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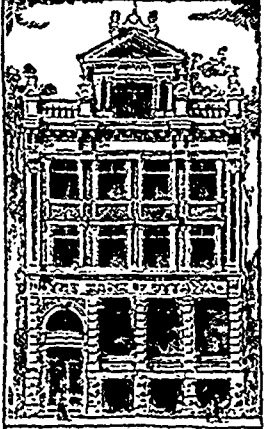
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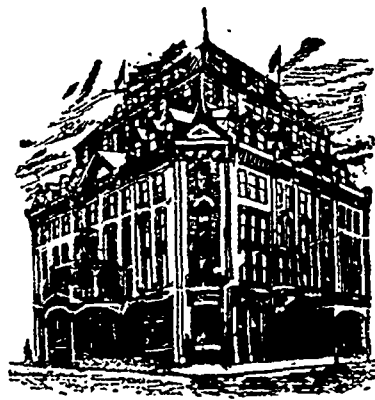
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Paper Famine.

Under this heading the Toronto Globe of Thursday last reviews the paper situation in Canada and elsewhere, in a way which should cause heavy users in the west to look closely after their stocks. The Globe says: "Cable advices state that there is a great scarcity of white paper in Great Britain, and hint at the possibility of a paper famine as a result of the increased demand for newspapers consequent upon the commencement of hostilities in South Africa. Dispatches from the principal paper mill centres in the United States are to the effect that there is a considerable shortage in the paper supply of the republic, and the Canadian manufacturers report that they are unable to fill home orders now without paying attention to demands from outside the country. It will be seen from this that the scarcity in white paper is widespread, and that the situation may become serious. Manufacturers at present, however, anticipate nothing more than a general stiffening in prices, but each Canadian mill-owner and large dealer has sent out a circular withdrawing prices for the present, and for the first time in some years orders are being rejected or half filled.

"The causes in the scarcity of paper in England are said to be threefold the great increase in the circulation of newspapers, the lessening of the supply of wood pulp from Norway and Sweden, consequent on the drouth in those countries, which has stopped waterpowers, and the absence of shipments from this side of the water. In the United States the advance in the price of paper is laid to the increase in the

price of coal and transportation rates, but the demand there has evidently grown, for American manufacturers have been vainly seeking shipments from the Canadian mills. Formerly this country imported a considerable quantity of paper, but the increased demand both in England and the United States has left to the Canadian manufacturers the entire home trade, and it is taxing the facilities of the mills to supply it. The largest paper manufacturer in the country is stated to have said the other day that he could sell wood pulp at a greater profit in the United States now than he could the manufactured article here.

"Owing to the fact that the contracts for the supply of white paper to newspapers have in most cases several months to run there has been no advance as yet in news paper, but other lines have all gone up. The brown wrapping paper is now quoted at 2 3-4c in large trade lots, and manila has advanced to 3 1-4c. Book paper has gone up half a cent a pound, and paper bags have advanced heavily. The manufacturers are frequently receiving letters from American firms asking for quotations on paper, but the representatives in this city of the various mills say that all they can reply to these letters is that they cannot take any orders at present. The representatives here have been practically instructed not to look for business.

"From the United States shipments of paper to England have ceased, and English dealers here, it is said, already made inquiries in Canada. It was stated by a member of one firm yesterday that possibly at a later date Canadian manufacturers would be in a position to secure some of this English trade."

B. C. Interior Trade.

As no answer has been made to the often repeated query, why can Toronto hold the Kootenay trade away from Victoria and Vancouver, the Commercial representative yesterday put the query direct to wholesalers. The reply was the same in every instance Toronto shippers get certain advantages that Vancouver shippers do not get in the way of classification of freight. Goods from Vancouver are sent always correctly classified, being closely inspected by a C. P. R. official at Vancouver. If a carload is being made up and two-thirds of the carload is comprised of sugar, canned goods and such heavy freight upon which the lowest rate is charged, and the carload can be completed with first-class freight, such as tea, sago, tapioca, etc., this must be classified differently, and the full first-class rate of \$1.50 per hundred is charged. In Toronto (so the Vancouver jobbers say) freight leaving that point for the Kootenays, first-class and fifth class, are placed in the same car and the carload made up as fifth-class freight. Thus the Toronto jobber gets a carload rate for fifth-class freight on a car of mixed freight and is actually enabled to cut out Vancouver and Victoria in articles that can be sold, (all things being equal) at much greater advantage than from eastern Canada, such as California goods, English goods, tea, sago, tapioca, Oriental goods, etc. A number of jobbers all agreed that the reason Vancouver could not compete with Toronto in Kootenay was that either the inspector who classified the freight was too strict in Vancouver or the Toronto inspector was not strict enough.

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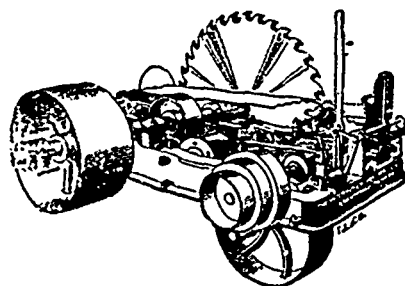
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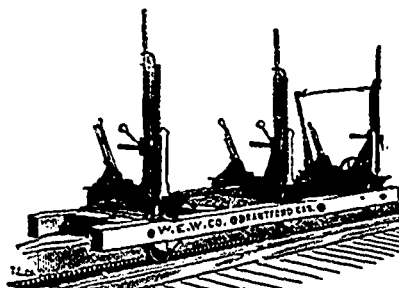
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WINNIPEG, DEC. 16, 1899.

NEGLECT OF A PROFITABLE INDUSTRY.

Winnipeg packers report some increase in the number of hogs being marketed here this season, compared with last year. It is to be hoped that this increase will be permanent and will continue to grow until we can at least supply our own requirements of fresh and cured hog products. During the past year an enormous quantity of cash has been drained out of the country to supply our importations of hog products. Carloads of these goods have been arriving continually from eastern Canada and the United States, to supply the trade of western Canada. It is a matter for regret that this trade has not been supplied by the farmers of Manitoba. Our mining districts and the great northern country take large quantities of cured meats, in addition to the local trade of the agricultural and stock-raising sections of the prairie region. Our production of hogs has not been sufficient to supply even the local trade, much less the outlying lumber, mining, ranching and northern trading regions.

Some years ago efforts were made to induce Manitoba farmers to raise more hogs. The movement was successful and the number of hogs increased rapidly, to such an extent that we were obliged to ship quite a quantity of live hogs to eastern Canada markets in order to find sale for them. This was a very wasteful way of disposing of the hogs. Prices were not very high for hogs at the time and the shipment of live hogs a long distance by rail is an unprofitable and expensive operation. Besides, freights were higher then than they are now. There was no help for it, however, the difficulty being that we had no properly equipped

packing houses for handling the hogs on the spot. The farmers became discouraged and went out of the hog raising business.

Conditions now, however, are quite different. We have large and well-equipped packing houses, capable of turning all the hogs that the country is likely to produce for years to come, into cured product. The curing and packing of the hogs here would, of course, be a vastly more economical way of disposing of them than by shipping live hogs to a distant market, consequently, with our present facilities the raising of hogs should be much more profitable to the Manitoba farmer than it was some years ago. If those who became discouraged and gave up raising hogs were to try it again, they would likely find it now a more profitable business. The wasteful plan of shipping live hogs east would not now be necessary, even if the quantity of hogs marketed here were doubled or trebled, as they could be packed on the spot and the product would all be required for the home trade of western Canada. But even if we had a surplus over home requirements, it would be much more economical to pack the hogs here than to ship them away in a live state. The probability of a surplus, however, seems remote, when we review the past history of this country in the raising of hogs. Even when we were shipping live hogs away at very low prices, there was a market at home for them all, if we had then had packing facilities for handling the animals.

Unfortunately, since the large packing houses were established, the supply of hogs has been limited and irregular, and what at one time promised to become a flourishing local industry, giving employment to a large number of persons, has been greatly retarded. In a grain country, where freight rates are such an important factor as they are here, owing to the long railway haul which our products are subject to in order to reach the markets of the world, the raising and packing of at least our own supply of hog products should be a very profitable undertaking. There is bound to be a certain amount of rough or off grade grain, varying with climatic conditions in different seasons, which could be turned into pork at home more profitably than to ship abroad. By selling this grain and importing hams, bacon and such products, it would appear that we are burning our candle at both ends at the same time, when it should not be necessary to burn it at all. We are paying freight on the feed grain shipped away, and also paying the freight and in some cases duty too, on the

hog products brought in. This is certainly a wasteful policy, and one which it is hoped will soon be changed.

While discussing the hog question, it may be stated that there was a considerable mortality among young hogs in Manitoba last spring and summer, which it is said was due to excessive feeding of strong grain food, which probably means that the hogs were given too much wheat. This is a matter, however, which, hardly comes within the scope of an article devoted to the commercial side of the question.

ELEVATOR POOLS.

In granting sites and other privileges to the Buffalo elevator syndicate, to build elevators at Montreal, it is to be hoped the Montreal harbor commissioners will take precaution to retain some control of rates, etc., to be charged by the elevator corporation. The fact that the proposed new company is known as the Buffalo syndicate, is alone a matter for suspicion. The Buffalo elevator pool has managed to place a heavy and unreasonable toll upon the grain trade of the west. The Montreal harbor commissioners should take care that they do not create another interest at that place, similar to the one that has so successfully tolled the grain trade of the west at Buffalo.

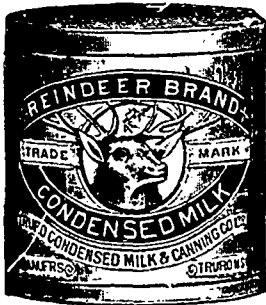
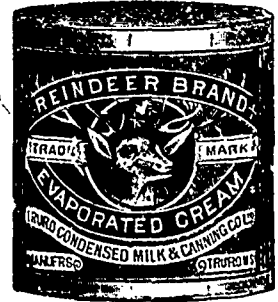
Early Closing.

Hoover & Co., Winnipeg, deserve a word of commendation for their move in the direction of early closing. The Winnipeg clerks have been agitating for some time to secure the closing of stores at six o'clock in the evening, instead of at seven, as is now the custom, except on Saturdays or evenings before holidays. Hoover & Co. have announced, without waiting for other merchants to agree to the proposals, that after January 1 they will close their store at six o'clock. This should be a great assistance to the clerks in their efforts. The claim of those opposed to early closing is that consumers, who are busy until six o'clock, will be greatly inconvenienced if the stores are closed earlier. Hoover & Co. are in a business which would suffer more severely by early closing than any other line, if the arguments against early closing are sound. The clothing and gent's furnishing trade almost more than any other branch, is a business wherein the goods handled are used by people who have the least time during the day to make purchases. At the same time we do not believe Hoover & Co. will lose anything by their decision to close at six o'clock. Rather the contrary. Early closing should be a benefit to all concerned—merchants as well as clerks. The closing of stores one hour earlier than at present will not reduce the consuming power of the people, but it will reduce the expense of doing business, by curtailing gas bills, etc. If merchants could overcome their little petty jealousies, and decide to close their business places regardless of what some other dealer may do, it would be better for themselves and all concerned. Hoover & Co. have set a creditable example in this respect.

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Final Manitoba Crop Report.

The final bulletin for the season of 1899, giving crop and other information, was published Wednesday last. The yield of wheat for the province is placed at 17.13 bushels per acre. The August estimate was 20.55 bushels per acre. The total wheat crop, on the reduced estimate of yield, is 27,922,230 bushels, instead of 33,504,000, according to the August report. The yield of oats is placed at 38.80 bushels per acre, and a total crop of 22,318,378 bushels. Barley, 29.4 bushels per acre, and a total crop of 5,379,156 bushels. Flax, 14 bushels per acre, total crop, 304,920 bushels. Potatoes, 168.5 bushels per acre, total crop, 3,226,395 bushels.

The make of butter for the season is estimated at 1,354,240 pounds of dairy butter, which realized 14.44 cents per pound and 1,002,809 pounds of creamery butter, which realized 18.75 cents per pound. Factory cheese, 845,587 pounds, which realized 10.14 cents per pound.

Shipments of cattle from the province are placed at 12,000 head of beef cattle and 35,000 head stockers. Of the latter, 15,000 are said to have been shipped to the territorial range country, and 10,000 to the United States. No sheep or hogs were shipped out of the province. The number of head of live stock held by farmers does not show much change compared with last year.

The quantity of land prepared for crop for next spring shows a large increase, the total being 1,492,085 acres, or an increase of 480,630 acres over that reported a year ago. Of this, 861,070 acres is fall plowing, 158,515 is new breaking, and 472,500 acres of summer fallow. The open fall is accountable for some of the increase in land prepared for crop, the fall plowing exceeding last year by 253,350 acres, the balance of the increase being in new breaking and summer fallow.

Felt Footwear.

The comfort of the feet will now be an important consideration in the west since winter seems to have set in in earnest. Felt footwear promises to be more than ever popular with all classes this season and deservedly so, as the various lines of these goods offered are better adapted to withstand the extreme cold than leather, and manufacturers have succeeded in so perfecting the quality and appearance of their products that very little remains to be desired on either score.

As regards the styles of this year's felt shoes and slippers there is not much change to notice. Makers are getting the shapes down to neater and less clumsy looking dimensions and some really stylish lines are being shown. Very pretty styles of slippers for ladies' wear are being shown both with and without fur trimmings. These are made in various colors such as red, brown, green, navy and black.

The most noticeable feature of this season's trade so far is the improved demand for the best grades of goods. This is due partly to the improved condition of the people financially and partly to the fact that buyers are recognizing with increasing force that in this line perhaps a little more than any other the best goods are after all the cheapest.

Navigation opened this year at Montreal on April 24 and closed on November 29. During the season 801 ships arrived in, a decrease of 67 as compared with last year. The number of coastwise vessels increased by 344 as compared with 330 last year.

A stronger feeling has developed in the market for beef hides at Montreal, according to the Gazette, and prices have been marked up 1-2c per lb, which is to some extent in sympathy with the recent advance in primary markets, but largely due to the scarcity of the same in this market and the good demand at present from tanners. Dealers are now paying 10-1-2c for No. 1 hides. Lambskins have also advanced 10c each, and dealers are now paying 85c each.

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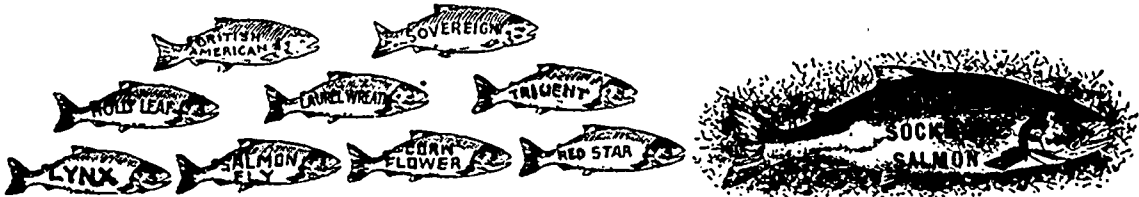
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North-West Commercial Travelers Association.

