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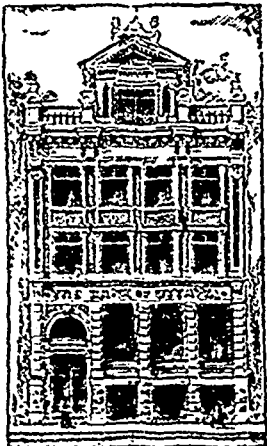
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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 30, 1897.

## NOXIOUS WEEDS.

In some parts of Manitoba evidently there is still great carelessness shown in carrying out the law regarding the destruction of noxious weeds. We notice by the last official crop report that more attention is being given to the destruction of weeds. This may be the case in some districts, but it is evidently not the case in all districts. It is not necessary to spend more than an hour or two driving out of Winnipeg to discover the most flagrant violations of the law regarding the destruction of weeds. In St. Charles district, the other day, the writer noticed whole fields of thistles and other weeds, now matured or rapidly maturing. There is nothing to be gained by cutting the weeds at this late date, as the seeds are about ripe. In fact some varieties, such as French or stink weed, were ripe some time ago, and thistles are now beginning to blow about with the wind.

## FLAX SEED "BOOMING."

So much has been said about the wheat "boom" that the upward movement in prices of other commodities has been lost sight of. There are other commodities, however, which compare quite favorably with wheat in respect to the advance in prices during the present season. Flax seed is one of these. A year ago flax seed was selling in the neighborhood of 65

cents per bushel at Chicago, while last week flax seed was quoted in The Commercial at \$1.20 per bushel at Chicago. The exact quotation a year ago was 64 1-2 cents at Chicago. This shows a very remarkable advance. Linseed oil will, of course, be forced up rapidly in price on account of the vastly increased cost of flax seed. The price of oil at Winnipeg was advanced 3 cents early in the week, and the commodity is held very strong, with further advances liable to be made any time.

## MANITOBA CROPS.

The provincial government crop report was issued on Saturday afternoon, August 21. We had only space last week to mention the government extended summary of the government report is given this week. The wheat yield, which is placed at 16.49 bushels per acre, is probably not far astray. Some estimates made by very competent authorities place the yield at fifteen bushels per acre, but other estimates range a few bushels higher even than the government report, so that the official figure may be considered as close as it is possible to estimate crops before they are harvested. Threshing returns may change the figures slightly. The yield is not large, but with the prospect of very remunerative prices the crop will be a profitable one. Oats and barley also show light yields. The Red River valley districts give decidedly the largest yields all through the lists, according to the official report. This agrees with what The Commercial had previously stated. The hay crop is light.

Compared with the final estimate of the crop of 1896, the yield of wheat is nearly two bushels per acre larger this year. This combined with the increased area in wheat this year, makes the total crop figure up to 21,284,000 bushels, according to the government report, as compared with 14,371,000 bushels last year.

The total crop of oats is practically the same as last year, being placed at 12,500,000 bushels in even figures, each year. This will not leave any surplus for export worth mentioning, as there are no reserve stocks to carry over to the new crop, and there was only a limited quantity available for export from last year's crop, though a considerable quantity of old oats were carried over from the crop of the previous year. The average yield of oats is a little less than last year, but the area is larger, making the total crop about the same.

The flax crop is a little larger than last year. The latter crop is not receiving the attention from Manitoba farmers that it was formerly expected it would receive.

A couple of years ago the flax area increased remarkably, but the last two seasons the crop has been reduced to a very limited area. As the price of flax seed is comparatively high this season, it would have been a profitable crop this year.

The crop estimates given in the report, of say 20,000,000 bushels, in column of this issue, it must be remembered apply only to the province of Manitoba. In some districts in the territories, particularly in eastern Assiniboia, there will also be a considerable surplus of grain for shipment, which will go in with the Manitoba crop for shipping or export purposes. The wheat crop, of the territories, added to that of Manitoba, should easily bring the total up to 25,000,000 bushels, and from this there should be a surplus, available for export, of say 20,000,000 bushels, in round figures. On the present basis of prices this will bring in a sufficient return to place our farmers in a very comfortable position, even allowing that all other crops will be required for home consumption. Of course a portion of the other crops will be exported in the form of live stock, meats, dairy products, etc., which will add considerably in the aggregate to the incomes of our farmers.

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### British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 23.

There are several changes in the market this week. Manitoba cheese has fallen from one cent to one and a half cents, and butter has advanced 3 cents for creamery. Sockeye salmon are selling at 4 1-2 cents, which is a slight advance, owing to the season's run being about over. Fruit is very plentiful. Local plums are selling at 30 and 40 cents a box. Flour has made another sharp advance. Now oats will be in in a few days, and then present high prices will likely tumble. The farmers are very busy harvesting oats, which are quite plentiful, and in consequence hay is coming in very slowly and the holders are getting just about what they like for it. In a short time hay too will take a tumble. Abundance of grass has caused the price of fresh meat to decline. Australian mutton is quoted nominally. There is little demand for it. Butchers say that there is much waste in frozen meat and present prices do not more than make up for this waste.

The salmon pack is estimated at about 700,000 cases all told. This is considerably more than last year. It is quite possible that 20 shillings will be reached in England for salmon, so that for canners it will be a successful year. The fishermen, however, grumble at the fact that the season was too short. The run was enormous, but millions of fish had to be thrown away, owing to the immense quantity taken to the canneries and the catches could not be handled in so short a time. The seaboard papers are expressing indignation at the fact that immediately after the fishing season closed, 1,000 United States citizens, who had been fishing all season disguised as British subjects, bought tickets and skipped out before they had spent a cent of their season's earnings, which is paid by the canners in a lump sum after fishing is over. There was also a large quantity of fish brought over from U. S. waters.

R. P. Rithet & Co., of Victoria, in their last freight and shipping review say: "The recent advance in wheat being soundly based, and not the result of speculation, rates of freight for grain have been very steady. At the close there is a decidedly upward tendency, and this despite the fact that there is a large quantity of spot tonnage still unchartered.

Grain—San Francisco to Cork for orders, 23s 9d, Portland to Cork, for order, 25s.

The province, according to the reports of wholesalers, appears to be entering an era of prosperity. Business was never better. This is due to many causes. The mills are turn-

ing out immense orders of lumber for the Crow's Nest Pass. The developing stage has struck the province in the mining districts and lumber and mining camps are very numerous. The canners are circulating a large amount of money, and thousands upon thousands of ready cash are being handled by Klondyke outfit. This is particularly so of Victoria and to a lesser degree in Vancouver, which has not yet managed to grasp the trade as the older city has done. It is also a successful year for the farmers, who are realising at good prices on their early crop, with great promise for the future.

### British Columbia Fruit.

Mr. Stacy, an agent of the British Columbia Fruit Exchange, arrived in Winnipeg last Thursday with a carload of plums, which were handled by the Macpherson Fruit Co. here. The plums were not at all in good condition when opened out, and consequently they had to sell at low prices, while some boxes were so badly off quality as to be practically unsaleable. The quality of the fruit is evidently all right, but the trouble is in the handling. There were several varieties of plums in the lot including red, green and yellow varieties, and some of the fruit appeared to have been very fine quality before it got out of condition. The plums were shipped in the ordinary four basket crate, but instead of being packed in the baskets with paper between each layer, as is done with the California fruits, they were simply thrown in the baskets at random. This left the plums loose to knock about with the jolting of the car, causing them to arrive here in a bruised and spotted condition. It is probable also that the plums, or some of them may have been held too long before shipping here, or were not carefully handled by the pickers. The plums were shipped in a first class, new refrigerator car, specially designed for the fruit trade, and made good time, so that the trouble was not with the transportation facilities. It is in the interests of the British Columbia fruit growers to tell them the straight truth, namely, that they will have to handle their fruit so as to deliver it here in as good condition as fruit from the Pacific coast states, if they wish to sell to advantage in this market. The Commercial would prefer to see our prairie districts supplied with fruit grown in Canada, and it would only be doing an injury to the British Columbia growers to mislead them in the matter. It will be doing them a better service to tell them at once that their fruit has not been handled in the past in a proper way to permit of shipping long distances, though it may be all right for close by trade.

Plums and peaches from the U. S. Pacific coast are reaching this market in splendid condition, and though cars are arriving daily, Winnipeg dealers have so far not been able to keep up with the demand. An unsound plum or peach may not be found in a large number of boxes. One car of Washington state plums handled a day or two after the British Columbia plums arrived contained only two boxes off quality, and those were not very badly off. The British Columbia growers will have to compete with this class of fruit if they wish to find a profitable market here. Soft and spotted fruit can only be handled at a loss to the shippers.

### California Fruit.

During the past week an active interest in future raisins has been created and a large business could have been done but for the fact that sellers on the coast seem to have become imbued with the idea that this will be an exceptionally good year for raisins, and consequently are not inclined to meet the views of eastern buyers fully. A considerable quantity was sold short early in the season, it is reported, and knowing that these sales would have to be covered the sellers have, in view of the prospect of a lighter crop than was expected, virtually withdrawn from the market. Orders for between 30 and 50 cars, based on 3 1-2c for early October shipment, or as soon as the goods were ready to ship, have gone out to the coast, but so far not more than a third of this quantity has been confirmed. These enquiries were from wholesale grocers, who placed orders in accordance with estimated requirements. The demand seems to have nothing of a speculative character about it.

The crop situation is still uncertain. According to some reports the output will equal if not exceed that of 1895, which aggregated some 4,500 cars. Other estimates, place the crop this year at not more than 3,500 cars and possibly less, unfavorable weather having, according to those informants, caused a heavy drop from the vines. The spot stock of California raisins remaining from the last crop is said to be large, but little of it is of a quality suitable for requirements of the dried fruit trade, and it is understood that the bulk will be sold to the wine-makers. In fact it is intimated that some of the local wine-makers have already made purchases. There are a few small lots of black, soft fruit on the spot that are going out in a jobbing way at the outside market prices, but most of the stock left is said to be of a poor quality and does not seem to be wanted by buyers even at the comparatively low inside prices.—Trade Review.

### No Reduction.

London, Aug. 23.—A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette, from Paris printed this afternoon says: "There will be no reduction in the tax imported on wheat and flour. The reply of the government to representations on the subject, says the temporary scarcity of wheat on the French market is owing to the bad harvest, but as soon as American and Austrian wheats arrive the French situation will right itself."

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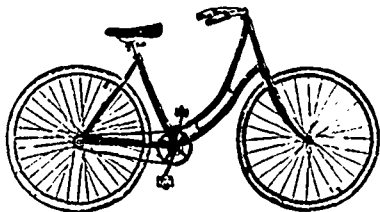
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### Irrigation in Alberta.

Many people are not aware of the progress made in irrigation work in the western portion of our territories, principally in southern Alberta. The many fine streams which issue from the eastern slope of the Rocky mountains, afford an excellent means of irrigating large areas of land in the western portion of the Territories.

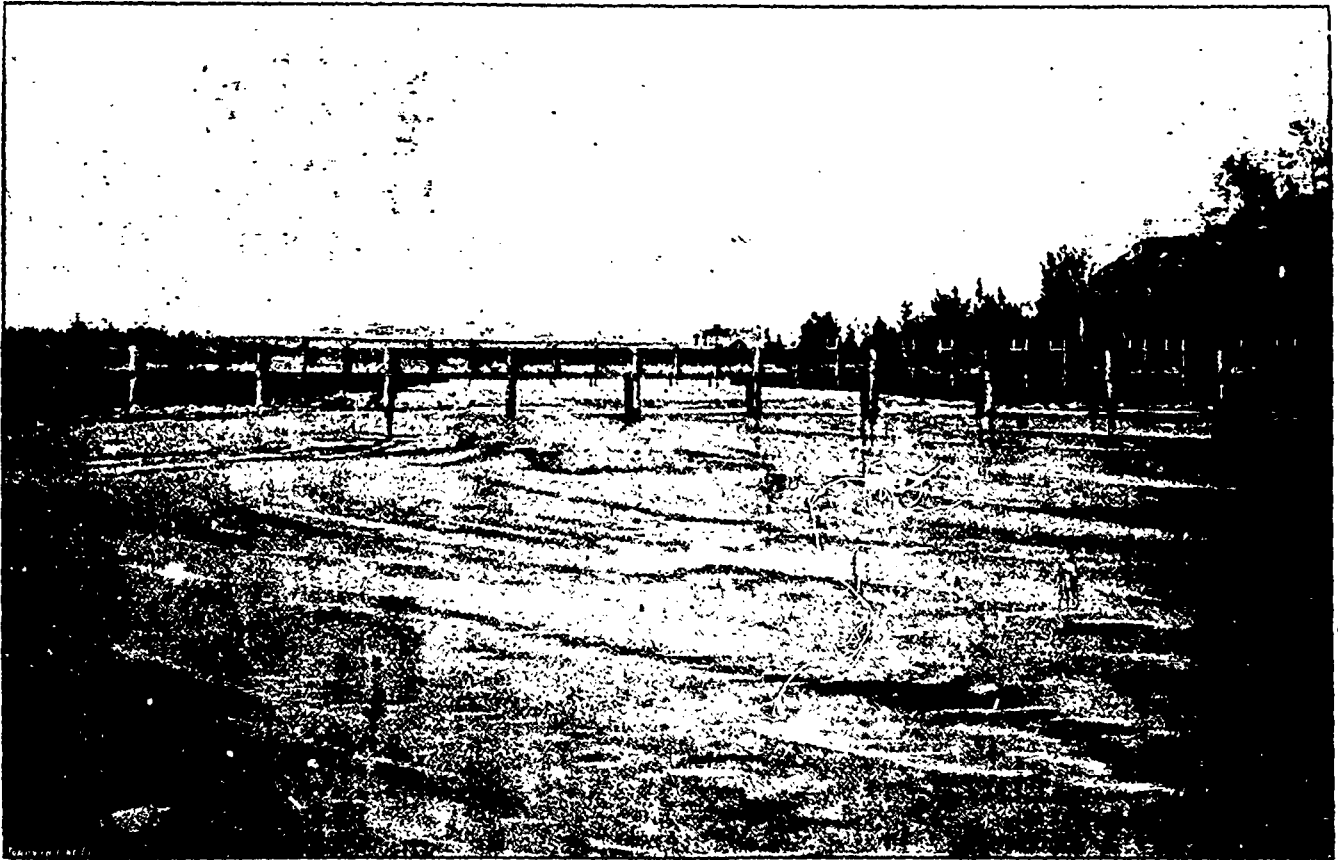
In the southern districts of Alberta the climate is too dry for successful agriculture, one year with another, unless the needed moisture is supplied by means of irrigation. Those who know what wonderful results have been accomplished by means of irrigation in other countries, may form some idea

back to the farmer in nearly all countries. The tiller of irrigated land in a dry region, need not fear injury from too much rain, while he can regulate his supply of moisture to meet the requirements of the crops. The last report of the Department of the Interior says regarding irrigation in the west:

"It is worthy of note that the large and healthy growth of irrigation development as evidenced therein, is largely the outcome of personal efforts of the resident population in their endeavor to improve existing conditions, and is not in the remotest sense attributable to any attempt to "boom" irrigation or the construction

dertaking which is in an experimental stage, or from which the results are uncertain."

