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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 25, 1895.

Manitoba.

Wm. Irwin will open a lumber yard at Newdale.

Wm. Odgen will open a general store at Basswood.

C. Robinson, livery stable, Winnipeg, has sold out.

The Hartney Star newspaper has been revived.

Harvey & McRao, carriage dealers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. Alex. McRao will continue the business.

The office of the daily Nor'-Wester, Winnipeg, was damaged about \$2,000 by fire, caused by the explosion of an oil stove.

Rublec, Riddell & Co., wholesale fruits, Winnipeg, have moved to new quarters on the corner of Bannatyne and Rorie streets.

The public school building at Birtle was destroyed by fire on Nov. 20, caused by overheated furnace pipes. Loss \$2,000, insured.

C. R. Gordon is giving up business in the mercantile line at Mavitou, and is taking a partnership in the firm of Gordon & Ironsides, live stock and grain exporters.

Application is being made for the incorporation of The Reid & Tate Fish Company, Limited, of Selkirk. Daniel Reid, James Tait and Roderick Smith are to be the first directors of the company. The chief place of business of the company will be at the town of Selkirk, and the operations of the said company will be carried on in the town and on Lake Winnipeg and the Red River. The objects of seeking incorporation are to acquire real estate, erect buildings, ice houses and freezers thereon, and to acquire steamboats, steam barges, sailboats, fishing tackles and general fishing plant for the catching, curing and shipping of fish. The company is to have a capital stock of \$60,000, divided into 600 shares of \$100 each.

Northwest Ontario.

The reduction works at Rat Portage were started on Nov. 19. These works will undoubtedly be a great benefit to the Lake of the Woods mining country.

Assiniboia.

W. Anderson, general merchant, Carrievale, has sold out to H. J. Elliott.

McAirey has purchased the bakery business carried on at Moosomin by Mr. Widde, amalgamating it with his own business.

Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Flour.—There is a good demand for Manitoba flour on the basis of \$9.90 here for best brands of strong bakers. There is also an inquiry for English account, a large quantity of strong bakers being placed a few days ago for London. In Ontario flour there has also been new business, but at lower prices than the advanced rates of last week. The volume of business on the whole has been large. In one instance a lot of straight rollers sold in the west at \$3.15 Toronto freight.

Oatmeal.—Car lots of rolled oats are offered from the west at \$3 laid down here, and some it is said, can be bought at a shade lower. We quote prices here in a jobbing way. In bags granulated and rolled are quoted at \$1.50 to \$1.55, and standard at \$1.50 to \$1.55.

Wheat.—In the west an easier feeling is noted and red and white winter wheat are now quoted at points west of Toronto at 70c. No. 1 Manitoba hard is quoted here nominally at 69 to 70c.

Bran, etc.—Western bran is steady at \$15, and Manitoba bran in sacks \$15. Shorts \$16 up to \$17.50, as to grade.

Oats.—Sales of car lots were made at the beginning of the week at 31c; but since then a sale was made at 30½c, and to-day a lot was placed at 30½c for No. 2 white. No. 3 are quoted at 29½ to 30c per 34 lbs.

Barley.—The market is quiet for malting grades at from 49 to 52c, but for choice heavy bright samples 53c and probably more would have to be paid. Feed barley is quoted at 39 to 41c.

Butter.—The market has dropped about 1c to 1½c since our last report, owing to the sudden collapse of the export demand. Sales are reported of 450 tubs of creamery this week at 22 to 22½c for last half of September and beginning of October make, and at 23c for 100 tubs of last half of October. Earlier makes are quoted at 20½ to 21½c. Rolls are arriving more freely and selling at 16 to 18c in boxes and tubs.

Cheese.—Finest Western 9½ to 9½c; Finest Eastern 9½ to 9½c; Undergrades 8½ to 9c; Cold storage goods 8½ to 9c.

Eggs.—Held fresh stock ordinary has sold slowly at 13 to 13½c, but there was more enquiry for choice candled stock, which has been placed at 14 to 15c. Montreal limed are quoted at 14½ to 15c. Strictly new laid have sold at 20c.

Honey.—Old extracted 5 to 6c per lb. New 7 to 9c per lb in tins, as to quality. Comb honey 10 to 12c.

Beans.—Western medium beans \$1.10 to \$1.15 in round lots; but small lots are quoted at \$1.20 to \$1.130, as to quality.

Baled Hay.—No. 2 shipping hay is quoted here at \$10.50 to \$11, and No. 1 straight timothy \$11.50 to \$12. At country points \$10 to \$10.50 is quoted for No. 2 and \$10.50 to \$11.50 for No. 1.

Dressed Poultry.—Turkeys have sold at 8c to 8½c for choice, large fancy birds bringing 9c. Some small birds were sold at 7½c. Chickens have sold at 7c, and old hens 5 to 6c, geese 6 to 6½c and ducks 7½ to 8c.

Hides.—The receipts of butchers' hides are liberal and stocks are commencing to accumulate, but dealers are still paying 6 for No. 1 light. We quote prices as follows: Light hides, 6c for No. 1, 5c for No. 2, and 4c for No. 3; Heavy hides 7 to 7½ cents; Calfskins 6c; Lambskins 60c.

Cured Meats.—Canada short cut pork, per bbl., \$14.50 to \$15; Canada thin mess, per

bbl., \$13.50 to \$14, Hams, per lb., 9 to 10c; Lard, pure, in pails, per lb., 8½ to 9c; Lard, compound, in pails, per lb., 6½ to 7c; Bacon, per lb., 9 to 10c; Shoulders, per lb., 7½ to 8½c.

Dressed Hogs.—Receipts are increasing, and the market is fully 50c per 100 lbs. lower than a week ago, car lots being quoted at \$4.85 to \$5.00, with sales reported at within that range. Live hogs have sold during the week at \$9.75 to \$1. Small lots of light hogs for butchers' use have sold at \$5.25, upwards.—Trade Bulletin, Nov. 15.

Winnipeg Markets a Year Ago.

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, c.i.f. Fort William afloat, 59 and 40 to 43c to farmers, Manitoba country points.

Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.50; Bakers, \$1.60.

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Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, 23 to 24c.

Barley.—Per bushel, feed 23c to 30c.

Flax Seed.—

Butter.—Round lots country dairy 10 to 14c.

Cheese.—Small lots 11 to 11½c.

Eggs.—Fresh, 14c, round lots.

Beef.—Fresh, per lb., 3 to 4½c.

Mutton.—Fresh, and lamb, 5½ to 6c.

Hogs.—Dressed, 5c.

Cattle.—Butchers, 2 to 2½c.

Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4c.

Sheep.—\$2.25 to \$2.40 per 100 pounds.

Seneca Root.—19 to 20c.

Chickens.—7 to 8c.

Hides.—No. 1 cows, 2½c.

Potatoes.—45 to 50c per bushel.

Hay.—\$4.50 to \$5.50 per ton, car lots.

Wool.—8 to 9c, unwashed fleece.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week (six days only), ending November 14, were \$1,644,491; balances, \$277,272. For the previous week clearings were \$1,981,395. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$360,555. For the month of October clearings were \$7,911,958, as compared with \$6,786,730 for October last year.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

CLEARINGS,	Nov. 14.
Montreal	\$14,803,751
Toronto	6,573,750
Halifax	1,281,987
Winnipeg	1,981,395
Hamilton	787,992
Total	\$25,378,795

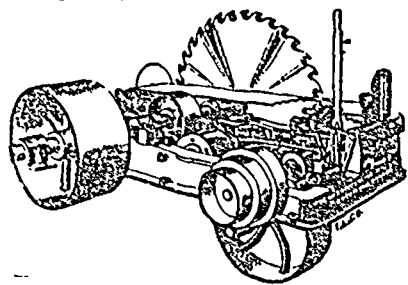
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Dear Sir:—I have just received a wire from our general traffic manager at Montreal, wherein I am authorized to establish at once a basing all rail rate on export grain from Fort William to New York and Boston of 30c per 100 lbs., to include lighterage charges at New York, but exclusive of elevator and storage charges there and at Boston; and from Fort William to St. John, N. B., the basing rate is fixed at 33c per 100 lbs., which will cover all terminal charges up to the date of sailing of vessel by which grain is to go forward.

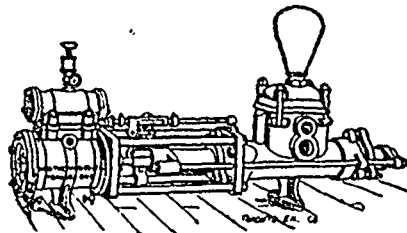
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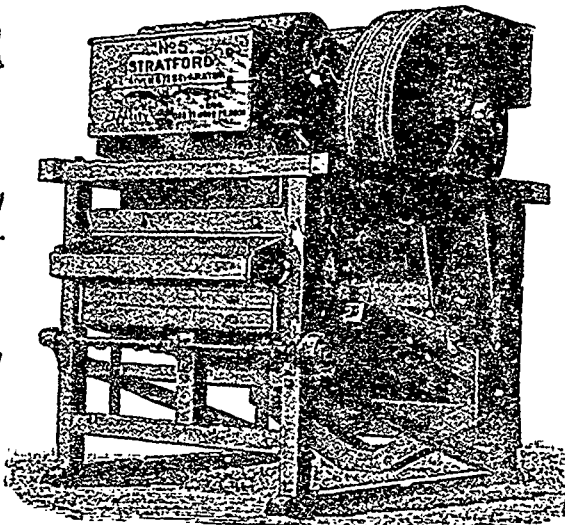
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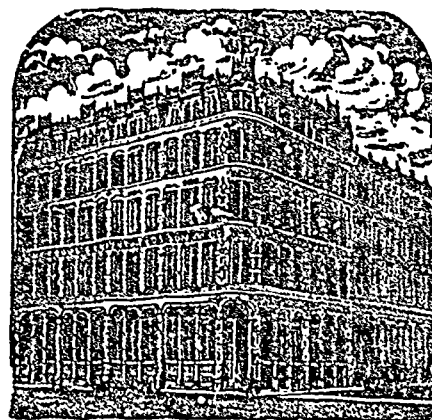
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THE WHEAT SITUATION.

The wheat situation has not been favorable to holders of late. Prices have been declining and features tending to depress prices have prevailed. Writing on the wheat outlook in August last, The Commercial said: "We do not expect an advance early in the crop year, unless some unexpected thing should happen, such as some widespread disaster to the spring wheat crop now being harvested, or an European war." At that time we pointed out that the most bearish feature was the heavy crop of spring wheat in the northwestern states and Manitoba. We said that if the farmers of these states hold their crop and marketed it slowly and gradually, that prices would be sustained, but if they marketed the crop freely, "the result would be to break the market and seriously reduce prices."

