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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 27, 1890.

REETRAND & BRO. will open a bakery at Macleud, Assa.

A CAR-L AD of machinery for the Rat Portage reduction works has arrived.

DON McDonald has purchased the business of the Albion hotel Winnipeg.

J. C. Robinson, Brandon, contemplates opening out a store at Wawanessa, Man.

W. J. THOMPSON, furniture, McGregor, Manitoba, has sold out to C. R. Low.

JOSEPH VANCE has opened a flour and feed and grocery store at Portage la Prairie, Man.

L. G. McPhillips, late of Winnipeg, has formed a law partnership in Vancouver, B. C., with N Williams.

MINNEDGA Tribune: The Commercial Bank of Manitoba has secured temporary premises for its new branch here, pending the erection of bank premises in the spring.

TENDERS for potatoes for supplying seed to Indians, at a dozen or fifteen reserves in Manitoba and the Territories, are asked for by the Indian Commi-sioner, Hayter Reed, of Regiua.

THE Port Arthur & Western Railway Company are asking power to construct a branch line from Sand Lake northwest, by way of Lake Kangoskak, to Sabawo Lake, and fer other purposes.

FRED. GILLESPIE, tea merchant. Calgary, has found his business increasing to such an extent that he has decided to move to the Alexander block, and will open up with a stock of teas and groceries.

JOHN L. WHEELER, of Glenboro, Man., boot and shoe dealer, has made an assignment to S. A. D. Bertrand. A meeting of the creditors

will be held on Tuesday, February 4, at the office of the assignee, Winnipeg.

Notice is given of the assignment of Morrison and Arsenaul, of Wapella, Assa, trading as G. H. Morrison & Co., general dealers, to S. A. D. Bertrand, official assignee. A meeting of creditors will be held in Winnipeg, 3rd of February.

Notice is given that the partnership subsisting between W. J. Halluday and J. C. McNeil, confectioners and fruit dealers, of Calkary, has been dissolved by mutual consent. J. C. McNeil will settle up the affairs of the late partnership.

The Manitoba and Western edition of the Farmers' Advocate, a new journal published at Winnipey, has made its appearance. The eastern edition of this journal is published at London, Ontario, and it is the oldest established agricultura paper in Canada.

The contract for the erection of the W. E. Sanford Company's new warehouse at the corner of Princess and Bannetyne streets, Winnipeg, has been awarded to Bruce & Madden. The amount of the tender is between twenty and twenty-five thousand dollars.

ALEX. WHEELER, manufacturing furrier, Winnipeg, left suddenly for the south last week, forgetting to straighten up his affairs to the satisfaction of his cre liters. It is also charged that before leaving he sold goods belonging to customers, left in his hands for repairs, etc.

WM. A. ALLEN, Henry Lojane, of Regina, John Henry, E. Secretan, Arthur Francis Eden, and Heber Archibald, the last three named applicants being of Winnipeg, are applying for incorporation with the object of coal mining in Manitoba, British Columbia and the Territories.

Mr. Boyce, of Boyce's Carriage Works, Winnipeg, left on Thursday last for a business trip west. He will go as far as the Pacific coast, and will take in all points en route. The factory here has been recently enlarged, with a view to extending trade for the fine class of goods turned out.

The estate of W. Uglow, books, and stationer, Winnipoz, bought at the recent mortgage sate for 42 cents on the do lar, has been re-sold to J. D. Rice, stationer, Winnipoz. It was supposed that the stock was first bought in by an eastern creditor, acting in the interest of Mr. Uglow and some hitch in the arrangements has led to the sale to Rice.

At the last meeting of the Winnipeg city conneil it was resolved that a special committee for the purpose of obtaining an annual provincial exhibition in the city of Winnipeg be appointed to confer and unite with the Provincial Government, the board of trade and any other person or organization of persons, with the view of consummating this important project.

The firm of O'Donohue & Cochrane, wholesale and retail dealers in agricultural implements, wagons, bugges, cutters, etc., has been dissolved, John O'Donohue having bought out the interest of Robert Jochrane. The business hereafter will be carried on under the firm name of John O'Donohue & Co., to whom all debts shall be paid and by whom all liabilities of the late firm will be met.

The Lethbridge, Alberta, New says: "We understand that the money required for the road to Montana has at last been secured and that the contract for its construction is already signed. We are also informed that work on

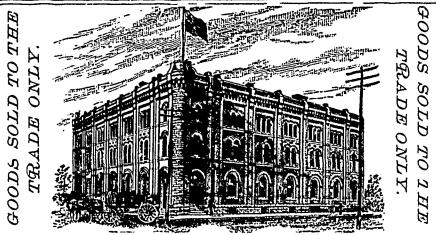
the new road will be commenced in the spring." The News, in the quoted paragraph, refers to the proposed extension of the Galt railway from Lethbridge into Montana.

THE firm of Strome & Whitelaw and Strome & Whitelaw Co., general merchants, Brandon, will be dissolved on the first of February, as previously announced. Strome will continue business in the dry goods and gents' furnishing lines in the Combs & Stewart block, corner of 9th street and Rosser avenue. Whitelaw will continue to do business in the grocery, crockery and hoot and shoe lines in the old stand, Braeside block.

THE new Winnipeg city council seems to be taking hold of the Assimboine water power scheme with a little more earnestness than was shown by the old conneil. At a meeting of the committee having the matter in charge, the sense of the committee was taken on the advisability of the city constructing the works The result showed all present except one to be in favor of giving the work to a private company, provided a satisfactory arrangement could be made It was resolved that whether the city or a company constructed the works, it is desirable that the construction should be proceeded with at an early date. The clerk was instructed to invite a conference with the Assiniboine Water Power Company re terms of arrangements at an early date.

Following is the report of the Brandon farmers' market, is given by the Times: There There is practicaly no change in the markets and the weather has been so cold for the past week that business has been practically suspended. There is little or no grain coming in and buyers are ob'iged to visit each other and spin yarns to keep their contage up. Hay and wood came in more fre ly yesterday and to day: Wheat, 70c; ('ats. feed, 4') to 45c: Oats, seed, 45 to 50c; barley, 50c; flour, \$2 00 to \$2.75; bran p.r ton. \$14.06 to \$15.00; short per ton, \$14.00 to \$17.00; chop per ton, \$22.00 to \$30.00; tlax per bushel, \$2.25 to \$2.50; potatoes per bushel, 65 to 70c; hay, bulk, per ton, \$9 00 to \$10.00; hay bailed per ton, \$12; beef, dressed, 3 to 4c; pork, 41 to 51c; muttou carcass, 7 to 8c; chickens, 6 to 8c; turkeys, 10 to 12c; geese, 10 to He; ducks, 10 to He; butter, 14 to Hic; lard, 10 to 11c; eggs, 18 to 20c; cordwood, \$3.30 to \$1.30.

THE assignment of A C. Freeborn, dealer in drugs, jewelry sul fon y goods, stationery, etc., Virden, Man., was an joun of last week, Robert Adamson being the assignee appointed. The affairs of this estate are somewhat mixed. Freebern got married last fall, and made his estate over to his wife as a marriage settlement. Sub-equently action was brought against him by G. F. & J. Galt, of Winnipeg. Judgment was secured by this firm, and under -it proceedings were taken to attack the marriage settlement. The case has resulted successfully for the Winnipeg house, the marriage settlement having been voided by the court. Freeborn has now made an assignment. In addition to the judgment secured by Messrs Galt, there are two other judgments against the estate, secured previous to the assignment. One of these is held by an eastern house and the other by Mrs. Freeborn, for \$1,500. The stock is advertised for sale by the sheriff, at Brandon, on Tuesday, Jan. 23. There are some secured, and some unsecured claims against the estate, in addition to those noted.



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Eastern Business Changes. ONTARIO.

Jas. Angus, grocer, Clinton, has assigned. John Smeall, tailor, Toronto, has assigned.

B. Walker, hotelkeeper, Weston, is dead.

R W. Coats, jeweler, Clinton, has sold out. H. Lane, baker. Essex Centre, has assigned.

W. B. Smith, druggist, Harriston, has sold out.

E. Hanrahan, hotelkeeper, Windsor, has sold out.

W. L. Smith, physician, Mount Hope, is dead.

Philip Hire, fruit dealer, Toronto, has assigned.

C. E. Kerr, shoe jobber, Toronto, has assigned.

E. F. Crawford, Liquor dealer, Barrie, has assigned.

Mrs. John Nay, grocer, St. Catherines, has

W. G. Morgan, jeweler, St. Thomas, has assigned.

Andrew Seeback, hotelkeeper, Mitchell, has sold out.

Mrs. R. J. Tufts, hotelkeeper, Clinton, has sold out.

McSweyne & Sons, tailors, Toronto, have assigned.

Thomas & Drinkwater, tailors, Toronto, have assigned.

W. W. Cowan, machinist, Stratford, has

assigned. J. W. Sutton, hotelkeeper, Springfield, was burnt out.

Dunbar Bros., grocers, Leamington, was burned out.

Wm. Kirkland, dealer in bricks, Whitby Tp., has assigned.

P. McIntyre, general storekeeper, Woodville,

has assigned. L. B. McConnell, dealer in caps, St. Thomas, has assigned.

D. Fraser, general storckeeper, Rutherford, has sold out.

W. Arnall & Son, dealers in fruit, Toronto, have assigned.

Rowe & Andrews, dealers in furniture, Exeter,

have dissolved.

Feaser & Hind, photographers, Harristown, have dissolved.

W. C. Coulson, dealer in hardware, Leamington, was burne out.

Geo. Simmons, general storekeper, Middlemiss, has sold out.

J. Reid, dealer in flour and feed, Mount Porest, has sold out.

Mrs. Nancy Fleming, general storekeeper, Hastings, has assigned.

Jeffrey & Ryan, wholesale liquor dealers, Toronto, have assigned.

Collins & White, general storekeeper, Sault Ste Marie, have assigned.

H. E. Reid & Co., general storekeepors, Orangeville. Mr. H. E. Reid of this firm is dead.

C. P. Geary & Co., oils, etc., St. Thomas, have dissolved by retirement of J. R. Minhin-

Waddell Bros., dealers in groceries and crockery, Dresden; W. H. Waddell is now sole proprietor.

Walkerville General Store, Walkerville, have sold out grocery, liquor, meats, hardware, crockery to Busch & Lajeunesse.

QUEBEC.

H. T. Sait, bookseller, Montreal, is dead.

Z. Vaudry, plumber, Quebec, has assigned.

A. Doniais, tailors, Montreal, has assigned. Michael Dery, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.

H. Davison, dealer in teas, Quebec, is dead. N. Levasseur, grocer, Three Rivers, has as-

signed.

J. A. Massicotte, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.

Bonin & Allaire, furniture, Montreal, has assigned.