The Calgary Irrigation Company, who were owners of the flume shown in the accompanying illustration, had 700 acres of land under irrigation east of the Elbow river and south of the Bow river, near Calgary, Alberta. The main system of the company is capable of serving water for about 5,000 acres of land. The flume shown in the illustration was a smaller branch one, and not their main ditch, and was built for the purpose of irrigating the 700 acres just referred to.



IRRIGATION IN ALBERTA

Calgary Irrigation Company's Flume & the Elbow river, which was destroyed by the freshet some weeks ago.

as to what may be accomplished in the semi-arid portions of our vast western plains by means of irrigation. The soil is all right. All that is required is moisture. Once the required work for irrigating has successfully been accomplished, the farmer is no longer dependent upon the weather for the required supply of moisture necessary for the development of crops.

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of irrigation works. It may be safely said that in very few of the new and undeveloped portions of Western America, have the settlers evinced a greater readiness to help themselves by striving to overcome nature's shortcomings in the way of insufficient moisture than has been shown by our population in the arid portion of the Territories during the past two years. That this fact is sure to aid in the rapid growth of the irrigation principle, and result in the early construction of the larger works requiring combined effort and capital, will be realized by those who have experienced the many difficulties to be overcome in interesting capital in any un-

### New Coal Company.

The new company which a short time ago acquired the Roche Percee Coal Co.'s mines in Northeastern Assiniboia, is preparing to increase the output of their mines during the coming coal season. The mines are now being put in readiness to begin putting out coal in a week or so. The company is spending considerable in improving the property, in new plant, buildings, etc. Another spur track will also be put in. The company has opened an office at 435 Main street, Winnipeg. The property is now entirely in the hands of English capitalists, who will operate as the Roche Percee Colliery Co.



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**Manitoba Government Crop Report.**

The midsummer crop bulletin of the provincial department of agriculture was issued Saturday. The estimated total yield of wheat is 21,284,274 bushels, the average being estimated at 16.49 bushels per acre. Manitoba's production of all kinds of cereals will be nearly forty million bushels. All departments of agriculture are reported to be in a satisfactory condition.

The information contained in the bulletin as to the condition of the crops and live stock, the probable yield per acre of the various kinds of grain and the quantities of land broken for the first time this season, etc., is summarized from returns received from the regular correspondents of the department made under date of August 15. The province is divided into districts as follows. The Northwestern district comprises the municipalities of Shell River, Boulton, Russell, Slive, Creek, Rossburn, Ellice, Birtle, Shoal Lake, Strathclair, Harrison, Clan William, Archie, Miniota, Hamiota, Blanchard Saskatchewan, Odanah, Dauphin, Gilbert Plains.

The Southwestern --Wallace, Woodworth, Daly, Elton, Cornwallis, Whitehead, Sifton, Pipestone, Glenwood, Oakland, Arthur, Winchester, Morton, Turtle Mountain, Cameron, White-water and Riverside.

The North Central--Rosedale, Langdowne, Westbourne, North Cypress, North Norfolk, Langford, Portage la Prairie, St. Francois Xavier, Woodlands, St. Laurent, Posen and Ochre River.

The South Central--South Cypress, South Norfolk, Dufferin, Morris, Montcalm, Rhineland, Stanley, Pembina, Lorne, Louise, Argyle and the west half of Macdonald.

The Eastern--Gimli, Rockwood, St. Andrews, St. Clements, St. Pauls, Springfield, Kildonan, St. Boniface, Assinibola, Tache, Richot, De Salaberry, Hanover, La Broquerie, Franklin, Rosser and the east half of Macdonald.

**WHEAT.**

| District.      | Area under crop. Acres. | Yield per acre. Bush. | Total yield. Bush. |
|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| N. W. ... ..   | 90,000                  | 17.7                  | 1,593,000          |
| S. W. ... ..   | 554,626                 | 13.9                  | 7,709,301          |
| N. C. ... ..   | 240,181                 | 18.                   | 4,323,258          |
| S. C. ... ..   | 320,000                 | 18.5                  | 5,920,000          |
| Eastern ... .. | 80,075                  | 20.2                  | 1,738,715          |
| Prov. ... ..   | 1,290,882               | 16.49                 | 21,284,274         |

**OATS.**

| District.       | Area under crop. Acres. | Yield per acre. Bush. | Total yield. Bush. |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| N. W. ... ..    | 38,947                  | 30.5                  | 2,102,670          |
| S. W. ... ..    | 169,925                 | 18.8                  | 3,194,590          |
| N. C. ... ..    | 73,656                  | 30.5                  | 2,246,508          |
| S. C. ... ..    | 105,100                 | 30.4                  | 3,195,040          |
| Eastern ... ..  | 50,520                  | 35.2                  | 1,778,304          |
| Province ... .. | 468,141                 | 26.73                 | 12,517,112         |

**BARLEY.**

| District.       | Area under crop. Acres. | Yield per acre. Bush. | Total yield. Bush. |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| N. W. ... ..    | 13,770                  | 24.                   | 330,480            |
| S. W. ... ..    | 32,856                  | 18.                   | 591,408            |
| N. C. ... ..    | 37,740                  | 24.                   | 905,760            |
| S. C. ... ..    | 44,000                  | 25.                   | 1,100,000          |
| Eastern ... ..  | 24,900                  | 28.8                  | 717,120            |
| Province ... .. | 153,266                 | 23.8                  | 3,644,768          |

**FLAX, RYE AND PEAS.**

|             | Area in crop. | Average yield. | Total yield. |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Flax ... .. | 20,658        | 15             | 309,795      |
| Rye ... ..  | 2,975         | 18.5           | 55,037       |
| Peas ... .. | 1,660         | 23             | 38,287       |

**HAY.**

|                      | Approximate yield per acre. Prairie Hay. Tons. | Cultivated Grasses. Tons. |
|----------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Northwestern ... ..  | 2.   | 1.5                       |
| Southwestern ... ..  | 1.5  | 1.5                       |
| North Central ... .. | 1.5  | 1.1                       |
| South Central ... .. | 1.4  | 1.6                       |
| Eastern ... ..       | 1.7  | 1.4                       |
| Average ... ..       | 1.6  | 1.4                       |

From the above it will be seen that the past season has not been a favorable one for the fodder crops--the average yield for the province being three-tenths of a ton per acre less than last year, both native and cultivated grasses. This is due, doubtless, to the remarkably dry weather experienced during the month of May, and to the fact that June also was much drier than usual. Reports from different localities show the greatest variation--some stating the yield as high as four tons and some as low as one-half ton per acre. As was the case last year the yield of the native grasses is heavier than that of the cultivated varieties.

**LIVE STOCK.**

In most parts of the province horses are reported as being rather thin, the reason given being the lightness of last year's oats. Other stock is everywhere reported to be in good condition and in excellent health. No disease has been prevalent, though individual cases of the usual diseases to which stock is subject have been reported. Sheep and pigs are reported doing well and free from disease.

**PASTURES.**

The majority of reports agree in stating that pastures are in good condition, but from all districts except the eastern and the eastern part of the north central come occasional complaints that they are drying up and badly in need of rain. On the whole the grazing lands of the province are in fair average condition for the season of the year.

**BREAKING AND FALLOWING.**

| District.            | Breaking acres. | Fallowing acres. |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Northwestern... ..   | 9,810           | 29,700           |
| Southwestern... ..   | 42,380          | 241,150          |
| North Central ... .. | 15,000          | 54,750           |
| South Central... ..  | 15,200          | 54,400           |
| Eastern... ..        | 6,400           | 12,960           |
| Province... ..       | 88,790          | 392,960          |

**HARVEST HANDS.**

A circular card was sent out by the department to each correspondent asking the number of extra men required to take off the harvest. The answers received indicate that over 4,000 men are required in harvest and threshing. Our agent in the east was notified and the harvest excursions are bringing in a number of men, which it is hoped will be sufficient to take off the crops and get through threshing in good time.

**CROP PROSPECTS.**

Although the first part of the season was dry and retarded the growth of the crops in most districts, yet it will be seen from the tabulated statement herewith that the crop, on the whole, is a fair average one.

Last season correspondents mentioned some damage by an insect boring at the base of the stems of the wheat plant, causing it to turn white, and producing an empty head. This is reported to a greater extent again this season--the damage being stated in some cases to be as much as one-fifth of the entire crop. If the insect

referred to be the wheat-stem-fly, the remedy is very simple, as will be seen from the following paragraph from the Dominion Experimental farm report for 1896.

"Remedies--As nearly all the larvae (of the wheat-stem saw-fly) pass the winter in the base of the straw. It is quite evident that the most practical remedy will be found in treating the stubble, so as to destroy them or the pupae before the flies emerge. This may be done either by plowing deeply after harvest, or by burning over, which for another reason also will certainly be a most useful practice in Manitoba, for in that province, on account of the usual plan of growing wheat for several successive seasons on the same land, some bad weeds have increased enormously. The burning over of stubble in autumn will certainly destroy vast numbers of these and their seeds, as well as at the same time the larvae of the wheat-stem saw-fly. In Manitoba a great deal more straw is produced every year by farmers than they can possibly feed or use otherwise, and as a consequence, as soon as the farmer knows how much he will require the residue, a large amount, is burned every spring, simply to get it out of the way. Should the wheat-stem saw-fly ever increase sufficiently to affect the yield appreciably the burning in autumn of the straw needed would undoubtedly be a wise practice, as it is known that a few of the cocoons, at any rate, are formed in the straw." Report of Dr. James Fletcher, Botanist and Entomologist.

This is the only serious damage to the crop, reported this year, with the exception of one or two hail storms, of local character, covering only very limited areas.

**NOXIOUS WEEDS.**

Correspondents report that the inspectors appointed by the municipal councils under the noxious weeds act, are as a rule faithful in the discharge of their duty, and good results may be expected from their work. One correspondent says, "Farmers are putting forth every effort to stamp out noxious weeds. Some are pulling the French weed and burning it, others summer fallowing, plowing and harrowing the land as soon as weeds are in sight." Another says, "We have no weeds in our district, but are on the lookout for them in all seed grain and grass seeds." This is as it should be, and such watchfulness will be well repaid by escaping the annoyance and expense of dealing with the pest.

Care should be taken not to plow on the road allowances, but to leave them the full width, as this will be found of great help in preventing the spread of seeds from one farm to another. Summer fallowing and seeding down are the methods most adopted for killing weeds.

In some cases inspectors have found it necessary to have grain crops plowed under, but this extreme measure has been taken only in a very few instances, where a weedy plot was a menace to a neighborhood. It is individual effort that counts and reports go to show that farmers recognize this. All progressive farmers are looking carefully after the destruction of weeds without waiting for notification, assistance or compulsion from municipal or other officers.

**RAINFALL.**

|                        | April. | May. | June. | July. |
|------------------------|--------|------|-------|-------|
| N. W. District. ... .. | .84    | .74  | 2.36  |       |
| Rapid City ... ..      | .29    | 1.51 | 1.21  | 1.73  |
| Russell ... ..         | .25    | .85  | 1.06  | 4.81  |

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| Deloraine                                   | .00  | .77  | 1.88 |
| Elkhorn                                     | .02  | .00  | 1.05 |
| Hillview                                    | 1.21 | .84  | 2.32 |
| Hartney                                     | 1.09 | .07  | 3.78 |
| Turtle Mtn.                                 | .45  | 1.03 | 1.47 |
| N. C. District—                             |      |      |      |
| Beaver Creek                                |      | 1.00 | 1.71 |
| Lunderville                                 | .54  | .87  | 2.26 |
| Portage la P.                               | .02  |      | 1.22 |
| S. C. District—                             |      |      |      |
| Aweme                                       | .08  | .52  | 2.04 |
| Belmont                                     | .26  | .95  | 2.66 |
| Cartwright N.                               | .34  | .77  | 1.63 |
| Cartwright S.                               | .10  | .53  | 1.44 |
| Gretna                                      | .55  | 1.24 | 1.50 |
| Manitou                                     |      | .40  | 2.37 |
| Morden                                      | .37  | 1.24 | 2.25 |
| Norquay                                     | .22  | 1.10 | 1.68 |
| Pilot Mound                                 | .60  | .90  | 2.22 |
| Rosebank                                    | .22  | .85  | 3.02 |
| Rathwell                                    | .15  | 1.82 | 2.56 |
| E. District—                                |      |      |      |
| Foxton                                      |      | 1.03 | 2.41 |
| Greenwood                                   | .69  | 2.61 | 4.05 |
| Selkirk                                     | .51  | 1.31 | 2.58 |
| Stony Mtn.                                  | .46  | .90  | 2.00 |
| Winnipeg                                    | .96  | 1.58 | .31  |
| Average for the month of April. .43         |      |      |      |
| Inches: May .96; June 2.00; July 3.84.      |      |      |      |
| Average for April, May, June and July 7.28. |      |      |      |

**Grocery Trade Notes.**

A Toronto report says: New Valencias raisins are here. They sell at 7c. for off-stock, and 7 1/2c for fine off-stock. The stock of old Valencias left here is small.

