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Manitoba.

Charles Skelding has opened out a stock of hardware at Virden.

W. C. Kennedy, Brandon, is succeeded by McKelvie & Anderson.

W. H. Harland, livery and feed stable, Winnipeg, has sold out by auction.

H. Crowe & Co., lumber and grain, Winnipeg, are selling out lumber business.

The rails on the C. P. R. Souris branch have been laid about fifty miles west of Melita.

J. Allaire, lumber and tannery, St. Boniface, has sold out his lumber business to Edward R. Lloyd.

J. J. Schragg, miscellaneous trader, Winnipeg, who was burned out recently, has assigned.

Verner & Hanscombe, customs brokers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. S. T. Hanscombe continues under old style.

G. S. Hill has opened a drug store at Regina. Mr. Hill was formerly with Kenneth Campbell, drugs, of Montreal, and is well posted in this branch of trade.

The extension of the Canadian Pacific Souris branch railway to the Souris coal region, is progressing fast, and grading is expected to be completed in two weeks.

The Manitoba Government deaf and dumb institute at Winnipeg, was seriously damaged by fire last week. The upper story was destroyed. The brick walls are sound, and the work of repairing will be begun at once. The damage was covered by insurance. The institute will find temporary quarters in the meantime.

The Dominion government has at last taken action to grant some much needed improvements in the postal service in Manitoba. The Northern Pacific branches in Manitoba, which have never had a postal service, are to be given mails over; the Brandon branch twice a week each way, and the main line from Winnipeg to West Lynne, will have a daily service. Authorization has also been received from Ottawa to increase the postal car service on the Canadian Pacific Glenboro branch, from semi-weekly to tri-weekly, and also to establish a tri-weekly baggage car service on the Souris branch between Brandon and Melita.

The Manitou Mercury says: "The last shipment of fat stock to Liverpool for the season, was sent off a short time ago, and Mr. Ironside has rounded up the balance of his cattle and is herding them on his ranch near Manitou. He has about four hundred head, mostly two and three year old steers, which will be herded as long as the weather will permit, and which will then be distributed amongst some of the farmers of the district for stall feeding. Mr. Ironside's operations in the cattle export trade have been conducted on such a large scale this season as to place him at the top as the most extensive exporter of live stock in the province. Not only have the stock districts of southern Manitoba been gone over, but northwestern Manitoba, various sections along the main line, and the Battleford, Prince Albert and Edmonton settlements and the ranches of the Northwest have been visited in search of cattle. As a result something like two thousand head of fat stock have been shipped to the old country, representing a cash outlay of nearly \$90,000. Mr. Ironside, while perhaps not making a fortune, has secured satisfactory returns as a result of his enterprise."

Virden received a scorching last week, from a fire which originated in the Ottawa hotel stables. Twenty horses and some cattle were burned in the stables. The fire started at 2.30 Wednesday morning. The fire spread, burning the buildings and stocks of Ramsay & Clingan, general store; Frame & Miller, hardware; Ottawa hotel and stables; Huston's stables and McLelland's dwelling, all of which are a total loss. The fire crossed to the east side of Nelson street, setting fire to all the buildings on that side, namely: Wilcox & Co., general store; Higginbotham's, drugs; Jones, butcher-shop; Schoneau's, hardware; Fraser, flour and feed; McIntosh, butcher; Woolhouse, stationer; Foster, harness. By the exertions of the citizens all these buildings were saved from total destruction, although the stocks and buildings are much damaged. Particulars of the losses and insurance, as far as can be ascertained, are as follows: Ramsay & Clingan, stock \$2,000, insured in the Eastern for \$2,000. The Western has the risk on the building. Ottawa hotel and stable, \$1,500 in the City of London; contents, \$500 in the Western. Frame & Miller, on building and contents, \$2,000 in the Commercial Union, \$2,000 in the Glasgow and London, \$2,000 in the Queen's, \$2,000 in the Lancashire and \$2,000 not known. Hunton's stable, \$300. McLellan's dwelling house, \$3,000 in the Glasgow and London. Wilcox & Co., on building and stock, \$14,000 in the Glasgow and London, Commercial Union and other companies not known, J. Higginbotham, on stock, \$1,000 in the City of London; on building, \$1,000 not known. Schoneau & Co., \$2,000 in the West-

ern of Toronto. T. & J. Jones, on building, \$1,000 in the Lancashire. David Fraser, on stock, \$500 in the City of London, \$500 in the Imperial. Mrs. Woolhouse, on stock, \$500 in the City of London. B. Foster on contents, \$1,000 in the Queen's.

Assiniboia.

S. H. Caswell has made in his creamery this year, at Qu'Appelle, 16,484 pounds of butter. This is about 7,000 larger than last year's make. The butter was all shipped to British Columbia, with the exception of a small quantity consumed locally. The creamery was in operation from April 27 to October 6.

Boright & Parsons, cattle, Maple creek, have dissolved partnership, L. C. Parsons continuing the business.

Tenders for supplies of hardware, for the mounted police, are asked by the department at Regina.

R. F. Greer, from Toronto, has opened a drug store at Alameda, a point which will be on the Canadian Pacific Souris extension.

Saskatchewan.

Prince Albert now has an electric light system in operation.

Alberta.

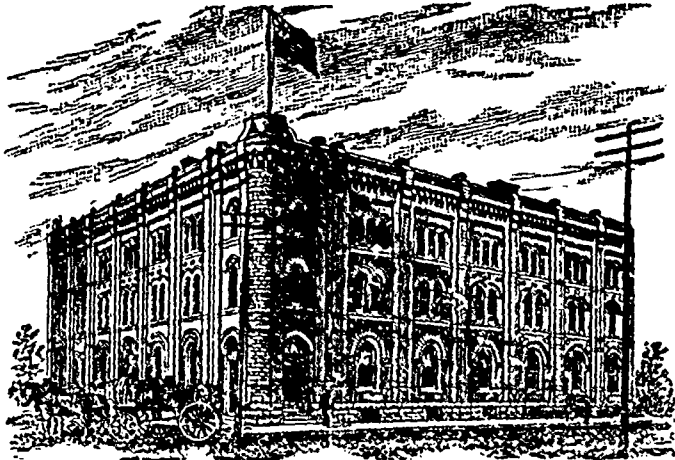
On the Calgary & Macleod railway, graders are still at work and will be carried this fall to within eight miles of Macleod. Work is still in progress on the bridges over Fish creek, Sheep creek and High river. It is learned from another source that there is nothing absolutely settled in regard to the line going into Macleod. The company wish to stop at the north bank of the Old Man's river, but it is said the government are urging them to go into Macleod.

British Grain Trade.

The *Mark Lane Express* of October 26, in its weekly review of the British grain trade, says: "English wheats of good quality and in dry condition all advanced 1s 2d. A quantity coming to market in a wreathed, unfit state owing to the continual rains, remains unsold. Foreign wheats were held for 6d advance. California cargoes sold at 44s and American red winters at 39s 9d. Maize was firm; mixed American, new corn, was quoted at 23s 5d. Oats were strong under the prospects of the Russian exports ceasing; American was 2s dearer, 21s being asked for December shipment, with 20s 9d offered. The advance in rye was checked by a liberal American supply. Barley, beans and peas were held for a slight rise. At Monday's market all staples were dearer. Dry English wheats were scarce and advanced 6d. Foreign wheats and flour also advanced 6d. Maize, oats, barley and beans were firm."

The Dominion board of examiners for the inspection of flour and meal and the fixing of standards held their annual meeting at Montreal on October 22. Among the members present were D. H. McMillan, Chas. N. Bell and Stephen Nairn, of Winnipeg. The members got through with their work, and report that the standards are practically the same as last year.

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Teas and coffees—Coffees are in good demand at unchanged prices. Prices are: Rio, 19 to 20c; Jamaica, 22c to 23c; Java, 27c to 32c; Mocha, 29 to 35c; Porto Rico, 25 to 28c.

Dried fruit—Currants are lower on the arrival of later shipments. Ordinary provincial

can be bought in barrels at 5½ to 6c. here, and fine Filiatras at 6½ to 6½c. Some lower grades are offering from Montreal at much lower prices. Dates—No new quoted yet. Old are offered here at 5½ to 6c. Figs—Are now quite plentiful, but are selling well at 12 to 12½c for 14 oz boxes, and at 12½ to 18½c for 10 to 56 lb. boxes. Raisins—Valencias are fairly steady at 5½ to 6½c for good to prime off stalk. Cables are firmer and enquiries were reported to-day for round lots of best brands. Other raisins steady and unchanged. Currants—Bbls, new, 5½ to 6½c; half bbls, 6 to 6½c; cases, 6½ to 6½c; Vostizza, new, cases, 7 to 19c; Patras, bbls, 7 to 7½c; half bbls, 7½ to 7½c; cases, 7½ to 7½. Raisins—Valencias, 5½ to 6½; sultanas, 10 to 13c; London layers, \$3 to \$3.10; black baskets, \$4 to \$4.10; clusters, \$4.25; extra dessert clusters, \$4.50. Prunes—Cases, 5½ to 6½c; hogs-heads and bags, 6½ to 7c. Figs—Natural bags, 4½ to 5c; Malaga mats, \$1 to \$1.25; Elemes, 10 lbs and up, 12 to 13c. Dates—Hallowee, 5½ to 6c; old, 4c. Nuts—Almonds, Tarragona, 15½c to 17c; Ivica, 14 to 15c; filberts, Sicily, 10½ to 11c; walnuts, Grenobles, 16 to 17c; Marbots, 12 to 13c; Bordeaux, 12 to 12½c.

Canned goods—Vegetables are steadier than a few days ago. Complaints are made that some firms are putting seconds on the market, and in one instance a shipment was refused. Tomatoes are selling at \$1.05 to \$1.10 here for well-known brands, but some were offered at \$1. Corn offers at \$1.05 to \$1.10, and peas at \$1.10 to \$1.20. Assorted lots range at from \$1.05 to \$1.10. Jobbers are buying very sparingly of fruits; owing to the large supply of green fruit and the cheap prices of sugar there has been more family preserving than usual, and the demand for goods is likely to be dull for some time.

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Rice, spices, etc.—Rice, bags, 3½ to 4½c; do., off grades, 3½ to 3½c; do, Patna, 6½ to 6½c; do, Japan, 4½ to 5½c; Carolina, 8 to 8½c; sago, 3½ to 4½c; tapioca, 4½ to 6c; poppor, black, 12 to 18c; do, white, 18 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 25 to 30c; cloves, 15 to 20c; allspice, 12 to 15c; nutmegs, 5c. to \$1.10; cream tartar, 25c. to 35c.—*Empire*, October 23.

Getting a Little Discouraged.

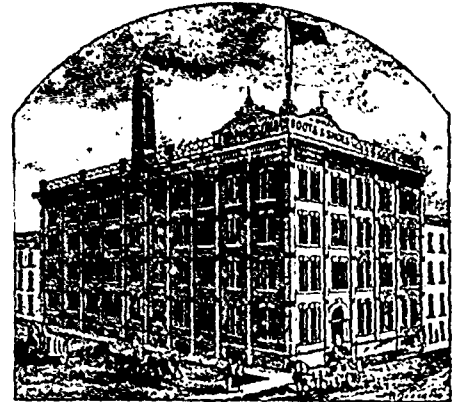
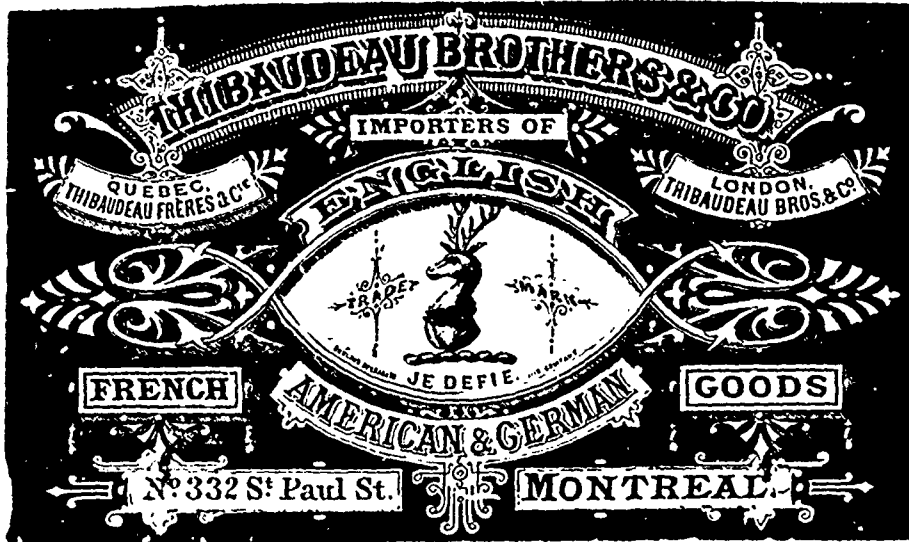
It is becoming clear to the minds of dealers that the extravagant early anticipations of the value of wheat in the near future cannot be realized. We had no sympathy with this view of the situation, and have from the commencement hoped that \$1.00 per bushel could be maintained at the lake ports. We have not avoraged that price in Toledo, and our average is above any other lake market. Since September 1 the lowest price has been 94½c, and the highest \$1.01. The average is 97¾c. Two reasons account for this change in sentiment of extreme "bulls." One is that our own crop of wheat is fully demonstrated to be the largest crop of wheat on record and now generally estimated at 600,000,000 bushels, and the other is that the early estimates of deficiency abroad are not confirmed by the latest returns.—*Toledo Market Report.*