H. Bercovitch, clothing, Montreal, has assigned.

W. G. Thomas, grocer and hotelkeeper, has assigned.

A. Blumenthal & Co., tailors, Montreal, have assigned.

Edmond Labelle, dealer in dry goods, Montreal, has assigned.

Wm. Rourke, grocer, Montreal, has admitted W. S. Hogg as partner.

Wightman, Ramsay & Co., wholesale fancy goods, Montreal, have dissolved,



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P. P. Archibald, Albion Hotel, Halifax, has sold out.

R. S. Fritzrandolph, general storekeeper, Digby, is dead.

Egerton Gold Mining Co., Fifteen Mile Stream, have sold out.

J. F. Blanchard & Co., dealers in dry goods, Truro, J F. Blanchard, senior partner of this firm is dead.

Muirhead & Co., plumbers, Halifax & Truro, have admitted J. Campbell as partner in the Truro business.

Wm. Curry, planing mill, Windsor, has admitted J. W. Curry as partner under style of Wm. Curry & Co.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

C. F. Street, miller, Burton, has sold out.

J. M. Wade, painter, Moncton, has assigned.

G. R. Davis, trader, Moncton has assigned.

D. J. McEvoy, hotelkeeper, Coldbrook, is dead.

H. T. Spear, saloonkeeper, St. John, has assigned.

J. A. McGivery, general storekeeper, Bloomfield, has sold out.

McColmac & Steeves, dealers in shoes, Woodstock, have dissolved.

Montreal Par Prices.

Offerings are light at present and the market is without any noticeable animation locally. European advices are not encouraging, while those from the States evidence a spirit of more or less . peculation, so that it is difficult to gauge their astual intent. We lower some of our quotations and it is the expectation that heavier reductions must be made ere long:

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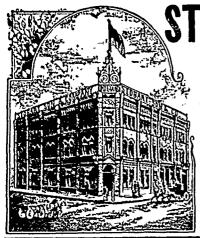
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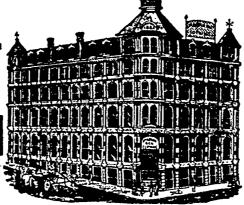
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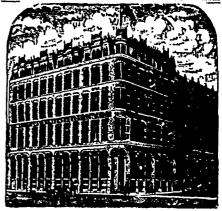
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RETAILERS, ATTENTION !

Last week reference was made in THE Cox-MERCIAL to the advisability of holding a convention of the retail dealers of Munitoba and the adjoining territory. The matter was brought up in accordance with the expressed de-ire of several prominent retailers in Manitoba. At different times leading country merchants in this country have expressed a desire that a convention of retail dealers be held in Winnipog to consider matters of interest to the rade. This desire has been expressed in several ways and THE COMMERCIAL has recently been requested by several representative dealers, to bring the matter to the attention of the trade. Such a convention, if largely attended and at all representative in its nature, should be of great benefit to the trade. There are a number of important questions which really require discussion, and upon which some united action could be taken to great advantage. There is the important question of credit to consumers, which greatly stands in need of reform of some kind. Closely of nuected with this is the question of long credits and dating shead, as practiced in the wholesale trade. The disposal of bankrupt stocks is another very important matter to retailers, us they are great sufferers from the present system. The question of unjust compromises wou d also come under this head. Other important matters are the questions of insurance, inadequate profits, peddling, etc. Then there is the butter question. It is high time that something was done with this question. Country dealers have all along paid too high prices for butter, as some of them are likely to learn to their sorrow this year. The quantity of butter is increasing, and it must hereafter be purchased according to quality on an expert basis, if dealers are not to meet with an annual loss in their butter transactions.

These are only some of the more important questions which may be conidered. They have been discussed over and over again in the columns of this journal, and it is unnecessary at this time to add anything to what has already been said. As no organization exists to take the initiative in calling a convention, those moving in the matter are desirous of receiving expressions of opinion from retailers throughout the country upon the matter. Country merchants are therefore requested to send in their views as early as posssible, as to the desirability of holding a convention, say some time during February. Communications may be addressed to THE COMMER-CIAL, Winnipey, not necessarily for publication, but for the purpose of learning the general feeling upon the question, for unless it will appear that the idea of holding a convention is a popular one, it would be useless to go on with the movement.

MANITOBA LEGISLATURE.

In a few days the Manitoba Lagislature will be called together, and in view of the important questions likely to come up, the meeting is looked forward to with more than usual interest.

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The session is likely to prove one of the most notable in the history of Manitoba, if, as is generally supposed, the radical measures proposed in the interim since the prorogation of the house a year ago, are dealt with. Some months ago it was announced that the Government would at the next meeting of the legislature deal with the question of the abolition of the dual language and the separate school systems, now in vogue in Manitoba Indeed, it was intimated that the Government had decided upon abolishing the use of the French as an official language, and further, that a new school system, providing fornational and non-sectarian schools, would be introduce! These announcements created intense interest, and the questions have been vigorously discussed from every conceivable standpoint ever since, not only in Manitoba, but we may say all over Canada. Incidents which have since occurred in connection with the board of education, and the appearance of the Manitoba official Gazette printed in the English language only, lead to the conclusion that the Government is fully in carnest in its proposals.

There is good reason to believe that a very large majority of the people of Manitoba sympathiz; in the main with the proposed policy of the Government so far as understood. Outside of the French-speaking population, who are now in a very small minority, there are few who favor the deal language system. It is looked upon as an unnecessary expense, and it is argued with reason, that if French, why not make German, Scandi aviau, Icelandic, etc., official languages, seeing that some of these nationalities are represented in Manitoba about as largely as the French.

On the question of abolishing the separate schools, it may also be said that a very large majority of the people are in favor of this proposal. It was understood, however, that the intention of the Government was to make the schools secular. From the discussion of the subject which followed the first announcement, it appears that while the popular voice is in favor of doing away with separate schools. a considerable section of the people are not prepared to go in for what are termed godless schools. They wish the dual school system done away with, but at the same time they wish some religious teaching and exercises in the schools. In deference to this influential section of the people, it is understood the Government has modified its first plans, to permit of religious teaching in the schools. It was recently reported that the Government had decided to leave the question of religious instruction to the school boards. This plan, however, unless provided for under great restrictions, would be objectionable. If the school boards were given full control in the matter of religion in the schools, there would certainly be troubly in many a school district, and no end of strife. The school boards would doubtle-sin some justances conform the religious instructions in the schools under their control to their own peculiar sectarian views. But even if they did not do this, the plan would leave room for suspicion, jealousy and strife. School boards can therefore only be allowed a limited latitude, if they are to have any say in the matter at all.

We will not undertake to discuss the legal aspect of the case. There are certainly difficulties in the way, and apparently very serious difficulties, and it is not probable that the questions will be settled without meeting with serious obstacles. If the people are united, however, in their demand for these proposed reforms they will in the end certainly be accomplished.

The Hudson's Bay railway is another important matter, which is likely to receive some attenti a during the meetings of the Legislature. Though this question has not been before the people much of late, it has by no means been lost sight of. The people of Manitoba are as a roughy in favor of the completion of this road as ever they were, and they are willing to give the enterprise every reasonable assistance. A Government which refused to recognize this fact, could not long remain popular in Manitoba, whatever other questions there may be to require united action. If the Hulson's Bay railway scheme should come up in any feasible form, the Government will certainly be held responsible, if it should refuse to render every reasonable assistance to the enterprise.

THE BUTTER TRADE.

The outlook in the butter trade is not very bright at present. As far es can be learned the quantity of butter held in Manitobs is larger than usual. The season of 1883 was not a very prosperous one for the cheese factories in the province, consequently the patrons became dissatisfied and withdrew their cows from the factories. As a consequence of this, the cheese factories were worked to a much smaller capacity than usual last season, and some were closed altogether. Cheese this season has commanded a big crice, and the supply is short. On the other hand, farmers who have withdrawn their patronage from the cheese factories, have used their cows in making butter at home on the dairy principle. This accounts for the larger quantity of butter in the country. Country merchants have taken the butter from the farmers, and those who did not dispose of the product earlier in the season are still loaded with butter, for the sale of which the prospect is not very b ight. As a rule, country dealers have paid too high prices to their farmer customers for the butter. The days of fancy prices for ordinary dairy butter are past, and if the butter trade is to be a profitable one to country merchants, they must learn to buy for lower prices. In the old days when Mauitoba did not produce butter enough to meet the requirements of arapidly growing population, people were obliged to take what they could get in the way of butter, and not be to fastidious as to the quality. But this is all changed now. We have a large surplus of butter at home, and when it comes to finding an outside market for ordinary dairy botter, the task is a difficult one. While there is usually sale for choice creamery butter, it is hard to find a market anywhere that is not loaded about all the year around with ordinary store packed and medium to fair dairy grades of butter. Manitoba country dealers will therefore have to lot up on the butter question and pay what the article is worth for shipment, which is generally a considerably lower figure than has been paid here in the past on an average While the farmers will come out all right on the prices paid last summer and fall, the same cannot be said of many merchants. Further, the high prices paid here for ordinary dairy butter has the effect of encouraging farmers to withdraw their patronage from cheese factories and creameries, which is to be regretted, as the only way the trade will ever be placed on a good footing is to confine it as largely as possible to the factory system, instead of the private dairy mode of making butter. We do not mean to say that choice butter cannot be made in the private dairy, but as a rule facilities are not good for making butter in this way, and a large portion marketed is not of choice quality, and when it comes to a forced shipment to outside markets, prices realized must be very low.

Formerly there was quite a market for Manitoba butter in the settlements westward in the territories, but this demand is now being supplied by the farmers who have settled in those districts. In fact settlements in the territories which formerly procured butter from Manitoba, are now beginning to ship butter on westward to points in the mountains and to coast points in British Columbia, so that hereafter Manitoba shippers cannot count much on the western trade. In time perhaps, British Columbia will probably be supplied mainly by the country imn ediately east of the mountains. T. W. Clarke, produce and commission dealer, Vancouver, who was in Winnipeg last week, reports British Columbia markets glutted with Manitoba butter, and pric s demoralized. Several large lots have been slepped in on speculation. but owing to the lateness of the season, it is slow sale. Last fall he says he tried to buy butter in Manitoba, but owing to high prices asked here he was forced to send his orders to Ontario, where he procured three cars at lower prices. Parties whom he tried to buy from here last full, he says have recently shipped lots to the coast, where they are selling at as low prices as he offered to pay in Manitoba last fall. They are therefore out the freight charge, and expenses of a personal trip to the coast to sell the butter. This applies to creamery. Manitoba dairy butter is even slower sale. b.ani: toba shippers seem very slow in learning the requirements of Pacific coast markets, and continue to ship westward late in the season, instead of in the fall. New butter begins to come in from California early in the new year, after which the sale of ordinary dairy, and even choice creamery butter is very slow. But at best the British Columbia market is limited, especially for dairy butter. A few cars of creamery butter will be wanted annually, but as for dairy butter, the British Columbia markets are now kept overstocked by the shipments of country dealers at points along the Canadian Pacific railway west. Country deal ers all along the line from Brandon to Moose Jaw make consignments of butter on commission to coast points, and as the coast market is not a very large one, it is usually overloaded.

