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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 9, 1895.

## Manitoba.

J. S. McCracken, late of Peterborough, Ont., has opened a harness shop at Brandon.

J. F. Galbraith, a former editor of the paper, has purchased the Morden Monitor plant, and will shortly take possession of the paper.

J. E. Birch, hardware, Austin, has sold out to John Stinson.

In the case of the Queen vs. John D. Douglas for fraudulent assignment, the grand jury at Winnipeg, has presented a true bill.

Two further arrests have been made in connection with the Andrew's jewelry store burglary in Winnipeg. The parties are Michael and Tony Egan. A large quantity of the missing goods were found in their possession.

A largely attended meeting of the Winnipeg Retail Association was held Wednesday night when the committee appointed to make arrangements for a banquet and a business men's excursion to Montreal and Quebec, reported satisfactory progress. The banquet is to be held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Hotel LeLand. The committee on early closing made an encouraging report, and were instructed to continue their efforts.

## Assiniboia.

McNeice & Barrows, general merchants of Regina and Lumsden, have sold out their Regina business to Dawson & Co.

R. Downey has opened business in fruit and confectionery at Oxbow.

G. B. Ryan & Co., dry goods, etc., Regina, have opened a branch at Indian Head.

## Alberta.

D. E. Stewart, general storekeeper, Lacombe, has assigned.

The Edmonton board of trade has appointed a committee to consider the question of freight rates to the Kootenay country.

Boring for oil has been carried to a depth of 1100 feet at Athabasca Landing, north of Edmonton. The outfit will be moved 100 miles further north, in the spring, to Pelican rapids.

Jackson & Grierson, of the Queen's hotel, Edmonton, have purchased the Alberta from L. Kelly, and will move to the latter building.

## BARLEY.

Since the new crop began to move in Manitoba, hardly a car load of barley has been offered anywhere in the country. This is as it should be. At present prices farmers should keep all their barley for feeding at their farms, as they can feed it to far better advantage than to sell it. It will prove far more profitable to them to market their barley in the form of pork, beef, poultry, eggs, butter, etc., than to sell it at present prices. Barley is not worth more than 12 to 15 cents per bushel to farmers, at Manitoba points, to ship east, on the basis of present values in eastern Canada markets. It would never pay Manitoba farmers to sell their barley for any such money, when we consider the value of grain for feeding purposes. There is hardly a farmer in the country who would not have some live stock to fatten, or milking cows to keep up, and this is the purpose to which he should put his barley. If there be any who have any quantity of barley and no stock to feed (a very peculiar and unprofitable situation for a farmer) it would be profitable for them to buy some stock for feeding, so as to be in a position to dispose of their grain properly.

## Dairy Trade Notes.

The members of the Montreal Butter and Cheese association met recently and appointed a committee to draft a circular to be sent the cheese factorymen throughout the country, advising them strongly to discontinue the make of November cheese.

At Woodstock, Ont., on October 28, there were no sales. Ten cents was offered for a few lots of September, but October cheese was not quoted. This shows a considerable decline in the views of buyers.

The government dairy station at Prince Albert turned out 27,108 lbs of butter this season and the Indian Head station 32,322 lbs.

J. H. McConnell has purchased the creamery building, at Hamiota, Man., from Mr. Bousfield, who has taken the plant and machinery of the creamery to Brandon, where it will be placed in Whitlaw's brick block and operated during the winter. It is the intention to have cream shipped in by train from different points. It is the intention of Mr. McConnell to build and have all ready for operation by the beginning of next season a first-class creamery fully equipped with the best machinery obtainable.

## Grain and Milling Notes.

Owing to the decline in oats in the east, oatmeal was 5 to 10c lower the first of the week.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. has booked another order for Australia for 5,000 barrels (500 tons) of Manitoba flour. It will be shipped from the company's Portage la Prairie mill.

Oats declined another 1/2c at Montreal, on October 30, to 25 to 27c.

Malting barley advanced 1c at Montreal on October 30, to 45 to 46c.

Robt. Muir, of Winnipeg, grain dealer and miller, has been appointed a member of the board which meets annually at Montreal in connection with the flour grades.

New wheat crop of Argentine is now offered for spring shipment, but is held at higher prices than formerly.