What we foreshadowed has come to pass. Wheat has not improved. On the contrary, it has declined, and undoubtedly the principal reason for this decline has been the enormous quantity of wheat which has been marketed in the northwestern states. At Minneapolis and Duluth the receipts of wheat on this crop aggregate nearly 20,000,000 bushels greater than for the corresponding period of last year. While there have been other weakening features, the deluge of wheat which the farmers of the great spring wheat states have been pouring out, has been the leading cause of the recent depression in the markets. Already the impression is being created that the crop has been under-estimated, and some estimates of 200,000,000 bushels are now being made for the three states—Minnesota and North and South Dakota. While the latter estimate is, we believe, excessive, it now seems likely that the crop will exceed the earlier estimates of about 160,000,000 bushels for these states.

Aside from the enormous movement of wheat in the northwestern states, there are other depressing features at the moment. The winter wheat crop now promises much better than it did earlier in the season; visible supplies of wheat have increased remarkably during the past month, and Russia has been exporting heavily. India is also exporting a great deal more wheat than last year. India has shipped about 16,000,000 bushels of wheat from her last crop, which is almost double the quantity that country exported during the corresponding period of the previous year. Stocks of wheat, as published in The Commercial from week to week, are smaller than they were a year ago, but when we go back a few years we find that stocks are large now, compared with what they were on corresponding dates a few years ago.

A great deal has been said and written about light crops this year in several countries. We cannot place much confidence in these statistical crop compilations. Those who have followed the wheat markets for a number of years will be able to call to mind years in which crop statisticians held that

the quantity of wheat produced was not nearly equal to requirements, yet the expected scarcity of wheat never materialized. We believe the wheat situation will be affected more by future conditions than by the crops of the past season.

What does the Commercial advise Manitoba producers to do with their wheat in the present situation? This is the question we are frequently asked. Writing on the wheat situation the first week in October we advised selling at once, to take advantage of the low freight rates, or else to hold until spring. We said: "Those who start in with the intention of holding should be prepared to hold until next spring." We then advised selling at once, unless the producer was in a position to hold until next spring. The time of selling in order to take advantage of the low lake rates has now gone by, and prices have declined considerably from what they were at the opening of the season. There is much more reason to hold now than there was a few weeks ago. Prices are considerably lower now than then and freight rates are much higher. Manitoba farmers who have sound wheat, we believe will not now make a mistake in holding. Those who have wheat of good keeping quality, and who were unable to get their grain on the market before the prices declined, will, we believe, be fully justified in holding until next spring, if necessary. The Commercial would certainly not advise farmers to sell at present low prices, now that navigation has closed (shipments will be made by the lake for some days yet, but wheat now being bought in the country cannot be sent out by water this year) as they would be marketing their wheat subject to high winter rates. We believe that the policy should now be to hold sound wheat. With damaged wheat it is different. This class of grain should be disposed of so as to go into consumption before warm weather sets in, as it is very liable to spoil when the weather gets warm. Shippers will buy it now, but towards spring it is doubtful if buyers will take it at all, as there would be great risk in handling it late in the season.

By next spring the position of wheat may be vastly changed to the advantage of holders. At any rate there is no incentive to sell now, with navigation closed and prices so low. The fact that prices are now so low is about the best argument in favor of holding. It hardly seems probable that they will go any lower by next spring, and we hope for a marked improvement by that time.

LOOK AFTER YOUR COLLECTIONS.

Now is the season of the year when good business ability counts with the country merchant. Many men have the faculty of working up a good business. They have a pleasant manner, take well with their customers and are generally popular, but somehow or other they do not succeed. If investigation were made it would often be found that the difficulty was in the collection department. Other men with apparently much less business ability have made a success where a more likely man has failed, and the reason has been that they looked closely after their collections. So long as credit business is done there will be many failures from

neglect to look after the collecting department.

In this country credit business is done largely during the summer season, and in the fall and early part of the winter, when the farmers are marketing their produce, the merchants expect to get in the cash for the goods they have sold on credit during the earlier part of the year. Unless they look sharply after their collections, however, they are liable to be disappointed in many cases. The farmers have other liabilities to pay and they will pay those who show the keenest desire to collect the amounts owing them. Implement dealers, bankers and money lenders, etc., charge a heavy interest on these accounts, and the farmer is naturally anxious to dispose of these first. Sometimes the proceeds from the crop are not great enough to go all around, and then the merchant is often the one who gets left. It is, therefore, necessary for the merchant to look sharply after his collections at this season of the year, in order that he should secure his own, or at least a fair share of the money that is moving.

The feeling in wholesale trade circles here is that this year country merchants should be able to make a good showing in the matter of collections. Those who ask for renewals of paper on the ground that they cannot make collections, will not be as leniently dealt with as during the past two years. Of course, there are a few districts which are not in any better position than they were a year ago; but taking the country as a whole the feeling is that it should make a good showing this year in the matter of collections. Except in special cases, as stated, those who do not make a good showing this year may expect that some doubts will be cast upon their ability to conduct this important department of their business as it should be managed.

Country merchants are not made of money. They owe and are owed, and they are relying upon being paid what they are owed in order that they may pay what they owe. Moreover, the merchant is promptly charged interest on what he owes and if he does not meet his notes promptly when they come due his credit is injured and he is liable to have proceedings taken to compel payment. This is the way the merchant is treated. His customers should be made to understand this, and they should be made to realize that the payment of their accounts is necessary to enable the merchant to carry on his business and meet his obligations to the wholesale trade.

DEAD BEATS.

The Winnipeg Retailers' association is taking steps to protect its members from dead beats. This is quite proper. The Commercial has repeatedly referred to this question as one which afforded legitimate action for an association. In fact it has long been a surprise that retailers would permit themselves to be swindled by dead beats, when the means were at hand of protecting themselves from such characters, whether they be high toned dead beats or ordinary dead beats. There are many characters who make a habit of going from one store to another for the purpose of getting all the credit they can, with the intention of not paying. When their credit

is stopped at one store they go to another, and after paying cash for a while they generally succeed in getting recognized as a credit customer. A large bill is then run up quickly, never to be paid. When the merchant makes investigation he finds that he has accommodated another dead beat, whose affairs are in such a shape that nothing can be collected from him. Where an organization exists, it should be an easy matter to cut short the career of such miserable characters, and it is a matter for wonder that the mercantile public has so long allowed themselves to be fleeced by these low specimens of humanity. The Winnipeg Retailers' association now proposes to establish a black list, upon which will be given the names of all persons who refuse to pay accounts and who are sheriff-proof. This list will be available for use of the members. Any merchant can deposit the names of dead beats and they will in due time appear on the list, without its being known who has furnished the names. Sometimes some little jealousy or other cause prevents merchants from giving in any names, though they are ready to avail themselves of the information furnished by others. This should not be. The plan is a good and legitimate one, and it is to be hoped every merchant will endeavor to make it a success, by furnishing full information to the association of all cases coming under his experience.

LOWER FREIGHT RATES.

It will be welcome news to learn that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has decided to reduce rates on all rail shipments of grain through to New York and Boston. A deputation from the Winnipeg Grain Exchange recently waited upon the Canadian Pacific Railway officials here and presented urgent reasons in favor of a reduction in rates after the close of navigation. These reasons were given in The Commercial last week. A reply from the company was received on Wednesday last, bringing the welcome news that a reduction had been decided upon. The new rate named for this season is 30 cents per 100 pounds on grain, from Fort William to Atlantic ports. Last year the rate was 35 cents. The actual reduction is therefore 5 cents per 100 pounds or 3 cents per bushel. This covers all classes of grain. The rate to Fort William remains as before, at 17 cents from Winnipeg, 18 cents from Portage la Prairie and 19 cents from Brandon, making a through rate from Manitoba points to the Atlantic seaboard of 47 to 49 cents per 100 pounds exclusive of terminal charges. While a larger reduction was hoped for, particularly for low grade wheat, the reduction as it is will be a material assistance in exporting wheat after the close of navigation.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

LAST week we gave three reasons, all urgent ones, which could be advanced as arguments in favor of lower freight rates this season on all rail export shipments of grain, after the close of navigation. Another reason, perhaps more urgent than any other, could also have been advanced in behalf of lower freight rates. We refer to the large quantity of damaged grain in the country which should be sold this winter to save it

from becoming a total loss. The experience of previous years has shown that low grade damaged wheat rapidly spoils after warm weather sets in. All this class of grain should, therefore, be disposed of as soon as possible, as it should go into consumption before warm weather sets in next year. In order to accomplish this end it will be necessary to ship this damaged wheat out of the country during the winter. This will make it subject to the high all rail winter freight rates. With the choicest wheats bringing very low prices in the world's markets, this low grade stuff will have to sell at prices which will certainly be unremunerative to the producers. It is therefore, earnestly to be hoped that the railways will take a generous view of the situation and make a big cut in rates, so as to assist in the exportation of this grain during the winter season.

THE Commercial is pleased to observe that a pork packing industry is being established in Northern Alberta. This is as it should be. It will be found more profitable to turn coarse grains into beef, pork, poultry, butter, etc., than to ship them. Owing to the great distance which that district is from any large consuming market, the settlers are doing well to consider these matters. By condensing their products in this way, they will be enabled to make a great saving in freight. Northern Alberta is more favorably situated than Manitoba to supply the British Columbia markets with these products. Butter, cheese and bacon form a strong combination and they go well together. Any country which can make a success in the production of these commodities, need never suffer severely from hard times. We think Northern Alberta can make a success in the production of these goods, and it will certainly be better than depending on grain alone.

A PERSON who owes a bill to a merchant is under obligations to that merchant to the extent at least that he should give him his cash trade until the bill is paid. It is said that if you trust an Indian, you need never expect to get any more trade from that Indian. He will never come back either to pay the bill or to spend any cash. We do not know how true this saying is as applied to the Indians, but we do know that it is true of a great many white men, and white women too, at least to the extent that they will go elsewhere to spend their cash and allow the bill to stand, though they may eventually pay the bill. Of Poor Lo we might not expect any better, but we certainly would expect more honorable conduct from a civilized citizen. It is not dishonorable to owe a bill which you cannot pay at the moment, so long as you intend to pay it as soon as possible, providing of course that no misrepresentation was resorted to in order to obtain credit. It is dishonorable, however, to allow an account to remain unsettled while you go elsewhere to make your cash purchases. The strictly honorable course would be to settle up your account before transferring your patronage to another merchant. Once this is done, the customer would be free to patronize another store. But so long as an account remains unpaid, it would be the honorable policy to

remain and do your cash trading with the dealer whom you owe. It is surprising how many people there are who will run up a large bill with a merchant, and when they begin to get in some money they will go elsewhere and buy for cash. This is a complaint which we often hear made of farmers. They will buy on credit at one store all summer, and in the fall when the money is coming in, they will go elsewhere and buy for cash, allowing the bill to stand. We do not believe, however, that farmers are any more guilty of this peculiar custom than city people. But whether in the country or city, it is not honorable. We would say to such people, spend your money, when you have it to spend, with the merchants whom you owe. This is the only strictly honorable policy.

