Winnipeg, will be known as the "Northwest Bank of Canada." It is to be hoped that some more sensible and appropriate name than this will be selected. While the name is perhaps not a very vital matter, it is still an important feature, and it would be just as well to have an appropriate as a singularly inappropriate name. Certainly the name is about as inappropriate as one as could be well imagined for a bank having its head office at Winnipeg. The enterprising people of Yukon may some day decide to organize a bank, and in that event they

all after the division of the Territories into provinces, and the opening of new territories to the north of the present organized territories. In view of the probability that the term northwest will soon cease to be used here, this name should not be adopted by an institution which is likely to exist for a long time in the future.

Manitoba is the central province of Canada, taking a line across the Dominion from east to west. Winnipeg is the central city of the country. Taking the country from north to south, Manitoba lies along the southern boundary of the Dominion, and Winnipeg is only 60 miles from the southern boundary. In a country which extends 1,200 or 1,500 miles from north to south, Northwestern Canada, correctly speaking, is composed of the districts of Yukon and Mackenzie. It would seem to be bad taste to perpetuate a name which is a geographical absurdity, by applying it to business institutions and other organizations, especially in view of the apparent fact that sooner or later the term or name will be dropped, so far as its present use is concerned, as applied to this portion of Canada.

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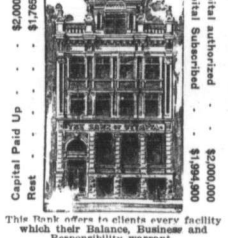
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Immigration Returns.

The immigration returns for the month of November, compiled by the department, show the number of immigrants to come into Canada through the Northwest ports, from all parts of the world, to be 5,254. The ports of entry and the numbers attributed to them are as follows: Winnipeg, 2,325; Portia, 4,090; Emerson, 292, and Couita, 21. The following classifications are afforded: Males, 3,091; females, 1,363; adult, 4,064, and children under 12 years, 1,190.

The nationalities represented by these and their respective numbers are: Germans, 1,199; Americans, 593; Norwegians, 20; Canadians, 67; English, 303; Swedes, 33; rest of Canadians, 30; Ruthenians, 21; Scotch, 202; Irish, 139; Hungarians, 20; Finns, 91; Danes, 45; Icelanders, 40; Hebrews, 27; Italians, 27; French, 20; Rousians, 30; Polish, 14; Austrians, 13; Welsh, 12; Slavonians, 9; Bohemians, 8; Belgians, 7; Syrians, 5; Bulgarians, 4; Swiss, 3; Roumanians, 3; Portuguese, 2; Scotch, 2; Dutch, 1; Greek, 1.

Their Occupations.

The occupations of these settlers are represented to be: Farmers, 2,432; laborers, 251; clerks and tradesmen, 165; mechanics, 135; miners, 27; domestic servants, 20; not classified, 2,530.

The declared destinations of the newcomers are given: To Manitoba, 1,463; to the Territories, 2,325; to British Columbia, 278; to Ontario, 164, and the remainder, classified as tourists, 225.

Manitoba Live Stock Interests.

Geo. H. Greig, secretary of the live stock association, has opened permanent offices in the new Merchants' Bank block, Winnipeg. At the recent meeting of the executive of the association in Winnipeg, Dominion Live Stock Commissioner Hodson was present and addressed the executives, outlining the work his department was doing in other provinces for the encouragement of the live stock industry through the local live stock associations, the farmers institutes and agricultural fairs. Reference was made to the impetus given the live stock interests of Ontario by the department of the winter fair at Guelph, and the work now being done in the maritime provinces through the work of the local live stock associa-

tions, and the winter fair located at Amherst, N. S. Emphasis was placed on the importance of having local men trained for institute work, and excitement stock judges, and an abort course was inaugurated on similar lines as in stock judging at the annual conventions held last February in Winnipeg, was strongly recommended as the most important work to be undertaken at the present time.

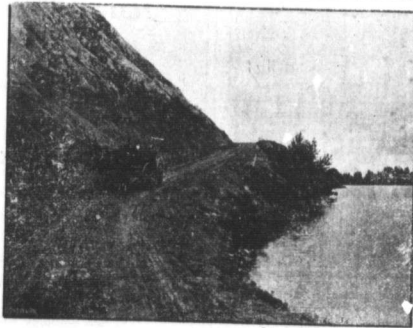
Mr. Hodson also briefly outlined the

speakers for the annual meetings and assist in other ways.

The respective committees, after full discussion, endorsed the proposition made by the commissioner, each association agreeing to contribute towards a permanent office and voting a substantial increase in the salary of the secretary, George H. Greig.

It was also decided to make a short course in stock judging the chief feature of the annual winter conventions, which will probably be held in Febru-

greatly increased demand for wood fuel throughout the part of Canada where that class of coal has been largely used. Canada is still largely a wood-burning country. There is scarcely any part of the country where wood cannot be obtained, and it is a home product. The burning of wood fuel gives employment to Canadian labor. Indeed, the cutting, hauling and marketing of cordwood is one of the principal sources of employment, particularly in the winter season. Even in Manitoba, which is often called the prairie province, a large force of men are engaged every winter in the woods cutting cordwood. This winter probably more work of this nature than usual will be done. There are large forest areas in northern and eastern Manitoba which will give an ample supply of wood fuel for many years to come, thus providing work for our people during the winter season, at a time when many other kinds of work have to be suspended. The consumption of wood fuel keeps money in the country, provides work for the laborer and makes business for our home producers and traders. The forest is a great source of wealth to our country, and not the least of its value is the fuel which is provided. Money spent for coal is sent away to benefit mainly the Pennsylvania producer, while every cord of wood purchased increases the circulation of money right at home.



Scene Near Calgary, Alberta, Mission Hill.

Reports from Yorkton state that the Doughboer pilgrims are quiet, and some are settling down to their usual avocations.

Regulations have been drawn up by the immigration department for the guidance of the medical superintendents for the deportation of immigrants suffering from loathsome, infectious or dangerous diseases.

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ary, after the bonspiel. In this connection, and in view of the popularity held by the associations last winter, it was felt that this work could profitably be extended for a week or even longer, provided competent lecturers could be secured.

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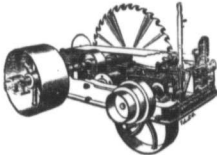
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The demand for fine domestic woollens for men's and women's wear continues active. Leading dealers in these goods, who speak from a large experience in the sale of them, declare that they sell more readily to-day than ever before, and assign as the reason the fact that Canadian dress goods show the best value in the world when compared with similar goods made in any other country. The proof of the pudding, they say, is in the eating, and that their experience of the past three years warrants the soundness of this statement. Owing to the advance in price of cross-bred wools some lines of Canadian fine woollen goods have been advanced 10 to 20 per cent. this week. New lists have been issued, quoting the advance. The goods in many cases were difficult to secure promptly before the advance, and it is not likely now that even those who are willing to pay the higher prices will be able to get them as quickly as they desire. In the face of such a condition the folly of jobbing any goods in hand is emphasized by dealers who declare that any stocks left over will be available for the spring trade, as the goods will then be wanted, and that goods sold now will have to be replaced at higher prices paid for them almost immediately.—Toronto Globe.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

Zibelines in lighter weight cloths and smoother finish are good for spring. Heavy weights are expected to be in short supply.

The retail demand for heavy weight underwear is active in the west. The west and northwest have been steadily improving the grade of underwear purchased.

Prices for fleeced underwear for the fall of 1903 will soon be made by United States factories. It is expected that they will not be greater than the old list by over 5 per cent. Something depends upon the cotton market.

United States mills are refusing to take farther orders on the best selling lines of boys' clothing at old prices. They ask advances of from 5 to 8 per cent. The fashionable colors and mixtures for next spring are principally dark, which is in marked contrast to the trade last spring, when light colors ruled.

Spring dress goods styles are now receiving attention. Plain styles have so far met with most demand. Home-spuns, friezes, and broadcloths are the favorites of the coming season, including weaves of burlap and hop-nock, vicinias and basketweaves in rich, worsted fabrics in plain and mixtures are being well taken. Line stripes are also apparently well thought of by the trade. In weaves like these, principally blacks and blues are being sold, though they are shown also in other colors, sales of which will come later on.

Grocery Trade Notes.

