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Railway and Traffic Matters.

On Feb. 1 the Canadian northern line will be opened between Winnipeg and Port Arthur. A tri-weekly passenger service will be established as a complete freight service.

A deputation was in Winnipeg on Tuesday to ask the local government for aid towards the construction of a line of railway from Somers, Ontario, south to the international boundary.

The Canadian Northern has announced a decision to build all rolling stock in Winnipeg. As a result of this work will be done at the purpose of doubling the capacity of the car construction shops of the company in Winnipeg.

The Great Falls and Canada Railway, which runs from Lethbridge, Alberta, to Great Falls, Montana, and is owned by the Great Northern Trading Company, is to be standardized with the car construction shops of the company along the line that purpose.

Arrangements have been completed for replacing the C. P. R. bridge over the Kootenay, below Nelson, by a steel structure. As a preliminary to the work a gang of men have started out for the purpose of laying a pipe to a granite quarry about two miles out of the city, where the stone for the piers will be taken out.

It is announced from Ottawa that the Canada Atlantic system. The object is to consolidate under the New York Central control a railway connection between New York and Ottawa and between the great lakes and Quebec via the South Shore of the St. Lawrence. The Canada Atlantic runs from Parry Sound on Georgian Bay to Coteau, Que. thence it crosses the St. Lawrence to Valleyfield and on to Swanton, N. Y. At Valleyfield it connects with the St. Lawrence system, an adjunct of the New York Central.

In the Manitoba legislature on Tuesday the following question was put to the government: "What steps have the government taken towards extending the Canadian Northern Railway from Grand View to the Turbul district? If no steps have yet been taken is it the intention of the government to take such steps in the near future?" Premier Robt. B. Griffiths replied that the Canadian Northern Railway officials had been interviewed on the matter of an extension through Grand View to the Duck mountains. Nothing definite had been done yet but it is confidently hoped they will be able to extend the road at an early date.

The purchase of the Canadian Atlantic railway by the New York Central, is a more important matter that may appear at first glance. It is already rumored that the road will be extended from Parry Sound to Sudbury, the charter for which is now held by Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann. The prospective line will run from Depot Harbor to Sudbury, where it will connect with the C.P.R. system for Port Arthur. This will join the Canadian Northern from Winnipeg west to the coast. A new elevator with a capacity of 2,000 bushels will be built at Depot Harbor. Elevators will also be built at Quebec and Sorel.

The schedule of freight rates in force on the British Yukon railway between the international boundary and White Horse was the subject of a conference which took place at Ottawa last week between representatives of that company and Hon. W. S. Fielding, acting minister of railways. The earnings of the line according to reports received, constitute about 20 per cent of a capital investment of less than \$1,000,000. For instance, the cost of building and equipping the ninety miles of railway in Canadian territory was \$2,900,000. From the operation of the line the receipts from freight, passengers etc. during the fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 1911, were \$846,521, while the working expenses amounted to \$283,531, leaving an earnings the handsome sum of \$562,990. Last year the line carried 38,208 tons of freight, which generated a revenue from this source of \$708,532, which is equal to about \$18.54 per ton.

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BINDER TWINE.

There has been more or less discussion for years as to the possibility of manufacturing binder twine from some material of home production. The cost of binder twine is an important item to the farmer, particularly during recent seasons of high prices for manilla hemp. If some material suitable for twine could be cheaply produced at home, it would be a great saving to our farmers, who would profit first by growing the material, and secondly by the reduction in the cost of twine. The use of grass for twine has been frequently discussed, and attempts have been made in a limited way to manufacture flax twine, but they do not appear to have been very successful. At many rural flax twine has never come into use to any extent. In the State of Wisconsin a factory has been established for the manufacture of twine from a variety of wild marsh grass. This variety of grass is found in Manitoba, and there was some movement toward undertaking the manufacture of grass twine at Winnipeg a year or so ago, but it appears to have been dropped. Now we learn from Ontario that the provincial government of that province will undertake a series of experiments with flax with a view to further testing its value for the manufacture of binder twine. An appropriation, it is said, will be asked from the legislature at this season of year, for carrying out the proposed experiments with flax.

IRON AND STEEL.

The establishing of an enormous plant at Montreal, by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, for the manufacture of locomotives, etc., may be taken as an indication of the great strides Canada is making these days as an iron and steel manufacturing country. Subsidiary to the making of iron and steel, we are to have great industries where iron and steel will be the principal raw material used. The big shops, it is said, will give employment to about 5,000 men, and manufacturers heretofore largely imported will henceforth be made at home. When these shops are in operation the company will not be obliged to depend upon foreign manufacturers for supplies, who, as in the case of the past season, were not able to furnish the company with locomotives, etc., when they were so badly needed.

\$20,000,000 MORE CAPITAL.

It is reported from Ottawa that the Canadian Pacific Railway will ask power to increase its capital stock to the extent of \$20,000,000. This is required to aid in extending the equipment and betterment of the road. An itemized statement as to how it is proposed to expend the proceeds of this stock is submitted, as follows:

For new rolling stock, \$3,000,000.

Double-tracking, \$4,000,000.

New plants for construction of rolling stock, chiefly at Montreal, \$1,500,000.

New elevators, improvement of terminals, \$3,000,000.

Miscellaneous improvements, \$500,000.

From this statement it will be seen that a large portion of this expenditure has been made necessary by the enormous growth of the traffic of the company in the West. The company, it is well known, increases largely increasing rolling stock in its western lines. Then as to the item for double-tracking, it is probable that the section between Winnipeg and Lake Superior is regarded as the portion where double-tracking is most urgently

required. Their loyalty to the empire has been, perhaps, more marked than any other British country, not excepting the people of the home countries themselves. The Australians are now asking themselves what the Imperial sentiment means, anyway. The principal product of Australia is meat. They claim to be able to supply this commodity in much larger quantities than it is likely to be required by the war office. Then why should the oration be sent to foreigners? The Australians are irritated not without reason. It is frequently said that there is no sentiment in trade, and the British government has evidently been acting on this basis, but they will find out that it is a mistake. Wherever contracts for supplies can be placed with our own people to advantage, this is the policy that should be adopted. If the different countries forming the empire generally adopted this policy, it would be found to be a great factor in cementing the empire together. Sentiment is an important thing, but commercial interests are sometimes more weighty than sentiment. If the commercial interests of the empire as a whole are systematically disregarded,

Germany, instead of with home manufacturers. This irritation is accentuated by the extreme hostility shown in Germany recently for everything British.

THE GRAIN ELEVATORS.

In considering a motion in the Manitoba legislature, asking for amendments to the Grain Act, Mr. Fowler argued along the line that in future grain would be handled in Manitoba without the use of elevators. That is, that the grain will be loaded from farmers' wagons directly into the cars. The gentleman may possibly have been misquoted. This, however, is the meaning we take from his remarks, as reported in the daily papers. We wonder if Mr. Fowler attempted to figure out how long it would take to export the 1901 wheat crop of Manitoba, if it all had to be loaded from wagons into cars.

On the one hand we have a cry for increased elevator facilities, and on the other we have a few men like Mr. Fowler doing the best they can to discourage the building of elevators. One would suppose that the present



Manitoba Farm Homes—Farm Scene in Winnipeg District.

ently required. The item for elevators again no doubt refers mainly to requirements at Fort William.

It will be noted that it is expected to realize par value for this stock, as a \$20,000,000 of stock is considered as equal to the same amount of money. This speaks highly for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company that an extra issue of stock can be disposed of to such good advantage. The announcement that the company is to enter upon a vigorous policy of improving and extending its facilities for handling traffic, will be good news to the West.

The company has agreed that in calculating the 10 per cent, which, by the terms of its original contract with the government, must be earned by the railway upon the amount of its actual cash cost before parliament or the governor-in-council can interfere with its tolls, this new stock and the proceeds of it shall not be included in the actual cash cost of the railway.

IMPERIALISM.