WITH the large amount of cheap feed in Manitoba this year it might pay some of the ranchers in the west to feed some of their cattle for the early spring market. There is any quantity of rough grain feed here and it can be procured at remarkably low prices. No doubt a low freight rate could be secured if any disposition were shown to buy feed extensively for the ranges. Prices for cattle are always much higher in the spring and early summer than later in the season. If the cattle could be got ready for the market a little earlier than usual by feeding through the winter it would no doubt pay in many cases. If a freight rate could be secured at about the same basis as is charged on grain for export, rough grain from Manitoba or territorial points could be laid down in the range country at a very low cost. On this basis 60 pounds of damaged wheat could be laid down at points in the range country at 25 to 40 cents, according to quality. The feeding of some grain would also, no doubt, greatly reduce the losses in case of a spell of bad weather.

IT is announced that the Imperial government will support the proposed fast Atlantic mail service between Canada and Great Britain, by a subsidy of \$975,000. With this additional aid the line will, no doubt, be established, though we believe Canada will be paying altogether too dearly for the whistle. It is also announced by cable that the Imperial government has decided to consider favorably the proposed Pacific cable scheme, and will take part in a commission to report upon the matter, Great Britain, Canada and Australia being represented by two commissioners each. The favorable consideration of these undertakings by the home government is no doubt due to the influence of the new secretary of state for the colonies, the Right Hon. Jos. Chamberlin, who is well known to be almost an enthusiast on the question of colonial development.

The committee appointed to draft a scheme of municipal reform for the city of Toronto has decided to recommend a cabinet system of government. The council after deciding that certain works are necessary, and voting the money for construction, deposes the duty of carrying them on to a select committee. It is proposed to increase the aldermanic term to two years and secure the appointment of a board of administration or cabinet consisting of three members of the council on the mayor's nomination.

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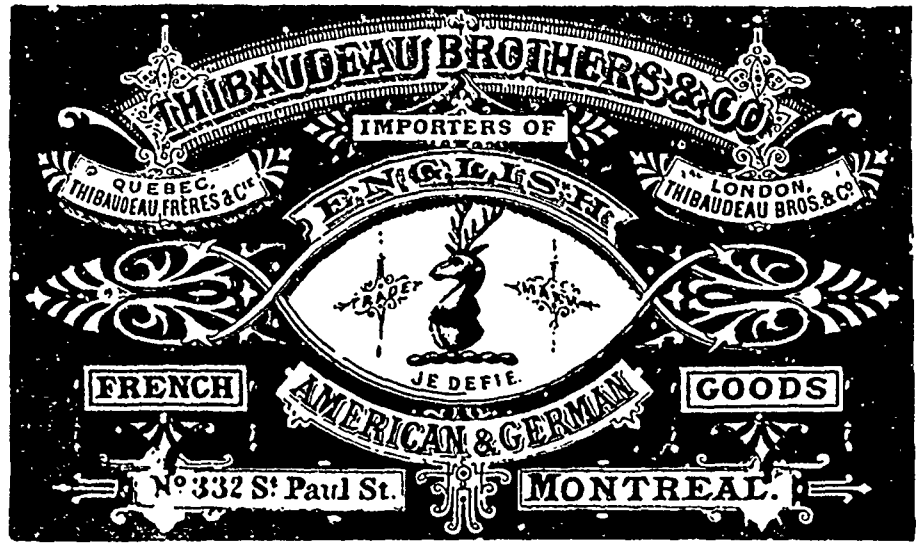
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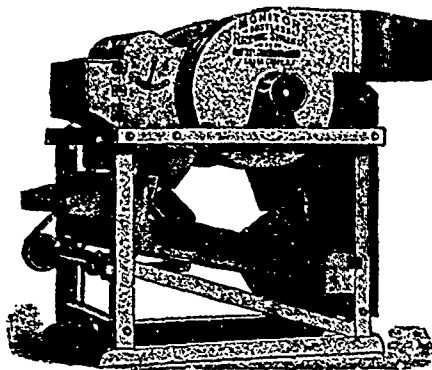
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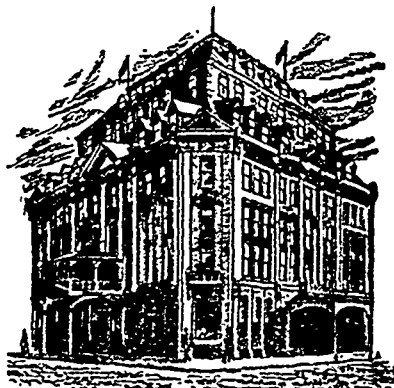
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THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

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The weather has been decidedly wintry this week and the cold nip has largely increased the consumptive demand for dry goods and clothing, winter footwear, manufactured furs, etc. The season has been favorable for this class of goods, an early spell of cold weather being greatly appreciated in these branches. The grain trade has quieted down some this week. Farmers' deliveries have fallen off, owing to lower prices and bad roads in the west, where snow has made the roads bad. In some of the eastern districts of Manitoba the roads are bare yet. At Winnipeg there has not been more than enough snow yet to whiten the ground. The shipping demand for wheat has been quieter owing to lower prices. Shipments by the lake route will be made for a week or more yet, though shipping by water is very uncertain after this date. The reduction of 3 cents per bushel in all rail grain freights from Manitoba points to Atlantic ports, will help shipments after the close of navigation, but even after allowing for this reduction in all rail freight rates, the winter rate will still be 6 to 7c higher than the lake route, so that the tendency is in favor of a further reduction in prices of wheat here, unless outside markets improve shortly. Scarcely any coarse grain has gone out of the country yet, but about 9,000,000 bushels of wheat have gone out to date, which is a little more than for the same date last year. There is a good demand for men for the woods and there is no scarcity of work of this class for men. Bank clearings at Winnipeg continues to largely exceed last year, this weeks clearings being 21 per cent. greater than the corresponding week of 1894. Interest rates are steady at about 7 to 8 per cent. for ordinary mercantile paper. Mortgage loans are usually made at 7 per cent. for city and 8 per cent. for small farm loans. In special cases loans have been obtained at 6 per cent.

The general tendency of staples is downward, and the following commodities are lower this week in United States markets. Bessemer, pig iron and steel billets; wheat, corn, oats, pork, lard, coffee, cotton, petroleum, hides, cattle and hogs. Unchanged are turpentine, tobacco, leather, lumber and coal. In Canada, butter, cheese, hides, wheat, cats, hogs, cattle, sheep and provisions are easier or lower.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON., Nov. 23.

[All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.]

COAL.—Wintry weather has increased the demand. Winnipeg prices are the same and we quote: Pennsylvania anthracite \$8.50 per ton, delivered to consumers; Souris lignite \$1.25 per ton, delivered to consumers, and \$3.85 at the yard here; Lethbridge bituminous \$6.50 per ton to consumers, delivered; western anthracite \$8.50 to consumers.

FISH.—Cod and haddock 8c lb; British Columbia salmon 12 to 14c; British Columbia halibut, 12c; Lake Superior trout, 9c; whitefish, 6c; pickerel, 8c; sturgeon, 7c; flunan haddies, 11c; kippered goldeyes, 80c doz; oysters, \$2 for standards and \$2.25 selects; per gallon, some brands quoted 25c

higher. Cans 55 and 65c. Shell oyster \$7.50 per barrel.

CORDWOOD.—Prices are firm. We quote the following prices for car lots on track here: Tamarac \$4 per cord; pine \$3.25 to \$3.50 per cord; spruce \$3 and poplar \$2.25 to \$2.50 per cord, as to quality, ash and oak, \$3.25.

DRUGS.—Glycerine is still the strongest line, and prices continue to loom upward in the market. Blue stone is also very firm and advancing abroad. Following prices are for small parcels, and will be shaded considerably for full package orders: Allum per pound, 8 1/2 to 4 1/2; alcohol, \$1.75; bleaching powder, per pound; 6 to 8c; bluestone, 1/2 to 5c; blue vitrol, 5 to 8c; borax, 11 to 13c; bromide potash, 55 to 75c; camphor, 75 to 85c; camphor, ounces 8) to 90c; carbolic acid, 40 to 65c; castor oil, 11 to 15c; chloride potash, 23 to 35c; citric acid, 55 to 65c. copperas 8 1/2 to 4c; cocaine, per oz., \$7.50 to \$8.00; cream tartar, per pound, 28 to 35c; cloves, 20 to 25c; epsom salts, 8 1/2 to 4c; extract logwood, bulk, 14 to 18c; do., boxes, 18 to 20c; German quinine, 8) to 40c; glycerine, per pound, 20 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 25 to 40c; do., African, 20 to 25c; Howard's quinine, per ounce, 85 to 45c; iodine, \$5.50 to \$6.00; insect powder, 35 to 40c; morphia sul., \$1.90 to \$2.25, Opium, \$1.50 to \$5.00; oil, olive, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, U. S. salad, \$1.25 to 1.10; oil, lemon, super \$2.25 to 2.75; oil, peppermint, \$1.00 to \$1.50; oil, cod liver, \$2.25 to 2.75 per gallon; oxalic acid, 13 to 16c; potass iodide, \$1.25 to 4.50; paris green, 17 to 18c lb; saltpetre; 10 to 12c; sal rocnello, 30 to 35c; shohac, 45 to 50c; sulphur flowers, 3 1/2 to 5c; sulphur roll, per keg, 8 1/2 to 5c; soda bicarb, per keg of 112 pounds, \$3.75 to \$4.25; sal soda, \$2 to \$3; tartaric acid, per lb., 45 to 55c.

DRY GOODS.—Wintry weather has been favorable for business and the sorting trade is looking up. There is a good demand for clothing, overcoats, underclothes, mits, etc. Furs are having a brisk sale and the principal trouble is in supplying orders.

GROCERIES.—Sugars are about as last reported. Refiners quote 4 3-16c for granulated and 3 3-16 to 3 1/2c for yellows at the refineries. Prunes continue firm and California prunes are now reported to be following the general tone of the market for eastern fruit. Regarding canned goods a Toronto report says: "The position of canned goods is regarded as a very strong one, especially in regard to peas and tomatoes. Some of the factories have already reduced their stocks very much."

GREEN FRUITS.—Prices are: Lemons \$9 per box; Jamaica oranges \$6.50 per box; bananas 33 to \$1 per bunch as to size; apples, fancy varieties, such as snows, kings, etc., \$5 per barrel, ordinary winter apples firm at \$3.75 to \$4, as to variety; Catawba grapes 65c per basket, large lots 55c per basket; Malaga grapes \$7.50 per keg; canberries \$11 per barrel; figs, 14 ounce boxes, \$1.00 per dozen, dates 7 to 7 1/2c a lb; sweet potatoes \$3.50 per barrel; Spanish onions \$1.25 per crate.

