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WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 18, 1893.

City Meat Dealers in Trouble.

A short time ago Winnipeg butchers were notified by the city health department that they were required to furnish the department with an affidavit as to the place at which meat sold by them was slaughtered. Some retail butchers did not pay any attention to the notice, and they have now been served with a notice to discontinue the sale of meat in the city. The demand for the affidavit is made under authority of the public health act. It is of course simply impossible for retail butchers to furnish any such affidavit. They buy their meats from wholesale butchers, from farmers on the street and from commission dealers. Some of the meat is shipped in by rail from all parts of the country, and finds its way directly or through commission dealers to the butchers. It is absurd to ask meat dealers to give an affidavit as to where the meat in their shops is killed. It is as unreasonable as it would be to ask the general merchant for an affidavit as to where all the goods in his store are manufactured or put up. Butchers who do a slaughtering business could make such an affidavit as to that portion of their supply which they kill themselves, but even those who do the largest slaughtering business buy meat on the street from farmers, and receive rail shipments, or obtain supplies in other ways, and they could not begin to state where the meat was killed. Most of the butchers, however, do not do any slaughtering at all, obtaining all their supplies in the various ways mentioned. It is absurd to ask them for such an affidavit. The only thing the health authorities can reasonably do, is to inspect the meat offered for sale, and confiscate, or prosecute parties offering diseased meat. It is an easy matter to find out those who do a slaughtering business, and inspect their premises, if it is so desired, without demanding an affidavit from all dealers, which it is quite beyond their power to supply.

Manitoba.

David Storey, proprietor of the Bay Horse hotel, Portage avenue, Winnipeg, is dead.

J. T. Gordon has sold his lumber business at Pilot Mound to Anderson and Elliott Gordon.

Edward Wiles, who until a few months ago, carried on a merchant tailoring establishment at Carman, died in Ontario recently.

The stock of Whitehead & Steward, general store, Neepawa, sold at 64½ cents on the dollar, to Davidson & Co., of the same place.

The partnership existing between S. C. Dinmore and R. Shesbotham, implements, Hamilton, has been dissolved. The business will be continued by Dinmore.

Duncan McArthur, late president of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba, was tendered a banquet at the Leland House, Winnipeg, on Tuesday evening last, on the eve of a trip east for his health.

The stock in trade of James Heaman, of Alexander, composed of dry goods, groceries, clothing, etc., will be sold at a rate on the dollar, by public auction, at Winnipeg, on Thursday, December 14.

The stock of Alex. Ross, merchant tailor, Winnipeg, will be sold at a rate on the dollar, on Monday, December 17. Stock consists of the following: Tweed suitings, etc., \$1,705.63; fixtures, \$352.50; book accounts, \$320.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the Northwest Commercial Travelers' dinner have decided to have the dinner at the Manitoba hotel, on Dec. 26. Barracough's orchestra of six pieces will provide the music.

A mutual fire insurance company under the auspices of the wholesale trade of Winnipeg has been organized, with J. H. Ashdown as president; F. W. Stobart, vice-president, and R. T. Riley, treasurer. The object of the association is stated to be the securing of lower rates, and a guarantee fund to pay losses the first two years has been subscribed.

Wheat was a splendid crop here this year, writes a correspondent from the Lake Dauphin section. The lowest threshed by Stinson's machine went 26 bushels to the acre, and the best went 44 bushels to the acre. Oats were a light crop, the best threshed went 78 bushels and the lowest about 15 bushels to the acre. The sample of oats is also light.

T. A. Nowman & Bro., Portage la Prairie, have moved into their new premises, on the site of their former stores which were destroyed by fire last winter. They have decided to go out of the dry goods business, confining themselves to the grocery trade exclusively. Their new block is of solid brick, 30x80 feet, two stories high, with basement for cold storage. It is one of the most substantial buildings in the town.

Any one who may be looking for a city opening in the dry goods trade, should make enquiry regarding the sale advertised by George H. Rodgers & Co., Winnipeg. This stock is to be sold en bloc on very easy terms, on Dec. 29, as Mr. Rogers is giving up the retail trade. The stand is one of the best in the city, and since previous to "boom" days has been one of the leading dry goods stores of Winnipeg. The building can be leased by the purchaser of the stock. The business done during late years by Mr. Rogers has amounted to over \$100,000 in one year. If a purchaser does not appear for the whole stock, it will be jobbed off in smaller lots and by retail sale.

George Wilson, a well known Montreal boot and shoe merchant, died suddenly at his store on Notre Dame street. He was seen to fall heavily to the floor. Death is supposed to have been caused by syncope of the heart, but an inquest will be held. Mr. Wilson was one of the best known men on Notre Dame street, having been in business there over thirty years.

Northwest Ontario.

Charles W. Hamilton, one of Port Arthur's most promising young business men, died suddenly on Dec. 12 of heart failure.

Alberta.

M. G. Connor, furniture, Edmonton, has assigned.

The Bentley Lumber Co., Lethbridge, sold out to Stanbury & Colpman.

Carlin & Lake, general store, Anthracite, sold out to G. C. Little & Co.

L. H. Doll, jeweller, Calgary, is selling off stock by auction in retail quantities.

At the sheriff's sale of the stock of Hill & Wallace, general dealers, Lethbridge, says the *News*, the stock was purchased by E. J. Hill at 100 cents on the dollar, and the book accounts by the same party at 60 cents.

Assiniboia.

The new depot building at Regina has been completed.

Thos. Nevison, harness, Regina, has assigned.

The Saltcoats Dairy association is in difficulties, and the plant has been seized by the sheriff, and will be offered for sale at Moosomin on Dec. 23.

Coal mining is active in the Souris district. The Dominion company are shipping from Estevan as well as Rochee Perce. Three new mines are being worked at Estevan by Jas. Wilkinson, George Rookes and J. Coldwell, all having struck good seams. These new mines have been opened in the valley south of the town. The coal is teamed across and loaded into the cars. The citizens are supplied at \$1 per ton laid at their doors. At Rochee Perce three mines are being worked besides the Dominion company, viz. the Hassard, the Gow and the Beaver, the latter being run by Gordon & Russell. Two sidings have been put in at this point.

Grain and Milling.

The steamer Acadia has gone into winter quarters at Port Arthur, loaded with about 20,000 bushels of grain.

The following item appeared under this heading in the last number of THE COMMERCIAL: "Out of forty car loads of wheat shipped from Moosomin by Jas. Sharp only three graded No. 1 hard." It is hardly necessary to state that this is incorrect. The item should have read "all but three" instead of "only three."

The town of Carman, Man., is sustaining its reputation as one of the leading wheat centres in Manitoba. Before the season is over it is expected the amount shipped will reach close upon 600,000 bushels.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matter.

The Canadian roads have met the reduction in rates from Chicago east, lowering rates from London and west to Boston from 19½ to 17½ per hundred and from London and east to Toronto from 17½ to 15½ cents per hundred to Boston. Rates from Ontario to all points in maritime provinces have been reduced two cents.

The *Chicago Daily Trade Bulletin* of Dec. 9, says: "The eastbound rates were demoralized during the past week and although the tariff on flour and grain to New York was reduced 5 to 20c and on provisions 7½ to 22½c per 100 lbs, the roads made further reductions on the quiet and it is said that grain was taken at 17 and 18c. Through business to Liverpool was slow, but rates firmer. Flour ranged at 31 to 32.00 per 100 lbs. Grain at 30½ to 31c per 100 lbs, and provisions at 40 to 50½c per 100 lbs. Lake navigation has closed for the season. The charters were on a basis of 3½c for wheat and 3½c on corn to Buffalo, with the privilege of storing there all winter. A few boats were chartered here for Buffalo shipment in the spring at 3½c for wheat and 3½c for corn."

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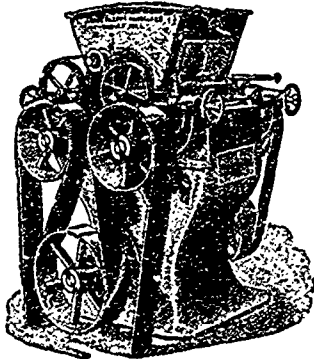
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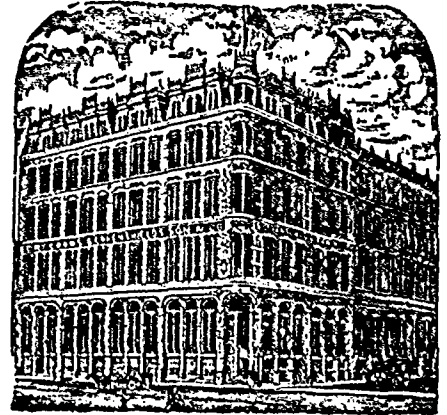
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THE MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL.

The greatest work of the day, and one of the greatest engineering enterprises of recent years, has just been completed in England. We refer to the Manchester ship canal, which was formally opened on Dec. 7. The public opening will take place on New Year's day, and in this connection it is of special interest to Canadians to know that one of our vessels will be the first to enter the canal and lead the procession to Manchester. This honor falls to the Nova Scotia barque *Sophie Wilhelmine*, which vessel is now in waiting with a load of lumber.

It is eleven years since the movement to construct this great work took definite shape. The first step necessary was a charter, and this was secured after great difficulty, owing to the opposition of railway and Liverpool Jock interests. It is said that it cost the directors one and three quarter million dollars to get the charter passed by Parliament. In Canada, where charters are granted so freely, this will seem a remarkable statement, and it would seem to indicate the need of reform of some kind in the British legislative system, when such a statement can be made. The capital was secured in a variety of ways. Manchester and other Lancashire cities contributed largely and private investors purchased shares. A large number of shares were taken by co-operative and workingmen's societies. In 1887 the capital was assured and the contract was let to Thos. Walker. Lender Williams, the great English engineer, it may be stated here, was the projector of the scheme, and the engineer in charge. The expense of building the canal was enormous. Over 11,000 men were at work at one time, and the working plant alone cost nearly \$5,000,000. Mr. Walker, the original contractor died shortly after the organization of the work had been completed, and it was then taken up by the canal company. A point which will help to show the magnitude of the undertaking will be found in the statement that 228 miles of railway were laid to aid in the construction of the canal. Included in the construction plant were 170 locomotives, 6,500 cars, 100 dredges, etc.

The total length of the canal is 35½ miles. The fall from the water level at Manchester to the mouth at the Mersey is 60½ feet. There are four locks, each having a lift of something over fifteen feet. The walls are of concrete, except at the water line, where granite or limestone is laid, as a protection from rubbing by ships. The entire canal is practically one long dock. The canal has a width of 120 feet and a mean depth of 26 feet of water. The Manchester end for three and a half miles is 170 feet wide. One of the greatest feats in connection with the canal is the swinging aqueduct by which the Bridgewater canal is carried across the Manchester canal. The total cost of the great work is about \$75,000,000, of which the city of Manchester contributed about one-half. The city has a controlling

interest in the undertaking, and has several representatives on the directorate.

Like the construction of new railways in the Canadian West, new towns are springing up along the canal. Business was opened upon a portion of the canal some months ago, and an important town known as Saltport has since grown up, with regular lines of steamers running to home and foreign ports.

The influence of the canal when completed will be watched with interest. That it will be a paying investment is considered certain. Its terminus is the greatest manufacturing city in the world, and it penetrates the most densely populated portion of the kingdom. The population immediately tributary to the canal is counted by millions. It is said that one-fifth of the population of England are nearer to the canal than any other ocean port. The canal passes through the very heart of the industrial centre of England, with its millions of consumers. It will be used to bring in raw products for these great industries, food for the vast population concentrated in the district, and provide a means of shipping out the manufactures of the region. A great saving in freight charges and cost of handling will result, not only in the cost of transferring the enormous traffic to and from cars at Liverpool, but also in the lower freight rates by the canal, as compared with the railway rates.

Canadian trade with England should be stimulated by the completion of this great traffic highway. Ships with our products will then proceed direct to the heart of the most densely populated portion of the kingdom, saving railway freights and the transferring of goods from snips to cars. Take the case of Denmark, for instance, which is an active competitor with Canada in the British markets in cheese, butter and other products. Ships from Denmark and other countries of northwestern Europe would land at a North Sea port, and their products will still be subject to railway freight rates to reach interior centres in England, while Liverpool and the Manchester canal points are the natural ports for vessels from Canada. The opening of the canal will, therefore, increase our ability to compete in British markets, against certain foreign products, as well as against the English farmer.

MR. FOSTER MISREPRESENTED.

Hon. Mr. Foster, finance minister, writes THE COMMERCIAL in reply to an article which appeared in this journal, in our issue of November 27. In discussing the result of the Winnipeg election, THE COMMERCIAL intimated that Winnipeg had given a strong negative answer to the statements of Mr. Foster, that the West would be satisfied with a few minor reductions in the tariff. The portion of the article which Mr. Foster particularly objects to is contained in the following statement:

"Finance Minister Foster has returned East with the report that the West will be satisfied with a few minor reductions in the tariff. Winnipeg thunders NO to this assertion."

Mr. Foster says there is not a particle of truth in this statement. It was made, he says, during the contest in Winnipeg, as an election cry, and he did not suppose it would be seriously believed.

THE COMMERCIAL has no desire to misrepresent Mr. Foster in this matter. That this journal is not animated by any party bias against Mr. Foster or his colleagues, is well known to all our readers. We are not only willing, but anxious to correct any wrong impression which may be given through anything which may appear in this paper, in this as in any other matter. THE COMMERCIAL formed its opinion of Mr. Foster's intentions regarding the question of tariff reform, from interviews with the gentleman, published in eastern papers, and from telegraphic reports of statements alleged to have been made by him. If the finance minister has been misrepresented, it is not altogether the fault of THE COMMERCIAL. The opinion was formed honestly, and in fact no other opinion could have been arrived at, from reading some of these interviews. We did not notice that they had been repudiated by Mr. Foster, and therefore accepted them as genuine expressions of his views upon the question of tariff reform. We are glad now to know from Mr. Foster personally, that he repudiates the alleged interviews with him, published in the *Empire* and other journals, for such we would take the substance of his denial to mean. He does not tell THE COMMERCIAL exactly what his views are as to tariff reform in the West, but this we could hardly expect him to do. The proper time to do this will be when he introduces his tariff measure in Parliament. He states, however, that what he did say was quite different from what we were led to believe he had said. It is gratifying to have this much from Mr. Foster. THE COMMERCIAL will now await, more hopefully, the public presentation of his forthcoming tariff reform bill.

