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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 2, 1880.

• WAKE & SON have opened a flour and feed store at Neepawa.

THE Selkirk Record has resumed publication after a lapse of two months.

GRAY BROS., painters, Lethbridge, Alberta, have sold out and left there.

THERE has been about 150 binders sold at Carberry, Man., this harvest.

R. BOULTON, boots and shoes, of McGregor, is adding clothing to his business.

A. STEWART, baker, Morden, Man., has sold out to Phillips, a former employee.

JOHN HAVERTY has taken over the Sherman House, Winnipeg, from Harry Braun.

AIKENS, CULVER & Co., of Winnipeg, have opened a branch law office at Brandon.

PENROSE & ROCAN, butchers, Winnipeg, have sold out their south end store to W. Bell.

JAS. O'DONOHUE, of Selkirk, has purchased the St. Nicholas Hotel property, Winnipeg.

G. W. ROBINSON, dry goods, Portage la Prairie, has added groceries to his business.

JAMES STEWART, formerly editor of the Selkirk Record, has opened out a drug store at 577 Main street, Winnipeg.

THE effects of John Buchanan, the absconding Selkirk contractor, will be sold by the bailiff on Sept. 3rd.

FRED. S. STUART, solicitor, of Deloraine, Man., died at the Winnipeg general hospital last week, from typhoid fever.

GEORGE and Dan Hamilton, butchers, Neepawa, Man., have dissolved partnership. Geo. Hamilton will continue the business.

THE partnership subsisting between Latimer & McKay, blacksmiths, of Calgary, has been dissolved.

IT is rumored says the Emerson Times, that the Northern Pacific Ry. Co. intend building a hotel at that station.

LANGENBRO on the Manitoba Northwestern railway wants a blacksmith for which business it is claimed there is a good opening.

H. CROWE & Co., of Carberry, Man., shipped the first car of new wheat from that place on Thursday last. It grades No. 1 hard.

THE Springhill brewery at Minnedosa, Man., owned by Sherriff and Davis, was burned last week. Loss, \$3,000; insurance light.

CAPT. HOOPER, of the Beaver mine, has purchased the Elgin mine, and it is stated that he will at once commence development work.

IT is expected the new Northern Pacific railway branch from Winnipeg to Portage la Prairie will be opened regularly for traffic to-day.

JOHN A. LOCK has been appointed manager of the Winnipeg branch of the Portage Milling Company in place of C. A. Stephenson, resigned.

CLOUGHIER will not replace his elevator at Otterburn, burned recently, unless a better train service is established on the Emerson branch.

THE building of the Williams' Manufacturing company, manufacturers of cement, brick, etc., Winnipeg, was burned Tuesday morning. The building was not very valuable.

IT is stated says the Minnedosa Tribune, that the Commercial Bank of Manitoba is endeavoring to secure a building for the purpose of establishing a branch in Minnedosa.

BOTH the C. P. Ry. and the Sarnia lines of steamers have announced excursions from Port Arthur to London and Toronto and return for \$25, from the 7th to the 30th of September.

THE Stair Coal Mine and Manufacturing company, limited, has been incorporated with a capital of \$500,000. The Stair mine is the old Saskatchewan mine, near Medicine Hat, Assa.

THE Martin Elevator company intend erecting a 45,000 bushel elevator at Portage la Prairie, Man., on the Northern Pacific railway, to be ready by the time wheat is being marketed.

MR. NEWELL, an employee in Ashdown's hardware store, Morden, will open business for himself in the hardware line at Miami, Man., a new town on the Morris-Brandon grade of the Northern Pacific railway.

THE new steel steamship Manitoba, built at Owen Sound, Ontario, for the C. P. Ry. Co's. Lake Superior service, made her trial trip last week, and showed herself to be superior to her sister ships the Athabasca and Alberta.

THE Calgary Tribune is greatly incensed at the action of the town council in refusing to allow the establishment of a rival electric light system, by refusing permission to erect poles on the streets. The projectors of the new system offer rates 50 per cent. lower than the prices of the system in use. The Tribune hints at a job.

THE charge of incendiarism preferred against Gillies, general merchant of Boissevain, Man., came up for trial at Brandon, but was enlarged for one month. Gillies, it will be remembered, is charged with attempting to burn his store.

THE Hon. Edgar Dewdney, Minister of the Interior, has been received with many demonstrations of friendship on his recent trip through the Territories. Addresses and banquets were tendered him at the different points visited.

THE Morden Monitor says: It will be gratifying to all to know that the principal merchants of this town are in perfect accord with regard to early closing, and they have unitedly entered into an agreement to close at 7:30 p.m., during the ensuing year.

WM. MCKAY, long chief officer of the Hudson's Bay Company at Battleford, Sask., has been transferred to the charge of Pitt district, with headquarters at Onion Lake. He will be succeeded by J. B. Parker, for some years accountant at Battleford.

BOURKE & CASS have been awarded the contract for building a roundhouse and repair shops at Winnipeg, for the Northern Pacific and Manitoba railway company. It is understood the contract price is in the neighborhood of \$15,000. Work is to be commenced forthwith.

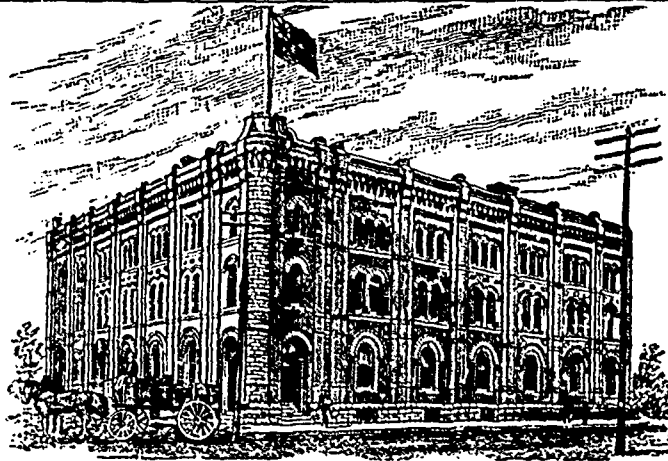
THE fifteenth annual exhibition of the Portage and Lakeside Electoral Divisions Agricultural Society, will be held at Portage la Prairie, on October 2nd and 3rd. \$1,500 will be given in prizes, and the managers will endeavor to make this the best exhibition in Manitoba this year. Portage should get up a good show, and with a little extra effort this year, the exhibition will be a success.

GREAT indignation exists at Port Arthur owing to the fact that scows, tugs, dredges and other plant from the United States are being used in connection with the work of improving the Kaministiquia river. The contract has been given to a United States citizen, who has been allowed to bring in his plant under a special permit from the customs department, while Canadian plant is lying idle at Port Arthur.

RAT PORTAGE is still exercised over the proposed establishment of reduction works at that place, in aid of which a \$10,000 bonus was voted some time ago. The parties having the scheme in hand do not seem to get along very fast with the work. They are now asking that the bonus be paid over on the arrival of the machinery for the works at the Rat Portage depot. The manufacturers do not care to ship the machinery until they are satisfied of receiving payment therefore.

THE Herald, of Battleford, Saskatchewan Territory, dated Aug. 23rd says: Harvesting is generally over, and in the case of wheat is much better than it was thought it would be. On new land it is uniformly good, and even on old land, where it was least promising in appearance in the early part of the summer, it has turned out fairly well as to quantity, while everywhere the quality is all that could be desired. The principal shortage in wheat is due more to the depredations of gophers than to the drought. Oats, barley and root crops are on the whole poor, some having fair crops and others none.

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**Eastern Business Changes.**  
**ONTARIO.**

A. C. McKinley, dentist, Georgetown, is dead.  
Robert Scott, seeds, Seaforth, has sold out.  
Robert Proudfoot, grocer, Goderich, has sold out.

Elliott, Kelly & Co., teas, Galt, have assigned.

R. P. Skinner, druggist, Niagara Falls, has sold out.

W. H. Anderson, hotelkeeper, St. Marys, has assigned.

A. McVean, hubs and spokes, Dresden, was burned out.

Skelton & Co., dry goods, etc., Shelburne, has assigned.

J. A. Duval, sawmill and grocer, Newington; sawmill burned.

Geo. Coote & Son, agents, Dundas, have removed to Hamilton.

G. M. McKenzie, saw mill, etc., Appin, is advertising saw mill for sale.

Evans, Robert & Co., seeds, Hamilton, have dissolved; R. Evans continues.

Sauer & Baird Bros., furniture manufacturers, Plattsville, have dissolved.

R. Morrison, general store, Hawkesville, has sold out and removing to Manitoba.

**QUEBEC.**

Valle Frere, hotel, Vandrevil, has assigned.

Eusebe Huet, hardware, Montreal, have assigned.

M. Bonhomme, general store, St. Etienne, has assigned.

Regis Brunet, general storekeeper, Ripon, has assigned.

W. E. Potter, paints, etc., Montreal, is asking an extension.

New Glasgow Lumber Co., New Glasgow, have assigned.

E. Lemieux tailor, Montreal, has had a meeting of creditors.

Fiset & Lamoureux, barbers and tobacco, Montreal, have dissolved.