RAW FURS.—The fur houses are beginning to send out their price lists, and the old custom of quoting fabulously high prices is again being resorted to in a few cases. Of course the high prices quoted are not paid, except in a remarkably few cases, and the buyer evens up by grading the most of the furs low. High prices are quoted in order to induce country shippers to send consignments. Country shippers require to be on their guard and ship only to well known firms or dealers. Most of the fur animals can now be killed. In Manitoba, otter, fisher and beaver cannot be killed between May 15 and October 1, and muskrat are protected between May 15 and January 1. Martin are protected from April 15 to November 1. In the territories the close season is as follows: Mink, fisher and martin, April 15 to November 1;

otter and beaver, May 15 to October 1, muskrat May 15 to November 1. The following quotations give the range of prices here. The prices cover the range from small to large skins, size color and condition being considered though skins at sometimes offered which are not worth the minimum quotations, on account of being killed out of season.

Badger	\$0 15 to \$0 80
Bear, black or brown	1 00 to 25 00
Bear, grizzly	1 00 to 25 00
Beaver, large	5 50 to 7 75
" medium	3 00 to 5 00
" small	1 50 to 2 50
" castors, per lb	2 50 to 5 50
Fisher	3 00 to 9 00
Fox, cross	2 00 to 10 00
" kitt	10 to 40
" red	25 to 1 50
" silver	20 00 to 75 00
Lynx, large	1 00 to 2 50
" medium	1 00 to 1 75
" small	75 to 1 25
Marten	1 00 to 7 00
Mink	50 to 1 50
Musquash, fall	02 to 07
Otter	2 00 to 9 00
Skunk	25 to 70
Wolf, timber	1 00 to 2 25
" prairie	25 to 65
Wolverine	1 00 to 4 50

HARDWARE, PAINTS, ETC.—All the cut nail factories in Canada are now closed down, and it is not expected they will be in operation again this year. It has been customary in past years for the nail factories to close during the last two months of the year. Refined petroleum is now having the usual large demand at this season and prices are firm. An advance of 1/2c in United States oil is reported from the east.

TIN, lamb and 56 and 23 lb. ingots, per lb, 20 to 21c.

TIN PLATES.—Charcoal plates, I. C., 10 by 14, 12 by 12 and 14 by 20, per box, \$4.50 to \$4.75; I. X., same sizes, per box, \$5.75 to \$6; I. C., charcoal, 20 by 28, 112 sheets a box, \$8.50 to 9.00; I. X., per box, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$10.50 to 11.00.

TERNE PLATES.—I. C., 20" by 28, \$9.50 to 9.00.

IRON AND STEEL.—Bar iron, per 100 lbs. base price, \$2.50 to \$2.65; band iron, per 100 lbs., \$3.00 to \$3.15; Swedish iron, per 100 lbs., \$3.25 to 6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.25 to 3.50; best cast tool steel, per lb, 12 to 13c; Russian sheet, per lb, 12 to 13c.

SHEET IRON.—10 to 20 gauge, \$3.00; 22 to 24 and 26 gauge, \$3.25; 28 gauge, \$3.50.

CANADA PLATES.—Garth and Blaina, \$3.00 to 3.10.

GALVANIZED IRON.—Queen's Head, 22 to 24 gauge, per lb., 5c; 26 gauge, per lb., 5 1/2c; 28 gauge, per lb., 5 1/2c.

IRON PIPE.—50 to per 60 cent. off list.

CHAIN.—Best proof coil, 3-16 inch, per lb. 6 1/2 to 6 3/4; 1/2 inch, per lb, 6 to 6 1/2; 5-16 inch, per lb., 5 1/2 to 6c; 3/8 inch, per lb., 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c; 7-16 inch, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c; 1/2 inch, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c.

SHEET ZINC.—In casks, 5 1/2c lb., broken lots, 6c.

LEAD.—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2c.

SOLDER.—Half and half (guar) per lb, 14 to 16c.

AMMUNITION.—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American, discount, 35 per cent.; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 per cent.; rim fire military, American, 5 per cent. advance; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent.; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent.; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 5 1/2c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6c.

AXES.—Per box, \$6.50 to 15.50.

WIRE—Galvanized barb wire, plain twisted wire and staples, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.

ROPE—Sisal, per lb., 8 to 8½¢ base, manilla, per lb., 11 to 11½¢ base, cotton, ¼ to ½ inch or 1 larger, 16¢ lb.

NAILS—Cut, per keg, base price, \$2.85 to \$9; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$9.50 per keg, 3 to 4 inch \$9.50 keg, 2½ inch, \$1.09 keg, 2 inch, \$1.38 keg.

HORSE NAILS—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List prices as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$5 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above list prices, 50 to 50 and 10 per cent.

HORSE SHOES—Per keg, \$1.50 to \$1.75; snow pattern horse shoes, \$1.75 to \$5.

WHITE LEADS—Pure, ground in oil, association guarantee, 5.75 per 100-lb; white lead, assorted 1 to 5-lb. tins, per lb., 9¢.

PREPARED PAINTS—Pure liquid colors, per gallon, \$1.15 to \$1.25.

DRY COLORS—White lead, per lb., 8¢, red lead, 5½¢, yellow ocre, 2½¢, golden ocre, 4¢, Venetian, red, French, 8½¢, Venetian, red, English, 9½¢, English purple oxides, 4½¢, American oxides, per lb., 3 to 4¢. These prices for dry colors are for broken lots. ½ per lb. less when full kegs or barrels are taken. American vermilion, kegs, 15¢, English vermilion, in 3½-lb. bags, 90¢ per lb., less than bags, per lb., \$1; Paris green, 18 to 20¢.

VARNISHES—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35, pale oak, \$1.50, elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$2; hard oil finish, \$2; brown Japan, \$1; goldsize Japan, \$1.50, No. 1, orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50. These prices are for less than barrels, and include cost of cans.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—Wheat markets have been depressed this week and prices have averaged 1 to 1½¢ lower than last week in leading markets. There was a drop of about one cent on Thursday in United States markets. Depressing features have predominated, conspicuous amongst which is the belief gaining currency that the United States wheat crop has been heavily underestimated. Another weak feature is the more favorable reports received of the United States winter wheat crop outlook. Stocks at principal points showed a further large increase this week and cables were mostly lower. Exports from the United States and Canada were smaller. Russia has sent out another big week's exports, amounting to 5,000,000 bushels, which is greater than all other countries combined. On this continent the quantity of wheat held in the northwest states is about the most important point at present, and the large marketings in that region the past two months, amounting to about 57,000,000 bushels at Minneapolis and 30,000,000 bushels at Duluth, have been the principal cause of the weakness. Exports of wheat from both coasts of the United States and from Montreal this week, flour included as wheat, amounted to 2,916,000 bushels, against 3,225,000 bushels last week, 3,312,000 bushels in the corresponding week a year ago, 2,761,000 bushels in the week two years ago, 3,465,000 bushels three years ago, and as compared with 1,822,000 in the like week of 1891.

The local situation has been characterized by a decrease in the movement and general apathy. At Manitoba country points there has been a considerable decrease in farmers' deliveries, owing to bad roads and lower prices. Roads have been bad in the western district owing to snow, and the decline in prices made necessary by the drawing to a close of lake navigation and weakness in outside markets, is leading farmers to hold. Many farmers who are in a position to hold their wheat will now do so, and perhaps this

is about the best thing they could do, now that winter rates are in effect. Shipments to lake ports have also fallen off about 25 to 30 per cent. A few cars of damp wheat have shown up, owing to snow getting mixed in threshing. In Eastern Canada markets prices have declined for eastern and Manitoba wheats, and Manitoba No. 1 hard is selling at a discount under Ontario wheats. The eastern demand for Manitoba wheat was quiet this week. In Manitoba country markets prices are the same as quoted a week ago, but in view of the closing of navigation for further country shipments, the tendency is easier. The top price to farmers at country points was 40¢ per bushel, at some 18¢ freight rate points to Fort William, and the general range was from 36 to 40¢, at most points 33 to 39¢ being the top price for best samples, equal to about No. 1 hard. No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern about 3¢ under No. 1 hard, No. 3 hard and No. 2 northern 6 to 7¢ less than No. 1 hard, No. 1 rejected about the same as No. 3 hard. Frosted wheats range from 20 to 30¢ per bushel. There has been some buying at Fort William to make up shipments and where a few cars were wanted in a hurry, 55¢ has been paid, but this was the outside price, and we quote No. 1 hard at 54½ to 55¢ at Fort William. The margin between No. 1 hard and No. 1 northern has narrowed down some, and No. 1 northern is now about 1½¢ below No. 1 hard. No. 2 hard the same as No. 1 northern. No. 3 hard quoted about 5¢ below No. 1 hard. No. 1 frosted, 47 to 47½¢. Lake rates were easier at 5½¢ to Buffalo. Navigation is expected to close about December 5.

FLOUR—Flour has been weaker this week and in Eastern Canada markets this week owing to the decline in wheat. Owing doubtless to the competition from Manitoba flour, Eastern Canada millers have been offering lower and Ontario wheats have also been forced down 2 to 3¢ per bushel. In the Winnipeg market a decline of 10¢ per 100 pounds has gone into effect on flour. Sales by millers here are made at \$1.75 to \$1.80 for patents and \$1.55 to \$1.60 for strong bakers per sack of 98 lbs. delivered to city retail dealers.

MILLSSTUFFS. A decline of \$1 per ton on both bran and shorts took place this week. City mills are selling at \$9 per ton for shorts and \$11 for bran, delivered in the city. Small lots \$1 per ton more.

OATS—There is still very little business doing in oats for shipment, the principal business being a few cars which are being taken for the lumber camps between Winnipeg and the Ottawa. These lumber districts naturally draw their supply from here. The final crop report has been issued by the Ontario government, and it shows a much larger oat crop than earlier estimates. This caused a further decline in prices east. Car lots at country points in Ontario are held at 23 to 24¢ per bushel. In Manitoba country markets prices range from 10 to 15¢ per bushel. In this market there is only a little local business doing, farmers' loads being taken at 16¢, with 15¢ only offered in some cases, and 17¢ paid for milling per bushel of 34 pounds.

BARLEY—Like oats, very little shipping business has been done yet. A few cars have gone east. For good samples from 20 to 23¢ per bushel of 48 pounds would be paid for cars for shipment, on track country points. In the local market feed barley is worth about 18 to 20¢ and 21 to 22¢ for malting samples.

WHEAT—Local farmers' market.—Farmers' loads are being taken at the mills here at 40 to 43¢ per bushel of 60 pounds for good milling wheat. Smutty wheat for feed, 30 to 35¢ per bushel.

GROUND FEED—Prices range from \$11 to \$13 per ton, as to quality, the top price for rolled oat feed, and the lowest price for mixed mill feed.

OATMEAL—Rolled oatmeal is quoted at \$1.35 to \$1.40 per sack of 80 pounds in broken lots to retail dealers.

OIL CAKE—Ground oil cake meal is quoted at \$20 per ton in sacks.

FLAX SEED—Flax seed at Chicago yesterday was quoted 91 to 91½¢. Prices to farmers in Manitoba country markets are the same at 60 to 65¢ per bushel.