If the quantity of dairy butter made in Manitoba is to continue to increase, the surplus will have to be sent eratward, and this means lower prices than producers and dealers have been used to here. At best ordinary dairy grades of

butter could only have something like a forced sale in eastern markets. The custom of holding butter until toward spring is not likely to improve the prospect, but rather the reverse. This plan was all right when the quantity obtainable was not equal to local requirements; but now the situation has changed. With a considerable surplus in the country, the sooner it is marketed the better.

FRUIT GROWING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Fruit is looked upon as one of the principal sources of wealth in British Columbia, and efforts have been made of late years to eucourage the cultivation of fruit on a more extensive scale. One movement in this direction made about a year ago, was the formation of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association. This association has recently held its annual meeting, and judging from the published reports of this gathering, it is a lively and flourishing institution. A number of matters were discussed of interest to fruit growers, in a way which would lead to the belief that the associa tion will be of very material assistance to the fruit industry of the province. If the association keeps on in the same carrest and enthusiastic way in which it has started out, it will accomplish much good in the interest of the industry for the furtherance of which it has been established.

The association has shown a determination to take hold of the practical questions at issue, and follow them up to a satisfactory conclusion. For instance, the question of marketing fruit is a very important one. If a shipping business is to be worked up in fruit, greater care will have to be given to handling it. The fruit must be gathered in good order, and proporly packed in suitable packages. This matter the association has taken hold of, and appointed a committee to adopt a standard set of packages for the different varieties of fruit. It is also proposed to appoint a competent person to act as inspector, who will visit the fruit markets and fruit districts and give instructions as to the propor mode of handling, packing and marketing fruit. In this time of competition, the manner of packing fouit has a great deal to do with its sale. The fauit should be packed neatly, while in good condition. Packages should be of a convenient size, and attractive in appearance. The wide sale which has been secured for California fruits, is a good deal owing to the systematic and careful way in which the fruit is handled and placed on the market. Fruits heretofore shipped from British Columbia have not always give evidence of care and experience in packing. Boxes have sometimes been unnecessarily heavy, thus adding to freight charges on the weight of the packages. There has also been evidence of lack of care or inexperience in handling. Of course it is only to be expected that such mistakes will be made at the commencement, and with an organized association working to remedy there drawbacks, the evil will no doubt soon be corrected. Still it is necessary that every care should be taken, for a bad consignment of fruit sent ont may ruin a market for further shipments for a long time.

The fruit growers of the association it is

noted, propose to form themselves into a company for the purpose of disposing of their iruit. In this way they should be able to accomplish more than by acting individually, expecially here the requirements of the business are not understood. At the present time, with the supply rather limited to render it profitable to handle fruit for shipment, growers should be able to attain better results by acting in unison. A number of them could join together and prepare a shipment at the same time, thus having the fruit marketed in good condition.

There is a good deal of land in British Columbia, which owing to its physical features is not adapted to the cultivation of grain, etc., but which is suitable for fruit growing. It is therefore very desirable that fruit growing should be encouraged. Manitoba and the territories furnish a market for a considerable quantity of fruit, and with the growing population here, the market will in time become a very large one. In addition to green fruits, there is a large market in the prairie country for canned and dried fruits. British Columbia might take a hand in catering to this trade in canned and dried fruits to advantage. The establishment of canning and fruit-drying establishments would encourage the production of fruit as well as provide commo lities for shipmen, and in addition would provide a market for any fruit which might not be in good condition for shipping away a distance.

PULL TOGETHER.

Anything in the form of a lecture to the people of the West, under the above caption, is hardly necessary. We have, in the past, brief as the history of this country has been, had several practical lessons on the necessity of pulling together: When important interests were at stake, and the handful of people in the west had to contend against the power almost of the whole Dominion, our people were taught the necessity of working shoulder to shoulder. And when it came to a long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull all together, even monopoly, with the fast hold which it had secured upon the country, had to give way. A united people, though limited in numbers, can accomplish great things against the most powerful influences. This has been demonstrated so clearly in the history of Manitoba, that it should hardly be necessary to urge the matter further. Manitoba has suffered much from dissension among her own people; and on the other hand she has accomplished much through united action.

In the period of great depression which followed the collapse of the speculative era so familiarly known as the "boom," many deserted us. Outside capitalists withdrew their investments—at least the portion of them which they were able to get hold of. Bankers and loan companies put on the screws and squeezed their customers, thus materially and often unnecessarily increasing the tension. But those who were true to Manitoba remained and fought their way through, and when prosperity once more began to dawn upon the country, the stragglers and deserters were seen coming back to camp again.

At the first appearance of the foe, some of those who were the bravest when the enemy

was not looked for, are often the first to manifest symptoms of trembling about the knees. At the first appearance of adversity, there are always some ready to desort. At the present time in the west there is a little closeness, owing to light crops last year, and the timid ones are beginning to scent danger. But with the experience that this country has had in the past, there seems to be no great cause for auxiety. The country has pulled through far more serious periods than the present, and prospered. A little pull together, and all will be well. Draw up the reins, give the horses a touch up with the whip, and the something which looks like danger will be left in the rear.

Really, the prospects look good for the immediate future. The number of men employed in Manitoba is greater than ever before, owing to the activity in getting out saw logs, ties for railway construction, bridge timber, e.c. Next summer promises to be the "boom" year in irailway construction in the west. Prospects for building in Winnipeg have not been so good for years. A foreign railway company is investing a large amount of money in building and other improvements in the city, thus showing faith in the future of the country. The snowfall this winter is heavy, and the snow has not drifted off the plowed ground, which are favorable features for crops next year. Next year's crop acreage will be the largest ever sown in the history of the country, and altogether the prospects ahead seem reassuring, rather than to give cause for alarm.

Alberta Cattle.

There can be no doubt that the greater care which is taken of cattle now than in former years is beginning to show good results in fewer losses during severe weather. This is accounted for from the fact that cowmen have gone systematically to put up a good supply of hay, and that most owners have their herds more in hand than in old days, when they were allowed toshift for themselves and take chances. It is the opinion of most cattlemen that the mortality among calves has been very much lessened by weating the youngsters before the bad weather comes on. However this may be, Alberta cattle business was apparently never in a more flourishing condition than it is at the pre-ent moment, while the prespec s for vartly inc eased prespecity were never better. Considering the importance of the cartle business in this country, and the very large amount of money invested, its prosperity must be a subject of mutual congrarulation throughout the Dominion.—Macleod Gazzie.

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WINNIPRG MONEY MARKET.

The situation remains much the same as previously reported. At this time of year there is really nothing to bring about any great change in the financial condition. The grain movement has slackened up to next to nothing, and there are no other features to dr. w forth a circulation of funds. Altogether, matters have settled down to a monotonous single, which is likely to remain unbroken for some time to come. The inclination is now to look forward to spring to bring some change, and until the spring movement sets in, the same monotonous condition will hold.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

In wholes le branches of trade the situation is still slow. There have been few features of an important nature during the week. In the hardware branch, though business is very dull, the tendency of prices is upward. Sharp advances are looked for in nearly all staples belonging to this trade, and by the time the spring inovement sets in, prices are certain to show a much higher range than at the close or the past season. Deslers all over Canada are beginning to advance prices, in view of the coming spring trade, knowing as they do that goo is cannot be replaced to sell at recent quotations. The market for raw fors is in a nervous state, as the general disposition has been to look for heavy declines in prices at the London January sales. Until reports of these sales are received, the feeling will be very uncertain. The mild weather this winter over the continent has made the sales of manufactured face very disappointing, and this with the fact that raw furs are very much higher now than ruling prices previous to last year, makes the outlook weak and uncertain. In provisions there has been weakness and cutting of prices in some commodities, combined with slow trade. Butchers also report a very dull season for the last few weeks. This is attributed to the influenza epidemic and prevailing sickness; which has materially decreased the demand for meats, provisions, etc evident at any rate that a large portion of the community has been on light diet. Now that the trouble has disappeared, a freer movement is looked for, and butchers reported their sales increasing last week.

DRIED FRUITS.

Valencia raisins hold firm, and in eastern markets some dealers have advanced prices } to ic. There is no change in prices here, which are quoted as follows:- California London layer raisins, \$3.25 per box, do. 1 boxes, \$1.00: Valencia raisins, \$2.40 box: currants, 7c pound; dried apples 7 leot Sc per pound, evaporated apples, 121c; Figs in 10 lb. boxes, per lb., 15c to 16c; choice new season figs 18c lb; Fancy Eleme layer figs, 28 lb boxes, 25c lb; figs in 1 lb. cartoons, per doz., \$1.75; Golden dates, in 50 lb. boxes, per lb, 9c; California evaporated fruit-apricots. per lb., 18c to 20c; fancy peeled peaches, per lb., 24: to 27c; pitted plums, 12je; raspberries, 324c; French prunes, 124c per lb; Nectarnes, ISc.

DRUGS.

Prices here are as follows: Howard's quinine, 69 to 75c; German quinine, 50 to 60c; morphis, \$2.25 to \$2.50; include of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide potassium, 65 to 75c;

English camphor, 75 to 80c; glycerino, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 65 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per kog. 87 to 89, blearb soda, \$4 00 to \$4.50; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3° chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alam, \$4 to \$5; copperas, \$3 to \$3 25; sulp mr flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5; American blue vittol, 8 to 10c.

DRY GOODS.

The Guardian, Manchester. England, in its commercial article, says: The market is firm. There is a scan y business at full rates stiffness of prices is an obstacle to much busi ness. The home makets are supplying their a:tualrequirements. Yarn exporters are taking he delivery every freely in execution of old orders. They are sometimes pressing for delivery but are rarely inclined to buy further at present prices. Cloth is quiet. The producers are pleased at the signs of an easier tendency in cotton, relying thereon for a restoration of a profitable margin. The prices of cloth have not risen in proportion with those of cotton during the last two months. Manufacturors are well fortified with orders.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

Finnen haddies have taken quite a drop in price. Other prices are steady. Prices are: Smoked halibut, 12c per pound, finnen haddies, 8 to 8½c, St. John bloaters, \$1.75 per box. Oysters: \$2.25 per gallon forstandardsand \$2.50 for selects, for good stock. Cans are quoted at 35c for standard, 40c for selects, and 45c for extras. Fresh lake fish are quoted: Whitefish, 5 to 6c; pickersl, 2½ to 3c; jacklish, 2c per pound.

GREEN FRUITS AND NUTS.

