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Manitoba.

J. Burke has opened a fancy goods store at Souris.

There is said to be an opening for a doctor and a shoemaker at Cypress River.

John Elliott & Son. agricultural implements, Winnipeg, are closing out business.

Hamsworth, general merchant, Meadow Lea, has opened a branch store at Marquette.

Thos. Golloway, general merchant, Selkirk, has assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand, Winnipeg.

J. T. Gordon, of Pilot Mound, shipped a carload of fat cattle for the Winnipeg market on Duc. 9

Morden merchants were paying 17 cents per pound for butter and 20 cents per dozen for eggs last week.

Archy McDonald succeeds D. H. Watson in managing the Massey Manufacturing Co.'s agency at Virden.

R. J. Whitia, wholesale dry goods, Winnipeg, who has been to England on a purchasing trip, returned home last week.

The Hudson's Bay Co. contemplate erecting a substantial brick building next spring for their general store business at Morden.

J. J. Golden, auctioneer and general dealer, Winnipeg, is not opening branches at either Lethbudge or Saltcoats, as reported.

Chas. Harvey & Son, flour and feed and hotel, Winnipeg, are disposing of their hotel business to the Shaftesbury Hotel Co.

The Emerson House is being repaired and will be occupied and managed by Wm. Robinson, who is at present proprietor of the Carney House at that place.

Alex. Tait, of Massey & Company, visited Mani on last week and purchased the building and two lots in rear of the Stewart house for an agency of the company.

W. M. Pinco succeeds M. B Irwin in the management of Harris, Son & Co.'s implement business at Virden. Irwin, it is said, will handle the McCormack teaper in the future.

Mrs. Carr, of the American Art Gallery, Winnipey, affirms that she has no connection with a branch photo business at Moosomin, and wishes the report contradicted.

W. G. Douglas, dealer in flour, grain, etc., Winnipeg, has moved across the street from his old quarters, and now occupies a portion of the Princess opera house block.

J. L. Wells, hardware dealer, Winnipeg, who recently bought out the business of the American Plumbing Company, also of Winnipeg, intends going out of the hardware line in order to devote his entire time to the plumbing business.

The Manitou Mercury says: A considerable amount of barley and oats have been received, both these products selling at 25c per bushel. Eggs bring 20c per de zen, butter 17c, chickens 3c, ducks and geese 11c, turkeys 12c per pound.

Word was received on Saturday week of the death in London, England, of Jos. Joss, of typhoid fever. Mr. Joss, who has been with the wholesale dry goods house of Stobart, Sons & Co., Winnipeg, for some years, was in England on a purchasing trip for the house at the time of his demise.

Haley & Sutton, lately of Morden, Man., who moved to British Columbia and purchased a boot and shoe business at New Westminster, are reported to have sold out this business to Geo. T. Lundy, who also comes from Morden. Haley & Sutton will open business in Vancouver.

W. W. Ogilvie, head of the Ogilvie Milling Company, was in Winnipeg last week on one of his occasional visits to the business here. He was on Change here several times during the week, fraternizing with local grain men. While here he was presented with an address and a portrait of hi uself, by the staff of the company at Winnipeg.

The last Manitoba Gazette contains the notice of application for incorporation of the Winnipeg Jewellery Company, which is to take over the business of W. F. Doll, wholesale jeweller, Winnipeg. The capital stock is placed at \$50,000. The applicants are: W. F. Doll, Thos. Davis, accountant, Robt. L. Meadows, commercial traveller, Katherin Hurley, and J. S. Hough, barrister.

The report that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company would establish grain storage warehouses along its lines in Manitoba, has aroused the Morden board of trade to action. The board sent a communication to C. P. R. Superintendent Whyte, asking that one of the proposed warenouses be established at Morden, to which Mr Whyte sent the following reply: "I am in receipt of your favor of the 5th inst., and desire to say that nothing definite has been decided about the erecting of flat grain warehouses at grain centres throughout Manitoba, but should it be decided to go on with the rection of a number of these grain warehouses, you may rest assured that one will be creeced at Morden."

H. S. Wesbrooke, who up to the first of November last acted as manager at Winnipog

for the Patter of & Bro Co, will continue in the implement trade at Winnipeg. He has rented the large warehouse on the corner of William and Princess streets, Market square, formerly occupied by the old firm of Wesbrook & Fairchild. This building is being overhauled, and will be occupied this week. Mr. Wesbrooke will handle the following goods: McCormick binder, J. I. Case thresners and engines. Moline and Wilkinson plows, White engines, Lyttle safes, American road machine, Acma hay loader and ricker, Whitman hay press, otc. This gives Mr. Wesbrooke a wide range of goods to handle.

A good deal of grain remains to be threshed yet in Manitoba. In referring to this fact in THE COMMERCIAL of last week, the words "rural sections of Manitoba" were used, when the intention was to say "some sections." In some districts threshing has been finished, and in most other districts it is well advanced toward completion, but in other sections not over half the grain has yet been threshed. As the work is finished in one part, the machines are released and are sent to points where the work is more backward, so that those districts which have been short of machines are getting their wants supplied. It is evident that there is a lot of grain yet to be marketed in Mauitoha, when it is considered that there is a lot of threshing yet to be done.

Assiniboia.

Jno. Fisher will open in the flour and feed line at Regina.

W. P. McCormick, formerly proprietor of the Palmer House, Regina, says the Regina Journal, is now senior partner in the firm of McCormick & Mayes, dealer in hardware, etc., at Idaho Springs, Colorada

A rev. rural dean, who went through Regina on the C.P.R. recently, writes to the Dominion Churchman that "Regina had not a prosperous appearance." We have not the figures at hand of the amount expended in building improvements this year at Regina, but we are doubtful if there is any other town in Canada of about the same population, that can show a better record in the building line for 1890, than this same place, though it may not have had a prosperous appearance viewed through the reverend spectacles referred to above.

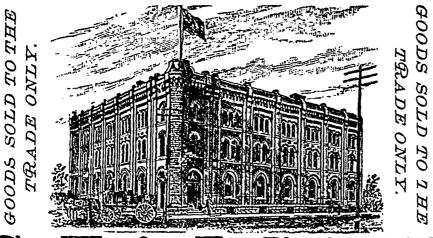
Alberta.

Good wheat is bringing from 99c to \$1 at Edmonton.

The Prairie Illustrated has made its appearance at Calgary. It is a 16-page quarto journal.

Alfred Brealy, a well known Alberta rancher, died at Mitford, near Calgary, last week, of typhoid fever. He was part owner of the Alberta hotel building, Calgary.

Edmonton Bulletin: "The threshers are at work all over the country but are not making very rapid headway owing to the eno mous bulk of straw. Oats and burley are turning out well, the yield in many instances being greater even than was anticipated. Wheat is a heavy crop but a considerable portion of it is a heavy crop but a considerable portion of it is a the end of the summer having retarded its ripening before the frost came. All that was cut before the rainy weather set in is a magnificent sample."



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Moose Jaw.

Moose Jaw, the third divisional point on the main line of the Canadian Pacific west of Winnipeg, has been making some improvement of late. The town council has been at work gravelling and grading the streets, and extending the sidewalks. A double chemical fire engine has also been secured, at a cost of \$2.600. The town is also soon to be lighted with electricity, and a private company is at work putting in plant for this purpose.

There are three or four buyers on the grain market competing for the wheat and other grains offered. Wheat is turning out of fair quality, quite a large proportion grading No. 2 hard. About one half reaches this grade, and considerable reaches No. 2 northern. 80,000 bushels of wheat are expected to be marketed during the season. E. A. Baker, hardware dealer, who is one of the grain buyers, has established a grain warehouse at Boharm, which is the next station on the railway west of Moose Jaw. This is the farthest western point on the line where grain is regularly purchased for shipment eastward. J. T. Simpson is one of the principal buyers on the market, and he also carries on a lumber yard business. The other buyers are for the Carberry Milling Company and McMillan Bros.

The store trade of Moose Jaw has not changed much of late. There are the four general stores carried on by R. Bogue, M. E. Annabell, T. W. Robinson and F. Plante. T. W. Robinson. has doubled the size of his store the past season.

In the financial line there is the banking business carried on by Lafferty & Moore, which firm also carries on business at other points in the territories. Walter Role carries on business in drugs and stationery, and is work ing up a good trade since he settled in Mose Jaw. Jas. McCauley, jeweller and watenmaker, carries a nice stock of goods in his line. John Brass carries on business in stoves and tinware. The depot hotel and dining hall is now under the management of A. Smith, an experienced caterer, who conducted the Potter house in Winnipeg some years ago. Under Mr. Smith's care the dining hall has been greately improved. The house is neat and clean throughout, and the table is one of the best between Winnipeg and the coast. For the matter of good hotel accommodation Moose Jaw is now a favored place. H. McDougall carries on a lumber yard and contracting.

The other principal business institutions of the town are the following:—3 butchers, 2 blacksmiths, 2 shoemakers, 2 harness shops, 4 hotels, brick yard, 2 tailors, 1 furniture store, 1 baker, implement agencies, millinery and fancy goods stores, and we must not forget the local paper, the Moose Jaw Times. W. R. Campbell, dealer in stoves and tinware, has creeted a new store this year, he having been burned out last spring.

The town has been improved by the erection of a number of private residences, which are of a better class than those built in former years. Among the principal buildings is a fine public school.

The settlers in the surrounding country are going more into stock, and in this direction they are likely to do much better than by sticking to grain. The district is particularly well adapted to stock, and it has been found beyond dispute that there is nothing which will pay better than raising sheep.

Commercial Travellers' Association.

The annual meeting of the Northwest Travellers' association was held on Dec. 6 in the Board of Trade rooms, Winnipeg. There were present one of the most representative gatherings over assembled at an annual meeting M. R. O'Loughlin, president, occupied the chair.

M. R. O'Loughlin said he had intended nominating Fred Chilcott for the office of president. To do this it was necessary to secure the nominee's consent. He had telegraphed to points in the west with the object of securing the same, but he had received no answer. He could not, therefore, have the pleasure of nominating Mr. Chilcott as his successor.

Andrew Strang was then nominated for president by Mr. Bell, seconded by L. C. McIntyre. There being no other candidate for the office Mr. Strang was declared elected.