FURTHER UNITED STATES TARIFF CHANGES.

A large number of changes have already been announced in the original draft of the Wilson tariff bill. The date in which the bill is to go into effect, has been changed from March 1 to June 1. The changes announced in the duties are numerous. The most important one for Canada, so far made, is in lumber, which it is now proposed to make dutiable at the rate of 50 cents per 1,000 feet for planed on one side; \$1 per 1,000 feet planed on two sides, and \$1.50 when planed on two sides and tongued and grooved. Malt is advanced from 20 per cent. to 25 per cent. Petroleum is to be admitted free from countries admitting similar products from the United States free of duty. Many more modifications may be made in the bill before it becomes law.

TARIFF REFORM ONLY.

A portion of the eastern press seems either intentionally or through ignorance to misunderstand the verdict returned by the people of Winnipeg in the late parliamentary election here. These papers talk about the school question as though it was the real issue in the contest. These journals should be informed that the school question had nothing whatever to do with the case. It was simply "not in it" at all. The tariff was the sole and only question at issue, and the verdict was a straight one for tariff reform. Mr. Martin no doubt

lost a few votes on account of his national school measure, but this simply detracted from the large majority who declared for tariff reform. The fact is eastern people appear to be much more visibly affected over the Manitoba school question than are the people of this province. If an election were to take place in every constituency in Manitoba at once, the school question would not be a factor in deciding the result. Manitoba regards the school question as settled. It is only in the East that it is regarded as a living issue, or a matter to be quarreled over. Both the candidates in the Winnipeg contest professed the same policy regarding the school question, which shows the folly of connecting the question in any way with the result of the contest here. If eastern people want further proof of the fact that the tariff was the only issue in the Winnipeg contest, we refer them to Mr Hugh J. Macdonald. This gentleman stated publicly that "the tide of tariff reform had proved too much for them." Other influential Conservatives here admitted freely that a tariff reform wave had swept over them. No other reason can honestly be given to explain the situation.

FINAL CROP ESTIMATES.

The final crop bulletin for 1893, was published on Monday by the Manitoba department of agriculture. It is compiled from returns received up to the first of the present month. The report shows that the Red river valley has this year been the most productive part of the province, all crops showing a larger yield in the Red river districts than in any other sections of Manitoba. The yield of cereal crops, all around, falls below the estimate made in the August bulletin, the final estimate being 15 56 bushels per acre for wheat, making a total crop of 15,615,923 bushels, or over 3,000,000 bushels less than the August estimate. Deducting the quantity of wheat already marketed, from the total crop, after allowing for local requirements for seed and bread, and there would remain only about 3,500,000 bushels in farmers' hands for marketing during the balance of the season. These final figures are probably not far astray.

The oat crop, like wheat, falls short of the August estimate, and the total crop is now placed at a little short of 10,000,000 bushels. This is not so very much less than the total crop of last year as is generally supposed. The average yield of oats last year was placed at 35 bushels per acre, while this year the December bulletin makes the average yield only 25.28 bushels per acre. But the acreage is considerably greater this year than last, so that even with this large reduction in the average yield, the total crop, according to the official report, is only a million and a half or so less than last year. If this estimate is approximately correct, there should be abundance of oats for home consumption, as a considerable quantity were exported from last year's crop, while there has been no exporting of oats this year, owing to prices being held far above an export basis.

The barley crop, while placed at an average yield of 22 11 bushels per acre, as compared with 29 bushels per acre last year, is about as large in the aggregate as the crop of 1892,

owing to the larger acreage this year, the total crop being placed at 2,547,000 bushels, as compared with 2,831,000 bushels last year. If the official estimate of the oats and barley crop is near the mark, there would appear to be no reason for the comparatively high prices of oats this year.

Other paragraphs in the bulletin state that a large area of fall plowing is done; that there is an abundance of hay in stack; and that farm building improvements in the province this year aggregated \$1,050,000.

FAKIR ADVERTISING SCHEMES.

Many innovations are resorted to in these days, by retail merchants particularly, to gain custom. Many of the plans adopted do not seem legitimate, from a strict business point of view, nor in keeping with the dignity of a large mercantile establishment. The object, however, is to do business, and few business men would stand strictly upon their dignity when the object is to gain trade. A great many people like novelty, innovation and humbug. Some people will be attracted by features which are not strictly legitimate modes of advertising more quickly than they would be by any plan the merchant could adopt to draw custom in a plain businesslike way. Hence novel and what may even be classed as fakir schemes are resorted to, even by reputable houses, in order to draw trade, without regard to the dignity or business taste of the thing. Perhaps it is not well to stand too firmly upon the dignity of trade, but there is still ethics in business which it would be well to observe. From the strictly business point of view, these various innovations for drawing custom are unequally, undignified, and not in keeping with the straightforward, sterling way in which business should be done. A concert accompaniment to a retail store trade, may be a great stroke of business for drawing custom, but in every other respect it is thoroughly unbusinesslike, and smacks too much of the saloon style of "booming" trade. It is to be regretted that the tendency of the times is to resort to fakir schemes to draw trade, to the detriment of that dignity and good business taste which should be a feature of a great mercantile establishment. Notwithstanding the apparent success of some of these novel ways of endeavoring to gain custom, we cannot but believe that a plain, commonsense, businesslike and reasonably dignified way of conducting a large retail establishment, will in the end produce the best results. To believe otherwise would show a very poor opinion of the intelligence of the people.

WHEAT MAKES GOOD PORK.

Some people in Manitoba profess to believe that wheat is not a suitable grain for feeding live stock. Occasionally in the past statements have been made to this effect. One year in particular, there was considerable mortality among hogs in some sections of Manitoba, and it was at once attributed to feeding wheat. THE COMMERCIAL always advocated the feeding of low grade wheat at home, in preference to selling it at the low price usually obtainable. In a year of low prices like the present, even

choice wheat could be fed to live stock, more profitably than to sell it at current market values. This is what is being done in some sections in the United States. By our exchanges we see that large quantities of even high grade wheat are being fed to hogs and other live stock, and that right in the corn sections too. It is claimed that there is more money in feeding it than in selling the grain. If this is true in sections of the United States, where the price of wheat is higher than here, and where there is abundance of corn feed, how much more profitable it would be in Manitoba, to feed the grain instead of selling it. At present prices, our choice No. 1 hard wheat would almost double its value, if marketed in the form of fat hogs.

As regards the belief which has existed to some extent, that wheat is not a suitable food for live stock, this impression is being corrected by experience. Of course the grain should not be fed recklessly, and common sense, combined with some knowledge of feeding stock, is necessary to obtain the best results. In the year above mentioned, during which a number of hogs died in Manitoba, there is no doubt but that wheat killed some of these hogs, but it was not the fault of the wheat so much as the foolish way in which the grain was fed. One case, in which a farmer had lost a number of hogs, was investigated by a representative of THE COMMERCIAL, and it was discovered that the hogs had been fed upon a straight diet of raw wheat, and they had been constantly given all they could stuff of the grain. This was unreasonable feeding. Another farmer, a neighbor of the one first mentioned, noticed that his hogs were taken with similar symptoms. He had also been over feeding, but he curtailed the rations for awhile and fed roots freely, with the result that his animals soon came around all right. There is no doubt but that care should be used in feeding wheat, but this is also true of any other grain, where it is fed heavily, or almost exclusively.

Toronto Dry Goods Trade.

New cotton fabrics manufactured by Canadian mills are now being passed into stock, and imported cottons will be arriving in the course of a week. New spring woollens, such as tweeds and serges, have also been delivered to local houses. Knitted goods will be delivered later on. Canadian woollen mills are now receiving repeat orders from wholesale houses. One local house placed a repeat order this week running into several thousand dollars. They are also booking orders from the clothing trade for goods to be delivered in autumn, 1894. Orders placed indicate that the ready-made clothing business is increasing. This is attributed to the better class of garments now turned out by the clothiers, and also to the increasing excellence of the materials.—*Empire*.

S. C. Matthews, of Matthews, Towers & Co., wholesale men's furnishing, Montreal, arrived in Winnipeg this week, and after a few days spent in the city, started on his usual journey through the country westward, with spring and summer samples. Mr. Matthews states that the trade of his firm has grown rapidly, and they now have travellers in every province of Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The principle upon which the house does business is "one price and strict observance of terms," and on these principles, combined with suitable goods, they have worked up their trade.

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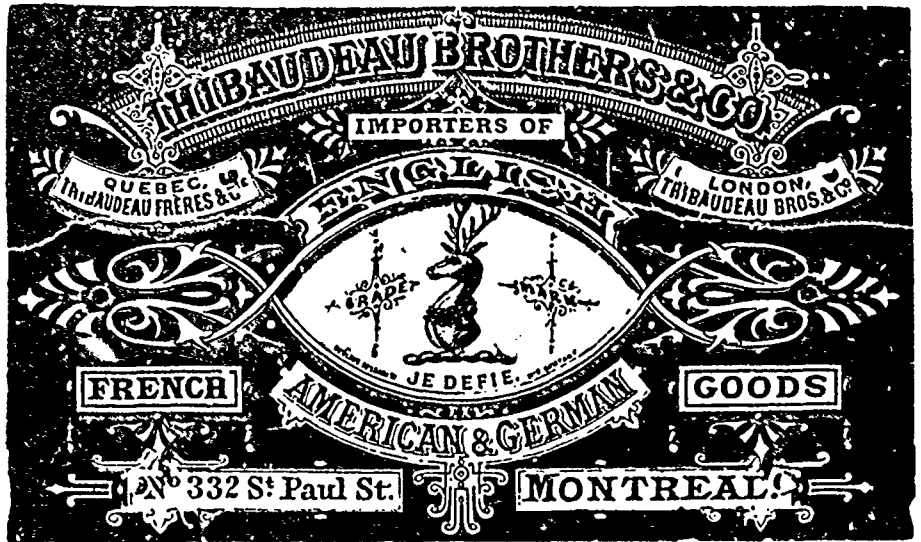
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THE SITUATION.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, December 10.

Business is generally reported to be dull for the time of the year. Some wholesalers say it is more like January than December, but doubtless the next two weeks will show considerable improvement. The season, which has been a very severe one from the weather point of view, has retarded business in some lines, such as fruits, the grain movement, etc., while it has not led to as brisk a demand for clothing, furs, furnishings, etc., as is looked for under similar climatic conditions. The grain movement has been very light, owing partly perhaps to cold weather. Railway traffic has been interfered with. Express trains from both the east and west have been frequently delayed. Severe storms were reported west, but the Red river country has not been affected by storms this week, though the snow fall is heavy. Thunder bay, Lake Superior, is reported frozen over two or three weeks earlier than usual, and the fishing boats, which have operated during December in other years, have been unable to do anything this month. In the woods the various operators are now busy getting out cordwood, ties, logs, etc. The swamps are frozen so as to allow of teams going in. Probably the last shipment east of western cattle went through this week, being a lot of eight cars of range cattle for the Toronto Christmas market. Western dressed beef is going east in car lots and meeting with a good demand at Montreal and other eastern points. This trade promises to assume considerable proportion this winter, and should prove more remunerative than shipping live stock.

In railway matters, the recent election of the solicitor of the North Shore and Atlantic railway to the presidency of the Duluth and Winnipeg road, gives assurance of the truth of the reported amalgamation of the two roads. The early completion of the Duluth and Winnipeg now looks more hopeful. It is also reported that 400 miles of rails have been purchased for the completion of the Duluth and Winnipeg to Winnipeg next season. The legal contest between the receiver in charge of the Manitoba and Northwestern railway and the bondholders of the first 180 miles of the road is unsettled. The bondholders are demanding control of the first 180 miles of the road, as provided in their mortgage. In the meantime, the receiver has been cutting down operating expenses as much as possible.

In financial affairs, the winding up of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba is making good progress. A number of the country branches of the bank have already been closed. The establishment of the clearing house in Winnipeg is proving a convenience to the banks operating here. The first day's clearings were \$183,331, and the first week (ended Dec. 9) showed clearances of \$1,549,263. For the week ending to-day, clearances were \$1,221,449.

R. G. Dunn's commercial report for this week says: Failures are numerous and large, 330 in the United States for the week against 279 last year, and 40 in Canada against 25 last year, but the worst feature is their importance. The list in the United States for the week includes seven banks, with one of the oldest private banks for \$500,000, an agricultural machinery establishment for \$1,000,000, an iron works for \$500,000, a heavy tobacco dealer for \$500,000, a lumber concern for \$150,000 and dry goods concern for \$150,000, making \$2,500,000 for five failures. The fact that failures continue so numerous is largely due to the remarkable decrease in purchases for consumption throughout the country, for, of the panic in the ordinary sense, little remains, and money is so abundant that with ordinary business, most concerns would be able to weather the consequence of last summer's cyclone.

Winnipeg Markets.

[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.]

DRUGS.—Business in this branch is more active than in most other lines of trade. Following prices are for parcels, and will be shaded for full package orders: Alum, per pound, 3¢ to 4¢—etc.; alcohol, \$4.75; bleaching powder, per pound, 6 to 8¢; blue vitrol, 5 to 8¢; borax, 11 to 13¢; bromide potash, 55 to 75¢; camphor, 75 to 85¢; camphor ounces, 80 to 90¢; carbolic acid, 40 to 63¢; castor oil, 11 to 15¢; chlorate potash, 23 to 33¢; citric acid, 60 to 75¢; coppers, 3½ to 4¢; cocaine, per oz. \$3.50 to \$9.00; cream tartar, per pound, 28 to 35¢; clove, 20 to 25¢; epiom salts, 3½ to 4¢; extract logwood, bulk, 14 to 18¢; do., boxes, 13 to 20¢; German quinine, 30 to 40¢; glycerine, per pound, 20 to 25¢; ginger, Jamaica, 25 to 40¢; do., African, 20 to 25¢; Howard's quinine, per ounce, 50 to 60¢; iodine, \$5.50 to 6.00; insect powder, 35 to 40¢; morphia sul., \$1.00 to 2.25. Opium, \$4.50 to 6.00; oil, olive, \$1.25 to 1.40; oil, U. S. salad, \$1.25 to 1.40; oil, lemon, super, \$2.75 to 3.50; oil, peppermint, \$3.75 to 4.25; oxalic acid, 13 to 16¢; potash iodide, \$4.25 to 4.50; saltpetre, 10 to 12¢; sal rochelle, 30 to 35¢; shellac, 50 to 55¢; sulphur flowers, 3¢ to 5¢; sulphur roll, per keg, 3¢ to 5¢; soda bicarb., per keg of 112 lbs, \$3.75 to 4.25; sal soda, \$2.00 to 3.00; tartaric acid, per lb, 45 to 55¢.