Business is slow, and there is very little new in the market. There has been some cutting in prices of oranges and lemons, lemons having sold as low as \$5.50 and oranges down to \$4.50 per box. Prices are as follows: Lemons. Messinas, 360 count, \$6.00; 300 count, \$6.50 per box, do, Malaga, \$6.50 per box; Florida oranges, \$5.50 to \$6.00; southern apples, \$4 00 to \$4 25, choice eastern Canada apples, \$4.50 per barrel; Cali fornia pears, \$4 00 per box; Almeria grapes. \$8 to \$8.50 per keg; choice Cape Cod crau-berries, \$10 5 to \$10.50 per barrel; Bell & Cherry granberries, \$10.25 per barrel: Jer-ev cranberries, per box of one-third bar.el, \$3 60; onions-Southern, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; Spanish onions, \$1.00 crate; Cider, per gal., 35c; comb honey, in 14 lb. boxes, 25c per pound. Nuts-S. S. Taragona almonds, 20c per lb : Grenoble walnuts, 18c; Sicilian, filberts, extra large, 16c; peanuts, white Virginia. green, 15c; roasted, 17c; cocoanuts, per hundred \$9.00

GROCERIES.

Sugars declined he on all white, in eastern markets early last week, and refiners were reported to be shading prices on yellows. Willett & Gray, New York, in their weekly sugar circular say: "Raws advanced he. Refined unchanged. The features of the week are smaller receipts than proceding week by 17,424 tens, larger meltings by 5,324 tens, smaller importers stock by 5,361 tens, and smaller stock in all hards by 12,942 tens. Refined sugars are at so low a price that no complaintis heard, and consumption is evidently on the increase. Total sock in the principal countries is 1,020, 795, against \$79,408 tens at the same time last

Quotations here are as follows:vear." Sugars, yellow, 68 to 71c, as to quality; granulated, 81c; lumps, 10c. Coffees-Rios, tron: 22 to 25c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 69c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound : P. of W., butts 47c: P. of W. caddies, 471c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 47c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60c; Anchor, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85c; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance. \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40, Terrier, \$30 per 1000. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles, in kegs, are quoted: Three gillons, \$2.50; do. five gallons, \$3.50; do. 10 gallon kegs, \$6.50.

HARDWARE.

There is great strength in metals, and an advance is daily expected all along the line. Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg will probably advance prices simultaneously very shortly. The commodities likely to advance are nails, iron, shot and iron pipe, and probably Canada plates. Manufacturers are so busy that orders cannot be replaced except at firm prices. Manufacturers, whose works are full for months ahead, allow no convessions on prices, and as old stocks disappear, there must be sharp advances, as many lines cannot be laid down for what they have recently been selling at. Rega ding nails, the Montreal Gazetie says: "The mills commenced work a week ago, and a fair number of orders are reported for the start. The tone is firm, although the expected alteration upwards has not occurred yet, but it may occur at any time, and perhaps it would he as wise a course as any to place orders as soon as possible for stock required, for prices are far more likely to go up then down when the present position of raw material is considered. Horse shoes and iron pipe are very firm also, the former being stiff at \$3.65 per keg." the Toron o Empire says: "It is safe to pradiet that prices in forouto next week will be 10 to 15e higher on bars, and 25c higher on hoops, bars and sheets. The impression is that consumers will pay \$4 for Canada pla es, now held at \$3 25, before next fall." It is, therefore, seen that the situation is very firm all around. Prices here are unchanged at the moment, and quotable as follows: Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.40; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.50 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$11.50 to \$12.00; Canada plates, \$4.15 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4.00 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net pieces. 1 inch, 101c; 11 inch, 131c; 14 inch, 17c; 2 inch, 26c per foot; ingot tin, 32c per lb.; bar tin, 33c per pound; sheet ziuc, 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 28 gauge, 81 to 9c lb; bar iron, \$3.6J per 100 lbs.; shot, 64 to 62; per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 65c nott.

HIDES

Scarcely any offering. Prices for frozen country hides range from 21 to 31c. No butcher's hides of any consequence offering. Lower prices are looked for for heavy stee s, as these have ruled proportionately higher than other sorts. Buff hid at Toronto are offered at 43 to 43c, and No. 1 cows, green, at 4c. Sheep pelts here are worth 50 to 80c.

LEATHER AND PINDIGS.

Quotations are as follows: Spanish sole, 26 to 30c; staughter sole, 26 to 30c; French calf, first choice \$1 25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1, wax upper, 40 to 45c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 29c for plump stock. English oak butts, 60c; buffe, 17 to 21c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21c; colored linings, 12c; shoe uppers, from \$1.25 to \$2.75.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Glass continues very firm, but business is very dull, and prices little more than nominal. Prices here ar: Turpentine in barrels, inscribed gages, 85c per gal; turpentine, in barrels, guaranteed measurement, or in 5 gallon caus. 90c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 72e; boiled 75c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 a barrel; Portland cement. \$4.75 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.40 a barrel, putty, in bladders, 34c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whiting in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.50; Royal Charter, \$7.00; Railroad, \$6.50; Alabastine, \$7.50 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.20 to 2.25.

BAW FURS.

The situation in furs seemed very unsettled last week, and buyers appeared to be all at sea. The tendency was easier, and lower prices were freely predicted. In this condition, buyers were slow to take hold. One dealer wired buyers to bid 30 per cent. lower. A circular received from a retiable shipper in the United States, says: "The munifacturing trade of the country, has been light on account of the mild winter. Advices from abroad are very unfavorable. A heavy decline is looked for at the London, January sales, except possibly for red fox and beaver. In this event, a further decline at the March sales will be certtain. Shippers cannot realize how low lots are selling in eastern markets. Furs are bringing good prices, compared with prices paid previous to lest year. Muskrat are even commanding 50 to 75 per cent, more than they did two years ago, and the same with mink and some other kinds. Nothing is to be gained by holding furs, and we strongly advise buying at lower prices." Following is an approximation of the range of prices here, on all grades: Bear, black, \$1 to \$18; cubs, do. 75c to \$6; badger, 5c to \$1: figher, 75c to \$7, as to color and grades, the higher figure for fine large, dark skins. Fox, silver, \$3 to \$70; fox, cross, 75c to \$5; fox, red. 20c to \$1.40; fox, kitt 5c to 50c; lynx, 75c to \$4; martin, 20c to \$3.50, as to color, size and quality, dark skins being most saleable. begin next, and pale not worth over \$1 for prime; mink, 102 to \$1; pule. do. 10c to 70c: otter, \$1 to \$9; otter, pale, \$1 to \$7; do cubs, 57c to \$2; skunk, cased, black, 10c to 80c; do. short stripe, 10c to 70c; do. long stripe, 10c:o 60c; wolf, timber, 75c to \$3; wolf, prairie, 20c to 70c; muskrat, fall, 4c to 10c; do. winter. 5c to 12c; beaver, per skin, 75c to \$6.00; kitts, 30c to \$1.50; beaver castors, per pound, \$4 to \$5.

WINES AND LIQUORS.

Prices in this branch are given as follows:— Canadian rye whiskey, five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Rohin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquot Debouche & Co., \$4.50;

Martel, vintage 1885, \$6.50; vintage 1880, \$7.50; Hennesy, \$6.50 to \$7.50, for vintage 1885 to 1880; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4 to \$4.50 DeKuyper red gin, \$10.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.00 per case; Tom gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennesy's brandy, one star, \$15.00 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$20.00; v. s. o. p., \$22.50.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT.

Another week has passed, and those looking for a bull movement in wheat have looked in vain. It seems impossible to move prices out of the rut in which they have so long been running. A fractional gain one day is followed by two or three days of weakness, and so on it poss. Any slight advance in prices does not hold long enough to allow the bulls to get up any courage.

The visible supply figures on Monday last showed a decrease of 661,000 bushels. The total visible supply is now 32 518,344 bushels, against 36,599,029 last year.

Total receipt of spring wheat at leading points in the United States since the commencement of the crop year have been 65,756,000 bushels, against 45,600,000 bushels to the same date a year ago. Receipts of winter wheat on this crop have amounted to 27,012,000 bushels against 26,748,000 bushels a year ago. The grand total of winter and spring wheat received on this crop is 92 798,000 bushels, against 72,319,000 bushels received up to the same date tast year.

Beerbohm telegraphed on Tuesday that the amount on oce in passage decreased 632,000 bushels. The change a year ago was 1,520,000 busiels increase. The total available supply is now figured at 52,214,314 bushels against 59,559,029 bushels a year ago, 54,841,232 bushels two years ago, and \$8,869,169 bushels three years ago. Exports from Atlantic ports for the week ended January 18 were 151,500 barrels of flour and 316,300 bushe's of wheat, against 114,600 barrels and 42,500 bushels for the co-responding week a year ago.

Locally there has been little change in the situation. Prices quoted to farmers at Manitoba country markets do not show much variation. The average price to farmers in country markets last week would be about 75c per bushel for best samples At some points considerably higher prices are quoted. The movement, however, is so light that these fancy quotations are more ornamental than real. If a dealer gets a load or two, the amount in the aggregate is so small that it does not signify. Only 85 cars were inspected at Winnipeg for the week ended January 18, against 85 cars for the previous week. This is mostly wheat going to millers, who are local buyers. Through all rail shipments eastward are next to nothing, an occasional car or so making up the total. Millers continue to pick up what cars of wheat they can from dealers, and prices seem to hold up well. Sales are mostly private, and exact figures cannot be learned, but about 77 to 79c seems to be near the range of prices, for No. 1 hard on track, on say Brandon freights. These figures are of course away above the export value of wheat, by 12 to 15c per bushel. There

is sale, however, at these relative values, for a few cars of hard wheat to eastern millers who use a small quantity in mixing with eastern wheat, to grade up their flour. Montreal and Toronto quotations for No. 1 hard are \$1.04 to \$1.06. In the neighborhood of these prices an occasional car is taken by eastern millers for mixing with their eastern wheats.

FLOUR.

Local flour prices remain steady, and millers are able to get profitable figures for their output, notwithstanding the high prices paid for wheat. The situation in eastern markets, how. ever, is not so satisfactory, owing to competition with flour made from cheap eastern wheat, and imported stuffs. With wheat prices at country points in Manitoba nearly as high as at similar points in Ontario, regardless of the vast difference in freight, Manitoba millers will evidently have a hard row to hoe in selling flour in the east. For the portion of their out. put which they are able to dispose of at home, they will make prices to correspond with the cost of flour. Quotations are as follows per 100 pounds to the local trade: Patents, \$2.70: strong bakers, \$2.45 second; bakers, \$2.00; XXXX, \$1.50; superfine, \$1.25; Graham flour, 2.45; middlings, \$2.70 per 100 pounds.

MILLSTUPFS AND FEED.

There is an easier tendency in millstuff, and prices are quoted \$1 per ton lower, due to some accumulation and to cutting in prices in feed. Bran is now quoted at \$12 per ton and shorts at \$13 per ton. In ground feed there has been considerable cutting in prices. Though some deals are still quoting at \$20 per ton, good feed has been sold as low as \$23 per ton. From \$23 to \$25 would probably cover the range.