L. C. McIntyre was elected vice-president

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M. W. Rublee was elected treasurer by acclamation, on motion of A. Strang, seconded by Mr. Bell.

John M. O'Loughlin will fill the office of secretary as heretofore.

The following directors were elected by acclamation for the ensuing year: C. F. Church, J. H. Holman, J. Lamb, F. Chilcott, M. R. O'Loughlin, A. A. McKenzie and J. (Gillespie.

Messrs. Cummins and Lindsay were appoint ed to audit the treasurer's books.

Considerable discussion ensued as to what form the annual celebration should take. Mr. Laboude thought the sum expended for a dinner should go towards endowing a ward in the hospital for the use of members of the association. This was voted down, and a resolution passed, on motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr Lindsay, to hold an annual dinner between Christmas and New Year.

A dinner committee was appointed to look after arrangements, composed of the directors of 1890, and directors elect, also Messrs. Cummins, Munday and Lindsay, with power to add to their number.

On motion of Mr. Strang, seconded by Mr. Bell, the following resolution was passed: "The Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association in general meeting assembled, from their knowledge of the feeling throughout the province, feel that the holding of a provincial exhibition in this city would be of great benefit to both the city and country at large; be it therefore resolved that this meeting hereby endo-ses the submission of the by-law about to be voted on by the citizens and pledge their best endeavours to assist in passing it." The motion was carried unnimously. Mr. Ashdown made a strong speech in support of it.

It was moved by Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, and resolved: "That this meeting learns with regret of the death of two of their active members, in the untimely demise of James Joss and Geo. McCullagh, and extend their sincere sympathy to their friends and relatives."

The meeting adjourned for two weeks, on which date the annual reports will be received.

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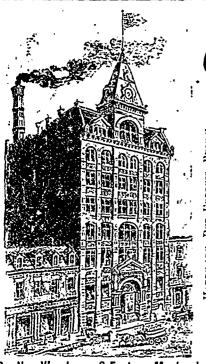
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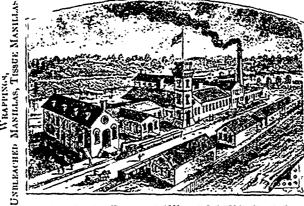
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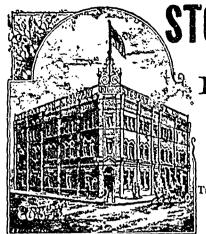
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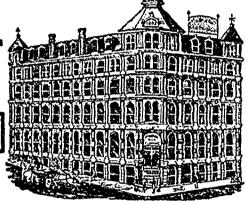
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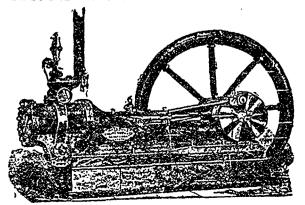
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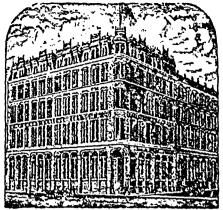
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THE EXHIBITION BY-LAW.

To morrow the municipal voters of the city of Winnipeg will have an opportunity of voting for or against a by-law to authorize the expenditure of \$20,000 for the purpose of erecting and maintaining permanent buildings, and securing permanent grounds for a provincial exhibition, to be held annually each fall; and as the by-law is one which was lost at an election held for the purpose last spring, simply for want of interest in the matter on the part of the ratepayers, it is to be hoped that the same apathy will not exist this time. A scrutiny of the votes after the last election showed the singular anomaly, that the by law was lost for want of opposition, for had there been some three hundred or so of opposition votes in addition to the few cast, the necessary number of resident votors wou'd have been to the polls, and the supporters of the by-law would have had the necessary majority to carry

To-morrow there should be a much larger vote than turned out at the special election, as the annual election of alderman for the different wards takes place the same day and at the same polling places. Unfortunately for the by-law, if not for the city's interest otherwise, there is no contest for the mayoralty, and only in two wards is there contests for aldermanic honors, and this is very unfavorable for the turning out of a large vote. For instance in the central ward four, which has nearly enough of resident votors of itself to carry the by-law, there is no contest of any description, and in ward two, another ward with a heavy vote, there is only a contest for the position of school trustee, in which a large proportion of the voters take little or no interest. Only in one populous ward, namely ward five, is there an aldermanic contest, and even there the interest is by no means as keen as in contests of former years. Looking at the situation as it stands for to-morrow, there is therefore great danger that the exhibition by-law may be wrecked again through the apathy of the ratepayers, while there is but little chance of its being swamped by any opposition vote. In fact there is no organized opposition to its passing, and if there was, its chances would be pretty near to a certainty of success.

It seems almost unnecessary to impress upon people in Winnipeg the advantages of having an annual provincial exhibition in the city. It is now beyond a mere question of an exhibition in Winnipeg, but is one of having a provincial exhibition or not. The old system of the provincial government of holding one at a different point each year proved a dismal failure, and the attempt to establish one permanently at St. Beniface met with no better result. The only hope therefore of having an annual exhibition in Manitoba lies in the Winnipeg project, and that can only be a success when it receives the hearty co-operation not only of the city council, board of trade and

such like bodies, but of the citizens generally from the wealthiest and most influential down to the poorest ratepayer in the city.

The city council has done its duty in endorsing this by-law and submitting it to the voters. The private citizens who have taken stock in the proposed company and those who have taken the additional step of placing their names on the guarantee fund have done their duty by paying their cash and pledging their credit, so that financial failure is a matter im possible in connection with the undertaking. The Local Government are prepared to do their duty by aiding the project with a grant, if the citizens will furnish the buildings and other necessaries, and now we have the Dominion Government ready to furnish suitable and convenient grounds to the extent of sixty acres, at the nominal price of \$20 an acre, thus relieving the committee of management of a large estimated outlay. All round those from whom aid was asked or expected have done their duty. and to-morrow if the ratepayers of Winnipeg will only do their duty by going to the polls and voting for the by law, there will be a provincial exhibition in Winnipeg next fall, on a scale of magnitude such as few people in the province expected to see for a number of years

Now it might be wise to give a word to a class from whom opposition to the bye-law might be expected. These will be the chronic parsimonious obstructionist, who is ready to kick over the expenditure of every cent of civic funds. He can register his vote, and satisfy his narrow conscience, for the number like himself is too small to do any injury, or do anything but swell the number of votes polled and thus help the bye-law. There is that class, however, who will look at the large outlay by the city and its citizens, compared with the very limited grant from the Provincial Government, and argue that Winnipeg bears too great a burden of what is, after all, to be as much for the benefit of Manitoba at large as for the city itself. This miserable "dog in the manger" feeling found its origin in the cupidity of some of our real estate speculators years ago, and their application of it to almost every provincial undertaking, in which the corporation of Winnipeg was needed, has done much towards keeping up that feeling of jealousy towards the city, which is known to exist in a few other places in the province. If Winnipeg is to be the commercial, financial and political centre of the province as the citizens naturally desire it to be, these same citizens must be prepared to shoulder the heavy end of any burden, which it is necessary to shoulder, to secure provincial progress; and when an estimate is made of a division of advantages as well as burdens, we cannot see that the rate payers of Winnipeg are asked to carry an extra share of the latter, in connection with this exhibition undertaking, when they are asked to vote for the bye-law to-morrow.

SHCRTENING CREDITS.

The movement in the wholesale grocery trade of Eartern Canada to shorten credits, is of special significance. It is indeed time that some effort was made to correct this evil, which is really the chief cause of all the loss and the unsatisfactory condition of business in Canada. The banks have it in their wer to remedy this evil to a great extent, but they do not feel disposed to take action. Every now and again there is an agitation in some branch of wholesale trade to shorten credits, but it usually fizzles out before anything is accomplished. It is to be hoped the grocers may be more suc ressful. The grocers propose to shorten the length of credit to three months on general goods, and to thirty days on sugars, molasses. etc. These dates are one month shorter in oach class. In the United States sixty days is the limit of credit, while cash and thirty days is the rule on a large variety of goods. It is also much easier to obtain credit in Canada than in the republic. If business in this country were reduced to the same basis as regards credit, as it is in the United States, it would be better for all concorned.

It is apparently a very easy matter to obtain credit in Canada. Many examples of a surprising nature have been brought to view in Western Canada during the last few years. Men who should have had no credit have branched out with large stocks of goods, and the inevitable failure has followed in due time. This ease with which credit is obtained by irresponsible and incompetent persons, combined with the long dates for which credit is given, will continue to keep our commercial condition shaky, and rotten at the core. So long as these conditions remain as they are, commercial disasters will be frequent, and business will be unsafe.

Even with retailers in fairly good circumstances and of average business ability, the long credit system is a menace. It is such a strong incentive to over-buying, that few cau resist its seducti influence. Under a rational business system many would succeed, who now go to smash. With credit at thirty to sixty days, buying would be done much more carefully. The retailer would purchase in smaller lots and more frequently. But with these long credits, he is tempted to purchase heavily, thinking that all will be well by the time the goods are to be paid for. One trader buys heavily because he has a long time to pay for the goods, and his competitor in the same line must buy equally as recklessly in order to make as big a display as his neighbor.

If credits were shorter there would be less disposition to get into business. Irresponsible parties without means would not find it so easy to start in trade. Following this up, there would be fewer failures, and responsible parties in business would be more successful. Men who get into business easily, without capital, are generally the very worst competitors which legitimate merchants can have. They frequently play bavoc with prices, resort to all sorts of schemes to work up trade, and finally when they assign, which is only a matter of time, a large stock of goods is slaughtered, to the detriment of the trade of the legitimate storekeoper.

The long credit system leads to free and indiscriminate credit. If credits were shortened up to a reasonble date, the tendency would be to render it more difficult for any but responsi ble persons to obtain credit. As a result trade would be placed on a more solid basis all around. There would be fewer in business, but it would be in better hands, and on a more legitimate besis. There would be some sense of security for those in business, both wholesalers and retailers, and results attained would certainly be more satisfactory. Retailers, who would buy on shorter time, would be obliged to exercise more care in parting with their goods on credit to customers, and the latter would become educated to buy more for cash, and rely less upon being carried by the storekeepers.