E. R. Richardson & Co., restaurant, Montreal, have had a meeting of creditors.

**British Columbia Salmon Pack.**

The following complete returns of the salmon pack on the Fraser River up to August 24, and the pack canned and salted from the northern waters, has been furnished the Westminster

Columbian by Thomas Mowat, inspector of fisheries. The northern pack is complete for the season, and shows a decrease of about 10,000 cases from last year. The Fraser river pack last year was 76,000 cases, so that the increase for 1889 is something enormous. As the coho salmon run still remains to be packed it is hard to estimate what the grand total for the season will be, but if the run is anything like what is expected, at least 50,000 cases will be added to the present figures. The salmon run on the Fraser river this season has been phenomenal, and the like of it has never been seen in the memory of the oldest fisherman. The pack as given below would have been considerable larger but for the fact that all the canneries ran out of material and were forced to shut down simply on that account.

**FRASER RIVER PACK OF 1889—APPROXIMATE.**

	CASES
Ewing & Co.	34,000
Bon Accord Fish Co.	17,500
Sea Island Canning Co.	17,000
E. A. Wadhams.	18,500
Wellington Packing Co.	21,000
British American Packing Co.	21,000
Canoe Pass Canning Co.	15,000
English & Co.	18,500
Beaver Canning Co.	13,000
C. G. Hobson & Co.	13,000
Richmond Canning Co.	17,000
Harlock & Co.	14,000
Delta Canning Co.	21,000
Fraser River Fishery.	11,500
British Columbia Canning Co.	16,000
Laidlaw & Co.	20,000

Total cases—48 lbs. each	288,000
Estimated No. of pounds fresh salmon shipped	250,000
Estimated No. of bbls. salted	2,000

**NORTHWESTERN COAST PACK.**

	CASES
<b>RIVERS INLET.</b>	
Wannock Packing Co.	10,000
Rivers Inlet Canning Co.	17,500
Albert Bay Canning Co.	6,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,500</b>

**SKEENA RIVER.**

	CASES
North Pacific Canning Co.	10,000
British American Packing Co.	12,000
Balmoral Canning Co.	9,000

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Inverness Canning Co.	8,000
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Total ..... 57,000  
**NAAS RIVER.**

	CASES
A. J. McClellan.	7,000
Cascade Packing Co.	3,500
British Columbia Canning Co.	4,000

Total ..... 14,500  
**SALTED.**

	BARRELS
Rivers Inlet.	800
Naas River.	500

Total ..... 1,300

**RECAPITULATION.**  
**CANNED SALMON.**

	CASES
Fraser River.	288,000
Northwest Coast Canneries.	105,000

Grand total ..... 393,000  
**SALTED SALMON.**

	BARRELS
Fraser River.	2,000
Northwest Coast Canneries	1,300

Grand total... 3,300

It is estimated that if the coho run is good the total pack for the Fraser river will reach at least 330,000 cases, which will make the grand total pack for the province in the neighborhood of 440,000 cases. Placing the value of each case at \$6, a fair estimate, the value of the pack, exclusive of salted fish and fresh salmon shipped, will be \$2,640,000. Following is the annual pack for the last 10 years:—

	CASES
1879.	37,304
1880.	61,156
1881.	173,800
1882.	249,400
1883.	177,412
1884.	138,947
1885.	107,088
1886.	163,004
1887.	204,000
1888.	170,000

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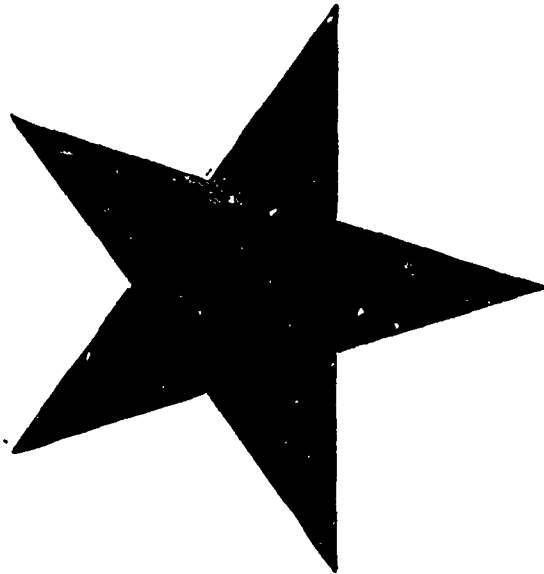
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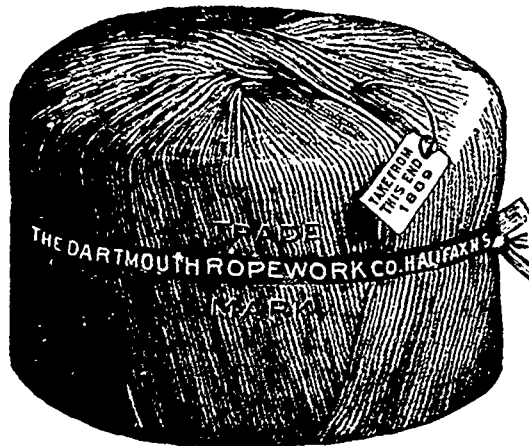
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## DEVELOPING THE GREAT WEST.

An event worthy of more than passing notice transpired at Regina recently, in the turning of the first sod of the Regina, Long Lake and Saskatchewan railway. The occasion was made one of general rejoicing at Regina. A number of the representative men of the territories witnessed the ceremonies, which were made particularly interesting by the presence of Hon. Mr. Dewdney, Minister of the Interior, and Mrs. Dewdney. The honor of turning the first sod fell to Mrs. Dewdney, and was followed by speeches from a number of the gentlemen present, all running over with enthusiasm as to the future prospects of the country.

Special importance attaches to the Regina and Long Lake railway from the fact that it will be the first road to open direct communication with the great North Saskatchewan country. The country tributary to the North Saskatchewan has long been considered as unsurpassed in general excellence by any other portion of the West. Travellers through that distant region have invariably returned with the most enthusiastic reports about the country, and some declare that there is no part of the Great West to compare with it. It is generally described as a beautiful country to look upon, and has the advantages of abundance of wood and water. The fact that important settlements have existed for years at several points on the North Saskatchewan, would alone indicate that the country must have great natural advantages. It would require more than the ordinary advantages to draw settlers to those distant regions, long in advance of railway communication.

For years efforts have been made to secure railway communication with the Saskatchewan country. It was originally intended that the main line of the Canadian Pacific should traverse that region, and the first government surveys for the great national road were extended in that direction. A government telegraph line was also built through the country, as an advance-guard for the railway, which was to follow. The telegraph line still remains, but when the Canadian Pacific railway scheme passed into the hands of

a private company, the northern route was abandoned in favor of the route through which the great trunk line now passes. Many are still of the opinion that the C. P. R. Company made a mistake in changing the route, as at first located by the government. The company, however, no doubt know their own business best; and at any rate the question is a dead issue now.

Following the construction of the main line of the C. P. Railway, many schemes have been evolved for extending railway communication to the North Saskatchewan country. The Manitoba Northwestern railway is intended to eventually penetrate the region. This road has been steadily extended northwestward, year by year, but at the same rate of progress it will be a number of years yet before it reaches the Prince Albert district, on the eastern limit of the North Saskatchewan country. The Northwest Central railway scheme which has hung fire for so many years, and gone through several changes, has also been mapped out on paper to reach the North Saskatchewan. It may get there in time, but the progress made so far is very little. Then there have been other railway schemes, projected to start from Qu'Appelle, Regina, Moose Jaw, Calgary and other points, all for the great north land. None of these enterprises, however, have gone beyond the "projected" stage. Lastly, the Regina and Long Lake company was incorporated, with the same object in view, namely; to build a railway to the North Saskatchewan.

Though the commencement of work on this road at Regina recently is termed the "turning of the first sod," the statement is by no means literally correct, as will be seen presently. The Regina and Long Lake road was projected in the year 1883, and in 1884 a land grant was secured from the Dominion Government, in favor of the scheme. In 1885 about twenty miles of the road were graded and equipped, and trains ran over this section during the summer of 1886. G. R. Pugsley had the scheme in hand at that time, and to his efforts are largely due the position of the road at the present time. The company was at that time known as the Regina, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railway and Steamboat Company, and the intention was to utilize Long Lake as a temporary link in the line. It was found impossible to finance the scheme beyond the construc-

tion of the first twenty miles, which was built from Regina northward. Nothing has therefore been done during the last few years in extending the road. In the meantime the settlers in the Prince Albert district were continually crying out for a railway. Pressure was brought to bear upon the Dominion Government, by deputations and in other ways, with the result that at the last session of Parliament a money grant was voted the road, in addition to the land grant previously secured. The valuable franchise thus secured has it is understood led the C. P. Railway Company to take hold of the scheme. A considerable section of the road will be completed this fall, and satisfactory assurances have been given that the road will be constructed through to Prince Albert by the fall of 1890. A great deal of pushing has been done by those interested in the scheme, to place it in its present favorable condition, D. H. McDowall, Member of Parliament for the Prince Albert district, having especially worked hard in the interest of the undertaking.