All grades of refined sugar are advanced 10 points at New York on Tuesday.

D. S. Ferrin & Co., London, Ont., manufacturers of confectionery, etc., will erect a three-story brick addition, 250 x 30 feet, to their factory.

able advices from Sicily quote that market as stronger on Sicily shelled almonds. There is also a stronger selling note in advices from Bordeaux on shelled walnuts.

All Canadian refineries but one reduced the price of sugar 10c per cwt. last week to the great surprise of the trade. At the same time New York refiners advanced their prices 10c.

The present Brazil crop of coffee, it is argued, will reach between 11,000,000 and 12,000,000 bags, and the price purchased on the market, favorable to the purchaser, is the favorite of the trade. It is expected that the crop news now being received, will be even larger.

A New York dealer says of importations of Valencia layer raisins: "Canada has been in the market again during the week, and has taken the bulk of the available raisins in this market. Higher prices seem to be inevitable, in view of the fact that little or nothing has been purchased in the primary market, owing to the practical exhaustion of supplies. Malaga fruit has been in demand, and with stocks not large, it seems probable that the mar-

ket will be practically cleared by the demand for Christmas holidays."

Hills Bros. say of currants: "The market in Greece continues very firm, principally on account of the heavy buying by Germany, which country absorbs considerable quantities at a low range of prices, and present values are sufficiently low to create a large consumption in that quarter. The English markets recently have been quite slow firm owing to the pressure of one or two holders to realize. The decline, however, has not been any moment. Holders in general in that quarter express every confidence in the article at the present oasis of values."

Hardware Trade Notes.

White zinc, in casks, advanced 25c last week in the east.

Zinc sheet has declined $\frac{1}{2}$ at Pittsburgh because of a reduction in spelter.

Limeoil oil declined 2c per gallon at Toronto last week. Turpentine went down $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

There has been a reduction of 5 per cent. in the price of steel squares in the United States.

The annual capacity of Canadian works for the production of Portiano cement is estimated at 2,500,000 barrels per year, but it is thought that the actual annual production will not average more than 1,500,000 barrels.

Canadian makers of stoves welcomed the mild weather which accompanied the opening month of the winter most heartily as it gave them a respite in regard to overdue orders. Factories have all been over-worked and the mild weather gave them a chance to catch up.

The Clergue steel rails mill at Sault Ste. Marie is shut down for want of orders. The management complains that German competition is taking away business which this mill should get. These German rails are being laid down in Canada for less than the cost of Canadian rails at the Sault mill. It is claimed that \$5,000,000 is annually spent by Canada for German rails.

The Pittsburg iron market is quiet, but there is better feeling. There is a larger inquiry for prompt steel than can be supplied, and prices have gone up to about \$50. Pittsburg, for December Bessemer billets. In the open market there is a shortage of about 50,000 and 60,000 tons of various grades, representing scrap which dealers have sold on contract to consumers.

Implement Trade Notes.

Sleighs, cutters, feed grinders and feed cutters, are in good demand this winter, and some in the trade report their business better than ever before.

United States implements manufacturers report a large number of orders for spring and summer lines, and they are well pleased with result of their canvass so far.

The Molins Flour company, of Molins, Ill., has increased its capital stock by \$800,000 to a total of \$3,200,000. Officials of the company say that the additional stock is issued in order to cover the growing value of the plant and the increase in the output.

Satisfactory Christmas Trade.

A few weeks ago The Commercial devoted some space to the stock of toys and Christmas goods which was then in the hands of the warehouse of McAllister & Watts, in this city. This week another visit was paid to that warehouse only to find that practically everything they had of this character has been sold. By Christmas there will not be anything remaining of the stock, which must be very gratifying to the management. This is the first time that McAllister & Watts have carried holiday lines, their attention having heretofore been devoted exclusively to staples.

In Chicago Pennsylvania anthracite is selling at eight and a half per ton for chestnut and spring sizes.

Elias Rogers has returned to Toronto from British Columbia, where he has been making arrangements for the extensions to the Crow's Nest Pass company's mines. By the spring Mr. Rogers says the mine will have a daily output of 5,000 tons, compared with the present output of 2,000 tons, and 600 tons of coke.

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Mat-Mats: Always the standard! Specially prepared from A1 Chicago door mats ground up by a new process. It cleans out the system! It cures red, white and blue corpuscles to the blood while you wait! Put up in pound packages for thirteen cents or ten for fifteen cents. Eaten with a funnel. Buy our special funnels, shaped to fit the oesophagus.

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Two large parties of surveyors have arrived at Saskatoon, and are making preparations for a winter on the prairie. They are said to be the advance guard of Canadian Pacific Railway engineers making a preliminary survey for the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which will be an extension of the Kirkella branch, passing on an almost air line through Saskatoon to Battleford.

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MANITOBA.

H. Woolf is opening a butcher shop at Melita.
 Mr. Garrett is opening a general store at Mowbray.
 Taylor & Roberts have opened a restaurant business at Portage la Prairie.
 F. H. Hole has disposed of his livery and feed stable at Minnedosa to McClellan & English.

Winnipeg Bros., general merchants, (districte, are now in occupation of a new store at the top floor of the grain exchange near the windmill.
 Lock Bros., wholesale fruit and produce merchants, Winnipeg, have purchased a site for a warehouse on Baker street east. Building will commence in the spring.
 Williams Bros., implement warehouse at Gladstone was burned on the 21st inst. The loss includes a quantity of machinery and vehicles. Covered by insurance.

Hearing commenced on Thursday of the case of J. G. Garre, of Winnipeg, who is charged by G. A. Murray, provincial dairy commissioner, with selling diseased statements concerning him.
 McClellan & English have enlarged their store at Virden by renting the adjoining store and adding archways, thus securing increased space. Their business is one of the largest in the province.

Notice is given of application by Albert and others of Iowa, U. S. A., for incorporation as the Northwest Land and Investment Company, in the province of Manitoba. The capital stock of the company is \$50,000.
 The Manitoba Cement Company make the announcement that it will at once commence a railway from Morden direct to its cement deposit at the point where the Pembina and the international boundary lines intersect.

Notice is given that application will be made by John Clayton, of Minnesota; Jas. C. Simpson, of Virden; W. H. Walker, of Wm. Blackwood and others, to incorporate as the Winnipeg Flour Works, Ltd., with a capital of \$100,000.
 A company has been organized at Winnipeg, by John Clayton, of Minnesota, for the purpose of engaging in the manufacture of plows and other farm implements. A charter has already been applied for, and when granted started the industry will employ fifty men.

W. R. MacInnes, assistant traffic manager of the C. P. R., has been promoted to the position of assistant fourth vice-president of the road, and his headquarters will be in Montreal in the future. Mr. MacInnes left Thursday afternoon for Montreal, and he will assume his new duties on Friday.
 E. W. Waggoner, general merchant, Eden, whose buildings were burned on the ground last month, has now purchased supplies for his new store.
 Mr. Waggoner's loss was in the neighborhood of \$100,000. The fire insurance. The farmers in his district showed practical sympathy, by sending him a hard hat worth \$10.

The Winnipeg and St. Andrew's Rapids Co., an organization which is expected to operate among other enterprises, a line of electric cars northward from Winnipeg, has been making application to the council of the municipality of Kildonan for running rights on the highways. This application has not yet been received.
 Plans for a power and light plant installed at Rapid City are now in the hands of the contractors, and the work will be started soon. The motor power for the plant will be derived from the Ottawa river, and the dam will be put in. The company is now the Rapid City Power, Light and Woolen Manufacturing Co.

The warehouse of the United Fruit Company in a very busy season just at present. The Christmas sale is commencing, and is taking up a large part of the business. The warehouse is full of fruit, including a both green and dried fruits, cigars, and other articles. The manager says their trade so far has been highly satisfactory.
 Five stocks—namely, the Canadian, the Montreal, the Winnipeg, the St. Paul and the St. Louis—have been going considerably lower than last year.

share of attention from the railways in the matter of fuel practically on a Tuesday there was successfully, and to be had at the rate of a dollar per ton of prominent people waited upon by the railway officials there and asked for immediate attention to the matter, with the result that supplies sufficient for immediate needs were rushed in.

ASSINIBOIA.