BUTTER—The butter markets have taken a decidedly easier turn. Canadian butter markets are now governed more by export values than formerly, and the direct cause of the decline in Eastern Canada markets is owing to the drop in British markets, and prices were about 1¢ lower in the East. The local market is also easier, in sympathy with Eastern markets and to rather larger receipts. There is no creamery here. Lots of dairy can be quoted at 12 to 14¢ as to percentage of chuco, and a lot of straight choice would bring a little more.

CHEESE—Dealers are selling small lots at 7½ to 8¢ as to quality.

EGGS—Dealers are now paying 20¢ per dozen, an advance of 2¢.

LARD—Lard is held very firm and still scarce. Prices are:—Pure, \$1.95 to \$2.00 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.75 for 50 lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$7 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 9½¢ pound.

CURED MEATS—The feeling is easier and the lower prices predicted have materialized on most lines. Hams and breakfast bacon are down 1¢ and dry salt bacon is down ½¢. Mess pork has declined \$1 per bbl. Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 11½¢; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11½¢; do backs, 10½¢; picnic hams, 9¢; short spiced rolls, 7½¢; long rolls, 7½¢; shoulders, 7¢; smoked long clear, 9¢; smoked jowls, 5½¢. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 5¢ per lb; shoulders, 6¢; backs, 9¢; barrel pork, heavy mess \$14.00; clear mess \$14.00; short cut, \$16.00; rolled shoulders, \$16 per barrel, pork sundries; fresh sausage, 8¢; bologna sausage, 7¢; German sausage, 7¢, ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10¢ per package; pickled hocks, 2¢; pickled tongues, 5¢; sausage casings, 30¢ lb.

POULTRY AND GAME—Country shipments are now coming in. Chickens have brought 8¢, geese 8, ducks 9¢, and turkeys 10¢ for bright, unfrozen, well handled stock. Prices will likely be lower, though this week there was a scarcity of poultry for the Thanksgiving day demand. Not much game offering. Wild ducks, 20 to 30¢ per pair, wild geese, \$1 to \$1.25 per pair, rabbits, \$1 per dozen, jack rabbits, 50¢ per pair.

DRESSED MEATS—Hogs, as foreshadowed a week ago, are again lower, owing to the low prices in outside markets. At Toronto packers were paying \$1.50 to \$1.75 per 100 pounds for round lots of dressed hogs. Here 5¢ per lb. was paid most of the week and in a few cases 5½¢ was paid for a few choice selected hogs, but the tendency was lower, and at the close some packers were only offering 4½¢. We quote 4½¢ up to 5¢ for choice selected hogs, with an easier tendency. Considerable beef is offering at 3 to 4¢ for country dressed. City dressed beef is selling at 4 to 4½¢, and mostly at 4¢, by the side or carcass. Veal 4 to 6¢. Large calves 4 to 4½¢. Mutton 5½ to 6¢.

VEGETABLES—Following are prices on the street market: Potatoes usually sell at 15¢ to 18¢ per bushel, cabbage 15 to 40¢ per dozen, as to size, celery 15 to 25¢ per dozen bunches, onions 40 to 50¢ per bushel; turnips 10 to 15¢ per bushel, tomatoes 2¢ per lb.; green tomatoes 25 to 30¢ per bushel; Hubbard squash \$1.50 per dozen; parsnips 40 to 50¢ per bushel, carrots 25¢, beets 25¢ bushel.

HIDES—The hide markets are again very weak and further declines are reported at



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Chicago and some other points. At Toronto prices dropped $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ this week to $5\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for No 1 green hides. Here the market appears to be irregular. We quote green country frozen hides here at $4\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per pound, as they run and 5 ¢ for No. 1 inspected, though $5\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ was paid for frozen hides in some cases and $5\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for No. 1 inspected. As country frozen hides will average about No 2 all around, they should be bought about 1 ¢ lower than No. 1 green hides, but this does not seem to be the rule here, and country hides often bring as much as No. 1 inspected. Prices here are comparatively higher than Toronto and some other markets. Branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. We quote: Calf, 8 to 15 lb skins, 5 to 6¢ per lb. Deacons, 15 to 25¢ each. Kips 4 to 5¢. Sheep and lambskins recent kill, 30, to 45¢. Tallow. 4 to 5¢ rendered and 2 to 3¢. rough.

Wool.—Manitoba fleece, nominal, 10 to 12¢ per lb.

SENECA ROOT.—Nominal at 18 to 20¢ per lb. Outside markets are very weak. A circular received from England this week by a local dealer, reported that root was being offered to manufacturing druggists in London at 1s 1d per lb., and was very slow sale. At this rate prices paid here are comparatively high. It is said nearly all this year's crop is still held by the large buyers, consumers having been supplied from the old root hold over from last year. Lower prices are predicted for next year in consequence of the large supply held at New York and by other large dealers. About 250,000 pounds of root have been handled by Winnipeg dealers this year, which is in excess of any previous year.

HAY.—Baled prairie is offered at \$6 on cars here, loose hay, \$5 to \$6 per ton on the street market.

LIVE STOCK.

British markets are closing the season rather better, cables this week reporting an advance of $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ at Liverpool on Monday, $10\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ being quoted for best Canadian cattle, but sheep were easier at $11\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Exports of cattle from Montreal close for the season this week. Prices were easier at Montreal, and the supply of cattle and sheep was excessive, compared with the demand, though choice cattle were not plentiful, most offered averaging poor. Prices ranged from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for poor, up to $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ for the choicest offered. Sheep were $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ lower, 3¢ being the top for shipping sheep, and butchers sheep at \$2.50 to \$4.50 per head. Hogs sold at \$4 to \$1.10 per 100 pounds. At Toronto this week there was also a plethora of poor cattle and few really choice ones, sales ranging from $1\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ up to $3\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, and a few of the best a little over $3\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Sheep were very slow sale at $2\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, and lambs at 3 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. A lot were left over. Hogs were again 10¢ lower at Toronto, \$3.75 being the top price for best bacon hogs, off cars, and weak at that; heavy hogs, \$3.50 to \$3.60; stores and light weights, \$3.25 to \$3.30; stags and rough hogs, \$2 to \$2.10 per 100 pounds.

CATTLE.—In this market there was very little doing, and no shipping trade. A few cattle are being bought at 2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for common to good cows and oxen, there being some demand for this class of beef for the lumber camps. Good butchers stock range from $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3¢, the latter for choice steers.

HOGS.—A further decline has taken place this week of $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, in sympathy with weak markets elsewhere. We quote $3\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ off cars here for good average car lots. Receipts are larger.

SHEEP.—Some sales have been made this week at better prices, but the quality was better. One car lot of very fine stock, mixed sheep and lambs, were reported sold at \$3.10 per 100 pounds. Other sales were reported

at 3¢ for choice stock, but common sheep have sold much lower than these prices within two weeks.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

The prices below are board of trade quotations for Chicago No 2 wheat, No. 2 oats and No. 2 corn, per bushel. Pork is quoted per barrel and lard and short ribs per 100 pounds.

Lighter arrivals of spring wheat produced a firmer feeling at the opening of Monday, but prices were irregular, closing at a slight variation from Saturday. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	55 $\frac{1}{2}$	57 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	61 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	28	27 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	29 $\frac{1}{4}$
Oats.....	17 $\frac{3}{4}$	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	20 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	8 00	—	—	9 55
Lard.....	5 42 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	5 77 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs.	4 37 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	4 77 $\frac{1}{2}$

Wheat was dull on Tuesday and rather easier, influenced by larger receipts at north-west points. Closing prices were firmer on renewed war rumors. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat....	56 $\frac{1}{4}$	57 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	61 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	28	27 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	29 $\frac{1}{4}$
Oats.....	17 $\frac{3}{4}$	18	—	20 $\frac{3}{4}$
Mess Pork.	8 02 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	9 37 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard.....	5 42 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	5 77 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs.	4 40	—	—	4 77 $\frac{1}{2}$

On Wednesday wheat was very little changed. Opening sales were a shade higher but large receipts northwest caused an easier feeling. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat....	56 $\frac{3}{4}$	57 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	61 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	27 $\frac{3}{4}$	27 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	29 $\frac{1}{4}$
Oats.....	17 $\frac{3}{4}$	18	—	20 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork.	7 95	—	—	9 27 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard.....	5 42 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	5 75
Short Ribs.	4 42 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	4 75

Wheat was weak on Thursday and prices declined heavily, owing to lower cables, and improved crop reports. Prices declined 1 ¢. Closing prices are:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat....	55 $\frac{1}{2}$	55 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	60 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	27 $\frac{3}{4}$	27 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	29 $\frac{1}{4}$
Oats.....	17 $\frac{3}{4}$	17 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	20 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork.	7 85	—	—	9 17 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard.....	5 37 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	5 70
Short Ribs.	4 35	—	—	4 70

Wheat continued weak on Friday, December option selling off to 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, influenced by lower cables, and recovering later on export buying and local covering. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat....	55 $\frac{1}{2}$	56 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$	—	60 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	29 $\frac{1}{4}$
Oats.....	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	20 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork.....	—	7 85	—	9 25
Lard.....	5 35	—	—	5 72 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs.	4 35	—	—	4 72 $\frac{1}{2}$

On Saturday December wheat opened at 55 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ and sold between that price and 55 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat....	55 $\frac{1}{2}$	56 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	60 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	27	—	29
Oats.....	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	17 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	20 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork.	—	—	—	9 30
Lard.....	—	—	—	—
Short Ribs.	—	—	—	—
Flax Seed..	92 $\frac{1}{2}$	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	97 $\frac{1}{2}$

A week ago November wheat closed at 57¢. A year ago November wheat closed 53 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, Nov. 23, December wheat closed at 61 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢, and May delivery at 66 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢. A week ago wheat closed at 64 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ for December and 67 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ for May.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for December delivery, and May at 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. A week ago December wheat closed at 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Duluth Wheat Market.

No. 1 Northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week:

Monday—Nov. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, Dec. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, May, 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.
Tuesday—Nov. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, Dec. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, May, 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.
Wednesday—Nov. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, Dec. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, May, 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.
Thursday—Nov. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, Dec. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, May, 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.
Friday—Nov. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, Dec. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, May, 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.
Saturday—Nov. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, Dec. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, May, 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

A week ago to-day, (Saturday) prices closed at 51 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for November, and 51 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for December. A year ago November wheat closed at —, and December delivery at 57 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢. Two years ago December closed at 60¢. No. 1 hard was quoted at $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1¢ over No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern, $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3¢ lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at *Winnipeg for the weeks ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:—

Grade.	Oct. 19	Oct. 20	Nov. 2	Nov. 9	Nov. 16
Extra Manitoba	0	0	0	0	0
hard.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard....	95	130	92	59	107
No. 2 hard....	16	35	37	57	38
No. 3 hard....	32	45	54	30	34
No. 1 North'n.	26	22	24	18	20
No. 2 North'n.	5	5	5	11	6
No. 3 North'n.	3	4	5	0	0
No. 1 white type	0	3	3	0	4
No. 2 white type	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring...	19	15	9	2	9
No. 2 Spring...	1	3	0	0	0
No. 1 frosted...	37	50	34	27	44
No. 2 frosted...	31	31	24	9	12
No. 3 frosted...	6	8	7	7	9
No. 1 Rejected.	21	21	21	6	16
No. 2 Rejected.	20	50	42	28	30
No Grade.....	1	1	0	0	4
Total.....	341	426	315	214	44
Same week last year.....	142	211	164	143	276

*Wheat inspected at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William and does not show in these figures.