Now that the early completion of the road through to Prince Albert is assured, it is to be hoped that all the benefits expected from it will be fully realized. In the first place, the road will certainly prove a great benefit to the town of Regina, and the merchants of the place should find their trade very materially increased from the opening of the road and the settlement of the country along the route, which will follow. The important settlement of the Prince Albert district, so long isolated from the rest of the world, may also be expected to flourish as soon as the road is opened. At present the settlers in the district have no outside market for their produce, and they are consequently at a great disadvantage. Only a limited quantity of produce can be disposed of for the home market. With the opening of the railway, the production of the district will be at once largely increased.

The length of the road from Regina to Prince Albert will be in the neighborhood of 240 miles. A branch to Battleford, a point farther west on the North Saskatchewan, is also talked of, and perhaps in time the railway may be extended throughout the length of the North Saskatchewan country, and become a great trunk line for that vast and rich region. Indeed, already a second Pacific railway is being talked of, to run through

the country formerly mapped out as the route for the Canadian transcontinental line. In British Columbia quite an agitation has sprung up for a railway through the province, via the Yellowhead Pass, and the legislature of the province has voted substantial aid for such a road. A road through the Yellowhead Pass would tap the western limit of the Saskatchewan country, this being the pass through which it was originally intended to build the C.P.Ry. Only a few years ago the first Canadian Pacific railway was looked upon by many as an impracticable scheme; but a second Pacific railway, traversing the Saskatchewan country, may come a great deal sooner than many people imagine.

### "ARRANGING WHEAT PRICES?"

The local columns of the *Winnipeg Free Press* contained the following admirable bit of news one day last week, which caused some amusement among grain men:

"The mill owners and grain buyers have not yet arranged a standard of prices for this year's grain."

It is hardly necessary to remark that the above statement from the *Free Press* is simply ridiculous. Any person who knows anything at all about the grain trade, knows that our "mill owners and grain buyers" have nothing to do with the "arranging of a standard of prices for this year's grain," or for any other year's grain for that matter. Manitoba is a wheat-exporting country, and prices are regulated here by the value of wheat in large outside markets. Prices do not fluctuate here in keeping with every  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent change in values at Chicago, Duluth or Montreal, but all the same values here are based on current prices in these and other great wheat markets. It is very ridiculous to talk about "arranging a standard of prices" for new wheat, weeks before the movement of grain has commenced. There is no telling what wheat may be worth a month from now. Of course people are at liberty to speculate upon prices if they choose, but this does not alter the facts of case. On one point our wheat growers may rest assured, and that is, that they will get just what their wheat is worth at the time they bring it to market; and what it is worth here will depend upon the prices that are ruling at the time in the great wheat centres of the world. Manitoba grain dealers and millers cannot afford to pay correspondingly higher prices for wheat here than are ruling elsewhere. At the same time, it is

certain that there is competition enough here to keep prices up to the very highest figures that the grain may be worth at the time it is marketed. Farmers as a rule have very little knowledge of legitimate wheat values, and they are inclined to blame the local buyers for any declines in prices. Even some of our provincial exchanges sometimes contain references to the manner in which the grain buyers are beating the "poor farmers," but very little is said about the losses often made by grain dealers and millers, from paying more for wheat than they could sell it for. As a matter of fact, the losses of grain dealers and millers are often very severe. Last season was a specially disastrous one for the grain trade. Many Manitoba farmers suffered severely about a year ago, owing to damage to their crops from unfavorable weather conditions, but later on the grain dealers suffered proportionately as heavy from the fact that they paid too high prices for the grain purchased from farmers. Grain which cost say \$1.25 delivered in Montreal, has been sold in the neighborhood of \$1 per bushel. Those who imagine that the grain dealers are always scheming to beat the producers, should make a note of this. Manitoba farmers will certainly receive every cent their grain is worth, at the time they market it. This is clearly proved by the prices which have been paid in past years. Our grain dealers have heretofore shown themselves disposed to pay the fullest values, and have often allowed themselves the very smallest margins for handling the grain, sometimes to their sorrow, as shown by the results of their operations with last year's crop. From the present wheat situation in outside markets, it is evident that prices must be very much lower than last year. While this may not be very pleasing to our grain producers, they can rest assured that the prices paid by the local buyers are all the grain is worth. Farmers should not therefore blame the local buyers if prices are unsatisfactory, for such a course is an injustice to the grain men, as it is beyond the power of the latter to increase the price of wheat in the markets to which the product will be shipped.

### BINDER TWINE.

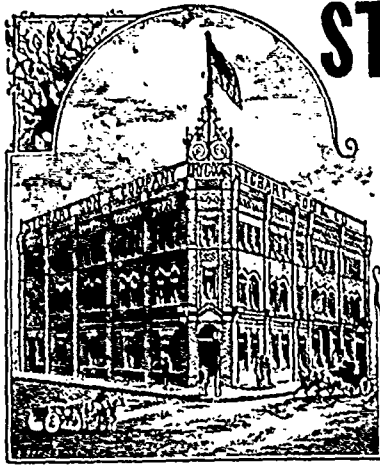
The high price at which binder twine has ruled during the past season has set people to thinking if some substitute for manilla and sisal could not be found, which would answer for the manufacture

of twine. The scarcity of the raw material from which binder twine is made, has led to a steady advance in prices, and caused quite an additional outlay to farmers. Here, in the West, where farming means principally the growing of grain crops, the cost of binding twine is a very important matter, and a cheaper twine would be received with great favor. The quantity of twine used by farmers of course depends upon the nature of the straw. Over four pounds per acre has been sometimes used in Manitoba, in cutting very heavy crops. This, however, is very considerably in excess of the average. But say at an average of two and a half pounds of twine per acre, the cost of twine at 20 cents per pound, for 100 acres of grain, would amount to \$50. According to the official crop reports, Manitoba had this year an area of 922,227 acres sown to wheat, oats and barley alone. At the same average per acre, this would mean an outlay for twine of about \$460,000, by the handful of farmers of this province. It will therefore be seen that some cheap substitute for the twine used at present would be a great saving.

Hemp has been tried for twine, but has not been received with favor, and the manufacture of hemp twine has not made any material progress. Manilla and sisal have so far been most largely used in the manufacture of twine, and short supplies of these materials have led to abnormally high prices. The use of some other and cheaper fibre would not likely immediately entirely supersede the use of manilla and sisal in the manufacture of twine, but it would tend to prevent a recurrence of the very high prices for twine, which have ruled this year.

Owing to the high price of manilla and sisal twines, a number of experiments have been made in the United States this year, in the manufacture of twines from native fibres. Quite a quantity of such twine has been placed on the market, and though they have not given universal satisfaction, yet the result has been that the consumption of manilla twine has been somewhat curtailed. In all probability further improvements will be made in the manufacture of these cheaper twines, and the prospect is that prices of binder twine will rule considerably lower next season. The agricultural department of the United States is at present taking steps to test thoroughly the possibility of growing jute to advantage in some of the southern states. It is claimed that jute can be grown successfully in the South, and that it will be the means of solving the binder twine question. It can also be used for bagging and burlap. Jute is a native of India and Southern Asia, where it grows to a height of twelve feet.





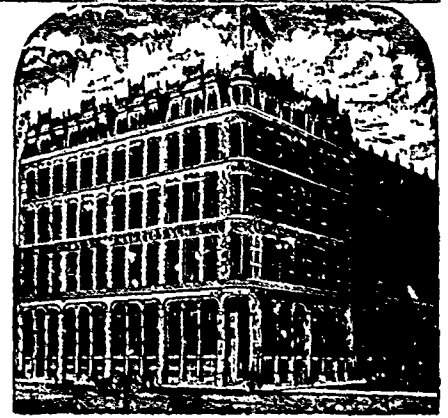
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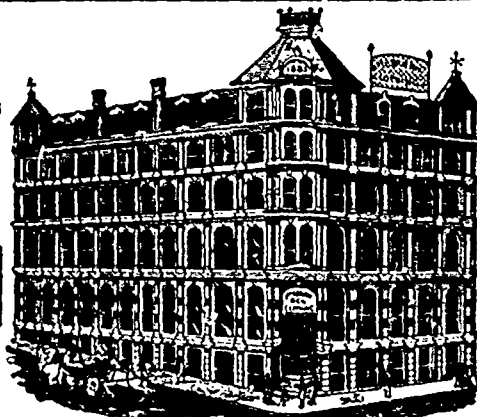
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## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The situation in financial circles remains steady and without new features of importance, and though in commercial circles money is generally said to be circulating slowly, yet there does not seem to be any great financial strain. Not over one-half the paper falling due against the country trade is met as a rule, but there is not as much grumbling on this account as there was awhile ago. The reason for this no doubt is, that matters are expected to improve very shortly, with the harvest now about over, and wholesalers are hoping that the cash for overdue accounts will soon commence to flow in freely. Real estate and mortgage loan business is quiet, though probably on the increase.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Trade was steady last week and in fair volume, and without any very important features. Very warm weather interfered with business in fruits and perishable commodities to some extent, and with the movement in produce. Grocery and provision trade was steady. The feature of the hardware trade is the general tendency to advance prices, in Britain and the United States. The lumber branch is fairly brisk. In textile lines staple dry goods are being shipped to retailers, but the very warm weather of last week did not seem to indicate an early demand from consumers for such lines for some time yet. In eastern markets the millinery openings took place last week.