RAW FURS.—There is no local feature of importance to note. On another page of this issue will be found some foreign fur trade news. Quotations below will about cover the range of prices now paid in Winnipeg. The value of a skin varies as to size, color and condition of fur. The top price is for large skins, of prime quality. Occasionally an extra large, fine skin is received which will bring even more than the top quotation:—

Badger, per skin	.....	\$ 05 to \$ 80
Bear, black	.....	50 to 25 00
Bear, brown	.....	50 to 25 00
Bear, grizzly	.....	1 00 to 16 00
Beaver	.....	2 00 to 7 00
Beaver castors, per pound	.....	2 50 to 4 00
Ermings, per skin	.....	01 to 02
Fisher	.....	50 to 7 00
Fox, cross	.....	75 to 6 00
Fox, kit.	.....	.10 to .45
Fox, red	.....	.25 to 1.50
Fox, silver	.....	5.30 to 70.00
Lynx	.....	.25 to 3.50
Marten75 to 2.50
Mink25 to 1.60
Musquash02 to .10
Otter	1.50 to 10.00
Raccoon50 to .25
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Ox Tongue 1 " " "	7 50
Chipped Dried Beef 1 " " "	5 00
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LEATHER.—Trade is quiet in this branch as usual at this time of year and there has been no further change in prices. Quotations are:— Spanish sole, best No. 1, per lb, 23 to 30¢; Spanish sole, No. 1, per lb, 26 to 28¢; Spanish sole, No. 2, 24¢; slaughter sole, heavy, 30¢; slaughter sole, light, 27¢; harness, heavy, best, 23 to 30¢; harness, light, best, 23 to 30¢; harness, No. 1, 26 to 28¢; upper, heavy, best, 35 to 45¢; upper, light, 50¢; kip skins, French, \$1 to 1.10; kip skins, domestic, 75 to 85¢; calf skins, French, premier choice, \$1.25 to 1.50; calf skins, domestic, 75 to 85¢; splits, senior, 25 to 35¢; splits, junior, 30¢; cowhide, 35 to 45¢; corduvan, per foot, 17 to 21¢; pebble, cow, 17

to 21¢; buff, 17 to 21¢; russets, saddlers, per doz., \$12.50; linings, colored, per doz., 12¢.

DRIED FRUITS.—Prices are: New golden dates 10¢ lb. Dried apples, 7 to 7½¢; evaporated, 11 to 11½¢. Valencia raisins, \$1.80 to \$1.90 per box; currants, 5½ to 6¢; prunes, 7½ to 8½¢; dates, old, 7 to 8¢. California fruits—prunes, 11 to 12¢; apricots, 16 to 18¢; peaches, 24 to 27¢. New layer figs at \$1 per box in 6 pound boxes and \$2.20 in 12 pound boxes.

GREEN FRUITS.—Apples are unchanged. Florida oranges are 50¢ lower per box, and easy, with the possibility of a further reduction. Some common stock have sold at \$4 per box. New season Messina lemons have now arrived, and are in good supply and fine quality. They have sold fast, as the demand is heavy, owing to the prevalence of influenza, and they arrived on a bare market. Prices for now stock are lower than was expected. Cranberries are easier. A shipment of Catawba grapes, in small baskets, has arrived, and selling at 25¢ per basket. Prices are: Apples, \$5.00 to \$6.00 per barrel. Florida oranges, \$4.50 to 5.00 per box; lemons, now Messina, \$6 to 6.50; California winter Nellis pears, \$4.00 to \$4.50 per box. Cranberries are quoted at \$7.50 to \$8.00 per bbl. New Malaga grapes at \$8.00 to \$8.50 per keg. Sweet potatoes, \$5.50 \$6.00 per barrel. Honey, strained, 12¢ per lb.

NUTS.—Fresh Ontario chestnuts, held at 14 to 15¢ per lb. New shelled almonds are also in. Soft shelled almonds are quoted at 17 to 18¢, walnuts, 16 to 17¢, peanuts, roasted, 14 to 15¢, filberts, 12 to 13¢, pecans, 16 to 17¢, Brazils, 14 to 15¢.

FISH.—The supply of fresh fish is increasing, particularly in sea fish, though some varieties quoted are not in stock all the time. Fresh Lake Winnipeg fish, such as pike, perch, mullet, etc., are offering abundantly at 2½ to 3¢ per pound and pickerel at 4¢ and sturgeon at 5¢ lb; White fish, 6 to 6½¢; Lake Superior trout, 9 to 10¢ per lb, and lake herrings 30¢ per doz.; B.C. salmon 15¢; B. C. herring 12½¢; halibut, 12½¢; smelts, 12½¢ per lb. Smoked finnan haddies are quoted at 10¢ and smoked salmon at 12½¢ per lb. Pickled salmon, 9 to 10¢ lb; salt herrings, \$4.50 per ½ barrel. Oysters, \$1.90 for standards up to \$2.25 for ordinary selects. Shell oysters, \$7 per barrel.

WOOD FUEL.—There is considerable irregularity in prices. Wood is offering freely, and as there are a larger number of shippers to the market than usual, there is more variation in prices. We quote usual prices at \$3.50 for the best tamarac and birch, and \$4.50 to \$5 per cord for mixed spruce, pine and tamarac. Poplar, \$3.25 to \$3.75. These are retail prices delivered to consumers. Car lots on track sell about \$1 per cord less. Oak wood is reported to have sold as low as \$3.70 on track.

COAL.—The Souris coal district is enjoying an active season, and several new mines have been opened. There is no change in coal, which is quoted at \$10.50 for Pennsylvania anthracite, \$9 for western anthracite and \$7.50 per ton for Lethbridge bituminous. These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city. Souris coal sells at \$4.25 retail and \$3.75 on track for the Estevan mines. Roche Perce mine Souris coal is quoted 25¢ higher per ton than from the Estevan mines, or \$4.50 to consumers and \$4 on track.

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Iron and steel—Common iron, per 100 lbs, base price, \$2.90 to \$3; band iron, per 100 lbs,

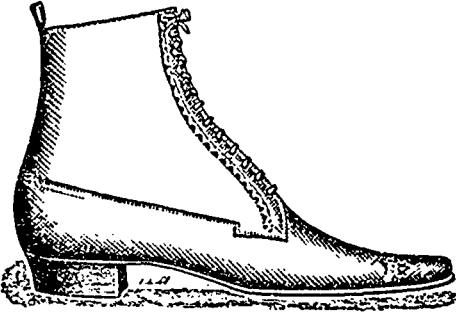
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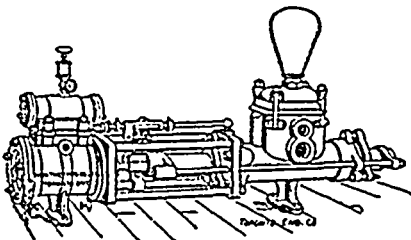
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Sheet zinc, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Lead—Plg, per lb, $\frac{1}{4}$ c.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb, 18 to 20c.

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount, 31 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 per cent; rim fire military, American, 5 per cent advance; central fire pistol and rim, American, 12 per cent; central fire cartridges, Dominion, 31 per cent; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$8 to 7 50; shot, Canadian, soft 5 $\frac{1}{2}$; shot, Canadian chilled, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Axes—Per box, \$6.50 to 15.00.

Axle grease—Per gross, \$10 to 14.

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, plain twisted wire and staples, \$4.25 per 100 lbs.

Rope—Sisal, per lb, $\frac{9}{8}$ to 10c base; manilla, per lb, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c base; cotton, 3 16 and larger, 20 to 22c per lb.

Nail—Cut per keg, base price, \$3; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$3.65 per keg; 3 to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch \$3.00 keg; 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, \$4.15 keg; 2 inch, \$4.40 keg.

Horse nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List prices as follows: No 5, \$7.50 box; No 6, \$6.75 box; No 7, \$3 box; No 8, \$5.75 box; No 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above. List prices, 50 to 60 and 10 per cent.

Horse shoes—Per keg, \$4.50 to 4.75; snow pattern horse shoes, \$4.75 to 5.

PAINTS, OILS, GLASS, ETC.—The only change to report is the advance of 2c in linseed oil from the inside price, making the price now straight 65c for raw and 68c for boiled, in barrels. It is now held stiff at this price, and firm. Prices on all heavy goods are, of course, firm at this time of year, and the tendency, if any change, will be firmer after New Year, on such staple lines as are brought in before the close of navigation, to hold for spring trade. It cost money to hold goods, in the form of interest, insurance and warehouse charges, which makes the natural tendency one of firmness in price on such staple lines as glass, white lead, cement, plaster, etc. To bring in goods now means an increased cost in higher freight charges, while there is also the cost of holding to be added to goods brought in before the close of navigation, on the lower freight rates then ruling. Business is very dull. Revised prices are as follows: White Lead—pure, ground in oil, Association quartette, \$6.00 per 100 lb keg; white lead, No. 1, per 100 lbs, \$5.50; white lead, No. 2, \$5.00; assorted, 1 to 5-lb tins, per pound, 10c.

PREPARED PAINTS—Pure liquid colors, per gallon, \$1.35 to \$1.40; second quality, \$1.10 to \$1.20.

DRY COLORS.—White lead, per lb, 5c; red, 7c; yellow ochre, 3c; golden ochre, 5c; Venetian red, French, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Venetian red, English, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; English purple oxide, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; American oxides, per lb, 4c. These prices for dry colors are for broken lots, 3c per lb less when full kegs or barrels are taken. Zanzibar vermilion, kegs; 18c; less than kegs, per lb, 20c; English vermilion, in 30 lb bags, \$1.00 per lb; less than bags, per lb, \$1.10.

VARNISHES—No. 1 furniture, per gal, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; elastic oak, \$2; No. 1, carriage, \$2; hard oil finish, \$2; brown Japan, \$1;

gold size, Japan, \$1.50; No. 1, orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50. These prices are for less than barrels, and would be shaded for full barrel lots.

SUNDRIES.—Glue, S. S., in sheets, per pound, 15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 20c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$3.50; benzine, per case, \$3.50 benzine and gasoline, per gallon, 50c. Axle grease, per case, \$3.75; gom axle grease, per case, \$3.20; imperial axle grease, per case, \$2.50. Coal tar, per barrel, \$8; Portland cement, per barrel, \$4.25; Michigan plaster, per barrel, \$3.25 to \$3.50; putty, in barrels per pound, 3c, less than barrels 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; whitening, barrels, per 100 lbs, \$1.25 to 1.35; alabastine, per case, 20 packages, \$7; asbestos, per case of 100 lbs, \$7.

WINDOW GLASS—1st break is nominally quoted at \$1.90, but cut prices are made for fair-sized orders.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, per gal, 65c; boiled, per gal, 68c.

TURPENTINE—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gal, 65c; less than barrels, per gal, 70c.

LUBRICATING OILS—Capital cylinder, per gal., 58c; elderado engine, 35c; Atlantic red, 35c; golden star, No. 1, 33c; extra, 35c; elderado motor, 36c; golden, 32; black, 25 to 30c; lard, 70c; castor oil, per lb, 11c.

REFINED PETROLEUM.—We quote silver star Canadian at 21 to 22 and op-lens at 26c per gallon in barrels. Ecene, United States, at 31c and sunlight at 27c in barrels.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT.—There has not been much change in wheat this week. United States markets have been very dull and devoid of speculation, and prices have varied but slightly, with rather an easy tendency. On Monday United States markets were lower, Chicago losing $\frac{1}{2}$ cent. The quantity of wheat and flour on ocean passage increased 120,000 bushels, and the India shipments were reported 500,000 bushels larger than last week. The visible supply increased 692,000 bushels for the week, and a year ago increased 2,990,000 bushels. The total supply was reported at 79,783,000 bushels, and a year ago was 74,570,000 bushels. Minneapolis and Duluth stocks showed an increase of over 1,000,000 bushels. On Tuesday the feeling was dull, and prices again lower in United States markets. Eastern Europe, South America and Australia shipments for last week were reported at 4,640,000 bushels, being an increase of about half a million over the previous week. On Wednesday United States markets were not materially changed. *Breadstuffs* report showed the increase in stock at 1,064,000 bushels east and 261,000 bushels west of the Rocky Mountains. On Thursday United States markets were weak under free selling. Chicago declined $\frac{1}{2}$ cent and closed $\frac{3}{4}$ cent lower in the face of light receipts at all points. On Friday wheat had an improved feeling, and at Chicago there was considerable buying, at a fractionally higher range of prices.

Exports of wheat from both coasts (flour included) for the week ended Dec. 14, equal 3,217,000 bushels. This is a sharp increase within a week. The Pacific coast exports increased fully 2,700,000 bushels. A year ago the total was 3,277,000 bushels and two years ago it was 5,495,000 bushels.

Reports as to the condition of winter wheat are generally favorable. In the United States low prices have not led to a curtailment of the area of winter wheat, which is estimated about the same as last year, and the condition of the crop to date is good. In Great Britain, France, Germany, Holland, Russia, etc., are favorable for the winter crop. Minnesota and Dakota farmers are estimated to have marketed nearly 3,000,000 bushels again last week, but country stocks in those states are 10,000,000 bushels less than a year ago.

There has been sharp cutting in freight rates from Chicago eastward. The grain rate to New York was reduced 5c to 20c per 100

pounds a week ago, and on December 13 rates were again cut to 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ on grain to New York. The railway managers met to consider the situation, and it was agreed that rates should be restored on January 1 so that no further cuts be indulged in in the meantime.