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Paris	1867	37	52,000	217	10,200,000	2,103,075	
Vienna	1873	40	42,000	156	7,254,687	
Philadelphia	1876	63	36,861	159	9,910,936	3,913,724	
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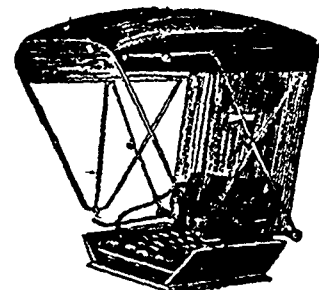
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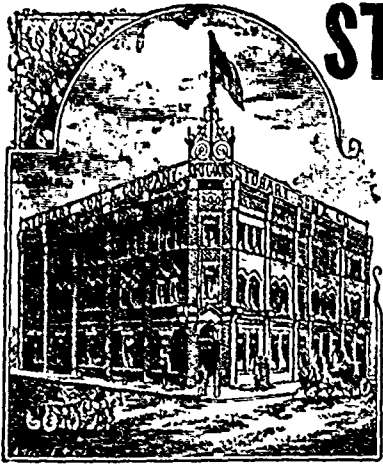
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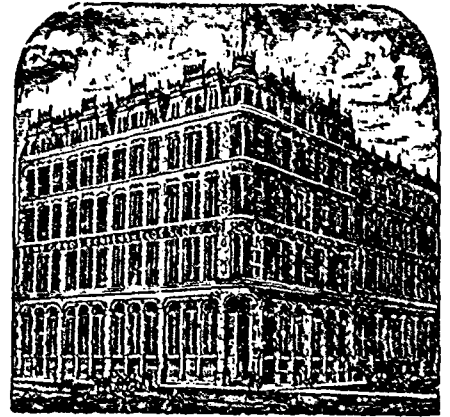
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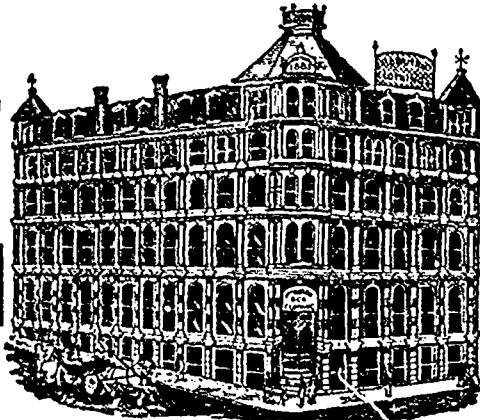
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THE FARMERS ORGANIZING.

An organization known as the Patrons of Industry, is attracting considerable attention in Ontario at present. Something has also been heard of this order in Manitoba. It is an order formed for the purpose of organization among farmers, with the object of enabling them to buy cheaper. It is probably something after the order known as grangers, which spread rapidly among the farmers of eastern Canada some fifteen years ago, but which soon collapsed. The Patrons of Industry will no doubt follow in the same way. Waves of this nature are sure to sweep over the country at irregular intervals, and the more rapidly the movement spreads the sooner dissolution may be looked for.

We are not acquainted very fully with the aims and objects of this new order, and would not attempt to condemn it unheard. In fact, there may be many excellent points about the organization. Orders and associations are the rule now days, and the farmers have as good right as other people to establish one or a dozen orders, of a fraternal or commercial nature, so long as in so doing they do not infringe upon the rights of others. Indeed, an organization among the farmers, properly directed and supported, should be able to accomplish a great deal in the interest of its members. The meeting together of persons engaged in the same pursuits of life, to discuss matters affecting their trade, industry of calling, should be beneficial to all concerned. Farmers, like other people, have a right to buy in the cheapest market, and sell in the dearest one they can find. The farmers therefore have a right to discuss commercial matters affecting their interest, in their meetings together, as well as to consider purely agricultural questions. In fact, no one would have any right to complain, if they even undertook to discuss political or semi-political matters, such for instance as protection, and its interference with their right to buy and sell in the cheapest markets.

One word, however, may be said in connection with the discussion of commercial questions, in an organization or meeting of farmers. Past experience has shown that they are almost certain to jump at extremely false conclusions, and a policy or line of action is resolved upon, as a result of misconception or ignorance of the real facts, which sooner or later must result in discomfiture. This has invariably been the rule, in any efforts which the farmers have made in the fact to regulate commercial matters. They start out with the belief that they are being made the victims of other business interests, and this belief leads them into the conclusion of extravagant errors. Take for instance the remarkable opinions which prevail among the farmers concerning the grain trade; yet it would be the extreme of folly to undertake to correct some of these popular errors, and lead them to believe the true facts. Again, as to the store trade, there are many fallacies popular among the farmers.

It is in connection with the store trade, that the Patrons of Industry in Ontario have drawn considerable attention to their actions. They have undertaken in that province to regulate the profits of the country merchants. This is attempted in the following way. They agree to do their trading with certain dealers, who are to sell to them at a certain percentage of profit, invoices to be open for inspection, in order that Patrons can see for themselves that the percentage is not exceeded. In this connection, it is reported that some Ontario merchants who have made an arrangement of this nature with the Patrons, have requested the wholesale houses to make out invoices at a considerable advance over the real cost of the goods. In some instances wholesalers have refused to become a party to the fraud, but no doubt most dealers would acquiesce in such a request. In another case the Patrons of Industry have undertaken to boycott an entire town, because all the merchants of the place wisely resolved to have nothing to do with any arrangement of this nature. We have no hesitation in saying that the Patrons are on the wrong track in this attempt to regulate the profits of retail dealers, neither do we see anything to commend, and everything to condemn in the action of a dealer who would become a party to such an agreement. Underhand scheming, such as the raising of invoices, is the natural outcome of such an arrangement.

The efforts of the Patrons of Industry on this line will never be a success, and they would be wise if they would leave the regulation of profits to the natural laws of supply and demand, free competition, etc. On the other hand, there is a trade matter which the farmers might discuss to advantage, namely; the application of cold cash, versus credit, to the purchase of commodities. As long credit customers, the farmers of Canada are notorious. There is no country in the world, we believe, where credit is carried to such a rotten extreme, as it is among the farmers of Canada. Just why this is so, it is hard to determine, for while the farmer buys everything on credit, he invariably sells for spot cash on delivery. They say it is a poor rule which will not work both ways, and the farmer, who always sells for cash, should be able and willing to buy in the same way. Now, if the farmers would look into this question and agree to buy for cash, from dealers who sold only for cash, we think they would have little reason to complain of overcharges against them. By so doing, they would confer a genuine blessing upon the country.

The farmer or other customer who pays cash, has a right to a liberal discount. To give credit at all, means losses in bad accounts, and the cash customer should not be compelled to help make up these losses. He should be treated on an entirely different basis from the credit customer. There is certainly a great deal of injustice in the system which prevails in many parts of Canada in the retail trade, in the matter of cash and credit business. The merchant assumes no risk from his cash customer, and he should not hold such a customer responsible for losses in his credit transactions. A sharp distinction should be made between cash and credit business. Those who receive credit, should pay for the accommodation; or in other words,

should pay for the increased cost of doing a credit business, and also for the losses inseparably connected with doing a credit trade. The cash customer should not, as he frequently is, be compelled to pay for the extra cost and losses of the credit department. There is not that sharp distinction which there should be between cash and credit business, and we believe this fact accounts in a large measure for the very great prevalence of credit business.

PUSH YOUR COLLECTIONS.

After a long period of closeness in collections, the time is now at hand when money should begin to circulate more freely. The grain movement is now starting briskly, and the large amount of money daily paid out to the farmers all over the country, should soon be noticeable in commercial circles generally. Of course the farmers have liabilities of a varied nature to meet, and they cannot pay up everything with the proceeds of the sale of the first few loads of grain. But they should begin to pay at once, and continue to pay as their grain is hauled in, until a sufficient quantity has been marketed to make them square again with the world.

There are few farmers, indeed, in Manitoba, who should not be able to square up all their ordinary running indebtedness from the proceeds of their crop this year. All around, the season has been a splendid one for our farmers. The yield of all grains has been enormous. One year with another, we can hardly hope to have such a large return from the soil as we have had this year. If the farmers cannot pay up well this year, after two good crop years in succession, they will never be able to pay up. The liabilities of the country were largely reduced from the proceeds of last year's crop, and this year should bring a clean wipe-up of all ordinary running accounts. Of course there are a few farmers this year, who from one cause or another, accidental or otherwise, have met with misfortune, but this is a certainty every year. As a general rule, the season has been one of abundant success.

With this encouraging outlook, the retail merchants throughout the country should be able to reduce their book accounts to a minimum, and at the same time reduce their own liabilities correspondingly. But retail merchants must not conclude that the money will come in freely unless they work diligently to bring it in. Credit business unfortunately is the rule in this country. The farmer buys everything on credit, and there will be numerous calls upon him for cash. The first to come will be the first served. Merchants should set to work vigorously and continuously for the collection of accounts. It is not enough to conclude that an account is all right, and that when the farmer gets a number of his more pressing liabilities paid off, he will come and pay the account. This a very bad business principle, and one which, moreover, gains no thanks nor consideration from the farmer. Make your own accounts as pressing as any. In the natural order of things, one would suppose that the store accounts should be the first ones to be paid up. Country merchants as a rule are about as much in need of the money as any other creditor of the farmer. Do not wait for

anybody to be paid first, but press for the payment of your own accounts as the one thing of first and greatest importance.

We heard a country merchant remark, that last year he left his accounts until rather late in the season, thinking he would give his debtors a chance to straighten themselves out before calling upon them for cash. The result was that his collections were a complete failure. Some claimed they had paid out all the money they had from their crops to other creditors, who had pushed them, and the accounts would therefore have to stand. Others gave various reasons for having parted with the proceeds of their crops. His largest debtor claimed he had not enough money from his crops to cover all his accounts, and this one would have to stand over another year, though the merchant learned afterwards that this farmer had purchased another piece of land and had paid several hundred dollars in cash thereon.

This is about all the consideration merchants may expect in return for their being too easy with their customers. Merchants who are wise will make up their minds that they must and shall have a fair share of the money that is going, from the very commencement of the season. If your accounts have not therefore been made out, start in at once. Whatever may stand, suffer no delay in the collection department. The successful merchant is invariably noted for the vigor displayed in his collection department. The unsuccessful trader is often the man who is afraid to push his collections for fear of offending his customers.

AN INTERESTING THEORY.

An important question was brought up in the last number of the *Farmers' Advocate*, in a theory which the editor of that paper has regarding the ripening of grain. The idea is, that properties might be imparted to the soil, which would materially hasten the maturing of the crops. The *Advocate* proposes that experiments should be made by adding phosphoric acid to the soil, with a view to hastening ripening. It is stated that superphosphate of lime added to the soil, will hasten ripening from five to eight days. The *Advocate* believes that in our prairie soil, nitrogen exists in excessive quantities, and this has a tendency to prolong growth. There is no doubt a large proportion of nitrogen in our soil, on account of its formation so largely from vegetable mould. A corresponding portion of phosphoric acid added, it is claimed, would secure the best results in yield and hasten ripening. The theory as to the excess of nitrogen in the soil looks very reasonable, while the effect of phosphoric acid in hastening ripening is well known. It is understood that experiments will be made with the object of testing the theory. The arguments advanced by the *Farmers' Advocate* appear sound and reasonable, and it would seem quite possible that the proposed experiments may prove very valuable. If wheat can be made to ripen a week or two earlier, by the imparting of certain properties to the soil at a reasonable expense, the discovery will be of inestimable value to the country, and the *Farmers' Advocate* will earn the eternal gratitude of the people.

THE MANITOBA SCHOOL ACT.

The school act, passed by the legislature of Manitoba, for the purpose of doing away with sectarian schools, and providing for one uniform, non-sectarian school system for the province, has been upset by the Supreme Court. Intelligence to this effect was received last Wednesday from Ottawa. It is understood the Manitoba government will carry the case to England, so that it is possible the province may yet win. Looking at the question from a broad point of view, a non-sectarian system of education would seem to be best adapted to a mixed population such as Manitoba has. One national system of education would certainly seem preferable to several systems of a more or less sectarian nature. It is impossible, however, to convince those who have been educated otherwise by their religious beliefs, to accept amicably a non-sectarian system. A squabble in which sectarian influences prevail, is always sure to be carried on with more or less bitterness, and it is unfortunate that Manitoba has a difficulty of this nature on hand.

Our Cheese Industry.