## FRUITS—GREEN.

The very hot weather of last week made the fruit trade somewhat risky in handling large quantities of soft fruits. Dealers were a little cautious in importing, and consequently the market was rather bare of supplies on some days. Apples were scarce for a while, but stocks were replenished. Prices steady for this fruit. California fruits were usually to be had, though orders could not be filled on some days. Oranges are a shade higher. Grapes, offered sometimes as concord, but really champions and Ives, of poor quality, have been offering in ten pound baskets, at from 25c to 90c per basket, as to quality and condition. Prices are: Lemons, \$7 to \$7.50 per box; Oranges—Rodi and Palmero oranges, \$8.50 for 200 size boxes, and \$8 for 160 size box; apples, \$4 to \$4.50 per bbl., as to quality; California plums, \$1.75 to \$2 per box; California peaches, \$2 to \$2.25; California pears, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per box; California grapes, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per crate of 20 pounds, as to variety, several kinds being in the market, Black grapes, Ives variety, 25c to 90c per basket, of 10 lbs. as to quality. Bananas, \$2.75 to \$3 a bunch, according to quality and size; tomatoes, per box 75c, tomatoes, \$2.75 to \$3.00 per bushel basket. Melons, \$3.00 to \$4.50 per dozen, or \$30.00 to \$45.00 per 100; cucumbers, 50 to 60c per dozen; onions—Southern, \$4.00 per 100 lbs., Bermuda, in 50 lb. crates, per crate, \$2.25.

## GROCERIES.

Sugars were steadier in eastern markets last week, but buying was of the hand to mouth order, as there seemed to be a lack of confidence in the stability of prices. The liquidation of European syndicate has caused great

demoralization in the London market, and also effected New York, though the trust has now pretty thorough control of the American markets. Low grade teas are reported strong from Japan. Prices here are as follows: Sugars, yellows, 8½ to 9c, as to quality; granulated, 10c; lumps, 11 to 11½c. Coffees Rio, from 22 to 25c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 69c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 28 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunetto Solace, 12s, 48c; Beaver, 61c; Oldcrow, 47c; Woodcock, 52d; Silver Ash, 62; Standard Kentucky, 80d. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Roliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40, Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

## HIDES, WOOL AND TALLOW.

Hides are very dull. The wool trade is about over for the season. Quotations are: Hides, Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 2c per lb. Calf, 7 to 13 pound skins are quoted at 5c. for No. 1 and 4c. for No. 2. Deacon skins, 10 to 20c each, the lower price for cut skins. Sheepskins 15 to 30c each as to quality, newly killed skins with long wool, bring best prices. Lambskins, 35c each. Tallow quoted: rough, 2½c rendered 4½c; wool, low grades, 10c; shropshire and Southdowns, 11 to 12c; washed, 15c.

## HARDWARE AND METALS.

Hardware prices hold very firm at recent advances, and any further changes will be in the direction of higher prices, in all iron and steel goods. Iron pipe is specially strong. Cables report advancing prices, in pig, bars and sheets. Cut nails were 5c. higher at Montreal, and Canada plates were higher. Prices here are.—Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.30 to \$3.40; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.75 to \$4.00; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net pieces, 1 inch, 9½c; 1½ inch, 12c; 2 inch, 15½c; 2 inch, 23½c; ingot tin, 29 to 30c per lb., bar iron, \$3.10 to \$3.35 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 6¾; per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6½c nett.

## GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

## WINNIPEG.

## WHEAT

The general situation in wheat was considerably more interesting last week, and leading markets were to some extent awakened from the lethargy which prevailed for several weeks back. The most interesting feature was the meeting of the grain congress at Vienna, Austria. This is a meeting held annually to estimate the crops of Europe for the current year. The first reports from the Vienna conference were received on Monday, in the nature of a forecast of the estimates to be made by the congress of the wheat crop of Europe. This forecast was of a very startling nature, as it indicated a shortage of 231,742,000 bushels of wheat in the European crop, as compared with last year, or a shortage of 222,622,000 bushels

as compared with the average crop for the past five years. This was a great surprise, and caused some excitement in leading wheat markets, but many operators refused to accept the report as authentic. Considerable buying, however, was done on the strength of the report, and from a weak opening at Chicago on Monday, prices were advanced about 1½c for the day, though the market was somewhat nervous. On Tuesday no further advices were received from Vienna, and the markets continued excited and nervous while awaiting the authentic report. This came to hand Tuesday night and was made public Wednesday morning. The final report from the Vienna conference did not show as large a shortage as the first forecast published, but nevertheless it shows a considerable shortage. The official report of the congress places the shortage in the European wheat crop at 124,000,000 bushels, as compared with last year, and a shortage of 71,500,000 bushels as compared with the average crop for the last five years. The total wheat crop of Europe for 1899 is placed at 1,141,696,824 bushels, and the average yearly crop for the last five years is 223,223,840 bushels. Austria, Hungary, Russia and Roumania show the greatest falling off. France and Great Britain show considerable gains. Once the official report of the Vienna conference was known, it seemed to exert much less influence upon the markets than the previous forecasts of the report did. Chicago opened strong on Wednesday, and with a considerable gain in prices, amounting to about 1c, but top prices were not maintained. On the following day prices averaged lower. After all, it seems that in the face of a big crop at home, it will take more than a reported shortage of a 100,000 million or so bushels in Europe to advance prices here very much. The proof of the pudding will be in the eating, and if a large export demand for American wheat keeps up, there will be some solid reasons for higher prices. The statement of the visible supply on Aug. 26 showed an increase of 74,334 bushels for the previous week. Deliveries of both winter and spring wheat in the United States have been much smaller than expected, and this is a strong feature. Deliveries of winter wheat up to Aug. 27, at leading markets have only been about 7,580,000 bushels, against nearly 11,000,000 for the same time last year. These light deliveries and free export movement going on last week are the strongest factors in the situation.

In Manitoba harvesting may now be said to be fairly over, and completed under excellent conditions. Cutting was practically finished last week, and stacking is also well in hand. In some localities stacking was said to be finished, according to advices received at the close of last week. The weather continued very favorable for harvesting, and the grain has been secured in excellent condition. Nearly all the samples received in the city will grade No. 1 hard, and are bright, clean and plump. A finer wheat crop as to quality than Manitoba has this year has probably never been harvested in any other country. Threshing is going on actively throughout the country, and returns are fully as good if not better than expected. Individual yields of over 40 bushels

per acre have been reported from some of the most favored districts, as results of threshing already done. A few loads of new wheat have been brought in at points here and there through the country, but any considerable movement is not looked for for some time, as farmers will finish up threshing while the fine weather holds out, and fall plowing will also hinder the delivery of grain. Farmers are also dissatisfied with present prices, and this will cause them to hold back to some extent so long as they have other work which they can do to advantage. About 60 was offered at country points in Manitoba for the wheat delivered last week, which is about on a parity with Duluth prices. Grain men were busy fitting up elevators through the country, locating buyers, etc., and preparing to handle the crop as soon as the movement sets in earnest. Standards for grading this year's crop have not yet been selected, and it will be a few weeks yet before they are decided upon. In the meantime the inspectors will grade according to the act, without the standards.

#### FLOUR.

Production is not large at present, and a number of the provincial mills have closed down for repairs and improvements, to be in readiness for the new crop. There was a further decline in prices in this market last week, on all grades, amounting to 10c on high grade, and 15 to 20c on low grades, per 100 pounds. Prices are as follows per 100 pounds to the local trade: Patents, \$2.60; strong bakers, \$2.40; second bakers, \$2.10; XXXX, \$1.60; superfine, \$1.20. Graham flour, \$2.40; middlings, \$2.60 per 100 pounds.

#### MILLSTUFFS.

Quotations are unchanged as follows. bran, \$12, per ton; shorts, \$14 per ton. Ground feed, \$22 to \$23 per ton.

#### OAT AND CORNMEAL, POT BARLEY.

Prices are as follows: Standard per 100 lbs. \$2.60; granulated, \$2.75; rolled oats in 80 lb. sacks, \$3.00. Cornmeal is held at \$1.75 per 100 pounds. Pot barley, \$2.75 and pearl barley, \$3.25 per 100 pounds.

#### OATS

Stocks in the city have been considerably reduced, as a good many cars have been shipped out from store here, to supply railway contractors. A number of cars were forwarded to Regina last week, for contractors on the Regina and Long Lake railway, and cars were previously shipped to other points of railway construction. Prices hold at 40c per bushel for quantities, in the city, and retail at 45c per bushel. Cars on track here, if offered, would not be likely to bring over 35c. At some country points where supplies are short, higher prices have been paid for local requirements, but prices will be easier with the new crop at hand.

#### BUTTER.

Prices have not changed for what little is moving here, and rule at from 12 to 14c as to quality. The situation in eastern butter markets is unchanged, and at Montreal trade is dull, at 13 to 15c for ordinary dairy, as to quality. Store and dairy at Toronto is quoted at from 12 to 15c per pound.

#### CHEESE.

There are no new features to note in this market. Prices have held up pretty well in eastern markets, though trade was duller, owing to reported weakness from Great Britain. 9½c per pound was the top quotation at Montreal for finest goods, and from 8 to 9c for medium to fine.