The Montreal Gazette of October 31, says: "In the flour market there has been some shading in the price for Ontario straight roller, and sales are reported at \$1.40 to \$1.65, which is a decline of 10c per barrel. The demand for Manitoba grades continues fair and millers in some cases state that they are largely oversold, consequently prices are firmly held."

The total receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat points, Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit and Kansas City from July 1st to date are 19,036,641 bushels, against 16,159,841 bushels in 1895 and 25,180,582 bushels in 1891. The total receipts at the four principal spring wheat points since August 1st, the beginning of the crop year foot up as follows: Minneapolis, 24,427,100 bushels; Duluth, 23,408,700 bushels; Chicago, 11,124,111 bushels; Milwaukee, 4,074,460 bushels; making a total of 63,034,481 bushels, against 62,316,542 bushels, during the same time last year and 55,225,819 bushels in 1891.

## Comparative Prices in Staples.

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Flour, straight spring	\$3.90 to \$4.25	\$3.00 to \$3.40
Flour, straight winter	\$4.10 to \$4.20	\$3.00 to \$3.50
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Com, No. 2 mixed	30c	37c
Oats, No. 2	22c	24c
Rye, No. 2, Western	46c	47c
Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee	47c	50c
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Print cloths, 64x64	28c	31c
Wool, Ohio & Pa., X	17c	17 1/2 to 18c
Wool, No. 1 comb.	20 to 22c	22 to 23c
Pork, mess new	9.50 to 9.00	\$9.75 to 10.25
Lard, westn., stm.	4.00	\$3.05
Butter, creamery	20c	23c
Cheese, ch. east fr.	14c	10 1/2
Sugar, centrif., 90°	31c	34c
Sugar, granulated	41c	46c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7	11 1/2	16 1/2
Petroleum, N. T. Co.	\$1.18	1.20 1/2
Petroleum, rid. gal.	7c	7.10
*Iron, Bess. pg.	\$11.25	\$13.75 to \$14.50
*Steel billets, ton	\$20.25	\$21.00
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Grain, Liverpool	5 1/2	2 1/2-3 1/2
Cotton	39c	7-8 1/2
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There was a stronger feeling in the egg market at Montreal on Monday for choice candled stock, and prices advanced 1/2c per dozen to 18 to 20c for new laid and 14 to 14 1/2c for choice candled.

It is rumored that a company is likely to be formed to erect a line of cold storage warehouses between Montreal and Winnipeg and possibly as far west as Calgary. It is said assistance will be asked from the Federal government.

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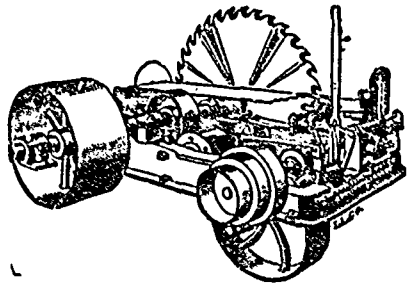
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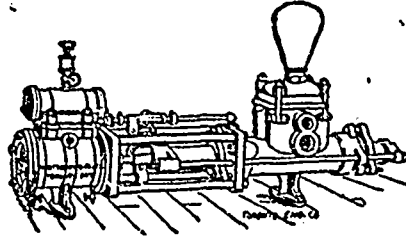


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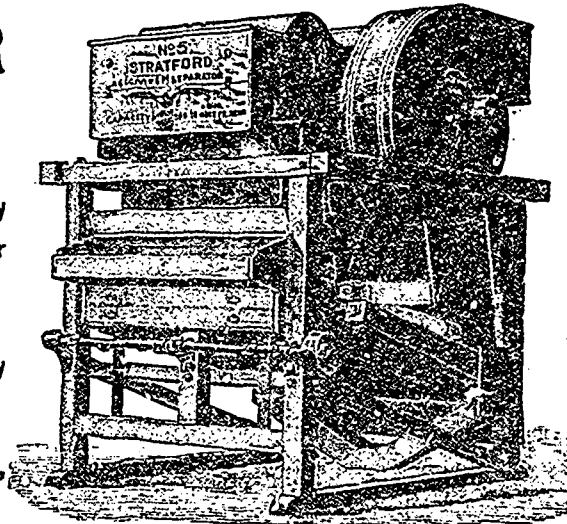
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## CHEAP TRANSPORTATION ROUTES.