The Labor Market.

There is still a good demand for men for the woods. A good many men are now at work in the various camps, and more are wanted. There has been difficulty in securing the number required, as there are more men employed by farmers than usual at this season, and more men are wanted for the woods than were required last year. The farm laborers who came up from Eastern Canada are now returning in large numbers.

Severe snow storms have lately been reported from points 1,000 miles south of Manitoba. A blizzard was reported raging at Chicago on Nov. 19.

THE city of Toronto has been beaten in the suit of Toronto vs. Virgo. Virgo was a pedlar who was restrained from hawking goods upon the streets. He brought action against the city for damages. He acted as a figure-head in this suit for the Pedlars' Association. The court of assizes decided in favor of the city and the court of appeals affirmed this judgement. The pedlars then carried the case to the Supreme Court of Canada, which delivered judgement in favor of the pedlars, reversing the decision of the lower courts. Thereupon the city appealed to the privy council which has just now handed down judgement in favor of the pedlars.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA BUSINESS REVIEW

Vancouver, November 19, 1895.

There are no changes in the markets this week, or no special features to note. Trade continues steady. The usual lull before Christmas is not noticeable this year. Butter is extremely scarce; there is practically no creamery or dairy offering. The Australian butter expected by the steamer Warrimoo did not arrive. The indications are that potatoes will go lower next week, as there are large quantities being imported in spite of the big crop of the province. The famous Ashcroft's however are still selling at \$18, although the imported or Frazer river potatoes can be bought for \$8 per ton.

British Columbia Business Notes.

J. H. Cleve, of Limerick, Ireland, is in British Columbia. Mr. Cleve is interested in British Columbia exports. In speaking of our Fraser river fish he said the Fraser salmon shipped to England via Australia arrive in first class order, and are considered by connoisseurs nearly if not quite as good as the best Scotch salmon.

N. A. Springer, Cigars etc., Wellington, has sold out.

Grain and Milling Notes.

Sowden's new elevator at Souris, Man., is about completed.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Company reports the sale of 2900 sacks of strong bakers flour for the English market.

The Sentinel, Pilot Mound, Man., says of the situation in that district: "The work of thrashing is still in progress and will be for weeks to come. There has not been sufficient time to market grain."

A movement is on foot to erect a small flour mill at Deloraine, Man. The Ontario Milling and Manufacturing Co. is the name given to the parties who are moving in the matter.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co.'s flour warehouse on the Canadian Pacific Railway traced at Winnipeg is about completed. The company may erect a grain warehouse or elevator here next year to buy wheat from farmers in the Winnipeg market.

The Aurania loaded 141,000 bushels of wheat at Fort William on Nov. 20, said to be the largest cargo of Manitoba wheat ever shipped from Port Arthur or Fort William. The Aurania is said to be about the largest tow barge on the lakes, and when loaded to 20 feet of the water would carry 200,000 bushels.

The Liverpool Corn Trade News, of November 5, to hand this week, quotes further sales of Manitoba or Duluth No. 1 hard at 25s 7½d, the seller having the option of delivering either grades. No. 1 northern sold at 25s per quarter for parcels. A sale of No. 1 Manitoba frosted was quoted at 23s per quarter for 8,000 bushels.

The Manitoba and Northwest Millers' Association have adopted a trade mark, which members of the association will be entitled to use on their bags. The design consists of

three bars with the words "Manitoba and Northwest Millers' Association" surmounted by a beaver. The trade mark will be registered, so that only members can use it, and on this account it will be a guarantee that bags so branded are filled with genuine Manitoba flour, and not the mixed flours of eastern manufacture.

Lumber Trade News.

All summer there have been rumors coming from the Pacific coast of a lumber combine being under way there, only to be as frequently denied. The following is the latest rumor, which comes from Seattle. Washington State: "Lumber prices seem certain to go up with a bound with the opening of the new year, for on January 1 the greatest combine ever made will begin to control the trade of the Pacific coast. It is the Central Lumber company, of San Francisco, the successor to the old Pacific Pine Lumber company, and it represents a capital of at least \$15,000,000. It includes every mill of importance in the region west of the Cascade mountains and from San Francisco south to Vancouver, B. C., on the north.

Weather and Crops.

The weather has been much colder this week, particularly towards the close of the week. There was a little light snow at Winnipeg on Thursday, which again whitened the ground, and this time it will likely remain. The snows which were much heavier in some western parts of Manitoba, particularly the snow about November 5, interfered with thrashing considerably. In some cases stacks were damaged some, and in some districts some of the thrashing outfits stopped work for the winter leaving much grain in stack to stand until spring. At many points, particularly in the eastern and southeastern districts, thrashing has been fully completed in good condition, but in some of the western and northwestern districts a great deal of thrashing remains to be done yet, and will now probably have to stand until spring. In some sections from 25 to 50 per cent. of the crop is said to be in stack yet, and some is even standing in stook.

At some of the best points farmers are holding their grain more generally again, owing to the decline in prices, and a good deal has been paced in store, to be held by farmers, lately. The following statements from correspondents may be quoted:

Burnside.—Very little grain is coming in here now. Nearly all the farmers are now holding their grain over until spring.

Bagot.—Wheat is still coming in at a rapid rate, but very little is being sold and it is being stored by farmers.

Nowdale.—Thrashing is still in progress, and will be for about a month. There is not much grain being marketed at present as the price is so low.

Pipestone.—There is still a large amount of thrashing to do in this locality. The snow which fell on the 5th has made good sleighing, but has damaged the stacks considerably.

Souris.—Since the snow fell on the 5th several thrashing machines have been laid up for the winter between here and Reston. To judge by the stacks still standing not more than 50 per cent. of the grain has been thrashed and some fields still stand in stook.

British Grain Trade.

The Mark Lane Express, of November 18, in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: English wheats have declined 6d. and American red wheats a shilling. American flours "patents" have receded 1s. To-day wheats were weak, with quotations unchanged.

The Price of Wheat.

We read in a Manitoba paper the other day that the recent decline in the price of wheat must be owing to a combination of local dealers, as nothing had occurred to cause a reduction. The writer of such a paragraph is evidently not at all posted as regards market conditions. Should not the change from summer to winter freight rates be an occurrence which would reduce prices? Even with the reduction in winter rates announced this week, there is still a great difference in favor of lake freights, as the following figures will show, per bushel:

COST LAKE AND RAIL TO NEW YORK.

Freight, Brandon to Fort William....	11.40
Elevating, Fort William.....	75
Lake freight and insurance.....	5.75
Elevating Buffalo and canal rate.....	5.00

Total Brandon to New York..... 22.90

COST ALL RAIL TO NEW YORK

Freight, Brandon to Fort William....	11.40
Fort William to New York.....	18.00

Total..... 29.40

The figures above show that at rates in effect this week it will cost 22.90 cents per bushel to carry wheat from Brandon, Man., to New York by the lake and rail route, while at the reduced all rail rate it will cost 29.40 cents per bushel to transport the wheat by the all rail route. This makes a difference of 6½ cents per bushel in favor of the lake and rail route, or in other words, wheat would have to be bought 6½ cents cheaper to ship at the winter rates, now in effect.

On the first of October wheat was worth about 59½c at Duluth for No. 1 hard. Yesterday No. 1 hard at Duluth, current option, was quoted at about 55c per bushel, a decline of about 4½c since the shipping season began in Manitoba. Manitoba wheat was quoted at about 60 to 61c about the first of October, delivered at Fort William, present prices showing a decline of about 5 to 6c per bushel since October 1. As Manitoba wheat was held above an export basis at the opening of the season, the decline here has naturally been a little more than at Duluth.

The increased cost of exporting and the decline at Duluth, our principal competing market, give valid reason for the decline in prices here.

Manitoba Wheat Movement.

Receipts of wheat at Fort William from September 1 to November 16 amount to 7,677,895 bushels, as compared with 7,245,258 bushels for the same period last year. Shipments east of Fort William for export or to Eastern Canada from September 1 to November 16 amount to 5,426,458 bushels, as compared with 7,102,518 bushels for the corresponding period of last year. Stocks at Fort William on November 16 were 2,322,639 bushels, compared with 1,080,811 bushels a year ago and 1,548,708 bushels two years ago. Receipts for the week ended November 16 at Fort William were 1,013,739 bushels and shipments from that point were 851,019. For the corresponding week last year receipts were 538,206 bushels and shipments 639,556 bushels.

The figures above show that while 432,000 bushels more wheat have been shipped out of Manitoba than last year, the shipments east of the lake ports are 1,675,000 bushels less than last year.

We have received now price lists from Jas. McMillan & Co., of Minneapolis, Minn., hido and fur dealers and they can be seen at this office by parties interested.