McKinnon & Co., have opened a general store at Weyburn.
 This year there were entered at the McKinnon & Co. stock of 4,244 head of horses and 1,095 head of cattle, coming from the United States.
 The Canadian has purchased the hardware business at Weyburn. T. Tucker is remaining in Weyburn and will devote his time to his implementing trade.

The partnership existing between H and J. R. Green, implement dealers, and the business will in future be conducted by H. Green. J. R. Green has entered into partnership with Mr. Knudsen, of Minneapolis, under the firm name of Knudsen, Gay Land and Investment Company.

ALBERTA.

A. Archibald is entering a drug store at Edmonton.
 The Merchants Bank has opened a branch at Leduc with M. J. Manning in charge.

SASKATCHEWAN.

There was a serious fire at Prince Albert on Saturday last, on the main street of the town. Four houses were burned. The victims were: H. H. McClellan, baker; D. Lacerte, general goods; J. C. Garland, confectionery; and H. Skilton, flour and feed. A large building was pulled down to stop further damage. The fire originated from the N. W. M. P. barracks assisted in extinguishing the flames. The total loss is about \$100,000. The Phoenix and Union companies.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

John McTague has opened a general store at Sourthern, near Port William.
 On Sunday last the steamer I. W. Nicholas arrived at Port William, with 4,500 tons of hard coal, consigned to Messrs. Hammond & Nanton, of Winnipeg.

On Sunday night last fire broke out in the C. R. dock at Port William, which adjoins the new elevator now there were two that the elevator would be burned. The fire was eventually controlled with only the damage to the dock.
 The town of Port Arthur will apply at the next session of the legislature for an act to consolidate the floating debt of the town. This debt amounts to something over \$25,000, and was contracted by the purchase of a chemical fire engine, new street cars, parks and public lands.

Prices a Year Ago.

- Following were Winnipeg prices this date last year:
- Wheat—No. 1 hard wheat closed at 7c in store Flour William.
- Flour—Jobbing price per sack: Patent, \$2.25; extra, \$2.10; standard, \$2.00; Minnesota—Patent, \$1.80 per ton; shorts, \$1.75.
- Barley—Malting grades, 38 to 40c; feed grades, 34 to 36c.
- Oats—Common on track, No. 2 white, 46c per bushel.
- Flax—\$1.18 per bushel at country points.
- Butter—Daily, 14 to 17c per pound, consistent; base for Port William, 21c at factory.
- Cheese—12c per pound to the retail trade.
- Eggs—24 to 27c net for candled.
- Pork—Bacon—Farmers' loads, 30c per bushel.
- Dressed Meats—Beef, 60c for city weight; mutton, 55c for these figures; veal, 60c; mutton, 70c; lamb, 8c; pork, 74c.
- Poultry—Dressed chickens, 85c per pound; ducks, 6c per pound; turkeys, 11c per pound.
- Hides—No. 1 hides, 65c; frozen stock, 60c less two 3's.
- Wool—Nominal.
- Grain—Barley—\$1.45.
- Baled Hay—\$1.47 to \$1.49 per ton on cars.
- Live Stock—Cattle—\$1.00 per stocker, yearlings, \$1.10 to \$1.15 per head; sheep, 8c; hogs, 9c; packers' prices.

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Delivery of the Life Insurance Policy.

The fact that a life insurance policy is found among papers of a deceased person does not necessarily imply that the life insurance company must pay. One, Giguere, in the Province of Quebec, received a policy from the Mutual Life Insurance Company of Canada, and upon his death the representative of the company, the Judge, at the trial, allowed no paid evidence to be given to show that the first premium had not been paid, but that the policy had been left with deceased for a few days for examination, and according to that effect, with the Company's agent. In the meantime the death occurred, and the policy was found among deceased's papers. The Judge, at the trial, found for the plaintiff, and now the Canadian Supreme court has upheld the company's position. The Supreme is of the opinion that ordinarily the production from custody of the representative of the insured, raises a presumption that it was duly delivered, and the premium paid. Where, however, the consideration of the policy declared to the payment of the first premium, and the delivery of the policy, parol testimony may be adduced to show that, as a matter of fact, the premium was not paid, and that the delivery of the policy was only provisional and conditional. The reception of parol testimony is not consistent with the admission of verbal evidence to contradict a written instrument. The province of Quebec has such evidence is admissible in commercial cases. (Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada v. Giguere, 32 C. R. 248.)

Insurance Notes.

The Imperial Life Insurance Company is favoring its friends with handsome calendars for 1903. Mr. W. J. Giguere, the Winnipeg agent, has already distributed his share. The pictorial part of the calendar shows British Columbia and her colonial empire shaking hands across the world.

Illustrating the growing prosperity of the country, President Roosevelt said in his message: "The insurance companies which are usually members of men of moderate means, represent a large and important class among the largest in this country. This calls attention to the fact that the assets of the largest life insurance company in the world, the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York, are now over \$252,000,000. This figure includes the combined surplus of the national banks in the United States. This fund is the property of the policyholders."

Tenders.

The Winnipeg school board wants tenders for packing 800 cords of saw timber and 100 cords of spruce. Sealed tenders addressed to the provincial dairy commissioner, Winnipeg, will be received until Monday, on the 20th of December, for supplying 1,000 pounds of milk per day for six days of each week, beginning on January 7th, 1903, and continuing until March 27th, 1903.

Beans have declined 10c to 15c in New York owing to imports from Europe understanding the home grown article.

According to the returns of the Montreal Produce Exchange, the stocks of butter in Montreal on December 1, were 70,563 packages of which 61,418 packages were creamery, and 9,145 packages dairy. This is considerably more than was expected. A cable from Copenhagen, Denmark, on Dec. 8, said: "The widespread suffering here resulting from industrial stagnation and commercial depression has been intensified by the unusual severity of the winter, which set in a month earlier than usual. But the operations were largely abandoned, increasing the number of persons unemployed and seriously curtailing the resources of the charity organizations."

Winnipeg Bank Clearings.

Returns for the Winnipeg clearing house for the week ending Thursday, show as follows: Clearings, approximately: Week ending Dec. 11, 1902.....\$5,438,000
 Corresponding week, 1901.....4,829,380
 Corresponding week, 1900.....2,701,614

Financial Notes.

The Bank of Montreal opened a new branch at Collingwood, Ont. Last week under the management of E. J. Freer.
 The Bank of Nova Scotia has plans out for a new building in Toronto. It is said, will be one of the finest banking premises in Canada.

At Montreal on Wednesday last, the Bank of Ottawa advanced its rate for call loans to 7 per cent, which is the highest rate for call money known for many years past. The other city banks did not advance their rate on call beyond 6 per cent.

There is a very general demand for stocks for investment purposes. Investors in the principal centres have been receiving information from the city. Standard stocks, municipal bonds, and farm mortgage loans in specified territory are sought after, besides legitimate miscellaneous investments of all kinds.

It is understood that an order has recently been issued by the management of the Bank of Commerce, restricting matrimony amongst their clerks until they are earning a salary of \$1,000 per annum. This figure is not quite so prohibitory as the Bank of Montreal, whose clerks are required to have a salary of \$1,500 yearly before they will be permitted to marry.

The directors of the Crow's Nest Coal company, after consulting the shareholders a circular announcing terms of the new issue of stock. There will be issued \$1,000,000 in new stock to shareholders of record of November 19. The shares are of a par value of \$25, and will be issued at a price of \$25, from which will be realized \$2,500,000, to be used for development and improvements. This new issue of stock will be a capital stock issued up to \$3,500,000.

A wire from Toronto on Tuesday said: "The remarkable development of business in the West has caused several leading banks to turn their policy of establishing separate executive boards to deal with matters arising out of western investments and business generally in the West. The Imperial bank is now considering the advisability of establishing such a board, with headquarters in Winnipeg. The directors of the bank have been, it is said, looking over the ground for some time, and they may follow up the policy proposed by most of the banks extending its branches in the West and giving that country a governing institution of its own. Several possibilities are also said to be considering the same plan."

Clark Bros. & Co., Winnipeg, are showing a large quantity of birch pipes, which they have recently received. They are showing a good demand for them so far.

The new Manitoba Cement Company is about to commence its preliminary work in connection with the erection of its mills, and to carry out the surveying and laying out of a line of railway from Horden south to the depot at Port Arthur, near the river, at the point where the Pembina river crosses the boundary line.