Notwithstanding the fact that there is some good cheese made in Manitoba it is seldom found on grocers' counters or hotel tables. A Winnipeg man who is a judge of cheese and passes some twenty groceries on his way home in the evening, recently determined to have some good cheese if there was any in the city. He accordingly entered the first grocery he came to and asked to see their cheese. It was about fourth rate, and was not accepted, notwithstanding the fact that the grocer called it an A 1 article. Every grocer up to the number of twelve was visited, with much the same result. At number twelve some farm dairy was found that was "endurable," and was purchased. This is no overdrawn picture, but a plain statement of facts. There is also a commission house in this city where a really good article of cheese can be found and bought, too, if the buyer will take a whole cheese. It would, therefore, seem that this house buys all the good cheese, which they ship to the coast, and the poorer article is peddled about town and consumed by our own people. Just how, for this is in the interest of our dairying industry, it is rather difficult to determine. It is possibly better that the inferior article should be consumed at home, although a better article on the grocers' counter would materially increase our home consumption. This much is certain, as has been repeatedly affirmed by the *Advocate* and is now confirmed by the government dairy experts, Manitoba should produce cheese second to none in the world. First, our milk is twenty per cent. better than in eastern Canada, and our cool nights enable the producers to deliver it in a much better condition. Yet, with all these advantages, more than half our cheese is below mediocrity. Carelessness, almost criminal carelessness, in handling the milk, both by producer and cheesemaker. Curing in overheated rooms and inexperienced makers are largely the cause of this difficulty, and it is to be earnestly hoped that a radical change may be wrought before any of our cheese is put on the English market, as one shipment of such cheese as we at home are compelled to eat would work harm that it would take years to undo.

In view of the fact that Manitoba and the territories will be in a position to ship millions of pounds of cheese to England in the near future, we cannot be too careful in this matter. The fact of some of our cheese being good will not avail, the article that goes to the English market must be uniformly good.—*Farmers' Advocate*.

Toronto Live Stock Market.

Cattle—The quality of the offerings was very poor, and more than half the stuff remains over unsold, and even without receiving an offer. The country has been pretty well cleared up of all good heavy and fat cattle, while the export trade was brisk in the spring and summer, and now all the culs are being pushed on the market by farmers rather than feed them over winter, and to-day the were evidently willing to take any price for them, several loads being held at \$2 per cwt., but unsaleable at that. Exporters took about 200 head of heavy fat cattle, which was about all they could get, paying from 4 to 4½c per pound for all going 1,200 pounds and over and of a good grade, and down to 3½c for less desirable stock. Stockers for shipment were in only moderate request, and only the best grades were sought after. About the highest price paid was \$3.70 per cwt., and that for picked heavy stuff averaging 1,025 pounds, and ranging down as low as 2½c for inferior, but few of the latter class were wanted. Good steers and bulls for feeding were in demand, but few of a desirable quality were on the market. From 3½ to 3¾c was paid for steers and 2½ to 2¾c for bulls. The local demand was active for all good stuff and a good deal was purchased, but prices were lower than last week, ranging from 2½ to 3½c per pound for medium, up to \$3.70 per cwt. for choice and down to 2c for inferior. Springers sold well at unchanged prices, and the supply again was deficient for all requirements. Milkers were unchanged at \$30 to \$45 each, but slow of sale.

Sheep and Lambs—The market was dull and quiet, especially for lambs, about half of which was left over unsold. At present prices local butchers prefer buying sheep for use in their shops. Shippers were doing little, and supplies of stock suitable for their purpose were small. The range of prices was: Export sheep, 3½ to 4c per pound; butchers' sheep, \$3.50 to \$4 each; lambs, \$2.50 to \$3.50 each.

Hogs—The market was again dull, with only good straight fat hogs averaging 170 pounds or over wanted, and for these from \$3.50 to \$4.15 was paid, with a few lots weighed off cars going at \$4.30. Stores and light fat hogs were not wanted at any price, and a great many were offered.—*Empire*, October 24.

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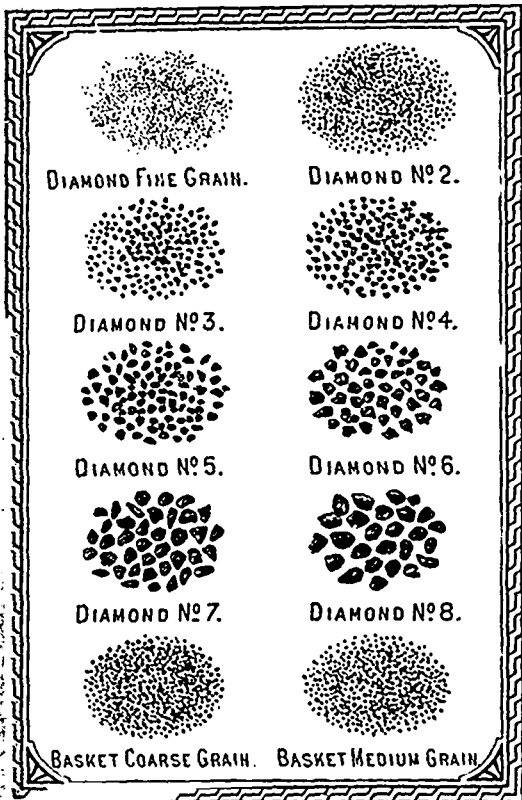
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Travellers on the road in clothing are mostly carrying spring samples. Some have been out fully a month with spring samples, which seems much earlier than there is any real necessity for, and it would probably be better for the trade if the houses in this branch could agree to hold off a month or two later. As long as some houses will send out travellers so early, the rest will follow suit, even against their wishes, as they will think it necessary to keep up with the procession. Sorting business in clothing has not opened out brisk yet, as stocks are not broken. The dry goods branch is more active, but not particularly brisk yet.

FISH.

The varieties of fresh fish in the market, are about the same as a week ago. The close season being now in force for whitefish, this variety of fish are all refrigerator-frozen. Oysters are in regular supply, and are jobbing at \$2 to \$2.50 per gallon for selects. In cans, \$5.75 to \$6 per dozen. Whitefish sell at 6c, trout at 9c and salmon at 14c. Smoked finnan haddies offered at 11c per pound.

GREEN FRUITS.

Apples are selling freely at about the same prices as a week ago. There is still considerable fall stock in the market, mostly in poor condition. Winter apples are not in very large supply yet. Eastern shippers claim that they can realize a comparatively better profit selling at Montreal for export, than to ship here, and this is evidently true, for a comparison of Montreal prices with Winnipeg, shows that prices are lower here, freight rates considered. An article in the *Free Press*, of London, Ontario, and which was copied by various papers east and west, is causing much amusement in the trade here. This article stated that the west (Manitoba and the Territories) "would absorb not less than 600,000 barrels of Ontario apples during the coming winter." This is of course absurd. We do not live on apples alone here in the west. The quantity stated would be nearly three barrels for every man, woman, child and infant in the entire region referred to. About 50,000 to 60,000 barrels will be nearer the apple requirements for the season. Quinces are about out for the season. The last sold at about 75c per 20 pound basket. Cranberries are very firm, owing to the short crop in the States, and prices are likely to be much higher. The season for California peaches is drawing to a close, and in ten days or two weeks this fruit will be out of the market. Apples in baskets are about out of the market for the season. Quotations are. California fruits—Peaches, 20 pound boxes, \$1.50; pears, 40 pound boxes, \$2.00 to \$3.50; grapes, 20 pound boxes, \$1.75 to \$3.25 as to quality and variety, the higher price for choice tokays. Ontario fruits quoted: Pears, per 20 pound basket, 40 to 90c; tomatoes, per 20 pound basket, 50 to 55c; grapes, 20 pound baskets, 4 to 7c per pound; do, in ten pound baskets, 40 to 70c each, according to variety; Ontario barrel apples, \$2.00 to \$2.75 for good to choice fall fruit, \$2.75 to \$3.00 for winter apples. Ontario pears, in barrels, \$6.25 to \$7.00 per barrel; pears per keg, \$2.50 to \$3.25. Miscellaneous Fruits—Lemons—now Maori, \$9.25 to \$9.50 per box; bananas, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per bunch. Florida oranges, \$7.00 per box. Cape Cod cranberries, \$10.00 per barrel; sweet potatoes, \$6.00 per barrel.

LUMBER.

The lumber trade has hardly been as active of late as was expected. Dealers looked for a brisk season after harvest, but the harvest being so late this year, and help scarce and wages high, has no doubt interfered with building in the country very considerably. Some contemplated building among farmers principally will stand till another season. Still there has been a fairly brisk movement of late. Lumbermen are now preparing for the winter cut, and several camps have already been located in the woods, in the Lake of the Woods and Lake Winnipeg districts. The movement to form a retail lumber dealers' association is progressing. An official of the association has been through the country, calling upon dealers, explaining the objects of the association and getting their adherence to the organization. One object is to prevent wholesalers from selling to consumers and others not in the trade, as this can be accomplished by refusing to buy from wholesalers who sell to parties other than regular dealers. It is also proposed to prevent the demoralization of trade by cutting in prices. Following is the wholesale list price, f.o.b., at Lake of the Woods mills, for pine lumber, 2 per cent. discount being allowed for cash: Dimensions—2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 18 feet long, \$14; 2x4, 10 feet long, \$15; cull dimension, \$10; \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch in depth and width; 50c per M advance on each foot over 18 to 24 feet; \$1 per M advance on each foot over 24 feet long. Surfacing, 50c; sizing, \$1; dressing four sides, \$2. Boards—1st common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd common, rough, \$14, dressed, \$15; 3rd common, rough, \$12, dressed, \$13; culls, rough, \$10; dressed, \$11; 1st common stock, 12 in., rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do., 8 and 10 in., rough, \$18, dressed, \$19; 2nd do., 12 in., rough, \$16, dressed, \$17; do., 8 and 10 in., rough, \$15, dressed, \$16; wide box boards, No. 1, rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do., No. 2, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17; \$3 per M. less for 10 feet and under. Shiplap—Six inches, \$14; 8 and 10 inch, \$16; cull, \$12. Siding, ceiling and flooring—1st 4, 5 and 6 inches, white pine, \$31; do., red pine, \$26; 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inches, white pine, \$27; do., red pine, \$24; 3rd, 5 and 6 in., white pine, \$23; do., red pine, \$20; 3rd, 4 in., white pine, \$22; do., red pine, \$19; 4th, 5 and 6 in., white and red pine, \$15; 4th, 4 in., do., \$14; culls, white and red pine, \$10.00; \$1.00 per M advance for dressing both sides; \$1.00 per M less for length 10 feet and under. Bevel siding—No. 1, 1/2 in. x 6 in., white pine, \$20, No. 2, do., white and red, \$17. Finishing—1 1/2, 1 1/4 and 2 inches—1st. and 2nd., clear white pine, \$45, 3rd., do., \$37; selects, do., \$30; shop, do., \$25; clear red pine, \$27; selects, do., \$22. 1 inch white pine—1st and 2nd, clear, \$40; 3rd, do., \$32; 1 inch selects, \$20; 1 inch clear red pine, \$25; No. 1 stock white pine, 12 in., \$37, No. 1 stock, do., 8 and 10 in., \$35; No. 2 stock, do., 12 in., \$32; No. 2 stock, do., 8 and 10 in., \$30; No. 3 stock, white and red pine, 12 in., \$26; No. 3, do., 8 and 10 in., \$25. Moulding—Parting strips, per 100 feet lineal, 40c; window stops, do., 50c; door stops, do., 75c; 1/2 round and cove, do., 50c; 4 inch casings O. G., per 100 feet lineal, \$1.50; 5 in., do., \$1.90; 6 in., do., \$2.25; 8 in. base, \$3; 10 in. base, \$3.75. Mouldings not mentioned above at 45 per cent. off prices in universal moulding book. Lath—\$2. Shingles—No. 1, \$3; No. 2, \$2.25; No. 3, \$1.50; No. 4, \$1.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT.

Wheat prices in the United States markets have averaged slightly lower during the week, as compared with the previous week, but there has been no important change in values either up or down. On Monday prices were lower. Cables were unchanged to slightly lower. The large increase in the visible supply, as per the Chicago statement on Monday, and large north-western receipts were the weakening features. India shipments increased 200,000 bushels over the previous week. The visible supply for the United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, showed an increase of 3,605,000 bushels, making the total 34,613,000 bushels, against 19,715,000 bushels a year ago. Receipts at Duluth were 1,360 cars and at Minneapolis 1,059 cars, for two days, Sunday and Monday. Wheat and flour on ocean passage, as per statement on Tuesday, showed an increase of 2,480,000 bushels. Cables were irregular, but mostly lower. Duluth receipts were 666 cars and Minneapolis 540 cars, a total of 1,206 cars for the two points, against 644 cars a year ago. On Wednesday the markets were firmer, on rumors of damage from dry weather in the winter wheat states, and the same feature, with firmer cables, caused a further advance in United States markets on Thursday. A reversal of the dry weather reports, precipitated a decline on Friday, in prices, assisted by heavy speculative selling. London and Liverpool cables were lower.