The present system in Manitoba of carrying farmers over from one crop to another, is a great error, and one calculated to work injury to the country. The sooner it is corrected the better it will be for all concerned. The injurious influence upon the farmer is the same as long credits with the retailer. It leads him into extravagance and over-buying, under the belief that he will be better off sometime in the future. In one of the older settled districts of Manitoba a resident who had watched the situation closely, stated to the writer that the credit system had driven a number of farmers out of the country. It was so easy to obtain credit, that many farmers could not resist the temptation of over-buying and they had become so involved that they had been forced to leave the country and go to the United States. It is a fact that formers have been driven out of Manitoba by our reckless credit system. Men who would have succeeded, had they been compelled to buy for cash or on short time, have become so involved, as a result of our easy credit system, that they have become discouraged and left the country.

DATS.

The very good price realized for outs in Munitoba since the new erop began to come to market, is encouraging: At the commencement of the season the prospect was anything but favorable for even fair prices for this grain, and most dealers were predicting very low prices as soon as the marketings of the new crop should exceed local requirements. Prices, however, have so far kept up to a figure which will be very remunerative to the growers. The cause which has led to these favorable prices is the short crop in eastern Canada. In Untario the oats erop of 1890 is estimated at 56,572,000 bushels, against 64,346,000 bushels last year province of Quebec the shortage in the oats crop is much more marked than in Ontario, and a good many car loss of Manitoba oats are finding their way into the former province.

In Manitoba the 1890 crop of coarse grains has been very abundant. The agricultural department place the average yield of oats for the province at over 41 bushels per acre, while individual crops have given returns estimated at 50 to 90 bushels per acre, and even 100 bushels per acre has been claimed for some fields. The reports of some of these enormous yields, many will consider unreliable. Be that as it may, the crop is certainly a large one.

The heavy crop in this province was one of the features which indicated low prices. But besides that, the wet weather during harvest rendered the bulk of the barley crop only fit for feed, and there was also known to be a considerable quantity of wheat only fit for feed. These features were likely to further decrease the value of oats. In the United States it was known that the cats crop was very short, and high prices were certain to rule there, but the McKinley bill, with its duty of 15 cents per bushel on oats, stepped in to prevent Manitoba from profiting by the short crop south of the boundary. High prices were certain to rule in the United States, but this heavy duty, combined with the distance from Manitoba to leading markets in that country, would prevent the profitable shipment of our oats in that direction. The outlook for good prices was therefore not very favorable until it became known that our oats were wanted to make up for the light crop in the east.

Prices in Manitoba country markets have so far not ruled under 25c per bushel to the grower, and a considerable quantity has been sold at prices ranging upwards from this figure. In eastern Canada markets from 42 to 44 cents has been obtained for Manitoba mixed oats, and for choice white 45 and 46 cents per bushel has been obtained. These prices, with the 44 cent freight rate, permit of huying in Manitoba at 25 to 26 cents per bushel. It would cost 22 cents, freight and duty, to lay down Manitoba oats in Minneapolis, the nearest United States market. This cost of freight and duty added to the price paid for the oats in Manitoba, would bring their total cost leid down in Minneapolis up to 47 to 49 cents per bushel, which is 5 to 10 cents more than oats will bring in that market. With the duty removed, Minneapolis would be a better market than eastern Canada, but the 15 cent duty is sufficient to turn the scale in the other direction.

A good deal of complaint is made in the east about the dirty condition of Manitoba oats, and there is certainly some reason for this. It is stated that one car of cats sent to Montreal contained 2,000 lbs. of dirt and foreign substance. This amounted to the payment of about \$9 00 freight charges on dirt. There is considerable room for improvement in the condition in which the grain is usually placed on the market here. The black and mixed oats generally grown in Manitoba are also less valuable than good white oats for shipment. Several cents more per bushel can be otained for the white varieties, and it would be to the advantage of our farmers to change their seed in favor of the white varieties where they are growing oats for the market.

WHEAT.

The drop in wheat prices has had the effect of stopping farmers' deliveries all over the continent. Stocks of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, on December 1st were only 96,427 bushels more than one week previous, according to Bradstreet's atatement. This small increase in stocks at a season when wheat is usually pouring in fast, indicated clearly that low prices had caused a general stoppage of deliveries by growers. Farmers in the United States, as well as in Manitoba, are evidently determined to hold their grain for higher prices. Stocks of wheat on December 1st, in the United States

and Canada, east of the Rocky mountains, as per statem-at quoted, were 44.813,341 bushels, these figures being 9 612,000 bushels less than a year ago, and 6,551,000 bushels less than two years ago.

West of the Rocky mountains, Bradstree's points out the situation is different. There appears to be a regular glut of wheat in that quarter. The crop of the l'acific coast states was very large this year, and the railway facilities have been totally inadequate to handling the crop in some sections. We grumbic about shortage of cars sometimes in Manitoba, but the conditions here appear to have scarcely ever equalled that described as now existing in the state of Washington, though we had something like it toward the spring of 1887, when the wheat was piled up in bags on the prairie around the railway stations. Writing of the grain blockade, Bradstreet's says:—

"The wheat blockade continues in the Palouse country, in Washington, north of the Snake and east of the Columbia rivers, and stocks there are piled up everywhere—at railway stations, in barns and under sheds, while the public and private elevators are full to overflowing. The crop in this region is heavier than ever before, and the railways find themselves totally unprepared to transport the wheat offering for shipment. The nominal price of wheat at Colfax, a prominent shipping point, has been 41c per bushel, with no one able to take advantage of so low a figure because unable to get ears to carry the grain to tidewater or east across the Rocky mountains."

The Portland Oregonian estimates that the three Pacific coast states will have a surplus of 39,000,000 bushels of wheat for export. Of this amount California will have 23,00,000 bushels, and the balance of 16,000,000 cushels is attributed to Oregon and Washington. Available stocks of wheat on the Pacific coast are placed at 12,361,933 bushels, being about 4,000,000 bushels more than a year ago. Total available stocks in the United States and Canada on December 1st, including both sides of the Rocky mountains, are placed by Bradstreet's at 57,205,274 bushels, as compared with 62,575,455 bushels a year ago, and 57,871,513 bushels two years ago.

BEHRING SEA.

The Behring Sea dispute, about which very little has been heard since Great Britain put her foot down so decisively last spring, has been again brought to the front by the reference to this matter in the message of the President at the opening of congress. The President says in effect that the offer from Great Britain to submit the question to arbitration is not acceptible to the United States, and he goes on to hope the United States will yet be confirmed in its "property ownership in Behring sea, purchased from Russia." It would seem from this reference to the question by the President, that the United States is again to revert to its jingo policy which was so hastily abandoned last spring. The old point is brought up of Russia's "property right" in the sea. This purchase of property right from Russia is something which Russia never possessed, and therefore could not sell. It cannot be considered any more valid than if it had been purchased from the king of the Cannibal Islands.

It is to be regretted, in the interests of friend liness between the two divisions of the English speaking world, that the republic seems bent upon following a course, which if persisted in much lorger, must lead to a rupture. All authorities outside of the United States, unanimously agree that the republic is entirely wrong in this matter, and that its claim is altogether intenable. Even in the United States many loading men have spoken out in opposition to the policy of their own government in this matter. They recognize the claim as a dishonest and dishonorable one, and they have made their mads known upon it.

Opinions of this nature have greatly weakened the force of the contention put forth by the Inited States, and it has been made more evident from day to day that the Behring sea question is being handled for domestic political purposes, rather than an honest policy of the gov-rnment. The revival of the jingo policy in connection with this dispute, coming immediately after the crushing defeat of the dominant party in the recent elections, would indicate that the Behring sea question is to be used to retrieve, if possible, the shattered fortunes of that party, and make up for the damage cone by the passage of the McKinley bill.

The question assumed a very grave phase last spring. Great Britain cannot now any more than she could then, admit any partion of the claim of the United States to ownership in the sea. If for political purposes this claim is again pushed forward to the point of en dangering a rupture between the two countries, the executive of the United States will be guilty of a crime against God and man scarcely paralleled in the history of the world. But such are the exigencies pur y.

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The stringency which has been felt in eastern monetary circles during the past month, is beginning to affect this country, and the past week has been one of scraping and gathering in the city, and fears were expressed by many, that a period of monetary tightness, which would hamper trade affairs is not at all anlikely to come immediately. In fact unless a freer movement of grain sets in very soon, such a period, let it be long or short in duration, will be difficult to avoid. A rather significant omen is the opening up of saving's bank departments in the Bank of Montreal branches, a bank which six months ago would allow no interest on deposits, and in no way gave encouragement to depositors. This, however, is a symptom of eastern and not western stringency, though it has its sympathetic effects here. Money for grain handling is by no means free at the banks, unless where the borrower is able to put up liberal margins, and most grain men have been carrying such a load since the drop in prices of last month, that their power of margining are limited if not nearly exhausted. Only a material advance in prices in both castern and export markets can relieve this. and even a five cent rise would give material assistance in that respect. Thus grain men are neither too willing nor too able to act with vigor in the handling of the crop, and farmers are equally unwilling to sell what they hold, even at prices higher than will admit of profitable exporting. There is, therefore, nothing to stimulate a free movement of grain, and that is the only thing which would cause a free circulation of money throughout the province. and relieve the country of all fears or financial stringency. As yet there has been no advance in discount rates, and there is reason to hope that a better feeling in eastern markets will come before any advance becomes necessary. Banks have met the wants of all general trade discounts at the rates of last summer, namely, 7 to 8 per cent., and there is no unsafety in the outlook to prompt them to making any change upward. In real estate mortgage business affairs are not moving with any freedom. There are very few new loan applications from the city, and farm loans are not numerous, and are not likely to be until farmers are in better humor with grain prices. There is quite a volume of payments of interest and principal coming in from the country, but by no means as heavy a one as should come at this season of the year. The interest rates on farm loans is 8 per cent., and in the city there is not enough business to fix rates here.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The quiet feeling general in mid-winter is beginning to creep down over quite a few branches of wholesale trade in the city, and there is that lack of push and effort beginning to show itself which is usual for a few weeks before and after the Christmas time. This is the case in all season lines of goods, where houses are nearly all taking stock and getting matters in shape for spring operations as soon as the new year is fairly opened. Building operations now in the city are about finished up for the year, and unless in a few minor details for finishing there is an end for a season to any demand for lines dependent upon such operations. In the few fancy branches dependent on

holiday trade there is a little rush and bustle, which will subside in about another week, and which, in comparison with the volume of business generally, is of little importance. In the regular staple branches handling goods of every day consumption sales have been about normal, and the feeling on the whole a little better than noted in our last report. Cash returns are still the guiding barometer, and while the past week has shown a slight improvement upon its predecessor, and a very decided improvement on the two last weeks of November in this respect, the volume of money coming in from the country and going into circulation is very far short of what it ought to be at this time of the year. The outlook after 1891 opens is certainly much brighter so far as cash returns are concerned than it was a year ago, but for the sale of spring season goods it is not so hopeful. Continued mild weather has made bad work for retailers all over the country, and with heavy unsold winter stocks on their hands, these retailers will not be in the hopeful mood to make them buy freely for spring requirements. Really cold weather until the close of 1890 might yet help the prospect in this respect.