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The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Nov. 16, 1895, shows an increase of 8,890,000 bushels, against an increase of 1,062,000 for the corresponding week last year and an increase of 1,701,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat on the dates named for four years, as compiled by the Chicago board of trade and includes stocks at most important points of accumulation in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains. There are some important points not covered by this statement:

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 2...	83,691,000	89,928,000	81,238,000	46,907,000
Feb. 5...	83,370,000	79,863,000	81,802,000	43,161,000
Mar. 4...	78,768,000	75,689,000	79,088,000	41,666,000
April 1...	72,808,000	71,453,000	77,654,000	41,036,000
" 8...	72,703,000	70,762,000	77,294,000	41,177,000
" 15...	70,467,000	69,217,000	70,096,000	42,055,000
" 22...	68,628,000	68,425,000	74,869,000	39,149,000
" 29...	65,770,000	66,583,000	75,027,000	37,930,000
May 6...	62,106,000	65,158,000	73,069,000	36,190,000
" 13...	60,623,000	63,510,000	72,632,000	35,199,000
" 20...	59,484,000	62,044,000	71,392,000	30,607,000
" 27...	54,244,000	61,329,000	70,159,000	29,692,000
June 3...	52,229,000	59,394,000	71,036,000	27,910,000
" 10...	49,739,000	58,211,000	63,669,000	26,950,000
" 17...	47,717,000	57,005,000	66,376,000	24,006,000
" 24...	46,225,000	55,832,000	65,081,000	24,561,000
July 1...	44,614,000	54,637,000	62,316,000	24,982,000
" 8...	43,350,000	54,114,000	61,600,000	23,120,000
" 15...	41,237,000	53,154,000	59,328,000	22,439,000
" 22...	40,437,000	53,771,000	58,901,000	22,069,000
" 29...	39,223,000	52,714,000	59,319,000	22,091,000
Aug. 5...	38,517,000	51,011,000	59,124,000	22,079,000
" 12...	37,830,000	50,321,000	58,809,000	22,218,000
" 19...	36,892,000	49,000,000	57,812,000	21,775,000
" 26...	35,688,000	47,711,000	57,340,000	21,950,000
" 31...	35,438,000	46,919,000	56,891,000	21,800,000
Sept. 7...	36,794,000	46,168,000	56,140,000	22,760,000
" 14...	35,091,000	45,214,000	57,331,000	24,411,000
" 21...	34,385,000	44,159,000	58,095,000	24,957,000
" 28...	40,768,000	71,413,000	60,523,000	49,901,000
Oct. 7...	41,682,000	73,014,000	63,276,000	51,250,000
" 14...	44,481,000	75,074,000	65,139,000	53,020,000
" 21...	46,190,000	76,639,000	66,978,000	59,402,000
" 28...	50,486,000	78,199,000	69,327,000	61,694,000
Nov. 4...	52,990,000	80,047,000	71,396,000	64,717,000
" 11...	56,930,000	81,240,000	74,032,000	67,203,000
" 18...	60,326,000	82,302,000	76,753,000	69,636,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on November 11 is as follows:

	bushels.
Montreal.....	269,000
Toronto.....	98,000
Kingston.....
Winnipeg.....	176,000
Manitoba elevators.....	2,075,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin.....	2,493,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on November 11, 1895:

	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	80,236,000
Pacific Coast.....	9,651,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	
East of the Mountains.....	109,210,000
Pacific Coast.....	13,130,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended Nov. 18, shows an increase of 4,953,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 81,589,000 bushels on the latter date.

World's stocks on November 1, (United States, Canada, in Europe and Africa for Europe) were 153,033,000 bushels, compared with 173,682,000 bushels a year ago, 173,225,000 bushels two years ago, 154,272,000 bushels three years ago, 139,641,000 bushels four years ago, 91,150,000 bushels five years ago, and 109,117,000 bushels six years ago.

A report received from the United States consul at Naples, Italy, states that it is estimated that the orange and lemon crop of southern Italy will be less than last year, or about two-thirds of the average crop. This applies also to all citrus fruits of southern Italy.

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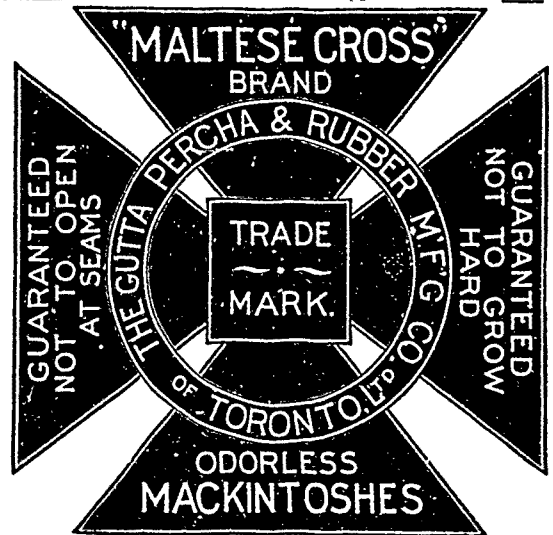
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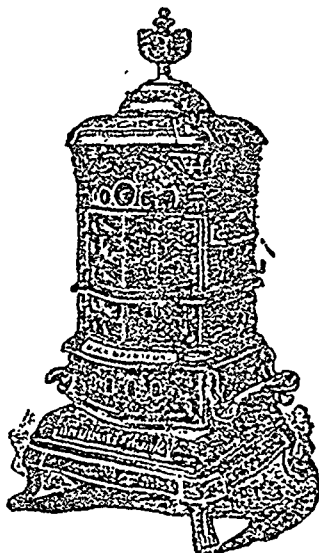
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Pilot Mound Mills

This week we present our readers with a view of the oatmeal mills located at Pilot Mound, Manitoba, owned by Dow & Currie. These mills have done a very successful trade, not only in Manitoba, but throughout Canada. Shipments of the product have been made westward to the Pacific coast and also to the eastern provinces and for export to Great Britain. At present the trade is principally in Manitoba and Eastern Canada.

The main building is 30x40 feet and four stories high. The first floor contains the

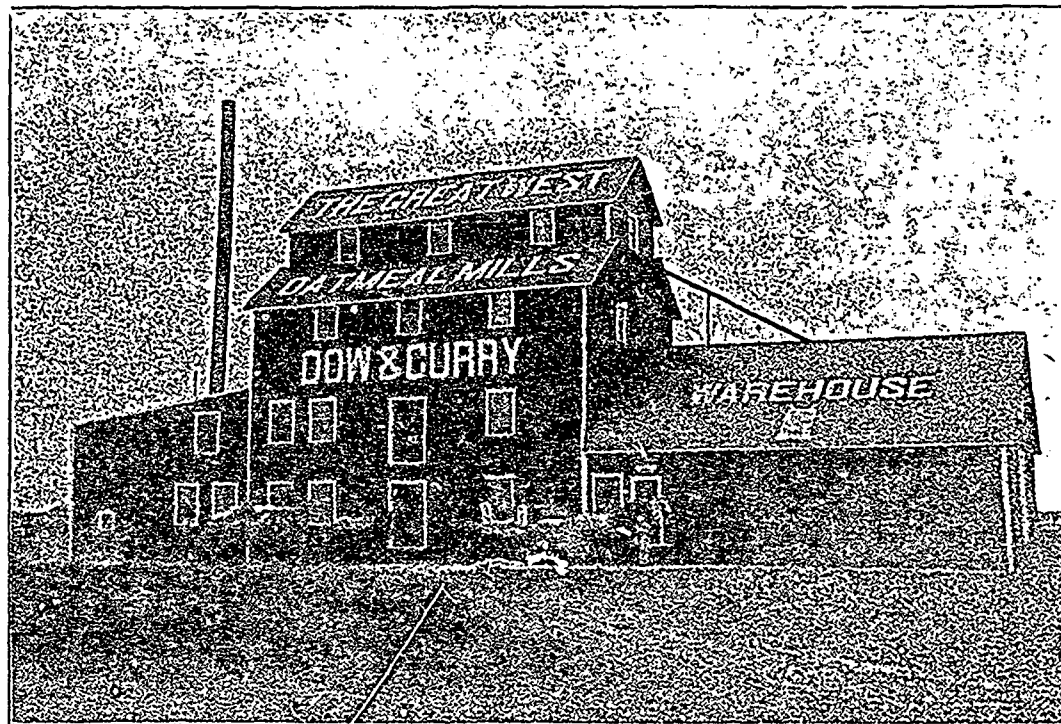
with steam from a 55 horse power boiler in an adjoining room 14x30 feet. Both engine and boiler were made by R. Whitelaw, of Woodstock, Ontario. There is a warehouse forming a right wing to the mill 30x42 and 20 feet high, with a storage capacity of 20,000 bushels. The drying kiln is situated at the back of the mill, is of stone, of the most perfect design and measures 24x24 feet. The dust house similarly situated measures 25x25 feet.

The mill was planned and erected by George Dow, who is a practical mill builder,

The mill has a capacity of 100 barrels per day, and is kept running full time.

W. F. Henderson & Co., Winnipeg, are the wholesale agents for the product of this mill, and through their wide business connections, the good quality of the product, and the assistance of The Commercial advertising columns, they have been enabled to keep the mill well supplied with orders.

It is expected that the shipments of poultry to England this season from Eastern Canada will be large.



heavy shafting, bins in connection with the drying kiln, and a rolled oat grader. On the second floor are three run of stones, two rows of rolls, an improved steamer with blast attachment, scouring and cockle machine, and dust reel. The third floor is completely taken up with a receiving separator, a milling separator, a dry-oats separator and grader combined, an oat hull separator, a planifier, four purifiers, and a centrifugal reel. On the fourth floor are the heads of the elevator, dust collectors and other purifiers.

The machinery is driven by a 45 horse power engine in a room 18x20 feet, supplied

and the machinery was built under his supervision. Mr. Dow, who is a native of Scotland, had, previous to his arrival in Canada, the advantage of his father's experience, who carried on business as a mill builder and furnisher. After coming to Canada Mr. Dow was employed with R. Whitelaw, mill builder, of Woodstock, for a number of years, during which time he planned and supervised the erection of a number of mills.

The mill at Pilot Mound is advantageously situated close to the Canadian Pacific Railway, with which it is connected by a siding.

Our Correspondence Column.

T. S.—The Ontario grade of straight roller flour is supposed to be a winter wheat flour. There is very little spring wheat grown in Ontario, the area this year (official figures) being only 223,957 acres; producing a crop of 3,321,700 bushels. For the ten years previous to 1891 the annual average area of spring wheat was 528,731 acres, but the crop has been rapidly going out of cultivation. The area of winter wheat this year in Ontario was 749,199, producing a crop of 13,254,000 bushels.

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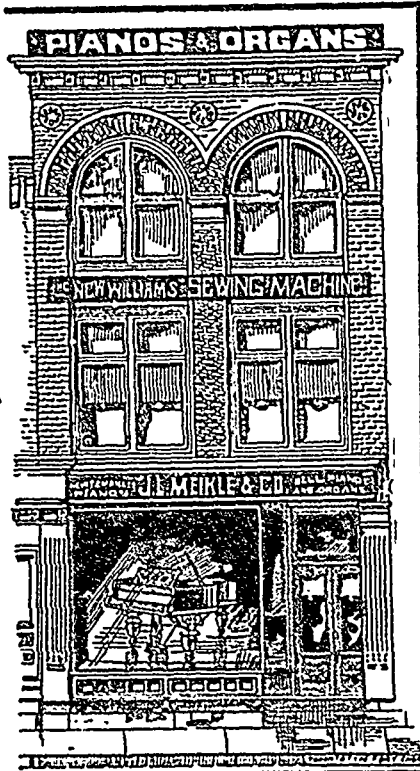
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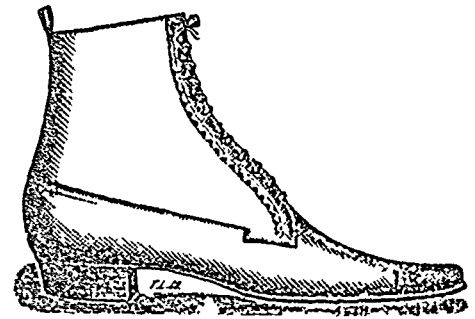
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The exports of eggs from Montreal to Great Britain, from the opening of navigation to November 7th, were 65,157 cases, against 87,284 cases for the corresponding period last year, and 23,806 cases for the same period in 1893. This shows an increase of 27,878 cases, as compared with last season, and 41,851 cases, as compared with 1893.