In Manitoba the situation has been marked by an increased movement to market. After the slow movement of late, receipts last week pulled up rather more suddenly than was expected. At a number of Manitoba country points, farmers' marketings were fairly large, reaching fully 10,000 bushels per day, or more, at some points. At Morden about this quantity was coming in, and at Grétna deliveries were showing up well, the quality at these two points being good, a considerable portion going No. 1 and No. 2 hard. Portage la Prairie also showed large deliveries. Virden marketings were about 6,000 bushels per day, and at Deloraine from 3,000 to 4,000 bushels per day were received. Brandon has not been very brisk yet. Other principal points were receiving from 1,000 to 4,000 bushels per day. This movement is of course nothing like what it will be when frost puts a stop to plowing operations, which are at present taking up the time of farmers very considerably. Wheat has been moving to lake ports freely, for shipment before the close of navigation, and with increased deliveries at country points, there was also a larger rail movement eastward, averaging well up to 200 cars per day. The weather was favorable most of the week for thrashing, and reports coming from nearly all parts of the country, stated that the yield was turning out even larger than previously estimated. Threshing reports are so uniformly to this effect, that it is probable moderate estimates of the crop surplus will be considerably exceeded. The weather was fine and warm up to Friday, when it turned threatening, and a light rain began to fall Friday night at Winnipeg, which turned to a light snow this (Saturday, October 31) morning. This is the first snow

of the season in eastern Manitoba, though west and south there was snow two or three times previous to this date. There is still some grain in stock, mostly oats, except where farmers have allowed their wheat to remain in stock for the purpose of threshing without stacking. To say the very least, this is a slovenly way of farming, and some of these people deserve to lose their crops. The scarcity of help has of course delayed stacking and threshing very seriously. Prices have been rather easier, but there is no material change from a week ago. Highest quotations at country points ranged all the way from 70 to 80c per bushel for best samples, but 76 to 77c was usually about the top price paid at most points to farmers. The average price in Manitoba country markets to farmers, was not far from 75c per bushel, supposed to be for No. 1 hard, but this often means No. 2 hard and better. A feature of the week was the sinking of the steamer *Sovereign* in lake Superior, bound from Fort William to Buffalo with a cargo of 20,000 bushels of Manitoba wheat. The steamer sprung a leak and sank in deep water.

FLOUR.

Millers are having a steady demand at about last prices. Old wheat flours are reported firmer in the east. Local jobbing quotations in small lots are as follows, per 100 pounds for standard qualities. Patens, \$2.50; strong bakers', \$2.30; second bakers', \$2.00 to \$2.20; XXXX, \$1.50; superfine, \$1.30.

MILLSTUFF.

Prices are holding up well, and quotations reported a week ago still hold good, though lower values are looked for. Bran is still selling in less than car lots at \$12, and shorts at \$14 per ton.

FEED.

Feed is obtainable lower, about \$18 per ton being the price now asked for good qualities, in less than car lots.

MEALS.

Oatmeal is again quotable lower in this market. Some eastern oatmeal has been coming in, and the local product has now been put down to a price which will effectually shut out eastern meal from this market. Oatmeal in Ontario markets has been selling at very low and irregular prices, and there appears to have been considerable cutting in values there, but latest advices reported an advancing tendency in the east, some quoting as much as 20c per barrel above the bottom prices reached lately. The same day, however, that prices were reported higher at Toronto, Montreal quoted lower. We quote Winnipeg prices on oatmeal 5 to 15c lower. Prices are: Oil cake, in bags, \$21.50 a ton; oil cake meal, in ton lots, sacked, \$26; in bulk, \$25; oatmeal, standard, \$2.25; granulated, \$2.35 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$2.35 per sack of 80 pounds; cornmeal is held at \$1.95 to \$2 per 100 pounds. Pot barley, \$2.75 per 100 pounds. Pearl barley, \$3; fine, do., in 50 pound sacks, \$3 per sack. Split peas, \$2.40 to \$2.50, per 100 pounds. Beans, \$1.90 to \$2 per bushel.

OATS.

Prices were again lower in this market, farmers' offerings here being taken at 21c. to 23c. per bushel of 54 pounds. Some dealers were not paying over 21c, and were able to get what they required, while others paid 22 and sometimes 23c. A couple of cars were offered on track at 22c., and later at 21c., but were slow sale, as farmers' deliveries are about equal to local requirements. Choice milling oats brought much better prices, such qualities having sold as high as 28c., and quotable mostly at 25c. to 27c. here. There is considerable complaint about oats being light weight, even milling oats cleaning out from 10 to 15 per cent. of light stuff. Oats are much firmer in the east, prob-

ably owing to the good export movement, and prices there have advanced several cents from the bottom, Montreal and Toronto quoting 34c to 35c per bushel. About 20c per bushel was the usual quotation to farmers in Manitoba country markets. No eastern shipping business has been done in Manitoba oats, beyond north shore points, and some few cars have gone to British Columbia. If the export demand keeps up, prices may reach a figure east which will admit of reasonable prices here for shipment.

BARLEY.

Very little doing in this grain, and outlook gloomy for good prices. Malting samples are taken for local brewing purposes at 28c to 30c. per 48 pounds, and feed qualities about 25c. At country points 20c per bushel of 48 pounds is generally the most that is being paid to farmers.

BUTTER.

The butter market continues decidedly firm, and in some instances better prices have been obtained. For all choice butter there is a ready market, but for medium and fair qualities the demand as usual is slack. From what can be learned it appears that country dealers are holding second and lower qualities too high. Better prices have been realized here for western shipment, on account of the good prices obtained in eastern Canada markets, which come into competition with Winnipeg for the far western trade. A round lot of choice sold for the coast trade as 18c per pound, but this was picked butter and of better quality than what is generally considered here as choice dairy. Locally, good to choice dairy is selling at 17 to 18c as to quality. A small quantity of creamery is selling, and quoted locally at 25 cents per pound.

CHEESE.

The cheese situation is rather mixed, though jobbing prices are strong, and a further advance is probable. On the other hand sales by factories have been reported at easier prices. Sales by factories were reported as high as 10½c delivered here, to wholesale dealers, which would necessitate a jobbing price of about 11½c per pound, in small lots. Now that dealers have become stocked up, factories have found slower sale for their product, and have been offering lower. We quote dealers selling at 10½c for large, to 11c for small sizes.

CURED MEATS.

Prices are:—Dry salt long clear bacon, 10 to 10½c; smoked long clear, 10½c. to 11c; spiced rolls, 11½c; breakfast bacon, 13c; smoked hams, 14c; mess pork, \$16 to \$18 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 10c per lb.; Bologna, do., 8c per lb.; German, do., 9c per lb. Ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per ½ lb package.

LARD.

Pure lard is held at firm prices. We quote: \$2.40 per 20 lb pail for pure. Compound held at \$1.85 to \$2 per pail.

POULTRY AND GAME.

Nicely dressed, choice spring chickens, have brought as high as 12½c, and we quote 10 to 12½c, or 35 to 50c per pair. Hens worth about the same per pair, or 8 to 10c per pound. Turkeys, 9 to 10c, live weight. Ducks and geese about the same, with offerings all around becoming more plentiful and prices tending easier. Wild ducks plentiful at 20 to 35c per pair.

DRESSED MEATS.

There is no change to note in prices and condition of supply and demand. A few country hogs have been offered, and taken at 7 to 7½c per pound. City dressed pork at 8c per pound. Beef steady at 5 to 5½c for good to choice. Mutton and lamb, city dressed, steady at 11c. Veal has sold from 5 to 8c as to quality, the lower price for very heavy calves. About 7c is the usual price for fairly good, young veal.

HAY.

Hay has been weak and lower, under heavy offerings, especially of pressed in car lots. We quote pressed \$6 to \$7.50 per ton, as to quality.

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VEGETABLES.

Potatoes are offering freely, and are usually held for 25c per bushel, for farmers' offerings on the street market, though they have sold from this price down to 20c per bushel. Cabbages are firmer. Following are the prices at which city dealers buy on the market: Potatoes, 25c per bushel; carrots 30 to 35c per bushel; beets, 25 to 30c bushel; parsnips, 1½ to 1¾ lb; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; cabbage, 20 to 75c per dozen; celery, 25c dozen; citron, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per dozen; squash, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per dozen; pumpkins, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per dozen; onions, 2 to 2½c per pound; horseradish, 8c lb. Dealers are selling eastern tomatoes at 50 to 85c per 20 pound basket; green tomatoes, 4c per pound. Sweet potatoes, \$8 per barrel.

EGGS.

Receipts of fresh have been very light of late and have not been obtainable at all a considerable portion of the time. Stocks of lined have now been drawn upon, and these have sold at 18 to 19c per dozen. Fresh quotable at 20c to 21c per dozen. Eastern fresh could be laid down here to sell about 19c, but the demand above local supplies is hardly largely enough to warrant shipments in here from the east.

Manitoba Wheat Items.

The *Morden Monitor* of Thursday last says: "The price of wheat ranges from 75 to 80c., according to quality. The wheat market is gradually assuming enormous proportions. The quantity of wheat being marketed is now rising daily. 10,000 bushels per day is about the average, and a prominent grain buyer estimates that in three weeks from now 20,000 bushels per day will be reached. The quality of the wheat marketed at this point is considered to be mostly all No. 1 hard and free from frost. Although the elevators are crowded daily, the surrounding prairie is covered with wheat stacks, and the cry for threshers still continue. The quantity already marketed from Morden up to to-day is 135,000 bushels, which is ahead of the best previous years."

The *Brandon Times* of last week has the following crop items: "John Bradley, of Daly, was in the city yesterday." He claims having threshed from his crops 7,000 bushels of wheat and 2,500 of oats.—It will astonish some of our eastern readers in Ontario to learn that a Mr. Anderson who came to this province just two years ago from Wingham, Ont., bought five sections of land in the vicinity of Melita, and had 10,000 bushels of grain this year.—Peter Leitch, of Whitewood, was in the city yesterday. He has already threshed over 7,000 bushels of wheat."

Threshing outfits are scarce. A man from Balder was in Winnipeg last week, trying to find some one who would take a threshing outfit to that place. Failing in this, he purchased a machine himself.

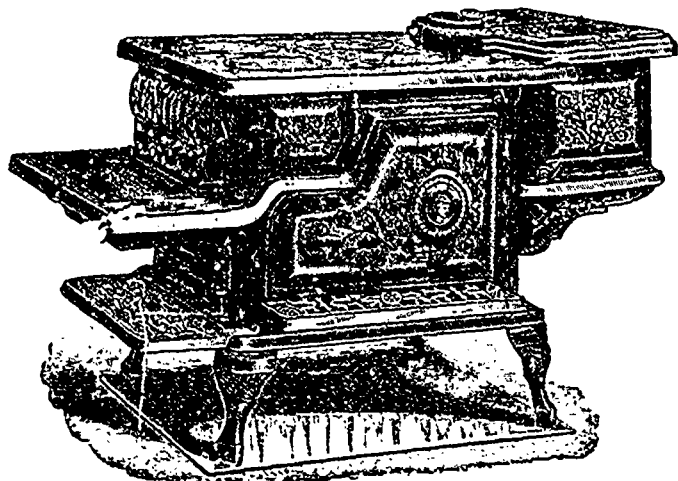
John Mallabar, a Brandon grocer, was held up by crooks on his way home last week, but nothing was secured from him, though he had considerable cash in a pocket.

Mr. Fader, of E. Fader & Co., fish shippers, Vancouver, B. C., was in Winnipeg last week, on his way home. He has been east with a car of fresh B. C. halibut and salmon, which was the first full car of fresh fish ever sent east from the province.

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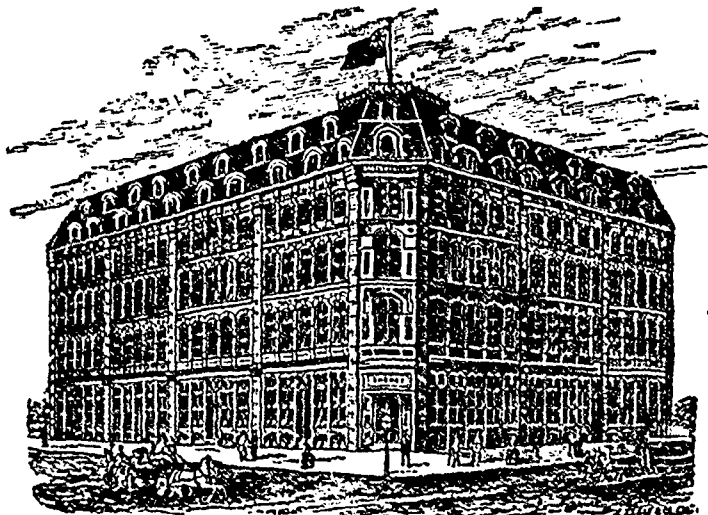
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The Manitoba Labor Market.

The labor market is still very brisk in Manitoba. In Winnipeg there has been a scarcity of labor for some time, and men for ordinary work have been hard to find. Wages have naturally been firm and high. It was no uncommon thing to run across people hunting for men to saw wood or do other jobs, and hear the report that they had been looking for days without finding a man who was not engaged away ahead. Two dollars per cord was offered as an inducement to get men to saw cordwood, which is an advance of 50 cents on the regular price. In the country there is still a scarcity of men for threshing and farm work, and wages are high, running from \$1.50 to \$2 per day and board.

Mr. Nairn, president of the Winnipeg board of trade, returned from Montreal last week, where he had been in attendance at the meeting of flour and meal examiners. The Montreal Witness took exception to the Winnipeg delegates, saying that one was a board of trade secretary, and the other an oatmeal miller, inferring that they were not competent delegates to the board of examiners. In reference to this, Mr. Nairn stated that he was himself an old flour miller, but as the board was constituted as the flour and "meal" examiners, his being an oatmeal miller should not be an objection. A delegate from London was also an oatmeal miller. While in Montreal Mr. Nairn looked into the system of municipal taxation in vogue there, and thinks it much preferable to the Winnipeg system. He gained much information on this question, which will be of assistance to the Winnipeg board of trade, as the matter of municipal taxation is now receiving some attention from the board. In St. Paul, on his way home, Mr. Nairn conferred with the Northern Pacific people, regarding the completion of the transfer railway in Winnipeg, but did not get much satisfaction from the officials. They gave as one reason for delay, that the property adjoining the Canadian Pacific line, where connection is proposed to be made with the latter road, is held at too high a price. This transfer railway business is evidently something that needs stirring up.