#### EGGS.

Prices rule at 14c in case lots, as last reported, but the tendency is upward, and a 1c advance is expected.

#### LARD.

Sales have been made in the city at as low as \$2 per 20 pound pail, but usually quoted at the range of \$2 to \$2.10 per pail.

#### CURED MEATS.

Prices were steady and unchanged in this market. A strong upward movement took place at Chicago last week, but it is not expected to be lasting. Quotations here are: Hams held at 14 to 14½c, breakfast bacon at 13½ to 14c, rolls at 12 to 12½c, and long clear at 9½c. Canned bring top price. Some home cured is offered at 14 to 14½c for hams, breakfast bacon at 13 to 13½c, rolls 11c, and long clear at 10c. Bologna sausage held at 7c per pound. Mess pork \$18 to \$19 per barrel.

#### DRESSED MEATS.

Prices are easy, but not materially changed. Beef sides are held at 5 to 5½c per pound as to quality. Pork easy at 6½ to 7c per pound. Mutton 9c per pound, veal 6c and lamb 10 to 11c.

#### LIVE STOCK.

Offerings have been fairly liberal in all lines, and prices easy. Eight cars of choice cattle were shipped from Southern Manitoba for Montreal last week, and a couple of cars of ranch cattle from Maple Creek, and one car of local stock, were being shipped in the same direction, by a local dealer. Others are talking of making shipments eastward. The western ranch cattle are said to be remarkably fine animals and in prime condition. Local prices of cattle are easy, and quoted at 2 to 2½c per pound, live weight. Very choice animals would probably go a little better. A couple of car lots of hogs were received, and brought 4c here; some smaller lots were also in. Prices are easy. Sheep are worth about 1c per pound live. Advances from Montreal report the export cattle market quiet, owing to heavy receipts and lower prices at Liverpool. The prospect is therefore not so good as it was a short time ago. A good many cattle coming to Montreal are said to be of poor quality. Sales were made in the Montreal market for future shipment at 4 to 4½c. Good butchers' cattle brought 3½ to 3¾c, and ordinary about 3c. Hogs went off well at about 5½ to 5¾c.

#### POULTRY.

Spring chickens bring about 30 to 40c per pair, and old fowl about 10c per pound.

#### VEGETABLES.

Offerings fairly liberal, of good qualities. Prices for green stuff and vegetables are: Beets and carrots, 30 to 40c per dozen bunches; radishes, 20c; onions, 20c; lettuce, 25c, per dozen bunches; cabbage, 40 to 75c per dozen; cauliflower, 40 to 75c per dozen; green beans, \$2 per bushel; peas in pod, \$1.50 per bushel. New potatoes, 75c per bushel; celery, 40 to 50c per dozen bunches; squash, 75c to \$1.50 per dozen as to size and quality; cucumbers, 50 to 60c per dozen.

#### SENACA ROOT.

Receipts light at present. About 28c per pound is being paid here for the article.

### Minneapolis Markets.

Closing prices for wheat on Thursday, Aug. 29, were 1 to 2c. higher for northern grades, with No. 1 hard not materially changed. Prices on Aug. 29, closed as follow:—

	Cash.	Sept.	Dec.	On track
No. 1 hard	79	79	—	79-80
No. 1 northern	74	74	77	76-78
No. 2 "	73	73	—	74-75

The *Northwestern Miller* says of the flour market:—"The new grain as a rule grinds very freely and helps the mills using it, in capacity. It produces a large percentage of middlings, has thin bran, makes a strong and fine colored flour, and its advent gives great satisfaction to the operative miller. No one

is known to yet be grinding more than fifty per cent of new wheat, though it will probably be only for a few days when the amount will be materially increased. The flour market is without much life, though some of the larger firms that have part of their capacity down, report sales quite a little in excess of current output. The domestic trade is better than foreign, but it is a good deal made up of small orders. Chicago has lately been taking bakers' quite freely at better prices than could be obtained by exporting. Prices have gradually shrunken away until \$4.75 is a common quotation made for patents. Foreign trade is pretty quiet, and the very high ocean rates prevailing help to restrict business. The stock of flour at Duluth has been reduced to 60,900 bbls. against 135,300 a year ago. The direct exports of flour from here last week were 31,240 bbls. against 26,530 bbls the preceding week. Quotations, London, c. i. f. 280 lbs are: Patents, 31s to 32s; bakers', 23s to 24s; low grades, 12s to 14s 6d."

Quotations for flour at the mills for car or round lots were: Patents, \$4.65 to \$5.00; second patents, \$4.50 to \$4.75; bakers', \$3.15 to \$3.40 in barrels; best low grades, \$1.40 to \$1.70 in bags; red dog, \$1.10 to \$1.35 in bags.

### Fruit Prices.

There is some talk in the city of private parties clubbing together and sending south for fruit, with the idea that prices are much lower than here. Such a move is not at all likely to result satisfactorily. We have the wholesale prices from St. Paul and Minneapolis daily, and a comparison shows that the margin between prices here and in Winnipeg is not great. In some instances, as in the case of plums, fruit has been sold lower here than in the markets referred to. Parties sending south would have to pay high freight rates, as well as duties on some kinds of fruit, and besides, might find the fruit damaged badly on arrival here. Dealers suffer a great deal of loss from fruit becoming damaged on the way. The popular idea here that fruit is so very much cheaper at Minneapolis, is a mistake, as the margin is really small, allowing for freight charges, etc.

THE Northern Pacific railway will sell tickets to the Minneapolis and St. Paul exhibition at one fare for the round trip. See dates on which tickets will be issued in another column.

THE *Nanaimo Courier*, the sprightly little daily paper started in Nanaimo, B.C., some time ago, has ceased to exist. Though short lived the paper passed through three changes of proprietorship during its existence. The *Free Press* will again have the field to itself.

W. N. JOHNSTON & Co., wholesale leather and findings, and manufacturers of horse collar and shoe uppers, etc., Winnipeg, have moved into the large corner store on the corner of King and Alexander streets. They also occupy the adjoining store in the same block, and now have very fine and roomy premises. A large portion of the upper flat of the block is used by them for their manufacturing department.

**Business in British Columbia.**

The Vancouver News says: During the past fortnight business has continued in a most satisfactory state. The fruit dealers have especially been kept busy, and the consignments received from California and Oregon, combined with that placed on the market from neighboring ranches, has in some lines occasioned a glut. Prices at Vancouver last week were: Flour.—Manitoba patents, \$6.50 per barrel; Manitoba bakers', \$6.10; Oregon family, \$5.25; Columbia Milling Co. Primer, \$5.85; Columbia Milling Co. 3 star, \$5.35; Columbia Milling Co. 2 star, \$5.00. Oatmeal—Standard, 98 lb. sacks \$3, granulated \$3.12½, rolled, \$4. Vegetables—Potatoes, \$25 per ton; cabbage, \$45; carrots, \$20; parsnips, \$20; onions, \$25; beets, \$20; Feed Bran, \$22.50 a ton; shorts, \$24; chopped stuff, \$27.50; oats, \$30 a ton; wheat, \$35. Hay, \$14. Dairy—Fresh laid eggs, per doz., 40c; case eggs, 22c; butter, 16 to 22c; fresh prints turnip, \$15 to \$20; sweet potatoes, \$6 per cwt., 35c; fresh rolles, 28c; cheese, 11½ to 12½c; Limburger, 20c; German cream cheese, per lb., 22c. Swiss cheese, per lb., 30c; Spring chickens, \$5 to \$6.50 per doz. Fruits—lemons (strictly fancy), \$9.25; bananas, \$5 to \$6; pine apples, per doz., \$8; peaches \$1.50 per box; apricots, \$1.50; apples, \$1.75 per small box; green corn, 50c per doz.; tomatoes, \$1.25 per box; plums, \$1.25 to \$2 per box; Bartlett pears, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per box; green peppers, 15c per lb.; musk melons, \$3 to \$8 per dozen. Fish—Spring Salmon, 5c per lb.; Halibut, 10c to 12½c; Black Cod, 9c to 10c; Sturgeon, 5c; crabs, per doz. 40c; clams,

per pail, 40c. Salt meats—Pork, long clear, 15c per lb.; hams, sugar cured, 18c per lb.; whole sale, 16c.

**Personal.**

George Hague, general manager of the Merchants' Bank, arrived from the east last week and registered at the Clarendon Hotel.

Geo. Sumner, of Hodgins, Sumner & Co., of Montreal, arrived in Winnipeg last week from the west. He and Mrs. Sumner have been to the coast on a pleasure trip.

Mr. Knox, of Lyman, Knox & Co., wholesale druggists, Montreal, passed through to British Columbia a short time ago. He is combining business with pleasure, and hopes to get better acquainted with Western Canada, and at the same time with the customers of the firm here. He is expected back to Winnipeg shortly, and will remain a few days in the city.

R. H. Tomlinson, manager of the British Canadian Loan & Investment Company arrived in Winnipeg last week and leaves for Southern Manitoba this morning. He proposes making a tour of the province in the interest of his company. The eastern financial institutions seem to be taking more than the usual interest in Manitoba this season. A great many of the banks and companies have had representatives making tours of Manitoba recently.

It is rumored that the Northern Pacific will extend their Portage branch westward fifty miles from Portage la Prairie this fall.