The Northwest Commercial Travelers' Association of Canada will hold its annual meeting in Winnipeg this evening. A few words regarding the association will therefore be timely. The association was organized at a meeting held at the Grand Union hotel, Winnipeg, on Oct. 10, 1882. An adjourned meeting was held a few days later, on Oct. 13, when the following first officers and board of management were elected. President, Jos. Mulholland; vice-president, Thos. Johnson; treasurer, W. R. Langridge; secretary, M. Mackeard; directors, J. T. Wilkinson, W. McPherson, J. J. Fanning, A. B. Co-blentz, F. Chilcott. This board served for the year 1883, and was re-elected, without change, for 1884. In 1885 there were some changes in the board, including the election of John M. O'Loughlin as secretary. The latter gentleman has held this position ever since, and has done much to place the association in the prosperous condition that it occupies to-day. The association has been very successful in its operations and is now a numerically and financially strong organization, as will be seen by the reports

coming year is held in accordance therewith. Our constitution was amended by an act of the legislature, permitting the necessary increase in officers and directors, in accordance with the above by-law. This amendment was mainly sought to give our British Columbia members an equitable representation on our board, and we have reason to believe that this

during the past year nine meetings, with an average attendance of seven members.

Finding the investments with the Manitoba Trusts Co. were so satisfactorily handled, your board have invested further sums in this way, and have endeavored to close out all the old loans, and have succeeded with two exceptions. Of these one property has been acquired on behalf of the Association, who have now a clear title, the property being satisfactorily rented and in the market for sale, and will no doubt be disposed of at an early date at the price it is valued at, as it is in first class condition. The remaining mortgage, for which we have good security, the interest is being promptly paid and there are no arrears.

Early in this year your Board made a new Accident Insurance contract with the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, which has proved very satisfactory, all claims during the year being promptly attended to. This new contract is more advantageous than anything in the past, as it covers, in addition to accidents, disability or death resulting from a number of diseases, the privilege is also given to members of taking further insurance



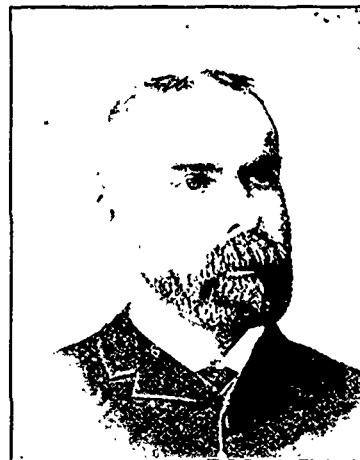
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President N. W. C. T. A. for 1887-88.



M. R. O'LOUGHLIN,
President N. W. C. T. A. for 1899.

given below, which will be presented at the meeting to-night.

We take pleasure in presenting our readers this week with a portrait of each one of the past presidents of the association, and also the present president and secretary.

REPORT OF DIRECTORS.

The following report will be submitted at the meeting of the North-west Commercial Travellers' Association, to be held this evening:

Your board of directors have great pleasure in presenting you the seventeenth annual report of the association.

The progress that has been made during the year ending November 30th, 1899, has marked this as the best year in its history.

Our membership is the highest we have yet attained, being 629, a gain over last year of 117 members, or nearly 25 per cent. Of this gain, British Columbia has about its full quota, and it is very gratifying to see the largest increase from that source.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the last annual meeting, by-law 3, article 3, has been amended, and the election of officers for the

will increase the harmony and good feeling always existing between the members of British Columbia and Manitoba and the Territories, and be a direct incentive to further efforts on behalf of the British Columbia members for the welfare and prosperity of the association generally.

Your board beg to report having held

to the extent of \$2,000, at the same low premium. This contract has been renewed for the year 1900.

Your Board beg to report having carried out the wishes of the Association by furnishing a ward in the Jubilee Wing of the General Hospital, to be known as the Commercial Travellers' Ward, and that the thanks of the Hospital Board have been cordially given the Association. Any member of the Association visiting the Hospital should inspect this ward.

Owing to the amendment of the Mortuary Benefit By-law it was thought advisable to make an audit of the Mortuary Ledger. This has been done, and is reported by the auditor as being correct and in accordance with the provisions of the amended by-law. Our Mortuary Benefit this year amounts to \$126,630.

It is with great regret that we have to report the death of four of our members this year, namely, A. E. Waldon, Wm. G. Neilson, J. K. Whinnery and by accident Gordon E. Drummond, all of which claims have been promptly settled.

It has for some time been felt that something should be done to preserve

some record of an interesting character of the history of the association, and after a discussion it was resolved that no but e why could be found than by at once getting a good photo enlarged of all the past presidents of the association, to be framed and kept in the board room. This work has been commenced, and twelve good pictures of past presidents of the association can now be seen in the board room, in the McIntyre block. Several of these were difficult to obtain, as unfortunately, several of our past presidents are no longer living, thus showing that this work should be kept up to date if it meets with the ap-



ANDREW STRANG,
President N. W. C. T. A. for 1891.

probation of the members and they desire it continued.

Your board were pleased with a resolution passed at the regular meeting of the association in November where it was resolved to drop the usual annual winter reunion and substitute therefor an excursion in the summer to the Pacific Coast, and hope that the strong committee appointed in connection with the new board will take hold of this matter at an early date and make satisfactory arrangements for a successful trip. All members of the association will be notified by circular of the final arrangements of the committee in ample time for any or all to participate.

Our relations with the railway companies are harmonious, and our secretary has had no complaints to report throughout the year. Your board have not lost sight of the desirability of further reduction in our commercial rates, but find that although slight reductions have been made in general passenger rates to some points the time is not opportune to press the companies for further reductions.

Your board have much pleasure in stating that they have secured a permanent board room in the McIntyre block, where the secretary can be found during business hours.

Your board, owing to the satisfactory way in which the funds of the association are growing year by year, feel that the time has now arrived to take some steps to carry out one of the main objects of the association—that is, to provide a permanent building for the use of the members. At present, of course, it is too soon to think of building, but your directors think that possibly it would be wise

to purchase a lot, in a good central location, on which to build when the funds warrant it. They take this opportunity to bring the matter before the association for discussion.

Your retiring officers and directors cannot close this report without congratulating the association on the exceedingly prosperous year just ended, and we trust that each year will show the same steady increase.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED W. BREWRY, President.
JOHN M. O'LOUGHLIN, Secy.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I have much pleasure to report the financial success of our association during the last year. Our gross income being \$7,477.04, showing an increase over last year's income of \$1,483.05, or nearly 25 per cent.

It is very gratifying to note the continued steady increase in our funds. The balance at the end of this year amounted to \$25,667.59 in assets, showing an increase over the balance of last year of \$3,212.93.



L. C. MCINTYRE
President N. W. C. T. A. for 1892.

There have been three claims upon the Mortuary Benefit Fund this year, amounting to \$1,270.00.

The interest collected during the past year amounted to \$1,342.31.

There are no unpaid accounts.

Your attention is called to an item in the receipts for \$93.70. This we are indebted to the kindness of the provincial government who amended our constitution practically free of cost.

Last year we had in mortgages the sum of \$7,888.78. Of this amount the sum of \$4,040.00 has been paid, and this, with other surplus funds of the association, has been invested with the Manitoba Trust Co., making a total of \$7,000 for this year.

The books and vouchers have been duly audited, and the auditor's report is submitted with statement.

L. C. MCINTYRE,
Treasurer.

United Commercial Travellers of America.

Winnipeg Council, No. 151, United Commercial Travellers of America, held its regular meeting on Saturday night

in the Oddfellows hall, McIntyre block, in this city, with Past Councillor O. M. Hatcher presiding. The following novitiates (examined and accepted) councillors, after having passed over the stony way and proved themselves worthy of good fellowship: G. O. Wilson, with Clark Bros. Co., Winnipeg; Murray MacGowan, with J. Y. Griffin & Co., Winnipeg; R. J. Salisbury, with the National Cash Register Co., Dayton, O.; A. D. Elliott, with Massey-Harris Co., Ltd., Winnipeg; M. J. Armitage, with Jas. Johnson & Co., Toronto. After regular business had been finished all sat down to a pleasant midnight repast, served by Mrs. Hample.

This order is providing \$6,300 accidental insurance, with \$25 per week indemnity, and the average cost for twelve years has been less than \$8 per annum. The result is that while the Winnipeg council was only instituted last July, the membership is now large and growing wonderfully. Aside from the insurance feature, it is a secret order of the highest grade. The membership in the United States is about 15,000.

The next regular meeting will be held Saturday night, Dec. 23, when a very large class of candidates is expected.

About the Travellers.

H. Kice, of The Sanford Co., was in the city this week.

John D. Roberts, agent for G. F. and J. Galt, in British Columbia, was in the city this week.

Mr. Miller, western representative of The Empire Tobacco Co., went east this week for the holidays.



M. W. RUBEL,
President N. W. C. T. A. for 1893.

A general meeting of the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada was held at Toronto on Dec. 2. President C. E. Kyle was again nominated for president and elected by acclamation, M. C. Ellis, first vice-president, William Caidwell, second vice-president, J. C. Black, treasurer, were all elected by acclamation. For the Hamilton board—Wm. Bremner, first vice-president, James Hooper, second vice-president, were elected by acclamation. Returns from the ballot for directors will be made known at the annual meeting on December 28.

Hall Bros. & Co., butchers, Portage la Prairie, has dissolved, J. McCormick retiring.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

Spice' cotton advanced last week at Canadian manufacturing centres 30c per gross as a result of the condition of the raw cotton market.

Linen goods have held all their old-time favor this season for Christmas gift purposes. Handkerchiefs, table cloths and napkins, etc., have met with a good demand.

Notwithstanding the higher prices being asked for silk goods of all kinds there has been an increased demand for silks this season and holiday goods have moved in an exceptionally brisk manner both here and in the east. Art silk goods of Chinese and Japanese manufacture have met with a large demand. Silk neck scarfs have been a leading line.

A unique scheme is being worked by a Detroit company for the promotion of trade. The company is composed of ladies and carries on a dressmaking business. By the present scheme any woman who works the idea out can get a \$12.25 silk skirt for 25c. Coupons are being issued which sell at 25c each. A lady buys one from a friend goes to the office of the company and



A. S. BINNS,
President N. W. C. T. A. for 1896.

on presentation of the coupon is allowed to buy seven others for \$1.75 or 25c each. These she in turn sells to seven friends at 25c each, thus getting back her \$1.75. When these seven friends have each returned their coupons and taken out seven others at the same price, thus paying into the company \$12.25, the first lady is entitled to her skirt which it will be seen has only cost her her original outlay. Then the same process is repeated by each of the seven other ladies and so on ad infinitum. The ladies who compose the company claim to be honest in their purpose and offer to redeem any coupons which remain unsold in first hands. Of course, it is easily seen that the claims for skirts will soon so multiply that it will be impossible to fill the orders. The business has already expanded to such an extent that the office has to be closed one day in the week in order to permit the books to be properly kept.

THE HARDWARE TRADE

THE NEW COST BASIS OF PIG IRON.

Pig iron in the year 1900 will be far more expensive to manufacture than it was in the year now closing.

All material has advanced. The price of Bessemer pig iron, which this year sold at \$2.95, is fixed at \$3.50 for 1900. The cost of transportation on the lakes will increase from 60

transportation and coke will be about \$6.30 per ton of pig iron. There will be increased cost also in railroad transportation, in labor, in various supplies and machinery, and in almost every item that enters into production. It is perhaps not an exaggeration to estimate the total increased cost at \$8 per ton. This rising of cost steadily narrows the margin of profit at which pig iron is now sold, and would seem to offer a bulwark against the return of the low values which prevailed a year ago.—Iron and Steel.



H. BRUCE GORDON,
President N. W. C. T. A. for 1894.

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

Canadian plates advanced 20c per box at Montreal last week.

Turpentine declined 1c and linseed oil 2c at Toronto last week.

Poultry netting staples are 5 per cent. dearer at Montreal. Fence staples are 10% higher for both bright and galvanized.

The advance on shot at Toronto, noted in telegraphic reports last week, amounted to 35 to 50 per cent. Ordinary crop is now worth \$5.25.

Fire bricks are one dollar per thousand dearer at Montreal, due to close



JOHN M. O'LOUGHLIN,
Secretary N. W. C. T. A. since 1885.



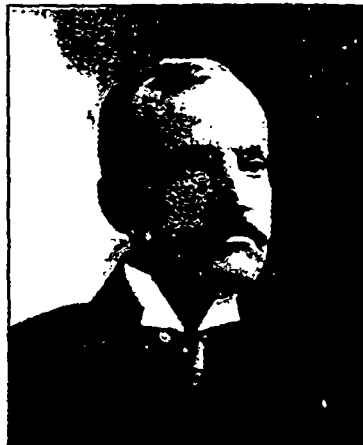
J. Y. GRIFFIN,
President N. W. C. T. A. for 1895.

of navigation, which prevents further importations. Total imports during the past season were 2,692,400, as against 2,636,000 in 1898.

The markets for ingot tin fluctuated violently throughout the month of November. In London the price ranged from £125 15s. to £139 7s. 6d. Reports from primary sources indicate that a larger quantity than usual will be marketed next year.

A recent meeting of the Metallic Bedstead Trade association, in England, decided to advance iron and mixed iron and brass bedsteads 15 per cent., and all brass bedsteads 5 per cent., the new prices to operate from February 1. Higher cost of bedstead material is responsible for the advance.

Belgian and German cements to the amount of 117,714 barrels were imported by Canada, via Montreal, during the past season, besides 47,350 of English cement. In 1898, 277,175 barrels of the former and 38,075 of the latter kinds were brought in. Stocks on hand at the close of the importing season were about 50 per cent. short of 1898. Prices have advanced 10c per barrel at Montreal.



A. L. JOHNSON,
President N. W. C. T. A. for 1897.

cents, the charter rate for 1899, to \$1.25, the rate established for 1900. The price of coke has advanced from about \$1.25 per ton to \$2.75. Estimating about a ton and a half of ore to one of pig iron, the increased cost of these three items, ore, lake

Implement Trade Notes.

John Inglis, of the implement firm of Smith, Inglis & Nelson, Brandon, Man., is visiting the large manufacturing centres of the States, looking for stocks for next year.

Favorable news from the Philippine Islands has been creating a more satisfactory feeling in the American and British fibre markets. British dealers have been using Italian hemp to tide over the present scarcity with success. The loss of the steamer *Ancona* with 17,000 bales of manila hemp has adversely affected the New York market.

Wire fencing has been advanced sharply for the spring trade. Notwith-



JAS. MUNZIE,

President N. W. C. T. A. for 1898.

standing the big advance in metals, wire fencing was not advanced this season, but big advances have recently been made. The Page wire fence, standard seven bar, has been advanced 20c per rod, to 80c, and other styles in proportion. Other makers of wire fencing have advanced to about the same extent.

Financial Notes.

The Bell Telephone Company is increasing its capital by \$1,000,000 to provide for further expansion of its business.