A very active demand for all kinds of hog product is reported from Toronto, and stocks are getting into a very small compass and higher prices are expected. A few lines have been advanced and the feeling is very firm.

Cables received at New York quote early shipments of new crop currants at 18s 6d, but other handlers of this fruit claim to have quotations of 12s 6d. The situation on new crop at the close was unsettled.

The Hills Bros. Co. say in their last circular that the new crop of shelled almonds will be short, especially in Bari, where the output is estimated at only 60,000 bales, against 150,000 bales last season. Prices from that market are quoted at from 58c to 60s equal to about 19 1/2c. Stocks here are small, and prices tend upward in sympathy with the foreign markets.

A Montreal report of Aug. 21 says: The first shipment of Valencia raisins have arrived by the steamship Paris-lau, and show good quality for early fruit as they are about three weeks earlier than usual. The only marks that have reached this market so far are those of W. Rogers, of Denia, and Trenor & Co., of Valencia. The first shipments of currants are being dispatched from Patras and Liverpool this week. The Greek law preventing shipments prior to August 28th having this year been rescinded.

A cable received from Ceylon says the market is rising fast, prices having advanced 4c per lb., and without limits are extended we cannot operate. This, it is said, is due to the Russian demand, which set in on the 14th of July, and caused great excitement there, and this must effect the London and American markets. The prospects are that all teas will go higher as the season advances.

The Montreal Gazette reviews the grocery market as follows: "There is a much firmer feeling in the local sugar market and, although no actual advance in prices has taken place, refiners are asking 1-1 1/2c per lb. more, and in some cases it has been realized. The demand continues very good and active, business is

reported on the basis of 4c to 4 1/2c for granulated, and at 3 5/16c to 3 3/4c for yellows, as to quality, at the factory. Advices from abroad this week have been easier and note a decline in prices of 1 1/2d since this day week, cables to-day quoting beet at 8s 7 1/2d August and September. The New York market for the raw article is at present very quiet and prices are nominally unchanged at 3 3/4c for crystals and granulated is firm at \$4.72 per 100 lbs., net.

The position of the molasses market is becoming stronger each week as stocks in second hands are being rapidly reduced, and the demand from the country for small lots is still good, consequently importers state the outlook is promising, and all the stock held in store will, no doubt, be wanted. Choice Barbadoes is firmly held at 22 1/2c to 23c, and Porto Rico 24c ex store, in round lots.

There has been more enquiry for teas since our last, and buyers are commencing to show more disposition to operate, but the volume of business so far has been small. The enquiry is chiefly for Japan, Ping Suez and low-grade blacks, the latter being scarce. Advices from Japan this week state that the quality obtainable is poorer than last year, and prices are fully \$5 per picul higher. Locally the feeling is very firm, and higher prices are anticipated in the near future.

**Financial and Insurance Notes.**

The following is from the Insurance World: There seems to be as much danger of over-insuring men as of over-insuring property, and the result is the same, viz: moral hazard. In these days when men can, as a rule, buy all the life insurance they can pay for, or even more if they can get somebody to take their notes, there is a very great likelihood that fellows who have formed the intention of committing suicide will seek insurance in large amounts. We often find a \$1,000 man with a \$50,000 life insurance, the premium having been largely rebated and perhaps his note taken for the remainder. The old story that a widow telegraphed her people, "Jacob died this morning; loss fully covered by insurance," is no longer a preposterous joke. The loss often is more than fully covered by insurance. The beginning of this difficulty is in carrying insurance in old age except possibly in the form of paid-up estates. Elizer Wright long ago pointed out that insurance in old age is impossible and should not be admitted, both because the difficulty is so great and also because the value of the life is so small. Such considerations should make companies unwilling to issue policies except for single premiums at old ages, and a like danger of over-insuring should render companies unwilling to issue very large insurances whether in one company or not, upon a single life, unless in the form of single premium insurance.—Insurance World.

In the Dominion postoffice savings banks there were deposits at the end of the fiscal year of \$32,380,000. During the year \$8,223,000 was deposited and \$7,656,000 withdrawn. Interest allowed amounted to \$1,024,000.

Logan & Co., bankers, Sarnforth, Ont., have assigned. Robt. Logan was formerly connected with private banking concerns at Carberry and Glenboro, in Manitoba, from which he retired some time ago.

**Dry Goods Trade.**

Bradstreet's says of the United States dry goods trade: The market is showing more strength and some departments are doing better. The feeling is more hopeful, and buyers are disposed to keep better supplies on hand. Cotton goods are strongly held, owing to the position taken by manufacturers in curtailing production, and some business is being done at the advance asked. Glenghams have been advanced 1-4c for staples. Printed fabrics are quiet but firm. Dress wools are quiet, but the market is firm, and reorders for fall only accepted at an advance. Flannels are costing more. Men's wear wools are in active demand for spring, and buyers are readily paying the advance asked. As manufacturers take good orders the tendency is to yet further advance prices, to bring them more nearly to the cost of the raw material.

**Hides, Wool, etc.**

Quebec tanners have kept a hide buyer on the Montreal market for some time. Now the hide dealers threaten to start a tannery at Quebec if the tanners will not withdraw from the hide market.

Montreal hide prices are irregular, ranging from 8 to 9c, owing to sharp competition.

Fleece wool at Toronto is quoted at 19 to 20c for washed.

The hide quotation at Toronto is still 8 1/2c for No. 1 green.

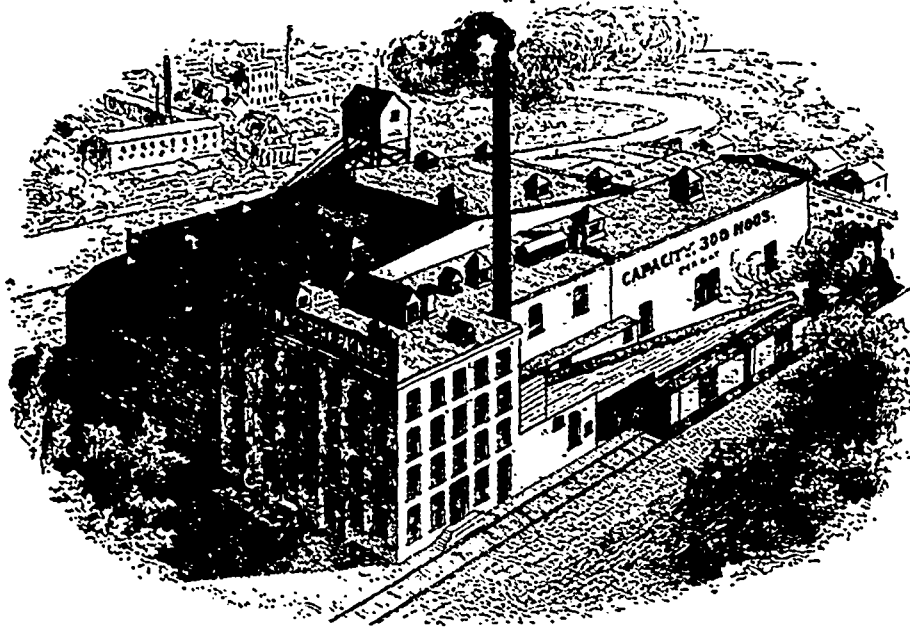
Bradstreet's says of United States wool markets: The demand for wool continues and prices are steadily hardening, while sales from week to week are large. The sales of territory grades were in excess of 7,000,000 pounds, largely in round lots, while over 2,750,000 pounds of Australian were also taken. The basis of sales for territory is about 40 to 42c for fine medium and fine scoured, with staple up to 45c, but many holders will not offer at these figures. Australian wool holds at about 48 to 57c for clothing and combing grades, secured.

**Alberta Stock Growers,**

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Western Stock-Growers' association, held at Macleod, the following resolutions were passed: "That the legislative assembly be requested to instruct the brand recorder not to record any brands for Indians, in accordance with the ruling of the Indian department; that \$500 be appropriated as a wolf bounty on wolves killed after this date." In this connection the number of the inspectors to pay this bounty was reduced to three: Mr. Greely, Maple Creek; Mr. McKay, Calgary, and Mr. John Black, Macleod. Five dollars is to be paid on all dogs and pups, and \$10 on full grown females. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting of the association at Calgary, on the second Thursday in April.

Lethbridge, Alta., Aug. 23. — The miners' strike is settled, the men resuming work to-morrow. The miners secured for concessions, steady work, better ventilation and facilities for handling cars, but no increase in wages. The guaranteed output will be about twelve thousand tons per month.

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Tin—Lamb and Flagg, 50 and 28 lb ingots, per lb 19@20c.

Tin Plates—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12 x 12 and 14 x 20, \$4.50@4.75; I X, same size box, \$5.75@6; I C, charcoal, 20 x 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50@9; I X, box, 20 x 28, 112 sheets, \$10.50@11.

Terne Plates—I C, 20 x 28, \$8.50 @ 9.

Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.10 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.65@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3@3.25; best cast tool steel, lb, 9@11c; Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

Sheet Iron—10 to 20 guage, \$3; 22 to 24 and 26 guage, \$3.25; 28 guage \$3.50.

Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, \$3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 guage, \$4; 22 and 24 guage, \$4.25; 26 guage, \$4.50; 28 guage, \$4.75 100 lbs.

Iron pipe is quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1/2 inch, \$2.50; 3/8 inch, \$2.75; 1/2 inch, \$3; 5/8 inch, \$4; 1 inch, \$5; 1 1/2 inch, \$7; 1 3/4 inch, \$8.50; 2 inch, \$11.50.

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$5.75 lb., broken ois \$6.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb., 14@16c.

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, wet list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 guage, \$6@7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 5 1/2c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; 1/2 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$18 per 1,000. No. 10 guage, \$20.70 per 1,000.

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, \$2.65@2.85 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$2.75@2.80.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 6 1/2@6 1/4c base; manilla, lb., 7 1/2@8c base; cotton, 1/2 to 1/4 inch and larger, 16c lb.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.50 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 1 1/2@6 inch, \$2.65 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes.

Horse Nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5, \$7 50 box No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5 75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above list prices 45 per cent.

### Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.00 100 lbs.

Prepared Paints—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 5 1/2c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1/2c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3 1/2c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18@19c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, 100 lb. kegs, 4c; less than kegs, 4 1/2c lb.

Varnishes—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50@1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50@2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold-size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 @2.25; No. 1 orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

Sundries—Glue, S. S., in sheets, lb 12 1/2 @15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 16 @25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$4; benzine, case, \$4. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2 lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2c., do., less than barrels, lb, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass—First break is quoted at \$1.75 per box of 50 feet and \$2 for second break.

Linseed Oil—Raw, gal., 53c; boiled, gal. 56c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 55c; less than barrels, gallon, 58c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 33@40c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18 1/2c; crescent, 22 1/2c; oleophene, 23 1/2c in barrels. Car lots, 1c gallon less. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 27c for eocene and 24c for sunlight.

### Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, in store at Fort William, 61 1/2c; No. 2 hard, 58c; No. 3 hard, 54c; No. 1 northern, 60c.

Flour—Local price, per sack: Patent, \$1.75 @ 1.80; bakers', \$1.55 @ 1.60.

Bran—Per ton, \$8.

Shorts—Per ton, \$10.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track Winnipeg, 18 @ 18 1/2c. Car lots at country points, 10 @ 11c.

Barley—Car lots at country points worth 11 @ 12c. Nominal.

Butter—Dairy, good to choice, jobbing at 7 to 9 1/2c as to quality and quantity; creamery, 1c higher at 15 @ 15 1/2c.

Cheese—1c higher at 6 1/2 @ 6 1/4c.

Eggs—Dealers were paying 10c net.

Beef—City dressed, 5 @ 5 1/2c.

Mutton—7c; lamb, 8c.

Hogs—Dressed, 5 @ 5 1/2c.

Cattle—Easier at 2@2 1/2c for butchers' stock. Export, 3@3 1/2c.

Hogs—Live, off cars, 3 1/2c for best bacon.

Sheep—Easier. 3c off cars. Lambs, 3 1/2c.

Hides—No. 1 green, salted, 3 1/2c.

Seneca Root—Dry, 12 to 15c.

Poultry—Chickens, 40 @ 45c per pair; turkey, 9@10c per lb. live weight.

Potatoes—15c per bushel.

Hay—\$5.00 for baled on track.

Wool—Manitoba fleeces, 6 @ 7 1/2c as to quality.

### Manitoba.

Alex C. McRae, carriage dealer, Winnipeg, is going east this week to take in the fall fair, with the object of keeping posted regarding the latest improvements and newest designs in carriage goods. Mr. McRae will attend the St. Paul fair and the Toronto Industrial, and will visit Chicago and other points south and east, with the object of studying the latest things in the vehicle trade.

A chartered board of trade will be established at Carberry. A meeting was held recently, at which the necessary number of members was secured. D. W. Bole, president of the Winnipeg board, addressed the meeting, on request from the business people, and explained necessary details as to the formation of a board of trade.

Winnipeg police have captured several men who are believed to be the parties who burglarized several stores recently, at Winnipeg, Dominion City and Portage la Prairie. The goods stolen from the Jas. Robertson Co., Winnipeg, were mostly recovered.

T. D. Cavanagh will continue his live stock trade and butcher shop at E. Horn, though he is moving to Mossmun to take the new Queen's hotel.

Johnson & Co., Brandon, having purchased the southeast corner of Ross avenue and North street, and intend to erect a brick block thereon at once.

The Canadian Pacific railway stock yards at Brandon, and moveable property in the vicinity was damaged by fire recently to the extent of about \$1,000.

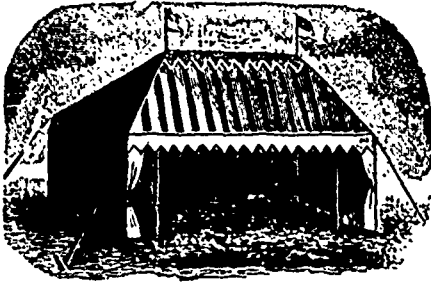
The residence of Jas. W. Boyce, Selkirk, was destroyed by fire last week by the upsetting of a lamp on a table. There was \$900 insurance on the building and effects.