The C. P. R. will have fourteen tourists in Montreal for the next week to accommodate the large number of Manitobans who are taking advantage of the reduced excursion rates to visit their eastern friends and relatives. The rate for the round trip has been reduced to \$10. The cars, which are equipped with sleeping berths, will leave Estevan, their home port, on Dec. 11, for Brandon, two from Minnola, three from Minto, and one from Portage la Prairie. This points, and one from each city each day. Already the number of passengers travelling east has amounted to a very large figure.

ity: There is nothing doing in stock-

SHEEP—Worth 3½¢ per pound or cash here. Lambs, 4¼ to 4½¢.
HOGS—The market is well stocked at 90¢ per pound for hogs weighing from 100 to 250 lbs. Heavies and light weights are worth ¾ to 1¢ less, all off cash here.

MILK COWS—Prices are firm at 130 to 140 cents according to quality.
HORSES—There is some demand of teams to go to the bush, and general business for horses are also noted.

B. C. Fruit Trade.

In conversation with a Vancouver News-Printer reporter, Superintendent Kirby, of the Dominion Express Co., Vancouver, remarked that in British Columbia, and the Northwest, British Columbia fruit growers had an almost unlimited market for their products, especially small fruits. As they express berries and similar fruits could be shipped to Calgary, Medicine Hat, Regina and Brandon without either refrigerator or specially ventilated cars. With properly ventilated cars and carefully packed and numbered to land fresh berries in first class condition as far east as Hat Portage. It would be no more than picking and sorting of fruit, good packing and market for advertising, secure that the fruit is of the highest quality. During the past summer 41,000 bushels of strawberries and 27,000 bushels of raspberries were shipped from British Columbia, as against 140,000 bushels shipped to Manitoba last year. This business was done, notwithstanding a partial failure of the strawberry crop. Next year, Mr. Kirby predicts an increase of from 25 to 50 per cent in these shipments, if the growers are favored with a good average crop. As an indication of the growth of the export of small fruit from British Columbia, Mr. Kirby supplied the reporter with a statement of the shipments per the Dominion Express Company, since 1897, being as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Packages, Pounds. 1897: 1,000 packages, 160,000 lbs. 1898: 2,000 packages, 320,000 lbs. 1899: 3,000 packages, 480,000 lbs. 1900: 4,500 packages, 720,000 lbs. 1901: 6,000 packages, 960,000 lbs. 1902: 8,000 packages, 1,280,000 lbs. 1903: 10,000 packages, 1,600,000 lbs.

In addition to these shipments there were loads of fruit sent by freight from British Columbia to the Northwest. The shipments of fruit shipped via the Dominion Express Company is mostly berries, grapes, peaches, etc., the largest shipments including some 12,000 crates of strawberries, as against 4,000 crates last year, and 2,127 pounds of peaches, as against 13,800 pounds in 1901. The increase in the exports of all which come from the Okanagan Valley, is very marked, and indicates that the cultivation of this fruit in the British Columbia dry belt is largely on the increase. In 1900 only 3,000 pounds of peaches were exported, against 25,800 pounds last year, and 68,127 pounds this year. As the fruit lands of this section come under cultivation, Mr. Kirby predicts that not only will British Columbia compete with the Manitoba market, but that it will invade Ontario itself, and compete with the growers there in their own cities.

Grain Standards Board.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin publishes an item referring to the abolition of the grain standards board by the Dominion government. Nothing has been heard in Winnipeg of the board of the grain board, and it is presumed here that the Montreal news has confounded that board with the board of flour and meal examiners, which was recently abolished. So far as the West is concerned, the abolition of either or both of these boards will not cause any difference or inconvenience to the trade, and their loss will not be seriously felt.

Judgment was delivered in the Exchequer court at Ottawa, on Friday, Oct. 1, in the Dominion Iron and Steel Manufacturers' claim against the federal government for the full amount \$196,000. The company uses the product of their blast furnaces, while in the United States for the manufacture of steel. The point at issue was whether the company was entitled to the government bounty given for the manufacture of steel from pig iron.

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B. C. Business Review.

Vancouver, Dec. 8. Although British Columbia has but two export mills of importance, Vancouver, and the Chemunax, at Chemunax, they have shipped this year 56,000 tons of lumber, from all parts of the world. British Columbia benefiting to the extent of \$1,000,000. The lumber business continues to be very active; new mills are constantly being started, and good cedar limits are continually being added to the depletion is due to a great extent to the depletion in the Canadian Northwest. Locally wholesalers and retailers are actively preparing for the Christmas trade.

Prices at Vancouver.

Special to The Commercial. Vancouver, Dec. 13. The flour and grain markets are steady. American companies are cutting prices of cured meats. Sugars are ¼¢ higher. FEED—National Mills, 35¢; per ton, bran, 23½¢; shorts, 25¢; of cake meal, 29¢ per 100 lbs. OATS—Local, 22½¢; including duty, paid on imported stuff. WHEAT—Local, best, 80¢ per ton.

OATS—22½¢ per ton. FLOUR—Manitoba patent, per barrel, 14½¢; strong bakers', 14½¢; Enderby patent, 14½¢. HAY—Fraser River, 100¢, new 112; standard, 107½¢. MEAL—Rolled oats, 10½¢ sack, 60¢; two 6½¢ sacks, 25.10; four 2½½¢ sacks, 25.25; ten 10½¢ sacks, 25.25; oatmeal 10½¢ sack, per 100lb. 25.25; 10 6½¢ sacks, 25.25 per 100lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, 65.00 per 100lb; sheep, 64.75 per 100lb; hogs, 56.50 per 100lb.

POULTRY—None. DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 5¢; mutton, 100/105¢; pork, 60/65¢; veal, 10/11½¢. CURED MEATS—Hams, 13½¢; bacon, 18¢; long sausage, 12¢; 100¢; 100¢. LARD—15½¢, 13½¢, 13½¢; tubs, 16¢. BUTTER—Local creamery, 56/60¢; Manitoba creamery, 22/25¢; 56/60¢; dairy, 56/60¢. EGGS—Fresh local, 56¢; Ontario, 24/30¢.

CHEESE—Ontario cheddar, 16¢. VEGETABLES—Potatoes, local, 30/40¢ per ton; Asiatic, 30¢ per ton. 25/30¢ per ton. FISH—Flourders, 62¢; salmon, 5¢; sea bass, 4¢; whiting, 5¢; soles, 5¢; halibut, 10¢; cod, 10¢; haddock, 10¢; crabs, 60¢ per dozen; smoked salmon, 16¢; smoked halibut, 16¢ per lb. GREEN FRUIT—Lemons, \$2,000/4.00; oranges, \$3,000/4.00; pears, 50¢/1.00; 55¢/1.00; Japanese oranges, 30/60¢. SIGARS—Powdered, 4¢; long and bar, 5¢; Paris lump, 5¢; granulated, 4½¢; extra C, 4½¢; Y, 4½¢. STRYPS—30 gal. barrels, 2½¢ lb.; 18 gal. kegs, 2½¢; 5 gal. tins, 17.5¢ each; 1 gal. tin, 4.50; case of 19; 1 gal. tin, 8.25 each of 20.

HARDWARE—Bar iron, base, 65¢; horse shoe nails, discount 50¢ and 19¢ per cent; white lead, 75¢; 5½¢; nails, base price, 11¢; 11¢; 11¢; 11¢. Manila, 18¢; wire, 18¢; putty, 45¢; 20¢; barbed wire, 10¢; 10¢; 10¢; glass, first break, 15¢ per 100 feet.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

British Columbia Business Notes.

Knowlald & Hodgson, hardware merchants, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership with R. Hodgson, and taken over the business and has formed a new partnership with Wm. Stearman.

At the Revelote customs office the amounts collected for November were \$1,180,04 for customs and 302,234 for inland revenue. The inland revenue for the first five months of the financial year was \$1,220,000 of the total inland revenue collected for the whole of last year.

Following is the Inland Revenue returns for Victoria dividing for the month of November: Spirits, \$10,266.-85; malt, 31,824.-40; tobacco, 31,730.-40; cigars, 18,290.-40; cigar license, 875.-00; total, 144,997.-25.