The local situation has been very dull this week. There has been a rapid decline in the movement eastward since the close of shipments by water. For the week ended Dec. 9, receipts at Fort William were only 180,358 bushels. Shipments were 79,336 bushels. No all rail shipments east are being made since the close of navigation, and the little moving is going into winter storage. Stocks in store at Lake Superior (Fort William and Port Arthur) on December 9 were 1,226,490, being an increase of 101,972 bushels. The final official Manitoba crop bulletin, published this week, places the wheat crop yield at 15.56 bushels per acre, or a total crop of 15,615,923 bushels for the province, which is about 3,700,000 bushels less than the estimate made in the August bulletin. In Manitoba country markets deliveries have continued very light, partly perhaps on account of cold, rough weather. There is little or no business doing and values are nominal, the idea being about 53 to 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cash No. 1 hard on track Fort William, and 65 to 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ for May delivery wheat. Prices to farmers in Manitoba country markets vary from 40 to 45c per bushel for No. 1 hard, according to local influences.

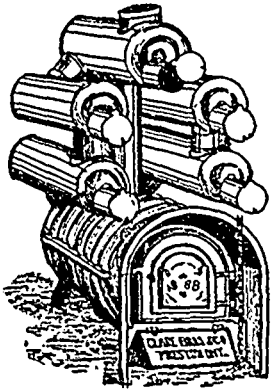
FLOUR—Local trade is quiet, and there is no new feature to speak of. The large Ogilvie mill in the city was closed down part of the week. Eastern markets are reported easier again, and the attempt of the millers to hold the market firmer, has evidently been given up. Quotations in small lots to the local trade, delivered in the city, are as follows: Patents, \$1.60; strong bakers, \$1.50; XXXX, which varies widely in the quality of different mills, is quoted at 80 to \$1.00 as to quality. Prices per sack of 98 pounds.

MILLSTUFFS.—There has not for a long time been any surplus of bran and shorts ahead. The supply has been a hard to mouth one all the season, owing to the greater quantity of millstuffs that is being fed this season locally, as well as the good shipping demand for the east. The closing down of the Ogilvie mill this week increased the light supply to an actual scarcity, and on some days it would have been difficult to have obtained a ton of bran in the city. Country mills are not offering, and it appears that they can sell all they have at the mill for local use. The scarcity did not change prices, which held at 10 to \$11 for bran and 12 to \$13 for shorts as to quantity.

GROUND FEED—There is a fairly good local demand, and prices hold at 17 to \$18 per ton for oats and barley chop. Mixed wheat feed has been offered at about \$14 per ton, but there is not much to be had.

OATMEAL, ETC.—Eastern rolled oatmeal is quoted at \$2.30 to \$2.40 in small lots for 80 lb. sacks. Cornmeal, \$1.75; buckwheat, flour, \$4; and rye, \$3. Beans are quoted at \$1.80 to \$1.90 per bushel; spelt peas, \$2.40 to 2.50; pot barley, \$2.40 to 2.50; and pearl barley \$4 per sack, rolled wheat, \$5.50 per barrel.

OATS—The oat market holds at about the same as a week ago, with the feeling easy. Prices continue irregular in country markets, but the tendency has been lower. Car lots on track, country point, we quote the same as a week ago, at 25 to 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ per casknet of 34 pounds, though in some country markets farmers are paid considerably higher than car lots can be bought for. In the Winnipeg market prices are about the same to farmers. There was a tendency to buy lower, but we cannot say that prices are really notably lower, 30 to 32c per bushel being paid farmers on the street market. The Manitoba government final crop report, issued this week, places the total oat crop at only about one and a half million bushels under last year, which should make abundance for home consumption, as there has been



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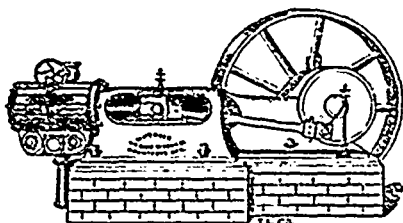
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no shipping this year, while last year there was a considerable surplus for export. Prices, of course, have been too high to admit of east ern shipments this year.

BARLEY—While oats are easier barley is firmer, but there is so little selling that it is difficult to quote a straight market value, there being a wide range of prices between the very few sales made. The Manitoba Govern- ment crop report issued this week places the total crop of barley at only a trifle under last year, but if this estimate is approximately cor- rect, it must be that the farmers are feeding the grain, for there has been an actual scarcity all the season. No doubt farmers are feeding more barley this year, as there is little or no low grade wheat in this crop to use for feed. Loads on the street of feed barley have been bought at 30c per bushel of 48 pounds, but car lots could not be obtained here at this price, being held at about 35c per bushel, freight paid to Winnipeg from country points. A sale is said to have been made at this price of a car lot. There is apparently no difference between malting and feed grades.

FRED WHEAT—Good demand for local use at 35 to 40c per bushel.

FLAX SEED AND MEAL—The price holds at 75c per bushel of 56 pounds here, and 70c in country markets. Ground oil cake meal quot- ed at \$24 to 25 per ton.

BUTTER—Easy and rather a weaker tendency still. Receipts are ample for present require- ments, and there is even some accumulation. There is some winter roll butter coming in, but it does not sell any higher than dairy, and some city dealers prefer dairy to rolls. From 18 to 19c per pound is a liberal quotation for round lots. One fairly good lot sold here at 18c, and a lot of rather poor sold at 14c. Deal- ers quote 20 to 22c in small lots, but close buy- ery do not exceed 21c for choice, in small quantities.

CHEESE—Quiet and quoted at 11 to 12c, in small lots, dealers selling price.

EGGS—Prices hold at 19 to 20c for pickled, the former price for small lots. Fresh hardly quotable owing to scarcity.

CURED MEATS—Dull at the recent sharp de- clines in price. We quote: hams, 13c; break- fast bacon, 13½c for backs and 14c for bellies; dry salt long clear bacon, 10c; smoked long clear 11c; spiced rolls, 10½c; mess pork, \$19.00 per barrel. The winter pack of hogs in the United States is a little under a year ago in number, to date, but the hogs are running heavier this year, so that the actual quantity is about the same as the pack of a year ago. Cured pro- ducts at Chicago have been comparatively lower than the price of hogs, which looks unfavorable for higher prices. Sausage is quoted: fresh pork sausage, 8c; bologna sausage 9c per lb; German, 9c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per half lb. packet. Pickled hogs tongues, 5c lb.

LARD—Pure lard held at at \$2.30 in 20-pound pails, per pail; compound unchanged, at \$2.10 per pail; pure in tins, \$7 per case.

DRESSED MEATS—No change in beef. Con- siderable country dressed beef offering, a good deal of which is of poor quality. We quote 3 to 4c per lb. for sides or carcass for country and 4½ to 5c for city dressed, good to choice quality. These cover the ordinary range of prices, though there is beef in the market, such as fine range stock, that will cost the butcher fully 6c per lb. Pork quoted the same as last week at 6c per pound for the usual run, 6½c has been paid for desirable hogs. Mutton is about the same, though held higher for choice qual- ity. O. dinary has sold at 8c and fancy mutton at 10c. Lambs 8 to 11c. Large fat calves have brought about 5c per lb, but good veals will bring 7c per lb. Western range dressed beef is going east in car lots from the abattoir at Calgary, and is meeting with a good demand at Montreal. The usual price is quoted at 6c for sides at Montreal in large quantities, and car lot sales are reported at 6 and 6½c there.

DRESSED POULTRY—Car lots of eastern poul- try are arriving and there is a liberal supply of such. Turkeys have sold to retail dealers here at 12 to 13c, and 13½ in single case lots. Ducks and geese are mostly held at 10c, though 10½ per lb is asked for choice in single case lots. For chickens there is a fairly liberal supply of home stock and quoted at 8c for ordinary, and 9c has been paid for choice.

HIDES—Very dull and few received. As hides can now be frozen and held easily, butch- ers are no doubt holding on account of the low prices. We quote Winnipeg inspected hides here as follows:—No. 1 cows, 2½c; No. 2, 1½c; No. 3, 1c; No. 1, heavy steers, 3½c; No. 2 heavy steers 2½c; No 3 steers 1c. Frozen hides, mixed grades uninspected, 1½c per lb. Calf, 8 to 13-lb skins, 4 to 5c per pound. Kips about the same as hides. Sheepskins and lambs, 50 to 55c each for new skins. Tallow, 4½c; rendered; 2 to 3c rough.

WOOL—Ordinary long wools nominal at 7 to 8c per pound; mixed quality, containing some finer grades 8 to 9c per pound; downs 9 to 10c as to quality; fine wools, such as good merino grades, 10 to 11c.

SENKOA ROOT—Prices are reported to be de- clining abroad. Local buyers are indifferent about purchasing further lots, at the tail end of the season, as they are winding up their trade and shipping the last of their stocks.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes have been selling on the street at about 40c per bushel, and are firm and scarce, owing to cold weather. Other vegetables are generally firm or higher, for the same reason. Other vegetables are quoted.— Turnips, 20 to 25c; carrots, 40c; beets, 40c; parsnips, 2c per lb; onions, 90c to \$1 per bushel. Cabbage, scarce at 75c to \$1.50 per dozen. Celery, 25 to 40c per dozen.

HAY—Baled hay, on track, \$5 to \$6 per ton, or \$4 to \$4.50 at country points. Loose hay on the street market about \$4 per ton.

LIVE STOCK—Car lots of hogs are occasion- ally arriving, and quoted at 5c per lb, off cars. A fraction more has been paid for some choi- e hogs, in smaller numbers. A train of eight cars of selected range cattle, from the Medicine Hat District, went east this week to provide Christmas beef for Toronto dealers. This is probably the last shipment east of cattle for the season.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat was quiet and easy on Monday. There was a range of nearly 1c in prices, and the close was ½c lower. Pork 15c lower. Clos- ing prices were:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	—	62½	—	63½
Corn.....	—	25½	36	40½
Oats.....	—	22½	28½	31
Pork.....	—	—	12 75	12 85
Lard.....	—	—	7 97½	7 77½
Ribs.....	—	—	6 70	6 75

On Tuesday wheat was dull and lower. Prices declined 1c, after opening ½c higher, recovered slightly and closed ½ to ¾c lower than Monday. Corn was ½ to ¾c lower. Pork 25c lower. Closing prices were:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	—	61½	—	62½
Corn.....	—	32½	35½	39½
Oats.....	—	23½	28½	30½
Pork.....	—	—	12 50	12 62½
Lard.....	—	—	7 82½	7 60
Ribs.....	—	—	6 55	6 60

On Wednesday prices were as follows:—

Winter Wheat—Was dull. The inquiry was speculative, very little shipping or milling in- quiry existed. Feeling weak and prices favor- ed buyers. No. 2 red sold at 6½c and closed at 6½ to 6½c. No. 3 red sold at 56 to 58c and No. 3 hard at 57 to 58c. Winter wheat by sample slow sale and feeling easier. No. 3 red sold at 57 to 58. No. 2 hard sold at 59½c. No. 3 hard sold at 57 to 58c. No. 3 white sold at 56½c.

Spring Wheat—No. 2 quotable at 61½ to 62c, and closed at 61½ to 62c. No. 3 spring hard variety sold at 60 to 63c. The premium on

hard spring wheat—Northern variety—has nar- rowed, in fact there is scarcely any premium, excepting in special locations.

OATS—Oats by sample were in fair supply. Buyers took hold moderately and prices held steady. Sales on track and free on board: No. 3 at 27 to 29½; No. 3 white at 28½ to 30c; No. 2 at 28½ to 29½c; No. 2 white at 30½ to 30½c. Billed through—No. 3 at 26c. No. 3 white at 27½ to 29½; No. 2 at 27½ to 28½c; No. 2 white at 29½ to 30½c.

Barley—Malsters showed a preference for good medium grades which could be secured at 40 to 46c. The range of quotations was practically the same as earlier in the week. No. 3 was saleable at at 40 to 45c for fair to good with high grade fancy a little slow at 48 to 52c. No. 4 about 35 to 43c according to condition, and screening \$12 to \$13 per ton.

Flax—Interest was unabated and the recent strength was continued with bids advanced 1½ to 3c. The market closed generally at the out- side. Off-rings were restricted and buyers of the various classes well represented. No. 1 on track sold at \$1.23 to \$1.29, and closed at the inside. December sold at \$1.28 early and later at \$1.27 and May at \$1.32 and \$1.33.

Meats—Green—Hams, \$7.75 to 7.87½; cash, \$7.75 to 7.87½. December, shoulders, \$5.62½ to 5.75 cash; \$5.62½ to 5.75. December. Bellies, 10 to 12 lbs av. \$9.50 to 10.50. Pickled—hams, \$8.37½ to 8.50 cash, \$8.37½ to 8.50 Decem- ber; shoulders, \$6.62½ to 6.75 cash, \$6.50 to 6.62½ December; bellies, 10 to 12 lbs av. \$9.25 to 9.50. Rubbed in borax—Hams, \$8.50 to 8.75; picnic hams, \$6.50 to 6.75, government inspected. Dry salted, boxed—shoulders, \$6.25 to 6.50; long clear sides, \$7.50 to 8.00; short clear sides, \$7.25 to 7.50 cash, \$7.00 to 7.10 December, and \$7.05 to 7.10 January; backs, \$7.37½ to 8; bel- lies, \$9.00 to 9.50; Cumberland sides, \$8.50 to 9.00; long cut hams, \$9.00 to 9.50. Loose lots about 20c less than above figure. Smoked—hams, \$9.00 to 9.50; shoulders, \$6.75 to 7.25; short rib sides, \$7.50 to 7.75; short clear sides, \$7.62½ to 7.87½; breakfast bacon, \$10.00 to 11.50 a 1 packed.

In the speculative market wheat declined ½c, recovered and again declined about ½c, recover- ed again and closed about the same as on Tues- day. Corn and oats were a shade higher.