CLARK & TURPEL, ship builders, of Victoria, B. C., have dissolved.

Mrs. S. FIELD, fancy goods, Victoria, B.C. Offers business for sale.

GUTMANN & FRANK, sporting goods, etc., Victoria, B.C. Contemplate giving up business.

A FIRE occurred in No. 1 shaft of the East Wellington, B.C., coal mine on Aug. 24. The men and mules in the mine were all taken out without loss of life.

A REGULAR passenger service on the Portage branch of the Northern Pacific will be inaugurated to-day. Trains will leave Portage la Prairie at 7 o'clock in the morning, connecting at Winnipeg with the through train for St. Paul. Trains will leave Winnipeg for Portage at 4 p.m.

The Winnipeg Free Press copies an article from an obscure country paper published in Dakota, in which farmers are advised to hold their wheat. While the wheat outlook is fairly strong, at the same time it is usually a bad policy to hold wheat, and we cannot advise Manitoba farmers to follow it.

The Mainland Guardian, published at Westminster, B. C., by J. K. Suter, has ceased to exist. It is stated the business and plant has been purchased by a joint stock company, at the head of which is the late proprietor of the defunct newspaper, Truth, of Donald, B. C., and that a daily paper under a new name will soon take the place of the Guardian. The Mainland Guardian was started over twenty years ago, by Mr. Suter, who is one of the oldest journalists of the province.

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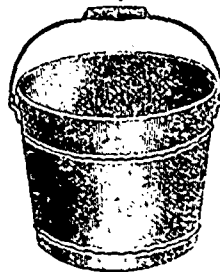
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### Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, Aug. 26, wheat opened at Saturday's closing prices, August opening at 76½c, and ranging from 76½ to 78½c. December opened at 77c and ranged from 76½ to 78½c. Opening prices were therefore about the lowest of the day. The strong feeling was caused by the report of the European wheat crop, as given out by the Vienna grain congress, showing a shortage of 231,742,000 as compared with last year. Though the report was at first hardly credited, it started heavy buying, under which prices steadily advanced. Provisions scored a considerable advance. Closing prices were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	78½	77½	—	78½
Corn	33½	33½	34	33½
Oats	19½	19½	20	20½
Pork	9.75	9.75	9.77½	—
Lard	5.97½	5.97½	5.97½	—
Short Ribs	4.82½	4.82½	4.82½	—

Wheat opened a fraction lower on Tuesday. The range during the day was 77½ to 78½c for August and 77½ to 79½c for December. No further information was received as to the report of the Vienna grain conference, and there were still great doubts as to the reliability of yesterday's telegrams. In the absence of reliable news regarding the matter which caused yesterday's advance in prices, the market was irregular and the feeling nervous. Closing prices were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	78½	77½	—	79
Corn	33½	34½	34½	33½
Oats	20	20	20½	20½
Pork	9.72½	9.72½	9.80	—
Lard	6.02½	6.02½	6.00	—
Short Ribs	4.85	4.85	4.85	—

Wheat opened ½c higher for August on Wednesday, and ½c higher for December. Prices fluctuated considerably and the feeling was nervous and unsettled, and weak and strong by spells. Cables were easier, but good buying orders from outside sustained prices after a temporary weakness. At the close the feeling was slumpy, and most of the gain was lost, prices closing at the bottom. August ranged from 78 to 79c, and December from 78½ to 80½c. Exports for the day were large, clearances from the Atlantic coast amounting to 651,000 bushels of wheat and flour. Closing prices were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	78	77½	—	78½
Corn	33½	33½	33½	33½
Oats	19½	19½	20	20½
Pork	9.85	9.85	9.92½	—
Lard	6.00	6.00	5.97½	—
Short Ribs	4.85	4.85	4.87½	—

Wheat was nervous on Thursday, and had a range of about ½c. Cables were ½d lower, which an easy opening. The Vienna congress reports do not seem to be having much influence upon prices. Closing figures were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	—	77½	—	79½
Corn	—	33½	33½	33½
Oats	—	—	—	—
Pork	—	19.05	19.15	—
Lard	—	5.97½	5.95	—
Short Ribs	—	—	—	—

Wheat prices averaged lower and trading light on Friday. Provisions have taken a strong upward turn. Closing prices were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	—	77½	—	79½
Corn	—	33½	33½	33½
Oats	—	—	—	—
Pork	—	10.75	10.75	—
Lard	—	6.10	6.05	—
Short Ribs	—	—	—	—

### Duluth Wheat Market.

No. 1 hard closed as follows at Duluth on Aug. 30: August, 81½c; September, 80½c; December, 82½c.

### Canadian Securities in England.

The Canadian Gazette of Aug. 15th gives the following quotations for leading Canadian securities in the London markets.

	Price.	Rise.	Fall
British Columbia 4½ per cents	114	—	—
Canada 4 per cents, 1885	112	—	—
Ditto, 3 per cents	95	—	½
Manitoba 5 per cents	111	—	—
Quebec Province 5 per cents, 1883	114	1	—
Montreal 3 per cents	84½	—	½
Quebec City 6 per cents, 1878	122	—	—
Toronto 4 per cents	106	—	—
Winnipeg 6 per cents, 1875	108	1	—
Ditto, 5 per cents	111	—	—
Canadian Pacific shares (N.Y. register)	63	2	—
Ditto shares (London register)	62½	2	—
Ditto first mortgage bonds	109	—	—
Ditto 3½ per cents	96½	—	½
Ditto Algoma branch first mortgage bonds	100	—	—
Grand Trunk ordinary stock	133	1½	—
Ditto first preference	97½	2½	—
Manitoba and North-Western first mortgage bonds	102½	1	—
Bank of British Columbia	38	—	—
Bank of E. N. A.	70	—	—
Canada Permanent 4 per cent. debenture stock	100	—	—
Manitoba Mortgage	1	—	—
Trust and Loan, £5 paid	54	—	—
Ditto £5 paid	31	—	—
British American Land	28	—	—
Canada Company	60	—	—
Canada's North-West Land	41	—	—
Hudson's Bay	28½	1	—
Land Corporation of Canada	—	—	—

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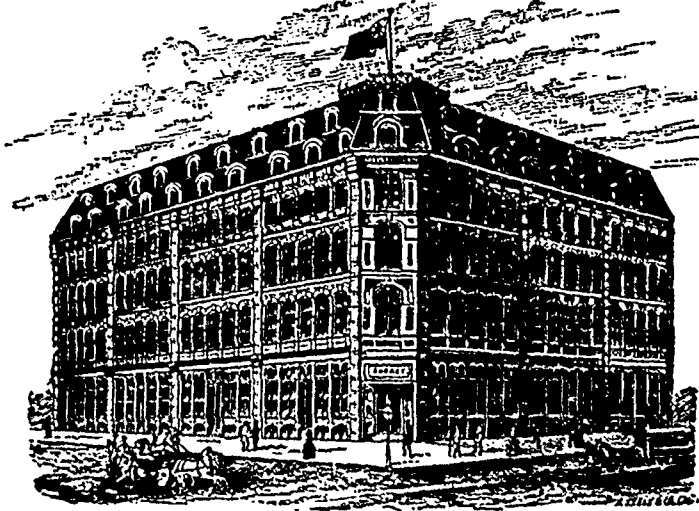
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The shipments of Manitoba wheat from the Lake Superior elevators for the week ended Aug. 24, were 83,421 bushels, leaving the amount in store 444,880 bushels.

The Martin Elevator Co. will erect a grain warehouse at Union Point, Man., on the Northern Pacific road. A general store is needed at the same place writes a correspondent.

Minneapolis will likely have three new wheat grades this year, to be known as Nos. 1, 2 and 3 northern white wheat. This is owing to increasing receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth of white wheat grown in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. The wheat it appears is neither a winter nor spring wheat exclusively, as it is sown at any time from January to May.

The wheat crop has passed that period when wild and vague guesses and predictions can be made relative to the yield, remarks the *Trade Bulletin* of Chicago. Operations are settling down to the belief that the final returns will show a crop of 490,000,000 to 500,000,000 bus, and that the quality is excellent—the best of any country in the world. Under these circumstances the United States is in a position to dispose of at least 100,000,000 bus, either in flour or wheat.

*Farm Implements and Hardware*, of Minneapolis says: Harvest has come and is about over, and although twine has sold down a little lower than it was expected that it would, and there is much less grain in Dakota than it was expected would be the case, the dealers will carry over comparatively little twine. This, too, in spite of the fact that the twine made from native fibres has cut a much larger figure in the market than it was expected would be the case.

Allowing that the wheat crop of the United States this year will be 500,000,000 bushels, the extreme limit of the exportable surplus will be less than 150,000,000 bushels:

	Bushels.
Home food consumption on basis of 4 1/2 bushels per capita and 65,000,000 population	292,500,000
Seed, not less than	55,000,000
Manufactures, coastwise trade, etc.	15,000,000
Total	362,500,000
Possible surplus	137,500,000
Crop, 1889	500,000,000

The visible supply and the invisible reserves at the beginning of the current crop year were abnormally light—lighter than they have been in ten years, and far smaller than they are likely to be in many years to come, unless extraordinary conditions should prevail. At least 20,000,000 or 25,000,000 bushels will be needed to bring reserves up to normal. Therefore, if our exports for the year should aggregate 115,000,000 to 120,000,000 bushels our stocks and reserves would be just about normal at the end of the crop year. Don't be carried away by extravagant estimates based on fallacious data.—Chicago *Daily Business*.