The Chinese merchants of Vancouver have purchased a site on which a three-story building will be erected to be used as the home of a club which they are organizing among themselves. In addition to its social features this enterprise also includes the establishment of a school for the

education of Chinese children in their own language and subjects.

The following figures show the volume of business done by His Majesty's customs for the port of Victoria during the month of November: Imports, \$75,415.87; exports, dutiable, \$181,121; total, \$256,536.87; exports, domestic cargo, \$120,778; total, \$132,756.87; total trade, \$501,896.87; Chinese tax, \$19,875; sundry, \$75,979; total, \$38,569.

The Cascade Power Company, which has developed 3,000 horse power on Kettle River at Cascade, 12 miles east of Grand Falls, began by supplying power to Great Falls smelter on Dec. 3. The electrical power is transmitted over a pole line. Later electricity will be supplied to the Showshaw and Granby mines at Phoenix for the purpose of running air drills and operating hoists and ore crushers.

The following certificates of incorporation have been granted in British Columbia: Otter Creek Hydraulic Company, Limited, capital \$100,000; Consolidated Kingston Gold Mining Company, Limited; capital \$100,000; Christina Lake Lumber Company, Limited; capital \$20,000; Victoria Logging Company, Limited; capital \$20,000.

Vancouver customs returns for the month of November of the present year show an increase in the revenue of \$16,731.58 as compared with the receipts of November, 1901. Total receipts for November, 1902, \$192,850.69; total for November, 1901, \$85,984.82. The statistics in detail are as follows: Imports, free, \$43,888; bonded, \$476,821. Exports, domestic, \$246,444; foreign, \$6,684; total, \$253,078. Re-exports, duty, \$57,436.91; other revenue, \$15,199.09.

Action was commenced at Victoria on the 4th inst. by the Packers Association, owners of the ship Santa Clara, against S. A. Spencer and the tug Mystic for \$25,000 on account of the stranding of the ship on Trial Island, on Dec. 25 last year, when she dragged her anchors during a gale. The ship was 150 yards from Trial Is-

land when the tug took hold and stranded after lifting her anchor. The plaintiffs claim that the tug was not powerful enough to hold the ship.

On Tuesday morning New Westminster suffered from a fire, the worst the city has known since 1858. The large three-story block at Columbia and MacKenzie streets going up in smoke. The owner of the building is Major Dupont, of Victoria, while R. F. Anderson's hardware store, H. C. Kicker's hardware business, the Standard Furniture Co.'s stock, the Laverpool Arms hotel and Brown's restaurant are total losses. The various stocks destroyed were worth \$150,000, while \$300,000 will have to be paid to the owners of the building. R. F. Anderson had a close escape from ruin. His insurance expired at noon on Tuesday, but his stock had all been destroyed before that hour.

The Weather.

Seasonable weather has prevailed this week. The temperature seemed inclined to work down pretty low at the beginning of the week, and Monday was a fairly cold day, but the rest of the week was not severe for the time of year. Good sleighing prevailed.

The loss of the steamer Sylvanus J. Macy, of Port Burwell, on the north shore of Lake Erie, and the presumed drowning of all on board, is the latest and most terrible of the Great Lake disasters for 1902. Since the first of August seven vessels have been lost on the lakes. Up to the time of the sinking of the Macy, thirteen persons had perished in lake shipwrecks this season. Fifteen additional persons were lost with the Macy. The total loss to property since August 1 by the sinking, burning or casting away of lake craft has been nearly half a million.

According to official reports of the Montreal Produce Exchange Association, the quantity of cheese in Montreal on December 1 was 182,000 boxes, and outside of Montreal 120,000 boxes. It is said by well posted men in the trade that there were not over 300,000 boxes in all Canada on December 1st.

Advertisement for Eastlake Shingles. Title: Eastlake Shingles Are Popular. Text: Because they can't leak—won't burn—prevent lightning striking the building—don't cost much and are wonderfully durable. Either Galvanized or Painted. The best shingles made for all farm buildings. Reliable goods. Sure to satisfy. Made by the Metallic Roofing Company of Toronto. Sold in Winnipeg by MERRICK, ANDERSON & CO. Bannatyne Avenue. We carry full stock of medium Shingles and Siding.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

W. H. McGUIRE.

On Saturday afternoon last Winnipeg died, by death, one of its most genial and enterprising business men...

T. B. Baker.

Death deprived Winnipeg of one of its most prominent grain men on Sunday morning last, when Thos. B. Baker, president of the Western Elevator company, passed away at an early hour in the morning...

A. Vass.

On Saturday last there passed away in Winnipeg one of the men who, in any way, had been most intimately connected with the financial business of this city for the past twenty years...

Raw Furs.

The McMillan Fur & Wool Co., in their last circular, say of furs: The receipts, except of muskrat, have been comparatively light...

ping most other furs. The high water over many sections of the Northwest and Canada has been favorable for muskrat breeding. A great many have been caught that have not reached the market, and many more will be trapped the next month or two...

W. H. McGUIRE.

was completely sold out. These coats are in the hands of retailers, and will require cold weather to be sold to the consumer. The Northwest is cold and it furnishes the great consuming market of the country...

Opossum sold at the highest prices ever known last season, and the lower prices of skunk are likely to adhere. Prices are lower than last year, but they always can be sold to good advantage in the Northwest...

Bank of Ottawa.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—The annual meeting of the bank was held this week. Charles Magee, who retired from the presidency of the Bank of Ottawa, had held the office since 1892...

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

During the week ending Dec. 7 there were inspected at Winnipeg 6,717 cars of grain, comprising the following: Wheat—No. 1 hard, 620 cars; No. 1 northern, 536 cars; No. 3 northern, 222 cars; No. 3 northern, 192 cars...

T. B. BAKER.

222 cars; No. 3 northern, 192 cars; No. 4, 47 cars; rejected, No. 1, 8 cars; No. 2, 9 cars; making a total of 1,536 cars. Oats—No. 1 white, 18 cars; No. 2 white, 9 cars; No. 3 white, 1 car; total, 28 cars. Barley—No. 3 extra, 4 cars; No. 3, 4 cars; feed, 1 car; total, 11 cars. Flax—No. 1, 20 cars. The total number of cars of grain inspected, as above was 1,717...

Wheat Movement.

Receipts of wheat at Fort William and Port Arthur on this crop to the close of navigation, shipments to date, which, converted in bushels, gives a total of 11,107,000 bushels exported to Nov. 30.

Commercial Men.

Rod McLennan is now back to work on his route in the west after a serious illness. He spent some time in the London general hospital, and afterwards went to Montreal, where he has been recuperating.

Hamilton expects to have nickel copper works in operation soon, under the Sterling Co., of Chicago.

MINING

British Columbia.

The smelter at Granby has blown in two large quantities of ore handled hereafter. The week ending Dec. 5, ore shipments from Republic, Washington, into the Kettle Valley lines, amounted to as follows: Quip, 310 tons; Black Tail, 144; Morning Glory, 58. Total shipments to 3,592 tons from Republic camp.

With the figures for eleven months to hand, it is now certain that the output from the Boundary mines for the year 1902 will be over half a million tons, valued at between two and three thousand dollars. This is an advance of more than 25 per cent. on the record for 1901.

The production of ore in Howland camp for the present year to date, is now almost forty thousand tons greater than for all of 1901, and the prospect is bright for a net increase on the present year's operations of fifty to sixty thousand tons. Shipments for the year to date are: West Star, Le Roi, 3,700; Centre Star, Little Bear, 3,740; Giant, 50. Total for the year to date, 31,940 tons, an increase over 1901 of 38,327 tons.

The directors of the North Star mine have issued a statement to the shareholders announcing that dividends will not be present this season. The directors say that the exploration works have not resulted in the discovery of any ore of considerable value near the surface, and that the work may be carried lower. This work may result in the development of a considerable sum, and in view of this and the low value of silver and lead in the present market, the directors have, in order to keep the company in a strong financial position, determined to suspend the payment of dividends. The dividends from the mine during the past six months, covered the expense of the equipment, but at the same time have nearly exhausted the present ore bodies.

Defends the Name.

Dear Sir—My attention has been drawn to an article in your issue of Nov. 29th last, in regard to a statement that the name "The Northwest Bank of Canada" is a very appropriate name for a bank having its office in Winnipeg.