It is reported that the Australians are quite stirred up over the placing of orders in Argentina for meats for the British troops in South Africa. The Australians have taken an active interest in the South African trouble. They have been most enthusiastic and unanimous in their support of the Im-

perial spirit to keep up the present. The future of the empire is largely—may we say mainly—a commercial question. There are various commercial questions now demanding consideration. The colonies of the West Indies, which depend largely upon their sugar crops, have been brought to the verge of ruin by the bounty-fed sugar producers of Europe. These colonies have been demanding consideration from the home government. The oldest colony—Newfoundland, suffers severely from the bounty allowed the French fishermen of the St. Pierre and Miquelon islands by their home government. These French fishermen practically come into the Newfoundland waters for their fish, and with the aid of the bounty allowed them, make a business unprofitable for the Newfoundland fisheries. The Newfoundlanders ask the home government to impose a duty on French fish as an off-set to the French bounty. These are important Imperial commercial questions. Now we have the demand of the Australians and New Zealanders for a preference in filling orders for certain government supplies, as compared with foreign countries. Even in Great Britain itself there is considerable irritation over the frequency with which orders for government supplies have been placed in

Manitoba has the best grain-handling system in the world, and yet, with all our elevators, there is not sufficient storage accommodation for the great grain crop of 1901. Without this elevator system, the farmers would certainly be in bad shape at the present time. It certainly seems a most inopportune time to ask for the passage of laws which will tend to discourage the erection of elevators and depreciate the value of those already established.

The policy which led to the establishment of our elevator system was a wise and far-seeing one. The gentleman or gentlemen who insisted on the construction of elevators at railway points throughout the west, and provided rates governing the capacity and handling facilities for such elevators, conferred a lasting benefit upon this country. This fine elevator system is largely the result of the regulations imposed by the Canadian Pacific Railway management in the earlier days of grain handling in this province. These regulations were intended to encourage the erection of elevators, which should not be below a given standard in capacity and handling facilities. Where a standard elevator had been erected, the com-

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BUSY BRANDON

An Era of Progress for the Western Manitoba City

The year 1901 has been one of most substantial progress to the city of Brandon. The advancement of the city by the city is fortunately not of a very startling nature. No wonderful stories of vast building operations or of immense industrial enterprises are heard of this year. The movement does not partake in any way of the nature of a great and steady development of a community which comes as the legitimate outcome of increasing business and continued prosperity.

Brandon once had a boom, which was quite as disastrous as booms usually are, if not more so, and the effects are still felt, but only in a beneficial way. Business men are now cautious. No invasion is acceptable unless its need amounts to a necessity. Whatever result is taken upon will be relied upon as substantial and lasting.

One result of the boom was the building of public works that cost a great deal of money and eventually plunged the city into financial difficulties. The climax in this was safely passed a couple of years ago and the city now has its affairs on a firm basis. The vast amount of such money, however, gave Brandon a splendid waterworks and sewage system, making good use of city and establishing it for all time to come as the second business centre of the province.

The city has made economical management a study and it is doubtful if there is another in Canada which maintains its splendid streets, sidewalks, sewers and waterworks as cheaply and efficiently as Brandon.

A few years ago there were vacant stores on Rosser avenue and there were no tenements on other streets. Rents were low and tenants scarce. Today there are no vacant stores on Rosser avenue and there are no vacant houses at a premium. If there are any vacant ones they are hard to find. Many of the houses already built, most of them as a legacy of caution dating from the boom, for private individuals or for tenants ready to take a long lease.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

A very interesting and significant feature of the development of the city is the steady increase in manufacturing industries. There are those who do not believe that the west is suited to manufacturing outside of very few articles, but the progress along this line demonstrates the fallacy of such an opinion. Flour, oatmeal and other similar products are natural to the country. In addition to these Brandon has a very extensive lumbering industry, the logs coming down the Assiniboine from the Riding Mountains. Beside the rough lumber all the finest products are also made here, there being two planing and ash and door mills in constant operation. The manufacturer of smaller classes of farm implements, such as binder twine, is the latest addition to the list of manufacturers is that of binder twine, and it is thought that this industry is now in course of erection will be turning out twine for next season's crop.

The power of the water power on the Saskatchewan river, near Brandon, which is now an accomplished fact, has created a strong impetus to manufacturing industries by supplying power in large quantities at a low rate.

BINDER TWINE FACTORY.

In many respects the Binder Twine Factory is the most important development of the year. Looking at it from an opinion, it is thought that it is not so costly as one or two other buildings erected here this season. The twine factory consists of two large blocks of land on Assiniboine avenue, on both sides of 5th street. The factory building is 200 feet long and 45 feet wide. It is of brick, fifteen feet in height and the roof rests on stone and cement foundation. On the north side is a large engine and boiler room. The building is particularly strong, while it is composed of the finest maple flooring.

Across Eighth street is located the immense ware house in which will be

put the raw material and finished product as fast as turned out. This building is also one storey high and is 120x80 feet in size. It will be built of Mr. W. A. Elliott is the architect in charge of these buildings, which will when completed, cost \$10,000. This does not include the cost of the machinery, which will bring the whole thing up close to \$50,000.

ALEXANDER & LAW MILL.

Another large industry which will be well under way, if not completed this year, is the new flouring mill of Alexander & Law Bros. This new enterprise is located on the C. P. R. between Fourteenth and Sixteenth streets and occupies a block of land.

Construction upon the elevator, which adjoins the mill, has been going on for some time. Mr. A. D. Y. Keman, of Portage la Prairie, having the contract. The elevator will be 50x40 and have a capacity of 50,000 bushels. The mill will be built by Contractor Forbes, of Brandon. It is in size 40x70, and four storeys in height, of solid brick throughout and will have a capacity of 200 bbls. per day to com-

the country is most suitable for the purpose, the actual work of construction being greatly aided by the height of the banks at a point where the valley narrows in after quite a broad sweep which makes a natural reservoir. A dam about 18 feet high and 80 feet long was built together with a power house, which includes room for the necessary dynamo. A line of twelve copper wires from the city to the power house was not the least expensive of the improvements required to make the power.

In the city power house the company installed a very large motor, by which the several dynamos required to light the city are run. The magnadynamo engine and boilers formerly used by the company have in no way been interfered with and are kept in readiness to start up should anything go amiss with the waterpower plant. This precaution will not be required when that power is thoroughly tested and confidence in it fully established.

The addition of water power to the city's resources will be a very material advantage, as it will result in a cheapening of power, one of the necessities of all manufacturing concerns.

Among other talked of applications of electric power is one in connection with the city water works. Every year the council is confronted with enormous fuel bills. By the use of electric power it is estimated that two-thirds of the savings would be accomplished, first in the cost of power and second in the

ed in or departed from Brandon daily. The increased services had the effect of bringing a great deal of business here. As a result the company this fall spent a large sum of money in extending the yards by the addition of six parallel tracks, necessitating the moving of the large coal shed and the rebuilding. These improvements are only a portion of what the company intend to make ere being laid out by the length of time at the disposal of the company before frost set in. Next year it is the intention to further extend the yards and to move the stock yards to a point west of 18th street.

The appointment of a superintendent with headquarters at Brandon and the making of this the disposal point for the main line, Souris, Haining and North West Central branches has added to the importance of the city.

BRANDON MACHINE WORKS.

The Brandon Machine Works company is an institution that has grown up in Brandon. Started in a small way it has increased its works from time to time as the business required until it had spread over all the available lots on the corner of 10th street and Princess avenue and was looking for more. This season new shops were built and a suitable location was found on Rosser avenue, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets. The new buildings have been erected which indicate by their extent and solidity that the



ROSSER AVENUE, BRANDON, MANITOBA.

mentence with, but the building will be sufficiently large to enable the proprietors to increase this to 250 bbls. when so desired. The accompanying storehouse will be 50 feet long by 40 wide and two storeys high, and the engine room will be 40x50 feet, also two storeys high. The total cost of the property will be about \$40,000.

BRANDON ELECTRIC POWER.

The present season has marked a noteworthy advancement in the bringing into use the extensive waterpower on the Little Saskatchewan river. Years ago it was hoped that the Assiniboine in the city limits by cutting a canal to this river near Hanbury's mill. This scheme, on investigation, did not seem practicable and attention was directed to the Little Saskatchewan. The possibilities for power there were great, but it was not until last year that the actual construction of a dam was commenced. The promoters of the scheme were the Brandon Electric Light Company, whose manager, Mr. George Patterson, had for some years been making tests which would determine exactly what could be expected. The company when once actual work had been determined upon pushed the construction with such vigor that the dam and power house are now complete and in operation.

The dam is located about nine miles west and north of the city, and about a mile from the mouth of the Little Saskatchewan. The natural layout of

amount used. The latter saving would arise from the fact that with the present system it is difficult to regulate the amount of power to the amount of work, especially where the possibility of fire was always a factor taken into consideration. With the electric system the power required could be regulated to a nicety, and extra cost would be incurred through the extra work in case of fire.

GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

The growth of the Western Agricultural and Arts' association's big fair at Brandon has necessitated the erection of new buildings from year to year. This year as usual a considerable amount of money was expended during the present year was that erected by the Dominion government for the housing of their various exhibits from experimental farms. The building, which is of stylish design, was erected by Contractor Forbes at a cost of \$2,400. Brandon can boast of a fair ground well equipped with buildings, and further success of this big annual holiday can be expected.

C. P. R. IMPROVEMENTS.

The Canadian Pacific have recognized Brandon as the natural centre of the west as shown by train service on the various branch lines running from this point, which make Brandon the objective point. During the summer season fourteen passenger trains arriv-

business done is not small and is expected to be of a very permanent character. The largest building of the lot is in size 5x1120 and contains the manager's and general offices, the machine shops and general stores. The new shop is 50x50 feet, two stories in height and the carpenter shop, which is also two stories high, is 40x50 feet, and a engine room is 24x30 feet, and moulding shop 40x30 feet. All the buildings are of solid brick with fifteen foot ceilings and have reached a stage which entitles the management to announce that they will move to the new buildings this season's work slackens down enough to enable them to spare the necessary time.

The company besides doing a very large repairing trade also rebuilds engines and separators and manufactures some of the small farm implements. During the present season the firm have employed forty-five hands, which included a night shift. Ten of the company's 15 horse-power portable engines are at work at present and if all goes well twenty-five more will be built during the coming season. In addition 1,000 fanning mills and 500 grain picklers will be built.

Official announcement was made in London, England, on Monday of the amalgamation of the firm of Vickers, Sons and Maxim, the gun manufacturers, with William Beardmore & Co., manufacturers of armor plate and ship building materials, of Glasgow. The joint capital is £3,000,000.

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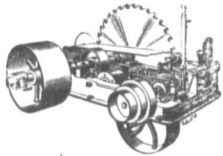
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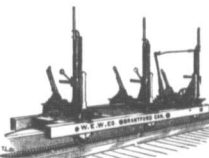
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Dry Goods Trade Notes.

Latest advices from the east indicate that cotton goods are holding steady in the Canadian market. The stock in the wholesale millinery house of J. M. Hamilton & Son, Toronto, was practically rendered a total loss on Wednesday night. The loss to the building was only \$1,000, but the whole of four stories were filled with millinery stock in preparation for the opening of the season. The manufacturer estimates the loss from \$30,000 to \$40,000, with an insurance of \$27,000.

The Canadian woollen manufacturer is practically everywhere, says the Toronto Globe. This applies particularly to those who have devoted their efforts to special weaves. They have little difficulty in numbers of lines in supplanting the foreign maker, as they show splendid good designs and the domestic goods offer particularly good value. The Canadian makers are rightly striving to turn out a higher class of goods, and every observant merchant with a knowledge of what prices must feel a loyal pride in the rapid improvement of Canadian textiles during the past few years. Canadian serge to-day cannot be beaten by any makers in the world, from low to medium class goods, and when the home demand warrants it the Canadian maker will give up the finest weaves. Nova Scotia cuttings are being worked by some of the best-dressed men in Toronto. They are stylish, serviceable and reasonable in price.

Grocery Trade Notes.

Cable advices from the east continued to report crop shortage of nutmegs and mace, with prices firmly maintained at the recent advance.

In regard to molasses, recent advices from Barbadoes indicate that the coming crop will be smaller than a year ago, owing to the unfavorable weather early in the season, which is said to have done some damage to the canes. The local market at present is quiet, which is usually the case at this season, but as the stock is light, an impression prevails that a shortage will be wanted before the next crop season opens. Barbadoes molasses is selling at 2½c in single punch-cans, and 2½c in car lots. Antigua is quoted at 2½c in single punch-cans. —Montreal Gazette.

Hardware Trade Notes.

Leading wire nail producers of the United States met in Pittsburgh last week and decided to advance their prices 5c a keg.

BOOT AND SHOE TRADE.

Colored Goods.

Retailers are naturally very anxious in regard to the prospects of tans and colored goods for the coming season, and are making inquiries in regard to this same. While it is true that, for the time trade, patents will take a large bite, and will to some extent push aside the trade, they may rely upon it that the utility of the tan shoe has been so demonstrated, for general summer purposes as being more handy in appearance, as well as being more porous on the foot, promoting ventilation, and consequently coolness and comfort, that it is now a well-known fact that a certain portion of these goods must be sold. In fact, may be considered a staple product. The difficulty will be that retailers who are somewhat shaky at this point will not order until the last moment, and will then find it impossible to get supplies. It will be better to make due allowance, and get a sufficient supply of sizes and styles to meet a good demand. —Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal.

Shoe and Leather Trade Notes.

Retail dealers in boots and shoes are being crowded pretty badly in some of the towns, by competitors from people in other lines of business, who handle their goods as a side line of a general business. In view of this competition, they are being advised in many cases to branch out, and handle the other lines of goods, which can be made to yield a profit without too greatly increasing the expense of the business. Mitts and gloves, for instance, are coming to be recognized as legiti-

mately a part of the boot and shoe dealer's stock, and a nice little profit is being made out of these lines by some dealers. Another profitable line is that of trunks and valises. It is the exception rather than the rule in this country to find any leather goods dealer with a decent assortment of these lines. If they were given proper attention and well advertised, a surprising increase in sales could be made.

Reviewing the leather market in its issue of last Monday, Hide and Leather of Chicago, says: "The inherent strength of the leather trade consists in the smallness of the stocks held, both at first and second hands. For about three months there has been accumulation at the tanneries, and consumption appears to have fully kept pace with the production."

The Shoe and Leather Trade Journal of Toronto, reports the case of a prominent United States rubber man who visited Canada recently, and in the course of an interview made the admission that Canadian rubber manufacturers are making to-day a better and more durable rubber than United States concerns. The reason given for the superior quality of Canadian made goods is that they contain more rubber and better material generally. Canadian dealers who bought rubbers in the United States last year were disappointed with what they got.

Implement Trade Notes.

One leading twine factory doing business in this country promised its patrons in the east by letter a few weeks ago that prices would be fixed in January, as soon as the true position with regard to arial fibre, which has been very unsettled, could be ascertained. Manilla twine was admitted in this letter to be too uncertain a quantity to be figured on.

The Woodstock Wagon Manufacturing Company, of Woodstock, Ontario, has been thinking of moving to some other place, where more favorable taxation arrangements could be made, and now the town council has elicited a proposition from the company stating upon what terms it will stay. The principal features of this proposal are: Assessment to be fixed at \$5,000 for ten years; the city to loan the company \$10,000, at 4 per cent per annum on the security of a first mortgage on the plant; and that the city purchase, at a cost of \$2,000, the property of the Woodburn Milling Company and donate it to them.

Lumber Trade Notes.

The American Lumberman, of Chicago, figures that the white pine lumbering industry of the Northwestern States is diminishing, and will continue to do so, owing to depleted timber areas.

All reports from the south speak of the hardwood lumber market as firm and in some directions there is a decided tendency to advance prices. Dealers who a few months ago regarded the situation as somewhat uncertain, are now persuaded that hardwood lumber is scarce and are governing themselves accordingly.

In the Ontario legislature Premier Ross said that the policy of prohibiting the exportation of saw logs in the province of Ontario had resulted very satisfactorily. New mills had been erected on the east shore of the Georgian Bay and in the northern country at a cost of \$849,000, employing 1,195 hands and cutting annually 212,269 feet board measure. Old mills had to be refitted at a cost of \$181,200, employing 1,195 hands and paying an annual cut of 1,475,000 feet. In all there had been an investment of \$1,030,000 on saw-milling properties, employing 2,323 hands, formerly finding employment in the United States and cutting 3,675,000 feet board measure per annum.