Closing prices were:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	—	61½	—	62½
Corn.....	—	35½	35½	40½
Oats.....	—	24½	28½	31
Pork.....	—	—	12 65	12 72½
Lard.....	—	—	7 85	7 60
Ribs.....	—	—	6 52½	6 62½

On Thursday wheat was weak, declining about 1c and closed about ¾c lower for May option. Pork closed 2½c lower, and lard 5c lower. Closing prices:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	—	61½	—	62½
Corn.....	—	—	—	40½
Oats.....	—	—	—	30½
Pork.....	—	—	—	—
Lard.....	—	—	—	—
Ribs.....	—	—	—	—

On Friday wheat was firmer, with buy- ing orders from New York, which advanced prices. There were rumors of a later forecast of the Russian crop showing a reduced yield. Closing prices were:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	—	61½	—	62½
Corn.....	—	35½	—	39½
Oats.....	—	28½	—	30½
Pork.....	—	—	12 40	12 65
Lard.....	—	—	7 67½	7 60
Short Ribs....	—	—	6 42½	6 50

On Saturday December wheat closed at 61½c. May opened at 67½c and closed at 67½c per bushel. A week ago December closed at 62½c and May option at 69½c per bushel, for No 2 regular.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, Dec 16, wheat closed at 72½c for May. A week ago May wheat closed at 73c.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 60½c for cash and 62½c for May. A week ago cash closed at 60¾c and May at 63¼c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—December, 60c; May, 65c.
Tuesday—December, 60c; May, 64½c.
Wednesday—December, 60c; May 64½c.
Thursday—December, 60c; May 64½c.
Friday—December, 61c; May 64½c.
Saturday—December, 60½c; May, 64½c.

A week ago prices closed at 60¾c for December and 65½c for May per bushel. A year ago cash wheat closed at 65c, and May at 71½c per bushel.

Toronto Grocery Notes.

Sugar prices are unchanged at 4½ to 4¾c for granulated, and 3½ to 4½c for yellows.

Dried fruit continues the specialty. Brisk selling has been the rule along the street. Stocks are going down satisfactorily, and according to present indications very little fancy holiday fruit will be left in another week. Three or more of the local houses are out of off stalk and selected Valencia raisins, and stocks held by all of the houses are now light, Orange and citron peels are scarce; in fact a large manufacturing concern which does the chief business in this line has sold completely out of orange and citron peels. There is a moderate stock of lemon peels still on hand.

Vostizza currants is another scarce line. They are now quoted higher at 6½ to 7c.

A local house which has a car load of green Rio coffee on the way has disposed of about half of it by sales to arrive.

New Bosnia prunes, Sphinx brand, are quoted at 6 to 7½c.—*Empire*, Dec. 12.

Montreal Live Stock Market.

At Montreal on Dec. 11 there were about 500 head of butcher's cattle, 20 calves and 350 sheep and lambs offered at the east end abattoir. The butchers were present in considerable numbers, and trade was better than for some weeks past, with a slight advance in the price of beef and mutton cutters. The best cattle sold at from 4 to 4½c per lb, but they were not as good as those which were sold at the same rates last Thursday. Pretty good stock sold at from 3½ to 4c; common dry cows and thrifty young stock sold at about 3c, and the leaner beasts at about 2½c per lb. There was a good demand and pretty high prices paid for calves. Good lambs sold in lots at about 3½c per lb, and mixed lots at 3½c per lb. Fat hogs are more plentiful and lower in price, or from 5 to 5½c per lb.

Late Western Business Items.

J. G. Thorpeiron, Churchbridge, Assa., has assigned in trust to Thos. Ryan, of Winnipeg.

J. W. Silverthorn, general store, Olds, Alta., has assigned to G. M. Innes.

L. H. Doll, jeweller, Calgary, absolute bill of sale to Winnipeg Jewellery Co. recorded.

Young & Scharschmidt, drugs and physicians, Courtenay and Union, B.C.; W. J. Young dead.

John Herbert, furniture and undertaker, Nazaimo, B. C., advertises selling out furniture stock by auction.

Roddy McLennan is representing Green & Sons Company for their gent's furnishing department and after visiting their customers on the coast will call on Manitoba merchants. C. H. Fildes, representing the same firm, is now in Manitoba in the interest of the hat department. He has returned recently from the coast and reports business very fair.

Victoria Chemical Co., manufacturers acids, etc., Victoria, is applying for incorporation.

Daniel Campbell, grocer, etc., Victoria, is succeeded by S. Graham Campbell.

W. H. Perry, stoves and tins, Victoria, admitting D. Carmody as a partner.

D. Hart, tobacconist, etc., Victoria, advertises business for sale.

Robert McManus, publisher, Wellington, B.C., has discontinued his publication.

Harald Dutton is starting a livery stable at Alexander, Man.

The Scottish Investment Co., of Brandon, is applying for incorporation.

J. W. Rockett, barber and tobacco, Winnipeg, has sold out to Norman McEchren.

Thos. O'Connell is opening a hotel at Vancouver.

The Cordingley block, Port Arthur, was completely gutted by fire on December 15. Mrs. Traynor occupied one store. Her whole stock was lost. The Calgary Meat Company had a butcher shop in the corner store. They removed their stock in time. The old customs house and Sentinel Printing Company stores were vacant. The block was valued at \$10,000, and insured for \$5,000. The dry goods stock of C. W. Hamilton, in an adjoining store, was considerably damaged by smoke.

Northwest Wheat Stocks.

The Minneapolis Market Record of Dec. 13 says: The wheat movement in the Northwest last week indicates that farmers sold almost twice as much wheat as they will be able to sell, on an average, during the fifty-two weeks of the crop year, unless the estimated yield of 100,000,000 bu. turns out much too low, or else that the crop year started in with larger reserves of old wheat than was supposed to be on hand. The sales, according to the movement, were close on to 3,000,000 bu. On some of the principal lines, however, reports say that more wheat was shipped out than was taken in, but as there is no way of readily obtaining reports from the smaller grain buyers; throughout the northwest, it is impossible to show definitely what the sales amounted to. So far during the crop year the average weekly sales have been higher. Minneapolis and Duluth have received, in round numbers, 45,000,000 bu. About 6,000,000 bu have been ground in interior mills, 4,500,000 bu have gone out south of Minneapolis and there are 6,400,000 bu in country elevators. By adding 15,000,000 bu reserved for farm bread and seed it shows that 77,000,000 bu of the estimated 100,000,000 bu crop has already been disposed of. That would leave but 23,000,000 bu yet to sell, an average of 720,000 bu weekly during the remaining 30 weeks. Stocks in the northwest, out of farmer's hands, are under those of last year by some 10,000,000 bu, and the receipts now are but little above the wants, as is shown by the way in which track wheat prices have been crawling up toward the May price even with the slow milling demand and dull flour markets.

Elevators at Head of Lake Superior.

The total capacity of the system of elevators at Superior, Wis., and Duluth, Minn., is 27,375,000 bushels. This includes mill elevators having a capacity of 1,425,000 bushels.

The Union Improvement and Elevator Company, whose houses are at Duluth, control five elevators, with a total capacity of 4,900,000 bushels. The capacities of the elevators are as follows:—Elevator "E," 800,000 bushels; elevator "F," 1,500,000 bushels; elevator "H," 1,300,000 bushels; warehouse No. 2, 600,000 bushels; warehouse No. 3, 700,000 bushels.

The Lake Superior Elevator Company owns five elevators at Duluth, having a total capacity of 7,750,000 bushels. Elevator "B" has a capacity of 1,000,000 bushels; elevator "C" a capacity of 1,300,000 bushels; elevator "D" a capacity of 1,250,000 bushels; elevator "G" a

capacity of 1,750,000 bushels; and elevator "I" a capacity of 1,750,000 bushels.

The Duluth Elevator Company of Duluth owns three elevators at West Superior, with a capacity of 5,000,000 bushels. Elevator No. 1 has a capacity of 1,000,000 bushels; elevator No. 2 has a capacity of 2,000,000 bushels, and elevator No. 3 a capacity of 2,000,000 bushels.

The Great Northern Elevator Company of Duluth owns two elevators at West Superior with a capacity of 3,300,000 bushels. Elevator "A," with a capacity of 1,800,000 bushels, and elevator "X," with a capacity of 1,500,000 bushels.

The Belt Line Elevator Company of Duluth have two elevators at Superior, with a total capacity of 2,500,000 bushels. Elevator "M," has a capacity of 750,000 bushels, and elevator "N," a capacity of 1,750,000.

The Terminal Elevator Company of Duluth controls two elevators at Superior, with a capacity of 2,500,000 bushels. Elevator "K" has a capacity of 750,000 bushels, and elevator "L" a capacity of 1,750,000 bushels.

The total capacity of the mill elevators at Superior and Duluth amounts to 1,425,000 bushels. Of this amount the "Littman Mill," at Superior has a capacity of 125,000 bushels. The "Lake Superior Mill" at Superior, 300,000 bushels; the "Grand Republic Mill" at West Superior, 250,000 bushels; the "Minnesota Mill" at West Superior, 150,000 bushels, and the "Imperial Mill" at Duluth, a capacity of 600,000 bushels.

Crop Conditions Abroad.

Bearbohm, of Liverpool, writing under date of Nov. 24 says:—The weather has become very cold after the severe storms on Saturday and Sunday last, which did an immense amount of damage both at sea and on land. Heavy snow fell on Saturday and Sunday last in most parts of the country. The general outlook in this country, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany is very favorable. In some parts of Spain, however, the drought has interfered with sowing operations, whilst in parts of Italy too much rain is complained of. In Roumania the continued drought and cold weather have seriously interfered with autumn sowings. In the south of Russia, the weather, according to latest advices, was comparatively mild and favorable to autumn sown crops. From the Argentine the reports concerning the wheat crop are on the whole very good, but somewhat contradictory; one advice says that the reports that the crop will be 20 per cent more than last year must "be taken with a ton of salt." Most reports agree, however, that the crop will equal last year's. The linseed crop suffered from frost at the end of September, but since had improved considerably, according to postal advices of Oct. 21; recent cables, however, state that the crop is a very short one. The harvest of linseed is now in full swing, and wheat cutting will probably commence about the middle of December.

Acreeage of Winter Wheat.

The Chicago Trade Bulletin of December 12 says:—The acreage of winter wheat in the central west will probably be less than last year, even compared with the area harvested. In Kansas the area will probably be smaller than seeded in the fall of 1892, but larger than harvested in the summer of 1893, owing to the large area plowed up in the spring of 1893 and planted to corn. In Texas the area will probably be 20 per cent larger than last fall. In California the area plowed up is considerably larger than in 1892, but as seeding has just commenced it is difficult to estimate how farmers will divide the crops. There is little doubt, however, that the areas of wheat and barley will both be larger. Taking the United States as a whole it may not be wise to estimate the acreage less than harvested in 1893.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

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

Grade.	Nov. 11.	Nov. 18.	Nov. 25.	Dec. 2.	Dec. 9.
Extra Manitoba hard	4	0	0	3	0
No. 1 hard	144	115	70	73	69
No. 2 hard	57	49	40	10	24
No. 3 hard	7	11	9	1	6
No. 4 hard	2	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Northern	12	8	4	6	8
No. 2 Northern	2	3	3	1	2
No. 1 White (f.c.)	3	2	1	0	0
No. 2 White (f.c.)	0	5	0	1	0
No. 1 Spring	2	0	0	0	0
Rejected	25	23	18	9	6
No Grade	8	3	3	0	3
Total	267	219	148	114	111
Same week last year	378	319	313	419	334

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

Minneapolis Markets.

Following were closing wheat quotations for wheat on December 13:—

Grade.	Nov.	Dec.	May.	On track
No. 1 Hard.	—	—	—	61 1/2
No. 1 Northern.	—	59 1/2	62 1/2	60 1/2
No. 2 Northern.	—	—	—	59

Closing quotations on cash wheat are made on track wheat, while the sales are made delivered. It costs 1/2 of a cent per bush to deliver on close wheat on track; the close is usually 1/2 of a cent under the delivered price.

Flour.—There are no new features to the flour trade. It is slow at the best and the demand is running under the production, which is not large. Ocean rates are weak and of course that has a tendency to help the export trade, but the reduction in the rates has not as yet been of sufficient extent to help matters to speak of. Sellers are generally holding for prices quoted, but the weakness in wheat makes buyers more disposed to hold off for lower figures. Quoted at \$3.35 to \$3.75 for first patents; \$3.05 to \$3.35 for second patents; \$1.50 to \$1.90 for fancy and export bakers; \$1.20 to \$1.25 for low grades in bags, including red dog. Following are millers asking prices in cotton sacks 98 and 49 lbs. Rye flour per bu. pure, \$2.60; XXX \$2.40; standard, \$2.20; buckwheat flour \$5.00 \$5.75 nominal; graham flour \$2.80. In wood 20c extra. The added daily output of mills grinding to day will probably aggregate 21,900 barrels.

Bran and Shorts.—Some millers say the demand is good for bran and that the market is firm at \$19. Others less fortunate in making sales say it is slow at \$9.50. Shorts are generally quoted from \$9.75 to \$10.75. Above quotations are f.o.b. in bulk.

Oats.—Prices are steady. Offerings light. Sales at 25 to 28c on track.

Feed.—Millers held at \$13.50 to \$14; less than car lots \$14 to \$15, with cornmeal at \$13 to \$13.50; granulated meal \$17 to \$19.

Egg.—The market is quiet at 22c, cases included. Receipts are no, large and neither is the demand. Some dealers are asking more but they are very slow.

Potatoes.—Market is firm. Choice Burbank, early rose, hebron car lots quotable at 45 to 50c. In a small way higher prices are asked. —Market Record, Dec. 13.

Senator Pailey says he is the only Canadian commissioner to the World's Fair who kept his expenditure within the appropriation made for the purpose by the government to be represented. He will hand back to the Territorial government \$3,500 of the \$5,000 granted him for expense, in addition to the \$5,000 given by the Dominion.

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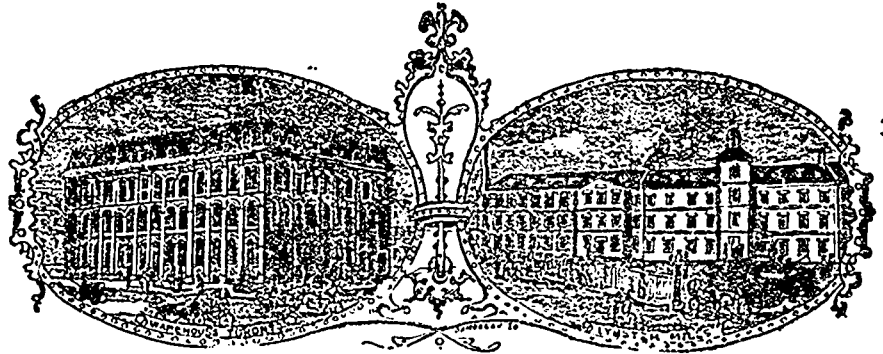


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Montreal Markets.