At London, Ontario, on October 24, thirty-five factories offered 190 Augusts and 15,360 Septembers and balance of season cheese. Sales:—Eight hundred and fifty-eight Septembers at 9c, and 350 at 9 13-16c. Salesmen are still holding for 10c.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday October 26, the wheat market was active and lower. Prices started $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{8}$ under Saturday's close, and after a temporary advance, declined $\frac{1}{8}$ c, closing $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{8}$ under Saturday. Receipts were 603 cars. Closing prices were:—

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	93	—	94 $\frac{1}{2}$	100 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	50 $\frac{1}{2}$	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	42 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	—	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	—	—	8.05	—
Lard	—	6.20	6.25	—
Short Ribs	6.30	6.07 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—

On Tuesday wheat was strong early in the day, under speculative activity. Prices advanced about $\frac{1}{8}$ c, but later declined $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{8}$ c. Shorts bought heavily. Receipts were 728 cars of wheat. Closing prices were:—

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	92 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	94	1.00 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	57 $\frac{1}{2}$	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	42 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	—	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	—	—	8.57 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Lard	—	6.07 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.12	—
Short Ribs	5.00	5.00	—	—

On Wednesday wheat closed $\frac{3}{8}$ c higher on dry weather talk and reported heavy freight engagements at New York. Closing prices were:—

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	93 $\frac{1}{2}$	93 $\frac{1}{2}$	94 $\frac{1}{2}$	101 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	58	53 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	42 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	—	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	—	—	8.60	11.40
Lard	—	6.00	6.07 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Short Ribs	—	5.85-87 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—

On Thursday Chicago wheat was strong on the dry weather scare and firm cables. Closing prices were $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{8}$ c higher. Closing prices were:—

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	94 $\frac{1}{2}$	94 $\frac{1}{2}$	95 $\frac{1}{2}$	1.02
Corn	57	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	42 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	—	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	—	—	8.57 $\frac{1}{2}$	11.55
Lard	—	6.02 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.10	—
Short Ribs	—	5.72 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.80	—

On Friday wheat declined on heavy selling by both longs and shorts, caused by the reported breaking of the drouth in the southwest and closed $\frac{3}{8}$ c lower. Closing prices were:—

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	May.
Wheat	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	93 $\frac{1}{2}$	94 $\frac{1}{2}$	1.00 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	55 $\frac{1}{2}$	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	48 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	—	—	8.25	11.30
Lard	—	6.00	6.00	—
Ribs	—	5.75	5.67 $\frac{1}{2}$	—

Minneapolis Markets.

Following were closing wheat quotations on Thursday, October 29:

Grades	Oct.	Dec.	May.	On track.
No. 1 hard	—	—	—	90 $\frac{1}{2}$
No. 1 northern	88 $\frac{1}{2}$	89 $\frac{1}{2}$	90 $\frac{1}{2}$	89 $\frac{1}{2}$
No. 2 northern	—	—	—	84-87

Flour—Quoted at \$1.60 to \$5 for first patents; \$4.50 to \$4.65 for second patents; \$4.00 to \$4.50 for fancy and export bakers; \$2.25 to \$3.00 for low grades, in bags, including red dog. Flour was quiet and dull without much pressure to sell. There is demand enough for export, but the late rise in freights is rather against acceptance of bids now.

Bran and shorts—Quoted at \$10.50 to \$11.00 bran; \$11.25 to \$12.00 for shorts and \$12.50 to \$13.50 for middlings.

Oats—Quoted at 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 28c for No. 2 white,

27 to 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for No. 3 white and 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 27c for No 2 and 3. Oats are handled by sample quite liberally, with fair local demand and some request for shipment. The late movement has not been heavy. Farmers are holding back in the sale of this grain. Shippers do a little but are not active.

Barley—Steady at 50 to 55c for poor to fine samples of No. 3.

Feed—Millers held at \$18.50 to \$19.50; less than car lots \$19.50 to \$20.50 with cornmeal at \$20 to \$20.50.

Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.

At Minneapolis, on Saturday, October 31, wheat prices were as follows at noon for No. 1 northern. Oct. 88 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; December option, 89 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; May, 96 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. A week ago prices were: October, 88 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; December, 89 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; May, 96 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; thus showing practically no change.

Duluth Wheat Market.

No. 1 northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week for December option: Monday, 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Tuesday, 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Wednesday, 91c; Thursday, 91 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Friday, 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Saturday, (at noon) 91 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. At noon on Saturday (October 31) No. 1 northern, October delivery was quoted at 93 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and No. 1 hard, October delivery, at 96c. A week ago No. 1 hard was quoted at 95 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for October.

Montreal Stock Market.

Reported by Osler, Hammond & Nanton, October 31, 1891:—

Banks.	Sellers.	Buyers
Bank of Montreal	220	223 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ontario	116	113 $\frac{1}{2}$
Molson's	167 $\frac{1}{2}$	160
Toronto	—	—
Merchants'	152	150
Union	—	80 $\frac{1}{2}$
Commerce	134	133 $\frac{1}{2}$
.....xd	131 $\frac{1}{2}$	131
Miscellaneous.		
Montreal Tel	115	113
Rich. & Ont. Nav.	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	50
City Pass Bk	190	178
Montreal Gas	201	192 $\frac{1}{2}$
Can. N. W. Land	80	75
C. P. R. (Montreal)	88	87 $\frac{1}{2}$
C. P. R. (London)	—	90 $\frac{1}{2}$
Money—Time	7	—
Money—On cal	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Sterling 60 days, N. Y. Posted rate	481 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
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“ 60 days Montreal rate between Banks	8 5-16	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
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“ New York Exchange Montreal rate between Banks W.	4	1-10

Live Stock Market.

A cable to the Montreal Gazette, dated Liverpool, October 26, says: “The supply of Canadian and American cattle was fair to-day, but the general supply of cattle was very heavy. In addition to this the demand was very weak and as a result the prices dropped to the lowest point of the year, 10 to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c being the range of the finest steers, which is 1 to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c below last week's prices. The sheep trade was ruinous. Finest steers, 10 to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; good to choice, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10c; poor to medium, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9c; inferior and bulls, 5 to 8c.

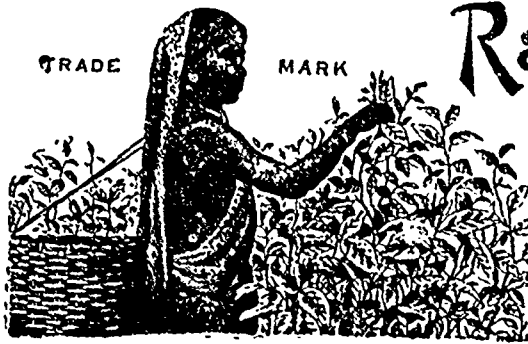
The Montreal Gazette, of October 26, says: “The Liverpool market to-day was, without a

doubt, the worst of the season for sheep as well as cattle, one shipper who owned most of the cattle and sheep sold in Liverpool to-day said that the figures realized were below what could be obtained in the stockyard in Montreal. To say that shippers are disgusted is putting it mildly. There are only about a half a dozen men shipping and the indications are that they will put their heads together to-day and, unless freight rates are reduced materially, lots of space will be thrown up, as they consider it folly to continue on the present lines. Luckily shippers have not many cattle on their hands and they can step down and out without inconveniencing themselves. Northwest cattle are coming forward freely and will form the bulk of this week's shipments. At the Grand Trunk yards there was no enquiry and no transactions in export cattle. The supply of inferior stock continues very large, the natural effect being a slow, dragging market for all but choice butchers' stock, which is hard to get. The supply of hogs was very large, and about 1,100 being offered. Advices from the country report a very large number of hogs in the country and farmers are evidently rushing them forward in anticipation of a still further break. Local dealers do not appear to want stock badly, and prices ranged from 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5c this morning, a large number remaining unsold. At the East End abattoir this morning, the supply of good butchers' stock was small, and any approaching good sold at 4 to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, while fair stock sold at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. One shipper bought 50 stockers at 3c and a speculator picked up 50 steers, averaging 900 pounds, at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. A few sheep were taken by shippers at 3 to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, but the major part of the trade was done at \$2.50 to \$4.50 each, while lambs brought \$2.25 to \$4, the demand for both being very good. Calves were more plentiful and lower, \$3 to \$12 being the range.”

Brandon Farmers' Market.

Wheat—Not much coming in yet and a great deal of what is brought in is not of a very good quality. As low at 40c has been paid for some and the highest paid yesterday was 73c. Oats—New was selling from 18 to 20c, Barley—The few loads that have been brought in realized 25c a bushel, Beef cattle are now quoted to us at from 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ c per lb. Sheep if in good condition will readily bring 5c, while lambs will make 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c a lb. Live hogs sell at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c a lb and a good demand has sprung up for well fattened young hogs for which from 6 to 7c a lb can be obtained. Poultry of all kinds is scarce and dealers are offering from 10 to 15c a lb for well dressed birds. Butter is now plentiful and now sells from 15c for good tubs to 18c for choice rolls. Eggs are very scarce and the merchants quote all the way from 16 to 20c a dozen for fresh laid. Potatoes are selling at 20c a bushel. Hay has been selling at from \$6 to \$8 a ton.—Times, October 29.

Brydges and Eden, of the Manitoba & Northwestern railway, were at Prince Albert last week, having driven across the country from Yorkton. Both gentlemen declare that the marvellous excellence of the country adjacent to Prince Albert, and in fact all along the route of the proposed extension of their road, has been a revelation to them, and it is now definitely stated that the M. & N.W. will be extended to that town by this time next year.



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Freight Rates.

The Minneapolis *Northwestern Miller* says: "It seems to be quite an open secret that there are several lines taking export flour out of Minneapolis on the basis of an inland rate of 27½c Minneapolis to New York or Boston. In fact there is good reason to believe that even 26c is being made on some of the business. And it is strongly hinted that the seaboard rates on domestic shipments are being shaded in some quarters. Ocean rates are higher and much stronger this week. It is understood that large quantities of oats are being exported, three boats having been chartered within the past few days for this cereal alone. A considerable quantity of London and Liverpool flour is reported to have been booked recently, for shipment during December, at rates that, from the present outlook are very favorable for shippers. The lowest rates obtainable Wednesday were: To London and Liverpool, 48½c; Glasgow, 47.10c. This is per 100 lbs. through from Minneapolis. The rate on flour and millstuff from Minneapolis to Chicago or Milwaukee, destined for points east of Pittsburg and Buffalo, is 10c per 100 lbs, but where shipments are for Chicago or local points, a rate of 12½c applies."

Chicago *Trade Bulletin*, October 26: "A fairly active demand prevailed for freights during the past week, and more steadiness prevailed. The movement by rail was fair, and rates were well maintained on the basis of 25c flour and grain, and 30c provisions to New York. Lake and rail freights were in better request, and rates were well maintained at 20c flour, 7½c wheat, 7c corn, and 5½c oats to New York. 18c flour, 7½c wheat, and 6½c corn to Philadelphia, 7½c wheat and 6½c corn to Baltimore, 7½c wheat, 7½c corn, and 6½c oats to Boston. Rates to New England were quotable at 10c corn and 7c oats. Lake and canal freights were in moderate demand, and rates quotable at 7 to 7½c wheat, and 6½ to 6½c corn through to New York. Through freights to Liverpool were in fair demand and rates were higher, due to a scarcity of steamer room. Rates were quotable at 40 to 42½c flour, 33½ to 34c grain, and 53½ to 63½c provisions. Oats to London quotable at 16½ to 17c per bushel. Lake freights were in rather good request, with a fair supply of vessels offering. Rates were stronger and higher, closing at 2½c wheat, 2c corn, rye and flax seed, and 1½ to 1½c oats to Buffalo. Rates to Georgian Bay quotable at 2c corn, and 1½c oats."

The Inter-State Commerce commission of the United States announces its decision of the case of Daniel Buchanan against the Northern Pacific Railroad Co. It states that the rate on wheat and barley of 50 and 56 per hundred weight respectively charged by the defendant from Ritzville, Wash., to St Paul, Minn., a distance of 1,176 miles, in view of the circumstances and conditions surrounding the traffic are not unreasonable.

The new joint all rail grain traffic which goes into effect November 1st on the Canadian Pacific, Western and Pacific divisions and branches and connections to New York, over the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg and West Shore railways, shows a rate of 54 cents per hundred pounds from Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie, 55 cents from Brandon, 54c. from Emerson and Gretna, 56c. from Deloraine, 66c. from Prince Albert and Edmonton, 61c. from Yorkton, 55c.

from Nesbitt and Souris, 56c. from Melita, and 61c. from Oxbow. The same rate applies to Boston. The above named United States railways have secured additional elevator accommodation at New York, and are fully able to handle all export grain business offered them.

Toronto Markets.

Flour—Quiet and easier. Sales of 90 per cent. patents were reported at \$5.10, delivered. Halifax freights, and of straight rollers at \$4.30, Toronto freights, but there were many sellers at \$4.25 for the latter and equal to \$4.90 for the former. Extras offered at \$4.