BURNING OILS.

The demand is steady but not above normal in volume. P.ices steady as follows: Water White, 31c; Eocene, 33c; Sunlight, 28c; Naptha, per case, \$3 50; deoderized gasoline, \$3.50.

DRUGS.

This branch holds tairly active, and no complaints are heard. Prices steady as follows: Howard's quinine, 55 to 65c; German quinine, 45 to 55c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.50; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; brounide potassium, 60 to 70; English camphor, 80 to 90c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 65 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$6 to \$3; bicarb soda, \$3.75 to \$4.50; sal sods, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5; American blue vitrol, 10 to 12c.

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, ETC.

Business is down to a very low ebb, and last week's sales consisted of a few straggling sorts. Even orders from spring samples have dropped off temporarily. Most houses are now finishing up stock taking, and are content to be quiet until the opening of 1891. Collections are reported a little better, but there is still room for great improvement in that way.

DRIED FRUITS

California layer raisins are about out of the market. Mediterranean goods and dried fruits are still firm and tending upwards. Dried apples for instance have been out of the market, but will be on again this week at the advanced figure of 10c a pound. Other goods are still offered at former prices. Quotations are: Valencia raisins, \$2.20 to \$2.40 per box: London layer raisins, \$3.75 per box; currants, 7 cents per pound.; croice new Eleme figs in 10 lb. boxes, 16c per lb.; choice figs, 13c per lb.; fancy Eleme layer figs, 20 lb boxes, 1Sc per lb.; figs in 1 lb cartoons, per doz., \$1.75; golden dates, in 50 lb. boxes, 9c per lb.; California evaporated fruit-apricots, 22 to 24c per lb.; peeled peaches, 27 to 30c per lb.; pitted plums, 18c; raspberries, 35c; prunes, 9 to 11c per lb. as to quality, the higher quotation for choice of best varieties; nectarines, 21 to 23c.

PUEL.

Sales are reported as rather below the average for this time of year. Prices of wood are a little easier as there is a prospect of snow for sleighing soon. Quotations here are as follows: Anthracite coal delivered, \$9.25; bituminous, \$8; Galt at \$7.50. Tamarac wood in car lots on track, \$4 25 to \$4.50; poplar \$2 60 to \$3 10; oak, \$6; maple, \$6.50.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

The variety on the market has not increased, and prices are the same. Quotations are as follows: Whitefish are quoted at 7c a pound; B. C. fresh hallibut, 15c; Finnan haddock in 30 pound boxes, 10½c a pound, with some holding at 11 to 11½c. Fresh and kipperd herring in small quantities have been on the market. Fresh oysters in bulk are held at \$2 to \$2.20 per gallon. The first load of frozen whitefish for this year, winter catch, appeared on the market on Thursday, and sold at 5c per pound in small lots.

GREEN FRUITS.

The movement is only normal, and heated cors for shipping are now necessary. Prices are stiffening up as the winter advances. Quotations are: Apples, good to fancy, \$5.00 to \$6.00; some damaged stock offering under \$5 per barrel; Messina lemons, \$5 to \$5.50 a box; Florida oranges, \$5 to \$6.50 a box, according to size and quality; bananas, \$3.50 a bunch; winter pears, \$3.59 to \$3.75 a box; cranberries in barrels, Bell and Cherry, \$11; Bell and Bugle, \$11.50; Cupe Cod. \$12; Malaga grapes in 50 pound kegs, \$5 to \$9.50; Catawba grapes in 8 pound baskets, \$1. Only a few of the latter are left in the market.

GROCERIES

The feeling in this staple branch is a little better than reported in last issue. Collections although still slow, have shown quite an improvement, and that is the real guage of business at present. Coffees still keep their high range, and give no indication of coming down. Sugars are steady and unchanged in prices: Sugars—Yellow, 61 to 63c; Granulated, 71c; Coffees, green,—Pios, from 24 to 25c; Java, 27 to 29c; Old Government, 29 to 32c; Mochas, 33 to 35c. Teas: Japan, 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. & B. tobacco, 56c per pound; lilly, 52c; diamond solace, 12s, 4Sc; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W., caldies, 471c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d thick Solace, 6s, 4Sc; Brunnelle Solace, 12s, 4Sc. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60c: Anchor, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator, 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, S5; do dark, S0c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50: Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000. Mauricio, \$42.50; Soudan Whips, \$10.00; Turkish Caps, \$35.00; Commercial Traveller, \$25. Special selects, \$55; Selects, \$45; Columbia, \$45; Canucks, \$40; Derby, \$35; Sports, \$30. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles in kegs, are quoted. Three gallons, \$2.50; do five gallons, \$3.50; do 10 gallon kegs, \$6.50.

HARDWARE.

There is but a light business doing in shelf goods, while heavies are scarcely moving at all. Collections are reported a little better, but

far from satisfactory yet. The following quotations are in a great measure nominal: Cut nails 10d, and upwards, \$3.25; I. C. tin plates \$6.00 to \$6.25 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$12.00 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4.10 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4.00 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net prices, 1 inch, 10\(\frac{1}{2}\)c; 1\(\frac{1}{2}\)inch, \$13\(\frac{1}{2}\)c; 1\(\frac{1}{2}\)inch, \$16\(\frac{7}{2}\)c; 2 inch, 25\(\frac{1}{2}\)e per foot; ingot tin, 30c per lb; bar tin, 32c per pound; sheet zinc, 7\(\frac{1}{2}\)and \$5c per lb.; galvanized iron, 29 guage, 7\(\frac{1}{2}\)to \$\frac{9}{2}\)c lb; bar iron, \$3.50 per 100 lbs; shot, 6 to 6\(\frac{1}{2}\)c per lb.; tarred felt \$2.30 to \$2.40 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6\(\frac{1}{2}\) net.

PAINTS, OHS AND GLASS,

Orders for the country are about finished up for the season, and the city trade is down to very small dimensions. Prices are unchanged, but are fairly nominal for the present, and are likely to remain so for some weeks to Quotations are: Turpentine in barrels, 76c per gallon; in 5 gallon cans, S1c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 80c; boiled 83c; benziue and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 a barrel; Portland coment, \$4.90 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.25 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 31ca pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whiting in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.25; Royal Charter, \$6.75; Railroad, \$6.25; Elephant pure white lead, \$7.25; Elephant No. 1. do., \$6.25; Bulls head do., \$5.75; Calsomine, \$6 per 100 pounds; Alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2 10

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

Wheat apparently reached bed rock on the first dry of the week, Monday, Dec. 8, when there was a further decline in leading American markets, due to further financial pressure. After Monday there was a slow but steady upward movement, and by the close of the markets on Friday prices were 3 to 4c higher at Chicago, Duluth and other points. The visible supply on Monday showed an increase of only 41,000 bushels, while the same week a year ago the visible increased 1,706,000 bushels. This favorable showing was counterbalanced by the financial stringency and money in New York was quoted at 30 per cent. Exports from Atlantic ports of wheat and flour for the week, as per statement on Monday, were \$90,350 bushels. The visible supply is now 21,569,743 bushels, against 33,178,394 a year ago. Liverpool cables were id lower on Tuesday on wheat futures, but American markets were firmer on a better feeling in financial circles. This better feeling continued on the following days, and further strength was added by reports of serious damage to the winter wheat plant by the Hessian fly in the western States.

In Manitoba prices continued downward. Grain shippers were unable to handle any wheat at the prices which wheat was put up to by the millers. Shippers were already loaded with wheat which they had bought earlier, and which they could not sell except at a heavy loss. They were, therefore, unable to follow the advance in Manitoba country markets, and when millers advanced prices to 70c for No. 2 hard, other buyers were obliged to quit the

markets. From 70c which was the ruling price in country markets up to late in the previous week, prices were dropped 2c at a time to about 60 to 65c per bushel, and during the week wheat may be said to have ranged about these prices in Manitoba country markets, to farmers, for best samples, grading No. 2 hard, and downward to 25 to 30c for damaged stuff. Lower prices have cut off deliveries again. Up to the first of the week it was estimated that about 4,000,000 bushels of wheat had been marketed in Manitoba, of which 800,000 bushels were in store in country elevators.

FLOUR.

Flour prices locally are quoted unchanged, though weaker with the decline in wheat in Manitoba country markets this week. Quotations are: Patents, \$2.60; strong bakers', \$2.40; XXXX, \$1.40; superfine, \$1.20; middlings, \$2.60; graham flour, \$2.40.

MILLSTOFFS.

Prices firm on millstuffs. On account of the good demand in eastern Canada, millers are unding a profitable market for bran and shorts in that direction and they are not pushing the stuff on the local market. Prices are therefore firm at \$12 a ton for bran and \$14 for shorts, and even in large quantities concessions on these prices would hardly be granted.

OATMEAL, OIL CAKE, ETC.

There is considerable sale for oil cake, meal, and imported stuff as well as the product of the local mill is in the marke. Outneal is firm and the city mill is kept busy on orders. Prices are: Oil cake in bags, \$21 a ton; oil cake meal in ton lots, \$26.50; in car lots \$25; Outneal, standard, \$2.60; granulated, \$2.70 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$2.70 per sack of 80 pounds; Cornmeal is held at \$1.50 per 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

GROUND FEAD.