MEALS, POT BARLEY, ETC.

Prices are steady at last quotations, and are as follows: Standard, \$2.40; granulated, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; rolled oats, \$2.50 per sack of 80 lbs. Cornneal is held at \$1.65 per 100 lbs.; pot barley, \$2.75, and pearl barley, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

BARLEY.

This grain is almost ac unknown commodity in the market. It is very scarce and practically not obtainable. A little has been jobbing at 50 to 55c per bushel.

OATS

Though the margin on oats would not seem to be very large, it has evidently been considered large enough to admit of some cutting in p.ices, principally by parties outside of the regular trade, who have imported a few cars. Dealers were still quoting 45c for lots sold from store and delivered to the trade in the city, but sales were learned of at as low as 43c per bushel in less than car lots, delivered in the city. This leaves very little margin for handling, cars on track costing little if anything under 41c per bushel, loose.

DUTTER.

The butter market remains in a comatose state, with little momement in any direction reported, and consignments pressing. Sales are going as before at from 14 to 17c as to quality, for such small lots as are moving, with occasionally a little better figure obtained for a single selected package. Esstern markets are reported to be well supplied with fresh rolls, which at Toronto bring from 14 to 16c per pound.

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EGGS.

There is an easier tendency in the egg market. The mild weather has made supplies of fresh large in United States markets, Eggs dropped 7c per dozen within two or three days recently at Minneapolis, and it is reported that supplies of fresh to sell here at 20c, are on the way from that market. Lined here were quoted down to 20c per dozen last week.

CURED MEATS.

There has been further cutting in the price of hog products, sales of smoked hams having been learned of at 11½c per pound. Other dealers, however, were quoting 12½c, and state they will not sell under 12. Prices are as follows: Dry salt, 8½ to 9z; spiced rolls, 10½ to 11c; breakfast bacon, 11½ to 12c; smoked hams, 11½ to 12½c perpound; bologna sausage. 7c per pound; fresh pork sausage, 8c per pound; pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per kit of about 20 pounds; ham, chicken and tongue, 9c per packet.

LARD.

Lard is unchanged and is still held in 20 lb. pails at \$2 per pail. Three pound tins 40c each DRESED MEATS.

Outside of hogs, there is nothing doing in dressed meats. Hogs are easy at 5½c, which is about the top price which can be obtained for good packing hogs. Some have been brought in from the south of the boundary, to sell at 5½c here. Packers have even been selling at 5½c. For rough or small thin animals, 5 to 5½c can be had. In beef there is nothing doing, butchers being well supplied with frozen meat. The few sales range from 4 to 5c per pound for sides, as to quality.

DRESSED POULTRY. -

Dull at the following prices: Chickens 8 to 9c, geese 11 to 12c, and tureys 13 to 14c per pound.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes were selling from store at 75c per bushel with a firm tendency and the supply not supposed to be large. Other prices unchanged, Quotations are as follows: Carrots \$1.20; parsnips \$1.50 per bushel, beets, \$1.20 per bushel, turnips 50c per bushel, onions \$1.50 per bushel, cabbage \$2.50 per hundred pounds: celery 40c to 69c per dozen; Spunish onions, \$1.00 per crate; southern red, do, \$2.50 per 100 pounds.

HAY.

. Hay held fairly firm. The quantity offered on the market was not large, owing probably to cold weather, but with a continuance of mild weather which set in at the close of the week, offe ings will increase, and some look for easier prices. Other holders are very strong in their views, and are holding for an advance on present prices, which they appear confident of getting. Louds were selling on the market at \$10 to \$12, loose, and cars of pressed were quoted at \$11 to \$12 per ton, with \$13 sometimes asked for choice pressed. Some holders of pressed have refused to sell under \$14, and claim they will yet get \$15. At Minneapolis hay was quoted \$4 to \$5.50 per ton for wild, and up to \$6.50 per ton for choice upland. At these figures it is said it can be laid down here at under the fancy prices asked by local holders.

Ar a meeting of the board of directors of the Nijissing and James Bay railway held at Toronto recently, instructions were given for the commencement of work on the line which it is understood will be started at North Bay forthwith.

The Canada Gazette notes that the Lake Winnipeg Railway and Canal Company is asking power to construct a railway from a point on the line of the present proposed railway, northwesterly to the waters of Lake Winnipegoosis at Meadow Portage.

Montreal Markets.

Monday —The money market continues firm and to-day very little could be had under 6 per cent. while prime mercantile paper was negotiable around 6 to 74c.

Grain.—There was very little business doing in the local grain market, a small movement in oats and some others of the coarser grains being all the transactions made. Wheat was quiet and unchanged. We quote: No 1 hard Manitoba. \$1.05 to \$1.05; No. 2 do., \$1.04; peas. 67 to 69e per 66 lbc. in store; oats 30 to 31c; conn, 50c duty paid; barley, 48 at 50c.

The flour market was quiet and unchanged, with very little business doing. We quote:

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Patent winter	· • ·	.\$5 10 to	\$5.20
l'atent spring		5 10	5 20
Straight rol er		. 4 50	4 65
Extra		. 4 15	4 25
Superline		. 3 00	4 75
City strong bakers'		. 480	4 90
Strong baker '		4 80	4 90
Super inc. bags		. 150	2 00
Extra, largs		. 200	2 10
Ottmeal, standard, per bag.		. 0.00	1 75
Ostmeal, granulated	• • •	. 0.00	1 85
Oatmeal, rolled		. 0 00	2 00

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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Mouday, January 20, wheat opened at Saturday's closing prices, January starting at 764c, February at 77c and May at 31c. The tendency was diwnward, opening prices being the highest of the day. Quotations declined je on near options, and Je on May and July, with a fractional recovery on the latter months. The market for spring wheat was weak and lower, but almost nominal. No. 2 sold in a very small way at 7. ge in a special house, but in ordinary houses regular N . 2 was nominally worth from 761 to 865e to 76e, closing nominally at the bottom figure. Spring wheat by sample was rather quiet and prices on the off grades were somewhat lower. Local millers bought very sparingly. Free on board and switched lots ranged as follows: No 3 at 68c for fair, 69 to 70e for good, 75e for choice hard. No. 4 at 50c for ordinary, 55 to 56c for fair, 57 is 58c for good, 69 to 61c for choice. No. 3 white at 64c for poor, 67 to 68c for fair. Closing prices for futures we e:

	Jan.	ren.	March	May.
Wheat	76	76}		80 <u>1</u>
Corn	283	201	291	314
Oats	201	20}		22
Pork	9.70	9 76	9 923	10.15
Lard	5.873	5 921	6 00	6.123
Short Ribs	4 50	4.82	4.90	5.021

Wheat opened a shade higher on Tuesday, but had a lawer tendency, declining to 80c for May and 80gc for June. These options recovered before the close to about opening prices. July was the only month which advanced beyond the op ning price, starting at 783; and ranging from 789 to 789c. closing at the top. Provisions were a turn higher. Closing prices for futures were:

	Jan.	Feb.	March	May.
Wheat	76	76}		803
Corn	231	20]	291	319
Oate	201	201		ည့္
Pork	9.75	9.771	9 93	10 174
Lard	5.871	5 92]	6,00	6,13
Short Bibs	4 824	4 821	4 93	5.021

Prices opened a turn higher on Wednesday, and averaged a little better, closing about \$c higher. The market for No. 2 spring regular in store advanced ic and closed nominally worth 76fc. Hard wheat was salable at a premium of about 3c per bushel over ordinary No. 2. A few cars of No. 3 to go to store sold from 63 to 65c. Spring wheat by samp'e was rather dull to-day. Choice wheat was scarce and ordinary to good lots were hard to dispose of. Free on board and switched lots ranged as follows: No. 2 at 80c for choice hard, No. 3 at 70 to 72c for choice, No. 3 white at 64c for poor, No. 4 at 48c ordinary, 52 to 55c for fair, 58 to 59c for good, 60 to 63c for choice. Provisions took a sharp turn upward. with heavy trade. Cush lard sold at \$5.92} per 100 pounds; green hams at 6% to 7%c per pound, the latter for 16 lb. hams and the former for 20 lb. hams. Cured hams, average 20 lbs., sold at 7gc; light bacon at \$5.60 per 100 pounds; short ribs at \$5.05 per 100 pounds. Closing prices for futures were :

	Jan.	Fcb.	March	May.
Wheat	761	763		SO2
Cotta	29	293	301	313
Oste	20}	203		221
Pork	9 90	10.00	10.12}	10 421
Laid	5.923	5.97}	6 05	6.20
Short Ribs	4.90	4 90	4.974	5.10

Wheat was quiet and purely steady on Thursday. Corn was the principal feature of

1 to 3c. Provisions sold lower. Closing prices for futures were:

	Jan.	ren	2722.	may.
Wheat	76}	761-1		818
Corn	201	518	303	
Oats	211	211	214	223
Pork	9 75	9.85	10.00	10 25
Lard	5.87	5 92]-05	0 653	6.15
Short Ribs	4.85	4.85	4.92	5.05

The market was lower again on Friday, with a week feeling, prices closing as follows:

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•	293	307	317
21	201		221-3
9.77}	9.30	5 8 13	10.174
5 87	5 90	5 97}	6 10
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Minneapolis Markets.

Following were closing quotations for wheat on Friday, June 24:

	Jan.	Fco.	May.	On track
No 1 hard	79	79	82	79
Vo. I northern	76	76}	79}	774
No. 2 "	73	73	77	73-75
	PLOUR	. .		

Patents, eacks, to 'ocal dea'ers	\$1	75 to	84 8n
Patents, to ship, sacks, car lots	4	15 to	4.50
In barrels	4	30 to	46.
D I'vered at New England points	5	15 to	5 40
New York points	5	05 to	5 30
Delivered at Philadelphia and Baltimore	5	00 to	5 25
Bakers bern	3	00 to	3 40
superfine	1	70 to	2 2:
Red dog, wacks	1	00 to	1 20
Ked dog berro's	1	ಬ ಚ	1 50

Bran and Shorts.-The general market was firm with a good dem sad at \$6.25 to \$6.20 for brau; \$7.25 to \$7.75 for shorts.

Outs -There was a steady market at about 19 to 20c, for fair, mixed and medium white, with choice samples of white held at 21 to 22s.

Barley .- Most lots offered were held at 24 to 30c. Market rominal.

Feed.-Quoted at \$10 to \$10.50 on arriving, and at \$10.50 to \$11 switched and transferred

Hay .- A few more cars of choice upland might have been wanted, but common wild was in small demand. Possibly very choice upland might have been sold at \$7, and down to \$1 to \$3 for common to good wild-Minneapolis Murket Record.

Daluth wheat Market.

Wheat closed lower on Friday at 827c for May delivery.