Flour—There has been very little improvement in flour during the past week, and the better feeling manifested last week has been lost. For instance, a western miller, who last week refused to sell at less than 7½c per barrel advance on his former sales of straight roller, has this week accepted the old price, namely, \$3.02½, on track here, resales of which were made in broken lots delivered at \$3.15, the favorite brands bringing more money. Owing to cut through rates of freight from the west to the maritime provinces, some very low sales of Ontario straight roller flour are reported laid down at St. John, N.B. Some very cheap Ohio flour have been sold for Newfoundland account. Rates on strong bakers' flour are very irregular, there being no recognized card rates, and we hear of sales of best brands of Manitoba bakers at \$3.50 and \$3.55, while one lot, said to be a choice brand, was reported sold at \$3.49, but we could not verify it. Quebec is said to be well stocked with flour almost sufficient to stand a six month's siege. Patent spring, \$3.65 to 3.90; patent winter, \$3.60 to 3.85; straight roller, \$3.02½ to 3.20; extra, \$2.75 to 3.00; superfine, \$2.50 to 2.70. Fine, \$2.15 to 2.30; city strong bakers, \$3.45 to 3.55; Manitoba bakers, \$3.25 to 3.55; Ontario bags—extra, \$1.35 to 1.40; straight rollers, \$1.40 to 1.45; superfine, \$1.15 to 1.30; fine, \$1 to 1.10.

Feed—Bran still in good demand, and owing to continued scarcity, prices are firm with sales of car lot at \$15.50, one lot bringing \$16.00. United States parties are taking it again from Ontario mills, which causes a scarcity here. Broken lots have sold at \$16.50. Shorts are also scarce and in good demand, sales being reported at \$17.00 to \$18.00.

Oatmeal—There have been sales of car lots on track here of rolled and granulated at \$4.00 to \$4.05 per barrel. In a jobbing way we quote as follows:—Rolled and granulated, \$4.20 to 4.30; standard, \$3.85 to 4.10. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.05 to 2.10, and standard at \$1.85 to 1.95.

Wheat—West of Toronto millers are well stocked with low priced red white winter, and spring wheat, deliveries having been made at the mills at 55 to 56c for red and white winter, but the same grades cannot be bought to-day under 56 to 57c.

Oats—The export business on spot being over, sales in this market are now confined to local wants, which have ranged from 37 to 37½c per 34 lbs for No. 2, No. 3 is quoted at 35 to 35½c in store.

Barley—There is still some enquiry from brewers, and the sale of a lot of No. 1 Ontario to arrive is reported at 52c. Business is more active in the west, sales of about 50,000 bushels being reported there at 41c. In this market we quote from 50 to 53c for No. 1, and 42 to 43c for feeding grades.

Cured Meats—The market for pork has ruled on the easy side, with further sales of Canada short cut at \$18, while round lots are offered at \$17.50. Chicago regular mess pork has been offered on track here at \$17.12½, duty paid, but buyers, it is said, will not bid \$17. Canada short cut pork, per bbl, \$17.50 to \$18; Canada clear mess, per bbl, \$17 to 17.50; Chicago clear mess, \$17.50 to 18; hams, per lb 12 to 14c; lard, pure in pails per lb, 11½ to 12½c; lard compound, in pails, per lb, 8½c; bacon, per lb, 11½ to 12½c; shoulders, per lb, 10 to 10½c.

Dressed Hogs—The sales of nice light butchers' hogs quoted at \$6.50 to 6.60, and heavy weights at \$6.50 in car lots. Car lots are offered in Essex county at \$6.15; but buyers only bid \$6, which would lay them down here at about \$6.35.

Butter—Stocks here are comparatively very light for the season. It is said that factorymen are supplying West End grocers in lots to suit them at 22 to 23c. If factorymen cannot get their price from the wholesale trade, some of them go into the peddling business. In dairy

butter stocks are light, and full prices are obtained for all fine offerings. A lot of 30 tubs of choice eastern townships was sold at 21½c, and a lot of Perth goods brought 20½c. Western has been sold at 19 to 20c.

Roll Butter—The first few small lots of choice rolls brought full figures; but as the receipts increased, holders were less exacting, sales having been made at 19 to 21c. A lot of seven half barrels of very fine rolls was made at 20½c, and 3 large boxes at 19c.

Cheese—In this market orders for both under-priced and finest goods have been received during the past few days, but there is nothing to be had here except the latter, which is held at firm prices, which English buyers, it is thought, will soon have to pay. Finest western colored, 11 to 11½c; finest western white, 11 to 11½c; finest Quebec, 10½ to 10¾c; under-priced, 10 to 10½c.

Eggs—Sales here have been made at 16 to 17c, with Montreal lined bringing about the same figures, and western lined 15 to 16c. Fresh boiling eggs are quoted at 20 to 22c, and in small packages more money can be had. The English market is very firm, Canadian at Liverpool having fetched 9s 6d per 10 dozen.

Dressed Poultry—Dealers have had considerable trouble in working off poor and medium stock owing to large receipts, while choice dry picked turkeys, weighing from 9 to 12 pounds, have sold quickly at 9½ to 9¾c, in some cases at 10c. Inferior turkeys have sold as low as 8c, and poor scalded at 5 to 6c; 15 to 20 lb turkeys sell better for Christmas trade. Spring chickens have been in good demand at 7 to 7½c, but most of the arrivals have been mixed with old hens, and had to be sold at 6 to 6½c; ducks, 8 to 9½c, according to quality. Choice dry picked geese 6½c; scalded and common, 5 to 6c.

Apples—The market is firm and in good demand, No. 1 selling at \$3.50 to 4.00, and No. 2 from \$2.50 to 3.00.—Trade Bulletin, Dec. 8.

Toronto Markets.

Wheat—Sales of red wheat west were made at 56c, and white wheat, middle freights, was quoted at 57c. Spring on the Midland sold at 60c for car lots. Manitobas are held higher. Holders are asking 72c west for No. 1 hard, and 74c Montreal freights. Business is light, owing to millers not being disposed to come up to the advance. A sale of 1 car of No 1 hard west was made to-day at 72c. Three cars of No. 2 hard, grinding in transit, sold at 77c. Three cars of No 2 hard west sold at 69c.

Flour—Dull and unchanged. Straight rollers are quoted, Toronto freights, at \$2.75 to 2.85.

Milfeed—Bran is in fair demand with offerings light. It is quoted at \$12.50, Toronto freights, and shorts at \$14 to 14.50, Toronto freights.

Oats—Offerings moderate and prices steady. White offered west to day at 30c, and west bought at 29½c. Mixed on the C.P.R. west sold at 28½ and 29c.

Barley—A sale of 7,000 bush. of extra bright barley, better than No. 1, was made east to-day at a shade over 41c. Holders of No. 1, outside are willing sell at 41c, with buyers bidding 40c. Feed is quoted at 34 to 35c west and 36c east. Buyers at several points east are paying 40c for farmers' deliveries.

Grain and Flour—Car lot prices are: Flour (Toronto freights)—Manitoba patents, \$3.65 to 3.75; Manitoba strong bakers', \$3.50 to 3.60; Ontario patents, \$3.10 to 3.20; straight roller, \$2.75 to 2.85; extra, \$2.50 to 2.75; low grades, per bag \$1. Bran, \$1.25. Shorts, \$1.00 to \$1.15. Wheat (west and north points)—White, 57c; spring, 58c; red winter, 56c; goose, 56c; spring, Midland, 59c; No. 1 hard, 72c; 2 hard, 69c; No 3 hard, 66c. Peas (outside)—51c. Barley (outside)—No 1 41c to 41c; feed, 35 to 36c. Oats—28½ to 29c. Buck wheat, 50c. Rye, 43 to 44c.

Eggs—Prices are easy, at 17 to 17½c for held eggs, and 15½ to 16c for limed.

Potatoes—Steady, with a rather firmer feeling. Car lots of No. 1 on track are quoted at 60 to 61c, and No. 2 at 45c. Jobbers are selling out of store at 60c.

Apples—Offerings are light and prices firm. Selected apples are quoted at \$3.25 to \$3.50, and cooking apples at \$2.25 to \$2.50. D. 10.1 stock is quoted at 5 to 5½c and evaporated is held at 10 to 10½c.

Bans—Quiet at \$1.25 to 1.50 per bu. hel. Jobbers are paying \$1.25 and are selling at \$1.50 for white, and 5 to 5½c for Lunas.

Onions—Demand fair and prices easy. Commission houses are now getting 1 to 1½c per lb for yellow Danvers and silver skins.

Honey—Receipts are moderate. The demand is active and prices are rather firmer at 3c for extracted and \$1.50 to \$1.75 per dozen for sections.

Poultry—Receipts are rather heavier to-day. One country dealer sent in a ton to-day. The demand is better, and prices about steady. Turkeys are quoted at 8 to 9c; chickens sold at 30 to 45c; geese, sold at 5½ to 6c, and ducks 35 to 70c.

Dressed Meats—Quiet. Beef fores are quoted at 4½ to 5½c, and hinds at 6 to 8c; carcass pork, \$6.25; carcass lamb, 6 to 7c; and veal, 7 to 8c.

Dressed Hogs—Street deliveries were large to-day, and prices were well maintained. Sales on the street ranged from \$6.20 to \$6.50, most of them being made at \$6.25 to \$6.30. Packers are showing more disposition to buy. Rail lots were taken for \$6.15 to \$6.25 to-day.

Cured Meats—Quotations are as follows: Mess pork, Canadian, \$17.50 to \$18.00; short cut, \$18.50 to \$19.00; shoulder, mess, \$16.50 to \$17.00; bacon, long clear, 9½ to 9¾c; lard, Canadian tierces, 10½c; tubs, 10½c; pails, 11c, and compound, in tins, 8½ to 9c; smoked hams, 11½c; bellies, 13c; rolls 9½c, and backs, 11c. Packing salt is quoted at 60c per sack for coarse, and 62c for fine.

Butter—Best grades of dairy continue in active demand with prices firm. Choice dairy tub sell at 20 to 21½c, with an odd lot of extra fine at 22c. Rolls sell at 19 to 20c. Bakers' butter is slow at 15 to 16c. Creamery refrigerator pounds sell at 26½ to 27½c, and creamery tubs at 24 to 24½c.

Cheese—The local jobbing trade is steady and prices are firm. Some old cheese is being jobbed out at 10 to 10½c; August makes sell at 11c, and September makes at 11½c. To days cable quotations are 55c for white and 55c for colored September make.

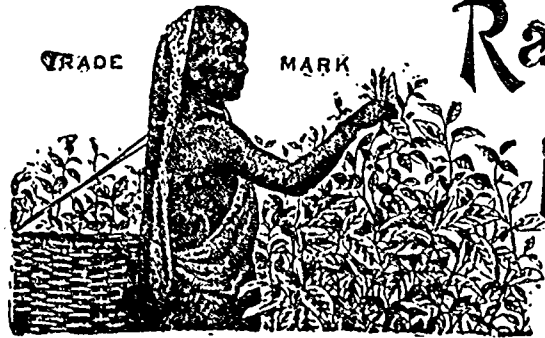
Butchers' Cattle—There was a good demand for fat choice cattle for the local Ontario butchering trade. There was the usual number of buyers here to day and quite a number of outsiders were in looking for good killing cattle. Prices ranged from 2½ to 3c for inferior to medium, 3 to 3½c for medium to choice, and 3½ to 4c for choice to extra choice.

Hogs—The run was heavier: 735 here. Prices were steady. Most of the off-rings sold as mixed lots. Stores, half-fats and fat hogs in mixed lots sold at \$5 off car, and \$4.75 fed and watered. One or two choice lots, averaging from 150 to 200 pounds sold at \$5.20 off car. Stores weighed off car are quoted at \$4.75, and light pigs at the same figure. Sows are selling at \$2.50 to \$3.50.

Sheep and Lambs—The market was cleaned up before 11 o'clock, all offerings being bought. Prices are stiffer, owing to the scarcity. Mixed lots of sheep and lambs sold at \$2.25 to \$3.25. One bunch of 130 lambs averaging 80 pounds, sold at \$2.75. A few butchers' sheep were in but were sold with lambs. There is a moderate demand for straight fat sheep at \$3.50 to \$4.25.

Calves—Only a few here. Good fat calves, weighing from 130 to 150 pounds will bring \$6 to \$8. One lot of six, averaging 140 pounds, sold to-day at \$6.50.

Milch Cows and Springers—About a dozen were in. The demand was rather slow, and prices a shade easier. The range to-day was from \$30 to \$47.—Empire, Dec. 9.



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BRITISH COLUMBIA

Business Review.

December 11, 1893.

There is little or nothing to report, except that the drop in flour has reduced sales on that commodity to cost and less than cost. The trade in that line is demoralized.

Butter is advancing slightly, and is firm. Meats remain steady. There is little fruit in the market except apples, Japanese oranges and lemons.

Vancouver Island's Precious Metals.

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council has referred the question of ownership of precious metals in the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway belt to the Supreme Court for decision, and the case is on the docket for the session of the full court about to be held. The case, which has been prepared by the Attorney-General and concurred in by the E. & N. railway company, a copy being sent to the Secretary of State for the Dominion of Canada, is in the following form:

"Disputes having arisen between the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company and Her Majesty as represented by the Government of British Columbia, as to whether the precious metals in, upon and under the lands mentioned in section 3 of the British Columbia Statute, 47 Victoria, chapter 14, entitled 'An Act relating to the Island railway, the graving dock and the railway lands of the Province,' are the property of the company as against Her Majesty, represented as aforesaid, the following question is, by order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, hereby referred to the Supreme Court of British Columbia, sitting as a full court, for hearing and determination, pursuant to the 'Supreme Court Reference Act, 1891.'

THE CASE IS STATED AS FOLLOWS:

"In the Supreme court of British Columbia:—Between the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, plaintiffs; and the Attorney-General of British Columbia, defendant:—The Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company allege, and the Attorney-General of British Columbia denies, that the precious metals in, upon, and under the lands mentioned in section 3 of the British Columbia statute, 47 Victoria, chapter 14, entitled 'An Act relating to the Island railway, the graving dock, and the railway lands of the Province,' are vested in the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company and not in Her Majesty as represented by the Government of British Columbia."