There is very little business doing in feed of any description, and prices are irregular. Mix ed oats nod barlly feed is held at \$15 per ton in a jubbing way, with large lots obtainable at about \$17 per ton. Ground oats are held at \$15.50 to \$16 per ton. Some gound damaged wheat offering about \$15 per ton.

OATS.

On the local market there was a tendency to higher prices. 27 and 28 cents per bushel was paid toward the close of the week for loads offered by farmers, and for white milling oats 29c was paid. Shipments of Maintoba oats continue to be made eastward, and bring 42 to 44c in eastern Canada markets for ordinary quality, and some extra have sold a little better. There is a good deal of complaint east of the dirty nature of Maintoba oats. Prices paid on the Winnipeg market were almost above a shipping basis. About 24 to 26c at country points in Maintoba represents a fair value for shipment eastward.

BARLEY.

About 28c per bushel is the ruling price for feed barley on the Winnipeg market, with little offering. Brewers continue to take malting samples at 35c for the bulk offering, and they would probably pay up to 40c for an extra sample.

RUTTER.

The movement is slow, and receipts of good are light. Stocks of butter in the hands of country dealers are known to be light. At many country points the stores are not taking in any more than they require for local purposes. Stocks in the city are not large for the season. Only a local trade is doing, and small lots are going at 17c to 19c per pound, and 20c has been obtained for small lots of fancy, but this is an exceptional quotation. Plenty of medium to poor quality can be had at 15c to 17c, and poor lower.

CHEESE.

Stocks are light in the city, and prices firm at about 124c in a jobbing way.

EGGS

Strictly fresh are too scarce to have any settled price, but are worth in the neighborhood 30c per doz. Pickled, some of which come from castern Canada, are offering at 22c, with a firmer tendency, as prices are up to east.

LARD.

No change to report; Chicago 20 pound pails are offered at \$2; and local and Ontario at \$2 20.

CURED MEATS, SAUSAGE, LTC.

Local packers have been working some, mostly on hogs brought in from Ontario, and are preparing to place their product on the market soon. Quotations are: Dry salt bacon, 9½ to 10c; smoked 10½ to 11; spaced rolls, 12½; breakfast bacon 13½; boneless, 14c; smoked hams, 14. Sausage are quoted: fresh pork sausage, 10c 1b.; bologua do., 8c lb.; German do., 9c lb.; ham, chicken and tongue do., 9c per ½-lb. packet.

HIDES

Advices from Toronto report the hide market there demoralized. Hides there were being bought from burchers at 43, 33 and 23c for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively. In the Winnipeg market there was easier tendency. About 3c per pound represents a fair value for round lots of frozen hides, though higher was paid. Sheepskins are quoted at 50 to 65c each.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes have a higher tendency, and with cold weather offerings are lighter. On the market 30 to 35c per bushel represents the range of prices. Other veges ables are quoted: Turnips, 25c bus; parsnips, 11c lb.; carrots, 60c bus.: beets, 40c bus; cabbage, 40 to 60c doz.; onions, 21c ib.; Spanish do, \$160 per crate of 30 lbs. nett; celery, 25 to 50c doz. heads.

POULTRY.

The market has been well supplied with poultry brought in from the east, the local supply being madicient to requirements. This eastern poultry has sold to the trade at 13c for turkeys, 11c for ducks and geese, and 9c for turkeys, 11c for ducks and geese, and 9c for chickens. Manitoba poultry is preferred by consumers, as it has a fresher appearance, but higher prices than these quoted could not be obtained. In fact, native turkeys have sold at 12 to 13c on the market. A very five lot of about 100 brought the top price.

DRESSED MEATS.

Offerings of frozen meat on the market continues heavy, and a good deal is poor, thin stuff. This country dressed beef sold at from 3 to 5c per pound as to quaity. A good deal of this neef brough in by farmers would have netted them better if they had sold their cattle live weight. City dressed beef sells at 5 to 5½c, and some choice city dressed from western ranch cattle has sold at 6c per pound for sides. Hogs are not coming forward freely. A car of hogs brought in from Ontario by a commission dealer, were sold in small lots to the trade at 7½c per pound. Country hogs self for 6½ to 7c, at which price they are taken by packers and butchers, and the latter sometimes pay a fraction over 7c pr pound for a choice animal. Mutton holds at 10 to 11c, and yeal at 5 to 7c.

LIVE STOCK,

There has been something doing in cattle, and butchers have been on the look out for Christmas stock. The most of the cattle offered as Christmas stock have not been better than good ordinary animals. These have brought about 3c, live weight, per pound, and some of the best have sold at 3½c. A few really choice animals would bring up to 4c per pound, but there is little or nothing offering to command this price. Common to good cattle may be quoted at 2 to 3c per pound, with the demand for thin stock slow, on account of large offerings of thin frozen beef.

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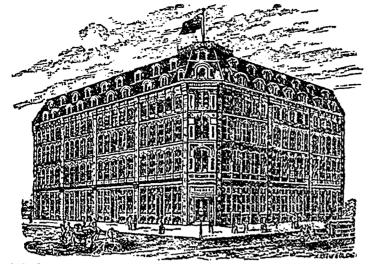
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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, Dec. 8, wheat closed he lower than closing prices on the Saturday previous. There was some strength at the start, but further financial complications and free offerings caused a slump. Outside of the financial situation there was nothing of much interest. Prices closed as follows:—

	Dec.	Jan	Feb	May
Wheat	881	801		971
Corn	513	513	511	613
Oats	13	43	_	45}
Pork	8 60	10 173	10 321	11 15
Lard	5 50	6 75	5 90	0.324
Short R'bs	4.75	6.12}	5.30	5.70

On Tuesday wheat closed about 1 he higher. May sold up 2e from the lowest point of Monday. Trading was active, and there was heavy selling on advances. Better financial outlook was the cause of the advance. Liverpool cables were he had lower on futures. Closing prices were:—

	nec.	Jan.	reo.	way.
Wheat	892	914		934
Corn	523	52		143
Oats	4-1	4 54		401
Pork	8.00	10.42}	10.60	11.574
Lard	5 621	5.874		6.474
Short Ribs	4 83	5.20	5.95	5 80

Prices made a slight gain on Wednesday and were 1 to 1c higher at the close. Trading was quiet, but the feeling was fairly firm. Closing prices were:—

	Doo	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat	90	913		987
Corn	52₺	517		644
Oats	43	43}		46
Pork	8 10	10.423		11 40
Lard	5.621	5 874		6 45
Short Ribs	4.90	5.20		5 80

On Thursday wheat was dull until the last hour of the session when there was an advance of §c, based on the reports of damage being done to the winter wheat in Indiana, Kausas and Missouri by the Hessian fly. Closing prices were:—

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat.	505	92		994
Com	524	513		543
Oats	431	453		46
Pork	8.10	10.40		11.40
Lard	5.63	5.90		6 45.73
Short Ribs	4.87}	5.15 174		6.80

On Friday wheat was firmer on an improved financial situation and the better tone of the New York stock market and a material decrease of the visible supply in the Northwest. Closing prices were:—

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May
Wheat	92	93		1.003-2
Corp	612	614		54
Oats	423	423	_	453
Pork	8.25	10.371		11.37
Lard	5.674	5.871.90		6.45
Short Ribs	4.871	6.15		5.77}

Minneapolis Market.

Following were closing wheat quotations on Thursday, December 11:—

Dec.	May	On track
90	_	90
86}	963	861
S2	_	82
	80} 90	SG1 9G3

On Saturday, December 13, No. 1 Northern, May delivery, was quoted at 975c at one co'clock.

Duluth Wheat Market.

On Saturday, Dec. 13, wheat advanced sharp-

the top of the day, at that hour No. 1 hard being quoted as follows: December, 92c; May, \$101\frac{3}{2}\$. These prices were 3 to 3\frac{1}{2}c higher than a week rgo.

THE COMMERCIAL.

The Wheat Situation.

On account of the peculiar conditions existing in Manitoba country grain markets of late, a rumor has spread abroad that the large milling firms are endeavoring to crowd out the other buyers, by paying higher prices than grain shippers could afford to give, and thus obtain a monopoly of the markets. A number of our country exchanges have been discussing the matter vigorously, and with great earnestness, and have painted a word picture of the poor farmer at the mercy of the voracious miller; after the other buyers have been crowded out. THE COMMERCIAL believes that this is all bosh, and that our country exchanges have worked themselves up into a needless state of alarm over an exceedingly harmless bugaboo. Under certain market conditions the millers can afford to pay more for wheat than exporters. This has frequently been the case in Manitoba. Millers have of late paid higher prices for wheat than exporters could pay, on the present basis of sales. Why this is we do not pretend to know, but it would be a very foolish thing to suppose that the object is to monopolize the market. The millers could not long afford to pay very high prices, and as soon as they were lowered, the shippers would come back in the market again. Besides, there is a large portion of the present crop which the milling firms referred to do not want at all, and they are anxious for the grain shippers to remain to the market to take the poorer qualities of wheat. Miliers may occasionally and for a short time pay more for wheat than they can afford, but they will not take any considerable quantity in this way. They buy wheat to make a profit out of it, though an occasional spurt may carry prices b-youd a prolitable basis for a short time. It is nonsense to think that the millers are trying to monopolize the Manitoba markets, for such a thing is practically impossible. They do not want all the wheat, as would be readily shown should the shippers all step out of the markets for a time.

Reducing Grain Freights.

The Canadian Pacific and the Northern Pacific railways announced last week another reduction in the all-rail rates on grain, flour and mill stuffs of two and a half cents from Brandon to Foronto and points west of the latter city, making the rate 44½ cents instead of 47 cents as heretofore and 42c on oatmeal, oats and barley. This reduction in all-rail rates follows the reductions announced last week on rates to Port Atthur.

Prices at Montreal.

Oatmeal—The market is firmer in sympathy with the advancing price of oats, and holders are asking higher prices. Ordinary standard in bbls, held at \$4.65 to \$4.75, and in bags \$2.35 to \$2.40. Granulated in bags \$2.45 to 2 55.