Following were quotations of leading stocks at Montreal on January 24:-

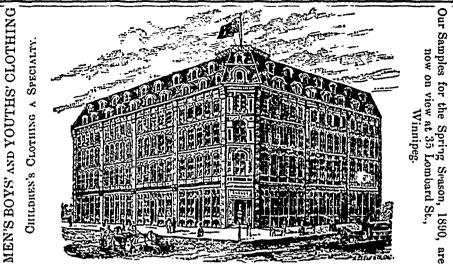
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LAST week, in noticing the sale of the stock of W. Draper, dry goods dealer, Winnipey, to interest, which advanced under active trading | Geo. H. Rogers & Co., THE COMMERCIAL inti-

mated that the creditors of Draper "may come out short through the deal." The inference was plain enough, that the sale of a stock at something over 50 cents in the dollar, had the appearance of a "job" about it. It could hardly be expected that a dealer could go out of husiness in this way with a clean record. The statement created considerable comment at the time, but it has apparently been verified. There was some hitch in the negatiations for the sile of the stock, which caused some delay, consequently a final settlement was not resched until Wednesday evening last. At that time notes in payment for the stock were handed over to Draper, and a few hours afterwards he disappeared from view. Diligent search has since failed to reveal his whereabouts, though it is reported he drove to the boundary on Wednesday night. The notes it is understood were discounted by Draper before leaving Winnipeg for the south. A couple of commercial men who arrived in the city on Thur-day, representing eastern houses, were inxiously seeking an interview with Draper, but they have evidently arrive I a day too late. The creditors are all eastern houses, local accounts only amount to a few dollars. D aper commenced business in Winnipeg a few years ago, under the style of Draper & Biston. A couple of years ago Biston withdrew from the lusiness, since which time Draper has continued alone. The stock amounted to about \$26,700, and the value of notes received by Draper to about \$14,000, so that it would appear the price paid for the stock was 55 cents in the dollar. The shop fixtures amounting to shout \$1.500 were thrown in free.

THE annual meeting of the Port Arthur board of trade was held on Wednesday last. George A. Graham was elected president, and George I. Marks vice-president. The annual address of Thomas Marks, retiring president, was elaborate. The report of the board reviewed many important matters of interest to the town and district; amongst others the progress of the work on the Fort Arthur, Duluth and Western railway and the necessity of construction to the boundary line, mining in Algoria from Sudbury to the Lake of the Woods, and the po sibilities of the Canadian iron trade; discrimination against Fort Arthur district in passenger rates, tourists' tickets, freight and telegraph rates was dwelt upon and the board recommended vigorous action against these grievances. The enlargement of the St. Lawrence canals and the rapid construction of the Canadian lock at Sault Ste. Marie are advocated; the completion of the Fort Francis lock recommended. The questions of reciprocity in wrecking, removal of the duty on mining machin-ry not manufactured in Canada, the hetter preservation by the Government of trout tishing on the Nepigon are touched upon. The board is recommended to urge upon the Underwriters' the advisability of making lower insurance rates.

THE secured creditors, under the chatte mortgage, will realize 67 cents on the dollar, for the balance of their claims against the estate of Wm. Uglow, stationer, Winnipeg, recently closed out. This, with the amount received in insurance on account of the damage to the stock from fire some time ago, will make 831 cents in all, received by the secured creditors. The creditors who were heroic, or rather rash enough to sell Mr. Uglow after the mortgage was given, will be left in the cold entirely.



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The Pine Marten.

The proprietor of the Sentinel, of Pilot Mound, Man., is quite an authority of natural history. He usually devotes an article each week to this subject. Following is his latest "One of the most effusion in this line: interesting little animals found in the forests of Canada is the pine marten. Like the fisher the marten belongs to the weasel family and is about the size of mink, sometimes a little larger. and has soft, yellowish fur, shaded with black and of a beautiful gloss. The skins were at one time exceedingly valuable for ladies' furs. The marten inhabits the solitary and retired pine forests of the interior and may be found from Labrador to the Pacific coast, wherever there is an extensive country covered by trees. The Rocky Mountain marten is considered the finest; the skins from that region are most valuable being exceedingly dark and glossy. The beast does not specially seek the vicinity

of streams but will swim a river when its course is obstructed. The marten can climb trees and can pass readily from one tree to another when the branches interlock. The animal subsists on catching squirrels and mice, and in the pursuit of its prey shows wonderful activity, almost equal to that of the black squirrel of which it is the deadly enemy.

The Indians that, thirty or forty years ago. inhabited the great pine country of the upper Ottawa, spent the winter, chiefly engaged in catching martens. The manner of constructing the traps was singular and we have never seen the method described. With a sharp tomahawk two notches were cut into a standing hollow cedar tree; the notches were made about twelve inches apart and the piece of wood between was split out; one end of a pole, about two inches thick, was placed in the aperture in the tree and a weight attached to the pole. The end of the pole, in the tree, was then raised and held up by a kind of a trigger furnished with a bait, placed in such a way that when the marten entered the cavity to secure the meat the pole would fall and kill the animal. These rude traps possessed many advantages, a heavy snow fall did not render them useless nor prevent them from going off. The traps were easily made and were exceedingly effective With an ample supply of venison and the proceeds of the skins of the martens, the Indians of the pinery, sheltered by the great forest, spent the winter in a manner most agreeable to themselves; as in addition to the ordinary game found in the woods, wolves, foxes, otters and beavers were often taken and sometimes a black bear was killed."

A Crash in Eggs.

Down went McGinty and down went eggs! A seven cent drop in three days is the record this week, and it has not been equaled many times. The market closed last week with eggs selling for twenty-two cents in Commission Row. By the middle of this week the price had dropped to fifteen cents, and but little stock was then moving. The commission men charge the slow sale at the low price to the fact that many persons are suffering from la grippe. The sickness has affected trade in all lines of catables, and grocers are able to detect a falling off in sales, due doubtless to this cause. A livelier movement followed the lowering of prices, how ever, toward the last of the present week. Minneapolis Commercial Bulletin.

Statistical Situation of Wheat.

The statistical situation of wheat at the beginning of the new year, says Reerbohm, affords an interesting comparison with last year and 1888, as the following shows:—

	1890.	1889.	1-88.
· January 1st.	Qra.	Qrs.	Qrs.
Wheat and flour in U.K	1,950,000	2,550,000	2,500,000
Affoat for Europe	2,464 0 0	2,677,000	1.672,000
Visible supply in U.S	7,000,000	6,600,000	9,275,000
Stocks in California	2,500,000	1,850,000	1,950,000
In South Russia	1,500,000	3,000,000	2,000,000
In French posts	600,000	1,567,000	660,000
At Antwerp	150 000	8:0,000	150,000
In Dutch ports	27,000	40,000	47,000
Berlin, Danzig and Stettin	175,000	233,00)	295,000

Total 16,566,000 18,917,000 18, 39,000 Equal in bu ...130,928 000 151,336,000 144,312,000

This is sufficient to warrant the assumption, which has been frequently put forward in the List, that there is no fear of any pressure of

supplies during the remainder of the present season. The total of the preceding items, it will be seen, shows that nearly 20,000,000 bushels (or 12 per cent.) less wheat is "in sight" than was the case a year ago.

Lumber Cuttings.

Williams & Willoughby will open up a lumber yard early in the spring at Regina.

A. B. Cowan, of Cowan & Co., Galt, Ont., was in British Columbia, last week taking orders for sawmill machinery.

The machinery of the Lake Dauphin sawnill has arrived at Strathelair, Man, and will be houled to its location. Roberts & Crawford are establishing the mill.

Notice is given that the business of the Calgary Lumber Co., Limited, The Co.l Creek Mine has been transferred to the Canada North west Coal and Lumber Syndicate, Limited.

The tug, Belle, recently lost a boom of 400,000 feet of logs, which was being brought down for the Hastings Saw Mill, at Vancouver, B.C. The sea was very rough and not two sticks were left together.

S. R. Marlatt, who has been manager of Dick, Banning & Cos. lumber business at Portage la Prairie for the last five years, has severed his connection with that firm. He will enter a new lumber firm to be established at the Portage to be known as the Portage Lumber Co.

The contract for framing the bridges for the Regina & Long Lake railway has been awarded the R yal City Planing Mill, Westminster, B.C. Work on them will be commenced within the next few days. When completed they will be put together, to see that everything fits, after which they will be taken apart and shipped east.

iWork in connection with the McLaren-Ross lumber mills at New Westminster, B.C., is progressing. The iron work of the burner is complete and reaches a height of 145 feet above the ground. It is claimed to be the largest burner of the kind in the world. For a distance of 70 feet inside the burner will be bricked, and work on this will commence as soon as the weather is favorable. Two of the engines have been set up and four of the boilers are in place.

Grain and Milling.

Maloney & Hatton's grist mill at St. Albert, Northern Alberta, is nearing completion and will probably be in operation in less than a month.

The residents of Gladstone and vicinity are moving to secure the erection of a roller flour mill, now that the old stone mill has been burned.

A correspondent at MacGregor, Man., writes: "We have good reasons for believing that a new mill will be erected here very shortly, with a capacity of 200 barrels per day, to replace the one burned recently. Several applications have already been made."

A meeting of millers was held in the Grain Exchange rooms. Winnipeg, on Monday last. The question of flour duties was discussed. The intention is to send a delegation to Ottawa to wait upon the members and impress upon them the necessity of an increase in the import duty on flour. The millers are preparing, it is said, for concerted action, and have every hope of securing the desired change.

Raw Pars.

A U.S. northwestern firm, which is considered a good authority, recently issued a circular quoting the following prices. Since the circular was issued, however, the firm has wired all buyers to drop prices thirty per cent. all around. Following are the prices quoted, from which a reduction of 30 per cent. is to be made, to meet present views :- Bear, black, large, \$27; small, \$10; cubs. \$5 to \$9, for prime skins; poor to good skins, \$1.50 to \$14; cubs, \$1 to \$5. Badger, \$1 to \$1.50, prime; other skins, 5c to 75c. Fisher, prime dark, \$6 to \$10; prime pale, \$4 to \$4; others, \$1 to \$4; fox, silver, prime, \$40 to \$100, others \$5 to \$30; fox, cross, prime, \$3 to \$12, others \$1 to \$4; fox, red, \$1 35 to \$2 for prime as to size, others 2 ic to \$1.25; kitt fox, 10 to 65c for all grades; marten, dark, \$3 to \$5 for prime; brown or pale, \$1 to \$2 50, unprime or parely prime, 25c to \$1; lynx, prime, \$3 to \$6, others \$1 to \$2; mink, fine, dark, \$1 to \$1.50, pale 65c to \$1, others 10 to 65c; otter, prime dark, \$7 to \$13, prime pale, \$6 to \$10, others, \$1.50 to \$6; skunk, prime black, cased, 75c to \$1.35, stort stripe, 60c to \$1, long stripe, 45 to 80c, others, 5 to 60c; wolf, timber, prime, \$2.50 to \$4, others, \$1 to \$1.50; wolf, prairie, prime, 75c to \$1, others, 25 to 50c; beaver, prime large, \$9, medium to small, \$4.50 to \$6, kitts, \$2.25, other grades, \$1 to \$7 as to size and quality, kitts, 50c to \$1.75; beavor castors, good, \$5 to \$6 per pound; muskrat, winter, 15c to 19c, fall, 11 to 15c, kitts and por, se to 10c.