Springfield, Mass., Aug. 24.—An extensive inquiry into European crop conditions conducted by the Orange Judd syndicate of agricultural papers, including the American Agriculturist of New York; the Orange Judd Farmer, of Chicago, and the New England Homestead, of Springfield, Mass., indicates that the food crop situation abroad is indeed grave. Estimates of Europe's, including England's, need of wheat, imports range all the way from three to 400,000,000 bushels. Europe's wheat crops for 1895, 1894 and 1893 averaged about 1,500,000,000 bushels. In the famine year of 1891 it was only 1,200,000,000. The impression is gaining ground that Europe's wheat crop this year is even less than in 1891. But this is not the worst of it. Europe usually produces as much rye as she does wheat. It is the bread grain of the masses. The rye crop of the principal European countries, Russia, Germany, France, Austria, Bulgaria, Roumania and Italy, and the low countries and Sweden, has averaged about 1,300,000,000 bushels annually for 1896, 1895, 1894 and 1893. This season the rye crop of these countries cannot much exceed 875,000,000 bushels.

The annual report of the Vancouver board of trade, for the year ending March last, has been received. The report makes a pamphlet of over seventy-five pages, and contains much valuable statistical and other information about the trade of British Columbia. A large and clearly printed map of the famous Kootenay country is given with the report.

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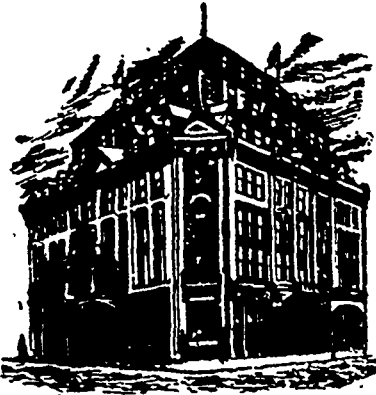
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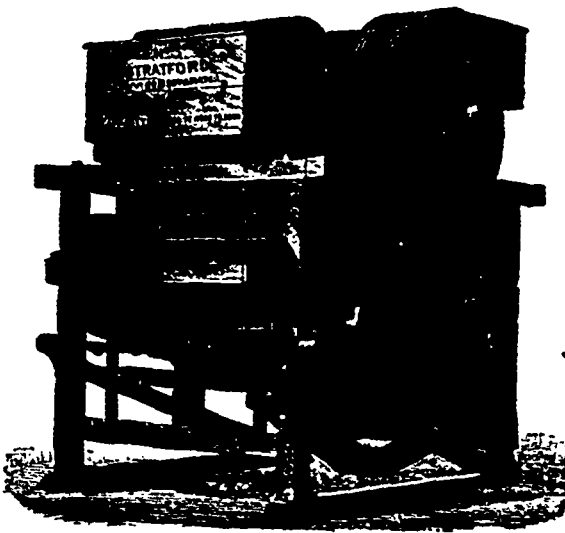
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# Winnipeg Grocery Prices.

| Canned Goods                       |        | Per case   | Cereals                     |      | Per sack | Nuts             |        | Per pound | Teas               |      | Per pound |
|------------------------------------|--------|------------|-----------------------------|------|----------|------------------|--------|-----------|--------------------|------|-----------|
| Apples, 35, 2 doz.                 | 25     | 3 50       | Split Peas, sack 95         | 25   | 2 50     | Brazils          | 14 1/2 | 15        | China Blacks—      |      |           |
| Apples, preserved, 35, 2 doz.      | 25     | 3 50       | Pot Barley, sack 95         | 80   | 2 00     | Taragona Almonds | 13     | 15        | Choice             | 35   | 40        |
| Apples, gallons (per doz.)         | 25     | 3 50       | Pearl Barley, sack 95       | 40   | 4 50     | Peanuts, roasted | 13     | 15        | Medium             | 25   | 35        |
| Blueberries, 25, 2 doz.            | 30     | 3 50       | Roller Oats, sack 80        | 50   | 1 00     | Peanuts, green   | 10     | 13        | Common             | 13   | 20        |
| Blueberries, 25, 2 doz.            | 30     | 3 50       | Standard Oatmeal, sack 95   | 1 00 | 2 00     | Grenoble Walnuts | 15     | 15        | Indian and Ceylon— |      |           |
| Beans, 25, 2 doz.                  | 80     | 2 75       | Granulated Oatmeal, sack 95 | 1 10 | 2 00     | French Walnuts   | 13     | 15        | Choice             | 32   | 40        |
| Corn, 25, 2 doz.                   | 50     | 1 75       | Beans (per bushel)          | 1 10 | 1 25     | Sicily Filberts  | 12 1/2 | 15        | Medium             | 25   | 32        |
| Cherries, red, pitted 25, 2 doz.   | 4 75   | 5 00       | Cornmeal, sack 95           | 1 35 | 1 50     | Shelled Almonds  | 25     | 30        | Common             | 22   | 25        |
| Peas, Marrowfat, 25, 2 doz.        | 1 50   | 2 00       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           | Young Hysons—      |      |           |
| Peas, sifted, 25, 2 doz.           | 1 00   | 1 45       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           | Choice             | 35   | 45        |
| Peas, Bartlett, 25, 2 doz.         | 50     | 3 75       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           | Medium             | 23   | 35        |
| Peas, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.    | 75     | 5 00       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           | Common             | 21   | 30        |
| Peas, Bartlett, 35, 2 doz.         | 50     | 6 00       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           | Japan—             |      |           |
| Pineapple, 25, 2 doz.              | 50     | 5 00       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           | Finest May Picking | 35   | 40        |
| Pineapple, imported, 25, 2 doz.    | 50     | 6 00       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           | Choice             | 30   | 35        |
| Peaches, 25, 2 doz.                | 30     | 4 00       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           | Fine               | 25   | 30        |
| Peaches, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz. | 75     | 5 00       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           | Good Medium        | 20   | 25        |
| Peaches, Canadian, 35, 2 doz.      | 50     | 6 00       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           | Common             | 15   | 20        |
| Plums, 25, 2 doz.                  | 50     | 4 00       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           | Tobacco            |      |           |
| Plums, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.   | 50     | 4 50       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           | T. & B., 35, Cads. | \$13 | 15        |
| Pumpkins, 35, 2 doz.               | 25     | 2 50       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           | T. & B., 50, Cads. | 12   | 25        |
| Raspberries, 25, 2 doz.            | 35     | 3 25       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Strawberries, 25, 2 doz.           | 40     | 4 25       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Tomatoes, 35, 2 doz.               | 25     | 2 25       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Salmon, talls, 15, 4 doz.          | 50     | 6 00       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Salmon, Cohoes talls, 15, 4 doz.   | 50     | 5 00       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
|                                    |        | Per tin.   |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Sardines, domestic 1/2s.           | 06     | 08         |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Sardines, imported, 1/2s.          | 09     | 15         |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Sardines, imported, 3/4s.          | 18     | 25         |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless      | 20     | 35         |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s.      | 10     | 12         |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
|                                    |        | Per doz.   |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Imported Fresh Herring, 15, 1      | 50     | 1 75       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Imp. Klipped Herring, 15, 1        | 90     | 2 00       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Imp. Herring, Tom. Sauce 1st       | 90     | 2 00       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Imp. " Anch. Sauce 1st             | 90     | 2 00       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 1st            | 90     | 2 00       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
|                                    |        | Per case.  |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Corn Beef, 15, 2 doz.              | 30     | 3 25       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Corn Beef, 25, 1 doz.              | 50     | 2 75       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Lunch Tongue, 15, 2 doz.           | 50     | 6 00       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Lunch Tongue, 25, 1 doz.           | 50     | 7 00       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Brawn, 25, 1 doz.                  | 50     | 2 75       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Pigs Feet, 15, 2 doz.              | 50     | 6 00       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Roast Beef, 25, 1 doz.             | 50     | 2 75       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 15        | 2 doz. | 50         | 5 00                        |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
|                                    |        | Per doz.   |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Potted Ham, 1/2s.                  | 75     | 75         |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Devilled Ham, 1/2s.                | 75     | 75         |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Potted Tongue, 1/2s.               | 75     | 75         |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Potted Ham, 1/4s.                  | 1 50   | 1 50       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Devilled Ham, 1/4s.                | 1 50   | 1 50       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Potted Tongue, 1/4s.               | 1 50   | 1 50       |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
|                                    |        | Per pound. |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |
| Green Rio                          | 15     | 17         |                             |      |          |                  |        |           |                    |      |           |

## WINNIPEG DRUG PRICES

Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for broken packages.

|                             |        |       |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------|
| Alum, lb                    | 3 1/2  | 4 1/2 |
| Alcohol, gal.               | 50     | 5 75  |
| Bleaching Powder, lb.       | 06     | 08    |
| Bluestone, lb.              | 06     | 07    |
| Borax                       | 11     | 13    |
| Bromide Potash              | 65     | 75    |
| Camphor                     | 65     | 75    |
| Camphor, ounces             | 80     | 90    |
| Carbolic Acid               | 40     | 65    |
| Castor Oil                  | 13     | 15    |
| Chlorate Potash             | 25     | 30    |
| Citric Acid                 | 55     | 65    |
| Copperas                    | 03 1/2 | 04    |
| Cocaine, oz.                | 40     | 50    |
| Cream Tartar, lb            | 30     | 35    |
| Cloves                      | 20     | 25    |
| Epsom Salts                 | 03 1/2 | 04    |
| Extract Logwood, bulk       | 14     | 18    |
| Extract Logwood, boxes      | 15     | 20    |
| German Quinine              | 30     | 40    |
| Glycerine, lb.              | 30     | 35    |
| Ginger, Jamaica             | 30     | 35    |
| Ginger, African             | 20     | 25    |
| Howard's Quinine, oz.       | 45     | 55    |
| Iodine                      | 50     | 50    |
| Insect Powder               | 30     | 40    |
| Morphia, sul.               | 20     | 25    |
| Opium                       | 40     | 50    |
| Oil, olive                  | 25     | 40    |
| Oil, U.S. Salad             | 25     | 40    |
| Oil, lemon, super           | 25     | 35    |
| Oil, peppermint             | 40     | 50    |
| Oil, cod liver, gal.        | 75     | 25    |
| Oxalic Acid                 | 13     | 16    |
| Potass Iodide               | 37     | 40    |
| Paris Green, lb.            | 18     | 20    |
| Saltpetre                   | 10     | 12    |
| Sal Rochelle                | 30     | 35    |
| Shellac                     | 35     | 40    |
| Sulphur Flowers             | 3 1/2  | 05    |
| Sulphur Roll, keg           | 3 1/2  | 05    |
| Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs | 25     | 45    |
| Sal Soda                    | 20     | 30    |

## The Great Coal Miners Strike.

Pittsburg, Aug. 24.—The final effort to arrange a plan for ending the big coal strike has proved a failure and the strike goes on. At noon the conference between a committee of coal operators and miners, national and district officials, closed, and the conference adjourned without date. The miners' representatives did not recede from their original proposition to settle the strike by arbitration, and start the mines at the 69 cent rate. President Hatchford gave out the following statement: "We have disagreed. Our proposition remained unchanged. Besides our proposition to arbitrate, we made them a second one along the lines of bringing about a general conference of miners and operators of all the mining states. They refuse to lend their efforts in that direction and the strike will be continued. We have no other plans for the future".

Immediately after the close of the morning conference, J. B. Serbe called a meeting of operators for two o'clock this afternoon to discuss the situation and outline a plan for future action. The outlook after the adjournment of the conference seemed to be encouraging for the miners. There is no question of the anxiety of the coal operators to start their mines. Nearly every coal company in the Pittsburg district was represented at

the Monongahela house during the conference.

Pittsburg, Aug. 24.—The coal operators at a meeting after the dissolution of the joint conference, rejected the miners' ultimatum to return to work at the 69 cent rate, pending arbitration. The operators will now carry out the plan adopted at the Cleveland conference, and will open their mines at once. If the old men will not accept their terms, new ones will be imported. The press committee is now preparing a statement for the public, giving the operators' side and placing the responsibility upon the miners' officials.

The Winnipeg Board of Trade and Grain Exchange received on Tuesday a request from the Fort William Board of Trade asking them to memorialize the Dominion government with regard to improvements in the Kaministiquia river in connection with the turning basin for vessels. The government dredge is at work there at present, but it would appear that no instructions have been issued regarding the work at any particular point. The board and exchange wired the minister of public works, urging that every facility be given in connection with this most desirable work, in order to assist in the shipment of Manitoba's wheat crop this year.





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## The Crops.

## NORTHERN PACIFIC REPORT.

Northern Pacific railway crop reports from branch lines in Manitoba for the week ending Thursday night the 26th, show a highly satisfactory condition of affairs. Harvesting is progressing rapidly and wheat cutting will soon be completed in some districts. Following are reports received:

**Brandon**—Weather favorable for harvesting. Wheat will all be cut this week in the immediate vicinity of Brandon.

**Rounthwaite**—Wheat is about two-thirds cut and in stook. Threshing will commence the first of next week. Oats ripening rapidly and some fit to cut. Harvesting operations are somewhat delayed by rough weather and frequent rains. No damage from frost or other source yet reported, and crop promises to be up to expectation.

**Wawanesa**—Weather very favorable for harvesting during the past week. About 50 per cent cut in this vicinity. The yield will be as large as expected. No damage by hail or frost.

**Hilton**—Crop report for period ending Aug. 25th, is encouraging. The weather has been very good for harvesting and in consequence a large part of the wheat is cut. The wheat straw taken as a whole is rather short, but is long enough to bind up all right. Now the wheat is cut the farmers say that it is better than they were expecting.

**Belmont**—Weather has been favorable the past week for the harvest which every one is at. Wheat is very good quality and a good average yield will be the result; this week will find most of wheat cut. No frost as yet.