The white pine situation continues to gain strength as the season advances. The favorable weather has brought about more than the usual consumption, and consequently there is a continuance of shipments that are heavy for the season. Stocks are light almost everywhere at the mills or in the hands of dealers. The only exception is to be found along Lake Erie, and at some other wholesale markets, where the stocks are of fair size, and some of them in good assortment. Cleveland thinks that it will have lumber enough, judiciously handled, to last it until the opening of navigation. There has been an improvement in the low grades of pine of late, which apparently is concurrent with the increased call for common and mill cut poplar within the last two or three weeks.—American Lumberman.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Dominion Grange held recently at Toronto, the manager, Mr. Jabel Robinson, M. P., expressed regret that the movement was not flourishing as it should. Of 1,000 subordinate granges organized in Canada, only 76 are now working. The Grange was organized primarily with a view to assisting farming farmers with merchandise, direct from the jobber or manufacturer, and thus do away with retailers.

Alberta Oats.

At the last meeting of the council of the Winulpeg board of trade, a motion was adopted asking the Dominion minister of trade and commerce, to investigate the complaints regarding the special grades made for Alberta oats. This action of the board on account of a resolution received from the Dominion government, which had claimed that a great injustice had been done that district through the action of the special grades in fixing these special grades. As this is a matter in which the board has no jurisdiction, the standing board being officially appointed. In this department, the board could not undertake any direct investigation. It was unanimously agreed, however, that the department should be asked to take up the matter. It was stated at the meeting that three Manitoba oatmeal milling concerns had bought some of these oats, but found them unfit for milling, and they had to be sold for feed. Samples of the meal from these mills were shown. This, however, did not influence the council, and it was decided to ask for the investigation.

Tenders.

The city of Winnipeg is calling for tenders for binding 75 copies of the minutes of the city council of 1901. Bids are to be in by 3.30 p. m. on Friday, the 7th inst.

The city of Winnipeg is calling for tenders for the construction of a sewer in Robinson street, from Dufferin avenue to Stella avenue. Tenders are to be in by 8.30 p. m. on Thursday, February 8.

Tenders for a 25,000 bushel elevator, complete, to be built at Wapella, N. W. T., as soon as possible, will be received up to noon on Monday, February 10, at Wagon, Wapella. Contractor to furnish everything.

A wire from St. John, Newfoundland, on Monday said: "It is argued in some official quarters here that if the British government is prepared to withdraw from the international sugar conference at Brussels, and to provide a bounty on West Indian sugar, in order to assist Great Britain's West Indian colonies which are inhabited by blacks, Great Britain should also provide a bounty on Newfoundland fish and thereby assist this colony which is wholly inhabited by whites. It is held by certain officials that this action should be taken by the British government in return for the renewal by Newfoundland of the French motto vivendi."

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MANITOBA.

John Smale will open a general store at Neepawa on March 1.

The lumber firm of Scott & McIntyre, McCreary, has been dissolved.

J. C. Taylor has bought out the hardware business of A. Loeke, at Birdsall.

Travor & Lee have sold out their hardware business at Carberry to Mr. Laurier.

Lois Trett has disposed of his business in Minnesota and moved to Montreal.

Ritchie Bros.' saw mill at Ochre River commenced the season's cut on Monday last.

J. H. Standing, a leading merchant of Belmont, died on Monday, after a brief illness.

The partnership of Miller & Duke, implement dealers, at Elkhorn, has been dissolved.

M. S. Houle, general merchant, of St. Boniface, Lefebvre and Makinak, has made an assignment.

J. & E. Brown have bought out the hardware business of Mr. Evans, at Portage la Prairie.

The Russell House, Napinka, has been furnished and will hereafter be under the management of Arthur Joseph.

Malcolm R. Gillespie, general merchant, Balmoral, has made an assignment to Newton & Davidson, Winnipeg.

E. W. Money and A. A. Lundy have formed a partnership to carry on business as implement dealers at Rapid City.

The annual general meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade will be held in its board room on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 3 o'clock.

On Tuesday morning fire broke out in Sloan's restaurant, Winnipeg, and it damaged the premises slightly before it was extinguished.

P. W. Martin, general merchant, Macgregor, has taken E. W. Sager as a partner, and together they will carry on the business at Macgregor.

A. L. Alton, veterinary surgeon, has bought out the practice of H. J. latter known as C. S. Macgregor. The latter resides in Calgary.

Colonel Peter H. Attwood, a pioneer resident of Winnipeg, died on Monday at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. J. M. Perkins, George street.

The directors of the Gladstone Creamery Co., of Gladstone, held a meeting on Wednesday in the municipal offices, and decided to sell the creamery.

Henry Hartford, who has been in the butchering business at Dauphin for about a year, will shortly retire from business, to devote his attention to farming.

Notice is given in the Manitoba Gazette that an application will be made for the incorporation of the Brandon Fruit Co., Ltd. The concern will be capitalized at \$20,000.

It is recalled, who for a number of years has been in charge of the tailoring department of T. A. Garland & Co., of Portage la Prairie, has purchased the business.

The residence of G. H. McDonnell at Carman was destroyed by fire a few days ago together with its contents. The house was insured for \$1000 and its contents for \$1,800.

Dr. H. Nugent has entered into partnership with Dr. H. Robertson at Portage la Prairie, and the two will carry on their profession under the firm name of Robertson & Nugent.

The Winnipeg River Power Company has filed its application for an act of incorporation. This is the company in which P. W. Thompson, president of the Milling Company, has an interest.

A deputation from Brandon waited on the local government on Wednesday to ask that the province guarantee a new issue of that city's bonds, which are shortly to be issued to redeem others that are shortly to be due.

In the local legislature bills have been introduced to incorporate The Manitoba Life Assurance and Annuity Company; The Winnipeg Western Trust and Mortgage Company; and The Suburban Rapid Transit Company.

On Thursday next, the 6th inst., the stock and effects of Malcolm R. Gillespie, general merchant, Balmoral, who recently made an assignment to Newton & Davidson, Winnipeg, will be sold at the assignees' office, Winnipeg.

Retail Clerks' Union, No. 1, of Winnipeg, make an appeal to the non-union clerks in the city to fall into line, and aid in strengthening the hands of their comrades in the general mental in getting the early closing by-law enforced.

The building inspector of Winnipeg states that so far this year there have been an unprecedented number of permits for new buildings, and for, and seasonally during 1902. Several costly buildings are already projected.

Notice is given in the Manitoba Gazette that application will be made for the incorporation of The Nation & Sheehan, Ltd. of Brandon, to take over the business of Nation & Sheehan, at that place. The capital stock of the company is to be \$80,000.

Notice is given that application will be made to the local legislature for the incorporation of the Walker Oil Co., Ltd. The amount of the capital stock is given as \$100,000, and the applicants are the Messrs. Walker, P. Walker, W. T. Gross, Arthur Hills and J. H. Houtby.

The Draymen's Union, of Winnipeg, has notified all the hauliers and contractors in the city that after April 30 next it will demand full compensation for colliers, and the hauling of all material for building operations, must be done by union teams and teamsters.

A petition was presented to the Manitoba legislature on Tuesday by the members of the Centre Winnipeg asking that the liquor dealers of the country be compensated for the loss which will occur to them by the new application of the Liquor Act of 1900. The petition bore 8,000 names.

The request of the Winnipeg board of trade that the bridge be placed on the Red river at once, so as to have the stream cleared of obstructions by the time the Andrew's rapids improvements are completed, is likely to be acted upon. A reply has been made to the Hon. Mr. Tarte, saying he would submit an estimate for the boat.

In the Manitoba legislature on Wednesday the attorney-general has respecting assignments and preferences of insolvent persons was read the second time. He said that it had been introduced last session, and fully considered by the law amendments committee, and that the government had consented to allow it to stand over. They had now embodied practically all the amendments which had been suggested by the board of trade and the jobbers' union.

The Retail Clerks' Association of Winnipeg has very properly urged before the city council that the city should instruct its police to look after the enforcement of the early closing by-law, and not leave this duty for the clerks to attend to. In the past month the city council has a new law have been instituted by the clerks, which involves expense and trouble to the merchants, and themselves unable and unwilling to bear. Their request will be complied with.

ASSINIBOIA.

R. W. Hamill has bought the McCormick implement agency at Arcoia and will engage in that line of business there.

Lamont & Armstrong, implement dealers, Whitewood, have dissolved partnership. R. S. Park has been appointed receiver to wind up the business.

Misses M. and T. Mitchell, books and stationery, at W. H. W. Assn., are adding garden, field and flower seeds to their stock, and will trade in these lines.

At a joint meeting of the town council and representatives of the board of trade, of Regina, a resolution was passed, which was forwarded to the C. P. R. The resolution urges the fulfillment of a promise made in 1894, that a line was to be built to the Moose Mountain district. A motion was also passed appointing a committee to take the

necessary steps to interest farmers and citizens in the erection of a large farmers' elevator.