Wheat—Was firmer, with more enquiry and a more active market. Sales of winter wheat were made at 90 to 91c for standard north and west, and one sale of straight at 91c west. Ontario spring was 1c higher, and an active demand for Midland; about 30 cars sold east at 93c. Goose was enquired for at 82c. Manitoba wheat was quiet. No. 2 hard sold west at \$1.06 and east at \$1.07. No. 3 was not enquired for, and was nominal at 99c. On call No. 1 regular offered at 92c North Bay without bids.

Barley—Was firm, with a good demand and a fairly active market. No. 3 extra sold outside at 41 and 42c. A five car lot of cut No. 2 sold at 42c. No. 3 was enquired for at 33c with sellers at 40c.

Oats—Were firm and in demand, with sales on track at 32 to 33c, but chiefly 33c, and to arrive at 33c. Outside white and mixed sold west at 30c, and one sale east was made at 29c.

Grain and flour—Car prices are: Flour (Toronto freights)—Manitoba patents, \$5.40 to \$5.50; Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.90 to \$5.00; Ontario patents, \$4.35 to \$4.40; straight roller, \$1.15 to \$1.20; extra, \$3.95 to \$4; low grades, \$2 to \$3.75. Bran—\$12 to \$12.25. Shorts—\$14 to \$15. Wheat—White, 95 to 96c; spring, 94 to 95c; red winter, 95 to 96c; goose, 82 to 83c; No. 1 hard, \$1.08; No. 2 hard, \$1.05 to \$1.07; No. 3 hard, 98 to 99c; No. 2 northern, \$1.01 to \$1.02. Peas—No. 62 to 63c. Barley—No. 1, 52 to 53c; No. 2, 50 to 51c; No. 3 extra, 44 to 46c. Corn—70 to 71c. Buckwheat—46 to 47c. Rye—83 to 85c. Oats—32 to 33c.

Produce—Quotations: Beans, \$1.50 to \$1.70; potatoes, per bag, 40 to 45c on track, 50 to 60c out of store; onions, \$2 to \$2.25; hops, 12 to 15c; dried apples, 4½ to 5½c; evaporated do., 7 to 8c; eggs, fresh, 16 to 17c; hay, \$11.50 to \$12 for timothy, \$9 to \$10 for mixed; straw, \$6 to \$7; sheepskins, 75c; calfskins, 5 to 7c; hides, green, No. 1, 5 to 5½c; do. cured, 5½c; wool, 10 to 21c; chickens, 30 to 50c; ducks, 40 to 55c; turkeys, per lb, 10 to 12c; geese, per lb, 7 to 9c.

Dressed hogs and provisions—Demand for dressed hogs was larger to-day, and, though there were increased supplies, competition was greater, and \$6 to \$6.25 was paid for good packing weights. Quotations are: Mess pork, United States, \$14 to \$14.50; short cut, \$15.50 to \$17; bacon, long clear, per lb, 8½ to 9c; lard, Canada, tubs and pails, 10½ to 10¾c; compound do, 8½ to 9c; smoked meats—hams, per lb, now 11½ to 12c; old, 10½ to 11c; bellies, per lb, 10½ to 11c; rolls, per lb, 8½ to 9c; backs, per lb, 10½ to 11c; dressed hogs, 5½ to 6½c.

Butter—Demand good; receipts fair and prices steady on low grades to firm on choice

dairy for table use. Cheese was without feature. Quotations are: Butter, good to choice northern and western, 18 to 20c; dairy, medium to good, 15 to 17c; common, 10 to 14c; creamery, tubs, 24 to 26c; rolls, 25 to 27c. Cheese, 10 to 10½c.

Fruits—Prices are: Quinces, 30 to 40c per basket, peaches, 45 to 70c per basket; apples, per bbl, 75c to \$2.25; pears, common, 30 to 40c per basket; Duchess, per bbl, \$2.25 to \$3; Flemish beauties, \$3.75 to \$4.25 per bbl; cantaloupes, \$1 to \$1.25 per bbl; grapes, Niagaras, 2½ to 3c; Rogers, 1½ to 2c; Concordia, 1½ to 2c; Brightons, 2½ to 3c; sweet potatoes, per bbl, Baltimores, \$2.75 to \$3; Jerseys, \$3.25 to \$3.50; cranberries, \$8 to \$8.50 per barrel, \$3 to \$3.25 per box; Spanish onions, \$1.10 to \$1.25 per crate.

Season for Fires.

The season is now at hand when the greatest danger of fires exists. The winds are high, dry leaves from the trees and other easily ignited substances are being blown about, and are forming in little drifts in nooks and corners about buildings, where a spark from a chimney, or a lighted cigar stub, carelessly cast aside, may easily start a conflagration. The increased number of fires necessary to warm residences and stores, all add to the danger of an outbreak. The authorities of our towns and villages should therefore be on their guard, to prevent as far as possible the existence of unnecessary menaces. Private parties, and especially merchants, should also inspect their buildings and yards, to see that no fire-traps exist. Few of our Manitoba and Territorial towns have anything like adequate protection against fires. There are many towns which are large enough to keep a fire engine, where no provision whatever has been made. Small fire engines, suitable for small towns, are now obtainable, and an engine of this class, manufactured by the Waterloo Engine Works, is meeting with a large sale in the east. The company has one of these engines on exhibition in its warehouses in Winnipeg, but so far it has not met with any sale in Manitoba, though something of the kind is so badly needed here. This engine weighs 2,600 pounds, and is drawn by hand, thus saving the expense of horses. It can throw one, two or three streams, or 275 to 300 gallons a minute, and is very suitable for small towns, where a large engine is not thought necessary.

Eastern Cheese Markets.

At Brockville, Ontario, on October 22, the attendance at the cheese board was not so large as usual. There was very little competition among the buyers. The offerings were 2,310 white and 1,500 colored, a total of 3,810. The sales were white cheese 400 at 9½c and 375 at 9½c; colored cheese 485 at 9½c. On the open board three factories were contracted at 9½c and one at 9c. The factorymen who have not contracted are generally holding for 10c. Buyers are in humor to meet their figures and it is expected that next week's meeting will close the business of the board for the season.

At Listowel, Ontario, on October 22, thirty-one factories boarded 22,635 boxes September and balance of season make of cheese. Market dull; buyers and salesmen apart; 410 boxes, including some August, sold at 9½c.

COMMUNICATION.

THE COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

To the Editor of the Commercial.

Dear Sir:—The following is a clipping taken from the October number of the *Dry Goods Review*, under the heading of "Commercial Traveller," page 18, and is as follows:—

AFFILIATION.

On October 5th, H. Bedlington, of Toronto, representing the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada, met the representatives of the Northwest association at Winnipeg, and submitted a scheme for affiliating the two associations, one advantage of which to the Northwest men would be that they would get three times more insurance than as separate bodies. After the Toronto delegate withdrew a private meeting was held, and after full discussion, the representatives decided to recommend the acceptance of the offer to the general meeting to be held shortly. The Winnipeg board of trade at a subsequent meeting decided to oppose the affiliation, which will it is thought, have the effect of killing it, at least, for the present.

This piece of information, I can only assume, is being advertised for some particular purpose, as somewhat similar notices have appeared in many of the papers, notable, THE COMMERCIAL, the *Winnipeg Tribune*, the *Manitoba Free Press*, the *Montreal Witness*, and many other permanent papers published throughout Canada, and I simply want to correct the inaccuracies contained therein, as well as explain some of the particulars connected therewith, for information of the members of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association.

I might say that the negotiations for the purpose of amalgamation of the Northwest Association, with the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada, were first opened by our friends in Toronto, who wrote to the secretary of our association, asking for certain particulars about the Northwest association, and which were freely given at the time, to the best of his ability, then later on a deputation was sent from the Toronto association, who waited upon the directors of the Northwest association, at Winnipeg, to talk over the matter of amalgamation.

Later, Mr. Bedlington, the gentlemen referred to in the above clipping, was in Winnipeg during the course of his ordinary business as a commercial traveller, at which time he asked that a meeting of the directors of the Northwest association be called, which was done, and which he attended along with other Winnipeg gentlemen, who are connected with the Toronto association, and they explained the particulars of the offer, as made by the Toronto association, to the Northwest association.

No resolution was passed at that meeting deciding to recommend the acceptance of any offer, to the general annual meeting of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association, so that particular portion of the above clipping is entirely wrong. So far as the insurance offer is concerned, it appears to resolve itself simply into a matter of dollars and cents, because Mr. Bedlington, of the Toronto association, stated distinctly that the amount of insurance offered was solely in accordance with the purchasing power of the reserve cash in hand of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association.

They do not think that anything else should

be considered, while the directors of the Northwest association, feel that they are an institution of this northwestern country, under charter of the local government, and each member that I have seen connected with the northwestern association, expresses himself as desirous of our retaining the standing that we have at present, and not becoming absorbed by the Toronto association, even though the annual addition to the insurance should be somewhat larger.

From present prospects the board of trade, of Winnipeg, can make their minds easy, because the only thing that the board of directors of the Northwest association resolved to do at Mr. Bedlington's meeting, was to submit to the general annual meeting any offers made to them about amalgamation. We made no request for amalgamation, and it depends entirely upon the members of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association whether it will take place or not. As proposed, the effect would be to entirely wipe out the present association as a northwestern one, and in addition, our cash surplus would be taken to Toronto for investment, as there was no inducement whatever, held out that a ny of the money would be invested in this country.

At the same time, it must be understood that we have only the most friendly feelings towards all commercial travellers' associations, and we are not only willing, but anxious to work shoulder to shoulder for mutual interests.

Yours truly.

ONE OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE
NORTHWEST C. T.'S ASSOCIATION

British Columbia.

A. Crowe, fruits, etc., Victoria, has sold out and left the place.

H. F. Jackson, grocer, Vancouver, has sold out to J. T. Brown.

W. Collier, hotel, New Westminster, has sold out to Rankin & Box.

The sealers have decided to effect a permanent organization of their association.

Pousford Bros., mens' furnishings, Vancouver, Pogo Pousford, of this firm, is dead.

D. J. McLean, clothing, etc, Vancouver, has admitted A. F. Lee into partnership.

Harry McIntosh, formerly of Winnipeg, has bought out the Vernon hotel, at Vernon.

Corbett & Cliff, plumbers, New Westminster, have admitted J. C. Cornish into partnership.

Wilson & Blackie, harness, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership, David Wilson continuing.

G. S. Stirtan, furnishings, of Vancouver is still very ill. His doctor hopes that in time he will pull through.

The creditors of W. R. King, New Westminster, have agreed to give him an extension of time, and an effort will be made to realize on the outstanding assets.

The British Columbia Land & Investment Agency (limited), of Victoria, has decided to open a branch in Vancouver. E. B. Morgan will be the resident manager.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale as follows: Japan rice, per ton, \$77.50; China rice, per ton, \$70; rice flour, per ton, \$70; Chit rice, per ton, \$25; rice meal, \$17.50.

J. Bell, of Scotland, arrived in Victoria about two months ago with the intention of looking

for a suitable location on which to start a creamery. He has rented the old Brackman & Ker mill at Saanich, near Victoria, for his business, and is now busily engaged in arranging things.

Bell-Irving & Paterson, send by the Empress of India a small consignment of canned salmon to India. The London representatives of British Columbia canneries have in the past been sending from there to India and now the Vancouver firm are going to try what can be done by shipping direct.

Nelson has a fire department equipped with 400 feet of hose and 4 nozzles, 12 hydrants, 50 buckets and 150 feet of ladders. The water that may be necessary for extinguishing fires is supplied free by the persons who put in pipes to furnish the water supply for household purposes. The inhabitants think that the rates of insurance should now be reduced.

A. Nelson, B. C. despatch says: A telephone message from Ainsworth, says Jack Evans, a party from Nelson, has made the biggest strike ever made on Sloean lake. The ore is the richest ever discovered in a galena district. The country is wild with excitement. Hundreds of miners are leaving for the new district, which is about forty miles from Ainsworth.

Everybody in the growth and prosperity of the Okanagan and Spallumcheen districts will be pleased to learn that the Earl of Aberdeen has just completed the purchase of 12,000 acres in the latter, which he intends to utilize as a farm and model ranch. The noble Earl is a shrewd, practical man, and knows a good thing when he sees one. The fact of his having made such a large purchase, is strong proof that he is very much impressed with the prospects in that portion of the country.

Construction work has been commenced on the Pilot Bay smelter. Two 16x32 buildings are already up. A boarding house, 26x75, will be erected next, then an office and an assay office. About 1,000 feet of cribbing will be required for the outer or lake wharf, and 300 feet for the inner or bay wharf. A brick machine of 12,000 a day capacity has been ordered from San Francisco, and is expected in by the next boat down the river; a repress for pressed brick has also been ordered. A bed of clay of extra fine quality has been discovered at the bay and but a short distance from the smelter site. Dr. Hendryx, the manager, is on the ground, and says from 25 to 30 men will be employed from now until spring.

Major Clark, has been in British Columbia, for several weeks furthering the scheme for settling a large body of Scotch crofters on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Colonel Engledune, his associate, has gone on to Philadelphia, and will join the major in the east, and return with him to the old country. Major Clark says that the places where it is proposed to settle the crofters are exactly suited for the purpose. The crofters to be brought out are fishermen and will not require any land except what is necessary to raise vegetables for their own use. They will find full scope for their industry in prosecuting the fisheries, which will not only be profitable to them, but will assist to develop one of the chief resources of the province. Major Clark says that some legislation and other details will have to be settled before the crofters will be moved. Major Clark is now on his way. He will be out again next spring.