**Baldur**—Farmers are all very busy cutting. Weather continues very favorable; no frost. One light shower on the 21st, chiefly cloudy with light west to south-west winds.

**Somersat**—Grain cutting is general all through this district, and by the end of the week all wheat will be cut, and should show about twenty bushels to the acre. Barley cutting is also in full swing, and the yield will be about the average. Oats will be light. The weather has been good for the past week.

**Miami**—Weather continues favorable for harvest. Eighty per cent of wheat now in stook; by the end of this week all wheat will be cut.

**Rosebank**—Although wet weather delayed harvest considerably, wheat cutting is now half done. Wheat is fully as good as expected, oats are also doing well. No frost in this district yet. Threshing will commence next week.

**Roland**—Favorable weather for harvesting has prevailed during the past week. All barley and about 75 per cent of the wheat crop is cut. Stacking will commence about the latter part of this week and threshing some time during the next ten days.

**Morris**—Cutting is now in full swing and the majority will be through this week. Wheat will turn out good sample. Had very heavy rain storm last Sunday evening. No damage reported.

**St. Jean**—It rained hard last Sunday night, August 22nd. Some farmers are at work cutting, and others will be soon.

**Letellier**—A great many of the farmers in this vicinity have finished cutting wheat and a few days more will see it all done. Threshing will commence the first of the week. As a whole the weather during the past

week has been favorable for harvesting. We have had but one shower of rain and no hail or frost to do any damage. Prospects seem good for saving the crop and harvesting it in good condition.

**Emerson**—Harvesting about half done. Weather favorable. Threshing will be general by next week.

**Portage la Prairie**—There are so far no unfavorable circumstances to report in connection with harvest operations. Fully 60 per cent of wheat has been cut, and with favorable weather it will probably all be cut within a week. I have not heard of any threshing yet, but threshers are busy making preparations for this branch of the work. Very little stacking has been done yet.

## OTHER POINTS.

**Indian Head, Assa., Aug. 25.**—Our farmers are busily engaged in cutting down the golden grain which is of superior quality. One half of it is already cut. Mr. A. M. Lane, manager of the Brassay and Sunbeam farms, has four or five bladders at work both early and late, the wheat being rank and free from weeds.

**Foxwarren, Aug. 24.**—Harvesting throughout this locality is general. Prospects are splendid for a good crop if the frost keeps off. Farmers are well satisfied with the outlook. The year will be a trifle smaller than last year with a larger acreage.

**Gladstone, Aug. 23.**—A large acreage of wheat was cut last week and by the end of this week there will be very little left standing. The sample is very good and will nearly all go No. 1 hard. On Saturday 88c was bid for No 1 hard. This is an excellent price, but unfortunately very few farmers have any to sell. One farmer said: "I have a few hundred bushels, but I would not stop my cutting to haul it out." It is possible the prices will continue to be good during the fall.

**Ravens Glen, Aug. 21.**—Wheat cutting started here on the 17th, but will not be general until the 23rd. Fields of barley are already in the stook and oats are fast ripening. Although there is not the amount of straw this year there was last, the grain is of a good quality and will be an average crop. Haying is almost finished; most of our farmers have had no trouble in securing a sufficient supply.

**Elphinstone, Aug. 23.**—Harvesting will be general by the end of the week. Considerable amount of grain has already been cut and the yield is very promising. Haying is well advanced and the crop being got up in excellent form.

**Strathclair, Aug. 24.**—Harvesting will be general this week and the yield and quality of the grain will be good. Quite a number of our farmers have already cut early wheat. Cattle are eagerly being bought up now by the local buyers. Some fine animals are to be had. Shipments are expected to begin this week.

**Sidney, Aug. 24.**—A few days more of fine weather and the wheat will be all cut.

**Wapella, Assa., Aug. 21.**—Haying is about over, the crop not being as heavy as usual. Wheat harvesting is general and a large acreage being already cut. It is not anticipated the yield will be heavy, but the sample will be good. The acreage under crop is larger than ever.

## ON BRANDON FARM.

Supt. Bedford, writing of the crops on the Brandon experimental farm, says: "On the experimental farm some

of the cross bred wheats have been harvested, also two or three varieties of oats, the earliest variety of oats this year being Excelsior, cut on August 8th. This is a new variety which promises to be extremely early. The first barley to be harvested was Success, a beardless variety. This was cut on the 10th inst., closely followed by Excelsior and Champlain, also beardless. These beardless varieties have an unusual appearance and are also very early, but the grain is light in weight and seldom cures a bright color. Percy wheat, beardless cross-bred variety, was the first to ripen this year. The wheat so far matured is plump and of a good color and has every appearance of yielding well to the straw. Many complaints have been sent to the farm of dead plants appearing in wheat fields. Although very close examination has been made of a number of injured plants we have failed to detect the cause of injury, and are therefore unable to suggest a remedy. We feel very thankful that Thursday's storm, did very little damage to the crops on the Experimental Farm, but our sympathies go out to those farmers who have lost their crop when it was so near maturity and at a date when it is hopeless to expect a second growth from the injured plants."

## Winnipeg Board of Trade.

A meeting of the council of the Board of Trade was held on Friday afternoon, when matters referring to mail service between Winnipeg and Port Arthur and intermediate points, dredging at Fort William on the Kaminisquit river, in which action was taken by the executive, were reported to the council and approved. Some correspondence from Edmonton relating to the exploration of a route to the Yukon gold district was considered by the council. It was decided to telegraph Hon. Mr. Sifton asking as to what was being done to have a government exploring party go over this ground before next spring, and urging that any such exploration party sent should be accompanied by experienced residents of Edmonton; also that the merchants in Edmonton who have received contributions from wholesalers in Winnipeg for outfitting a party there now should place this or another similar party under government control so that its report will carry government endorsement.

It was decided to wire Edmonton board of trade that the government had been communicated with and urged to explore the route advocated by them, and that any answer received from Ottawa would be forwarded by wire.

A letter was read from the commissioner of inland revenue asking the board to take charge of the collection of grain samples in advance of the standards board meeting. The grain examiners of the board are now arranging for such collection and have advised the department that the meeting should be arranged to be held between the 15th of September and the 15th of October, and that the chairman of the standards be authorized to name the particular date. The grain examiners consented to take charge of the samples as a matter of courtesy to the department, but desired that it should be clearly understood that they in no way endorse the present system of selection of grain standards of Manitoba wheat.

**Chicago Board of Trade Prices.**

Chicago, Aug. 28. — The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, No. 2—Sept., 96 1-8; Dec., 95 3-4; May, .95.  
Corn, No. 2—Aug., 80 3-4; Sept., 81; Dec., 82 7-8; May, 85 1-4.  
Oats, No. 2—Sept., 19 1-8; Dec., 20 1-4; May, 22 7-8 to 23.  
Mess pork—Sept., \$8.57 1-2; Oct., \$8.62 1-2; Dec., \$8.75.  
Lard—Sept., \$4.65; Oct., \$4.70; Dec., \$4.75.

Short ribs—Sept., \$5.25; Oct., \$5.25.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—

Wheat—Sept. 91 3-4; Dec., new, 90 1-4, May 91 3-4.

Corn—Aug. 28 3-8, Sept. 28 5-8, Dec. 30 1-2, May 33 3-8.

Oats—Sept. 18 3-8, Dec. 19 3-4, May 22 1-8.

Mess pork—Sept. \$8.40, Oct. \$8.45, Dec. \$8.55.

Lard—Sept. \$4.57 1-2, Oct. \$4.62 1-2, Dec. \$4.70.

Short ribs—Sept. \$5 27 1-2, Oct. \$5 27 1-2.

Chicago, Aug. 25. — The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, No. 2—Sept., 96 3-4; Dec., 93 1-4; May, 94 3-2.

Corn, No. 2—Aug., 29 3-8 to 29 1-2; Sept., 29 5-8 to 29 3-4; Dec., 31 5-8; May, 34 3-4 to 34 7-8.

Oats, No. 2—Sept., 18 7-8 to 19; Dec., 20 1-4; May, 22 3-4 to 22 7-8.

Mess pork—Sept., \$8.70; Oct., \$8.80; Dec., \$8.87 1-2.

Lard—Sept., \$4.70; Oct., \$4.75; Dec., \$4.75.

Ribs—Sept., \$5.55; Oct., \$5.52 1-2.

Chicago, Aug. 26.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 Sept. 98 7-8, Dec., new, 98 7-8, May 95 3-4.

Corn—No. 2 Aug. 30 5-8, Sept. 30 7-8, Dec. 33 to 33 1-8, May 36 3-8 to 36 1-2.

Oats—No. 2 Sept., 19 1-4; Dec., 20 5-8; May, 23 1-4.

Mess Pork—Sept., \$8.70; Oct., \$8.95; Dec., \$9.07 1-4.

Lard—Sept., \$4.85; Oct., \$4.90; Dec., \$4.95.

Short Ribs—Sept., \$5.70; Oct., \$5.70.

Chicago, Aug. 27.—

Wheat—Sept. 93, Dec. 90, May 91 5-8.

Corn—Aug. 29 7-8 to 30, Sept. 29 7-8 to 30, Dec. 32 to 32 1-8, May 35 7-8.

Oats—Sept. 18 3-8 to 18 7-8, Dec. 20 1-8, May 22 7-8.

Mess pork—Sept. \$8.80, Oct. \$8.87 1-2, Dec. \$8.97 1-2.

Lard—Sept. \$4.80, Oct. \$4.87 1-2, Dec. \$4.95.

Short ribs—Sept. \$5 67 1-2, Oct. \$5 62 1-2.

On Saturday, August 28, wheat opened at 90 1-2c for December options and ranged from 88 1-2c up to 90 3-4c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—August 93c, Sept. 92 1-2c, December 90c.

Corn—Sept. 29 1-2c, Dec. 31 5-8c.

Oats—Sept. 18 5-8c, Dec. 19 7-8c.

Pork—Sept. \$8.75, Dec. \$8.90.

Lard—Sept. \$4.77 1-2, Oct. \$4.82 1-2, Dec. \$4.95.

Flaxseed—Cash \$1.08, Sept. \$1.00 1-2, Dec. \$1.03.

A week ago September wheat closed at 99 1-2c. A year ago September wheat closed at 56 5-8c. Two years ago at 60 5-8c, and three years ago at 53 3-4c.

W. J. Guest, fish dealer, Winnipeg, received the first bulk oysters of the season on Thursday, and hereafter they will be regularly in the market.

**MONTREAL MARKETS.**

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Aug. 28.

Wheat—Excited and firm. No transactions reported.

Oats—Firm. No. 2 white in store 29c, an advance of 1-2c during the week.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$5 to \$5.50; Manitoba patents, \$5.50 to \$5.85.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, including sacks, \$12.50 to \$13 per ton; shorts, \$18.50 to \$14.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.60 to \$1.65 per bag.

Hides—Unchanged at 8c for No. 1 and 7c for No. 2.

Eggs—Fresh, 9 1-2 to 11 1-2c market firm.

**MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.**

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Aug. 28.

Sugars active and firm and quotations show an advance of 1-16c. Granulated, 4 1-16 to 4 1-8c; yellows, 3 5-8 to 3 3-4c. Teas firm. Molasses firmer. Teas have advanced about 2c.

**MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.**

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Aug. 28.

There was no change in prices paid for live stock this week. The prices quoted a week ago hold in each class. Prices are as follows:

Cattle—Export, 4 to 4 1-4c; choice shippers, 4 1-2c; cattle, butchers, 3 to 4c.

Sheep—Steady and unchanged at 2 3-4 to 3c.

Hogs—5 to 5 1-2c. Good demand at steady values.

Exports this week were as follows. Cattle, 3,636; sheep, 1,588. Total exports for the season to date: Cattle, 72,627; sheep, 29,571; horses, 6,159.

**TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.**

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Aug. 28.

Sixty-nine car loads in to-day, including 1,395 hogs and 1,667 sheep and lambs.

Market brisk for cattle and sheep. There was no material change in the prices of cattle from a week ago. Choice butchers were a shade higher. Hogs were a trifle easier. Sheep a shade firmer for shippers. Prices paid were as follows:

Cattle—Exporters paid 4 to 4 1-2c. Butchers' cattle sold at 2 3-4 to 3 3-4c. Export bulls, 3 to 3 1-2c. Stockers, 2 3-4 to 3 1-8c. Feeders, 3 to 3 3-4c.

Sheep—Export sheep brought 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c; bucks, 2 3-4c; lambs, 4c.

Hogs—Hogs, singers, 5 7-8c per pound; thick fat, \$5, and light fat, \$5 to \$5.25 per 100 pounds, weighed off cars.

**BIG BUTTER DEAL.**

The Parsons Produce Co., Winnipeg, has purchased a round lot of 35,000 pounds of creamery butter, the product of the Dominion Government creameries in the Territories, from A. W. Grindley, superintendent of the government cold storage warehouse at Revelstoke. This butter was being offered in ton lots by the government agent, before the purchase. The effect has been to greatly strengthen the butter market in British Columbia.

**THE CROP OUTLOOK.**

While the weather has been a little unsettled the past two weeks, with some showers, on the whole we have no reason to complain and much to be thankful for. The temperature has been moderate. Warm enough to bring the grain on as fast as was desirable, and not warm enough to cause too rapid ripening, consequently the sample should be plump and good. The crop is now practically past danger from frost. Some of the best posted authorities estimate that 90 per cent of the wheat is in stock. Some who have special facilities for knowing how the crop stands, estimate as high as 95 per cent out. Favorable weather for stacking and threshing for the next few weeks will ensure the saving of a moderate crop as regards yield, and of fine quality. With present prospects for prices, the crop promises to be one of the most profitable ever harvested in Manitoba.

Arthur Congdon, dealer in warm water foot-wear, Winnipeg, has during the past two weeks made several express shipments of moccasins and felt shoes to the coast, for the Yukon trade. The goods were sent by express, in response to urgent orders from coast merchants.

**DAIRY QUOTATIONS.**

Montreal, Aug. 27.—Cheese, market quiet, Quebecs 9 1-4 to 9 1-2, Ontarios 9 1-2 to 10.