ALBERTA.

J. W. Turner has opened a harness shop and saddlery at Leduc.

Riley & McCormick have bought out the grocery business of Kerr Bros. at Calgary. They will sell of the groceries and put in a saddlery stock instead.

Raymond, a new Mormon town in Alberta, is fast forging ahead in the building line. About twenty new buildings were erected during the month of December.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

W. H. Butcher & Co., have bought out the retail business in musical instruments and sewing machines of J. L. McKie & Co., Port Arthur, and will conduct it in future. The latter firm is turning its attention to wholesale trade.

The Auditorium skating and curling rink at Keewatin was totally destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning. The rink was the property of R. E. Fisher, and was valued at \$2,000. The insurance amounted to \$1,500. It will not be rebuilt this season.

It is rumored that the C. P. R. will build a large summer hotel at Rat Portage to replace the Hilliard and Queen's hotels, which have been burned during the last week. There is already a large transient and holiday trade doing at Rat Portage hotels in the summer and probably a good summer trade will persist during the summer months. It has not been the policy of the C. P. R. where they were necessary for the accommodation of its patrons and it is believed that the building of the new hotel will be well founded.

In addition to the C. P. R. improvements at Fort William this year there will be more building in the residence and business portions of the town. E. J. Roehen will build a large addition to the Avenir hotel, and the Kamintoula hotel, owned by the C. P. R. will be greatly enlarged and made to accommodate the large number of tourists who come here for the summer. The John McKellar Memorial hospital

will also be built this year, which will be a \$25,000 structure when completed. Plans are also being prepared for at least twenty more houses in town besides several stores and business blocks.

A Bad Fire.

Another bad fire occurred in the town of Rat Portage, on Monday last, as a result of which the Hilliard and Queen's hotels, Wilson's second hand store and John Fisher's butcher shop were completely destroyed and Ferrier's grocery store damaged by smoke and water. The fire broke out in the kitchen of the Hilliard, about 3 o'clock in the morning and as there was a strong wind to aid the flames and a severe frost to hinder the firemen everything favored its spreading. The Hilliard House was the leading hotel of the town and was under lease to H. C. Percival. The loss on the house alone was about \$37,000 and the total loss by fire was about \$75,000. The Queen's hotel was owned by Wm. Clouher and was leased to W. Bray. In addition to the losses involved in the destroyed buildings a considerable amount of damage was done to the surrounding buildings in the way of broken windows, etc., and the guests and servants in the hotels lost many personal effects. The insurance cover on the losses by this fire is about as follows: Hilliard House—on the building, \$25,000; on the furniture, \$1,000; Mercantile, \$1,500; Donners, \$2,000; Gas-filan, \$1,500; Sun, \$1,500; and Northern, \$1,000; British American, \$2,500; Lancashire, \$1,500; Queen, \$1,000; and London & Lancashire, \$1,000. On Gardner's store there was in the Commercial Union, \$2,500, and \$1,000 on furniture and fixtures in the Scottish Union. On the Queen's hotel the insurance included \$2,000 in the Scottish Union, \$2,000 in the Union; \$700 in the Norwich Union, On Ferrier's grocery store, which was damaged by smoke, there was \$2,000 in the Hartford Insurance Company.

A bill to repeal the Spanish war taxes has been introduced in the House of Representatives at the instance of the House. The repeal will affect the remaining special taxes imposed by the war.

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may be bought for settlement with a cash payment of \$75.00 and nine equal annual instalments of \$55.00 each, which include interest at 6 per cent. Purchasers who do not wish to settle on the land within one year from date of purchase are required to pay one-sixth of the purchase money down and the balance in five equal annual instalments with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum.

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... range around 30 to 31c. Brandon rate of freight. Street oats here are at \$1.25 to 1.30 per bushel.

BALEYS—Brewers are paying from 35 to 40c per bushel for malting grade, 40 to 45c for feed. Best merchants 33 to 36c either on track or at the street.

WHEAT—Market nominal. **HAY**—The market is very weak owing to the demand for feed. Quotations on track \$5.50 per ton, for choice hauled. Loose hay on the street is worth about the same as hauled.

BOLLEED OATS—Prices have been steady since the strike, with no cutting by some in the trade. We quote 80 pound sacks, \$2.20; 40 lb. sacks are worth \$2.40; 20s, \$2.45; and 8s, \$2.70, with cover. Two pound packages with cover, \$3.70. Bran and standard oatmeal is unchanged at \$2.75 per 98 pound sack.

POULTRY—Receipts are light and the market prices are as follows:—chickens, 7 to 9c per lb., dressed; ducks and geese, 3c per lb., turkeys, 11c per pound, dressed.

GAMES—Rabbits are bringing 5c each for the ordinary kind. Jack rabbits are selling at 7c.

BUTTER—Creamery—A few factories are shipping winter butter into the city, for which they are paying 21c net laid down here.

Butter is becoming reduced and as really choice goods are not to be had outside of the country, shippers here is a pretty firm market. Prices range all the way from 22 to 25c per pound commission basis.

CHEESE—Jobbing houses are selling at 11 to 11 1/2c per pound including to the trade.

EGGS—Eggs have been selling this week at 25 to 27c net per dozen in case lots. Pickled eggs are selling to the retail trade at 20c per dozen. Eggs gathered stock is worth 25c to 40c per dozen in a retail.

VEGETABLES—Receipts are light on account of the cold weather and there are no new features to note. **POTATOES**—Farmers' goods, delivered here, 30 to 35c per bushel. **BEANS**—Farmers' goods, delivered here, 20 to 25c per bushel. **LINSEED**—30 to 35c per ton; lettuce seed, 40 to 60c per dozen bunches; celery, 40 to 60c per dozen bunches; onions, 5c per pound.

MILK—Prices are steady. We quote: Beef, city dressed, 6 to 7c per pound; country, 5c; veal, 6 to 8c; mutton, 7 to 8c; lamb, 8c; hogs, 7 1/2 to 8c.

HIDES—The market is steady at 10 to 12c per lb. We quote No. 1 hides, 6 to 7c; delivered here, No. 2, 5c; No. 3, 4c; frozen hides, 5 1/2c per lb. We also quote: calf, same price as hides; dekina, 25c to 30c; slunk, 5c to 10c; horse hides, 6c to 10c.

WOOL—Market nominal. **TALLOW**—The local price for tallow is 10 to 12c per pound. **SENECA ROOT**—Market nominal.

LIVE STOCK—**CATTLE**—There is a good demand for butcher's cattle and the market is steady. Cattle recently delivered here, 3 to 3 1/2c. Common grades range from 3 to 3 1/2c. Stockers are worth \$14 to \$15 per head, for western points, and \$18 to \$22 for two year olds.

SHEEP—There is no movement at present as there are plentifully supplied with frozen mutton. **PORK**—The market is steady at 10 to 12c per pound for best weights. Cured hams are moderate and not heavy. Receipts are moderate and not heavy.

MILK COWS—Prices are steady and in good demand at from \$200 to \$300. **HOGS**—There is but a light demand for hogs and the market is somewhat feature. Prices are very firm.

Advises from Chicago this week that the steamship line from the Great Lakes to the coast with ocean steamers there from Euston, is assured for the coming season.

Land Commissioner Griffin, of the province, left for Montreal on Friday for the purpose of attending to the headquarters matters of importance to be undertaken next summer in the north. It is understood that other things the irrigation of the Athabasca district will be fully dealt with.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 4,115,992 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Jan. 23, 1901. The year ago stocks in store at Fort William were 3,640,000 bushels. Two years ago there were 3,132,000 bushels.

Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg, and interior points are estimated approximately at 14,880,000 bushels, compared with 12,970,000 bushels a year ago, 8,700,000 bushels three years ago, and 8,200,000 bushels three years ago.

Movements of Business Men.

Henry Bell, of the Consolidated Stationery Co., left on Thursday for Toronto.

J. C. Gibson, general manager of the Winnipeg Machinery and Supply Co., of Winnipeg, left Saturday for Toronto and other eastern cities on business.

W. A. Kavanaugh, late Winnipeg manager for the McCormick Harvesting Co. Company, and now of the head office of that concern, is opening a branch in Winnipeg this week settling up his affairs and arranging to move his family to Toronto.