I have heard a good many expressions of opinion on this name, and all with the exception of yours, are that it is a most appropriate name. Whilst Winnipeg may some day be the commercial centre of Canada as British east and west, and the fact remains that at present it is, and will for this time at least, be known as the centre of the Great Northwest of Canada.

It being intended that the Northwest Bank of Canada shall be justly and advantageously known, it could be no more fitting name for its head office will be at Winnipeg, its name will be derived from the interests of Canada's great Northwest, and to that alone. Think it over, and when you do not then concur in the belief of the general public connected with the new enterprise, but the name of the bank, for after all, nothing could be of what is better than to call a bank anything else. Yours truly, W. H. McGUIRE.

Note by Editor—We have given place to the communication above, but it is appropriate that we should have its head office in Winnipeg. We think it is better to give it a greater length on another page of this issue. The Commercial will be glad to see short letters from business men, giving their opinion as to the appropriateness or otherwise of the name selected for the proposed new bank.

The Northern Lumber company commenced the winter's operations at Pine River this week. The company expect to saw three million feet of lumber.

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STATISTICAL WHEAT REPORT.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Table with columns for location and quantity: Montreal (37,000), Toronto (80,000), Quebec/Harbour (47,000), Port Arthur (1,520,000), Winnipeg (130,000), Manitoba elevators (11,000,000).

Total Nov. 29, 1902: 12,060,000 bushels. Total previous year: 13,177,000 bushels.

BRADTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS

Total stocks in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's Nov. 29, were bushels the previous week, 72,968,000.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ending Dec. 6, 1902, was 40,300 bushels, being an increase of 1,228,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

Total stocks of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's Nov. 29, were 1,385,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF WHEAT IN EUROPE.

Table showing wheat stocks in Europe by region: Russia (17,000,000), Roumania (1,000,000), Bulgaria (1,000,000), etc.

WHEAT MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheats at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1902, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

Table comparing wheat receipts at Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Chicago, and Total for 1902 vs 1901.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES THE RECEIPTS OF STATES WINTER WHEAT MARKETS.

Table comparing winter wheat receipts at Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit, Kansas City, and Total for 1902 vs 1901.

GRAIN STOCKS AT LAKE PORTS.

Fort William.

Stocks of grain in C. P.R. elevators at Fort William on Dec. 6 were as follows:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, 310,040 bushels; No. 1 northern, 240,700 bushels; No. 2 northern, 113,450 bushels; No. 3 northern, 200,280 bushels; etc.

Port Arthur.

Stocks in store at King's elevator, Port Arthur, on Dec. 6 were:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, 3,785 bushels; No. 1 northern, 4,670 bushels; total 8,455 bushels.

Wheat—No. 1 hard, 41,514 bushels; No. 1 northern, 28,611 bushels; No. 2 northern, 35,577 bushels; No. 3 northern, 13,615 bushels; etc.

Oats—1,605 bushels. Receipts of wheat for the week were 244,186 bushels; etc.

From these figures it will be seen that the three elevators received during the week, 1,772,035 bushels of wheat, and shipped 2,342,550 bushels.

Wheat Stocks.

Wheat stocks increased quite liberally, says Bradstreet's, during November, when measured by the standards set in the same month of years previous to that shown in November of year ago.

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Table comparing winter wheat receipts at Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit, Kansas City, and Total for 1902 vs 1901.

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Canadian railroads will make an advance in freight rates on flour for export from 1901 in Ontario to the seaboard on December 17. The advance will average about 2 1/2 c per 100 pounds, and is made because of the advance put into force by the roads from Chicago to New York. The ports affected by this advance will be Halifax, St. John, Boston, Portland, Philadelphia, Baltimore and New York.

There were 1,290,884 bushels of wheat in store at Port Arthur on Dec. 6. Receipts for the week were 1,725 bushels, and shipments 2,542,550 bushels. A year ago stocks in store at Port Arthur were 274,021 bushels. Stocks in store at Port Arthur, Port Arthur. Receipts of wheat at Port Arthur during the week amounting to 1,385,922 bushels, and shipments to 1,825,121 bushels.

Rowan and Milling. G. M. Gosworthy, of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who was in Winnipeg this week, says that the company will make a great effort to keep grain moving by the all rail route this season. They expect to handle about 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 bushels this winter in the way.

During the busy grain shipping season, when cars are scarce, it occasionally happens that empty cars are appropriated by enterprising shippers for whom they are not intended. This happened at Mossburn recently, when a car set out for a farmer was taken possession of and loaded by the Lake Superior Milling Co's agent.

Deliveries of oats have been heavy during the past few weeks and prices in consequence have weakened, with a white reported by the Chicago market on Dec. 6, 1902, at 30c plus freight for December shipment, via St. John, West, and Portland, Car lots in store here have sold at 31 1/2 to 30c, and lower prices are still looked for.—Montreal Trade Bulletin.



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Christmas Stock.

An opportunity to secure on short notice extra stocks of the latest and best novelties for holiday trade is often greatly prized by the retail merchant. Clark Bros., wholesale stationers, Winnipeg, have figured large in the holiday trade this season and have presented their customers with a choice array of toys, fancy goods, etc. The stock is now pretty well reduced, but enterprising retail buyers may still secure some choice Christmas lines to the mutual advantage of themselves and their customers. The stock of dolls carried by this house this year was a most complete one and these varying in price from the cheapest to dolls worth \$42 per dozen. Picture frames of many different styles are still in stock, also brass, celluloid and leather goods. A fine range of mirrors has been handled. This year, also toilet, manicure and smokers' sets. An enormous demand has been experienced this season for ping-pong sets and stocks of these have been heavily drawn upon. Other lines of toys have also been in large demand, especially the mechanical kind, which are growing in popularity. For gifts between grown people a great many calendars have been secured by the retail trade, the lines shown by this house being of the highest quality. They are English made goods of exceptionally pleasing design and finish; Christmas cards by the million, and letters have also been sold in great numbers. Hats are always the most popular gift goods for boys and girls, and in recognition of this fact Clark Bros. made extra large drafts upon all the leading publishing houses this year. Their stock includes a full range of animal stories, books of adventure, fairy tales, wonder books, works of fiction and all the standard works in attractive bindings. A new departure with this house is the keeping in stock of latent novels and story books from the best publishers. As soon as a new book is in print it is put into stock here for the convenience of western trade.

Bicycles for 1903.

A visitor to Winnipeg this week was T. A. Russell, manager of the Canada Cycle and Motor company, Toronto. Mr. Russell spent a few days here conferring with W. C. Power, manager of the Winnipeg branch of the company. Mr. Russell reports that the outlook in the east for the bicycle and automobile for next season is particularly good. A large trade is looked for, both in Eastern Canada and the United States; next year. Old stocks and job lots of bicycles have now been about cleared out, and the business will be on a better basis next year than it has been for the past two seasons. The rapid and enormous growth of the bicycle manufacturing business led to the result that the market has been overstocked with job wheels. Surplus factories have now been weeded out, and the business has got down to a more legitimate basis. Only those well posted in the bicycle trade know what an enormous load of stock has been carried over the past two years, but now that this has been disposed of and the number of factories greatly reduced, the outlook for the industry is much more promising. The Canada Cycle and Motor company has established a good export trade, particularly to Australia and Europe, and this

trade has increased very much the past season.

The company will put the four standard wheels on the market again next season, namely: The Massey-Harris, Cleveland, Perfect and Brantford. Each of these will be made in two grades. The wheels will be very much the same as last year. The company will have new stock, including bicycles, sundries, parts, etc., ready earlier than usual for next season's trade. Separate catalogues for bicycles and for sundries, parts, etc., will be ready for circulation about the first of January. Notwithstanding the higher wages now paid, and also the high price of materials, there will not be any advance in prices of bicycles for next season. In fact, prices may be somewhat lower for the Canada Cycle company's wheels. This is owing to the increased facilities for manufacture which the company enjoys and the economy secured in concentrating the business at one factory. The business has now been all concentrated at the factory at Toronto Junction, which has been enlarged and improved to meet the requirements of the trade.

One feature of the season's trade is likely to be the large increase in the use of automobiles. The horseless carriages are becoming very popular in the east, and a largely increased demand for them is already assured. The company expects to place quite a number in Winnipeg next year. The rapid construction of paved streets in Winnipeg now provides many miles of good roads for automobiles regardless of weather conditions. Prices of automobiles will not be lower. The general cost of manufacture has increased. Mr. Russell returned east by St. Paul and Chicago, at which points he intended making a short visit.