Butter—Firm, 19 1-2 to 20 1-2.

**DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.**

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

Monday—September 97 3-4c; December 95c.

Tuesday—September 92c; December 89c.

Wednesday—September 95 1-2c; December 92 1-4c.

Thursday—September 96 3-4c; December 92 1-2c.

Friday—September 92 1-2c; December 83 1-2c.

Saturday—September, 92c; December, 83 1-4c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at \$1.02, and cash No. 1 Northern at \$1.02 for old wheat.

Last week September option closed at \$1.00 1-2.

A year ago September option closed at 57 1-8c, and two years ago at 59 3-8c, three years ago at 54 1-2c, and four years ago at 60 1-4c.

**MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.**

On Saturday, August 28, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 88 1-2c for September, and 87 for December. A week ago September wheat closed at 97 7-8c.

**NEW YORK CLOSING WHEAT.**

On Saturday, August 28, wheat closed at 97 1-2c for Sept., and 94 1-8c for December. A week ago September wheat closed at \$1.05 1-2.

Exports from Atlantic ports this week, 5,419,000 bushels.

New York, Aug. 23.—The visible supply of grain statement, as compiled by the New York, produce exchange is as follows:

Wheat—16,729,000, decreased 497,000.

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**British Columbia Markets.**

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Vancouver, August 28, 1907.

Butter has again advanced sharply, going up 8c on Monday. Flour is up 50c. New local oats are now coming in, and prices are lower. Potatoes have declined \$2.00 to \$4.00 per ton.

Butter—Manitoba dairy 10@17c; Manitoba creamery, 24 to 25c.

Eggs—Eastern eggs, 17c.

Cheese—Manitoba 10½ to 11c.

Cured Meats—Hams 13½c; breakfast bacon 13½c; backs 11c; long clear 10c; short rolls, 10½c; smoked sides 10½c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 9½c per lb, in pails and tubs 8½@9c lb.

Fish—Founders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 5c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring 4c; spring salmon 10c each; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; smoked salmon 10c; finnan haddie 10c; kippered herring 12c; Columbia river oolochans 7c lb.; fresh halibut, 6c; sockeye, 4½c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$12.00 per ton; onions 1½c lb; cabbage 1½c lb; carrots, turnips and beets \$10.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons \$4.00 @ 4.25; bananas \$2.75 per bunch; cucumbers, 6 doz. box \$1.25; peas, 30 lb crate \$1.70; Pineapples, doz. \$2.00; plums, 20 lb boxes, 50@40c; peaches, \$1.00; Grapes, \$1.50 box; Melons, \$3.00 per dozen.

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 2-45 pound sacks \$2.80; 4-22½ pound sacks \$2.90; 10-7 sacks, \$2.00; Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2-50's \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.50.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$6.50; strong bakers, \$6.25; Oregon jobbers price \$6.00. Grain—Oats, new, 18@20 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00@24.00 per ton; ground barley \$22 ton; shorts \$21.00 ton; bran \$19.00; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff. Higher prices for bran and shorts next week.

Hay—\$14.00 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef 7@7½c; mutton 7@7½c; Australian mutton, 5c; pork, 7½@8½c; veal 7@8c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, grass fed \$4.00 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$3.75 per 100 lbs; hogs \$6.00 per 100 lbs; cows \$2.00 @ \$2.75.

Poultry—Chickens \$4.00@4.50 a doz. spring chickens, \$3.00; ducks, \$3.50.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 9c; plums 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7½c; loose Muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8½c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 18c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnuts, 18c lb.

Sugars—Powdered and icing, 6½c; Paris lump, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C. 4½c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3½c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1½c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$4 case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$4.75 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 18c; choice 28c. Ceylons: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

**BRITISH MARKET.**

London, Aug. 25.—The prospective dearthness in the price of bread is causing uneasiness here. Already some of the London bakers have put on an extra half penny per loaf. It is expected the rest will quickly follow their example. On exchange yesterday wheat was from five pence to six pence dearer than a week ago, but probabilities pointed to no immediate fall. Flour is four pence dearer on the week. The official report which is not given to extravagant flights of fancy, describes the market as "excited." Such a phrase from such a source is significant.

The corn market at Liverpool on Tuesday was marked by great excitement, values rapidly moving upward. Eight shillings per 100 pounds passed during the session. American cablegrams of a disappointing character caused a slight reaction toward the close, but the final rates showed a very substantial raise on the day for spot parcels, a tremendous quantity exchanging hands on a further advance from 3d to 4d per cental established. To Saturday stocks in warehouse Liverpool showed a decrease of 7000 tons.

**LIVERPOOL MARKETS.**

Liverpool, Aug. 27.—12.30 p.m.—Wheat—Spot quiet; demand poor; holders offer freely. Corn—Spot firm. Wheat—Spot No. 1 red northern spring 8s 1d to 8s 2d; No. 2 red western winter 8s new 3s 4d; do. old 3s 4-4d. Receipts of wheat during the past three days; 278,000 centals, all American. Receipts of American corn during the past three days: 233,600 centals. Closing—Corn—American mixed spot new steady at 3s 4-4d; old mixed 8s 5 1-4d; Sept. 3s 4d; Oct. 3s 4-3-8d. Wheat—No. 2 red western winter dull at 7s 9d; No. 1 red northern spring dull at 8s 2d.

**STEEL WORKERS REDUCED.**

Chicago, Aug. 25.—The Illinois Steel company has signed the amalgamated scale and the big mills of Chicago, Milwaukee and Joliet start up after nearly two months of idleness. The amalgamated scale provides for 15, and 10 per cent reduction in wages of the steel and iron workers respectively.

Liverpool, Aug. 25. — Cattle are steady at 10 to 11 cents. Sheep are higher: current price 1s 11 to 12c.

Paris, Aug. 26.—The cabinet decided this morning there was no ground at present for modifying the duties on cereals.

The Price Current says: Cool weather and insufficient moisture is preventing reasonable progress of late corn, and crops will likely be somewhat short of total wheat yield probably not be over 540,000,000 bushels, giving 175,000,000 bushels for export. The Canadian surplus will be 25,000,000 more. The Orange Judd Farmer estimates the European shortage, compared with the average, as follows: Wheat, 300,000,000 bushels; rye, 325,000,000 bushels.

The French premier estimates the French crop to be 240,000,000 bushels, against 344,000,000 bushels last year.

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The expenditure of \$50,000 as now arranged for will increase the capacity of this packing establishment so as to enable the firm to take from farmers all the hogs they have to offer for some time and enable them to reach out with Manitoba bacon and hams into the outside markets. This will establish a name and a reputation which in the near future will immensely increase the demand. It is only a question of time, and a short time, when farmers, realizing the money there is for them in hog raising of the right kind, will go more extensively into it and make Winnipeg an important packing centre. These prospects give a decided interest to Manitobans in watching the progress of J. Y. Griffin & Co., as step by step they enlarge their facilities and increase their capacity to keep pace with the growth of the trade.

To insure the building being adapted to its uses an architect whose specialty is work of this sort has been brought from Chicago to prepare the plans. The work will be begun this fall and when completed next spring the establishment will be the third largest of its kind in Canada. New engines, new boilers and a complete system of mechanical refrigeration is being put in which is known as the ammonia system. No ice is required and the temperature can be regulated perfectly at any degree from near freezing to 20 degrees below zero. The facilities afforded by the cold storage space at its disposal has induced the firm to include general produce as well as pork in their business.

### Business in Canada.

Toronto, Aug. 26.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly statement of trade in Canada says: While there is as yet no special increase of activity in the general trade movement at Montreal, there is some improvement of demand noted in certain leading lines, and it is patent that a feeling of hopefulness in the future is already growing. The wholesale warehouses have been visited by a fair number of buyers during the past week or so, some of them from quite distant points, and though large purchases have been the exception, still a fair aggregate of business is reported. The cheap general excursion rates going into effect, from the 27th to the 30th instant, good to return up to the 20th proximo, and the fall millinery openings fixed for about the 7th September are

also expected to attract buyers to the city in fair number and it is expected that business will receive some fresh impulse during the next few weeks. The tendency to advance in several leading lines is also accepted as a favorable feature. Collections as a whole are reported moderately good and there is an absence of noteworthy failures. The cold, wet weather of the past two or three weeks has been rather a misfortune for the country, as grain that has been cut has suffered to some extent, and in some sections oats are reported to be showing signs of rust. Dairying interests are, however, prosperous, both cheese and butter showing appreciable advance in values, and exports of the former continue active. The money market shows no change, and ample supplies of call funds are available at 3 1-2 per cent yet.

General wholesale trade is fairly active at Toronto. Orders for fall dry goods are coming in freely, and shipments for Manitoba and the west are large. The good crops and high prices are having a beneficial effect. Confidence has returned, and dealers are greatly encouraged with the outlook. There is some improvement in groceries, with an advance of 1-8c. in granulated sugars, which is jobbing at 4 1-2 to 4 9-16c. per pound. Ceylon and Japan teas are firmer, with good demand. The trade in iron and hardware is satisfactory, and the movement in leather is increasing. Payments are reported as good, and they are likely to be better when grain moves more quickly.

The wheat crop of Ontario is worth millions more to farmers this year, owing to the bountiful supply and comparatively high range of prices. Farmers should take advantage of these high prices, and sell at least a good portion of their wheat. This is the time to sell. It is a mistake to carry over crops from year to year.

Money is easy at 3 1-2 to 4 per cent on call, and prime paper is discounted at 6 per cent. The investment demand for stocks is good. Land and loan issues are now prominent features on the stock exchange. In consequence of the bright outlook for high prices for wheat in Manitoba, the demand for Northwest Land company shares has increased, and the stock is particularly strong. Much higher prices are talked for the work. Freehold is much higher. Canada Permanent Loan, Dominion Savings, Hamilton Provident, Western Canada, Canada Landed, and London and Ontario are in fair demand.

Failures for the week were 34, as against 33 for the same week of last year.

### Live Stock Markets.

At London, on August 23, prices for cattle declined 1-2c owing to larger supplies. Choice States' cattle sold at 11c, Canadian at 10 1-2c, and Argentine at 9 1-2c. Argentine and Canadian sheep were 1-2c to 1c lower at 11 1-2c.

At Liverpool on August 23, choice Canadian cattle were quoted by cable at 10 1-2c, and sheep at 10 1-2c.

At the East End abattoir market, Montreal, on August 23, the supply of cattle was small and a stronger feeling prevailed. Prices advanced 1-4c per lb. The demand for choice stock was good and buyers of this class find it hard to fill their requirements. Choice cattle sold at 4 1-4c, good at 3 3-4c to 4c, fair at 3c to 3 1-2c, common at 2 1-2c to 2 3-4c and

inferior at 2c to 2 1-4c per lb. Live-weight. A few sheep were bought on export account at 8c and the culls sold at 2 1-2c; lambs, 4c to 4 1-4c.

Hugh Walker & Sons, with a score Geo. Day has shipped 147 head of beef steers from Battleford for Gordon and Ironside.

Hugh Ferguson, of Moose Jaw, has shipped for Winnipeg a carload of cattle, which he purchased at Willow Bunch.

J. M. Stewart, of Birtle, was in Winnipeg, with a car of stock recently.

Mullins & Wilson shipped a train load of ranch cattle from Winnipeg on Wednesday, for Liverpool. The stock came from Medicine Hat and Lethbridge.

### WINNIPEG LANDS.

Farm lands around Winnipeg are slowly but surely coming into demand. The best farmers in the Winnipeg district now are men who have moved in from western points within a few years. While new settlers are going away west to secure land, farmers from western points are moving to the Winnipeg district. The attraction is owing to the fact that as Winnipeg is a large consuming market, farmers who market their produce here save the freight and commission which would be charged against the produce if shipped from a country point by rail. This is quite an item, amounting to about 5 cents per bushel on oats and other commodities in proportion. This week we are informed that three large farmers of the Portage Plains have purchased land in closer to Winnipeg. W. J. Smith, it is said, has purchased 900 acres of land near Rosser, at about \$7 per acre. Mark Graham has bought 400 acres in the same district, and A. Sprigston has bought a section of land in the Stinking River district.

### WHEAT STOCKS IN CANADA.

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| Montreal .. . . .                               | 239,000  |
| Toronto .. . . .                                | 25,000   |
| Kingston .. . . .                               | .. . . . |
| Winnipeg .. . . .                               | 161,000  |
| Manitoba elevators .. . . .                     | 438,000  |
| Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin .. . . . | 961,000  |

Total, July 10 .. . . . 1,824,000

### DAIRY TRADE NOTES.

Brockville, Ont., Aug. 20.—At the cheese market to-day 1,900 boxes sold at 9 1-2c; 600, 9 1-4c; 200, 9 3-8c; 600, 9 9-16; 100 at 9c.

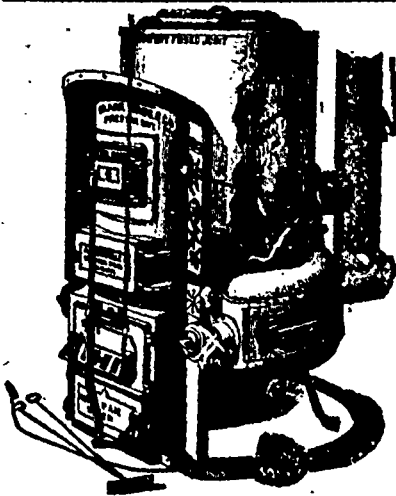
Miss Maidment, a lady dairy expert, from Durham, England, has been visiting Manitoba. She advocates the holding of practical dairy schools for short periods in each small town in the province, in order to induce women to take up the work of dairying and poultry raising.

Cheese was higher at Montreal on August 21, 9 1-2c being paid on spot. Butter was also higher, there being active buying of creamery at strong prices. It was said that 19c and over was paid for finest creamery.

A Toronto report says: The shipments of new crop Valencia raisins that arrived the other day are selling at 6c for fine off-stalk and the present supply is nearly exhausted. It was thought that 7c could have been obtained for this new fruit, which was very fine, but some one began selling a cent less and the others had to follow suit.