Bran—There is a very firm feeling in bran at higher prices, sales having been made at \$18 to \$19 per ton for car lots, and sales are reported as high as \$20 in small lots delivered. Shorts are firm at \$20 in \$21 per ton.

Oats-The market has ruled firm with a fair

volume of business at higher prices. Sales of No. 2 Quebec cats have been made at 43c, 43‡c to 44c per 32 lbs. A quantity of Manitoba mixed cats was sold at 43c to 43‡c per 32 lbs., and a few cars of Manitoba white cats at 46c per 34 lbs. Ontario ca.s are quoted firm at 45c to 46c per 32 lbs. Great complaints are made of the dirty condition of Manitoba cats through not being properly cleaned, one car containing 2000 lbs. of dirt and foreign substances.

Dressed Hogs—Sales at the commencement of the week were made in this market at \$5.80 to \$5.90 per 100 lbs., about four or five car loads being placed at those low prices. Since then, however, the market has been easier owing to the action of a dealer who came down from Ontario, and sold several cars to arrive at about \$5.65 per 100 lbs, and we quote \$5.65 to \$5.75 for car lots, smaller lots being quoted at \$5.80 to \$6.00. At present, reasonable prices Ontario packers appear to be taking considerable hogs.

Eggs.—The egg market keeps firm, sales of Montreal limed being reported at 19 to 20c, which is fully 1c up on the week. Held fresh have also been placed at 21 to 22c, which is one 1c up on the inside figure. New laid from near by points are scarce and quoted all the way from 23 to 25c per dozen.

Butter-The market has remained firm during the week on all grades of fluest creamery and dairy and slightly higher prices have been paid. Several lots of choice creamery have changed hands at 22c For Faucy single tubs 23 to 232c have been obtained. Earlier makes are offered at 19 to 21c as to quality. In dairy there have been transactions in Eastern Townships at 19 to 20c for fine lots, and 21c has been paid for choi e single tube. One lot of good straight Eistern Townships was sold at 182. There have been sev.ral purchases of Western dairy at points west of Toronto for Montreal account at 13: to 14:. Western is now held with more firmness at this market, and a lot of chice was placed at 15c 2 cars of choice creamery have been forwarded to British Columbia and it is expected that more will follow. Several lots have also been shipped to England this week. A fair demand has been experienced for Western rolls with sales in bbls and cases at 16 to 17c, one lot put up in not very desirable shape bringing 15c per lb.—Prade Bulletin, Dec. 5.

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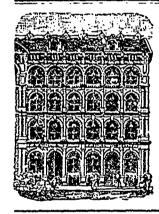
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dastern Business Changes.

John Fraser, hotel, London, is selling out.
J. Buschert, builder, Listowel, has assigned.
John White, grocer, Wyoming, has assigned.
Hamin & James, builders, Toronto, have as-

signed.

Wm. Kirchhausen grocer, Picton, has assigued.

1.izzio Braiser, millinery, Toronto, has assigned.

Simard & Tremblay, bakers, Sudbury, have assigned.

Wm. Dunlop, general store, Moonstone has assigned.

J. G. Russell, jeweler, Parkhill, stock siczed by sheriff.

Ewart & Sons, woolen mill, Yarker, were burned out.

Geo. Nelson, grocer, etc., Arkona, has sold out and is away.

W. M. Tegart, photograper, Sault Ste. Marie, bas sold out.

John Waddell, grocer, Harriston, damaged by fire; insured.

P. Quensel, general store, Alfred, is offering to compromise.

W. N. Cronk, livery, Cobourg, burned out; partially insured.

A. Cameron, hotel, Stayuer, damaged by fire; partially insured.

Thomas Kennedy & Co., shoes, Toronto, are giving up business.

J. S. Pearson, standard bottling works, Toronto, has assigned.

Russell, Seybold & Co., wholesale dry goods, Ottawa, have suspended.

Miss Dalton, millinery, Toronto, stock, etc., damaged by fire and water.

Dick Bros., clothing, etc., Brantford, damaged by fire and water; insured.

N. Courtmanne, general store, Midland, is moving to Penetanguishene.

Benjamin, West & Co., wheels, Yarker; firm now Benjamin Bros. & West.

W. Smith, furniture; J. Watson, livery, Leamington, were burned out.

Allan Bros., groceries, chrockery, etc., Mount Forest, have sold out.

R. Brooks & Co., hardware and tins, Attwood; business continued by J. Rogers.

R. G. G. Lambert & Sons, general store, Harriston, was damaged by fire, insured.

James Iroland, groceries, crockery, etc., Wroxeter, is moving to Mount Forest.

Evans & Allan, bakers, Kingsville, are offering to compromised at 70c on the dollar.

The following firms have suffered loss by fire at Cannington: Mrs. Jeffrey, fancy goods; Burcham, tailor; Shier & Sons, shoes; G. H. Strickland, grocer.

The following were burned out at at Lakefield: W. J. Henderson, general storekeeper; Ars Tanner, groceries; Miss Innis, millinery; T. Webster, baker.

QUEBEC.

J. A. Hochu, fancy goods, Montreal; has assigned.

C. O. Dubois, general store, Hull, has astigned.

Eugene Bourassa, hotel, Montreal, has as-

! F. B. Smith, dry goods, Montreal, has asaigned.

J. A. Dupont, liquors, Three Rivers, has as-

United States Photo Co., Montreal, have dissolved.

Wm. Dubois & Co. fish, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.

Duff & Fraser, auctioneers, Montreal, have dissolved.

Riopel & Hetu, contractors, Montreal, have assigned.

Gendron & Gauthier, traders, Megantic, have assigned.

J. E. Bradford, general store, Lachute, has assigned.

Chartrand & Mesnard, general store, Cedres, have assigned.

E. Pepin & Co., dry goods, Montreal; special partnership dissolved.

F. B. Smith, dry goods, Montreal is offering a compromiso.

J. E Garneau, dry goods, Three Rivers, has had a meeting of creditors.

Gilbert Montpetit, saddler, Beauharnois, has compromised.

Victor Lesage, general-store, Pont Rouge, has assigned.

Jos. Dunn, manufacturer cut nails, Cote St. Paul, has assigned.

J. A. Paterson & Co., wholesale millery, Montreal, have suspended.

Z. Theriault & Co., contractors, Montreal, Alarie Riopel has ceased doing businesss under this style

J. & R. McLea, commission, Montreal, have dissolved; business continued by J. B. & R. P. McLea, under same style.

C. D. Edwards & Son, manufacturers of safes, Montreal; H. O. Edwards has ceased doing business under this style.

The following have been burned out at Coaticook: J. Quevillon, grocer: N. W. Thomas, dry goods; D. A. Robinson, drugs; L. E. Auctil, tailor; D. C. Francoeur, bankrupt stock N. V. D. Labonte, shoes; Issie Giroux, tins; A. D. Trudeat, grocer.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Phillip Cormier, Amherst, has assigned. Henry McLeau, hotel, etc., Hopewell, is dead.

Hugh McKay, harness, Sunny Brae, has moved to Hopewell.

G. T. Downie, confectionery, Truro, estate, sold to F. W. Lockhart.

C. Hubley & Co., general store, Halifax, a meeting of creditors called.

J. H. Whitman, hardware, Lawrenstown, Anapolis Co., has sold out.

Dillon Bros., grocers, Halifax, Mrs. Cathe. Dillon registered as sole partner.

John McArthur, manufacturer of sashes, etc., Hopewell, sold out by the sheriff.

Gold River Lumber Co., Gold River, registered partnership—Alex. Chisholm, A. H. Zwicker, Jas. Ernst and C. W. Anderson.

W. B. Mumford & Sons, produce, etc., Halifax, are offering to compromise for 60 per cent.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Peter McKay, hotel, Sussex, has sold out. M. Scott, restaurant, Sussex, has sold out. Wm. Dixon, general store and carriage maker, Dorcester, is dead.

Griswold.

Griswold, the third station west of Brandon on the main line of the C.P.R., should, from the appearance of the place, be one of the best grain markets in Manitoba. Though the town

is but yet a very smell one, there are no less than four large elevators established at this point. The aggregate storage of the four elevators is placed at 110,000 bushels. Last year about 100,000 bushels of wheat were marketed at this place, but this year from 500,000 to 800,. 000 bushels are expected in before the scason is over. About 200,000 bushels have already been marketed, and this amount of grain has been received though the threshing is not nearly finished yet. Some say that nearly half the threshing remains to be done yet. This indicates that Griswold is the centre of an extensive grain region. The country around is well settled, and a large portion of the land is under cultivation. The grain buyers on the market are: The Ogilvie Company, Lake of the Woods Company, Roblin & Atkinson and S. P. Clark & Co. The elevator of the Lake of the Woods Company was erected this year.

In addition to the two old business places of Griswold in the mercantile line, the little town has been increased some this year. H. A. Scarth, as noted in THE COMMERCIAL last week, has opened recently a large general store. Mitchell & Douglass opened in the grocery line last spiring. Prof. Jones, of Winnipeg, has also just opened a barber shop, and he expects to be kept busy in cleaning up the hay-seeds who come into the market with their grain, besides attending to the residents of the town. The balance of the town is made up of implement agencies, blacksmith shops, furniture store, butcher shop, etc. There is a hardware and tinware store carried on by M. G. McEwen, which has been established three years. Also a harness store, established eighteen months ago by H. J. Mattick, who carries a good stock in his line, and employs three men.

Mission City, B.C.

Correspondence to THE COMMERCIAL:

J. W. Horne, of Vancouver, has just finished three large two story store buildings.

A contract has been let to D. McGilvary, the bridge contractor, to drive the piles for a ten thousand collar wharf and warehouse for H. R. Morse jr., proprietor of the Morse Lumber Mills of Vancouver. It is also understood he is to erect some ten or twelve houses this winter.

Marcus Baldee, the Vancouver fur dealer, has just closed a contract for a \$3,750 store building to be erected at once.

Mershon & Timberlake, investment bankers of Vancouver, have purchased the double corner on Horne Ave. and Broadway and will erect a handsome block where they will establish a branch bank.

A contract for 200,000 feet of street planking has been let to H. R. Morse Jr. Lumber Mills of Vancouver.

DeBrisay will fill up his new store on Horne Ave. with a new stock of goods in a few days.