The Travelling Men.

J. R. Wynne, western representative for Lyman. Sons & Co., with which firm he has been connected for the last 35 years, has transferred his services to the well known wholes dedring house of Lyman. Knox & Co., of Montreal, and will now represent the last named house in the west. Mr. Wynne is one of the most pleasant and popular travellers known to the trade of the west, and he will no doubt take the majority of his customers along with him to his new house. Mr. Wynne arrived in Winnipeg last week, and will call on the trade as far west as the coast.

Personals.

G. F. Stephens, wholesale paints, etc., is taking an eastern trip.

John A Moore, late in the wholesale crockery trade at Winnipeg. has taken up his residence at Spokane Falls, Washington, where he has entered into the gents' furnishing business with W. R. Carscaden, late in the general store trade at Braudon.

Mr. Riddle, of Rublec, Riddle & Co, wholesale fruits, has returned from the south, where he has been for some time on business.

B. C. Legislature.

The British Columbia Logislature was opened on Thursday afternoon by Chief Justice Sir M. B. Begbie, who, in the absence of the Lieutenant-Governor, delivered the Speech from the Throne. In the speech is moted the healthy improvement in every source of revenue, the receipts of the past fiscal year having exceeded the estimate by twenty per cont., with the prospect for a better year to come. The discovery of rich mineral ledges in the Kootenay is attract-

ing the attention of miners and capitalists, and the early commencement of quartz mining can be anticipated. The Legislature is expected to consider the quest on of improved communications with this dristrict. The Ministry for sometime have been urging upon the Dominion Government the importance of facilitating the mineral development in the railway bult by placing the sole administration in the Province. The subject is now occupying the attention of the executive, and the results will soon-be placed before the house. The output of the coal mines during the year was greater than ever; agriculture made a great advance, and fisheries yielded an abundant harvest. The Behring sea question has been kept before the Domision Government, and they have reasons to hope for an early and satisfactory settlement. The house will be asked to provi le for carrying out extensive explorations and surveys rendered necessary by increase of im nigration. The readjustment of the constituencies having become n-cessary, a measure will be submitted to accomplish the desired result. The prosecution and encouragement of the new railways also require consideration, and legislation will be asked in the matter of defining the liability of employers for personal injuries to workmen. D W. Higgins was unanimously chosen speaker of the House, which settled down to business at

Retailers Convention.

Some letters have been received from country merchants regarding the proposed convention of retailers in Winnipeg, and so far all are in favor of the movement, further suggestions are asked for. One prominent dealer writes :-"With reference to the proposed convention of retail dealers, I am heartily in sympathy with the movement, and any of the business men I have spoken to are of the same opinion. 1 would suggest that the convention be held early in March, as quite a number of merchants will probably be visiting the city about that time to purchase spring goods. Would it not be pos sib e to get some reduction in the reilway fares? My opinion is that with some reduction in rates, and a favorable date to hold the meeting, a large attendance may be depended upon."

Plour Milling in Great Britain.

Following is the introduction to the review of the milling industry in Great Britain for year 1889, by that excellent journal, the Miller, of London, England: "The year 1889 will be fraught with many memories to the milling trade. The British miller will in most cases recall it as a period of comparative prosperity, for although the early promise of harvest was to a certain extent blighted, yet, on the whole, sound wheat of foreign origin has been cheap and abundant, so that the millers of this country ought to have succeeded in holding their own. It is true that the later mouths of the year have been marked by heavy consignments of American flour to our shores, and especially to the Port of London, but these figures have not the same significance as their predecessors of 1886 and 1857, because, as a matter of fact, a considerable proportion of this American flour was by no means of a quality to cause uneasiness to the British miller's traveller, being chiefly of a low grade, such as is known in the United States by the name of 'red dog.' This kind of American flour has, indeed, become a very drug in Mark Lane; and whereas five years age it would have realized 164, per suck of 280 lbs., the other day some sacks were sold at the low figure of 12s 61. apiece. In other ways the British miller has cause for content. ment. Although the 'claims of labor,' which in prosperous times are always more or less aggressive, have to a certain extent made themselves hoard in his mill, yet he has been left in comparative peace; and certainly the willers of London were fortunate in passing out of the fiery ordeal of the great dock strike -which commenced in August and terminated in Sentember-with so little loss. And as the British miller is not entirely selfish, he will feel pleased that his brother the farmer has seen here and there rifts in the great black cloud by which he has been so long enveloped. Both millers and farmers may take a tegicimate satisfaction in the thought that Great Britain has at last a Minister of Agricultu e, and both will wish the best success to the able man who has been chosen to hold the first portfolio of Agric-

A RAILWAY meeting was held at Port Arthur last week, to consider the advisability of grant. ing additional aid by way of bonus to the Port Arthur, Duluth and Western railway. The town recently granted a bonus of \$25,000 in aid of the first fifty miles of the road now under construction. A further bonus of \$15,000 is now asked, in view of the extension of the road to the Minnesota Loundary, some thirty five miles beyond the end of the first fifty miles. The proposed extension would take the road into the sich iron region near the boundary, the most valuable deposits of which are said to be on this side of the boundary. The meeting is said to be in favor of the additional bonus asked though no resolutious were put,

THE fact appears to have escaped public attention, says and exchange, that, commencing with the first of Janua y, last, pre-emptions in Manitoba and the Northwest Tertitories are no longer obtainable. The Dominion Lands Act of 1386, clause 46, provided that the mivilege of pre emption in co mection with homestead entries should be discontinued from and after January 1, 1890. The proportion of settlers who have availed themselves of the pre-emption privilege has been gradually declining for the last five years. The conviction has been growing among settlers that 160 acres is as large an area as the average farmer can profitably work. From 1880 to 1884 inclusive, an average of about three-fourths of the homes ead settlers entered for pre-emptions; in 1885 and 1886 the average fell to a little under and a little over one-half for the respective years; in 1587 the proportion was only a little over one-fourth. while in 1888 it declined to almost one- ixth, During the year just closed, probably in vie of the fact that settlers knew the privileges obtaining pre-emption was about to cease, there was a slight increase in the number, a little less than one-third, or 30 per cent. of the settlers taking up pre-emptions.

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Canada's comic paper, Grip, of Toronto, shows up the evils and absurdities of the bonus system, so largely in vogue in this country, in the following original way:—

"One day last week a large and influential deputation waited upon Premier Mowat, comprising Messrs. Ezekiel Stebbins, Henry V. Puddlestone, P. Medorlick, Binkerton Squadge, Ernest Snooper, G. Whillikens, etc. They were presented to the Premier by P. Heeler, Esq., M.P.P., always on the alert to promote the interest of his constituents, who, in a hief speech, bespoke the sympathy of the Government for an enterprise which merited well of the country, and deserved a share of the support which it had always been considered good policy to extend to a great public undertaking.

Mr. Stebbins said that they had come to urge the claims of the great dry goods and readymade cothing establishment of Stabbins, Mc-Girlick & Co. to a bonus of a mil ion dollars. He need not review the history of that estab lishment, which was familiar in men's months as nousehold words. They had built up a large and most prosperous business, and were able to defy competition. He might further observe that the, would not be undersold. They had a specially cheap line of workingmen's pants, which they were selling positively under cost price. Was not this a benefit to the community? They desire to extend their business and enlarge their premises, by purchasing soveral adjoining buildings, and erecting a magnificent new block at a cost of half a million dollars. This would give employment to labor and put money in circulation. They would require very largely to increase their staff and secure larger lines of credit. He did not see how the surplus of the Government could be employed with better advantage to the public than in forwarding such beneficert undertakings.

Mr. McGorlick followed in a similar strain, giving statistics to show the number of people who would be benefited by the expenditure of this small bonus. It would, in fact, be impossible to say where the advantage would stop. If a railroad, which was often superfluous, was entitled to draw public money, he contended that an enterprising mercantile firm had an equal claim.

Mr. Puddlestone, as manager of the Fakirs and Boodlers' Bank, said, that in case the bonus were voted, they were prepared to grant Stebbins, McGorlick & Co. a more extended line of credit. Hitherto their operations had been limited, because, in justice to the shareholders, he had not been able to discount as much of their paper as he would be glad to do if they received this addition to their capital.

Mr. Binkerton Squadge spoke on behalf of the customers of the tirm. They wanted cheaper goods, and he was confident that if they secured that aid to which they were entitled, they would carry out their promises and make still further reductions. A firm who made a practice of selling below cost ought to be eacouraged.

Messrs. E. Snooper and G. Whillikens spoke briefly on hehalf of the employees of the firm. They had been promised that their pay would be raised in case the bonus was granted, and as this would better the condition of several hundred people, the Government ought to grant it.

Premier Mowat, in reply, expressed his great

pleasure in meeting the deputation and his sympathy with the object in view. It was a question of grave importance, and would receive the most earnest consideration of the cabinet.

"Chestrut," remarked Mr. G. Whillikons in an undertone, as the deputation withdrew."

Toronto Hardware Market.

There has been this week no practicable change in the general condition of the markets, although some slight alterations are made in prices of some lines. Cable reports indicate a very irregular movement of prices in the speculative branch of the Eritish iron market, with some traces of matters being rather top-heavy, for the time being at least. Scotch warrants, for example, sold down to as low as 61s 5d Monday, advanced to 62s 10d and dropped again to 61s 6d. Middlesbrough declined to 61s 6d. Outside of the speculative branch, however, there seems to be no sign of reaction. On the contrary, producers' prices on some lines of crude material and finished products are said to be even higher at this time than a week ago. I, will be seen, therefore, that the speculative rasiness has not affected legitimate business, and prices of standard brands are as firm, if not firmer, than ever. Manufactured iron is in reality dearer by 10s to 15s per ton than before, and it can be safe to predict that prices in Montreal and Toronto next week will be 10 to 15c higher on bars and 25c on hoops, bands and sheets. Indeed, we believe that notice has already been given of 10c advance on bars, and we advance quotations in this particular line.

Galvanized sheet iron makers have put up prices about £1 per ton, and there is not now any good marketable iron to be had in 23 gauge under 6c per pound in case lots and 6½c in less quantities. Tin plates have experienced a further advance, and holders are firm at \$5.25 for I.C. and \$6.25 for I.X., good ordinary brands. There is some agitation as to the advisability of advancing crosses to \$1.25 over and above the price of I.C. in consequence of a proportionate advance taking place among manufacturers.