Western Business Items.

J. Sallman has opened up a general store at "Creek, Alberta.

Geo. Edwards is opening a blacksmith shop at Kawenda, Man.

Hodgins & Edworthy, livery and driving, Alameda, Assa., have dissolved partnership.

F. Holden has bought out the contents furnishings department of T. M. Bryant, general store at Yellow Grass, Assa.

Varcoe & Williamson, proprietors of the Manitoba Pump Company, Brandon, are dissolving partnership. N. D. Mann collects the accounts.

D. D. Mann and J. P. Mann are now at the coast for the purpose of reporting on the progress of the British Columbia government regarding the extension of the Canadian Northern system to the coast.

A Minneapolis report on Thursday said: Joseph G. King, manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway elevator at Port Arthur, is in Minneapolis arranging for the purchase of material for the construction of another one million bushel elevator at Port William.

James Huxley, of Toronto, who is to be the manager of the newly acquired branch of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation at Winnipeg, was presented with a handsome drawing room clock by his fellow employees here on the eve of his departure for Toronto.

H. Burgess, who accompanied him to Winnipeg, was presented with a set of fur.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Crystal City Dairy association was held on Saturday last. The secretary of the newly acquired branch of the creamery had done well during the past season. There had been about \$11,000 worth of butter sold and the patrons had received a good share of it. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, J. A. Parr; vice-president, R. J. Duncan; directors, J. J. Ring, Frank Bell, H. S. Jory and J. P. Smith; auditor, T. C. Finn. It was decided to build a new creamery, and the meeting for business was called to consider ways and means.

Weather Conditions.

The weather has been colder this week and more like Manitoba winter than it was previous to the recent drop in temperature. The windward the end of last week. However with the exception of one or two days, it has not been so cold as the past days being bright and only moderately cold. A little snow has fallen, but not enough to make sleighing.

A Toronto report says: Canadian wool is now quoted at 28 cents in the market. It is generally a little better than the reported rates. With the duty of 12 cents per pound, the cost of freight, packing and the ordinary profits of the trade, dealers do not feel inclined to pay more than the cost of 10 or 11 cents in the grease, for our local product.

Minneapolis Markets.

Flour—First patents, \$3.50 to \$4.00; second, \$3.00 to \$3.50, in wood. Millstuffs—Iran, bulk, \$1.75 to 1.80. Shorts, bulk, \$1.75 to \$1.80 per ton.

Feed—Coarse cornmeal and cracked corn, \$2.50 per ton. Ground feed, mixed corn and oats, \$2.15 to \$2.25 per ton. **CORNUAL**—White \$2.70 to \$2.80, do yellow, \$2.30 to \$2.40 per 100 lbs. **CORN**—No. 3, 50c; No. 4, 53 to 54c. **OUTRUB**—No. 4, 41c; per bushel of 32 lbs., as to grade, 61 to 61 1/2c, as to grade.

Flax Seed—No. 1 quoted at \$1.70 per bushel.

Hay—Timothy, \$11 to \$12 ton; Prairie, 85 to 88 per ton as to quality.

Butter—Creamery—Good to choice, 20 to 25c; seconds, 18 to 20c; dairy, good to choice, 18 to 21c; seconds, 16 to 18c lb.

Cheese—Fancy, 12c; choice, 9 to 10c; undergrades, 7 to 9c.

Eggs—1st quality, fresh, cases included, 20 1/2 doz.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 8 to 11c; geese, 9 to 10c; chickens, 10 to 11c; chickens, 5 to 6c; roosters, 4c.

Dressed Meats—Hogs, 10c for light; 9c medium; 8c for heavy; 4c to 11c; mutton, 4 1/2 to 6c; lamb, 6 to 7c; goat, 4 to 5c; carrots, 70 to 80c; onions, 81 to 82 1/2 bushel.

Beans—Hank Picked, \$2 to \$2.25 bushel.

Apples—\$4.25 to \$5.00 per barrel as to quality and variety.

Hides and Pelts—Green salted heavy steers, over 60 lbs., No. 95c; No. 2, 88c; and cows, over 60 lbs., 75c; 50 to 60 lbs., 70c; 40 lbs., 65c; 30 lbs., 60c; 25 to 40 lbs., 6 1/2 to 7c; Veal, 9 and 10 1/2c. Green frozen hides, 3 to 1 1/2c under green salted.

British Live Stock Market.

London, Jan. 27.—There were no cattle offered at Deptford market today. Steers, sheep sold at 11c to 11 1/2c. Saturday prices were: American, 14c; sheep, 11 1/2c, and lambs, 14c.

Liverpool, Jan. 27.—The market was firm for cattle and sales of choice stock reported at 12s to 12 1/2c. Sheep, prices were weak and sold a decline of 1c as compared with a week ago, sales being made at 10 to 12c.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. **LO** On Jan. 31, December option 1 1/2d higher, at 6s 9d.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. **LIV** Liverpool, Jan. 31. **F**inest Canadian colored, September-October, 48s 6d to 49c 6d; white, 47s 6d to 48c 6d.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. **LIV** Liverpool, Jan. 31. Canadian cattle quoted 5c higher, at 12 to 13 1/2c per pound, estimated dressed weight.

The Commercial Men.

A. C. Beach, of Montreal, was in the city this week. The vice-president, Mr. Lamont, of the Redding Shoe Manufacturing Co., has been on a trip to the factory at Yarmouth, N. S. He is expected back at once.

W. D. Ramsay, of Wm. Paterson & Sons, Brandon, was in the city a few days ago. He went to do work in British Columbia, and the western part of the Territories for his firm.

Late Western Business Items.

Mr. Bates, of Carman, has opened a butcher shop at Miami, Minn.

A general store is being opened at Dullington, Man. by Mr. Thom, formerly of Stonewall.

The Manitoba Steam Laundry, Brandon, has changed hands. J. A. Aderson purchased from Parkin Bros.

A dividend of 7 1/2 per cent. has been declared on the income of the Cariboo McKinley Mining Company, payable March 1.

Cattlemen who have been over the ranges of Alberta lately state the cattle are in fine condition.

Ed Dyson, who is retiring from the Dominion Co., Winnipeg, was presented with a travelling suit and liver case by the employees of the company.

The provincial government of Manitoba has decided to establish an immigration office in the city as a branch of the department of agriculture and immigration. The office will be situated on the east side of Main street, near Alexander.

The stock and fixtures of F. D. Peters, general merchants, White Water, Man., which was being offered for sale by Newton & Davidson, was offered at auction on Thursday, but not sold.

Cattlemen who have for many years enjoyed the privilege of riding on the Canadian Pacific railway free will this year be obliged to pay for their regular from Montreal. Cattlemen heretofore have been allowed to travel to different parts of the country.

A. Laycock, local grain merchant at Foxwarren, Man., will erect a 50,000 bushel elevator. Forty farmers of the neighborhood are each taking \$50 in stock, for which they receive six per cent. interest and a guarantee of storage room each year up to 1,000 bushels of five years' storage. The stockholders' option after a period of five years, will be left to the balance of the stock. Laycock provides for the operation of the elevator will be a large gang of workmen will be at the work in a few days and the grain will be completed and filled with grain before spring.

Speltz Market.

There is now a good market for speltz at Winnipeg among the grain and feed dealers, and these are regularly paying 75c per bushel for seed qualities, delivered here.

Land Sales.

The land sales of the Canadian Pacific Railway land department during January amounted to 109,846 acres for \$47,741,913. This is a large increase over the corresponding month a year ago. For January, 1901, the sales amounted to 27,928 acres for \$8,722,544.

The land sales of the Canadian North-western Company were 14,715 acres for \$7,650,630.

Hides.

James McMillan, of Minneapolis, in their last circular, stated that the receipts naturally lighter now are still large for this season of the year. Contrary to expectations, prices of all classes of green salted hides have ruled on a high basis recently. The receipts of heavy hides are now heavily stocked, and the quality is poor, being long-haired, and the thin and manure are out of the market and there has been a heavy decline, as will be noted in our quotations, and the market of weight. The heaviest decline has been in light hides, under 90 pounds in weight. There was now a heavy decline in heavy green salted hides, and the market is still commanding high prices.