The Loudon, England correspondent of the *Northwest Miller*, of Minneapolis, figures up that there will be a surplus over all requirements of 20,000,000 bushels in the wheat crop of the world this year. Importing countries, he estimates will require the following quantities of wheat, given in bushels:—

	Bushels.
United Kingdom	130,000,000
France	10,000,000
Belgium, Holland and Germany	32,000,000
Italy	20,000,000
Spain and Portugal	8,000,000
Greece, Norway and Sweden	8,000,000
West Indies, China, etc.	20,000,000

Total..... 240,000,000  
Exporting countries are credited with the following surpluses, available for export:—

	Bushels.
United States and Canada	123,000,000
Russia and Roumania	88,000,000
India	24,000,000
Austria-Hungary	8,000,000
Australasia, Chili and Argentine Republic	8,000,000
Egypt and sundries	4,000,000

Total ..... 260,000,000  
Imports required ..... 240,000,000  
Probable surplus ..... 20,000,000

The board of trade and the agricultural society of Port Arthur, have decided to make a mineral and agricultural exhibit of Algoma's products at the Toronto exhibition. A grant has been asked from the Provincial Agricultural department to assist the enterprise. The exhibit will be in charge of J. J. O'Connor, secretary of the board of trade.

The *Prince Albert Times*, published by J. D. Maveety, still comes to hand, notwithstanding that another paper has been started at Prince Albert. The rumor that the *Times* had been sold out to its new local contemporary, the *Saskatchewan*, is without foundation in fact. No doubt the publication of two papers in the town will be the means of stirring each publisher to endeavor to do his level best for the appearance of his paper and the advancement of the interests of the community in general.

The committee appointed in connection with the Norquay monument matter met last week and effected a permanent organization. Rev. Canon Matheson was made chairman, Murray Miller secretary, and C. S. Hoare, manager of Imperial Bank, treasurer. Subscriptions may now be sent in to the treasurer. The maximum sum, as previously decided upon, which will be accepted from a contributor, is \$1.

ROURKE & CASS have been awarded the contract for building the Northern Pacific & Manitoba offices, train sheds and foundation for the hotel in Winnipeg. The contract calls for the completion of the work by the first of January next. The contract price is in the neighborhood of \$100,000. The previous announcement that the contract had been awarded to Major Bowles did not turn out correct. The superstructure of the hotel will not be undertaken until next season.

A CORRESPONDENT at Melita, Man., writes THE COMMERCIAL as follows: "Negotiations are going on by which it is expected that the wheat crop west of the Souris river will be purchased this year at Melita, whether the railways are extended this far or not this fall." No doubt if storage accommodation could be provided at Melita, it would be a great advantage to the farmers to be able to dispose of their grain there, in preference to hauling it so far to the railways. If the point is not reached by railway this fall, it certainly will be next summer, so that grain purchased there this winter would soon find an outlet. Extensive storage accommodation, however, would have to be provided.

HON. MR. DUFFY, Minister of Agriculture of the province of Ontario, has returned from a visit to the mining regions of Western Algoma. He considers the agricultural lands equal to the best in Ontario, and that the mines have now passed the experimental stage and are in a practical and permanent condition. The principal agricultural district visited would be the Rainy River country, east of the Lake of the Woods, and reached from Rat Portage by water. No doubt some effort to develop this region will result from the visit of the Minister.

On September 1st, the rate on parcels from British Columbia to Great Britain will be reduced to thirty cents per pound; from the remainder of Canada it will be 25 cents per pound, a reduction of 15 cents for British Columbia, the territories and Manitoba; 10 cents for Ontario, and 5 cents for Quebec and the eastern provinces. The limit of weight will be increased to 5 pounds. On the same day an arrangement with the imperial post office takes effect, by which Canadians can send parcels to any country with which England exchanges for the British rate plus the Canadian rate to England.

THE *Victoria Colonist* says: William Soule, of Vancouver, arrived in the city Saturday. He is one of the owners of the new Canmore colliery near Banff. The Canmore mine, which was discovered six months ago, has now about twenty men at work on it. A sloping tunnel has been sunk into the sides of the hill, following a rich 12-ft vein. About four hundred tons have been taken out of the mine by the inverted shaft sunk in the centre of the main passage. The coal, which is of the semi-anthracite description, is selling at Vancouver at from \$11 to \$12 per ton. The present depth of the mine is 130 feet and at that sinkage there is little or no water. The extent of the mine property is 75 acres. The coal has been analysed and pronounced good as smith, steam or domestic coal. Mr. Soule is now trying to get a contract for supplying the ships of the navy at Esquimalt with his coal.

A MEETING of the directors of the Manitoba Dairy Association was held in Winnipeg on Aug. 24. It was resolved to hold a dairymen's convention in the city of Winnipeg on the 28th and 29th of October next, at which all interested in dairying are invited to be present. The business meeting of the association will take place on the evening of October 28th, and the following gentlemen are expected to contribute papers as below: Hon. Thos. Greenway, selected subject; Prof. S. M. Barre, "Defects and difficulties of Manitoba butter and cheese factories"; W. S. Grant, "Dairying from a commercial standpoint"; C. G. Caron, "Butter-making"; Richard Waugh, "Ensilage"; W. N. Champion, "Home dairying"; E. A. Struthers, "Experience in dairying"; W. J. Pearson, "How to select a dairy cow." In the evening Prof. Barre will lecture on "Cream raising by the centrifugal as compared with other methods," with a practical illustration of the process with a hand separator. A committee, composed of Prof. Barre, C. G. Caron and Richard Waugh, was appointed to make all arrangements for the successful carrying out of the proposed convention.



### Scientific Miscellany.

**A NEW FLORA.**—The luxuriant vegetation of Krakatoa was totally destroyed by the eruption in 1883, not a living germ being left. Three years later the island was visited by Dr. M. Treub, who now reports having found six species of microscopic algae, which coated the rock and seemed to have formed the soil on which eleven species of ferns had taken root. A common grass of Java was growing, and there were quite a number of such species of flowering plants as first appear on coral islands. Seeds or fruit of several coral island trees were found on the shore. Krakatoa is ten miles from the island of Sibesie, containing the nearest terrestrial vegetation, twenty miles from Sumatra, and twenty-one from Java.

**INTELLECTUAL INFLUENCE OF THE NOSE.**—Aprosexie is the name Dr. Guye, of Amsterdam, chooses for inattentiveness, and he quite singularly finds that the nose is one cause of it. A dull boy became quick to learn after certain tumors had been taken from the nose; and a man who had been troubled with vertigo and buzzing in the ears for twelve years, found mental labor easy after a like operation. In a third case, a medical student was similarly relieved. Dr. Guye supposes that these nasal troubles affect the brain by preventing the cerebral lymph from circulating freely.

**BOILERS EXPLODED BY GAS.**—After prolonged official investigation, the most extensive and complete destruction of steam boilers on record has been attributed to the sudden ignition of coal gas, mixed with air, that had accumulated in the flues. The explosion occurred July 25, 1887, in Upper Selicia, Germany. Twenty-two boilers, each with more than 1,000 square feet of heating surface, were instantly blown to pieces, buildings covering half an acre were destroyed, and three men were killed.

**WASTE OF ENERGY.**—In the ordinary sixteen candle power incandescent lamp, according to Prof. E. Merritt, only from four to six per cent. of the energy actually expended is available as light, the remainder being wasted as heat. To lessen this loss, is one of the greatest electrical problems now awaiting solution.

**A MECHANICAL NOVELTY.**—The remarkable Mannesmann process of making seamless tubes is described by F. Siemens as consisting in passing the red-hot bar of solid metal or glass between revolving conoidal rolls. These rolls are so arranged that the varying velocities of revolution with which the different parts of the bar are brought into contact cause the formation of a hollow through the bar's centre. Tubes a foot in diameter, with a shell only a quarter of an inch thick, may be produced in this way, and great strength is claimed for them. Tubes with sealed ends may be made, the hollow centre being a vacuum.

**HOMES OF ALL AGES.**—An interesting feature of the Paris Exhibition will be a group of forty-nine structures intended to give a history of the human dwelling. The different types of shelters represented will include those of the pre-historic period—under rocks, in caves, on water and on land; and from later times those of early historic civilization, of Aryan civiliza-

tion, of Roman civilization in the East and in the West, and of rude civilizations disconnected from the general progress of humanity—the Chinese, Japanese, Eskimo, African, Aztec, etc. The interiors, the costumes of the occupants, and the surroundings, will be those of the different epochs studied.

**THE ELECTRIC AGE.**—Prof. Elisha Gray remarks that electrical science has made a greater advance in the last twenty years than in all the 6,000 historic years preceding. More is discovered in one day now than in a thousand years of the middle ages. We find all sorts of work for electricity to do. We make it carry our messages, drive our engine, ring our door bell, and scare the burglar; we take it as a medicine, light our gas with it, see by it, hear from it, talk with it, and now we are beginning to teach it to write.