D. C. Cameron, president of the Rat Portage Lumber Co., was in the city last week.





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## Grain and Milling News.

A farmers' elevator company is being established at Lumsden, Assa. It is proposed to build a 30,000 bushel elevator.

Mr. Saunders, flour miller, White-wood, Assa., proposes building an elevator at his mill of 25,000 bushels' capacity.

At Montreal, on Aug. 20, oats advanced 3-4c, wheat 2c, peas 1 1-2c per bushel and flour 25c per barrel. Ontario grades of flour advanced 10 to 25c on Aug. 19.

Mr. Metcalfe, who operates an oatmeal mill at Portage la Prairie, was in Winnipeg last week making delivery of a car of oatmeal here.

Bran has declined \$1 per ton at Toronto to \$10 in small lots. Shorts held at \$12 in ton lots.

The Montreal market was strong on Saturday, Aug. 21. Oats advanced, selling at 30 1-4c for a round lot in store, for No. 1, and No. 2 were quoted at 29c. Flour was advanced 25c per barrel, prices quoted being: Winter wheat patents at \$5 to \$5.25; straight rollers, \$4.85 to \$5, and in bags, \$2.25 to 2.35; best Manitoba strong bakers', \$5.50; second do., \$5;

and low grades, \$3.15; Hungarian patents, \$5.90.

Wm. Postlethwaite is making arrangements to build an elevator at Souris, Man., for the syndicate of grain dealers of which he is a member.

Deyell & Co., of Souris, have two new elevators under construction, one at Killarney, and the other at Pipestone.

It has been announced that the Lake of the Woods Milling company will erect an elevator at Qu'Appelle.

The Northern Elevator Co., of Winnipeg, is putting up an elevator at McLean station.

## MANITOBA WHEAT MOVEMENT.

Receipts of wheat at Fort William for the week ended August 21, aggregated 108,907 bushels, the shipments were 159,248 bushels and the quantity in store was 850,619 bushels. For the corresponding week last year receipts were 123,298 bushels, and shipments 145,372 bushels. Stocks in store a year ago were 2,750,632 bushels.

## THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Winnipeg, Saturday Afternoon, Aug. 28.

The outlook continues very hopeful. In fact the feeling has changed from one of hopefulness to one of great confidence. This is owing to the fact that the great bulk of the wheat crop is now in shock, without suffering damage of any kind, and is practically past danger of damage from frost. The feeling has not been so hopeful for many years. Travellers returning from the country report that merchants are in good spirits. One traveller, who has been on the road ten years says he never saw the merchants in better spirits. Of course, the basis of this feeling is the favorable outlook for good prices for Manitoba's great staple product—wheat, but in addition to this the development of mining in the west has been of much benefit to the trade of the city. It is being recognized that the vast regions surrounding the prairie belt, which were regarded by many as valueless territories, have great sources of wealth peculiar to each district, the development of which will add greatly to the population and wealth of Western Canada, and provide a home market for the products of the food-producing prairie region. A feature of the jobbing trade of the city has been the filling of orders for the Yukon trade, in provisions, clothing, etc. These orders come mostly from British Columbia coast merchants, who have been obliged to draw upon Winnipeg for supplies.

There have been no important disturbing features. The failure of a private banking concern in Ontario, with a branch at Glenboro, in Manitoba, is not considered of much consequence here, as the liabilities are not heavy. Bank clearances at Winnipeg this week (see statement in another column) were a little less than for the corresponding week a year ago.

## WINNIPEG MARKETS.

Winnipeg, Saturday Afternoon, Aug. 28.

### BOOTS AND SHOES.

The feature of this branch has been a demand for winter footwear in moccasins, felt shoes, etc., from British Columbia coast merchants for the Yukon trade. Fall stocks have been largely shipped out, and the season's trade has been satisfactory.

### DRY GOODS.

The dry goods trade is satisfactory. Jobbers are very hopeful. This week there has been a good demand for harvesting mitts and gloves, with a fair sorting trade in other lines. Fall shipments are well out.

### DRUGS.

Cream tartar is firm at the advance reported from abroad. Castor oil is firm, owing to reported scarcity of the raw material. Local prices are

steady. See quotations on another page.

### FISH.

The first oysters in bulk, for the season, arrived this week. This is the only new feature. Prices are as follows for fresh fish: White 5 1-2c, pickerel 4c, trout 9c, salmon 12c, halibut, 10c per lb.; kippered goldeyes, 30c per doz. Oysters are quoted at 70c for solelets in cans and \$2.50 per gallon in bulk.

### GROCERIES.

Business is fairly active for the season and prices steady. Sugars are firm, with higher prices talked of. All advices on teas are very strong. Reports of advances abroad are coming to hand. New dried fruits also hold firm in first hands, and the tendency is to ask higher prices than were offered at opening quotations. See prices on another page.

### HARDWARE.

Business is good for the season. There is no change to note in the hardware branch this week. See quotations on another page.

### LUMBER.

Manufacturers report that they have had a very busy summer. The mills have handled more stuff than for many years, but manufacturers claim that prices are not remunerative. Manufacturers here have had to compete with a very inferior class of lumber which has been coming in from the United States. Much of this imported stuff is simply rotten rubbish, but a howl is raised if some of this stuff is sold under quotations of home manufactured lumber, and manufacturers are charged with asking high prices. With the general improvement in trade, manufacturers hope for more profitable business.

### GREEN FRUITS.

There is a large demand for fruits, this being the preserving season. The run is mainly on peaches and plums and though car loads are arriving almost daily from the Pacific coast states, dealers so far have hardly been able to supply the goods fast enough. The fruit arriving is very fine quality, and there is scarcely any which is not taken as fast as it arrives at full prices. Prices on peaches and plums are 15c per box lower this week, the drop having taken place on Wednesday. A car of British Columbia plums came in, being the first lot of the season, but they arrived in very bad shape, and sold at from \$1 per box down to almost any price—see reference to British Columbia fruit in another column. Ontario plums are offering in the east to ship, but Ontario fruit has turned out in such bad condition in the past, that dealers are afraid to touch it, while the prices would not enable them to sell very materially lower than choice Pacific coast goods. When peaches and plums in first class condition can be had at present prices from the coast, there is not much inducement to risk bringing in fruit which is more than likely to turn out badly out of condition, and which would have to be sold at a very low price to induce consumers to touch it. Soft or spotted fruit is not suitable for canning, as it is very liable to spoil and it is only fit for jam, or something of that nature. There is a considerable demand for red apples, but it is too early in the season for red varieties. There is an abundant supply

of good cooking apples, and also yellow eating apples, but fancy red apples cannot be obtained yet in any considerable supply. Blueberries continue very scarce. Arrivals are not equal to supply half of the orders, even at present high prices. Bananas are getting higher, and as the demand is very limited at this season, there is not much money in handling them. The higher freight rate on bananas, mentioned last week, will not go into effect here after all, though it has gone into effect in the States to the south. This higher rate is made by the western freight classification, but freight for Winnipeg is handled on the Canadian joint classification, between here and points south, so that the new banana rate is less than car lots will not affect this market. Melons are in only moderate demand and stocks are running out. There has not been much money in them for the trade here, prices being low. Pears are easier. Tomatoes are arriving slowly and qualities rather poor. Last in sold at 75c per crate, owing to poor quality. No crabs in. Prices on nutmeg and orange melons are nominal, as there are none in. Prices are as follows: California late Valencia oranges \$6 to \$6 50 per box; bananas per bunch, \$1.75 to \$2.50; California lemons, \$6 a box; pea plants 1 1-2c per lb; tomatoes, 75c to \$1 per crate of four baskets; plums \$1.25 to \$1.40; for four basket crate; California peaches \$1.25 to \$1.40 per box; Washington and Oregon pears, \$2 to \$2.25 box; watermelons, \$3 per doz.; Washington crabs, nominal, \$1 per box of 30 lbs. net; blueberries, 8c to 10c lb; apples \$3.75 to \$4.25 per barrel; nutmeg melons, \$1.20 basket; Orange melons, \$2 per crate.

### PAINTS, OILS, ETC.

The feature of this branch is the strong market for linseed oil. Prices advanced 3c on Monday, and will no doubt go higher, owing to the "boom" in flax seed. See article on flax seed on another page. Plate glass is going out freely. Business is good for the season. See quotations on another page.

### GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—It is a long time since the wheat markets have experienced such a shaking up as they have of late. Such wild fluctuations in prices, day after day are certainly quite remarkable. The best informed operators are all at sea as to the outcome. These wild fluctuations cannot be considered a healthy sign, as it gives the appearance of manipulation and wild speculation. It is in the interest of legitimate trade that prices should steady down to a more regular basis. There is much bullish news floating about, particularly owing to unfavorable reports as to the spring wheat crop of the three great wheat states of Minnesota and the Dakotas. The crop was greatly over-estimated, owing to favorable conditions early in the season, and it took quite a time to convince the trade that the crop was not a big one. Now it seems probable that many reports of damage are exaggerated and that the other extreme is being resorted to. Still it seems certain that the crop will average rather light and the quality poor. South Dakota is the poorest and the northern portion of the three states is the best. Still, it is early yet to accept all damage reports as re-

able, and early inspection returns cannot be taken as a thoroughly reliable indicator of the quality of the total crop. The enormous exports of wheat from this continent—5,218,000 bushels last week—are certainly very encouraging, and form about the strongest feature. Total exports from all countries last week were 6,500,000 which shows that North America is the great source of wheat supply at present.

In Manitoba a little new wheat has been moving. At a few points in southern and southwestern Manitoba, a little new wheat has been delivered at the elevators by farmers, where it is taken in for storage. The shipping firms have not placed their buyers yet, and with prices fluctuating so widely buyers will no doubt hold off as long as possible. The first car of new wheat to be shipped, was forwarded from Deloraine, Southwestern Manitoba. It graded No. 1 hard, Winnipeg inspection, 62 pounds to the bushel. No other car lot shipments were reported up to to-day. There is very little old wheat held in country elevators, except what is held by the large milling concerns. A feature of all the wheat market is the big premium on cash wheat. Carrying charges are wiped out. It is doubtful if the premium will extend to new wheat, and it is hardly safe to estimate the value of the new crop on the basis of cash prices for old wheat. The probability is that the spot market will narrow down to nearer a parity with futures.

Prices in this market have varied widely each day. On Monday No. 1 hard sold at \$1.05, afloat Fort William. On Tuesday there were sales as high as \$1.02 in the morning and at 95c at the close. On Wednesday a 60,000 bushel lot was sold at equal to \$1 for No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William. On Thursday there were sales at \$1.01, and \$1 bid at the close. On Friday there was very little business, with the idea of values about 95c to 98c at the close. These prices are for spot old wheat. New wheat is not quoted, as buyers will not make bids on such a wide market. Nominal value of new wheat for future delivery about 10c under spot prices for old crop.

**FLOUR**—The market holds firm, with still another advance this week, of 10c per sack. Prices to the local trade here are quoted as follows as to brand: Patent \$2.60 to \$2.75; bakery, \$2.50 to \$2.55; second bakers, \$2.20 to \$2.35; xxx, \$1.50 to \$1.65 per sack of 98 lbs. to the local trade delivered in the city. Feed grade of flour, \$1 per sack.

**MILLEED**—Bran is quoted at \$8 per ton and shorts at \$10 per ton.

**BARLEY**—There is no business doing in barley. We quote barley nominally at about 27c for feed grade, per bushel of 48 pounds on track here.

**OATS**—Prices are steady. Holders ask 29c to 31c for cars feed oats on track here, per bushel of 34 pounds, as to quality. In the country car lots are held at 20c to 25c as to quality and position, the latter depending on freight rates to point of consumption. The local demand is moderate. No new have been offered yet.

**GROUND FEED**—Market very firm. Rolled feed is held at \$19 to \$20 per ton; chop, \$16 to \$18, as to quality.

**OATMEAL**—While the price of oats has greatly advanced and millers are short of supplies, it seems difficult to get the price of oatmeal worked up.

This is owing to the fact that some jobbers are holding oatmeal, bought before the advance in oats, as we noted last week, and as they are selling at the old price it has a tendency to keep down prices. There were sales reported in round lots at \$1.40 to \$1.50 for rolled oatmeal, which is a low price on the present basis of oats. In small lots to retail dealers and millers are firm at \$1.70 for rolled and \$1.95 for granulated and standard, but jobbers are selling as low as \$1.55 to \$1.60.

**BUTTER**—Creamery. The market is firm. Stocks are largely in strong hands and are not widely distributed, and some dealers who are short have been pushing buying, creating keen competition in the trade. In fact, there has been quite a "boom" in the creamery market. Buyers have been hustling for goods and prices have advanced sharply. About 17c has been paid freely for good creamery, and even up to 18c for choice lots. A feature of the trade is the limited business done this season in the shipment eastward of any class of dairy goods.

**BUTTER**—Dairy. The market for dairy butter continues firm. Buyers are paying 10c to 12c for round lots of dairy here, as to quality.

**CHEESE**—The market is firm, and higher prices have been paid this week up to 7 1-2c having been paid to factories for small lots of mixed sizes. This shows a further advance of 1-2c on the outside.

**EGGS**—The market is firm, 1c higher having been paid this week, and we quote 12c to 13c net paid by dealers for receipts of fresh country stock.

**POULTRY**—Poultry is coming into better demand. Chickens, live, 50c pair, or 10c lb. dressed. Spring chickens, 30 to 50c pair, or 12c per lb. dressed. Turkeys, 9 1-2c to 10c lb. live weight; ducks, 12c lb. dressed.

**LARD**—Prices are: Pure, \$1.60 for 20 lb. pails, and \$4 for 50 lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$5.50 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 7 1-2c.