Toronto Grain and Produce Market.

WHEAT.—Cars of red are quoted at 69c and white at 70c north and west points. Manitoba wheat steady at 65c for No. 1 hard and 64c for No. 1 northern on the track at Midland elevator.

FLOUR.—Exporters say they can do nothing, and that wheat would have to come down to 65c before sales to any extent could be made. Cars of straight roller are quoted Toronto freights at \$3.20.

MILLFEED.—Cars of shorts are quoted at \$18 and bran at \$11 country points.

BARLEY.—There is little or nothing being done for export. 4,500 bushels of No. 1 sold east to-day at 43c; 10,000 bushels of extra No. 2 sold east at 40c.

OATS.—Cars of white sold on the west at 24c and 23½c was asked for mixed.

BUTTER.—Large rolls are plentiful and easy at 15c. Creamery was quoted at 22c for rolls and 20c to 21c for tubs. Medium and lower grade dairy tubs sold at 8c to 12c and selected tubs at 16c to 17c.

EGGS.—Prices were steady at 15½c for held fresh and 14c to 14½c for limed. A few lots of new laid sold at 16c to 17c.

POTATOES.—Car lots at 20c and 21c per bag.

POULTRY.—Prices were steady at 25c to 40c per pair for chickens, 5c to 6c for geese, 7c to 8c per lb. for turkeys and 40c to 60c per pair for ducks.

BALEN HAY.—Cars on the track are offered at \$14.25 to \$14.50 for No. 1 and at \$18.75 for No. 2.

DRESSED HOGS.—Prices were easier at \$4.65 to \$4.80 for car lots delivered here.

HIDES.—The market is rather easier. Small lots of cured have been dealt in here at 7c, and it was reported to-day that a car had been sold at that price. Green hides are quoted here at 6c. Sheepskins—there is a fair

demand at 70c. Calfskins—at 7c. Tallow—Local dealers are paying 4½ to 5c in barrels, and they quote ½c more for cake.

WOOL.—Fleece combing is quoted at 24c to 25c for any small lots that are in the market. —Globe, Nov. 16.

Fashions in Dry Goods.

That mohairs will be the leaders in next spring's dress goods is every day becoming more and more evident. For several months mohairs have been gaining ground. They have taken a conspicuous part in the business done in the fall and have every prospect of being first-class leaders in the spring. When we say mohairs we mean such fancy goods as have mohair as a part or principal feature or other combinations. Every conceivable weave will be introduced, so that plain mohairs or lustrous will be a secondary consideration. There will be some very large ranges shown in fancy brocades, spots and small figures in blacks. There is a tendency towards larger designs in satin grounds with mohair forming the design. In all black goods for the past few seasons the majority of the designs were small, and it is expected that neat small figures will again have the largest run. Every fabric in which mohair forms a part seems to be good.

The banking firm of Farquhar, Forest & Co., Halifax, N. S., has suspended. They held considerable trust funds.

Jerome K. Jerome has written a series of short stories for The Ladies Home Journal. They will be published during the ensuing few months, under the caption of "Stories of the Town." Mr. Jerome portrays well-known types of character in these stories, the first of which he calls "Blase Billy." The series is interesting from the fact that it constitutes the first short stories that Mr. Jerome has ever written directly for an American periodical.—Ladies Home Journal, Philadelphia.

The Trans-Siberian Railway.

At the present time when so much interest is taken in the Asiatic question in China and northern Asia, an account of the great railway which Russia is building across Siberia to the Pacific will be especially timely. The London Engineering Review says of this railway:

One of the most important railway enterprises that have hitherto been projected is the great line now under construction across Siberia. This great work had been "in the air" for many years before it was actually begun. Surveys for such a line had been made as far back as 1857 by a Russian, Colonel Romanov. In 1858 a project was submitted by English capitalist for the construction of a railway between Moscow and the Tartar strait; and another Russian, named Sufonov, submitted a plan to build a line from Saratov across the Kirghiz plains to the Amour and Peking. In 1862 surveys were made from Perm to Tiumen in view of a scheme which proposed to unite the basins of the Volga and Obi, and in 1859 the then governor-general of Western Siberia brought forward a memorial in which he advised the Emperor of the need of a line to connect Nizhni Novgorod and Tiumen.

Up to this time the question of building a Siberian railway had settled into three sharply defined routes. All three were to begin at Perm and end, the first and third at Tiumen, and the second at Biolozersk and the Tobol river. The first of these routes were named the northern, the second the middle and the third the southern. After further consideration by the government it was deemed advisable to build only part of the line projected, namely, a road to join Kama with the Tobol river, a distance of 700 versts.

Surveys were made in 1872, 1873 and 1871 by the government, and ended in the establishment of three principal routes: (1) Kinesham, Viatka, Perm and Ekaterinburg, 933 versts; (2) Nizhni-Novgorod, Kazan, Krasnoufinsk and Ekaterinburg, 1,172 versts, and (3) Alaty, Ufa and Cheliabinsk, 1,173 versts. The committee of Imperial Ministers, after examination, decided, in 1875, to favor the Siberian Railway from Nizhni-Novgorod along the Volga to Kazan, Ekaterinburg, and Tiumen.

In 1890 a special commission was formed, under the Imperial Minister Vyshnegtadsky, looking to the construction of the railway by foreign capital. Several Americans, together with other foreigners, thought seriously of forming a company for the construction of this road, but capitalists abroad hesitated to subscribe the needful funds. A change in the Imperial Ministry soon after placed Serge Witte, former director of the department of railways, at the head of the Ministry of Finance. Minister Witte took the stand that work upon the great Siberian Railway should begin at once, and that the road should be constructed by Russian capital and Russian engineers. Accordingly, on February 21, 1891, the plan was laid before the Emperor for approval, and he, on March 17th, 1891, decided in the affirmative.

The work of construction was divided into three parts. The first, consisted of the western Siberian section, from Cheliabinsk to the River Obi (1,328 versts in length), and of the middle Siberian section, from the Obi to Irkutsk (1,751 versts), together with the completion of the Vladivostok-Grafskaya section, now nearly finished, and the building of a line to connect the Siberian Railway with the Ural mines. The second included the sections from Grafskaya to Khabarovka (847 versts), and from the station Mysovskaya, the commencement of the line on the other side of Baikal, to Sretensk (1,009 versts). The third included the building of the Circumbaikal road (292 versts), and the line from

Sretensk to Khabarovka (2,000 versts). The first is under contract to be completed not later than 1900.

The total length of the Siberian Railway from Cheliabinsk to Vladivostok is 7,083 versts (4,996 miles) on the main line alone. For purposes of superintendence, the work is divided into seven sections, viz: The Western Siberian, from Cheliabinsk to Obi (1,328 versts); the Central Siberian, from Obi to Irkutsk (1,751 versts); the Baikal circuit, from Irkutsk to the pier of Mysovsk, on Lake Bai (292 versts); the Transbaikal, from Mysovsk p. or to Sretensk (1,009 versts); the Amour section, from Sretensk to Khabarovka (2,000 versts); the North Ussuri, from Khabarovka to Grafsk (317 versts); the South Ussuri from Grafsk to Vladivostok (382 versts); total 7,112 versts (1,715 miles), including the branches to the principal rivers intersecting the main line.

One of the most remarkable structural features of the Trans-Siberian railway is the large number of bridges that have to be provided. It first crosses the Irtysh on a bridge 2,100 feet long, and at the 1,325th verst it crosses the Obi on a bridge 2,800 feet in length. At about the 2,116th verst it crosses several tributaries of the Berezjoka and Sitik by numerous bridges, there being 82 of them in a length of 67 versts. A bridge 1,400 feet long is required across the river Kan, after passing the town of Kansku. Near the shores of Lake Baikal the line crosses the Selenga on a bridge 3,185 feet long. Another feature of the line is a tunnel 8,380 feet long at the 3,146th verst.

As far as Obi the line does not present any difficulties of an engineering character. The ground is practically level, so that gradients are not more than 0.0074 and the radii of the curves are 1,750 feet. Beyond the Obi the contour is more hilly, and from Achinsk to Irkutsk, a distance of 1,191 versts the country is more mountainous. Through this country the construction of high embankments has in many places been necessary, some of them 70 feet high. In passing through the valley of the Irkut, at the 3,112th verst, the line is mostly in cutting through overhanging granite crags. After leaving the shores of Lake Baikal, which it follows for a considerable distance, the railway passes through the valley of the Uda, and enters the Vitimsk plateau, winding along the river Dymna, one of the tributaries of the Lena System. Passing the summit level between those rivers, the line climbs the eastern slope of one of the branches of the Yablunovoi chain, which serves as the summit level of the basins of the Lena and the Amour; that is to say, of the Northern and Pacific oceans. From this point the road descends and winds round the hilly side of the town of Chita, on the bank of the river Shilka, to Sretensk. The continuation of the Siberian Railway from Sretensk will be along the valleys of the Shilka and Amour, probably crossing the latter on a bridge 8,100 feet long at the 6,950th verst. After crossing the Amour the line follows the valley of the Ussuri, a distance of 100 versts, on the border of the Russian and Chinese empires. There are several large bridges planned to cross the Khor, Bikin and Iman rivers. The road comes out of the valley of Suyfun river and passes along the shores of the Ouglov and Amour gulfs, terminating at Vladivostok, the station being on the bay of the Golden Horn.

In a distance of such enormous magnitude, the Transiberian line must, of course, pass through almost every variety of soil and climate. Until it reaches the Obi, the line generally passes through a productive soil, with a climate favorable to the growth of cereals. But the Irkutsk-Mysovsk section, on the other hand, traverses a country entirely barren except the town of Irkutsk and some settlements on the shores of Lake Baikal.

It has been pointed out in a recent report

made to the Russian Society for the Encouragement of the Mercantile Navy, 1893, that the Trans-Siberian Railway is likely to be of great value and importance to the future world's trade, and that China, Japan and Australia are therein interested to the same extent as the European countries. If through trains be started from Moscow and Vladivostok going at the rate of 85 versts per hour, the distance would be cleared in 11 days; adding 2½ days, the period necessary for making the journey between London and Moscow, and taking into account also the 600 nautical miles separating Vladivostok from Nagasaki and the 1,000 miles between the great part of the extreme east of Russia and Vassoungt, the mail and travellers will reach China by this route in 17 days, and Japan in 16. Now taking the shortest route across the Atlantic, Canada and the Pacific (12,800 nautical miles), the mail and passengers from England arrive in Japan in 28 days and in China in 31 days. From these figures it appears that the Trans-Siberian Railway will shorten by nearly one-half the journey between Europe on the one hand and China and Japan on the other. The population of these two countries, adding Corea, is 460,000,000, and the trade though undeveloped, is estimated at 500,000,000 gold roubles.

The winter excursions via the Canadian Pacific Railway will commence on the 1st December. The rate is to be \$40 as in former years.

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