Cauada plates are now held firm at \$3.25, but as they are not seasonable at the moment very little attention is directed to them. The impression prevails that consumers will have to pay \$4 this coming fall for them.

Antimony is quoted at £33 in the English market, which means 20c laid down here, and brings figures up to 22c.

Ingot tin and pig lead have eased off slightly in the pest week, but not sufficiently so to have any marked effect upon small lots. London has been easier on tin, the cable quotation being £94 5s rpot and £94 15s futures.

Sheet and block zinc are still at figures that deter importers from entering into contracts. The market is therefore bare and comparatively high prices prevail.

Iron wire is a little inactive at the moment, in consequence of the recent advance. When the retail trade, however, recognize existing figures to be an established fact, orders are likely to come in more freely. Judging from the present price of rods, it is maintained that the advance in wire is not in any way in proportion to the cost of raw material. Therefore, it may not be among the improbabilities that, instead of 10 per cent, advance upon list the figures will be 20 per cent.

Copper is unchanged here, but has declined slightly in the London market, merchant bars being quoted at £50 10s spot and £51 futures.

—Toronto Empire.

Some British Columbia Statistics.

The following is a statement of the inland revenue collections at the various points mentioned in British Columbia for the year ending December 31st, 1859: Victoria, \$91,034.98; New Westminstor, \$44,719.23; Vancouver, \$15,207.32; Nanaimo, \$4,208.05; Donald, \$5,896.36; Kamloops (six months) \$2,797.92.

Thirty-two scaling vessels marketed their scal skins at Victoria last season. The total number of seals taken is placed at 35,310, having a value in Victoria of \$7 per skin or a total value of \$247,170. The total would have been considerably larger had it not been for the uncertainty existing during the season regarding the disputed Behring Sea question.

Duties paid by the Province of British Columbia during the 18 years since the Province entered the Dominion, for the fiscal years ending June 30, in each year given, are as follows:

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1872	342,400 84
1873	307,147 65
1874	336,494 37
1875	413 991 50
1876	488,383 52
1877	403,920 21
1878	426,125 14
1879	484,704 04
1880	450,175 43
1881	549,423 61
1882	678,104 53
1883	907,765 54
1884	884,076 21
1885	996,119 36
1886	880,393 36
1887	877.188 78
1888	873,932 26
1889	1,015,578 26

\$11,320,945 52

Following is a table showing the output of coal each year from 1874 to 1888:—

YEAR.		NO. OF TONS.
1874		81.000
1875	*******************	110,000
1876	************************	
1877	***************************************	
1878	******	
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1881	*************************	
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1887	*******	
1888	************	
1859		

Following is a statement of the customs collections at Victoria for the year 1889:—

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January	\$51.313	75
February	36.427	09
March	75.561	£5
April	66,267	27
May	72,208	12
Juno	61,106	89
July	58,249	65
Aughst	85,199	33
September	78,262	84
October	70,882	13
November	62,610	34
December	52,389	12

Total\$770,478 08

General Notes.

The owners of the Molwankee, Wisconsin flour mill-, seven in number, met last week and formed a combination involving five millions capital for an annual output of a million and a half barrels. The combination will elect officers and act as a single corporation.

Last year the vessels founched in the United Kingdom of Great Britain approach very closely to 1,272,000 tons. The Clyde heads the list with a total tounage of 335,201 tons. Next comes the Tyne, with 281,710 tons. The Wear is third on the list, with 227,336 tons. Then the Trees, with 120,436 tons. The shipbuilding yards in Bolfast have bun hed tonnage to the amount of 80,000. In the presions year there were at the same time vessels on hand having a total of 283,301 tons.

The assignment is at last announced of A. W. Morris & Bro., cor-lage works, Montreal, on domand of Busnell & Co., with total liabilities amounting to half a million dollars. The principal creditor is Molson's bank, with \$92,000 secured and \$30,000 unsecured. A statement of the affairs of the firm a short time ago placed assets at \$250,000 over liabilities. A large stock of binder twine, carried over, is partly responsible for the present troubles.

The combined salmon production of the Pacific Coast for 1889 was 1,750,000 cases. The following is the output of various canneries on this coast. Alaska, 675,000 cases; British Columbia, 414.400 cases; Columbia River, 328,000 cases; Sacramento River, 57,200 cases, and other places, including Paget Sound, 275,300 cases. The principal shipments were made to Europe and the Eastern Atlantic cities.

A correspondent of the Rural Press, writing from Placerville, Cal., reports that the honey crop of California for 1889 amounted to 1,092,000 pounds from 64,630 hives in 39 counties, returns having been received from 64,630 beekeepers. This the correspondent believes to be the most comprehensive report of the California honey crop ever made.

Grip begins its thirty-fourth volume with the New Year, which means that this brave little journal has celebrated its seventeenth birthday. When we say - as we can without hesitationthat its ability both literary and artistic has been kept up to a uniformly high standard through at this long period, and that to day it is as bright as ever, we mention a fact excerdingly creditable, not only to the conductors of Grip, but also to the Canadian people, without whose appreciation and support this phenome un of journalism, would have been impossible. We call it a phenomenon advisedly, for so far as we are aware, there is not another country of Canada's age-certainly no other Colony-that can heart of a sixteen year-old comic journal. Grip has well deserved its success. It is not merely a clever and am using paper, it is also a recognized power in Canadian public life, and a power which, we are glad to say, is always on the right side where questions of moral principle are concerned. It ought to be a pleasure to every Canadian to contribute to the success of such a journal, and the most practical way of doing this is by subscribing. The price is two dollars per year.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: The Dominion Cordage Company is the name of a new company which is being organized by Auguste Girard, jr., for the purpose of manu-

facturing machine and hand-made cordage Mr Girard has associated with him a number of practical cope makers in the Don'vion, and everal gentlemen in this city have promised financial support. It is the intention of the promoters of this enterprise to keep exclusively to the manufacture of cordage for the present, and when the trade in binder twine assumes a healthier condition and the requirements of the future are better understood, that branch of manufacture will also be taken up. It is thought that jute binder twine will supercede that of manilla and sistly and hence it is the intention of the new concern to abstain from entering upon this branch of the business at present.

A broker in Chicago Daily Business says: "This mild, open winter, while it is favorable for fattening hogs, is very disastrons for the hundreds and thousands of farmers in the sou h and southwest, who each kill a few hogs for home use, and has also spoiled immense quantities of meat in the aggregate, for the packers as small interior western points who had no ico or other chilling facilities. This lactor in the -ituation is thoroughly proved by the immense demand from the south, southwest and west for smoked meats, which to even now so heavy that our packers have been unable to accumulate any stock of fully cured ribs, purchases of eight or ten cars per day taking everything Southern jobbers as re already grasped the situation and have in the past ten days bought very heavily of future ribs here. Several of our largest packers are also very bullish, and have been buying hogs freely and holding on to the bulk of the product ever since early in December, when they saw an open winter was probable and that there was no such supply of heavy hogs in the country as the bear speculators had been asserting for months past."

We are in receipt of a copy of Harris' Rural Annual for 1390. It is forty years this spring since Mr. Harris moved on to his present farm of 250 acres, near Kochester, N. Y. For ten years he was editor and proprietor of the Genesce Farmer. His "Walks and Talks on the Farm" commenced in the Genesce Farmer, and continued for many years in the Anerican Agriculturist, have made his farm known to tens of thousands of readers, who will be glad to get a copy of the Rural Annual. It will be sent free to any reader of this journal who will send his or her name to the publishers. Address, Joseph Harris Seed Co. Moreton Farm, Monroe Co., N. Y.

The Dominion Illustrated for January 18 h.s many welcome features in the illustration of Canadian scenery. British Columbia is ausual well represented by two views of Nanasmo, Vancqueer Island, showing an old H. B. Co.'s bastion. With a melancholy interest we look at the fine picture of the herd of bison on Bedson's farm, Stony Mountain, Manitoba, as we remember that the buffalo are now gone. and only their shadow remains. The place of honor in this number is occapied by Lieut.-Col. W. While, Deputy Postmaster-General. Attogether, it is a good number pictorially. The letter-press also is in keeping with the illustrations. The Dominion Illustrated, 73 St. James street, Montreal.

W. T. SMITH livery and butcher, Glenboro. Man., advertises his butcher husiness for sale.

British Columbia.

Goodwin & Jordon, plano manufacturers, Victoria, have dissolved partnership.

The majority of the Victoria scaling schoolsers have started out on the spring hunt.

The Victorian, a weekly paper started a short time ago at Victoria, has suspended publication.

The estate of the late A. L. McMullen, dry goods, Vancouver, is offered for sale by tender, up to Jan. 22.

J. C. Ciane, general agent of the Sun Life, Victoria, has associated with nunself Win. Mc-Gregor of Montreal, under the title of Crane, McGregor & Co.

The Mar is still published at Reveletoke, notwithstanding its reported absorption by the Kamboops Sentinel. The two papers jouned forces to get out a combined holid sy issue (which by the way was an excellent number) hance the report of the consolidation of the two papers.

Two buildings have collapsed at Westminster, owing to the weight of snow on the roof. One a section of Lai-llaw's salmon cannery and the other a large ware. Juse belonging to Porte, the fise dosler. The snow has been remarkably heavy this year, and has remained on the ground much longer than usual. Navigation on the Fesser river remained closel for weeks.

The Vancourer News says: E. J. Rogers and Charles' Dunbar, two St. Paul, Minnesots, espitalists, have, during the last two days, closed real estate transactions in this city aggregating \$200,000. The property is situated principally on Pender and Hastings streets and the Brighouse estate. But gentlemen are highly pleased with the prospects of the city, and are satisfied that their investments will be exceedingly profitable.

The Victoria Colonist says: "The year 1890 gives promise of being an improvement on the year just close I in the building line, thou h over \$1,000,000 were expended in new buildings luring 1889. Already plans have been prepared for a numerous array of costly buildings. The Pandora street Metholist church will elect an elifice costing not less than \$30,000 on the corner of Pandora and Quadra streets. St. Andrew's (R. C.) congregation will erect a handsome cathodral coating in the neighborhood of \$75,000. Three and four-story brick blocks will be put up at the corner of G evernment and Fort streets, at the corner of Government and Broughton streats, at the corner of Douglas and is w streets, at the corner of Johnson and Gove. .ent streets, at the corner of Yates and Waddington Alley; and similar buddings will replace primitive structures on Government, Yates. Fort, Johnson and Douglas streets. Resides these it is believed that the Canadian Western Hotel Co. will begin the construction if a hotel costing \$150,000; and the proprietors of the Driard have stated their intention to -rect a seven-story addition to their hotel, facing on View street. The Mt. Royal Milling Co. vill add a flour mill and warehouse to their resent rice mill, and it is also within the possiillities that the buildings for a sugar refirery will be commenced during the year. Residenial improvements promise to be more numerous than during 1889, for, notwithstanding the great num ser of houses eracted in the past year, there is not a vacant habitable house within the

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