The case of the Bank of Ville Marie would seem to indicate the need of more searching investigation by the government of returns made by the banks. The punishment meted out to the unfortunate president of this bank, will not restore anything to the hundreds of persons who lost their all through the troubles of the bank. Nor will it deter others from like evil in the future.

There is talk of further increase in the capital of some of the Canadian banks to meet the increased demand for money which the existing good times in all parts of the country have created. The present note circulation of these banks is as large as the banking laws will allow without increase of capital. Business has increased so much this year that they are handicapped for want of notes and as there is every prospect that further expansion in business will follow next year additional note circulation is necessary.

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The Winnipeg clearing house returns for the week ending Thursday, com-

pared with the corresponding week in previous years show as follows:

Week ending Dec. 14, 1899 \$2,953,568
Corresponding week, 1898 2,331,289
Corresponding week, 1897 2,158,172

INSURANCE NOTES.

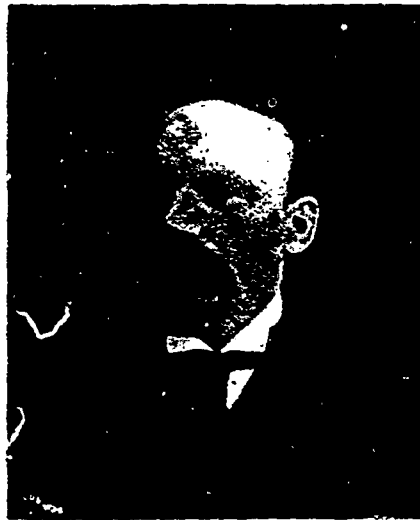
The insurance rating of the town of Rat Portage has been materially lowered by the underwriters, as the result of a recent inspection of the town's waterworks system.

J. S. Wallace, manager, of the Imperial Life Assurance company, at Winnipeg, arrived home last Saturday from a trip east.

Thomson Peattie has been appointed district agent for the Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada, to represent the company in the Northwest Territories.

The fire loss of the United States and Canada for the month of November, as compiled from records of the *New York Journal of Commerce*, shows a total of \$11,857,650.

The Covenant Mutual Benefit Association of Galesburg, Illinois, a mutual



FRED W. DREWRY,

President N. W. C. T. A. for 1899.

insurance company which has been running for about 22 years, has called a meeting of its shareholders for Dec. 25th to consider the re-organization of the company. Increasing cost to members is the cause of this action.

A. C. McEwen, of Brandon, who has of the Consideration Life, is moving to Winnipeg to take the city agency for the same company. Mr. McEwen has been very successful as a general agent, and he will no doubt do well in the city, where he will begin operations at once, succeeding H. Worsley, who is going south on account of his health.

London, December 11.—Following the slump in the United States there was a heavy fall in tin here. After touching 113, the price recovered to 115 1/8 for cash and three months.

At the annual convention of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association held last week in Whiting, Prof. Saunders exhibited some specimens of a cross bred Siberian apple which he believes to be hardy enough to stand the climate of Northwestern Canada.

MINING MATTERS.**BRITISH COLUMBIA.**

A special general meeting of the shareholders of the Tamarac mine, Rossland district, was held on Nov. 28 at Rossland to hear the report of the superintendent on progress at mine. This was considered very satisfactory.

Ymir camp production so far in the present year is over 15,000 tons, mainly the output of the Ymir and Porto Rico mines. The former is running a 40-stamp mill, and the latter has ten stamps. Beside these the Fern mine is running ten stamps, and the Yellowstone mine is installing a 40-stamp mill, while next spring a mill is to be erected on the Tamarac mine. The Blackcock, Second Relief and Arlington mines have all made shipments of from 100 to 400 tons. Up to the time of the fire at the Dundee mine upward of 700 tons of ore had been treated in the concentrator, operated by the Dundee company. There are seven mines which are actual shippers, viz., The Ymir, Porto Rico, Blackcock, Second Relief, Arlington, Fern and Dundee. It may be anticipated that the Yellowstone will have its 40-stamp mill completed before next summer, and that the Tamarac mine will also have its treating plant in operation some time during the forthcoming year.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

Work is to be started on the Alice A. by the British syndicate controlling it, and it is intended to push things on so that a milling plant capable of



WAL HARGREAVES,

President N. W. C. T. A. for 1900.

treating 200 tons of ore per twenty-four hour day will be necessary.

The Ontario Mining Company recently obtained a Dominion government charter for certain lands in Sultana Island, said to be part of the Indian reserve, and therefore coming under federal authority. Another company held at the same time a provincial patent for the same land, and the Ontario Mining company entered suit to invalidate the last mentioned patent. Chancellor Boyd has, however, decided the provincial patent was binding and that the Dominion had no right to issue a patent for the land in question.

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COFFEE TRADE OF THE WORLD.

From Messrs. C. J. Leech & Co.'s "Coffee Statistics, 1899-1900," it appears that the chief coffee markets are London, Havre, Hamburg, the Dutch ports, Trieste, Antwerp, Bordeaux, Marseilles. The total production during the current year (i. e., up to June 30 next) is estimated at 15,285,000 bags of 60 kilogrammes or 132 1-4 lbs. each. Of this, over 10 1-2 million bags belong to Brazil. Santos coming first amongst Brazilian ports with 6,000,000 bags, and Rio next with over 3 3-4 millions. Mexico and the Central American states come next, 11-2 million bags, then Venezuela and Colombia with 1 1-4 million; Java supplies 650,000 bags, the West Indies (chiefly Hayti, Cuba and Puerto Rico) 550,000; British India and Manila, which are classed together, send 300,000 bags, Africa and Arabia 250,000, and the small balance comes from Sumatra, Ceylon and the Eastern Archipelago. During recent years the production has fluctuated considerably; in 1894-95 it was over 11 1-2 million bags; the next year it fell to 10 1-4 millions; in 1896-97 it rose to over 13 1-2 millions, and in the following year to over 16 millions, while last year it again fell to over 13 1-4 million bags. The prices show still greater fluctuations. The figures given show how completely the world depends for its coffee on Brazil, and how dependent the market prices are on the production there.

GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

The world's crop of sugar cane and beet sugar for 1899-1900 will amount to about 8,000,000 tons, or about the same as last year.

Eastern jobbers are finding their stocks of Mediterranean nuts of most kinds inadequate to the demand, consequently prices are decidedly firm.

According to cables from London there is an active demand there for Persian dates, and prices have advanced to 13s 9d for Halloweens and Kludrawees and to 13s for Sairs, with the tendency still upward.

According to the Oregon Agriculturist the outlook is for a much larger crop of prunes in Oregon, Washington and Idaho in 1900 than any which has yet been harvested. In 1898 hundreds of orchards gave their first crop and will be capable of yielding much more heavily next year. There are enough young orchards coming into bearing to more than offset the loss of trees by last winter's freeze. The danger most to be anticipated for next year will be small fruit as a result of lack of care and overbearing.

It seems probable that there will be considerable losses on apples this season. Apples have proved unusually bad keeping quality this year. Stock that should have kept well, under favorable storage conditions, until spring, has been going to pieces in November. This is owing to the warm fall season in the east. It is a well known fact that when the fall season is unusually warm, apples do not keep as well as in years when the temperature is cool or normal. Dealers who have held stocks of apples, have been forcing their sale at auction and in other ways, almost regardless of prices, owing to the poor keeping quality of the fruit. The consequence will be that any fruit that does keep well will likely be worth money a little later on.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The abolition of special commodity freight tariffs by Canadian railways with a view to securing higher rates which they think the present good times should warrant is creating a great deal of adverse criticism in the east from shippers and receivers of the lines of goods affected.

Railway Construction Notes.

Sixteen miles of the Gilbert Plains extension of the Canadian Northern railway is now ready for the rails, grading having been finished last week. The grading outfits will be left at Dauphin until spring, ready for the resumption of work then.

The C. P. R. has spent a very large amount of money in improving its road bed and equipment in Ontario this year. In a number of places grades have been reduced, curves eliminated, bridges strengthened, rails replaced with heavier ones, sidings lengthened and station property improved. The company's equipment of engines and cars has also been largely added to. In this connection it is stated that locomotives are costing now fully \$5,000 more to build than a year ago, passenger coaches from \$3,000 to \$4,000 more, and freight cars about \$300 more as a result of the advances in cost of material and labor.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard wheat quoted at 64 to 64 1-2c December delivery.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$1.95; best bakers', \$1.75.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$10 per ton; shorts, \$12 delivered to city dealers.

Oats—Carlots on track, 24 to 26c.

Flaxseed—Per bushel at country points, 65c.

Barley—Carlots on track, 28c per bushel for feed grades, and 30 to 35c for malting.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers paying 13 1-2 to 14 1-2c; fresh creamery, 22 to 23c to buyers.

Cheese—9 1-2 to 10c per pound at factories.

Eggs—Dealers asking 18 to 20c per dozen for Ontario or Manitoba fresh eggs.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 61 1-2c; frozen stock, 6c per lb.

Wool—8 to 8 1-2c for unwashed fleece.

Seneca—21c per lb.

Hay—Baled, \$8 to \$8.50 per ton on cars. Loose hay worth \$7 to \$8.50 per ton.

Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel on the street.

Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 12 1-2c per lb., live weight; dressed chickens, 8 to 9c per lb.; ducks and geese, 8 to 10c per lb.

Game—Rabbits, 8 1-2c each.

Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef, city dressed, 5c; country frozen beef, 1 to 4 1-2c; Christmas beef, 6 1-2 to 6c; mutton, 6 1-2 to 7c; hogs, 5 3-4 to 6 1-4c for dressed; veal, 5 1-2 to 7c.

Live Stock—Cattle, 2 1-2 to 3c for butchers' stock; hogs, off cars, 4 3-4 to 5c per lb. for best bacon hogs; sheep, 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c off cars; lambs, 3 1-2 to 4c.

"Gosh! all hemlock!"

The horny-handed agriculturist was assisting in the preparation of the holiday dinner.

"The old gobbler surely got it in the neck. It's what you'd call an accident, and—"

His wife turned sharply around from her mince pie making.

"Josiah!" she said, severely, "you bean't goin' to stuff that turkey with chestnuts again this year?" — New York Journal.

There is talk of the repeal of the 15 per cent ad valorem duty imposed on imports of hides by the United States owing to the injury it is alleged to have worked to the leather industry in that country. This, if put into effect, will very largely add to the demand for Canadian hides.

As a result of the suspension of the coasting laws on the great lakes by the Dominion government whereby United States vessels are permitted to carry grain from one Canadian port to another these had loaded over 630,000 bushels of grain at Fort William up to the closing of navigation. It is contended that had the regulations been suspended earlier a much larger quantity would have been shipped, as most of the vessels had already made contracts to the close of the season.

A cable to the Montreal Star from London, showing the board of trade returns for the eleven months ending November 30 gives the following increases and decreases in the trade with Canada for that period: Sheep, \$36,000; wheat and flour, \$172,000; hams, \$65,000; butter, \$486,000; cheese, \$70,000; wood, hewn, \$20,000; wood, sawn, \$414,000. Decreases: Cattle, \$139,000; wheat, \$49,000; peas, \$65,000; maize, \$381,000; bacon, \$237,000; eggs, \$21,000; fish, \$234,000; horses, \$49,000. The increases in British exports to Canada are: Cotton, piece goods, \$85,000; linen, piece goods, \$21,000; woollen tissues, \$25,000; railroad iron and steel, \$143,000; tin plates, \$80,000; iron hoops, boiler plates, \$18,000; unwrought steel, \$93,000; haberdashery, \$21,000. Decreases: Apparel, etc., \$30,000; earthenware, \$34,000.



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John Montgomery contemplates opening in the music business at Winnipeg.

F. Dean & Son, grocers, St. Boniface, have changed their style to Dean Bros.

Jos. Hanna intends opening a lumber yard at Crandella on the G. N. A. Central railway.

F. D. Stewart has purchased the stock and good-will of Frank Harris, clothier, Carman.

Jas. Hector, a well-known Wawanesa implement man, died a few days ago of typhoid fever.

The law partnership between C. H. Allen and J. D. Cameron, as Allen & Cameron, in the city of Winnipeg, has been dissolved.

Peter Campbell's elevator at Glenboro was burned on Wednesday, with 10,000 bushels of wheat. There is \$5,000 insurance on the building.

Jas. Stewart is putting up a new building for the hardware store which he is opening at Minnola, (Parkisle), the new terminus of the Great Northwest Central railway.

George Barker, implement dealer, Dauphin, has taken in Alfred Johnston as a partner. In future the business will be carried on under the firm name of Barker & Johnston.

Bates and Emrick, of the Carman Trading Co., Carman, have purchased the general stock of the late D. J. Graham & Co., of that town, and will carry on the business in future.

Beaver, the terminus of the new Northern Pacific Portage extension, promises to be an important place. A store is being opened there and several other business places are to follow.

The Ontario Milling and Manufacturing company, with their head place of business at Deloraine, are applying to the Dominion government for incorporation. The capital stock is \$40,000.

The by-law to establish a crematory in Winnipeg for the disposal of city garbage has been carried. The other by-law, voted on at the same time, to purchase a site for a hay market was defeated.

Notice is given that application for incorporation of the Altona Machinery Co., Ltd., Altona, will be made for the purpose of dealing in general machinery, etc. The company will be capitalized at \$20,000 with 400 shares of \$50 each.

Samuel J. Smith, of this city, has been appointed western representative for the Union Hat Works Co., of St. John's, Que. Fine sample rooms have been secured in the Bulman block, on Bannatyne street, and a full line of samples of this firm's manufacture will be displayed in the course of a few days.

The tracklayers who have been working on the new branch from Hamiota have been paid off. The line is now completed and open for traffic. The line extends for twenty miles west of Hamiota to Minnola, a new town near the old post office of Parkisle. Crandella is another new town which has been opened upon this branch.

Stovel Bros., printers, Winnipeg, have bought the lithographing and embossing plant of Jas. Elliott and The Canadian Litho Co., Ltd., Winnipeg, and the engraving business of H. C. Stovel carried on under the style The Print-

ers Litho Engraving Co., Winnipeg, and will carry these on in future; the latter under the name and style of The Winnipeg Engraving and Electrotyping Co.

T. S. Gray, of Beausejour, was in the city this week and called on The Commercial. Mr. Gray says there is a great improvement in his district owing to the advent of many new settlers during the past two years. The Galician settlers in the district, he says, are doing well, and a number of excellent German families have located in the district, and are doing remarkably well. Beausejour is on the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway, east of Winnipeg. There is a large area of excellent land in the district, which has been offering at very low prices, new settlers, in their anxiety to go farther west, having passed by this as well as other fine districts in the eastern part of the province. The last year or two, however, has brought a change, and new settlers are now giving more attention to the eastern districts.

Assinibota.

D. D. McDonald, general merchant, Grenfell, is selling out.

The stock, fixtures and book accounts of Timming & Gilroy, general merchants, Regina, recently assigned, will be sold at auction by the assignees, Bertrand, Newton & Davidson, at their offices, Winnipeg, on the 20th inst., at a rate on the dollar. The stock and fixtures are valued at \$17,305.72, and the book accounts at \$1,753.84.