**ONE YEAR CLOCKS.**—An important improvement in clocks has been shown the British Association for the Advancement of Science by Mr. W. H. Douglass. The new feature is the torsion pendulum, which, with lever and escapement, may be applied to ordinary works, and by its slow rate of vibration makes practicable the conversion of an eight-day clock into one requiring winding only once a year.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC PROGRESS.**—Among recent camera achievements is a portrait copy taken by the light of a Cuban fire fly in thirty seconds, and a photograph of the aurora borealis. To obtain the latter had been declared an utter impossibility.

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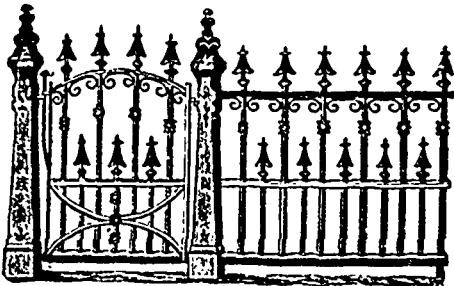
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## British Columbia.

Demeres, will open a grocery at Victoria.

Two more B. C. sealers, the Minnie and Pathfinder, have been seized in Behring sea.

J. A. Russell, LL.B., has been admitted a partner in the law firm of Yates & Jay, Vancouver.

The Victoria *Colonist* is calling for more hotel accommodation. All the hotels in the city are crowded.

Heavy fires, thick smoke, continued drought and short crops says the *Colonist*, is the gist of news from Comox.

D. J. Levy, the Victoria tailor who absconded, has been heard of in Tacoma. His establishment is in the hands of the sheriff.

A Chinese leper, at Victoria, was examined by the eastern physicians who recently visited that city. They pronounced the case genuine.

The C. P. R. Co. has offered half fares and half freight rates throughout the Pacific division for all passengers and exhibits for the provincial exhibition.

F. C. Gamble, Dominion government engineer, is calling for tenders for work to be undertaken this year in connection with the improvements at the mouth of the Fraser river.

A. J. Hill and H. G. Ross, commission agents and surveyors, Westminster, B. C., have dissolved partnership. Ross will continue the commission business, and Hill the engineering department.

L. Goodacre, Victoria, has the contract for supplying the naval forces at Esquimalt with fresh beef and mutton, corn beef, suet and vegetables for the next five years. King's tender has been accepted for the supply of bread.

A meeting of Victoria citizens, called by Mayor Grant to discuss the best method of welcoming Hon. Mr. Dewdney, minister of the interior, was held recently, and it was decided to welcome the minister, who is an old British Columbian, with a banquet.

The British barque George has arrived at Victoria, having made the run from Saigon, China, with a cargo of 1,300 tons of paddy, in 64 days. The cargo of paddy, which is the name given unprepared rice, is for the Victoria rice mill.

The Columbia River Transportation Co. is completing arrangements to build another steamer for the trade between Revelstoke, Sproat's Landing and the Little Dalles in Washington. Her length will be 110 feet, 23 feet beam and 5 feet depth of hold.

The work of construction on the British Columbia section of the Westminster Southern railway is progressing satisfactorily. Mr. Leamy reports that he has let 67 sub-contracts, which are now under way. A new bonus by-law for the railway will soon be voted upon.

The elevation of M. W. T. Drake, Q.C., to the seat on the bench of the Supreme Court of the Province, made vacant by the death of Justice Gray meets with general approval, owing to the fact that Justice Drake is a local man and for many years has occupied a prominent position at the Bar of the Province.

In the last official *Gazette* the Kootenay Valley Co., limited, capital \$100,000, is registered. Its objects are general and include various investments.—The Lillooet Hydraulic Mining Co., Victoria, which proposes going into tanning and the manufacture of boots and shoes, applies for incorporation and has a capital of \$100,000.

News has been received at Tacoma of the formation of a company in New York with a capital of \$2,000,000, and having for its object the placing of a new line of steamers on Puget Sound. The company is composed of Northern Pacific railroad directors and will be controlled by that company. The new organization will absorb the Washington Steamboat Company, now doing business on the Sound. Several new steamers will be built, and two are to ply between Tacoma, Victoria and Seattle.

A market building will be built at Vancouver. The building will have a frontage of 63 feet and a depth of 100 feet. It will be 40 feet high and contain two storeys and a basement. On each side of the main arcade, will be eight stores, sixteen in all. All the stores will be the same size, and will have doors leading on to the arcade and also to the verandah, which runs along each side of the building and which is intended for the convenience of farmers and gardeners who bring their produce to the city. In the second storey will be a large public hall, 60 x 80, intended for public meetings, etc. The building which will be of brick with cement finishings, will be a handsome structure.

Vancouver *World*. John Gilmore, of the Nicola Valley, passed through the city yesterday, and reported the grasshoppers as having played great havoc with the crops in that entire section. He said that the insects made their first appearance in June. They swept the whole country in one great black cloud, and the entire extent of the magnificent bunch grass country, about 25 miles in width and 60 miles long, extending from Spencer's Bridge to Douglas Lake, is as bare as a floor. They are still numerous at Nicola, but are fast dying out on the ground they have so fearfully devastated. The cause of their extinction is a small parasite that, it has been discovered, stabs them under the wing.

Vancouver *News*: Secretary Seitz, of the B. C. exhibit for the Toronto Exposition, is working with excellent results in preparing the samples of fruits, vegetables, minerals, etc., which will be sent from here. The room at the city hall in which the samples are at present stored, is filled with bottles, containing preserved fruits, vegetables and roots of all kinds, and there is little doubt but when the people of the east gaze upon the samples of British Columbia's productiveness in these various lines they will desire to come to such a land of promise. There will be also an excellent exhibit of furs and material from the mills. Samples are pouring in now in big lots, owing to the fact that the time is rapidly approaching when they will have to be shipped.

The Indians have lots of money as a result of their fishing for the canneries, and they are spending it freely, as is their custom. The Van-

couver *World* says: "An Indian came into a musical establishment a few days ago and bought a beautiful organette. Another invested in a large outfit of expensive clothes. The latter when giving his order, paid cash down, drawing from his pocket what appeared to be an endless array of silver dollars. It appears at the canneries they all get paid off in silver as most of them prefer it to paper money. The Indian last referred to stated that he had cleared a little over \$700 in the five weeks since the salmon run properly commenced. This sum was rather above the average, he said, but all the Indians and Chinaman did well."

At the last meeting of the Westminster board of trade the secretary was instructed to reply to a communication from the department of marine asking the department to withdraw the late Fraser river chart on account of inaccuracies and issue a new chart as speedily as possible. The secretary was also instructed to ask the marine department to have two beacons erected so as to show the channel between Lulu Island and the B. C. cannery, and to have the buoy replaced on the spit at Woodward's slough. In reply to a communication from the inspector of fisheries, asking the board's opinion with respect to the advisability of closing the Fraser river hatchery, a resolution was unanimously passed expressing the opinion that the present hatchery should not only be continued, but should be enlarged and another constructed at Harrison lake. The board considered that the unusually large run of salmon last year and this year afforded abundant proof of the efficiency of the hatchery, and that to close it would be very much mistaken economy on the part of the government. A. J. McColl, G. W. Grant, S. T. McIntosh and W. J. Mathers were proposed and elected members of the board.

At the last regular meeting of the Vancouver board of trade, president E. V. Bodwell tendered his resignation on the ground of ill-health, which was accepted with regrets. R. H. Alexander, first vice-president, was elected president, and H. T. Ceperley was made first vice. The secretary then read communications from Thos. H. Jennings asking for information as to the chances of success in establishing a cigar factory in Vancouver; from J. H. Murch asking information regarding the support a soap factory would receive; from W. Williamson, of the Shetland Islands, enquiring as to the fishing industry; from Geo. D. McKay resigning his position as a member of the board. Mr. Ceperley drew the attention of the board to the fact that Mr. Apenas was in the room and desired to present to the board some ideas in regard to the desirability of establishing a pulp factory. He said that the demand for manufactured pulp was rapidly increasing on the continent and that a trade in this article could be established with Japan and China. Mr. Berteaux introduced the question of placing the harbor in the hands of a commission, and after some consideration, it was resolved that the secretary write to the harbor commissioners at Montreal to obtain information relative to the proposal. V. R. Winch and James Orr were elected members of the board.

JOHN A. McDONALD has opened a meat market at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

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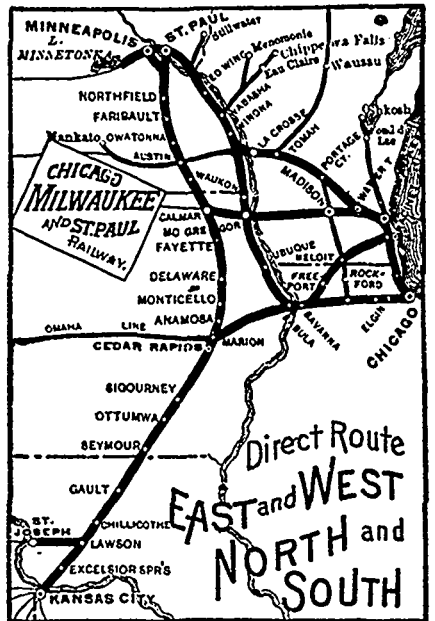
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