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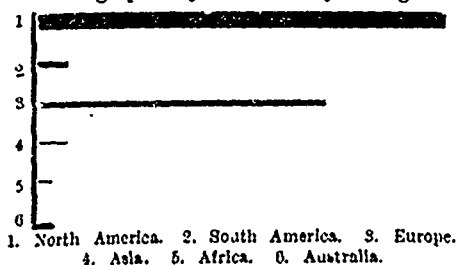
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The World's Railways Compared.

The following is taken from the address of President O. Chanute at the last annual convention of the American Society of Civil Engineers:

One of the great railways of the world, which is eventually to be over 5,000 miles long, is now under construction by the Russian government across eastern and western Siberia. For the present it is to consist of two isolated sections of railway connecting navigable waters of rivers in the interior. Beginning at the Pacific end, at Vladivostok on the Japan sea, the first section is to extend 261 miles to the navigable waters of the Amoor, there to connect with 1,500 miles of steamboat navigation. Thence begins another railroad section of 1,895 miles more, which again connects with 1,870 miles of steamboat navigation, and thereby with existing railways extending some 1,600 miles further to St. Petersburg. Altogether there are 2,156 miles of railroad to be built at an estimated cost of \$103,000,000, and the work is expected to be completed in six years. Russia has now about 20,000 miles of railway for some 92,000,000 of inhabitants. If it is about to enter upon increased activity in railroad construction there may be an opportunity for the employment of the rapid and cheap American methods and tools in this as in other portions of the world.

It may be interesting in this connection to inquire as to the relative railroad status of the various continents, and having lately had occasion, for another address, to compile and estimate the number of miles of railway in the world on the 1st of January, 1891, the result is herewith graphically exhibited by a diagram.



On this diagram the length of the lines represents the aggregate number of miles on each continent, and the thickness represents the ratio of the number of miles of railroad for each 10,000 inhabitants. The actual figures are as follows:

North America is estimated to possess 187,425 miles, or 21.54 miles per 10,000 inhabitants. South America to have 16,000 miles, or 5 miles per 10,000 inhabitants, while Europe has 141,000 miles, being at the rate of 4.06 per 10,000. Asia having 20,000 miles, or only a ratio of $\frac{1}{5}$ mile per 10,000. Africa, with 6,000 miles of railroad, averaging three-tenths of a mile per 10,000 inhabitants, and Australia ranking nearly with Europe and South America, with 13,000 miles of railroad and a ratio of 3.42 miles per 10,000 inhabitants. Asia, therefore, and more particularly China, seems to present a field for railroad missionary work, for it cannot fail eventually to ascertain how great a national economy will follow upon the substitution of railroad for other methods of land transportation.

There was occasion, in connection with the schedule of the world's railways already referred to, to estimate this national economy f

the United States, and it was found that if we assume that there was a real necessity for the whole volume of the exchange of commodities and movement of passengers (which volume, of course, could not exist at the higher charges) the business done by our railroads in 1889, at the rates of freight and passenger, which existed before the railroad era, would have cost the nation not less than \$12,230,890,980, while the charges actually collected were \$992,856,856, thus leaving a difference or national saving on that basis of \$11,247,043,124, or more than the entire capital invested in our railroads, which, as represented by their stocks and liabilities, amounted to \$9,931,453,146.

The average cost of railroads in the United States stands at about \$60,000 per mile, while in Europe they are capitalized at about \$120,000 per mile, the difference being largely the result of the cheaper methods and designs which original scarcity of capital and labor have led our engineers to develop. The Americans are now the great railroad builders of the world. They execute such undertakings with less expenditures, as measured either in money or day's work, than other nations, and it seems not impossible that firms of American engineers and contractors shall find it profitable to employ these methods in other countries, let the capital, the labor or the materials come from whence they may.

The Drummer at Work.

"A rather peculiar incident occurred on a car in which I was riding in Iowa a few days ago," said one of Chicago's commercial tourists. "On the car was a lady and her four-year-old boy. He was a sweet, attractive little fellow and at once became the favorite of all the passengers, who bestowed a good deal of attention upon him. He wore a neat little fur-trimmed overcoat, from which a button had become detached. As a matter of course the button found its way to the child's mouth. Suddenly the mother uttered a wild scream and the passengers were all greatly excited. The child's face grew pale. It had swallowed that button. The mother exclaimed that her child was dying. There was no doctor on the train. What was to be done? In this emergency, as in most others, there was some one capable of meeting it. While everybody else were wringing their hands in helpless agony, one man, who under ordinary circumstances would not attract special attention, was cool and collected. While the other passengers told the mother to pound the child on the back, shake it, stand it on its head, and other nonsensical things, he told her to calmly wait a minute and all would be right. Taking a piece of string from his left hand vest pocket he attached it to a button-hole, which he inserted in the child's mouth and induced it to swallow it. There was a composed look on the man's face that seemed to assure the rest of us that he knew what he was about, and he certainly did, for when he pulled the string and brought that button-hole to our view again there was the button in it, sure enough. In a few minutes everybody was laughing and chatting again, but the calm, quiet man was looked upon as a hero for the rest of the journey."

WHY HE LIKES WINTER.

"I'm glad winter is here," remarked a bald-headed commercial man. "You can't imagine how the flies bother me during the summer,

If it were not for the fact that my business keeps me here I believe I would move to Labrador where the fly season is not so serious an affair. I am so constituted that I must keep my head cool, and in warm weather I go bare-headed as much as possible. An artist friend

I mine said he could paint a spider on my bald spot that would look so natural the flies would not dare come near it. At first I laughed at the idea, but as the season advanced and the flies became more troublesome I got desperate and told him to paint it. He did so, and you can believe it or not just as you like, but it fooled the flies every time. The moment I would remove my hat every fly in the vicinity would start for my head, but just as they were about to settle down, they would see the spider and dart away in the wildest alarm. But for all that the scheme was not a success, for while it fooled the flies it also fooled other people. Every time I'd remove my hat everybody would be slapping my head with all their might trying to kill that awful spider before it had time to bite me. When I'd lift my hat to the ladies on the street they would see the insect and either shout 'murder' or faint away. And so I had to have it removed and fight the flies as before. But I tell you I enjoy winter weather and hope it will last to the middle of August."

Montreal Hardware Prices.

The Gazette reports that makers are cutting prices on nails. Pig iron—Calder, \$21 to \$21.50; Lungloan, \$21; Summerlee, \$21 to \$22; Garthsherrie, \$21 to \$22; Eglington, \$20; Carnbroe, \$19 to \$19.50. Bar iron, per 100 lbs—Ord, Crown, \$2; best refined, \$2.25; Swedes, \$3.50; Lowmoor, \$5.25 to \$5.50; hoops and bands, \$2.40; sheet iron, \$2.40 to \$2.60. Copper, per lb—Ingot, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 15c; sheets, 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 24c; Canada plates, good brands, \$2.70 to \$2.80. Terns plates—charcoals—IC, 20x28, Orion Crown per box, \$8.25; IC, 20x28, lower grades per box, \$7.75. Tin plate—coke, \$3.75; charcoal, \$4.25 to 4.50; ingot tin, 22 to 23c. Lead, per 100 lbs—Pig, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheets, \$4.75; shot, \$3.75; lead pipe, \$5.50 to \$5.75; wrought iron, scrap, \$17; zinc, sheets, \$6.50; Spelter, \$5.50 to \$6; remelted, \$4.75; Russian sheet iron, per lb, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11c. Galvanized iron, according to brand, basis No. 28, per lb, 5 to 7c; iron pipe, discount, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

The Cranberry Crop.

The cranberry crop in New Jersey, which is just being harvested, will be the largest gathered for years. While all over the country there is a marked decrease in the yield, New Jersey will come to the rescue with an increase of 10,000 bushels over last year. The entire crop in the State has been estimated at 220,000 bushels but a prominent grower of Atlantic county, who is well acquainted with the capacity of the bogs all over the State, stated few days ago that the yield would easily reach 250,000 bushels.

New Jersey is the only cranberry growing section in the United States that will produce an average crop. Owing to the heavy frosts last May, which did great damage to cranberry plants, the crops in the east and west will show a marked decrease, while the crop in New England will also be behind last year's crop several thousand bushels.—Philadelphia Times.

Eastern Business Changes. ONTARIO.

Wm. Tilley, grocer, Aylmer, has sold out.
S. Phillips, grocer, Warton, has sold out.
J. C. Murray, grocer, Toronto, has assigned.
J. R. Allen, furniture, Toronto, has assigned.
P. H. Walsh, hats, Kingston, has assigned.
Matthew Side, shoes, Chatham, has assigned.
J. W. Ritter, liquors, Clinton, has assigned.
Thomas Burs, confectioner, Ottawa, has sold out.
J. D. McKenzie, grocer, Woodstock, has sold out.
J. W. Madden, paints, Kingston, was burned out.
Stroud Tea Co., Hamilton, closing business here.
Mitchel Quinn, provisions, Kingston, is dead.
G. H. Chapman, furniture, Arnprior, has assigned.
Z. Mageau, general store, Sudbury, has assigned.
Benj. Woods, general store, Hillsburgh, has assigned.
Mrs. E. M. Crawford, crockery, Toronto, has assigned.
Yeo & Smith, hardware etc., Toronto, have assigned.
Wm. Cowan, general store, Blackstock, has sold out.
Southeott & Patton, tailors, London, have dissolved.
E. B. Inglehart, photos, etc., Owen Sound, has sold out.
Sam Davidson, manufacturers' agent, Toronto, has assigned.
Bradley Bros., hardware, etc., S. Woodlee, has assigned.
John Martin, blacksmith, Ripley, burned out; insured.
Lewis & Pearson, carriages, Bobcaygeon, have assigned.
Dodge & Bliss Box Co., Waubasheno, burned out; insured.
Stella McGuire, fruit and confectionery, Arnprior, has assigned.
H. C. Eastlake, general store, Fairfield, has sold out to B. G. Burk.
Mrs. T. C. Smith, cigars, etc., Chatham, has sold out to Taylor Bros.
H. S. Sims, general store, Webbwood, has moved to Little Current.
Vanderburg & Clark, hotel, Hamilton, sold out under chattel mortgage.
Smith & Bracken, furniture, Toronto, seized by sheriff; stock cleared out.
Hay & Co., dry goods, etc., Wallaceburg, seized under chattel mortgage.
Walter Trick, shoes, London, east end store burned out; partially insured.
Canadian Lumber Cutting Machine Co., Ltd., Trenton, was burned out; insured.
Keys & Hallett, hardware, etc., Weston, have dissolved; T. Keys continues.
Griffith & Orchard, wood and coal, London, have dissolved; J. Orchard continues.
C. H. Delisle, tailor, etc., Windsor, sale reported in recent issue has fallen through.
John Fetterley, grocer, Morrisburg, advertises stock for sale by auction on 26th inst.
Skinner & Co., manufacturer hames, etc., Gananoque, had their scythe factory burned.
Noel & Chevrier, clothing, Ottawa, have dissolved; business continued by Noel & McEvela.
I. Mendles & Co., general store, Lauark, have

dissolved; business continued by J. H. Mendles.

Pedlar & Co., general store, Gravenhurst, stock seized under chattel mortgage and Pedlar away.

The following were burned out at Port Perry: Laing & McHarty, hardware, insured; E. J. Mundy, publisher, insured; D. J. Adams, broker, insured; M. G. Robson, insurance agent; H. Doubt, tailor. The following were damaged by fire: T. C. Forman & Son, grocer; J. A. Murray, dentist; Aaron Ross & Sons, general store.

QUEBEC.

Francis Turcotte, shoes, Quebec, has assigned.
Palin & Langlois, Napierville, have assigned.
Joseph Patry, commission, Quebec, is dead.
I. Harris & Co., clothing Lachine, has assigned.

Blondeau & Gravel, tanners, Quebec, have assigned.

Leon Ravary, saw mill, St. Clet, has assigned.

Francois Caron, merchant, St. Irene, has assigned.

Robt. Summerhayes, photos, Montreal, has assigned.

Jacob Gagne, general store, Rimouski, has assigned.

Boiron & Michea, wines, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.

Jacob Gagne, general store, Rimouski, is in difficulties.

Chas. Rickner, fruits, Montreal, is offering to compromise.

Fortier, Royer & Belleau, dry goods, Quebec, have assigned.

DuGrenier & Gagnon, saw mill, etc., Racine, have assigned.

C. W. Parkin, clothing, Montreal, is offering to compromise.

L. Boivia & Co., manufacturers paper, Richelieu, burned out.

Joseph Giroux, general store and hardware, Montreal, has assigned.

McDonald & Cunningham, confectioners, Montreal, have dissolved.

Joseph Renger & Joseph Vernier, grocers, Montreal, have assigned.

Dme A. S. Vingt & Co., manufacturer shoes, Montreal, have dissolved.

A. Simard & Bros., brickmakers, St. Annie de Beaupre, has assigned.

H. C. Russell & Co., iron and railroad supplies, Montreal, have dissolved.

Walker Bros, wholesale dry goods, Montreal, advertise stock for sale by auction on 21st inst.