The Chicago hide market dropped to 8c per pound for bulfs last week. New York Jan. 30.—An advance in the price of copper was the metal exchange to-day. The following prices are given as official:—Copper, 12 1/2c; tin, 12 1/2c; lead, 12 1/2c; zinc, 12 1/2c; silver, 12 1/2c; gold, 12 1/2c. United States Metal Selling Company had a change of price so far as can be learned.

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Creamery Butter Output.

The dairy superintendent of the Northwest Territories gives the following statement regarding the creamery butter output of Eastern Assiniboia and Saskatchewan—

	Lbs. Increase	Decrease
Butter made over 1900 from 1900	60,101	
Churchbridge	421,419	50,101
Gravel	55,110	3,262
Moosomin	42,321	18,529
Moose Jaw	20,500	
Prince Albert	10,223	11,785
Qu Appelle	25,010	3,423
Regina	34,901	2,569
Saskatoon	4,572	9,839
Selkirk	15,117	
Whitefoot	32,700	6,014
Yorkton	33,151	7,822
Total	605,103	

From the statement it will be noticed that the total increase of 1901 over 1900 is 7,788 pounds, or about 20 per cent. Of the five creameries that show a decrease, four had from 20 to 40 days' shorter season in 1901 than in 1900, principally due to a heavy snowfall in September, which caused the milk flow to be reduced so low that some of the creameries had to be closed.

Inter-Provincial Trade in Live Stock.

F. W. Hudson, Dominion live stock commissioner, says:

Trade in live stock between Eastern and Western Canada has been growing rapidly within the last few years. This increase of trade has been promoted, and in fact made possible, by the wise and generous treatment of the C. P. R. During the month of December and the first eight days in January, forty-six cars shipped from Eastern Canada to British Columbia. These cars contained 2,223 head, and cost in the east some thing over \$30,000. Besides these, a considerable number have recently been sent to the Northwest Territories, and orders are now in hand for additional shipments to be made in order to promote the trade. In districts in Eastern Canada, farmers should use first class Shorthorn bulls. By careful selection and wise treatment females sired by such bulls will prove excellent dairy cows.

It is a noticeable fact that seven-tenths of the stock used for dairy purposes in Great Britain are Shorthorns and Shorthorn grades. Probably the most suitable dairy cow for the average farmer is a Shorthorn-Ayrshire cross. Steer whose dams are strong grade Ayrshire cows if got by a Shorthorn bull prove excellent feeders and very desirable shipping cattle. As dairy animals there are none, in the hands of the general farmer, that will excel the Shorthorn-Ayrshire cross.

Live Stock Auction Sales.

The Ontario provincial auction sales of pure bred live stock will be held in the city of Ottawa, Feb. 12, and in the city of Quebec, Feb. 26. At each of these sales a number of first-class animals will be offered. A considerable number have already been entered but none will be accepted until each has been inspected, for each one also must be beyond question. Western ranchers and stock growers will be well repaid if they attend at Ottawa and Quebec. At Quebec, 60 about 20 females. A few very good Herefords, Polled Angus and Galloways will also be sold. Yorkshires, Tamworths and Berkshires will be the only breeds of pigs offered this year. Altogether the quality and condition of the animals sold at Ottawa and Quebec will be better than last year. Every precaution will be taken to safeguard the interests of both the buyers and sellers. In case a buyer, coming from a distant province and does not get all he wants at either of the sales, arrangements have been completed whereby the officers of the Provincial Association are able to assist him in procuring what he may desire, with little or no additional expense to himself, other than the price of the animals.

At the request of the minister of the interior, the minister of inland revenue has ordered the officials of his department to make an investigation into the complaints offered in the newspapers against the quality of some of the coal oil sold the winter in Manitoba and the Territories.

FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

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

Week ending Jan. 30, 1902	\$2,384,322
Corresponding week, 1901	1,727,965
Corresponding week, 1900	1,727,965

The monthly totals are as follows:

Jan.	\$ 9,232,490	9,586,497	7,588,022
Feb.	7,128,274	6,702,660	6,400,411
Mar.	7,830,622	7,503,562	6,736,121
Apr.	7,654,224	7,472,271	6,940,431
May	8,881,057	9,762,279	7,472,863
June	8,247,708	9,012,484	8,211,716
July	9,212,180	9,266,422	8,110,211
Aug.	9,224,700	8,175,436	7,906,291
Sep.	10,124,358	7,200,218	8,581,158
Oct.	15,174,950	9,183,417	12,680,000
Nov.	11,532,601	10,418,983	11,435,219
Dec.	11,015,328	10,869,323	12,969,845

Total \$127,711,158 \$106,956,702 \$107,788,814

Financial Notes.

H. F. Myrton, who was manager of the Rossland branch of the Bank of British Columbia at the time that bank's business and property was taken over by the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and who continued in charge of the bank's business at that bank, has been appointed manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at

BANK STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER.

The returns to the federal government by the Canadian banks for the month of December afford no indications in this is the usual sharp contraction in circulation characteristic of the holiday month, but that business this fall was of greater volume than in twelve months ago is attested by the increase of \$5,614,000 odd in the item compared with December, 1900. In all the other crucial items there are increases not only as compared with the same month a year ago, but also with the preceding month of the year, the gains in many cases being quite remarkable. Deposits demand and notice continue to accumulate in the banks, being almost three million and a half in excess of those for November, 1901, while they are near to the fifty million mark in excess of the deposits of 1900. The increase of three and a half millions in deposits on demand compared with the preceding month is a reflection of the volume of the dividend payments released during November and December, and the consequent bank's awaiting employment. The shrinkage in call loans between November and December represents the curtailment in the volume of share trading noted toward the end of the year, while the increase in deposits of over \$1,815,100,000, compared with twelve months ago, is supplementary testimony to that furnished by the increase in circulation during the year, that general trade has materially increased in volume. And while this expansion in trade has been in progress it is also satisfactory to note that it has been accompanied by an increase in the reserve strength of the Canadian banking system. Taking such assets as reserve specie, call loans, etc., which can be readily converted into cash their proportion to circulation, deposits, etc., and that class of liabilities which come under the category of urgent is 60.5 per cent for December, 1901, as against 50.4 per cent for 1900. All in all, the condition of Canadian trade and the banking resources to carry it on is highly satisfactory.

LIABILITIES.

	December, 1901.	November, 1901.	December, 1900.
Paid up capital	\$7,591,311	\$7,598,007	\$7,087,111
Reserve	37,364,708	37,074,174	34,501,549
Circulation	54,372,788	54,171,560	50,758,240
Due Dom. Govt.	4,864,646	3,501,573	4,549,940
Due Prov. Govt.	2,828,088	2,855,196	2,918,907
Demand deposits in Canada	102,300,934	98,724,437	100,430,035
Notice deposits in Canada	223,431,229	222,188,847	188,479,690
Deposits out of Canada	51,833,291	51,833,291	47,401,759
Loans from Can. banks	737,473	803,848	1,642,187
Deposits from Can. banks	4,155,273	3,485,223	2,825,710
Due British banks	6,888,729	7,580,829	4,196,658
Due Foreign banks	1,052,639	808,104	526,104
Other liabilities	10,230,648	12,310,259	6,383,690
Total	\$449,091,985	\$450,824,830	\$392,150,481

ASSETS.

Specie	\$ 11,571,337	11,370,510	11,773,336
Dom. notes	21,405,397	21,322,577	19,785,173
Security for circulation	25,938,011	25,938,918	23,871,973
Notes, etc., of other banks	16,293,806	12,888,748	17,401,759
Loans to other banks	737,473	803,848	1,601,184
Deposits with other banks	5,233,000	4,707,435	4,402,855
Due from British banks	6,888,729	7,580,829	5,242,232
Due from foreign banks	11,456,756	14,010,462	11,677,090
Govt. securities	9,708,701	10,420,428	12,451,142
Municipal securities	13,528,030	13,934,021	12,246,984
Railway securities	31,964,130	33,061,712	25,507,842
Call loans in Canada	37,153,941	37,552,474	33,981,478
Call loans out of Canada	45,293,960	50,963,477	47,401,759
Current loans in Canada	280,158,657	288,820,200	275,640,872
Current loans out of Canada	31,100,560	28,534,888	20,079,290
Loans to Prov. Government	3,703,426	3,223,091	3,172,924
Overdue debts	2,103,705	1,969,591	1,924,422
Real estate	886,497	877,395	1,455,701
Mortgages, etc.	1,700,256	1,717,584	1,608,733
Bank premises	6,753,172	6,732,286	6,498,104
Other assets	9,848,652	12,849,548	7,702,007
Total	\$562,077,703	\$566,307,215	\$501,042,015

Greenwood, in succession to the late J. W. H. Smythe, who died several months ago. H. R. Davidson, who has been in temporary charge, returns to the banks Vancouver office.