**CURED MEATS**—Prices have been very strong and there is a tendency to make further advances. There is a good demand and stocks are light. The demand includes orders from coast merchants for the Yukon trade. Prices are: Smoked meats, hams, assorted sizes, 12c to 12 1-2c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11c to 11 1-2c; do., backs, 9 1-2c to 10c; short spiced rolls, 8c to 8 1-2c shoulders, 7 1-2c to 8c; smoked long clear, 8 1-2c to 9c; dry salt meats are quoted; long clear bacon, 7 1-2c to 8c; per lb.; shoulders, 6 1-2c to 7c; boneless shoulders, 7c to 7 1-2c; backs, 8c to 8 1-2c; extra charge of 1-2c for canvassed meats; barrelled pork clear mess, \$13 to \$13.50; short cut, \$15.50 to \$16; rolls \$14.50 to \$15 per barrel. Pork sundries, Bologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 8c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage castings, 20 to 25c; per lb. Pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per pail.

**DRESSED MEATS**—Beef is selling at 4 1-2c to 5 1-2c as to quality, the general price being about 5c for good quality. Mutton easy, ranging from 5c to 6c as to quality. Dressed hogs firm at 6c to 6 1-2c. Veal 5c to 7c as to quality. Lambs, 6 to 7c.

**HIDES**—The market is irregular. Buyers claim prices are too high, but higher prices continue to be paid in special cases. We quote 6 1-2c for No. 1 hides here, 5 1-2c for No. 2 and 4 1-2 for No. 3. Buying is mostly on a flat rate. There is some shipping to the States, notwithstanding duty.

Calfskins 8 to 15 pound skins 6c to 8c per lb.; deskins 10c to 20c each; kips, 5c to 7c; sheepskins, fresh tallow oil, 20c to 30c; lambskins, 20c to 25c; horsehides, 75c to \$1.25.

**SENECA ROOT**—Prices are firmer. The crop here has been short this year, as owing to the low prices very few persons have been engaged in gathering the article. One large dealer says there is not one quarter as much root to market here as last year. He said that up to date he had only shipped 44 bales, while his shipments to the same date last year were 250 bales. Rather higher prices have been paid, several good sized lots having been bought recently at around 16c or a little better.

**WOOL**—Some small lots are coming in. The market is easy. We quote 5 to 5 1-2 here for unwashed fleeces. TA. LOW—Quiet and easy at 31-2c for No. 1 and 2 to 21-2c for other grades, as to quality.

**VEGETABLES**—All sorts of vegetables are very abundant. Potatoes are lower at 25 to 30c per bushel. Beets, turnips, carrots, rhubarb, lettuce, radishes and onions in bunches, 5c to 8c per dozen bunches; peas in pod 1 to 1 1-2c per lb., beans 1c per lb; cauliflower higher, owing to demand from packers for pickling at 40 to 60c per dozen; cabbage, 25c per dozen; celery 15c to 20c per dozen bunches; onions per lb., 2c for native; cucumbers, 10c to 12 1-2c per dozen; green corn 8 to 10c per dozen ears.

**HAY**—Loose hay on the street market sells at \$4 to \$5 per ton and, and shippers are asking \$4.50 to \$5 for baled in the country, equal to \$5.50 to \$6 here.

**BERRIES**—Currants sold yesterday at 75c per pail for black; cranberries, high bush, 20c per pail.

**WOOD**—Tamarac, \$2.50 to \$4.75; pine, \$4.25 to \$4.40; poplar, \$3 to \$3.25 for car lots on track here, per cord. The poplar offering is either dry cut or green wood of last winter's cut.

**CATTLE**—A brisk export trade is going on. The general run of butchers cattle bring 2 1-2c here for ordinary quality, 2 3-4c for fancy and down to 2c for common and rough lots.

**SHEEP**—Are very dull and easy, and quoted at 21-2c to 23-4c off cars here.

**HOGS**—The market is firm and deliveries are light, as farmers are busy with their harvest. Prices have advanced 15c per 100 lbs. We quote Choice bacon hogs weighing 150 to 250 pounds, \$4.75 per 100 lbs.; 250 to 300 lbs., \$4.25; heavy hogs over 300 lbs., \$3.50 to \$3.75, as to quality, off cars here.

J. T. Acheson, of Goderich, Ont., will open a general store at Morden, Man.

W. Watson, livery, Emerson, Man., is burnt out.

A. Klassen is opening in furniture at Grtma.

J. E. Anderson & Co. are opening a general store at Oakville, Man.

A. Chandlir is opening a general store at Orange Ridge, Man.

John Stewart, general storekeeper, Parkisimo, is opening a branch at Rosburn, Man.

John Pyefinch, jeweller, Portage la Prairie, has admitted Norman Graham into partnership, under the style of Pyefinch & Graham.

The business of L. Germain, groceries and liquors, St. Boniface, Man., has been sold to V. Couture under execution of chattel mortgage.



## New York Wheat.

New York, Aug. 28.—Wheat receipts 358,850 bushels; sales, 14,083,000 bushels futures, 40,000 bushels spot. Spot weak, No. 2 red, \$1.08 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 northern, New York, \$1.11 1-2 f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard, \$1.05 1-2 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened irregular and developed weakness all day, with few reactions, influenced by heavy realizing efforts, both local and foreign disappointing French cables with a light export demand and increasing winter wheat receipts; closed 2 cents net lower; No. 2 red, Aug., closed \$1.05 1-2; Sept., \$1.03 to \$1.06 3-4, closed \$1.03 1-2; Oct., \$1.02 7-8 to \$1.05 1-4, closed \$1.02 7-8; Nov., \$1.01 5-8 to \$1.03 1-2, closed \$1.01 5-8; Dec., \$1.01 1-8 to \$1.04 1-4, closed \$1.01 1-2.

New York, Aug. 24.—The disastrous result of operations by eleventh hour bulls was demonstrated in the actions of the wheat market to-day. Failing to secure the necessary assortment of bull news these belated holders punctured the bull bubble and prices fell with a crash to a point over 8c a bushel below the top notch for the year. At the outset the bull leaders endeavored to arrest the threatened deluge by pointing out the comparative steadiness of Liverpool quotations and the frosty weather conditions in the northwest. For a time these influences had some effect, but the market was unmistakably top heavy and soon broke through all restraints, reaching the lowest figure in the early afternoon, when December, after having opened at \$1.00 1-2, sold at 95 1-2. Foreign houses operated on both sides, but were chiefly conspicuous as sellers, led by the continent. A feature of the trading was the comparative heaviness of December, which widened to a 2-2c discount under September, at one time during the day. French cables were particularly weak, closing at 20 centimes to one franc net decline on wheat and 70 to 90 points lower on flour. The Liverpool decline for the day was 2 1-2d to 4 1-4d on futures, with spot wheat quoted firm at 1d to 2d advance. In the early afternoon selling was sharply arrested by talk of heavy export purchases, induced by the dip in prices. The news was followed by a quick rise of a cent a bushel, after which values again yielded to the pressure of long wheat, which continued more or less freely all the afternoon. Spring wheat reports were offset by reported enlarged offerings of new wheat in the southwest. The market closed unsettled at 53-4 to 61-8 net decline. Sales for the day reached nearly 17,000,000, giving some idea of the enormous dumping of long wheat. Some of the afternoon reports made export purchases upwards of sixty loads at New York and outports, but this could not all be confirmed. The range on September wheat was from 97 1-2 to \$1.04, closing 97 3-4. December sold from 95 1-2 to \$1.01 3-8 and closed at 95 3-4. No. 1 northern, New York, was nominally weak: \$1.05 3-4, and No. 2 red, \$1.02.

New York, Aug. 25.—There was a pause in the downward movement of wheat prices today and at the best point of the session a rise of four cents a bushel from yesterday's close, but still 3 1-2 under the highest figure of the year on December. The market started out with bulls in control and a spirited competition for wheat be-

tween local shorts and continental houses. Prices ran up to 98 on this bulge against 95 3-4 last night, but on a succeeding cloud of selling orders, on realizing and short account, dipped to 96 1-4 from which it rose steadily, reaching 99 3-4 in the early afternoon on good all round buying, led by Chicago Cable news was bearish, with the single exception of Liverpool, which, after opening 3d lower rallied 1 1-4d to 11-2d and then easing off slightly closed at 2 1-2 to 2 3-4d less from last night Paris markets opened and closed lower, the final figures being 35 to 37 points off on wheat and 65 centimes to one franc lower on flour. Antwerp was one point lower for the day and Berlin unofficially 8 marks lower, so that, with the exception of early foreign buying and the Liverpool rally today's European cable news was detrimental to confidence on the bull side. Near the close the market was firmly sustained by rumors that exporters had picked up something like 800,000 bushels at New York and outports today. Final figures for the day were at 23-4 to 3 cents advance over last night. Sentiment after change was rather partial to the bull side of the idea that prices have had a sharp enough break to shake out a great lot of burdensome long wheat, allowing the market to rest on a healthy basis again. Local transactions today were upwards of 14,000,000 bushels. At the close No. 1 Northern New York was quoted nominally at \$1.09 3-4 f.o.b. afloat. The corn market was active and higher with wheat, gaining 7-8 to 1 cent for the day. September ranged from 33 3-4 to 34 7-8 and closed at 34 5-8. The range on September wheat was from 98 to \$1.01 1-2, closing \$1.00 3-4. December sold from 96 1-4 to 99 2-4 and closed at 98 1-2. On the curb December sold up to 99 1-4.

Wheat receipts, 155,625 bushels; exports, 181,044 bushels; sales, 14,000,000 bushels futures; 400,000 bushels spot. Spot firm; No. 2 red, \$1.04 3-4 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 northern, New York, \$1.09 3-4 f.o.b. afloat nominal. Options opened strong on a rally at Liverpool, was irregular all day on conflicting news, including weak continental cables, export buying and general covering; closed 2 3-4 to 3c net higher. Aug. closed \$1.02 3-4; Sept., 98 to \$1.01 1-2, closed 98 3-4; Oct., 98 1-4 to 99 3-4, closed 99 1-4; Nov., closed 98 1-2; Dec., 96 1-4 to 99 3-4, closed 98 1-2.

New York, Aug. 26 — Wheat, receipts 109,800 bushels, exports 253,888 bushels, sales 7,935,000 bushels futures, 40,000 bushels spot. Spot firm. No. 2 red \$1.05 7-8 f.o.b. afloat, No. 1 Northern New York \$1.09 7-8 f.o.b. afloat, No. 2 hard \$1.03 5-8 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened strong and advanced on higher cables, a bad scare among September shorts and sympathy with corn, easing up a little in the afternoon under realizing and light export trade, closed 1-2 to 1 1-8 net higher. August closed \$1.03 7-8, September \$1.01 7-8 to \$1.03 3-4, closed \$1.01 7-8, October \$1.00 1-2 to \$1.01, closed \$1.00 1-2, November 99 3-8 to 99 3-8 closed 99 3-8, December 98 1-2 to \$1.00 1-2, closed 99.

New York, Aug. 27.—Wheat lost cents a bushel to-day and the lowest point was about ten cents under the top notch for the season. When Liverpool opened away off this morning and followed it up with further declines on later cables, the local market simply went to pieces. December option settled to 95 cents on first

sales, which was a sheer break of 4 cents a bushel from last night. Then it skirminched around for a time, buffeted down by conflicting orders, but soon settled in to a steady decline, which finally landed it half an hour before the close at 98 7-8. From here it rallied 94 7-8, where it left off. Selling was general during the day. Local houses foreign interests threw over liberal quantities. In all 11,500,000 bushels were traded in. At the close No. 1 northern wheat was quoted nominally 106 14 and No. 2 red 102 1-4, both f.o.b. afloat. Corn was not so active as yesterday. It lost less than a cent and closed pretty firm. Cables were higher and foreign houses bought. December ranged from 97 1-8 to 98 1-8 and closed at 97 3-8.

Wheat, receipts 118,375 bushels, exports 35,888 bushels, sales 11,505,000 bushels futures, 125,000 bushels spot. Spot weak. No. 2 red \$1.01 1-4 to \$1.01 3-4 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern \$1.06 1-2 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened weak under disappointing Liverpool cables, advanced with corn, weakened again under liquidation, but finally rallied on covering and closed 3 5-8 to 4 1-8 net lower No. 2 red. Aug. closed \$1.00 1-4, Sept. \$07 3-8 to 99 7-8, closed 98 1-4, Oct. 95 7-8 to 97 3-8, closed 95 7-8, Nov. closed 94 7-8, Dec. 93 7-8 to 96 1-2, closed 94 7-8.

## WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The Winnipeg clearing house returns for the week ending Aug. 26 are as follows:

| Clearings.                       | Balances.             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Week ending Aug. 26, 1897 ... .. | \$1,181,856 \$205,976 |
| Week ending Aug. 26, 1896 ... .. | 1,249,149 216,747     |
| Week ending Aug. 26, 1895 ... .. | 883,022 179,932       |

## FREIGHT RATES.

Chicago Trade Bulletin says business is active and cars are scarce. The tariff on flour and grain is 20c, and provisions 30c per 100 lbs to New York. The rate on wheat is 14.05c per bushel, from Chicago to Liverpool. The rate on flour 22 1-4 to 23c. Through rates, lake and rail, from Chicago to New England are steady at 10c per bushel on wheat. Lake rates were higher at 1 1-2c for wheat and 1 3-8c for corn to Buffalo and 2 1-2 to 2 5-8c for corn to Kingston.

P. Dickson has taken the wholesale agencies formerly held by Theo. Fahay, representing Jas. Robinson, Hudson's Bay Knitting Co. These agencies cover Manitoba and the Territories.

At Montreal on Monday last oats again advanced 3-4 to 1c per bushel, with sales at 30c for No. 2 in store. On the other hand oatmeal declined 10c per barrel, to \$3.30 for rolled, and \$1.60 per bag.

Currants have advanced 1s 6d, according to late advices from abroad.

A lot of about 60,000 bushels of wheat, held by Nichol, of Boisjardin, Man., sold on Wednesday on the basis of about \$1 per bushel, afloat Fort William, for No. 1 hard.

James Robinson, wholesale boot and shoe dealer of Montreal, has just closed one of the largest deals in this line ever transacted in this city, says a Quebec report. He has purchased the whole of the stock of the Essex factory. The price paid for this will reach in the vicinity of \$50,000. It will require a train of seven cars to ship it to Montreal.