F. N. Desrochers, trader and jeweler, St. Jean des Chaillons, provisional guardian appointed.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Geo. Feltus, Aylesford, has assigned.

J. D. Munro, tins, etc., Westville, has assigned.

Weener & Lopinsky, dry goods, Springhill, have assigned.

W. A. Doane, of Doane Bros., printers, Truro, is dead.

F. W. Reed, general store, Berwick, is succeeded by J. M. Patterson.

Lepine Bros., mens' furnishings, Halifax, are offering to compromise at 50 per cent. secured.

D. P. Burke, general store, Joggins, is offering to compromise at 33 cents on the dollar.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

John Duffy, traders, St. John, is dead.

Wm. McLaggan, lumberman, Blackville, is dead.

Robt. Gallant, hotel, Cocaigne, succeeded by J. L. Elliot.

Mrs. Chas Call, millinery, Newcastle, closing out business.

Robt. Miller, teas, St. John and Amherst, N. S., have sold out their St. John business.

Harrold Gilbert, carpets and furniture, St. John, is offering to compromise at 33 cents on the dollar.

Demand for Wheat.

The stocks of wheat in store in the Northwest states are smaller than at any time before at this season. The receipts at the same time are almost double receipts to this time in any former year. A single reason accounts for it, which is the large export demand. Foreign buying is not for wheat alone, for flour from here is sold to go to Europe more than ever before. Either of the large milling concerns in this city has on its books sales entered within the last two weeks for flour to be shipped all over Europe excepting the few small exporters in the eastern parts. The demand that causes extensive buying is at a time when the supplies from the home crops of those countries are also pouring into their local markets in largest volume as they always do at this season of the year. Of course a great deal of this buying here to ship is to anticipate wants for some time forward but setting statistics aside, it is an index of a strong demand that will at least exist until production in some parts of the globe satisfies it.

The first harvesting to speak of begins in February, but that is of amounts too limited to effect sentiment to the prejudice of prices, justified by other reasons. Still new harvests that follow in continuous line for the remainder of our crop season, with prospects for others not matured, will necessarily cause swells or depressions in values that promise to nourish ventures to the full satisfaction of the most exacting speculator. But there is nothing in sight now to indicate a level either far above present values or below them. They are now in a trough and naturally are more likely to rule above than below existing prices although the beginning of winter is not usually a good time to predict a rise.—*Minneapolis Market Record.*

Outlook for Potatoes.

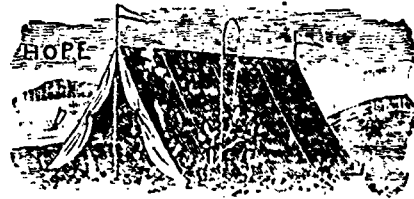
Next spring will probably bring a demand for western potatoes that has not been felt for several years. The general demand for food staples from European countries will effectually preclude the usual possibility of importations from Germany that have heretofore figured so conspicuously in competition with our domestic products in the Atlantic seaboard states as virtually to set the price on our own product. This element in making the market price is effectually shut out. Germany will ship no potatoes to our shores this season, nor probably for a year or two longer. Our surplus of potatoes will go to the east at a price that we can afford to sell at with a profit, without any reference whatever to the possibility of Germany's being able to supply the market at a lower price than we could do. Potatoes should, therefore, be well housed and kept for an emergency.—*Nebraska Farmer.*

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Northwest Ontario.

Pierre Uldevert Barbeau, grocer, Rat Portage, is dead.

Madill & Snelgrove, bakers, confectioners, Fort William, have dissolved partnership. The business will be carried on by D. A. Madill.

Fort William Journal: "At the last meeting of the Fort William board of trade, a committee was appointed to draft resolutions calling the attention of the government to the necessity of dredging the river to the depth of twenty feet and piling out the mouth. The "Soo" canal will be open in a year or two admitting the passage of boats of twenty feet draught, and if the Manitoba grain shipper is to be placed on equal footing with his brethren of the western states the Canadian lake port must be made capable of accommodating vessels of the same capacity. The committee was also instructed to embody in the resolutions proposed the suggestion of dredging out and enlarging the different canals between Lake Superior and the St. Lawrence, so that vessels of ordinary sea-going capacity can load at Fort William and go through the chain of lakes, cross the Atlantic and discharge at foreign ports without breaking cargo."

At the last meeting of the Rat Portage board of trade, the committee appointed to arrange for a room for keeping mineral specimens on exhibition reported in favor of a room offered by J. W. Colcleugh, which was adopted. The committee appointed to report in respect to the fisheries submitted the following: "That

the companies located here, employ not less than two hundred men, during the fishing season, most of these men reside in the United States, and but a small proportion of the wages come to this district. That the companies fishing at present under U. S. licenses, are taking fish out of the Lake of the Woods, and that all the money derived from this source or nearly all, is spent in a foreign country. From the information received by your committee, we find that the American citizens fishing in the Lake of the Woods, on the United States side, are annually taking from this lake 1,200,000 pounds of fish, and twenty tons of caviare. That a Canadian citizen cannot get a license to fish, from the United States government, and are therefore debarred from fishing in the waters of the Lake of the Woods. Your committee find, that in all fishing, a large number of the employees are Indians, and think that if the government could be induced to grant licenses, that a large number of Indians, as well as white citizens, could be furnished with profitable employment, and can see no reason why our citizens should not be allowed at least the same privileges in the Lake of the Woods as those enjoyed by the citizens of the United States, and would strongly recommend that the board of trade bring this matter before the government, and urge that fishing licenses be granted in the Lake of the Woods." The report was adopted and a committee composed of C. W. Chadwick, W. Ross and Geo. Drewry was appointed to draft a memorial to the Dominion and Provincial Governments asking them to grant fishing leases on the Lake of the Woods,

Cheese for England.

Prof. Robertson, Dominion dairy commissioner, is inspecting finally the cheese which has been made at the dairy experimental stations during the past summer. Part of these are to be shipped to the British markets to be sold in different large centres of population, such as London, Glasgow, Manchester and Liverpool. A special brand "Canadian full cream cheese," has been used on these for the purpose of encouraging the general use of such brand among the best manufacturers in Canada. In his last annual report the dairy commissioner made a recommendation to factorymen in the Dominion to begin the use of such a distinguishing brand of cheese; the purpose in view is to have permissive legislation whereby any factory receiving a make containing at least 31.2 per cent. of butter fat will be allowed to use the brand. Canadian full cream cheese with registered number which will thus become a peculiar and particular designating mark for product of that factory. Some cheeses are also being forwarded from Manitoba to be used in like manner in the English market. The secondary object in making these shipments is to call attention to the excellent opportunities for successful mixed dairy farming in the different parts of Canada, the primary object being to test the object of marketing cheese manufactured in different ways and from milk containing different percentages of butter fat.

Victoria's exact population, according to the municipal census, is 22,981, made up of 19,015 whites, 3,589 Chinese, and 377 Indians.

Montreal Markets.

Flour—Upper Canada millers state that they are filling orders in the Maritime provinces at prices that net them 20 to 25c. per barrel above Montreal prices. According to their statements, it cost them \$4.25 to \$4.30 at the mills to turn out straight rollers, and in order to make anything they should receive \$4.35 to \$4.90 in Montreal. Several western millers who were in the city this week stated that they were very busy executing orders from the lower provinces and Newfoundland. Patent, winter, \$5.15 to \$5.25; patent, spring, \$5.25 to \$5.35; straight roller, \$4.75 to \$4.85; extra, \$4.65 to \$4.65; superfine, \$4.20 to \$4.35; fine, \$3.85 to \$4.00; city strong bakers, \$4.85 to \$5.00; Manitoba bakers, \$4.50 to \$4.75; Ontario bags—extra, \$2.15 to \$2.30; superfine, \$2 to \$2.10.

Oatmeal, etc.—The unsettled feeling still continues. Granulated and rolled oats \$4.10 to \$4.20 per bbl, and \$2.00 to \$2.20 per bag; standard and fine oatmeal, \$4.00 to \$4.05 per bbl. and bags \$1.90 to \$2.00. Pot barley, \$4.15. Pearl barley, No. 1, \$7.25 per bbl. Gold dust cornmeal, \$4.25 per bbl; split peas, \$3.25 per barrel.

Wheat—The Ontario wheat arriving is very fine, and sales of No. 1 spring have been made here \$1.62, a lot of choice No. 1 winter bringing \$1.02½ last week, but to-day prices are quoted at \$1.00. In Manitoba wheat, holders at Port Arthur ask equal to \$1.10 laid down here for No. 2 hard.

Mill Feed—Ontario bran, \$13 to \$13.50 in car loads, and at \$14 for broken lots; white shorts, \$15.50 to \$16, and moullie at \$21 to \$25 as to quality.

Oats—The market is a little firmer in sympathy with the advance in England, and sales of No. 2 white, have been made at 32c per 34 lbs.; other kinds being quoted at 31 to 31½c.

Barley—There is still a demand for Canadian barley for export, and shipments are steadily going forward to England. We quote: No. 2 Ontario barley, at 55 to 56c and No. 3 extra at 52c to 54c; feed, 45 to 50c. Choice two rowed barley, at 60 to 65c.

Pork, Lard, etc.—There is a decidedly easier feeling in pork in sympathy with the decline in the west. Lard is also easier, and we hear that sales have been made as low as \$1.45 per pail of 20 pounds. Canada short cut mess pork, per barrel, \$17 to \$17.50; extra mess beef, per bbl., \$14.50 to \$15.00; hams, city cured, per lb., 11 to 11½c; lard, pure in pails, per lb., 9½ to 10c; lard, compound, in pail, per lb., 7½ to 7¾c; bacon, per lb., 10½ to 11c; shoulders, per lb., 9 to 10c.

Eggs—Fresh gathered stock is selling well at 15 to 16c, a few shipments of limed being received, with sales at 14 to 15c.

Dressed Hogs—A few small lots of dressed hogs have been received during the week, and sales have been made of choice light weights, suitable for butchers' use, at \$6.75 to \$7.00 per 100 pounds; heavier hogs have changed hands at \$8.10 to \$8.50 per 100 pounds.

Potatoes—The market is more active, and a sale of 200 bags is reported to have been made as low as 30c, and we quote at 40 to 45c per bag for good to choice stock.

Butter—The market maintains its firm tone, especially for creamery, which has sold at 23c for round lots. October creameries are held at

higher figures, but buyers are not anxious to pick them up. We quote 21 to 23½c. In Eastern Townships sales of round quantities are reported at 18 to 18½ for fine shipping lots, single packages of selected selling at 19 to 20c. Western butter is firm at 15 to 16c, sales being reported at 15½ to 16c for round lots. A car load of Kamouraska dairy is said to be offered at 16c. The total shipments to date are 60,687 pkgs against 18,502 pkgs for the corresponding period last year.

Cheese—No change can be reported in this market, 10c being the representative figure for finest goods. August cheese in Liverpool is cabled at 47 to 48c. In this market a few sales of under-priced goods have taken place at 9 to 9½c. There is not much chance of getting prices down now, especially as English buyers have been compelled to advance their limits in order to secure certain factories. The shipments from this port to date were, 1,126,764 boxes against 1,240,526, for the corresponding period in 1890, showing a decrease of 113,752 boxes.

Apples—The first new lot of winter apples have arrived on the market, and sales of car loads have been made of choice to good at \$2.10 to \$2.25; but the latter figures is now said to be quite unobtainable, \$2.10 to \$2.15 being, it is maintained, the highest figures that can be got now for car lots. Shipments continue to go forward in large quantities. Evaporated apples quiet, and sales have been made in round lots at from 8 to 9c per lb. Dried apples have sold at 6 to 7c per lb, as to quality.

Hides—No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; No. 3, 3c; tanners pay 1c more; lambskins, 70c; calfskins, 7c.

Leather—Manufacturers sole, No. 1, 17 to 19c; No. 2, 15 to 16c; waxed upper, 22 to 27c; splits, Quebec, 11 to 13c; western, 15 to 19c.

Groceries—The sugar market is practically the same as last, granulated selling at 4½c at the refineries, and yellows at 3½ to 3¾c for low grade and at 3½ to 4½c for brights. Granulated beet sugar has been offered in this market at 4c per lb, but its straw color is not inviting to those buyers who have been accustomed to the granulated turned out by the Montreal refineries. Barbadoes molasses are being offered in 50 puncheon lots at 37c, but buyers do not seem inclined to take hold at that figure, and we quote 37 to 38c as to size of lot. Antigua is quoted at 31 to 32c. In syrups there has been a little more doing at 2½ to 3½c as to quality. In Maracaibo coffee there have been sales of round quantities at 19½ to 20c, and Rio and Jamaica is quoted at 18 to 19c, although the inside figure has been shaded. Java and Mocha are quoted at 24 to 25c.

Dried fruit—The market for Valencia raisins has an under current of weakness, sales having transpired at 5 to 5½c per lb, as to quality, although it is said that some very good brands have changed hands at 5c. In currants there have been sales of choice qualities at 5½c, in bbls, although some very fair stock is said to have been replaced at 5¾c. It is stated there is a lot of poor Provincial stuff selling at low prices, which harrasses the holders of good to choice qualities.—*Trade Bulletin*, October 24.

Wm. Tietjen, cigar manufacturer, of New Westminster, returned from a trip to Cuba, where he has been purchasing raw material for his factory.

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