Northwest Ontario.

The council of the town of Fort William has under consideration a by-law to bonus the establishment of a blast furnace and copper refinery. It is proposed to grant \$50,000 for a 5-ton charcoal blast furnace and \$25,000 for a 60-ton copper smelter. Both industries are to be commenced within six months after the legalization of the by-laws by the Ontario legislature and to be completed within eighteen months after such legalization. The cost of the blast furnace is to be not less than \$150,000. It is to turn out fifty tons of merchantable pig iron every day of twenty-four hours and to work not less than 250 days in any one year. The company is not to receive its bonus until the furnace and refinery are fully completed and shall have turned out the finished product for thirty working days, and it binds itself not to engage in any retail business. The location of the plant has not yet been determined except that it shall be within the corporate limits of Fort William.

Tenders.

The Bell Telephone Co., Winnipeg, requests tenders for the delivery of 7,000 cedar poles, 25 feet long, delivery to be made not later than 31st May, 1900, and at points between Winnipeg and Brandon, Portage la Prairie and Neepawa on the C. P. R. and M. & N. W. R. Tenders Close Jan. 1.

Tenders will be received by the department of the Interior, Ottawa, until Monday, Dec. 25, for a permit to cut timber on berth No. 870, comprising the north half of township 15 range 9 east of the 1st meridian, in the province of Manitoba, containing an area of about 18 square miles.

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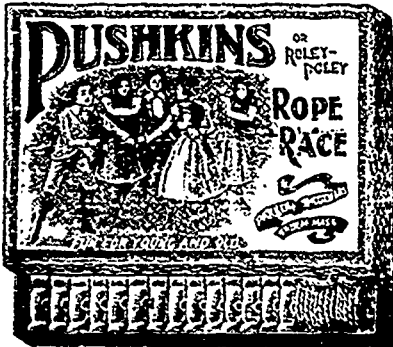
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Statistical Wheat Report.

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| Montreal | 50,000 |
| Toronto | 44,000 |
| Kingston | 10,000 |
| Depot Harbor, Ont. | 435,000 |
| Coteau, Que. | 210,000 |
| Winnipeg | 290,000 |
| Manitoba elevators | 5,300,000 |
| Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin | 2,216,000 |

Total Dec. 2... 3,585,000
Total a year ago... 3,953,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's on December 2, were 81,087,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 45,914,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Dec. 1 were 10,673,000 bushels, compared with 6,296,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Dec. 9 was 56,291,000 bushels, being an increase of 513,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 26,738,000 bushels, two years ago 34,734,000 bushels, three years ago 64,284,000 bushels, and four years ago 66,834,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, is 6,077,000 bushels, compared with 5,361,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 11,246,000 bushels, compared with 17,816,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in America and Europe and afloat for Europe Dec. 1 in each year, for a series of years, were as follows—Bradstreet's report:

| | Bushels. |
|------|-------------|
| 1899 | 104,105,000 |
| 1898 | 109,810,000 |
| 1897 | 127,503,000 |
| 1896 | 172,181,000 |
| 1895 | 185,364,000 |

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1899, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

| | This crop. | Last crop. |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| Minneapolis | 38,993,580 | 40,280,300 |
| Milwaukee | 5,215,572 | 6,687,085 |
| Duluth | 31,676,714 | 50,548,496 |
| Chicago | 14,912,601 | 19,743,692 |

Total ... 90,798,467 117,259,573

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1899, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

| | This crop. | Last crop. |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| Toledo | 9,848,043 | 9,825,557 |
| St. Louis | 6,717,889 | 10,609,458 |
| Detroit | 2,779,649 | 3,006,914 |
| Kansas City | 9,773,990 | 18,206,580 |

Total ... 29,119,571 41,648,809

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Grain and Milling Notes.

The Argentine Republic is estimated to have 350,000 tons of flaxseed available for export from this year's crop, an increase of 40 per cent.

Competent authorities place the probable exportable wheat surplus of Argentina from the present crop at 2,000,000 tons, 150,000 tons of last season's crop remain unshipped.

John Dilworth, of High Bluff is making arrangements for the rebuilding of his elevator at that town, which was recently destroyed by fire. The capacity of the new elevator will be 50,000 bushels.

The total grain shipments from the port of Montreal during the navigation of 1899, according to the Custom House figures, says the Gazette, were 31,591,551 bushels, as against 39,102,682 in 1898, a decrease of 7,511,131 bushels. The principal increase was in the corn shipments, which in 1898 amounted to 19,180,000, and this year only figured up to 13,700,000. The withdrawal of a large number of the largest cargo carriers coming to the port in the last weeks of the season on account of charters by the Imperial Government of transports for the Transvaal service helped to cut down the total. With the single exception of wheat, which increased a million odd bushels, being 10,190,000, against 8,800,000 last year, and barley, all the cereals, like corn, show a large decrease.

John Archibald, president of the Empire Tobacco Co., Grandby, Que., died suddenly at Jacksonville, Florida, on the 6th inst.

Glover & Brals, men's furnishings, Montreal, have suspended. The direct liabilities are said to be \$100,000; indirect, \$75,000, with other claims aggregating \$75,000 more. The firm of Glover & Brals have been in business many years. Mr. Glover retired in 1882.

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 Apples, 3s, 2 doz. 2 15 2 25
 Apples, preserved, 3s, 2 doz. 3 00 3 25
 Apples, gallons (per doz.) 3 20 3 50
 Black or Lawton berries, 2s, 2 doz. 3 25 3 50
 Beans, 2s, 2 doz. 2 00 2 10
 Corn, 2s, 2 doz. 2 30 2 40
 Cherries, red, pitted 2s, 2 doz 3 90 4 00
 Peas, Marrowfat, 2s, 2 doz. 1 85 1 00
 Peas, sifted, 2s, 2 doz. 2 25 2 50
 Pears, Bartlett, 2s, 2 doz. 3 25 3 50
 Pears, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz. 4 50 4 75
 Pears, Bartlett, 2s, 2 doz. 5 00 5 50
 Pineapple, 2s, 2 doz. 4 50 4 75
 Pineapple, imported, 2s, 2 doz 5 00 5 00
 Peaches, 2s, 2 doz. 3 90 4 25
 Peaches, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz 4 50 5 00
 Peaches, Canadian, 3s, 2 doz 6 50 6 50
 Plums, 2s, 2 doz. 2 75 3 00
 Plums, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz 4 50 4 50
 Pumpkins, 1s, 2 doz. 2 00 2 25
 Raspberries, 2s, 2 doz. 3 00 3 25
 Strawberries, 2s, 2 doz. 3 00 3 25
 Tomatoes, 3s, 2 doz. 2 25 3 00
 Salmon, talls, 1s, 4 doz. 5 25 6 00
 Salmon, Cohoes talls, 1s, 4 doz 5 25 6 00

California Evaporated Fruits
 Peaches, peeled 17 15
 Peaches, unpeeled 11 12
 Pears 12 1/2 13
 Apricots 17 1/2 18
 Pitted Plums 11 11 1/2
 Nectarines 12 12 1/2
 Prunes, 100 to 120 5 1/2 5 1/2
 Prunes, 90 to 100 5 1/2 5 1/2
 Prunes, 80 to 90 6 0/2
 Prunes, 70 to 80 7 1/2 7 1/2
 Prunes, 60 to 70 8 3/4
 Prunes, 40 to 50 10 11

Matches Per case
 Telephone 34 15
 Telephone 4 00
 Tiger 3 90
 Parlor Matches, Eagle 1 75

Nuts Per pound
 Brazils 11 12 1/2
 Taragona Almonds 14 15
 Peanuts, roasted 11 11 1/2
 Peanuts, green 9 10
 Grenoble Walnuts 14 1/2 15
 French Walnuts 13 14
 Sicily Filberts 10 11
 Shelled Almonds 30 35

Syrup
 Extra Bright, per lb. 3c 3 1/2c
 Medium, per lb. 2 1/2c 3c
 Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins 75 7 00
 Molasses, per gal. (New Ori.) 34c 35c
 " Porto Rico 48 50
 " Barbadoes 48 50

Sugar
 Extra Standard Gran. 5 10
 German Granulated 5 00
 Extra Ground 7c
 Powdered 6 1/2c
 Lumps 5 1/2c 6c
 Bright Yellow Sugar 4 1/2c 4 1/2c
 American 4 1/2c 4 1/2c
 Maple Sugar 1 3/4c 1 1/2c

Salt Per pound
 Rock Salt 1 1/2c 1 1/2c
 Common, fine 2 00
 Common, coarse 2 00
 Dairy, 100 3 25 3 50
 Dairy, 60-5 3 15 3 30

Spices Per doz.
 Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins. 75 90
 Allspice, whole 18 20
 Allspice, pure ground 18 22
 Allspice, compound 15 18
 Cassia, whole 18 20
 Cassia, pure ground 20 25
 Cassia, compound 13 15
 Cloves, whole 17 20
 Cloves, pure ground 25 30
 Cloves, compound 18 20
 Pepper, black, whole 14 15
 Pepper, black, pure ground 16 18
 Pepper, black, compound 10 13
 Pepper, white, whole 23 25
 Pepper, white, pure ground 28 30
 Pepper, white, compound 18 20
 Pepper, Cayenne 25 30
 Ginger, whole, Jamaica 25 30
 Ginger, whole, Cochina 20 25
 Ginger, pure ground 23 25
 Ginger, compound 15 25
 Nutmegs, (per pound) 55 60
 Mace (per pound) 1 00 1 25

Teas Per pound
 China Blacks—
 Choice 35 40
 Medium 25 35
 Common 13 20
 Indian and Ceylon—
 Choice 32 40
 Medium 25 32
 Common 16 22
 Young Hysons—
 Choice 35 45
 Medium 28 35
 Common 22 30
 Japan—
 Finest May Picking 35 40
 Choice 30 35
 Fine 25 30
 Good Medium 20 25
 Common 15 20

Coffee Per pound
 Green Rio 9 9 1/2
 Inferior grades 8 1/2 9

Cereals Per sack
 Split Peas, sack 9s 2 50
 Pot Barley, sack 9s 3 20 4 40
 Pearl Barley, sack 9s 3 75 4 00
 Rolled Oatmeal, sack 50 1 70
 Standard Oatmeal, sack 9s 2 25
 Granulated Oatmeal, sack 9s 2 25
 Beans (per bushel) 1 80 1 90
 Cornmeal, sack 9s 1 20
 Cornmeal, 1/2 sac 49 (per 1/2 sac) 0 65

Cigarettes Per M
 Old Judge 7 50
 Athletic 8 50
 Sweet Caporal 8 50
 Sweet Sixteen 5 50
 Derby 6 30
 T. & B. 8 20

Cured Fish
 Boneless Hake, per lb 05 05 1/2
 Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs. 6 50
 Codfish, Pure per lb 7 1/2
 Herrings, in half-barrels 4 00
 Digby chicks 15

Dried Fruits
 Currants, new, Prov'l Bbls 05 1/2 5 1/2
 Currants, Prov'l Cases 5 1/2 5 1/2
 Currants, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels 05 1/2 5 1/2
 Currants, Filiatria, bbls 05 1/2 5 1/2
 Currants, Filiatria, cases 05 1/2 5 1/2
 Currants, cleaned, cases 07 7 1/2
 Dates, Cases 07 1/2 08
 Figs, Klame, about 10 lb box 20 22
 Figs, Glove Box, per doz 1 80 2 00
 Figs, Cooking, S 06 1/2 07
 Figs, boxes 07 1/2 08
 Figs, Tapnets 05 5 1/2
 Figs, Portuguese, boxes 06 1/2 07
 Sultana Raisins 10 11

Dried Fruits

Raisins, Val., fine, off stalk 2 00
 Raisins, Selected, off stalk 2 25
 Raisins, Val. Layers, per box 2 20 2 25
 Clusters, 3 Crown 2 25 2 75
 Loose Muscatels, 2 crown 2 75
 Loose Muscatels, 3 crown 2 75
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 London Layers, 20 lb boxes 1 90 2 00
 Apples, Dried 08 8 1/2
 Evap Apples, finest quality 09 1/2 09 1/2

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 Lily, 5s, Cads. 00 68
 Crescent, 5s, Cads. 00 68
 T. & B. Black Cheiving, Sorol's 00 61 1/2
 T. & B. Mahogany Cheiving, S or 16 00 61 1/2
 T. & B., 1-12 pkg, cut 00 85
 T. & B., 1-5 pkg, cut 00 85
 T. & B. in pouches, 1-4 00 85
 T. & B. in 1-5 tins 00 85
 T. & B. in 1/2 tins 00 83
 T. & B. in 15 tins 00 81
 Orinoco, 1-12 pkg. 00 80
 Orinoco, 1-5 tins 00 80
 Orinoco, 1/2 tins 00 86
 Tuckitts Cherub Cigarette 1-12 00 85

Brier, 5s, Cads. 00 68
 Derby, 3s and 4s, Cads. 00 65
 Derby, 5s, Cads. 00 65
 P. & W. Cheiving, Cads. 00 65
 P. & W. Cheiving, Butts 00 65
 Tonka, 1/2 tins 00 60
 Tonka, 1-12 pkg 00 58
 Canadian Leaf, 50 lb bales, Lower grades 12 1/2 21

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BRIGHT CHEIVING PLUG.
 Pommeury, 3 1/2 s. 72
 Smiara, 1/2 lb. Bars 62
 Holly, 3 s. 53
 Holly, 5 s. 53

BLACK CHEIVING PLUG.
 Black Bass, Navy, 1/2 lb. Bars 40
 Black Bass, Navy, 4 s 43
 Black Bass, Navy, 8 s 42
 Black Bass, Navy, 12 s 42

BRIGHT SMOKING PLUG.
 Virgin Gold, 4 s. 72
 Marigold, 8 s. 55
 Clover, 3 1/2 s 59
 Monarch, Double Thick, 8 s. 54

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SMOKING.
 Empire, 3s @ 4 1/2 37
 Golden Plug, 3s 60
 Royal Oak, 3s 55
 Something Good, 7s 55

CHEIVING.
 Currency Bars, 10 1/2s. 40
 Free Trade, 8s 46
 Snowshoe, Bars, 12s 46

Wooden Ware Per doz.
 Pails, 2 hoop clear 1 90 1 95
 Pails, wire hoop 2 15 2 25
 Pails, Star fibre 3 50
 Tubs, No. 0 common 11 50 12 00
 Tubs, No. 1 common 10 00 10 50
 Tubs, No. 2 common 8 00 8 50
 Tubs, No. 3 common 6 75 7 25

Per nest.
 Tubs, nests (3) 1 90 2 00
 Tubs, wire hoop (3) 2 25 2 40

Per doz.
 Tubs, fibre, No. 0 16 50
 Tubs, fibre, No. 1 14 50
 Tubs, fibre, No. 2 12 50
 Tubs, fibre, No. 3 10 50

Per nest
 Tubs, fibre, (3) 3 20
 Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2) 57
 Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3) 90

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Lard, pure leaf, kettle rend. 51 65 1 75
 Lard, pure leaf, steam rend. 1 60
 Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb tins, per case of 60 lbs 5 50
 Lard, pure, Tierces, per lb 07
 Lard, 50lb tubs 05
 Lard, Compound, 20 lb pails 35 1 40
 Lard, Compound, 3 and 5 lb tins, case 60 lbs 4 50

Smoked Meats per lb.
 Hams 12
 Breakfast bacon, bellies 11 1/2
 Breakfast bacon, backs 10
 Spiced rolls 9 1/2
 Shoulders 9 1/2
 Pic-nic Hams 9

Dry Salt Meats
 Long clear bacon 8 1/2
 Shoulders 8
 Short Clear 8
 Backs 9
Barrel Pork Per barrel
 Heavy mess 16 00 17 00
 Short cut 16 50 17 50

Meat Sundries
 Fresh pork sausage, lb 8
 Bologna sausage, lb 8
 Pickled pigs feet, kits 1 00
 Sausage casings, lb 30

FISH

Whitefish, frozen, lb. 06 06 1/2
 Pickarel, lb. 3 1/2 04
 Trout, lb. 09
 Pike, lb. 03
 Salmon, lb. 12 1/2
 B.C. halibut, lb. 11
 Smoked goldeyes, doz. 30 35
 Salt Whitefish, per 1/2 bbl 6 50
 Haddies 07
 Salt Cod 07
 Boneless Cod 1 to 2 lb bricks. 07 1/2
 Labrador Herring, in 1/2 bbls. 3 85
 Oysters, standards, bulk 2 00
 Oysters, selects 2 25

DRUGS

Following are prices for parcel lot with usual reductions for unbroken packages.