B. C. Market Quotations.

MEATS—Quotations are as follows: Hams, 15½c; breakfast bacon, 17c, backs, 15 to 15½c; long clear, 13½c; short rolls, 13½c. Lard is held at the following figures: In tins, 15c per pound; in pails, 14c; in tubs, 14c. Corned beef \$8.00 per barrel; mess pork \$20; short cut \$24.

VEGETABLES—New potatoes \$17 per ton; onions, 2 to 3c; cabbage, 2c; carrots, turnips and beets, ½ to ¾c.

DAIRY—Eastern creamery is quoted at 27c, cheese, 13½c.

EGGS—Eastern case eggs, 27c.

FRUITS—Lemons, Cal., \$4.50 to \$5.00;

Sicily, \$6.00. Grapes, \$1.50; apples, B. C., 30c to \$1.25; Oregon, \$1.15 to 1.25; Cal. (fancy) \$1.40 to 1.50; evaporated apples are quoted at 12c per pound; apricots, 18c; peaches, 14c; dates, 7 to 8c; Smyrna prunes, 9c; layer raisins, \$3; coconuts, \$1 to 1.25 per doz; bananas, \$2 to 2.25.

DRESSED MEAT, LIVE STOCK, ETC.—Live steers are 3½; cows 3c; beef, 6½ to 7½; sheep, 4½; mutton, 9½c; hogs, 7½c; pork, 10½c.

FLOUR, FEED, GRAIN, ETC.—The Ogilvie Milling Co. and Keewatin Milling Co. quote standard brands of Manitoba flour, in car lots only, at Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster as follows: Patent, per bbl., \$4.40; strong bakers, \$4.10. The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots at Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster: Premier, \$9.00; XXX, \$4.25, strong bakers, or XX, \$4.05; superfine, \$3.55. Quotations small lots are: Flour, Manitoba patents, \$4.50; strong bakers, \$4.30; ladies choice, \$4.50; prairie lily, \$4.25; Oregon, \$4.90. Enderby mills—three star, \$4.30; two star, \$3.90; oatmeal eastern \$3.00; California granulated in gunnies, \$4.25; National mills, Victoria, \$3.60; rolled oats eastern \$3.00 to \$3.25; California, \$4.00; National mills \$3.00 per sack; Westminster Mills, 4c per lb., cornmeal \$2.75; split peas \$3.50; pearl barley \$4.50. Rice—The Victoria rice mills quote wholesale Japan rice per ton, \$77.50; best China rice, do., \$100; China rice, do., \$70; rice flour, do, \$70; chit rice, do, \$25; rice meal do, \$17.50; chopped feed \$30 per ton; bran, \$23, shorts \$25; Man. oats, \$33 to 35; wheat \$28; oil cake, \$50, hay, \$16. Wheat is quoted in car lots for feed No. 2 regular at \$25. to \$28 per ton; oats \$31; chop barley, \$30. California malting barley, \$28 to \$27 f.o.b. in San Francisco. California chop, \$32 to \$33. Oak Lake patent Hungarian \$4.25; Oak Lake strong bakers, \$3.95. Shorts, \$23; bran, \$21; barley chop, \$26; Brandon Mills, Hungarian, \$4.60; strong bakers, \$4.40.

FISH—Prices are—salmon, 8 to 10c; flounders, 4 to 5c; smelt, 10c; seabass, 5c; cod, 6c; halibut, 10c; smoked salmon, 12½c; smoked halibut, 10c; kippered herring, 12½c; bloaters, 10c.

SHIPPING—The following is the tonnage in port:—

Port.	No.	Tonnage
Vancouver ..	8	11,483
Victoria ..	4	5,052
Nanaimo ..	6	7,661
Total ..	18	24,196

The steamship, Empress of China, Captain Archibald, is scheduled to sail for the Orient on Monday morning. The Empress will take about 250 Chinese passengers in the steerage, and have a full cargo, consisting principally of flour and cotton.

The Norwegian ship, Beaconsfield, 1,450 tons, arrived from Honolulu, is under charter to load lumber at the Hastings Mill for England.

Brief Business Notes.

H. P. Jacobson, grocer, Victoria; succeeded by Anestey & Howell.

David Hart, tobacco, Victoria; business advertised for sale.

R. B. Hill, general store, Cloverdale, is advertising business for sale.

King & Ewing, commission, Victoria, have dissolved; C. H. King continues.

Hinson, Barnfield & Barnes, restaurant, Vancouver, have dissolved; W. Barnes retires.

The steamship Arawa, which sales for Australia on Saturday, will carry a very large cargo.

The British Columbia legislature has been summoned for the dispatch of business on January 18.

Tenders are being called for the construction of the Nicola Valley Railway from Spence's Bridge to Nicola Lake.

The Golden Lumber Company (Ltd.) has been incorporated under a capital of 100,000, in 9,000 shares. Messrs. Thos. B. H. Cochrane, F. P. Armstrong, S. Barber, M. Carlin and J. F. Armstrong are the first trustees.

F. Schwarz, of the Hotel Douglas restaurant, has concluded the purchase of the good will and business of the Colonial Hotel, Westminster. The premises will undergo a radical alteration, and be refurnished throughout.

The Nelson Hydraulic Mining Company has been formed with a view to developing the Boulder and adjacent claims on Forty-Nine Creek, but eight miles west of Nelson. Messrs. Kirk & Ritchie, the well known provincial land surveyors, are prominent members of the syndicate which also include Messrs. R. B. Dugan, F. M. McLeod, John Elliott, J. F. Hume, R. J. Bealey and G. W. Richardson. The mine will be capitalized for \$100,000 in 20,000 shares of \$5 each; 15,000 being ordinary shares, and 5,000 being preference shares entitled to dividends of ten per cent. in priority to ordinary shares. The property is to be purchased by the company by the allotment of 9,000 fully paid up shares. The 5,000 preference shares will be offered for sale probably at \$3 per share.

United States Crop Report.

The statistical returns of the Washington department of agriculture for the month of December are principally devoted to the indication of average prices of the various products of the farm at the points of production or in the nearest local market. As thus indicated the value of corn is 37c per bushel, which is 2.40 lower than the corresponding price of last year, which was 39.3c a bushel, a figure which corresponds nearly with the average farm price of corn for the decade 1880 to 1889 inclusive, which was 39.3c, and is 6.1c lower than the average for the years 1890 to 1892:

The average price of wheat is 52.1c a bushel, the next lowest price in the 23 years from 1870 to 1893 inclusive was 64.5 in 1884. The average for the ten years, 1880 to 1889, was 82.7c, while for the three years, 1890 to 1892, was 76.6c. The decline from the average of the three preceding years, in two of which, viz., 1891 and 1892, occurred the largest yield in the history of the country, is 24.5c or 37 per cent.

The condition of winter wheat on the 1st day of December averaged 91.5 against 87.6 last year. In the middle and southern states it ranged from 75 to 90. In the principal winter wheat States the condition is as follows: Michigan, 89; Ohio, 92; Indiana, 90; Illinois, 83; Missouri, 82; Kansas, 89; California, 100.

The average farm price of oats as returned for December, 1892, is 28.8c a bushel, which is 2.9c lower than last year, and 1.4c less than the average price during the past decade.

The returns make the general price per bushel of rye 51.8, which is 8c lower than that of the last year, and 5.2c lower than the average during the past decade.

The condition of winter rye, as reported, is 94.5, as against 89.4 last year.

The average farm price of barley as returned is the lowest on record, the price reported being 40.6c, as against 42.7c a year ago, 54c in 1891, 64.8c in 1890, and 42.7c 1889.

Potatoes on the farm Dec. 1 were selling at the average of 60c a bushel, 7c and a fraction less than the same time last year. The low price is sufficiently warranted by difference in the yield between the two years.

Professors McEachran and Adams have made an examination of portions of the deceased lungs of Canadian cattle, which were alleged by the English veterinarians to be afflicted with pleuro-pneumonia. They claim that no trace of the disease can be found. The reports of both specialists show that the diagnosis of the veterinary experts in the old country were based on a serious error.

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Latest Official Crop Bulletin.

The last official bulletin for 1893, dealing with crops, live stock, etc., for Manitoba, was published this week, from information received up to December 1. The report states as follows:—

A glance at this report shows that the Red River Valley has been the most favored district this year, and that the south-western and western parts of the Province have suffered from the hot winds and the want of rain.

Since the August Bulletin was issued several unusual climatic changes have taken place, producing an injurious effect upon the ripening grain, with the result that in nearly all parts of the Province actual yields from the machine have not been up to the August estimates. A hailstorm destroyed a considerable portion of the crop along the line of Manitoba and North Western Ry., from range 10 westward to Shoal Lake. Then the hot dry winds in August hastened the ripening all over the province, injuring the crop in the south-western district. Although the total yield is smaller than expected, yet the absence of frost in any part of the province and the favorable season for threshing and marketing have given a finer sample of grain than has gone from the province for years. The following table is a brief summary of the wheat yield throughout the province.

	Area under Crop.	Yield per acre.	Total Yield.
N. West District.	87,696 acres.	17.07 bus.	1,496,970 bus.
S. West "	45,000 "	9.12 "	4,131,000 "
N. Central "	24,150 "	19.05 "	5,603,557 "
S. Central "	161,028 "	20. "	3,220,560 "
East-ern "	65,766 "	20.87 "	1,163,836 "
Total	1,003,610 "	15.56 "	15,615,923 "

It is pleasing to note that the wheat this year is almost free from smut. The discussions at Farmers' Institutes, articles in agricultural journals and newspapers as well as the information circulated by the Winnipeg grain exchange, have led to the general use of smut preventatives, with satisfactory results.

To the question, "What percentage of this year's crop has been marketed?" the answers indicate as follows:—Northwestern district, 33½ per cent.; Southwestern district, 68 per cent.; North Central district, 62 per cent.; South district, 62 per cent.; Eastern district, 40 per cent. Calculations from these figures would put the amount of wheat already marketed at 9,244,556 bushels, leaving a balance of 6,371,367 bushels still in the hands of the farmers. Of the wheat marketed 6,000,000 bushels have gone east and south as wheat; about 1,000,000 in the form of flour, leaving over 2,000,000 stored in elevators west of Lake Superior for shipment or for ginning. Of the 6,371,367 bushels in farmers' hands nearly 3,000,000 will be required for seed and bread, this will leave about 3,600,000 to be marketed for export.

Oats—The oat crop has not come up to the August estimate; the grain is in most cases reported light—ripened too fast. The following table showing oat crop of the province by districts:—

	Area under Crop.	Yield per Acre.	Total Yield.
N.W. District.	63,762 acres.	27.30 bus.	1,822,602 bus.
N.W. "	132,425 "	15. "	1,906,375 "
N.C. "	80,736 "	30.90 "	2,439,237 "
S.O. "	7,833 "	31.12 "	241,732 "
E. "	31,223 "	34.75 "	1,084,949 "

Province 383,529 acres 25.23 bus. 9,823,935 bus

Barley—The reports on barley are on the whole favorable. Experience for years teaches us that barley is a safe and profitable crop. Its value for feeding purposes will lead to more extensive cultivation, as farmers give their attention more to stall feeding for the early spring market. The lowering of the duty on barley, as foreshadowed by recent reports from the south of us, should stimulate to increased acreage of barley in future. In the following table is shown the yield of barley in the various districts:—

	Area under Crop.	Yield per Acre.	Total Yield.
N. W. District.	22,940 acres.	20.3 bus.	447,420 bus.
S. W. "	27,000 "	14.2 "	396,180 "
N. C. "	26,846 "	24.2 "	678,518 "
E. C. "	29,091 "	26.8 "	779,314 "
E. "	8,896 "	27.9 "	248,196 "

Province..... 114,762 22.11 2,547,653

Flax Culture—In the early settlement of the province, flax growing was practiced to some extent as a catch crop on new breaking. It was indifferently put in, and yet gave a return that amply repaid for the seed and labor. The Mennonites have grown flax from year to year. They now sow it on land that has been cropped for years and always reap a good crop, receiving sure and fair remuneration from the same. It is raised for the seed only, for which there is always a ready market. Attention is directed to this crop for more general cultivation. It can be sown about the first of June, not interfering with the general seeding, and as it ripens early does not interfere with harvesting of other grains. The following table gives the yield of flax and rye for the province:—

	Area under Crop.	Yield per Acre.	Total Yield.
Flax	9,737 acres.	11.96 bus.	116,451 bus.
Rye	2,229 acres.	13.2 bus.	29,422 bus.

The average yield of potatoes is placed at 157 bushels per acre, which is a low average for Manitoba.

Sheep—Correspondents in all districts report increased numbers. Township 22, range 29, is the "banner" township of the province, having within its limits 950 sheep.

Fall Plowing—The season has been on the whole favorable for fall plowing. In some districts the continued dry weather rendered the ground too hard for plowing, but as a rule the land intended for next year's wheat crop is already prepared.

To the question: "Has a sufficient quantity of hay been put up?" the answer with but few exceptions is "Yes." Many state that straw has also been carefully stacked. The shortage of feed in some parts last spring has been a warning to farmers to make ample provision for this winter.

Prairie Fires.—It is to be regretted that prairie fires have done considerable damage in some districts. It is difficult to assign the cause of these fires. More general settlement, with graded roads kept free from grass, only can prevent the spread of fires once started. At present the only preventative is the "fire break" made with a determination to have it what it is intended to be.

Farm Improvements—A careful estimate on the basis of reports received shows expenditure as follows for buildings:

North Western District	.....	\$252,840
South Western	"	248,520
North Central	"	183,100
South Central	"	250,080
Eastern	"	116,000

Province \$1,050,540

The expenditure averages about the same amount per township throughout the province. This is a sure index that the farmers of Manitoba understand what mixed farming means, and are providing buildings for the proper housing of their stock as quickly as their means will allow.

Weather—The weather for harvesting, threshing and fall plowing is reported from all districts as "fine," "perfect." No serious frost occurred in any part of the province until after the crops were saved.

[*NOTE.—These figures are about correct as to shipments, but they do not take into account that a portion of the wheat shipped came from Assiniboia territory, and therefore should not be exclusively calculated in the Manitoba crop.]