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This year there were entered at the Medicine Hat customs house 4,214 head of horses and 1,055 head of cattle, coming from the United States. The Neponon Railway Company, which proposes to build a line of rail-iron from Neponon station, on the way from Neponon station, on the Canadian Pacific Railway, north to Lake Neponon, a distance of forty miles, is advertising for tenders for

the supply of 30,000 ties and 1,000,000 feet of logs, to be delivered on the right-of-way next spring. The early building of the road is made necessary on account of the pulp and paper mills which are to be erected on the Neponon river, and also because of the need of the same to serve the Canada Fish Company, which has received exclusive rights to fish Lake Neponon.

The Grain Blockade.

At the public meeting recently held in Wolesey under the auspices of the traders' association and in the presence of a committee was appointed to draft a resolution and forward to Sir Wilfrid Laurier concerning the unsatisfactory condition of things in the grain trade. A copy of the resolution forwarded to Sir Wilfrid Laurier by the committee, the object of the present article, is in communication from the president of the C. P. I. company:

Wolesey, Nov. 12, 1902.

To the Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Prime Minister, Dominion Canada, Ottawa, Ont.

Sir,—We, the farmers and merchants of the Wolesey district, meeting assembled, desire to lay before your honorable government the following summarized facts in connection with the marketing and transportation of our wheat crop this year.

We have been fortunate in growing a good average crop of a very good quality of wheat in this district this year, so that the quantity to be marketed at this station will be, at the present time, about 1,000,000 bushels. Of that one million bushels only eighty-three (83) cars have been shipped to date, of which only seventy-three (73) cars were unloaded here with general merchandise, leaving only ten (10) empties to date. Of this one million bushels, the total being about seventy thousand (70,000) bushels. At that rate of transportation it will require ten (10) cars, or to market this year's crop, thus showing conclusively that the C. P. I. shipping transportation facilities, are not in proportion to the requirements, or at all adequate to serve the needs of the farmers and merchants.

Farmers, of necessity, have to market a large portion of the year's crop, at the earliest possible moment, which, under the present condition of things, means the donee is unable to purchase cars cannot be furnished to carry the grain, the buyers or elevator men pay the price and the farmers are to pay from eight (8) to ten (10) cents per bushel less for the wheat, than the market rate in the United States, or a warrant. They claim this large margin of profit on the pretext that the price of wheat drops when it is shipped, thus showing conclusively that want of cars is the sole cause of the low price of the year's crop. Farmers selling in car lots get from nine (9) to ten (10) cents per bushel more for the same wheat than those who are waiting for wheat out of the same grain sold through the elevators. In short, that the railroads and the farmers' wheat it may be considered unreasonable to expect the Canadian Pacific Railway to transport the year's crop in two or three months, it is not unreasonable to expect that such transportation should be made to ship during the proper market season, before navigation closes, a large portion of the year's crop. We are further of the opinion that the past and present efforts of the Canadian Pacific Railway company are sufficient proof that no one company can or will provide the necessary rolling stock to convey to market the necessary quantity of grain the farmers have to market, and that during the first three months of the market season, which is as important and profitable as any other during the year, time. Therefore, we respectfully urge that your government (a member of which we are) should take the initiative of greater railway facilities for the west) should take such action as in the future will furnish relief to the farmers, and further save them the ruinous loss of from eight to ten cents per bushel on all the wheat yet for sale.

An immediate remedy would be more cars and engines. We respectfully request that you will cause a change to be made, and made at once, so that benefits a large portion of the farmers and merchants of the west.

you can suggest is to press the Canadian Pacific railway for more cars and engines. I have immediately communicated with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the company.

I am sure that, at this moment, the powers of the government are not adequate to meet the condition of things, and I have no doubt that you with which we have been blessed. Any suggestion which you can make which will improve the present situation, will be gladly received. I have the honor to be,

Yours very sincerely,

WILFRID LAURIER.

Montreal, Nov. 25, 1902.

To A. D. Ferguson, Esq., Mayor, Wolesey, Assa.

My Dear Sir,—The Premier, Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, has forwarded me a copy of the resolutions passed by a public meeting of the farmers and citizens of the Wolesey district, Nov. 12.

That there has been a demand for cars beyond what is available, and advantage has been taken of this by speculators at certain points to squeeze the farmers out of the market, but I hope that the farmers, through the aid of the government, through the last serious experience of this kind.

The increase in the grain crop during the past two years caused such an expansion of traffic that we could not take care of it, although I can assure you that during the past few months we have built and purchased every possible locomotive and car, without special references to that. Previous to last year, although there were always some complaints during the busy season before the close of navigation, our equipment was reasonably adequate for the demands of the business, and with the additional locomotives and cars under contract to be delivered before the first of July, I am confident that next year, after everything is done, the comparative smoothness. The increase in the volume of loading direct into cars, which has been very general throughout the country this year, deprives us of the full use of our equipment, but if, by this means, the farmers are able to protect themselves, and the government does not find fault with it, until such time, as any other plan can be devised, I am confident that, on every station on the line, a schedule of prices, based upon the market at Port William and having a margin rate, and a reasonable buying charge.

Yours truly,

T. G. SHAUGHNESSY, President

Buying Canadian Bank Shares.

Halifax, Dec. 10.—An American syndicate composed of Armour, Chicago; W. H. Porter, vice-president of the Chemical National Bank, New York; J. J. Cannon, president of the Fourth National Bank, New York, and others, have purchased 5,000 shares of the Royal Bank of Canada at \$25 a share. This is the largest purchase of the kind.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—The Royal Bank of Canada, in a circular to its shareholders, states that the directors of American gentlemen of high financial position, and prominent business conditions, after a thorough examination of the affairs of the bank, have made a proposition to purchase an investment of 5,000 shares of the bank's capital stock and to pay therefor \$250 per share. The terms of the offer are that the sum of \$1,250,000, \$750,000 of this sum being in cash, and the balance in bonds would go to the reserve fund, thus making the bank's capital \$2,500,000, and reserve \$1,250,000. This, in addition to the banking capital of Canada, coming from foreign sources, is looked upon with great favor in financial circles.

Twelve Millions Lost in Stock.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 11.—Following a sensational decline in the price of Consolidated Traction stock to-day, a special meeting of the directors of the company was held to-night. It was there determined that the steel and iron business is in a prosperous condition. The decline in Lake Superior stock has been a serious one, more than \$12,000,000 in the stock value of the company. The common shares dropped from \$15.50 to \$3.25,

and the preferred from \$88 to \$50. The company owns 2,900 square miles of forest land in Canada adjacent to Lake Superior.

New England Cattle Disease.

Ithica, N.Y., Dec. 11.—Dr. James Lavey, of Cornell Veterinary College, who for the past few weeks has been working in conjunction with the federal authorities for the suppression of the foot and mouth disease among the cattle of New England, arrived in Ithica from New England to-day. He stated that the disease was well under control and that the authorities had not yet arrived at conclusions as to the origin of it, but was certain, he said, that the contagion did not originate in Alberta, Canada, as was at first supposed. A rigid examination of the docks at Montreal indicated that the disease did not come from Canada. Dr. Lavey has formed the conclusion as to the origin of the disease. He stated that the contagion could be stamped out only by earnest co-operation of the farmers in the infected districts.

Reciprocity Convention.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 11.—The delegates to the National Reciprocity convention adopted resolutions, listened to by a large audience, and delivered a forceful address on reciprocity by ex-governor John Lind, of Minnesota, before a joint legislative committee and adjourned sine die.

At the morning session two additional hours were made for the session of Boston, discussed "Canadian Reciprocity," and Frank D. Pavey, of New York, spoke for the "United States." The resolutions adopted were as follows: "Resolved, that we reaffirm the resolutions adopted at the first convention of this league at Chicago, which embrace in their scope the general principle of reciprocity and the establishment of liberal fair trade relations with all the nations of the world, and that we again call attention to the reciprocity treaties negotiated by ex-Minister Casson, including the very important treaty with France, and we again request that these treaties be ratified, and also that a reciprocity treaty with Cuba be speedily negotiated and ratified.