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STATISTICAL WHEAT REPORT.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows: Montreal 4,500; Toronto 37,000; Quebec 224,000; Fort Harbort, Ont. 400,000; Kingston 50,000; Fort William, Fort Arthur and Assiniboia 3,700,000; Winnipeg 26,000; Manitoba elevators 11,000,000. Total Jan. 18 15,811,000. Total previous week 15,416,000. Total a year ago 14,528,000.

BRAIDSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS. Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Braidstreet's Jan. 18, were 32,734 bushels, an against 33,752 bushels the previous week, according to Braidstreet's report. Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 37,938 bushels, according to Braidstreet's report. Stocks of wheat at the Chicago port on Jan. 1 were 3,343,000 bushels.

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 Jan. 25, was 59,290 bushels, being an increase of 10,000 bushels for the week. At the same time the visible supply was 60,300 bushels, two years ago 55,575 bushels, three years ago 28,523,000 bushels, four years ago 28,602,000 bushels, five years ago 29,981,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, is 1,133,000 bushels, compared with 1,034,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 11,622,000 bushels, compared with 14,175,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in America and Europe and about for Europe 274,000,000 bushels for a series of years, were as follows—Braidstreet's report: 1902 105,000,000; 1901 109,000,000; 1900 107,000,000; 1899 108,000,000; 1898 112,000,000; 1897 112,000,000; 1896 112,000,000; 1895 114,000,000.

WHEAT MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1901, to date, compared with the same period of last year. This report. Last crop. Minneapolis 3,671,176 4,120,156; Milwaukee 2,478,880 2,752,750; Duluth 2,058,428 2,752,290; Chicago 3,190,532 3,177,430.

Total 133,549,173 96,425,741. The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1901, to date, compared with the same period of last year.

This report. Last crop. Toledo 2,308,750 2,339,114; St. Louis 1,491,151 16,388,015; Detroit 1,059,508 1,331,222; Kansas City 1,256,428 2,458,717. Total 2,308,750 44,519,734.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this date last year: Wheat—Cash No. 1 hard closed at 52c in store Fort William. Flour—Jobbing price per sack: Patent, \$2.10; best bakery, \$1.95. Millers'—Bran, \$14.00 per ton; shorts, 1 1/2c per ton delivered. Oats—Carloads on truck, Alberta 30c 4c; Manitoba 30c 4c. Corn—\$1.00 per 80 lb sack. Barley—\$4.00 per ton for cars of feed grades on truck malling barley, 29c 4c. Corn—in car lots 4 1/2c per bushel of 60 lbs. Butter—Dairy, 12 1/2c per lb.; creamery 20c per lb. at the factory. Eggs—10c to retail merchants. Eggs—24c 1/2c for Manitoba fresh, less expressage. Potatoes—Farmers' loads on the street, 4 1/2c per bushel. Beef—56c for city dressed; country, 4 1/2c 1/2c per lb. Poultry—Dressed chickens 30c 1/2c; ducks dressed, 30c; geese, 10c; turkeys, dressed, 11c. Game—Rabbits, 10c per pair. Hides—1 1/2c 1/2c for frozen stock, less blue tarr. Wool—36 1/2c for unwashed fleece. Sheep—Horn—32 1/2c. Hated Hay—3 1/2c per ton on cars. Live Stock—Cattle, 3 1/2c; sheep, 4 1/2c; hogs, 9 1/2c.

Grain and Milling Notes.

The farmers around Russell, Man., think of building an elevator this year.

The farmers of Hargrave district think of erecting an elevator of their own this year.

The farmers in the vicinity of Regina, Assa., have decided to build a 20,000 bushel elevator in time for next season's grain trade.

The Farmers' elevator at Carnduff, Assa., is being rapidly pushed to completion, and will shortly be ready for 20,000 bushels of wheat.

The Saltcoats Assiniboia, says: It is rumored that the Northern Elevator Company is to build an elevator at this point, and that material will be obtained from and work commenced in less than a month.

The Dominion department of agriculture is filling an order for 500 tons of flour from the Imperial war office for South Africa. This is only one of a number of orders for flour which Canada has received for the same destination.

The Grain Act.

The agricultural committee of the Manitoba legislative council met Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock when the consideration of the resolution moved by Mr. Ferguson containing a memorial to the Dominion government in regard to the Grain Act was brought up. It was decided by the committee to obtain the views of different people and trade representatives, and to report on the matter next at 10 a. m. C. C. Castle, warehouse commissioner, will be asked to give his views to the committee Wednesday and Friday of next week will be devoted to hearing anyone who has a grievance to relate on the matter.

INSURANCE

Important Insurance Case.

A very important insurance case has been decided at Winnipeg in the case of National Trust Co. vs. Hughes, Justice Bain held that the insured had the right to revoke the assignment in favor of his wife. He ordered that the money be paid to the estate of deceased in accordance with his will. This decision would indicate that a policy-holder can control the policy by will, notwithstanding that it is declared to be payable to a named beneficiary. The decision is a very important one, as it has been generally held that this could not be done. The point is one over which there has been considerable controversy in insurance circles, and upon which there is much that can be said on both sides of the question.

Insurance Notes.

The 1901 business of 43 United States Insurers in Manitoba is increased by one authority at \$1,336,900,000, an increase over 1900 of \$1,088,924,000.

J. W. Prescott has been appointed general agent for British Columbia of the New York Mutual Life Insurance Co., succeeding S. Henderson.

M. C. Hinshaw, branch manager for Canada of the Atlas Assurance Company, states officially that the proposed merger of the Atlas amalgamation has fallen through, and that any suggestion as to an act of parliament to merge the two is dead. The deal is without foundation.

James H. Beatty, president of the Federal Life Assurance Company, died at Toronto on Sunday last, from paralysis. Mr. Beatty was 70 years of age. He was also president of the Beatty line of steamer, which ply between Sarnia, Port Arthur and Duluth. He left four children.

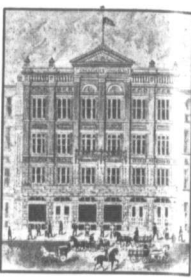
The Masonic Mutual Benefit Association, of New Haven, Conn., and The Protected Knights of America, two fraternal benefit associations, have been added to the already exceedingly long list of defunct mutuals. The first group has assets of \$50,000, with which to pay \$80,000. In the case of the latter the officers are being sued by some of the victims.

The fire insurance companies of America are talking of a general advance of 10 per cent. in their mercantile rates. It is claimed that the loss

experience of the past few years warrants this, and that unless more remedy is found for the present unsatisfactory state of the business, many of the companies will be obliged to withdraw from business.

The annual meeting of The Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Portland in Pacific Man., was held on Friday, the 24th inst. The following directors were elected for the ensuing year: John Heydon, Thomas Sissons, William Fulton, Gardner Greenley, D. W. McQuigg, Wm. Wishart, and Findlay Robertson. At a subsequent meeting of the directors Thomas Sissons was elected president; William Wishart, vice-president, and M. B. Snider, manager and secretary-treasurer. The managers' report for the year just ended showed an increase in the volume of business done by the company.

Hide and Leather, of Chicago, in reviewing the wool situation says that it would have not been in such a strong position for four or five years as it is to-day. The old stocks—the bankrupt and semi-bankrupt lots of wool—have been pretty well liquidated. There is much less wool in the market than there was a year ago, and the consumption is unprecedented. Thus it is not surprising to learn that two or three mills which a year ago were using 150,000 pounds of wool per week are now using from 250,000 to 475,000 pounds. Holders, therefore, are in a better position to control the price than they have been for some time and are in an easy position financially. The tone of the market is as firm as ever, with no weakness apparent in any grade of wool. The situation is regarded as a sound and healthy one and a steady market for domestic stock, with slight fluctuations, is generally anticipated by the trade, a market which dealers will be willing to meet consumers but will not make concessions. The country markets are very strong on account of the short supplies, and if the new clip was to be offered to-morrow it would unquestionably be at higher prices. Of course, the temper of the market may be changed materially between now and spring, but present indications are that the growers will be pretty stiff in their views.



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