Northwest Almanac.

The eighth annual number of the Northwest Almanac, published by Bole, Wynno & Co., Winnipeg, has been issued. The almanac is this year printed in four languages—English, French, German and Icelandic. A very large edition has been printed, sufficient for one for every family in Western Canada. The almanac contains the usual astronomical information, adapted particularly to Manitoba and the West, table of festival days, etc. There are a number of original sketches of local interest, witticisms and miscellaneous matter, all of which combine to make the almanac an interesting one, particularly for Manitobans and western people generally.

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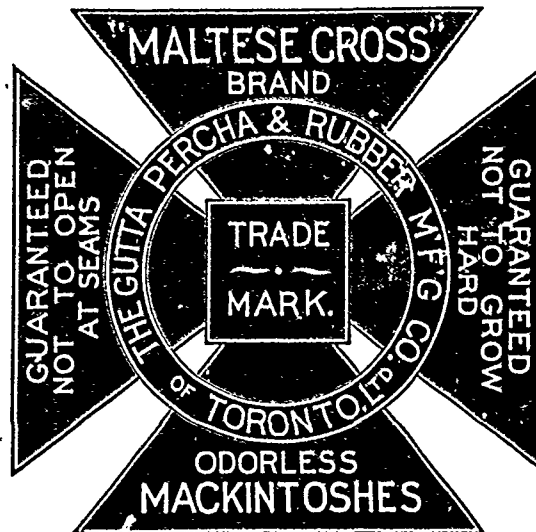
Out-of-town readers, says the *New York Fur Trade Review*, should exercise unusual care in shipping furs to avoid concerns, in whatever section, sending out price lists in which quotations are unquestionably far above reasonable market rates; reliable firms can, will, and do pay full market values. Excessive figures are certain to prove deceptive, for they are given to lure the thoughtless; the buyer making the assortment, if intending to pay at all, can readily grade the average far below the actual worth of the goods—or intending to make no returns, give no attention whatever to the average.

The Leipzig correspondent of the *Fur Trade Review*, writing on November 10, says: "Russian dealers have purchased a good class of winter musquash, of which they keep only the backs, selling the other part here for linings; best grade belly plates are quite freely taken for Franco for seal dyeing; lower sorts are purchased for northern Europe; trade in back linings has also been somewhat better than in the summer months. Natural black musquash is in less demand than formerly, only the lower grades being occasionally taken for linings; the now London prices on brown musquash are considered too high, and we caution shippers to avoid paying high prices for skins to enter into next season's consumption; lining manufacturers still carry full stocks. Mink has sold only slowly, as prices are not yet low enough; mink tails remain very dear, but only best tails wanted. Demand for skunk not as good as usual at this period of the year; the future for raccoon depends upon Russia, and at present middling and low grades serve for linings, prime and large skins for collars. Views for beaver are still uncertain, because the maulle trade uses more nutria than beaver. Dark otter sells fairly as usual; last year's average, light and dark skins, should be the rule for spring prices. Marten has sold only to a limited extent; views for fisher are unfavorable; large stocks remain; sea otter will do well if the Russian duty is soon adjusted; fine and medium parcels of blue fox have been purchased for Russia and Roumania, but prices are depressed; badger is dearer than in the spring, and firm. There has been a fair demand for ermine, and prices have advanced from fifty to sixty per cent.; supply in Russia limited owing to large Chinese purchases. Large parcels of sable have been brought here; there is a good supply of pale skins. Sales may improve later, as our ladies favor the collarlette of sable. Dyed white fox has been purchased for France; very little request for black dyed hares, and limited sales only on Russian wolf and bear. Wolverine has found ready buyers.

Jas. McMillan & Co., in their last circular says: "The advices from Europe are not very favorable and they advise not paying too high prices in buying. There is a tariff war between Germany and Russia, who are large consumers of furs. Germany dresses and dyes a great many furs for the Russian market. This war interferes with the business. Buyers should be careful and not pay too high prices for furs caught in the fall, as they are not prime. Prime or No. 1 furs are white or red on the flesh side; unprime are blue or black. Bear and beaver caught in the summer or early fall are actually not worth the express charges. Those caught in the months of October and November will grade No. 2 and 3. Skunk become prime earlier than any other kind of fur. Some skunk received in November graded No. 1 this year. Mink caught in December are the best of any time of the year, as they are fully prime, and where they have not been damaged in trapping or skinning will grade No. 1."

Following are the dates fixed for future fur sales at London. C. M. Lampson and Co. will hold sales as follows:—

- January 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 22.
- March 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.
- June 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.
- October 22, 23, 24, 25, 26.



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The Hudson's Bay Co. will offer, January 15, about 5,000 salted Northwest coast seal skins.

January, 1894, sale:—This sale will be held on January 15, when the following quantities will be offered: Beaver—Yorkfort, 19,381; Moose River and East Maine, 8,194; Canada, 11,563; Equimaux Bay, 247; Northwest Territory, 6,669—total, 46,054 skins. Musquash, Yorkfort, 532,770; Moose River and East Maine, 42,453; Canada, 61,595; Equimaux Bay, 93; Northwest Territory, 10,468—total, 647,379 skins. Rabbit, 57,645 skins.

March, 1894, sale: This sale will be held on the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th of March, at which sundry furs will be offered. The following are the importations:—Badger, 3,234 skins; last year, 2,574; bear, black, 7,474 skins; last year, 9,492; bear, brown, 1,021 skins; last year, 1,270; bear, gray, 202 skins; last year, 213; bear, white, 103 skins; last year, 62; fisher, 3,938 skins; last year, 4,765; fox, cross, 2,622; last year, 2,415; fox, kitt, 203 skins; last year, 305; fox, red, 16,031 skins; last year, 12,108; fox, silver, 611 skins; last year, 611; fox, white, 3,217 skins; last year, 4,711; lynx, 12,775 skins; last year, 8,259; marten, 108,915 skins; last year, 97,692; mink, 49,881 skins; last year, 57,541; musk ox, 1,164 skins; last year, 871; otter, 7,335 skins; last year, 8,411; raccoon, 130 skins; last year, 195; seal, fur, salted, 88 skins; last year, 403; seal, hair, dry, 1,905 skins; last year, 1,369; skunk, 6,834 skins; last year, 9,166; wolf, 2,080 skins; last year, 1,519; wolverine, 874 skins; last year, 949.

Hon. Mr. Rowell has returned from his trip to Australia, and reports the people there quite enthusiastic in favor of extending commercial relations with this country.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' association was held at Montreal on Dec. 9. David Watson was elected president over Lawrence A. Wilson. The contest was a spirited one.

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The raw sugar market was in rather better shape. There is not much doing in refined. R-refiners have marked down quotations to 4 7/16c for granulated and 3 1/2 to 4 3/8c for yellows, a decline of 1-16c.

The syrup market is dull and quiet, 1 1/2 to 2c being still the range. The molasses market is quiet. A few sales are being made at about 30c. but no movement of importance is noted.

The tea market continues dull and uninteresting. Brokers say that the wholesale houses are not showing the least disposition to do business, being satisfied with picky g up desirable lots here and there.

The demand for rice during the past week has been slow, dealers generally having stocked up before the close of navigation. We quote: Standard Japan, \$3.75 to 4.00; "B," \$3.50; Crystal \$4.25 to 4.50; Patna, \$4.25 to 5.50; Carolina, \$6.50 to 7.00.

The dried fruit market is quiet and unchanged. There is a fair business doing in Valencia raisins, round lots of off stalk changing hands at 4c for ordinary and 4 1/2c for prime stock. In a jobbing way we quote as follows: Ordinary Valencia, off stalk, 4 1/2 to 5c, according to brand; fine, 5 1/2c; selected, very sea sea at 6c; and layers at 6 to 6 1/2c, according to quality. Currants rule quiet under a fair demand, but prices are firm in consequence of the state of primary markets. We quote:—Provincials at 3 1/2 to 4 1/2c, Filitrias 4 1/2 to 5c, and Vosizza 6c to 7 1/2c, according to quality. Figs are unchanged. There is a decided scarcity of 10 lb boxes of this fruit. Prices remain as before, 9 to 12c, according to quality. Dates rule steady at 6 to 6 1/2c, and prunes 5 1/2 to 6c.

In nuts there have been several consignments of walnuts, etc., received during the week. Newmarket walnuts have been moved at 11 to 11 1/2c. Terrazoga almonds sell at 11 to 12 1/2c; filberts 9 and peccan 8 1/2c.

Canned goods—Dealers are not anxious for heavy stocks and are only buying for actual requirements. Prices are: Lobsters, per case, \$6.25 to 6.75; mackerel, per doz, \$1.10 to 1.20; sardines, per case, \$8.50 to 9.50; salmon, per box, \$1.37 1/2 to 1.40; clams, 1 lb tins, per doz, \$2; oysters, 1 lb tins, per doz, \$1.40 to 1.45; New Brunswick sardines, per 100, \$5; tomatoes, Quebec, \$5 to 90c; paches, per doz, \$2 to 2.10; Baylett pears, 2 lb tins, per doz, \$1.75 to 2; strawberries, 2 lb tins, per doz, \$2 to 2.25; pineapples, 2 lb tins, per doz, \$2.30 to 2.40; plums, 2 lb tins, per doz, \$1.25 to 1.75; corn, Erie and Aylmer, per doz, 90c to \$1, corn, Hotogg, \$1.25 to 1.30; string beans, 2 lb tins, per doz, 85c to \$1; lima beans, 2 lb tins, per doz, \$1.65 to 1.75; marrowfat peas, 2 lb tins, per doz, 90c to \$1; Succotash, 2 lb tins, per doz, \$1.50 to 1.60; pumpkins, 3 lb tins, per doz, 80 to 90c; jams, 1 lb pots, per doz, \$2 to 2.25; marmalade, per doz., \$2.15; Boston baked beans, per doz., \$1.50 to 2.00; pigs' feet, per doz., \$2.75, roast chicken, 1 lb tins, \$2.20; roast turkey, 1 lb tins, \$2.30; Canned beef, 1 lb tins, per doz., \$1.50; do., 2 lb tins, \$2.40 to 2.50; do., 4 lb tins, \$4.50; do., 6 lb tins, \$7.50 do., 14 lb tins, \$17.50; lunch tongue, 1 lb tins, per doz., 3 to 3.25; do., 2 lb tins, \$5.50 to 5.75; ox tongue, in 1 lb tins, per doz., \$5.50 to 5.75; do., in 2 lb tins, \$7 to 7.25; do., in 2 1/2 lb tins, \$8.40 to 8.50; fine English brawn, 1 lb tins, per doz., \$2.25, chip ped dried beef, 1 lb tins, per doz., \$2.50; canned haddies, 2 s, 50 cans, \$5.—Gazette, Dec. 3.

Silver.

Bradstreet's of Dec. 9 says: The silver market both here and in London was firmer at an advance. Silver prices, London, 32 1/2d; New York, 70 1/2c.

Ellis & Keighley, spice manufacturers, Toronto, have assigned. Their liabilities are estimated at \$18,000 with assets nominally \$4,000 in excess.



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1.20p	4.00p	0	Winnipeg.....	12 11p	5 30
1.05p	3.49p	8 0	Portage Junction...	12.27p	6.47a
12.36p	3.34p	9 8	St. Norbert.....	12.41p	6.07a
12.10p	3.19p	15 3	Cartier.....	12.13p	6.25a
11 57	3.00p	23 6	St. Agathe.....	1.12p	6.41a
11 22a	2.51p	27 4	Union Point.....	1.20p	7.02a
10 0a	2.35p	32 6	Silver Plains.....	1.22p	7.19a
10 27a	2.20p	40 4	Morris.....	1.40p	7.45a
10 01a	2.05p	46 8	St. Jean.....	2.05p	8.23a
9 23a	1.45p	56 0	Letellier.....	2.27p	9.18a
8 00a	1.20p	65 0	Emerson.....	2.50p	10.15a
7 00	1 1p	63 1	Pembina.....	3.00p	11 15a
11.05p	9.1 a	163	Grand Forks.....	6.40p	8.25p
1.30p	5.25a	223	Winnipeg Junction...	10.60p	1.23p
	3.45p	463	Duluth.....	7.5a	
	8.30p	470	Minneapolis.....	7.05a	
	8.00p	481	St. Paul.....	7.35a	
	10.30p	833	Chicago.....	9.35p	

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7.50p	1.4 p	0	Morris.....	12.25p	8 0a
6.5p	1.22p	10 0	Low Farm.....	2.49p	9 42a
6.40p	2.5 p	21 2	Myrtle.....	3.47p	9 27a
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4.9p	2. 9p	33 5	Rowbank.....	3.47p	10 15a
3.8p	11.6a	39 6	Miami.....	4.3p	10 40a
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1.7p	10 47a	68 4	Swan Lake.....	5 1 p	1.17p
1.19p	10 33a	74 0	Indian Springs.....	5.30p	1.60p
12.5 p	10.2 a	7 4	Maricapolis.....	5.42p	2 1 p
12.27p	10.07a	86 1	Greenway.....	5.58p	2.60p
11 57a	9 52.	92 3	Balder.....	6. 5p	3.22p
11 12a	9 3 a	102 0	Belmont.....	7.00.	4 1ap
10 37a	9 14a	109 7	Hil ton.....	7.18p	4.65p
10 13	8.57a	117 3	Ashdown.....	7.35p	5.23p
9 40a	8 50a	120 0	Wawanesa.....	7.44p	5.47p
9 3a	8 1 a	123 0	Elliot.....	7.45p	6.04p
9.05a	8 26a	129 5	Rounthwaito.....	8 08p	6.3 p
8 25a	8 0 a	137 2	Martville.....	8 27p	7 18p
7.50a	7.50a	145 1	Brandon.....	8.45p	8.00p

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12.26 p.m.	3.0	Portage Junction...	4 30 p.m.
11.41 a.m.	11.5	St. Charles...	4 9 p.m.
11.42 a.m.	13.5	Headingley.....	5.07 p.m.
11.21 a.m.	21.0	White Plains.....	5.34 p.m.
10 12 a.m.	35.2	Eustace.....	5.6 p.m.
9.44 a.m.	42.1	Oakville.....	6.50 p.m.
8.5 a.m.	55.5	Portage la Prairie	7.40 p.m.

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