W. R. Duun has just moved into his new store with a complete stock of hardware, stoves, etc.

MATSQUI.

Money was quoted at 30 per cent in New York on Monday last, December 8.

Pelamice Bros., wholesale fancy dry goods have assigned, Their liabilities are \$75,000; assets, \$40,000.

British Columbia.

Jos. Mason, general store, Barkerville, is dead.

Gray & Co., grocers, Vancouver; now Gray & Feek.

Gintzberger & Co., grocers, Vancouver, has opened.

William Sloan, dry goods, etc., Nanaimo, has opened.

- J. J. Laley & Co., stationery, etc., Victoria, hes assigned.
- J. S. Clute & Co., dry goods, etc., Vancouver, are out of business.

Evens & Hastings, printers, Vancouver-E. W. Evans is dead.

Westminster is making an official cleaning up of its Chinese quarter.

Clarke & Watson, ship-builders, Victoria, have dissolved partnership.

Lewis & Lewis, clothing, etc., Victoria, contemplates retiring from business.

Losee & Morrison, saw-mill, Shawnign, contemplates admitting partner.

Frank Campbell, tobacco, etc., Victoria, contemplates retiring from business.

J. H. Baker & Co., boots and shoes, Victoria, contemplate dissolution.

The Vaucouver Board of Trade is considering the question of having a permanent secretary.

D. Campbell, grocer, Victoria, has transferred the business to his son, W. A. Campbell.

Export coal shipments from Vancouver Island for the month of November were 46,366 tons.

The dissolution of the firm of barristers and solicitors of Davie & Bodwell, is announced at Victoria.

John Johnson has bought out the wood and general transfer business of Jos. Wise, Westminster.

W. F. Teetzel, drugs, Revelstoke, states that he will start a first-class drug-store at Nelson in the spring.

Lennie & Upper have entered into partner ship as real estate, insurance and general agents at Westminster.

G. L. Milne, of Victoria, has admitted a partner in the person of Dr. A. T. Watt. Dr. Watt comes from the east.

James Fell, an ex-mayor of Victoria, and in the grocery trade at that place, is very ill, and his life is despaired of.

Fader Bros., who commenced business a short time ago in Chilliwack, have sold out to Edwards, a grain merchant at that place.

The Vancouver Board of Trade has passed a resolution recommending to the civic council the desirability of erecting an Agricultural Hall.

T. W. Clark, lately in the produce trade at Vancouver, contemplates starting a store on Gambier Island in connection with his saw-mill there.

Pennock & Kingham are opening a new jewelry store at Victoria. A. A. Clayton has purchased W. H. Pennock's interest in the Victoria jewelry firm of Pennock & Clayton.

A Dick, inspector of mines, states the Tumbo Island coal company has struck a seam of coal at a depth of 325 feet. The seam is raid to be a thick one, but as yet it is not known what quality it is.

The Nanaimo Free ress says: It is stated that Captain Rogers, who for many years has been running between Nanaimo and Vancouver in the steamer Dansmuir, intends to build a new steamer for the rente.

Knight Bros., of Popcum, have procured machinery for manufacturing excelsior. This is the first establishment of this kind in western Canada. Campbell & Anderson, of Westminster, have been appointed general agents for Knight Bros.

Grading on the Southern Railway from New Westminster to the international boundary at Blaine is completed. The steel is laid as far as the Nicomekl river. From the river to the boundary it is about five miles, and another ten days will be required to lay the rails on this section.

J. H. Brownlee, formerly of Brandon, Man., but now resident at Victoria, has taken over the agency of the Equitable Life Assurance Society at the latter place. Mr. Browelee was formerly district manager for western Manitoba, and now assumes the same position for British Columbia.

A block of property has been purchased on Cormorant and Fisguard streets for Victoria's row market building, which is to cost \$55,000. The location is in Chinatown, and a number of Chinese shacks on the property will have to be moved, greatly to the improvement of that part of the city.

An Ottawa telegram of December 10th says: "A. St. G. Hamersley, of Voncouver, B. C., and Irwine Bell, of the engineering firm of Bell & Miller, Glasgow, Scotland, have been in the city for some days in reference to the construction of a graving dock and extensive ship-yards at Vancouver. They had an interview with members of the government yesterday."

Work was commenced to-day, says the Victoria Times, at the Star suppard, on a new schooner to be built for Capt. John G. Cox and others. The new vessel will be 77 feet registered length, 21 feet beam and 3 feet 6 inches depth of bold. She will be used in the sealing business, and the contract requires her hull to be completed and affeat by the 30th day of March.

The land surveyors of the province have formed an organization. Edward Mohun, C.E., was elected president; Tom Kains, C.F., secretary-tressurer, and Messrs. J. A. Kirk, E. A. Wilmot and Hermon, executive commutee. It was decided to incorporate the association as soon as possible, and to this end the government will be asked to pass an act at the coming session.

The ratepayers of Victoria voted on three loan by-laws recently, aggregating \$110,000, to be expended on city improvements. This sum is divided as follows between the three by-laws: \$45,000 for the purchase of a market site; \$55,000 for the erection of a market building; \$10,000 for the purpose of establishing a crematory for the disposal of garbage and offal. A fourth by-law was also voted at the same time for the extension of the corporation limits. They were all carried.

Nelson Miner.—"Dan McGillivary has been awarded the contract of building all wharves, ore docks, warehouses, depots, railway and platforms needed by the Canadian Pacific at Nelson. The wharves and ore docks will, it is said, be at the mouth of Cottonwood Smit.

creek, and the depots and warehouses on the flat at the west end of Baker street. He has also been awarded a contract for a \$12,000 hotel, the company stipulating that it be ready for the finishing lumber and touches by April 15th. The men at work cutting the right-of-way for the railway, are within a mile of Nelson. Contractor Keefer expects to have the grade completed to the 2½-mile point by January 1st, and will put in the remainder of the winter on rock work, leaving the earth work till spring. They do not expect to have the road completed before June 1st."

The following is the Customs revenue at Victoria for the month of November:

Duties	.\$74,364	96
Chinese Rovenue	. 1,407	03
Petroleum Ins	439	70
Fines and Scizuros	. 120	00
Animal Ins	. 57	02
Sick Mariners' Fund	. 37	52
Steamboat Ins	. 24	32
Copyright	. 1	12
Total	976 (15	<u></u> -

Total\$234,592 00

The following are the imports for the month of November at the port of Namaimo.

 Imports Free
 \$ 1,408 or

 " Dutiable
 20,041 or

 Total
 \$21,449 or

Grain and Milling.

Jas. Thompson, is now buying wheat for the Keewatin Milling Company at Emerson.

Fraser & Co.'s grist mili at Emerson is being run to its fullest capacity and is turning out a good grade of flour.

The failure of J. H. Gendron, grain and flour merchant, of Sherbrooke, Quebec, is turning out a bad affair for the creditors. The liabilities are over \$100,000, and assets very small. Unsecured creditors will receive next to nothing. The estate is nearly all in the hands of La Banque National. A number of millers will suffer from the failure.

Westminster Truth has learned on good authorthy, that the first grain elevator in British Columbia will be erected in Liverpool, opposite New Westminster, next summer. The individual who proposes to commence this industry has recently purchased property on the river for that purpose, and is about to make arrangements with a large number of promiuen, farmers throughout the district for the supply of grain.

At a meeting of the Midland Millers' Association at Campbellford, Ont., on Dec. 10, a member asserted he had proof that the Canadian Pacific had given Manitoba millers a better rate than it would give Ontario millers, and it was resolved to bring the matter up at the next meeting of the Dominion Millers' Association. The export of cheap strong flour to London, England, was discussed, and the secretary of association was asked to push this trade all he could this winter. This reference to lower rates from Winnipeg probably means the milling in transit rate, which the Ontario millers have probably blundered over.

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A short time ago THE COMMERCIAL chronicled the opening of the first railway to the great Saskatchewan country. This was accomplished by the extension of the old Regina and Long Lake Railway, now known as the Prince Albert branch of the Canadian Pacific, to Prince Al bert. A section of the Regina and Long Lake railway was completed and operated to some extent in the year 1886. At that time about twenty miles of the radway extending northward from Regina were completed. Since 1886 nothing further was done with the read, and the portion completed was not kept in condition for operating. At the meeting of l'arliament in the winter of 1888 89 a subsidy of \$80,000 per year was granted the road with the object of securing its immediate extension to Prince Albert, that this important settlement might be opened to communication with the outside world. This had the desired effect. The road passed under new control and in the summer of 1889 the work of building the road was pushed vigorously and completed beyond Saskatoon before winter set in. Work was resumed last spring and this fall Prince albert was reached.

The road is now operated as a branch of the Canadian Pacific, and connection is made with the main line at Regina. Trains leave the latter place twice a week-Mondays and Thurs days-for Prince Albert, at seven o'clock in the morning. The length of the coad is 247 miles, and the time is fourteen hours. This may be considered somewhat slow travelling, but it is fast in comparison with the seven days former. ly consumed in making the trip by stage to Prince Albert, to say nothing of the discomforts of such a long trip in winter weather in an open stage. For a new road the track appears to be in good condition, and much better time could be made, but traffic is not yet heavy enough to warrant the placing of an express

train on the line. The present service is a mixed train.

Leaving Regina the road runs through an open, level prairie region until the valley of Boggy creek is reached. This creek is followed down a sharp grade to the valley of the Qu'-Appelle river, which is crossed and a somewhat toilsome ascent made to the level prairie on the opposite side. The descent to and ascent out of the Qu'Appelle valley is the only portion of the line where anything in the nature of a heavy grade is encountered. After the Qu'Appelle is crossed there is a run for a considerable length of time through a poor country. The soil is light, with frequent gravel beds and strips of stony land. The light sod indicates poor soil. The country improves further on, and toward Saskatoon bluffs of poplar trees appear scattered over the prairie. while the heavier growth of grass indicates much better soil. The country is furrowed by the paths left by the buffalo which formerly roamed over the plain in immense herds. At every railway siving along the road tons upon tons of buffalo bones are piled up. The so bones have been gathered up from the prairie and hauled to the railway for shipment to distant markets, where they will be ground up for fertilizers. A few years ago these noble animals were being slaughtered in thousands for their hides alone, while the carcass was allowed to not on the prairie. Now their bleached bones have a sufficient commercial value to render it profitable to gather them up for suincent. The 'mmeuso piles of bones at every siding will convey some idea of the vast numbers of buffalo which formerly inhabited the region.