"Resolved also, that the time and place of holding this convention make appropriate special consideration of our trade relations with the nations with which we have trade relations which to say the least have for many years been unfortunate for both countries, and which promise (unless speedily changed) to grow rapidly from bad to worse;—at the very moment when a great need of employment is taking place; and in view of the considerations be it further "Resolved, that it is the sense of this convention that the government of the United States should take immediate steps to secure closer and more advantageous trade relations with Canada and that reciprocal relations beneficial to both countries should preferably follow the general lines of the removal by both countries of the duties on natural products of each and such mutual extensions of the free list and reduction of the duties on the manufactured products of both as will give to each a low rate of duty as is given to the other.

"Accordingly, we earnestly urge upon Congress that action to this end be taken at once, and that in doing the joint commission for the sole purpose of negotiating a reciprocity treaty with Cuba, or by adopting such other methods as Congress may seem best.

"Resolved finally, that we regard the negotiations of the reciprocity treaty with New England, as a most important step in the future, and a hope it may be promptly ratified."

A committee of four was appointed by the executive committee to draw a sort of nucleus of a standing committee to further the cause of Canadian reciprocity. The committee was composed of eastern Michigan on the subject of Canadian reciprocity were briefly presented to the convention this afternoon by L. Rice, of Port Huron. Mr. Rice said that the manufacturers present who were desirous of securing reciprocity with the Dominion were willing to sacrifice the producers of natural products in order to get their goods into Canada.

Ex-Governor Lind declared that he could see no more reason for a trade barrier between Canada and the United States than between various states of the Union. Canada is not materially different from this country, he said, and there is just an artificial and arbitrary boundary line between the two. He warned Canadians that the land would never dare to give them preferential treatment, because she must stand on good terms with the United States, who supplies her with food-stuffs. In conclusion, he said: "If it is not for the selfishness and shortsightedness of New England's interests, economically, socially and politically by a line of trade relations was not the power it now is in Congress, the United States and Canada would be one country, and far as trade relations are concerned."

The trade in anthracite coal at Chicago is in worse shape now than it has been for some time, as the strikes of the miners have resulted in a demand which dealers were unable to supply, and much hardship originated. Fancy prices were offered for rush shipments without result.

The report of the directors of the Manitoba Land Company, limited, to be presented to the shareholders, states that the total sales of farm lands made in the year to June 30 amounted to 2,565 acres, which realized \$12,778, or an average of \$4.98 per acre. During the preceding year the sales were 720 acres, which realized \$2,880, or an average of \$4.13 per acre.

George F. Williams, manager of the Coe Commission company, of 22 Third street South Minneapolis, was arrested with running a gambling house. It is understood that the prosecution has been organized by firms in the grain trade who are opposed to the methods of the Coe company, with a view to having a judicial investigation of the points at issue.

The Western Clear Factory, Winnipeg, Thos. Lee, proprietor, has put up some very nice goods for the holiday trade in the form of small, fancy boxes, each containing ten cigars. These are very suitable for little holiday reminders, between friends. As usual, this factory is doing a rattling good business, the trade for the last month being the largest on record. The trade in cigars is doing good goods, even when they are made at home.

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Interest Income	11,912	24,549	1,637	168	
Losses and Expenses	6,619	70,552	2,293	35	

Some of our Westerners folk have forgotten to send in their applications. We still have a supply of forms.

Ottawa, Nov. 17th, 1902.
To A. D. Ferguson, Esq., Wolesey, Assa.
Dear Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 13th inst., and of its enclosure. I deeply sympathize in the object of the meeting of the farmers and citizens of Wolesey to address me, as they have, on the condition of things which exist in the section of the country to which they belong. The matter is a very important one, and the only immediate remedy which

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A deputation of Canadian manufacturers will wait upon the government before the budget is delivered and press for certain tariff changes.

When Dr. Livingstone died there was not a civilized town in Central Africa. Now Livingstonia is to be lighted by electricity. The cost of the machinery and its transportation to the mission will be about \$20,000. A waterfall on the river Manchewe will furnish the power, which will grind wheat by day and furnish light by night.

The government mail carriers will take letters into the Peace River country this winter. Two special trips will be made from Athabasca Landing as far as Port Chipewyan, on Lesser Slave Lake. The first mail will leave Athabasca Landing on the 3rd of January, 1913. Mails leave Edmonton for Athabasca Landing every Tuesday at 8 a. m., and arrive at the latter place on Thursdays at 4 p. m.

The opening up of new territory in the Northwest and the prospect of large areas being made accessible by the proposed Grand Trunk Pacific, has caused numbers of inquiries at the department of the interior, Ottawa, in regard to lands owned by the great land companies in the Northwest. Chief of these is the Hudson's Bay Company, and, according to the returns made for the department, this company possesses the enormous total of 1,497,777 acres, of which 4,021,059 acres have been already allotted. The balance is unsurveyed land in the watered belt, which lies largely in the well watered valley of the Saskatchewan. It is stated that some x hundred thousand acres were sold prior to this year, and that since this season will aggregate over 300,000 acres, netting the company nearly \$2,000,000, or nearly one-third of their paid capital, which is \$1,300,000.

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The Canadian Pacific Railway on Monday announced its decision to accept stock shipments for St. John for export. This company at first refused to accept live stock, after the quarantines of the New England states were put into force, as it prevented shipment over the company's lines through the state of Maine. Stock will now be transferred to the Intercolonial.

Canada has already 17,000 miles of railway that cost nearly \$200,000,000. She has the longest continuous stretch of internal navigation in the world. She has seventy miles of canal, 10,000 post offices; 30,000 miles of telegraph wires; 18,900 public schools; 60,000 men in her lumber camps in winter; 17 universities; and over fifty colleges; only fifteen per cent. of illiterates; a river lumber camp in winter; 6,000,000 people, of whom nearly 50 per cent. are Canadian born and only three per cent. foreign born; the remainder being British born. Canada ranks fourth in the production of gold; has a million square miles of practically unexplored territory; coal beds that will yield over four million tons annually for 1,000 years; and per capita debt nearly twice that of the United States.

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Table listing various canned goods such as Apples, Apples preserved, Beans, Black or Lawton berries, etc., with prices per can or per dozen.

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Table listing various meats such as Corn beef, Corn beef, 2 lbs., Lunch tongue, etc., with prices per lb. or per dozen.

Coffee.

Table listing coffee products such as Split peas, Split peas, sack 98, etc., with prices per sack.

Cereals.

Table listing various cereals such as Rolled oatmeal, Rolled oatmeal, sack 88, etc., with prices per sack.

Cigarettes.

Table listing various cigarette brands such as Old Judge, Sweet Caporal, Rube Slaton, etc., with prices per M.

Cured Fish.

Table listing various cured fish products such as Bonnet Hake, Bonnet Hake, cases, 100lb., etc., with prices per case.

Dried Fruits.

Table listing various dried fruit products such as Currants, Currants, Filizatas, cases, Raisins, Raisins, val. layers, etc., with prices per box or per case.

California Evaporated Fruits.

Table listing various California evaporated fruit products such as Peaches, Peaches, unpeeled, Apricots, standards, etc., with prices per M.

Table listing various nuts and dried fruits such as Pitted plums, Prunes, Prunes, 100 to 150, etc., with prices per M.

Matches.

Table listing various match brands such as Telegraph, Telegraph, Tiger, Factor matches, etc., with prices per case.

Nuts.

Table listing various nut products such as Brazil, Brazil, Taragon almonds, etc., with prices per lb.

Syrup.

Table listing various syrup products such as Extra bright, per lb., Medium, per lb., etc., with prices per lb.

Sugar.

Table listing various sugar products such as Extra standard gran., Extra, per lb., etc., with prices per lb.

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Table listing various salt products such as Rock salt, per M., Common, fine, etc., with prices per M.

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Table listing various dairy products such as Dairy, 10c-3, Dairy, 10c-3, etc., with prices per sack.

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Table listing various spice products such as Assorted herbs, 4lb. tins, etc., with prices per tin.

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Table listing various China blank products such as Choice, Choice, Indian and Ceylon, etc., with prices per lb.

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Table listing various tea products such as Choice, Choice, Indian and Ceylon, etc., with prices per lb.

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Table listing various tobacco products such as T. and B. 8c, T. and B. 8c, etc., with prices per lb.

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