Alum, lb 3 1/2 4 1/2
 Alcohol, gal. 5 25 5 50
 Bleaching Powder, lb 05 07
 Bluestone, lb. 09 10
 Borax 09 10
 Bromide Potash 75 80
 Camphor 70 75
 Camphor, ounces 75 80
 Carbolic Acid: 35 60
 Castor Oil 13 20
 Chlorate Potash 18 20
 Citric Acid 65 70
 Copperas 03 04
 Cocaine, oz 8 00 9 00
 Cream Tartar, lb 25 32
 Cloves 20 25
 Epsom Salts 03 04
 Extract Logwood, bulk 12 14
 Extract Logwood, boxes 17 20
 German Quinine 45 50
 Glycerine, lb 20 25
 Ginger, Jamaica 30 35
 Ginger, African 15 20
 Howard's Quinine, oz. 50 55
 Iodine 4 75 5 00
 Insect Powder 30 35
 Morphia, sul. 1 00 2 00
 Opium 4 50 5 00
 Oil, olive, Pure 2 10 2 25
 Oil, U.S. Salad 1 00 1 15
 Oil, lemon, super 1 60 1 80
 Oil, peppermint 1 80 2 00
 Oil, cod liver, gal. 1 25 1 75
 Oxalic Acid 14 16
 Potass Iodide 3 75 4 00
 Paris Green, lb 20 22
 Saltpetre 08 10
 Sal Rochelle 25 32
 Shellac 25 32
 Sulphur Flowers 3 1/2 4
 Sulphur Iodid, keg. 3 1/2 4
 Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs 2 75 3 75
 Sal Soda 2 00 3 00
 Tartaric Acid, lb. 40 45
 Strychnine, pure crystals, oz. 85 1 00

LEATHER

Per pound
 Harness, oak 41
 Harness, union oak No. 1 35
 Harness, union oak No. 1 R. 34
 Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand 35
 Harness, hemlock No. 1 R, anchor brand 34
 Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1 R 33
 Black collar leather 36
 American Oak Sole 40
 Sole, union oak 40
 Listowell, sole 28 30
 Penetang, sole 28 30
 Acton Sole 28 30
 B. F. French calf 1 25 1 30
 B. F. French kip 95 1 15
 Canada calf 65 80
 Canada calf, Niagara 80 90
 Niagara Brand Kip 65 75
 Wax upper 42 46
 Grain upper per foot 20
 Kangaroo, per foot 30 50
 Dolgona, per foot 25 40
 Dolgona, bright 30
 Bag sheepskins, per doz. 8 00

COAL

Retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city.
 Pennsylvania anthracite—
 Stove, nut or lump 10 00 10 25
 Pea size 8 00
 Canadian anthracite, stove 9 50
 Canadian anthracite, nut 7 50
 Lethbridge bituminous 7 50
 Crow's Nest bituminous 5 25
 U. S. bituminous 7 50
 Souris Lignite 4 10
 Souris, car lots F.O.B. mines 1 50
 Smithing 9 00 9 50



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The market for cattle at Liverpool brightened up considerably towards the end of November according to mail advices, owing partly to the withdrawal of steamers by the Imperial government for transport purposes, thereby delaying shipments. Vexatious laws regarding the shipping trade in Argentina also had something to do with the advances.

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Winnipeg Board of Trade.

The following copy of a resolution from the Toronto board of trade was referred to the annual meeting of the board, to be held the first Tuesday in February. The resolution is on the commercial relations between the mother country and her colonies and dependencies, and is intended to be submitted to the fourth congress of the chambers of commerce of the empire, to be held in London in June next: "Whereas, it is generally recognized that an advantageous commercial bond is one of the strongest links in national unity, and that the maintenance and strengthening of trade is the question of a state's development; and whereas the existence of an empire is largely dependent upon the material prosperity of its people; therefore, be it resolved, that in the opinion of this congress the bonds of the British empire would be materially strengthened, and the union of the various parts of Her Majesty's dominions greatly consolidated by the adoption of a commercial policy based upon the principle of mutual benefit whereby each component part of the empire would receive a substantial advantage in trade as the result of its national relationship. Further, resolved, that in order to make the foregoing operative, the chair shall appoint, before this congress dissolves, a representative and proportionate committee of home and colonial delegates to devise a scheme of this nature and report to this, or a similar commercial congress; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the home and colonial governments concerned in the proposition.

A letter from the secretary of the London chamber of commerce was read asking the board to forward the names of its delegates to the fourth congress of chambers of commerce of the empire in June next.

The business men of Wolseley, Assa., wrote asking for information as to the steps necessary to organize a board of trade there.

The matter of domestic and commercial lighting in the city was discussed at some length, and the following action was taken: "Whereas the present position of the electric and gas lighting in the city is most unsatisfactory, and the rates for the same much in excess of what it is felt they should be, be it resolved that a committee consisting of Messrs. J. H. Ashdown, John Russell, Andrew Strang, E. L. Drewry and D. K. Elliott be appointed to look into the whole question of electric and gas lighting as furnished by the present company, the charges made for same, the difference of the cost of lighting at present, as compared with the past, and between the present cost and what would be a fair figure for services rendered; and as to what remedy is to be found."

It having been brought to the notice of the board that the C. P. R. Co. recently invited the merchants of Vancouver and Victoria to an excursion to the Boundary Creek country, B. C. to enable them to extend their trade in that district, the secretary was instructed to write Mr. Whyte, manager of the C. P. R. here, drawing his attention to the fact that the Winnipeg wholesale men have always in the past worked hard to extend their trade in the same district, and the board would like to learn if the same privileges of visiting the Boundary Creek district will be extended to the trade in Winnipeg.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, Dec. 16, 1899.

The usual holiday activity is now prevailing. Holiday lines of groceries are in good demand, dry goods are also meeting with a large sale although retailers say sales are hardly up to last year, while jewelry and fancy goods of all kinds are selling freely this week. On the whole it can hardly be said that so far the Christmas trade has been so good as a year ago.

Bank clearances at Winnipeg are larger by over \$600,000 than a year ago.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, Dec. 16, 1899.

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

CURED MEATS.

Packers are now busy and the market is active. New quotations issued this week show reductions on smoked shoulders, spiced rolls picnic hams and dry salt shoulders. Spiced rolls are 1c lower, picnic hams 1c lower, smoked shoulders 1c lower and dry salt shoulders 1-2c lower.

DRUGS.

German quinine is 5c higher at 45 to 50c per ounce. This is the only price change here. Mercury and all preparations of it are much firmer in all other centres and have advanced about 20 to 25 per cent. No change has been made here yet. Business in drugs is brisk, especially for sea-sickness lines and for holiday specialties.

FISH.

There is no change in the fish market, beyond the fact that winter caught pickerel and pike are beginning to come in. Whitefish should follow in a few days. Prices are the same as a week ago. Some delay has been experienced in securing supplies of oysters.

GREEN FRUITS.

There is an active demand for Christmas lines of green fruits and dealers report a large quantity of goods shipped this week. Further shipments of California lemons have been received. The demand for apples continues light. The usual lines of holiday specialties such as figs and nutmegs are low in stock. We quote prices as follows:

California naval oranges, \$3.00 to \$4.50 per case; California seed lings, \$4; California lemons, per box, \$5 to \$5.25; Messina lemons, \$5; bananas as a bunch \$3 to \$3.50; apples winter per bunch \$3 to \$3.50; apples winter \$2.00 to \$1.00 per barrel; Malaga grapes, in kegs, per keg, \$7.50; Cape Cod cranberries per barrel \$7.00; coconuts per dozen, 50c; Grenoble walnuts, 15c; Tarragon almonds, 15c; filberts, 12c; pecan nuts, green, 9 to 10c; roasted, 12c; pecan nuts, 13c per lb.; chestnuts, 15c; hickory nuts, 10c per lb.; maple sugar, per lb., 11c; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; fruit cider put up in 20 and 50 gallon kegs, per gallon, 40c; figs, in boxes, 7c lb.; new California layer figs in 10-pound boxes, \$1.50; new Symmons in grove boxes, \$2 per doz.; 10-lb. boxes \$1.50 per box, and in 30-lb. boxes \$6.00; dates 7c per lb.; sweet pota-

toes, per barrel, \$5.50; honey, in 1 lb. glass jars, per dozen jars, \$2.50; Spanish onions, \$1.25 per crate; American red onions, 2c per lb.; colery, per dozen, 50c.

GROCERIES.

There has been very large demand this week for all kinds of holiday goods, besides a good business in staples and all local houses have been very busy. The absence of snow has prevented a certain amount of business being done that would otherwise have offered, but there is nevertheless very little grumbling on account of demand. Brokers have found great difficulty in getting delivery of their stocks of dried fruits for wholesale houses and in fact the delivery of goods has been slow in all directions. Further deliveries of new nuts have arrived this week. New walnuts just in are quoted at 13 to 15c. Small California prunes are becoming very scarce and are 1-2c higher. New prices on woodenware embodying all the recent advances are given in our price list elsewhere in this issue. Advice received from the east this week indicate further advances in pepper prices at distributing centres.

HARDWARE AND PAINTS.

The market is without change locally. Business remains unusually good for the season and there is a fairly liberal movement both for city and country trade. Collections are somewhat slow owing it is believed to the lack of sleighing. For quotations see issue of last week.

LUMBER.

The predicted advance in the price list of white pine lumber are now in force, and dealers are informed as to what will be the minimum cost of stock for next year's trade. The new lists have not been actually published yet, but the trade throughout the west have been informed by circular of the advances, and all old lists are withdrawn. All timber and dimension stuff has been advanced \$1 per thousand, and boards, shiplap, flooring, siding, ceiling and finishing \$1.50 per thousand, dating from Nov. 17. Dealers have also been informed that no more orders for No. 2, dimension white pine can be taken by the mills. These changes apply to all white pine lumber cut in Northwestern Ontario. United States mills have been quoting prices on the above basis for several months so that Canadian mills have practically had all the business during the past season. Lath will be higher next year although no changes are quoted in the price yet which remains at \$2.75 per thousand retail Winnipeg for Canadian product. No business has been possible in United States lath at prices asked by mills this season. The regular quotation to the Manitoba trade by Minneapolis dealers has been \$3.50 per thousand at the mills for best white pine lath. This means that on track Winnipeg they would cost \$1.50, as the freight is 80c and cost of delivery and profit must added to that. It will thus be seen that Canadian mills have greatly undersold their southern competitors this year on this line. Higher prices hereafter must, of course, be expected. How much higher they will go remains to be seen. One good authority states that \$4.00 retail Winnipeg will be about the value. Mills have pretty well cleaned out their stocks of lumber, with one exception. Preparations are being made for a big cut next year, as there is every prospect of a largely increased demand.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—It has been a very dull week in the wheat markets, there having been no feature of any prominence arising to arouse interest. Trade has dragged along quiet and inactive. Demand is very light and the movement of wheat quite moderate. In the States the primary receipts are now daily running at less than half the quantity for corresponding days a year ago. The export demand is easy, and flour trade is quiet and unsatisfactory. There is very little change in value on the week, the difference running 3-1 to 1c per bushel under the close a week ago. Yesterday afternoon the United States government crop report was issued, giving final estimated yield of the wheat crop of 1899, and the condition of the new winter wheat crop at Dec. 1. The yield of winter and spring wheat is estimated at 547,000,000 bushels, which is much larger than anticipated, and the condition of the new winter wheat crop is put at 97.1 which is very high. The area under winter wheat is given as 200,000 acres more than last year so that altogether the report may be looked upon as very bullish and not calculated to advance wheat prices at present. Statistics for the week include an increase of 511,000 bushels in the American visible supply, bringing the aggregate up to 56,292,000 bushels, against 26,758,000 bushels a year ago. There was a decrease in the world's visible supply of 7,600,000 bushels. On the 1st December the world's visible supply as compiled conjointly by three of the leading grain trade papers totalled 205,477,000 bushels against 155,522,000 bushels on same date a year ago being an increase at present time of 67,625,000 bushels. The world's shipments last week were 7,555,000 bushels. Previous week 5,800,000 bushels. Last year 8,500,000 bushels. The Argentine shipments this week are 40,000 bushels, against none same week last year. Growing crops are doing well everywhere. Harvest is now in progress in Argentina and Australia and crops in both countries are excellent. The growing crop in the States is doing well except in some districts where the fly is bad. A good snow covering has this week fallen over a large area which puts it in good shape to stand severe cold. In Europe the young crop is reported as doing well in every country. In India the crop prospect continues poor, and there have been no shipments of wheat from India for several weeks now.

The local markets has been fairly firm and steady considering that lake navigation has been closed for a week and that the price of 1 hard in store Fort William has not declined more than 1-2c on the week. At the end of last week 66c for 1 hard in store Fort William was the price buyers were paying. At the beginning of the week in sympathy with lower markets outside the price declined to 65 1-4c, but returned to 65 1-2c on Wednesday, and has stood at that figure since, but at the end of the week trade is stagnant, the demand being very light, at the same time there is no pressure on the part of holders to sell. 1 hard in store Fort William January delivery has been sold at 66 1-2c and for May delivery at 70 1-2c. 2 hard and 1 northern are 21-2 to 23-4c under 1 hard. 3 hard 6c under 1 hard. 1 frosted 5-4c.