After the Qu'Appelle vailey is passed, about twenty miles out from Regina, little or no sign of settlement is observed until Sukkatoon is reached, 160 miles from Regina. Here a settlement was established in 1882 known as the Temperance Colony. On account of the distance from a railway, this settlement has not more

than held its own since it was established. Saskatoon is the town of the settlement. It is located on the South Saskatchowan river. The railway crosses the river a short distance from the village, on a substantial wooden bridge, the timbers for which were cut on the Pacific coast. The railway depot has been established on the opposite side of the river from the village, and a new town will no doubt grow up around the depot. Some buildings have already been started near the station, and in time those in business on the other side of the river will likely move over, as it is understood the railway company and the colonization company have united to establish a town surrounding the railway station. The settlement numbers about 300 persons in all. The town is composed of the following business places: Leslie & Smith, general store; F.ed. Davison, general store; Mrs. Fletcher, general store; General, hardware; W. D. McDonald, drugs; J. Dulmage, tin shop; Geo. Garison, hotel; J. F. Williard, blacksmith; Geo. Hilliard, carpenter, Alex. Marr, mason, etc. Mrs. Mc. Caskill keeps the dining hall at the depot.

Fifty miles north of Saskatoon Duck Lake is reached. Here the first shot was fired in the half-breed rebellion of 1885, and in the fight which followed a number of police and citizens of Priece Albert were killed. The half-breed settlement extends along the South Saskarche. wan river, commencing some distance below Saskatoon. Between Saskatoon and Duck Lake the country along the railway is mostly open prairie. The soil is good and there is a fairly heavy growth of grass. There is a lake of considerable size near the station, which gives the name to the place. Duck Lake is situated about midway between the North and South branches of the Saskatchewan river, and the course of the railway is through the country lying between the forks of the river. Duck Lake station is about half a mite from the old town of Duck Lake, where a store or trading

post was established twenty years ago by Stobart, Eden & Co. This business is continued under the syle of Wm. Stobart & Co., with H. Mitchell as manager. The store has been moved over to near the railway station, as has all the other business places of Duck Lake. These other business places are the general store carried on as a branch of T. O. Davis, of Prince Albart, two hotels, and an implement agency of Massey & Co. Duck Lake is about six miles from Batoche, which place became known all over Canada during the rebellion of 1885. Batoche is located on the South Saskatchewan, and is not reached nearer by the railway than Duck Lake. At Batoche Geo. Fisher and Le Tondre have stores. At Carleton, on the North Saskatchewan, a few miles west of Duck Lake, Daniel Sissons has a store.

From Duck Lake to Prince Albert the distance by the railway is thirty-six miles. This portion of the distance the country is dotted thickly with bluffs of trees There is scarcely an acre of ground without clumps of poplar trees, while ponds and lakes are numerous. The soil is very rich, the cuttings along the railway showing a deep, black mould. Vegetation during the past season has been luxurient, as can be seen from the heavy growth of hay. The country between the forks of the river from Duck Lake to the juncture of the two streams, is well settled, and the appearance of the country indicates a very valuable region for mixed farming and raising stock, the three principal requisites for settlement-wood, water and hay -being everywhere abundant.

Near the northern end of the track the descent into the valley of the North Saskatch ewan river is made. We will have a good deal to say in the future about this wonderful district and its thriving capital town. It will be sufficient at present to say that Prince Albert is a surprise to those visiting the place. That such an apparently thrifty community has been built up so far from a railway, is a wonder to many.

Brandon.

Among the many new business blocks which have been erected at Brandon this year is the fine solid stone and brick building put up by A. C. Fraser. This building occupies a commanding position on Rosser avenue. It is 35 by 65 feet in size, three stories high, with basement. The stone front of the building is constructed from the famous material quarried at Calgary. Mr. Fraser uses the ground floor and basement of the building for his lurge business, which includes dry goods, clothing, etc., principally, but groceries are also handled.

Another fine brick store is the one erected by J. A. Montgomery, which he now occupies with his grocery and crockery business. This is a double store, connected with an ar:hway, one portion being devoted to groceries, and the other to china, glassware, lamps, etc. The stock in each department is very neatly arranged, and the store presents an inviting appearance. The block has a frontage of 50 feet on Ninth street, and is 60 feet deep, two story's, with basement. The building has very large plate glass windows, is fitted with an elevator, for moving goods from one floor to another, and has other conveniences which makes the store one of the finest in Manitoba, both in point of appearance and the accommodation afforded.

A. Whitlaw, who carries on business in graceries and boots and shoes, in the large premises formerly occupied by the firm of Strome & Whitlaw, with which he was then connected, is going out of the boot and shoo line. The space devoted to these goods he will use for crockery. With the large space at his disposal he will be able to make a very fine display in the grocery and crockery branches. Mr. Whitlaw contemplates establishing a creamery next year. While there is always ready sale for good butter, he finds that the bulk of the stuff brought in is hardly fit to place on the market. The creamery would encourage the production of a better class of butter.

A new business in Brandon this year is the grocery business established a couple of months ago by W. J. Young & Co. The firm have a very attractive store on Rosser avenue and a fine stock. Mr. Young is well known in Brandon, having served several years behind the counter in other stores.

C. Emerson, the tent and clothing manufacturer, has been laid off for a few weeks by a kick on the knee from a horse. It is expected he will soon be around, though he received a painful wound.

Jos. Donaldson, who succeeds to the meat business of W. J. Anderson, is an old hand at the business, having been in this line in that rio. Recently he has been living at Broadview, Assinibola.

Three cars of live hogs from Ontario have arrived in Brandon this fall. Two cars were brought in by butchers, for their local trade, hogs being very scarce in the district. The third car was composed of stockers and breeders, and these went on to McCultoch & Herriot, of the Souris flour mill.

A. E. Rea & Co. are doing a large business in shipping oats eastward in car lots.

A Chicago Wheat Circular.

The following is a circular on the wheat situation, issued recently by E. A. Bigelow & Co., of Chicago:—

"The wheat market is in a position of phenomenal commercial strength, viewed from a supply and demand standpoint. Flouring mills throughout the west and northwest are sold ahead for thirthy to ninety days for their full capacity; farmers' deliveries of spring as well as winter wheat have practically ceased: stocks in central as well as country warehouses are less by many million bushels than last year, and they were smaller then than at any time in many years previously on corresponding date; exports from both coasts since July 1 amount to 42,500,000 bushels according to Bradstreet's. a quantity that represents about two-thirds of the maximum surplus and at the rate wheat and flour are new leaving the country the remainder will be exhausted in about two more months; ainety-nine men out of every hundred in the grain trade among the merchant class are very friend y to wheat and believe in higher prices: the market has been subjected to every possible discouragement that can be urged against it short of a universal financial smashup, and has only been kept from strongly ad vancing before this by the nervous tremors of the scalpers who are easily affected by commercial disturbances that would not be given a second thought had there not been a rich man's panic on the Stock Exchange, wheat bought for a turn being dumped on every little faiture or rumored failure that drifts along; foreign markets have a backbone that cannot be bent or broken and that attiffens and thickens continuously, and last though not least, the buils are strong in their faith and are not loaded with more than they can take care of.

"The breaks in the market that occur now and again possess no important significanco. They are merely short sellers' flurries and recovery from such breaks are inevitable. If there were large stocks of wheat the heavy carrying charges now ruling here might be a bearish feature, but with light stocks the handicap will not be felt and we expect to see cash wheat selling at full May prices before the first of February. Some of the greatest bull markets in the history of the Chicago grain trade have been in years when it cost 12 to 15 per cent, to carry the grain. Carrying charges are only a burden of the trade when stocks are heavy, reserves immense and the property in poor demand, rarely otherwise. This is an exceptional year, and the market is resting on the solidest kind of bed rock, consumers and exporters willingly paying the price asked for the wheat. It is a fact that wheat sold at Kansas City, Minneapolis and a dozen other points for shipment at Chicago, could be marketed to-day at home more advantageously than here, and that in many instances wheat has been bought in here to fill such contracts, the property itself remaining in the interior. Those who are bearing wheat on the theory that there is a great quantity hidden away somewhere to dump on the central markets, or that there are vast invisible reserves in the country are committing a grave mistake. Wheat will be an exceedingly scarce and high priced arricle all over the world, and particularly in this country before the next crop becomes available.

"There is 'big money' in wheat bought around current quotations, and investors who operate on business principles should take advantage of such flurries as that witnessed today to get cheap wheat. Don't procrastinate if it is your intention to buy wheat. It is seldom we feel like placing ourselves fairly and squarely on record as advising purchases or sales, but there is such an element of strength to wheat, and such a foundation o build on, and so much room for an advance that we do not believe we take any hazardous chances in advising purchases most emphatically now. We do not pretend to know what the fluctuations are going to be from day to day, but we do predict a 20s advance in the price of cash wheat inside of nigety days."

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11.262		Swan Jake	4 \$3p
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10.202		Greenway	5.37p
10.042		Balder	5.67p
9.312		Belmont	6 S0p
9.0.2		Hilton	6.65p
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7.492		Rounthwaite	8 39p
7.24a		Martinville	9.05
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24 00)	262	Sat. c Saltcoats D	5 50 de LRAVE

† Meals.

A Thursdays and Saturdays. B Wednesdays. o Thursdays and Saturdays. D Mondays and Fridays.

If any passengers for stations between Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie, train will stop to let off, and when flagged to take on passengers.

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Read Down.		Read Up.
GOING EAST.	STATIONS.	COING WEST.
No. 1 Daily.		No. 2 Daily.
14 00 De	Lethbridge	Ar 1 30
16 65	Woodpecker	23 35
18 50	Purple Springs	
17 45 AT (t Grassy Lake	21 45
18 00 Du /	Cherry Coulee	20 55
10 00		I De 20 00
20 00∴	Winrifred) Ar 19 55
22 10 Ar	Dunmore	De 17 30
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