FLOUR—Trade has been active and prices remained unchanged as follows Ogilvie's Hungarian pat-

ent. \$1.90; Glenora. \$1.70; Manitoba Strong Bakers. \$1.50; A.X.N., \$1.20; Lake of the Woods patent, \$1.90; Strong Bakers, \$1.70; Medora \$1.50; A.X.N., \$1.30 per sack of 95 pounds delivered in Winnipeg.

MILLFEED—Prices have declined still further and are now on a winter basis. Bran, in bulk, is worth \$9.50 to \$10 per ton and shorts, in bulk, \$11.50 to \$12, with \$1 per ton off to dealers.

GROUND FEED—Oat chop, \$20 per ton, for best. Mixed feed of barley and oats, \$18 per ton; barley chop, \$15 per ton. Oil cake \$28 per ton.

OATS—The movement of oats is light. Country dealers in their anxiety to encourage business are paying more for oats than they are worth on a basis of Winnipeg prices. The opinion is held by some dealers that oats are not so plentiful in Manitoba as the government crop report would indicate; and that the quality is also not up to harvest promises. Some sections of the province which have been noted for the good quality of their oats in other years are showing poor quality this year. On the other hand, though, there are sections which do not usually have good oats which have splendid quality this year. We quote prices as follows: No. 1 white oats in carlots on track here, 27c per bushel; No. 2 white, 26c; No. 2 mixed, 25c; farmers' loads, 24 to 25c. Carlots at country points 20 to 22c. On a basis of present values east oats for export would only be worth about 22c. at Fort William.

BARLEY—There is very little movement in this market. Prices are unchanged, at 25 to 32c for malting grades and 26 to 28c for feed. Some Manitoba barley has been shipped to Eastern Canada points this year, but present prices east will not admit of further business.

CORN—40 to 41c per bushel in carlots for No. 3 corn.

WHEAT—The country markets have presented no new features since last Saturday. Buyers are paying from 42 to 52c for farmers' loads at country points.

FLAXSEED—Movement very light. Dealers are paying \$1.20 for farmers' loads at country points.

OATMEAL—Jobbing concerns are asking \$1.70 for 20 pound sack of domestic meal to the retail trade.

HAY—Offerings have increased and the demand is not so good. Wild hay, baled, is worth \$5.50 to \$6.50 per ton; timothy, baled, \$7.50, and loose hay on the street, \$5 to \$6.

BUTTER—Creamery—Retail concerns are asking about 26c for creamery butter. There is no movement to speak of in a wholesale way.

BUTTER—Dairy—Choice fresh goods are becoming very scarce and there is a good demand for all offerings. Dealers will pay 18c to 20c for finest delivered here in tubs and from 14 to 16c for mixed lots and second grades.

CHEESE—Dealers are asking 13c for Manitoba cheese and 13 1-2c for Ontario.

EGGS—Receipts are light. Dealers are buying on a basis of 18c delivered at Winnipeg. Strictly fresh eggs would bring 20c per dozen.

VEGETABLES—We quote prices as follows: Potatoes, in carlots on track here 40c per bushel, farmers' loads 40 to 45c; carrots, 35 to 41c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; beets, 30 to 40c per bushel; parsnips, 11-1 to 11-2c per lb.; city onions, 75c to \$1 per bushel; cabbage 3-4 to

1c per lb.; celery, 30c per dozen bunches; green house lettuce, 35 to 40c per dozen bunches; green house parsley, 30c per dozen bunches.

HIDES—So far this season the receipts of hides have been very light owing to warm weather having prevented winter killing. We quote prices as follows: No. 1, 73-4c. No. 2, 63 1/2c. No. 3, 53-4c. Branded hides grade No. 2 and bulls, No. 3; kip, 7c; calf, 8 to \$1-2c; deakin skins, 25 to 35c each; sheep skins, fresh killed, 50c each; country sheep 40c; lambs 25c to 30c each; horsehides, 50c to 75c each.

WOOL—Unwashed Manitoba fleeces is worth 8 to 9c per pound. None offering.

SENECA—37c per pound None offering.

DRESSED MEATS—City butchers are preparing their stocks of Christmas meats and the city market is taking on its regular holiday appearance. So far there have been very few farmers in with dressed beef. Pork is offering more freely. Several cars of eastern mutton have arrived this week for the holiday and winter trade. We quote prices as follows: Fancy Christmas beef 61 1/2 to 7c per lb.; ordinary grades 5 to 6c per lb.; mutton, 9c per lb.; lambs, 9 to 10c; veal, 7 to 8c; hogs 51-2 to 6c, packers' price. Retail butchers are in some cases paying slightly more for choice carcasses.

DRESSED POULTRY—The market is becoming well filled with Christmas poultry. Offerings of domestic stock are not very large but the receipts from Ontario have been quite liberal. One firm alone have four cars purchased of chickens, geese and turkeys. We quote: Turkeys, 11c per lb.; geese, 9c; ducks, 9c; and chickens 9c.

GAME—So far only very few rabbits have been brought in this season. Absence of snow is the reason. Rabbits are worth 7 to 8c each.

LIVE STOCK

CATTLE—With the exception of the movement of Christmas beef there is very little doing. Butchers' cattle are worth 31-4c and common grades 21-2 to 3c per pound.

SHEEP—No movement. We quote 1c per pound for choice grades of sheep and 1 to 5c for lambs.

HOGS—Receipts fair and demand good. Buyers are wanting 45-4c per pound for choice weights, ranging from 150 to 250 pounds, and 41-2c for second grades.

MILCH COWS—Business very light. Worth, from \$25 to \$45 as to quality.

HORSES—The market is practically dead. The advent of sleighing would improve demand.

The Lac du Bonnet Co. has decided to offer a limited quality of stock, which can be obtained with information, from R. R. Scott, of the Macpherson Fruit Co., Winnipeg. This is a local enterprise, with exceptionally bright prospects ahead of it.

An injunction has been applied for by an interested citizen of Montreal to restrain the harbor commissioners of that city from consummating the proposed agreement with the owners' elevator syndicate by which this concern gets valuable elevator privileges.

Hon. Thos. Greenway's new creamery at Crystal City will soon be completed and running. This is said to be an exceptionally well appointed institution and is designed to handle the milk of 100 cows. It will be operated throughout the winter, but not to its full capacity.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 1,822,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Dec. 9. Receipts for the week were 806,000 bushels, and shipments were 779,000 bushels. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points were estimated approximately at 7,800,000 bushels, compared with about 6,730,000 bushels a year ago.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending Dec. 9, there were 1,127 cars of grain inspected, grading as follows:

Wheat—1 hard, 750; 2 hard, 125; 1 northern, 9; 2 northern, 2; 3 hard, 95, 1 frosted, 7; 2 frosted, 13, 1 rejected, 24, 2 rejected, 28; no grade, 19; 3 northern, 4; condemned, 1, 3 rejected, 7; 1 spring, 1, 3 frosted, 2; feed, 2 cars.

Oats—1 white, 1, 2 white, 13; 2 mixed, 11, No. 3, 1; feed, 1 car.

Barley—No. 3, 4; No. 4, 1; rejected, 1; no grade, 1; feed, 4 cars.

St. Andrew's Rapids.

A conference was held yesterday with Hon. Clifford Sifton, minister of the interior, who was in Winnipeg this week, regarding the St. Andrew's rapids improvements. Members of the board of trade and city council were present. Mr. Sifton stated that the government was committed to carry out the required improvements, and he expected tenders for the work would be called for shortly.

Personal.

R. T. Riley returned from a western trip on Thursday.

Donald Fraser returned recently from an extended visit to his factory at Montreal.

W. L. Veltz, secretary of the John Leere Plow Co., Moline, Illinois, and Wm. E. MacCrav, of the Moline Wagon Co., arrived in Winnipeg on Wednesday on a visit to their agencies here.

John Hendry, general manager of the British Columbia Mills, Timber & Trading Co., is in Winnipeg this week conferring with the local manager, Geo. W. Campbell, in regard to the Manitoba end of the company's business.

David Ross, proprietor of the White-mouth saw mills, was in the city this week. Mr. Ross is getting out a good sized cut of logs this winter. There is no snow yet in the woods, but he hopes there will be enough snow in due time, so that the logs can be handled to advantage.

A sample of oats was shown on the Winnipeg grain exchange this week which is part of the Edmonton exhibit for the Paris exhibition. Competent judges say this sample was equal to anything ever seen before in this market. It weighed 45 pounds to the bushel.

Business for Sale.

A \$2,500 stock of general merchandise, also store building, 24 by 48, in growing district, building new; stock in good shape. Frank D. Stewart, Elm Creek.

WANTED—SEVERAL PERSONS FOR District Office Managers in this state to represent me in their own and surrounding counties. Willing to pay yearly \$500, payable weekly. Desirable employment with unusual opportunities. References exchanged. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. S. A. Park, 700 Caxton Building, Chicago.

THE ONTARIO MUTUAL LIFE

In an advertisement in last week's "Commercial," the North American claims superiority over the Ontario Mutual Life because the former is a stock company. Only a few months ago, when the question of policy-holders' control was up for discussion in the Dominion parliament, the management of the North American endeavored to make a point against its stock competitors by claiming that it was a mutual company and it is more than likely that the writer of that "ad" will be brought to task for displaying, in the newspapers his ignorance of the principles on which his company is based.

The North American has a paid-up Guarantee Fund, which may be paid off by the policy-holders, of \$60,000. On looking over the government reports, we find that since its organization, the favored few who are lucky enough to own this stock, have drawn, in cash dividends, the large amount of \$87,835. During the same period the total dividends paid to policy-holders, by the North American Life was \$179,839. Now, would the writer of those very abusive and personal advertisements which have appeared in several papers, please explain what great advantage (?) the policy-holders of the North American have derived from assisting to enrich the few guarantors above mentioned to the extent of \$87,835. During the same period 1882 to 1898, the Ontario Mutual paid to its policy-holders, in dividends, the sum of \$816,571, and not one dollar to guarantors.

The Ontario Mutual has returned to its policy holders in the last 17 years, 10.12 per cent of all premiums received.

The North American has returned to its policy holders, in the last 17 years, 2.32 per cent of all premiums received. (Comment is unnecessary.)

It is a common trick among certain classes of persons, to obtain a snap verdict, in comparisons of policy results, by manipulating the figures of a tontine or semi-tontine policy against those of an ordinary life policy, which pays profits yearly, and that is just what has been done in the case they advertise. By such a trick, a company, such as the North American, with very meagre ordinary profits, can, by adopting tontine or semi-tontine results, often draw apparent conclusions which, when the whole truth is told, would be characterized as unfair and misleading.

The following comparison is being used against the Ontario Mutual Life by the North American: They state that the policies in question were issued at the same time, same age, and on the same plan. The facts are: The Ontario Mutual policy was issued in 1885 at age 35, on the Ordinary Life plan, with an annual distribution of surplus. The North American policy was issued at age 35 on the ordinary Life plan, with a 15 year distribution of surplus. These two principles of life insurance are as different as night is from day. All companies recognize this fact. Notwithstanding the North American to the contrary, we state emphatically that the two policies are not alike. This we will leave to any insurance manager in the country, independent of either the Ontario Mutual or the North American.

Now, the Ontario Mutual's policy was issued in 1885 and will not have been in force for 15 years till next April, and consequently will not have earned 15 years' dividends till April, 1900. The North American's policy is on the "15 year investment" plan, and if, as the advertiser states, "A" had taken out in cash, profits to the amount of \$1,398.50, must have been issued in 1884 and be more than 15 years in force. But the North American state that their policy was issued the same date as the Ontario Mutual's.

How does the North American's statement stand now? It does not hold water. Either the North American policy is a myth, as profits are not paid on "15 year investment" policies at the end of 14 1/2 years, or else that company's statement was made with the deliberate intention of misleading the public.

"If one wants a tontine policy he should exercise a reasonable amount of caution and good common sense in the selection of a company. A company that gives large dividends on the ordinary kind of policies, can give much larger on the same kind when tontined, and a company that pays but meagre profits on the usual forms, adopting perhaps the tontine system to cover up its small surpluses, cannot be relied upon for large returns of surplus under the tontine forms of insurance." Mervin Tabor, late actuary, Illinois government insurance department.

Here is a comparison of the ordinary policies issued at same age, same time:

FIFTEEN YEAR ENDOWMENT—BOTH POLICIES RAISED TO \$10,000.

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| North American Life Policy 1,317, Issued 1883, Age 45, Premium \$705. | |
| Total Premiums in 15 years..... | \$10,620.00 |
| Less Dividends, paid quinquennially..... | 1,687.10 |
| NET COST..... | \$8,932.00 |

ONTARIO MUTUAL LIFE, Policy 9,706, Issued 1883, Age 45.

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| Premium \$699.00. | |
| Total Premiums in 15 years..... | \$9,588.00 |
| Less Annual Dividends..... | 1,299.55 |
| NET COST..... | \$8,288.45 |

Difference in favor of the ONTARIO MUTUAL LIFE.. \$ 643.55

If interest at 6 per cent is included on annual difference in premium the difference in favor of the Ontario Mutual is.....\$1,304.50

If the ordinary profits of the Ontario Mutual Life far exceed the profits of the North American Life on ordinary plans, how much more will the "survivorship distribution" profits of the Ontario Mutual exceed the tontine profits of the North American?

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 Winnipeg.

BRITISH COLUMBIA OFFICE OF THE COMMERCIAL

Business in British Columbia.

Vancouver, Dec. 11.

Immense stocks of frozen chickens and turkeys are arriving, or are on the way.

Fresh Australian butter is meeting with ready sale. One firm stated that they could fearlessly recommend it as first-class. Another firm stated that the article imported from the Antipodes was not as good, or did not reach the consumer in as good condition as the British Columbia creamery. It has not the grain of fresh Manitoba, or British Columbia butter, and is saltier and does not draw so well, but it is very good butter for the price asked.

Lard is scarce at present. Although Ashcroft potatoes are selling well at present prices, they have been affected by the unusually long wet season and they are not up to the standard of other years.

British Columbia Items.

G. H. Miner, hardware, Cranbrook, has opened a branch at Moyle.

Wm. Hunter & Co., Ltd., general store, Silverton, have opened a branch at Phoenix.

A new shipping company under the name Langley, Logan & Co., are starting business at Victoria.

Plans are being prepared for a warehouse and cold storage plant for J. Y. Griffin & Co., at Nelson.

The Brackman & Ker Milling Co. are calling for tenders for excavating additions to their warehouse at Nelson.

H. Logan, shipping and insurance agent, Victoria, has formed a partnership with Wallace Langley, under style of Langley, Logan & Co.

F. A. Morris, wholesale tobacconist, Victoria, has established his headquarters at Vancouver. He is agent for Western Canada for Willits' celebrated English tobaccos.

R. P. Rittet & Co., Victoria, report the export lumber trade exceedingly active in their last circular. Tonnage is scarce and high rates are being obtained even for charters six or eight months distant.

New Westminster is rapidly assuming its old time air of solidity as a result of the active building operations which have been carried on ever since the disastrous fire of September 10, 1898. The business streets have been rebuilt with structures in keeping with the importance of the city. Many fine dwelling houses have also been erected.

During the series of wool sales which closed at London on December 11, 103,000 bales of wool were sold, of which 5,000 went to the home trade 49,000 to the continental trade and 4,000 to American buyers. There were 4,000 bales carried over. The prices realized during the series showed an average advance of 15 per cent. on scoured to 10 per cent. on fine greasy merinos, 20 per cent. on medium coarse, 25 per cent. on slips; 15 per cent. on inferior qualities, and poor scoured 10 per cent. advance over the last series. Cape of Good Hope and Natal showed an improvement of 12 1/2 per cent. The first series of 1900 is scheduled to open on January 16.

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The German Toy Industry.

Although the little Thuringian town of Sonneberg, the center of the modern toy industry, is commonly considered as the birthplace of toy-making, it appears, according to Kuhlows's Journal, Berlin, that the first attempts in the art were made by the village of Judenbach, situated further to the northeast. By reason of its favorable situation near the Nürnberg Sachsische Geleitsstrasse, a road much frequented ever since the thirteenth century, and the only means of communicating with Leipzig and Nuremberg, the village could always readily dispose of its crude wooden house and kitchen utensils, and later of its little chairs, tables, animals, cross-bows, swords, guns and musical instruments. Even long after the art of making woodenware had been introduced in Sonneberg, Nuremberg was still the market for these peasant products, and continued to make the most of the transaction. Not without reason did the city call Sonneberg its Goldtochlein (little gold daughter). Not until the thirty years' war had destroyed all the regular trade communications did the Sonneberg tradesmen themselves begin to travel about with their wares. The inhabitants of Judenbach, on the other hand, would never leave their native village in order to sell their products. While in Judenbach the toy industry did not attain great proportions, in Sonneberg the trade, as early as the seventeenth century, had grown to such an extent that when public markets were established in Frankfurt-on-the-Main the merchants of Sonneberg were granted equal exemption from taxes and duties with the merchants of Nuremberg. Till the eighteenth century toys were covered with poisonous bismuth paints. An important step in the development of the industry was the endeavor to make those parts which were difficult to carve out of some doughy substance (rye flour mixed with lime water). This substance, however, softened and mildewed when moistened. A decided advance was recorded only when Friedrich Müller, a citizen of Sonneberg, began to use paper mache, a substance of which he heard from a French soldier. The figures were no longer modeled as before, but the plastic mass was now pressed into shape by moulds. By means of this new substance Sonneberg produced its wares with almost mechanical rapidity. Toys are no longer made in the peasants' homes but in factories. The cost of these new wares was, moreover, considerably reduced—a most significant factor in the manufacture of toys. In the making of dolls but little progress was made. Not until a new method was introduced into Sonneberg, which came from China, by way of England, can any great improvement be recorded. From the first Chinese dolls of 1852, with the movable limbs, sprung together by cords drawn through the joints, developed the so-called "jointed dolls." In coloring the faces of these dolls, white lead, a poisonous paint, was long employed until by legislative action its use was prohibited. Nowadays the innocuous zinc oxide and similar harmless colors are used. The hair of dolls, after many failures of other materials, is now made of mohair and the fur of Angora goats. In this manner the toy industry slowly developed to its present state. How numerous are the varieties of toys now made may be inferred when it is considered that

the design room of a Sonneberg factory contains from 12,000 to 18,000 designs. In order to maintain the position which they have reached, toy makers are compelled constantly to bring forth new models, and to adapt their products to the tastes and peculiarities of foreign purchasers. Years ago the chairman of the Sonneberg chamber of commerce proposed the collection of toys made by foreign manufacturers in order that Sonneberg toy makers might thus be able to acquaint themselves with the wants and peculiarities of foreign markets. Such a collection of models has now been made, and does good service for the manufacturers as well as for the students at the various industrial schools of Thuringia.

Besides Sonneberg, the towns and villages of Watterhausen, Friedrichsroda, Omdorf, Hildburghausen, Schleusingen and Koburg are engaged in the industry. Toy factories are now scattered more or less over one-half of Germany: they are distributed from the Black Forest and the Palatinate of the Sudetic mountains and the province of Brandenburg. Of particular importance are the Erzgebirge of Saxony, which, on account of their forests and abundant water power, have enabled the manufacturers of Saxony to produce many of the more common toys formerly made in Sonneberg. The most recent statistics show that Germany has exported toys to the value of 40,500,000 marks (£2,925,000), while in 1895 the value was only £1,500,000. Including the toys sold in Germany, the product of the entire German industry is probably worth 50,563,000 marks (£2,500,000), from which 750,000 marks (£37,000), representing the value of toys imported from foreign countries, must be deducted. Sonneberg undoubtedly produces half the toys made in Germany. The two largest buyers of German toys are America and England. To the development of toy manufacture and to the rise of doll making is due the increase in the number of export houses in Sonneberg. In the sixties there were about thirty export firms. By 1880 the number had increased to forty-eight, and by 1896 to seventy. According to the latest statistics there are 40,829 persons engaged in German toy manufactories, of which number 44 per cent are employed in Sachsen, Meiningen. In the region of Sonneberg about 34 per cent of the population are engaged in toy making, not including those who, in addition, are otherwise employed.

Skunk Farming.

To establish a successful skunk farm it is necessary to have land particularly adapted to the nature of the animals: there should be running fresh water, including a few ponds in which frogs can thrive, as frogs form a very necessary part of the food of the American skunk; their other food, however, consists of old meats of any kind, refuse from a slaughter house being especially desirable, part of the land should also be well timbered. The skunk is a burrowing animal, and if raised in quantity the "farmer" should build small mounds of earth, braced with boards and stones, in which the animals may readily burrow. The entire enclosure should be trenched, the trench to be about twenty inches deep and carefully filled with small stones to prevent the animals from escaping by burrowing; on top of this stone trench there should be erected a close-mesh, heavy wire fence enclosing the entire farm. The skunks require a great deal of ground, as they are subject to skin

diseases of a contagious nature, and consequently when one is affected, no matter how slightly, it should be at once removed and destroyed. Skunks will mature and begin breeding at the age of one year; they breed twice a year, having litters of from four to eleven. To regulate a farm well it is advisable to keep the females and slaughter the males, or a large proportion of them, each year. A special process is adopted by which the odor skunk is removed from the young skunks, so that when they are ready to be killed for their skins the usual skunk odor is not present. The killing of the skunks is also an important feature, and those engaged in the work have to exercise the greatest care to prevent being bitten, as the bite of a skunk is almost certain to result in hydrophobia. In slaughtering a large number at one time there is some danger on account of the fact that when the animals become excited they are quite vicious, and it is necessary, therefore, to have a separate killing pen sufficiently large to hold the number of animals intended to be killed at one time. This pen may be excellently arranged by being built with a zinc floor, which can be heavily charged with electricity, so that as soon as the animals step upon it they will be electrocuted.—*Far Trade Review.*

Mining Matters.

A steam hoist has been ordered for the Gold Panner, and it is expected that it will be got in over the winter road.

The November clean up of the Athabasca mine was \$11,600, from 380 ton of ore, an average of little over \$30 a ton.

All placer claims and lease hold claims in the Nelson, Ainsworth and Arrow Lake Mining divisions are laid over until May 1st, 1900.

Local men have launched the Victor—another gold mining company, to take up and develop properties in the Lake of the Woods district.

Application will be made to the legislature for an act to incorporate a company to operate tramways in the districts of Kootenay and Yale.

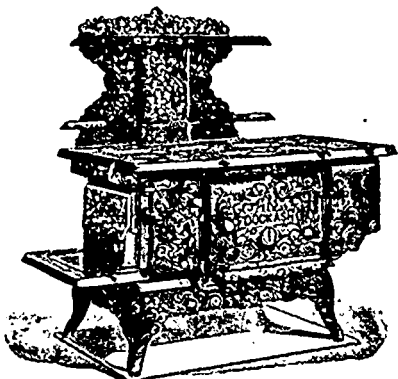
R. C. Clute, Q. C., is conducting an investigation into certain grievances of the miners in Slocan district on behalf of the Dominion government.

The Rambler and Cariboo Consolidated Gold & Silver Mining Company has paid its December dividend, and declared another of like amount, one cent per share.

Notice is given that the Poorman Gold Mining Co., of Nelson, is in liquidation, W. W. Botsford, of Vancouver, being liquidator, and C. C. Bennett, inspector.

An inspection of the bottom of the shaft at the Rainy River Co.'s Electro-chemical property shows that the ore is increasing in richness. The property looks better than ever it did.

Much satisfaction has resulted in Greenwood over the fact that the C. P. R. track-laying machine has started work laying steel on the spur line to the Mother Lode mine, Deadwood Camp, and that work will be pushed as rapidly as possible to completion. Rails have been laid on the spur to within four miles of Phoenix. The C. P. R. will undertake the construction of three spur lines to the smelter for bringing in ore for delivery, coke and coal for furnaces and one to carry the products of the smelter to the main line.



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PRICES AND TERMS ON APPLICATION.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 16.

Dry Goods—Demand better owing to snow and cold weather. Canadian staples are strong at last week's advance. Canadian cotton hosiery has advanced again, making 12 1-2 per cent advance since September. General belief among wholesalers is that foreign and Canadian woollen goods have not yet seen the end of the advances.

Hardware—Business is larger than last year, a good many orders for barbed wire, galvanized and plain wire are being booked for spring. Wire nails are in better demand and prices tend upwards. Canadian wrought iron washers are dearer, the discount now being 25 per cent. Crosscut saws S. and D. handles have advanced. United States cleavers are 20 per cent. higher. United States alarm bells advanced 10 per cent. Some lines of English cutlery have advanced 10 per cent. Quotations on horse blankets have been withdrawn. Meats are in fair demand. Pig tin is 2c lower at 33c; Canada plate has advanced 25 cents. Belgian glass markets are advancing rapidly and prices here are expected to go up.

Groceries—In good demand, holiday lines being active. Coffees are firm. Canned goods are firm. Jobbers think they will be dear, especially tomatoes which are now \$1.00, and corn which is 85c to 90c. Valencia raisins are firm at 7c for selects in round lots.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 16.

Grain deliveries are small and the market steady. Ontario wheat is 1-2c lower. Flour is meeting with a better export demand and is firmer. Poultry is lower. Butter is in good demand and receipts are small. Eggs in liberal supply and the market has weakened. Wool is 1 to 2c higher. Dressed hogs are 5c higher.

Four—Manitoba patent, \$4.20; Manitoba bakers, \$3.70; Ontario straight roller, \$2.80 to \$2.85 per barrel for carlots at country mills.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 65c to 65 1-2c for cars at country points; Ontario spring, 64 1-2 to 65c; No. 1 hard, 77 1-2 to 78c, grinding in transit.

Oats—New oats, 25 to 26 1-2c at country points for car lots.

Barley—No. 2, 38c, country points. **Millfeed**—Shorts, \$14 to \$14.50 ton; bran, \$11.50 to \$12.50 per ton for cars at country mills.

Oatmeal—\$3.25 in bags per barrel, and \$3.35 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—Choice fresh, 18c, No. 1 limes, 15 1-2c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, choice fresh 17 to 18c, poor to medium, 10 to 16c, creamery, tubs and boxes, 21 to 21 1-2c.

Cheese—12c for job lots to the local trade.

Hides—9 1-2 for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 10c; cured hides, 10 to 11c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 75 to 81; calfskins, 10 and 9c for No. 1 and No. 2; tallow, 5 to 5 1-4c.

Wool—Washed fleeces, 18 to 20c; unwashed, 10 to 12c.

Beans—\$1.40 to \$1.50 per bushel for hand picked.

Dried Apples—6 to 6 1-2c for round lots; evaporated, 8 1-2 to 9c.

Poultry—Chickens, 25 to 35c per pair, turkeys, 7 to 7 1-2c per pound; geese, 5 to 5 1-2c.

Potatoes—Steady at 40c per bag for car lots.

Hogs—Dressed hogs, \$5 to \$5.30 per 100 pounds for car lots, mixed weights.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 12

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 900 head of cattle, 300 sheep and lambs, and 2,500 hogs.

Export cattle—Prices for good heavy cattle about \$1.75 per cwt. and \$4.15 to \$4.40 for light cattle, a few choice sold for \$5.

Export bulls—\$1 to \$4.25 per cwt. for heavy, and \$3.25 to \$3.75 for lighter weights.

Butcher's cattle—A few fancy heifers for the Christmas trade sold as high as \$5 per cwt.; average choice heifers, \$4.50; good mixed lots \$3.50 to \$4 and common and inferior \$2.50 per cwt. upward.

Feeders—Heavy feeders scarce at \$3.50 to \$4. per cwt., the latter for a choice cow. Light feeders \$3.25 to \$3.40.

Sheep and lambs—Lambs were easier, selling at \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt. Export ewes \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt.

Hogs—Market unchanged at \$4.37 1-2 for picked lots of 160 to 200 lbs. Thick and light fats sold at \$4 per cwt.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 15.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 800 cattle, 1,000 sheep and lambs, and 1,500 hogs.

Export cattle firm at \$1.90 top price. Export bulls sold 1-4c higher at 4 1-2c best price. Butcher's cattle about 2 1-2 to 4 1-2c per pound.

Feeders easier at \$3.25 to \$3.80 per 100 lbs. Lambs easier at \$3.50 to \$4. Hogs firm and unchanged from Tuesday.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 12.

At the East End abattoir market yesterday the offerings of live stock were 500 cattle and 50 sheep and lambs.

There was an active demand for the best cattle. Good cattle sold at 33-3 to 4c per lb. and common stock at 21-4c to 31-4c per lb. Prime veals 5c to 6c per lb.; good calves 3c to 4c per lb. Good lambs sold at 41-4c to 41-2c per lb., and the others at 31-4c to 4c do. Fat hogs sold at \$4.15 to \$4.55 per lbs. for straight lots weighed off the cars.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, Dec. 15.

At the East End Abattoir yesterday receipts were 200 cattle and 500 sheep and lambs.

Better stock offered and the butchers' demand was active. Best steers brought 41-4 to 43-4c, fair to good, 31-2 to 4c; other grades, 21-2 to 3c. Good sheep brought 3c from United States buyers, and lambs sold at 4 to 4 1-4c. Hogs sold at 41-4c off cars.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 16.

Flour, grain and food are fairly active and steady. Hides are firm. Eggs in good local demand and selects are worth 2c more than a week ago. Butter is firmly held. Choice Calry in rolls is worth 18 to 19c, an advance of 1c. Choice creamery is also higher. Cheese is quiet and firmly held. Potatoes are a shade firmer at 47 1-2c. Cold weather has improved the demand for poultry, and turkeys are 1-2c higher.

Oats—36 1-2c in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.60 to \$3.70; Manitoba patents, \$1.00 to \$4.15.

Millfeed—Bran, \$14.75 to \$15.00 per ton; shorts, \$16.00 to \$17.00, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Roiled oats, \$3.50 per barrel on track and \$1.70 per sack.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 10 1-2c. No. 2 9 1-2c. No. 3 8 1-2c, calfskins, No. 1, 11c; No. 2, 9c; lambskins \$5c; tallow 4 to 4 1-2c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 22 to 24c. Second grade, 17 1-2 to 19c; second grade, 14 to 16c.

Butter—Choice fresh dairy, 18 to 19c.

Butter—Choice creamery, 21 1-2 to 22c.

Cheese—Western fine, 12 1-2 to 12 3-4c, eastern, 11 1-2 to 11 3-4c.

Beans—\$1.42 1-2 to \$1.47 1-2 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—47 1-2c per bag on track.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys 9 to 9 1-2c; ducks, 7 1-2 to 8 1-2c; geese, 6c; chickens, 7 to 8c per lb.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 16.

Hardware is quiet, but very strong. Paints and oils are quiet. Turpentine is easier at 75c. Linseed oil, raw, quoted at 62c and boiled at 65c.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 16.

The market is quiet and firm with no change in prices. Holiday trade has been active.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Dec. 15.

Quotations are strong at 57s 6d to 58s for white and colored.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Dec. 15.

Cattle steady at 10 1-2 to 12c; estimated dressed weight.

SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial.

London, Dec. 15.—Beet steady and 3-4 to 1d higher; December 9s 3d; January, 9s 4d.

Western Business Items.

P. A. McBean has opened a general store at Greenway, Man.

R. Ehrlich, general store, Chortiz, has associated to Thomas Ryan, of Winnipeg.

The Calgary Printing Co., Calgary, Alberta is applying for incorporation.

M. Spencer, merchant, Cardstone, Alberta, has admitted one Lee into partnership.

Park, Scott Co., wall paper, Winnipeg have dissolved, N. B. Scott retiring.

J. E. Douglas, general store, L. d. c. Alberta, has admitted a brother into partnership.

The estate of Mrs. L. J. Corbett, dry goods and groceries, Dauphin, Man., is advertised for sale on Dec. 21.

A. L. Hastings, flour and feed industry Head, Assa., is admitting J. W. Hastings into partnership. Style, J. W. & A. L. Hastings.

The estate of E. Chamberlain, lumber, St. Boniface, Man., is succeeded by Joseph Chamberlain, who is adding general merchandise.

New York Wheat

New York, Dec. 11.—Wheat, Dec. opened 72 7-8c, b. closed 72 5-8c. May opened 75 1-8c a, closed 74 1-2c b. July opened 75 5-8c a, closed —.

New York, Dec. 12.—Wheat, Dec. opened 72 3-8c, closed 72 1-2c a. May opened 74 1-2 to 5-8c, closed 74 3-8c a.

New York, Dec. 13.—Wheat, Dec. opened 72 1-8c a, closed 72 1-2c a. May opened 74 5-8c, closed 74 3-4c. July opened —.

New York, Dec. 14.—Wheat, Dec. opened 72 3-8c, closed —. May opened 74 3-4c, closed 74 23-4c.

New York, Dec. 15.—Wheat, Dec. opened 74 7-8c a, July opened 75 1-8c, closed 75 1-8c b.

New York, Dec. 16.—Wheat closed to-day at 72 1-2c for December option and 74 1-2c for May.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Wheat, Dec. opened 66 3-8c, closed 68 1-2c. May opened 69 7-8 to 70c, closed 69 1-8 to 1-4c a. July opened 70 5-8c, closed 69 3-4c b. Corn, Dec. opened 31c, closed 30 3-8c. Jan. opened 31 1-8c, closed 30 3-4c b. May opened 33 to 1-8c, closed 32 5-8 to 3-4c a. Oats, Dec. opened 22 1-2c, closed 22 3-8c. May opened 24 to 1-8c, closed 24c a. Pork, Dec. opened \$8.67 1-2, closed \$9.67 1-2. Jan. opened at \$9.85, closed \$9.82 1-2. May opened at \$10.07 1-2, closed \$10.05 b. Lard, Dec. opened \$5.17 1-2, closed \$5.10 b. Jan. opened \$5.37 1-2, closed \$5.37 1-2. Ribs, Dec. opened \$5.17 1-2, closed \$5.22 1-2. Jan. opened \$5.22 1-2, closed \$5.25.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Wheat, Dec. opened 65 3-4c, closed 65 1-2c. May opened 69 3-8 to 1-4c, closed 69c. July opened 69 7-8 to 70c, closed 69 5-8c. Corn, Dec. opened 30 3-8 to 1-2c, closed 30 1-2c a. Jan. opened 30 5-8c b, closed 30 3-4 to 7-8c b. May opened 32 5-8c to 3-4c, closed 32 3-4c a. Oats, Dec. opened 22 1-4c, closed 22 1-4 to 3-8c. May opened 23 7-8c, closed 24c a. Pork, Dec. opened \$8.70, closed \$8.75. Jan. opened \$9.82 1-2, closed \$10 a. May opened \$10.10, closed \$10.22 1-2. Lard, Dec. opened \$5.10 n, closed \$5.15. Jan. opened \$5.37 1-2, closed \$5.40. Ribs, Dec. opened \$5.22 1-2c n, closed \$5.22 1-2. Jan. opened \$5.25, closed \$5.30 a. Flax, cash \$1.51. Dec. \$1.51. May \$1.46 1-2c b.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Wheat, Dec. opened 65 7-8c, closed 66c a. May opened 69 1-2 to 3-8c, closed 69 1-2c b. July opened 70 to 1-8c, closed 70 1-4 to 3-8c a. Corn, Dec. opened 30 1-2c a, closed 30 1-2c b. Jan. opened 30 7-8c, closed 30 3-4c b. May opened 32 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 32 7-8c a. Oats, Dec. opened 22 3-8 to 1-2c, closed 22 3-8c. May opened 24, closed 24c. Pork, Dec. opened \$8.75, closed \$8.95 n. Jan. opened \$10.15, closed \$10.17 1-2. May opened \$10.30, closed \$10.37 1-2. Lard, Dec. opened \$5.15, closed \$5.25 n. Jan. opened \$5.42 1-2, closed \$5.45. Ribs, Dec. opened \$5.22 1-2, closed \$5.35 n. Jan. opened \$5.32 1-2, closed \$5.37 1-2. Flax, cash, \$1.51. Dec. \$1.50. May \$1.45 a.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Wheat, Dec. opened 65 3-4c, closed 65 7-8c b. May opened 69 1-2c, closed 69 3-4c a. July opened 70 1-8c, closed 70 3-8c b. Corn, Dec. opened 30 5-8c, closed 31 1-4c b. Jan. opened 30 7-8c, closed 31 1-2c a. May opened 32 1-8c, closed 31 3-8c. Oats, Dec. opened 22 3-8c a, closed 22 3-8c. May opened 24c, closed 24 1-8c. Pork, Dec. opened \$8.75, closed \$8.85 a. Jan. opened \$10.12 1-2, closed \$10.07 1-2. May opened \$10.32 1-2, closed \$10.30. Lard, Dec. opened \$5.25 n, closed \$5.20. Jan. opened \$5.40, closed \$5.42 1-2. Ribs, Dec. opened \$5.35 n, closed \$5.30 n. Jan. opened \$5.57 1-2, closed \$5.52 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.49. Dec. \$1.48. May \$1.43 1-4.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Wheat, Dec. opened 66c, closed 65 7-8 to 60c. May opened 69 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 69 1-2c. July opened 70 3-8 to 1-2c, closed 70 1-8c b. Corn, Dec. opened 31 3-8c, closed 31c a. Jan. opened 31 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 31 1-4c a. May opened 33 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 33 1-8c a. Oats, Dec. opened 22 3-8, closed 22 1-4 to 3-8c. May opened 24 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 24 1-8c. Pork, Dec.

opened \$8.90, closed \$9.10 n. Jan. opened \$10.20, closed \$10.35. May opened \$10.10, closed \$10.60. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.40, closed \$5.55 to \$5.57 1-2. Ribs, Jan. opened \$5.40, closed \$5.47 b. May opened \$5.60, closed \$5.60.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—May wheat opened at 69c and ranged from 68 7-8c to 69 3-8c. Closing prices were as follows:

Wheat—Dec. 65 7-8c, May 69 3-8c.

Corn—Dec. 30 3-4c, May 33c.

Oats—Dec. 22 3-8c, May 24 1-8c.

Pork—Jan. \$10.12 1-2.

Lard—Jan. \$5.42 1-2.

Ribs—Jan. \$5.35.

A week ago December option closed at 66 1-2c. A year ago December wheat closed at 65 1-8c; two years ago at 69c; three years ago at 70 5-8c; four years ago at 51 5-8c; five years ago at 50 5-8c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET

Chicago, Dec. 16.—The market for flax seed closed to-day as follows. Cash \$1.43. May \$1.42 1-2.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

No. 1 northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week: Monday—Dec., 64c; May, 68c.

Tuesday—Dec., 63 7-8c, May, 67 7-8c. Wednesday—Dec., 61 1-2c; May, 68 1-2c.

Thursday—Dec. 61 5-4c; May, 68 5-8c.

Friday—Dec., 61 1-2c; May, 68 3-8c. Saturday—Dec., 61 3-8c, May, 68c. Cash No. 1 hard closed on Friday at 65 3-8c, and cash No. 1 northern at 61 1-4c.

A week ago December wheat closed at 61 3-4c. A year ago December wheat closed at 62 7-8c, two years ago at 66c, three years ago at 77 3-4c, four years ago at 51 1-4c; five years ago at 55 1-4c, and six years ago at 60c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Minneapolis, Dec. 16.—No. 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 66 3-8c for May option. Cash 1 northern closed at 61 1-2c and cash 1 hard at 66c.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Liverpool, Dec. 16.—Wheat closed 1-8d higher.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

London, Dec. 12.—Trade in cattle was slow, but the tone of the market was firm, and prices show little change from a week ago. States cattle sold at 13c; Canadian ranchers 10 to 11c; Argentine 11 3-4c. On the other hand, the market for sheep was weak, and prices show a decline of 1c compared with a week ago, Canadians selling at 10 1-2 and Argentines at 11c.

Liverpool, Dec. 12.—There was no change in this market, prices for cattle and sheep being the same as a week ago at 11c for Canadians.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT

Wheat closes very dull and 1-4 to 1-2c lower than yesterday, with some small sales at about 65 1-8c, No. 1 hard, in store Fort William. No further lake shipments have been made since Nov. 6, as insurance could not be obtained.

The following mining companies have been incorporated under the laws of British Columbia: Boundary-Republic, of Rossland, capital \$1,500,000; Tammany Gold Mine, of Rossland, capital \$125,000; The Unexpected Mines, of Rossland, capital \$62,500; Sutherland Hydraulic Gold Mining company, of Cariboo district, capital \$50,000; the Magi Crater Co., of Kamloops, capital \$15,000.

British Columbia Markets.

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

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial,

Vancouver, Dec. 16.

The only change this week is an advance of 1c on creamery butter. Business is good.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 30 to 35c; Australian fresh grass butter, 28c; Manitoba creamery, 25 to 25 1-2c; Manitoba dairy, 19 to 20c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 50 to 60c per dozen, 20c to quality; eastern case eggs, 19 to 20c; pickled eggs, 19 to 20c.

CHEESE—15c. GREEN FRUIT—Oranges, navel, \$4 to \$4.25; seedlings, \$3.50 to \$3.75; California lemons, \$1 to \$1.25, bananas, \$2.50. Local apples, 90c to \$1.25 per box; grapes, \$1.75, Japan oranges, 55c per box. Eastern apples, \$6.25 per barrel. Local cranberries, \$7 per bushel.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.50; two 45 lb. sacks, \$2.60; four 22 1-2 lb. sacks, \$2.80; ten 7 lb. sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal, in 10 lb. sacks, per 100 lbs, \$3.25. In 60 lb. sacks, \$3 per 100 lbs.

FLOUR—Delivered B.O. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.60; strong bakers, \$4.30; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

GRAIN—Oats, \$24 to \$25 per ton; wheat, \$25.

CURED MEATS—Hams, 14 to 15c; breakfast bacon, 13 to 13 1-2c; backs, 12 1-2c, long clear, 10c; short rolls, 12 to 12 1-2c, smoked sides, 11c.

LARD—Tins, 10c per lb.; in pails and tubs, 9 1-2c.

FISH—Flounders, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 5c; soles, 6c; smoked 10c; fresh halibut 6c; salmon 6c; bloater 8 1-2c; cod 6c per lb.; crabs, 60c dozen.

GAME—Mallards, 60c; pintail 40c; teal 25c; wildgeon 40c per pair; venison 7c; bear 6c lb.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, \$15 to \$16 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$19 to \$20 ton; cabbage, 1 1-2c per lb.; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 per ton, red onions, 1c per lb.; silverskins, 2c; tomatoes, \$2 per box; cucumbers, \$2 per box.

FEED—National mills chop, \$25 per ton; shorts, \$23 ton; bran, \$21; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—Per ton, \$15.

DRESSEL MEATS—Beef, 8 to 8 1-2c; mutton, 10 to 11c; pork, 9 to 9 1-2c; veal, 10 1-2 to 11c lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per 100 lbs.; cows, \$3.25; sheep, \$5.50 per 100 lbs.; hogs, 6c per lb.

DRIED FRUITS—Apricots, 17c; peaches 10 to 12c; pitted plums, 12c; prunes, French 5 to 7 1-2c per lb.; London layer raisins, \$2 box; Italian prunes, 6 to 8 1-2c lb.; Muscatel raisins, 2 crown 5c, 3 crown \$1-2c, 4 crown 9c; dates 3c; black figs, 6c; white figs, 9 1-2c; layer figs, 10 lb. box \$1.45; silver prunes, 9 1-2c; quartered pears, 11 1-2c; half pears, 12 1-2c; nectarines, 15 1-2c; Valencia raisins, 7 1-2c; sultanas, 11 to 14c; blackberries, 16c; raspberries, 25c; seeded raisins, 9 1-2c.

NUTS—Almonds, 16c; filberts, 12 1-2c; peanuts, 9c; Brazil, 12 1-2c; walnuts, 13c lb.

SUGARS—Powdered, icing and bar, 6 3-4c; Paris lump 6 1-4c; granulated 5 1-4c; extra C, 4 5-8c, fancy yellows 4 1-2c; yellow 4 3-8c lb.

SYRUPS—30 gallon barrels, 2 1-4c lb.; 10 gallon kegs 2 3-4c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gallon tins \$4.50 case of 10; 1 1-2 gallon tins \$5.25 case of 20.

TEAS—Congo Fair, 11 1-2c; good, 18c; choice, 29c; Ceylon and India fair 20c.

HARDWARE—Bar iron—Base, \$3.50. Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent; horse shoes, keg, \$5. Wire nails—Base price, \$4.50; cut, \$3.75. Rope, Manila, 16c. Boiled oil, 75c. White lead, \$7.50. Putty, \$3.50. Barbed wire, \$4.75 per 100 lbs. Glass, 1st break, \$5.