In an article in *The Commercial* of September 28, attention was called to the great things which might be accomplished through the development of our inland waterways. Special reference was made to the possibility of bringing coal from the North Saskatchewan country to Winnipeg at less than half the cost of the cheapest coal now in the market here. This article has attracted considerable interest, and we are in receipt of several communications and inquiries regarding the question. Geo. H. Webster, C. E., in a letter to the editor says:

"Your article was an interesting and timely one, and this route, as well as others both east and west from Winnipeg, should receive far more attention from our business men than now prevails. Your article refers to one route which it is quite feasible to open up at a very moderate expenditure."

Mr Webster, we understand, has made a study of our waterways, and his opinion, coming as it does from a practical engineer, is of more importance on a matter of this kind, than anything *The Commercial* could say, unsupported by expert testimony. It will be noticed, in the statement quoted from Mr. Webster's letter, that he fully endorses what *The Commercial* has said, and reiterates our statement that this route could be opened up by a very moderate expenditure.

Mr. Webster sends *The Commercial* a copy of a letter regarding the lowering of Lake Manitoba, which is worthy of consideration in connection with the development of our waterways. It will be remembered that there has been an agitation for some time in favor of a lowering of the level of Lake Manitoba, on account of the tendency of that lake to at times overflow adjoining lands. Investigations have been made both by the federal and provincial governments with a view to enlarging the outlet from Lake Manitoba, so as to lower the level of the lake. Thos. Guerin, C. E., who made an investigation for the Dominion government, recommended the enlargement of the outlet of the lake at Fairford at a cost of \$281,000. The provincial government also proposed to enlarge the outlet at Fairford for a portion of the distance, at a cost of about \$25,000 or \$30,000, but it is said that this would result in flooding a large area of land around Lake St. Martin. The outlet of Lake Manitoba is by the Fairford river into Lake St. Martin, and thence into Lake Winnipeg by another stream. These streams are not navigable. The Dominion government engineer recommended a channel to be cut from Lake Manitoba to a point on the Fairford river below the rapids, and another channel from Lake St. Martin to Lake Winnipeg. The provincial government plan only contemplated making the first cut, which would increase the flow of water into Lake St. Martin without providing for an increased outflow from the latter lake, thus resulting in flooding the lands around Lake St. Martin.

Instead of the expensive work advised by the Dominion engineer, or the less expensive but unsatisfactory half-measure job contemplated by the local government, simply to lower the level of the lake, Mr. Webster advises the cutting of a canal from the southern end of Lake Manitoba to the Assiniboine river. Such a cut would form a valuable link in utilizing our great inland waterways for purposes of navigation, while the enlargement of the natural outlet at the northern end of the lake, would be of no value beyond lowering the level of the lake. In this connection Mr. Webster says:

"It is very important that the efficiency of all water routes should be preserved and that they should be improved instead of being destroyed. Lake Manitoba furnishes the safest, most useful, and cheapest route by which continuous navigation between the Red river and the Saskatchewan can be opened up, and the importance of this fact to the whole of the northwestern country should not be underestimated. Land is plentiful here. Cheap transportation routes are scarce. Might it not be better to abandon a few thousand acres of hay land in order to preserve and improve a route which can save the people of this province enormous sums of money for fuel alone, both coal and wood, besides bringing the great natural resources of this lake, its timber, stone, gypsum, salt, etc., to our markets by the cheapest of all transportation methods.

But while it is advisable to protect the navigation interests of the lake it is also necessary to regulate its water level and to prevent a recurrence of the great floods of 1880 and 1881, and this can be done just as effectively by cutting a channel from the lake to the Assiniboine river at Baie Ste. Paul, as it can by cutting a channel at Fairford, and it would form a link in a chain of navigable waters reaching from Winnipeg to Edmonton, the flooding of lands around Lake St. Martin would be avoided, and drainage facilities would be secured for a large area of low lands around Reburn.

This channel would be about eighteen miles in length with a total fall of fourteen feet. One third of its length lies through Long Lake, leaving twelve miles to excavate. It was surveyed some years ago by the city of Winnipeg with the object of securing an extra supply of water in the Assiniboine river for the proposed water-power near the city and its feasibility was then ascertained. The adoption of this location would probably remove most of the difficulties met with in the proposed work, and from whatever standpoint it is viewed its advantages should be carefully considered before any work is done at Fairford. The proposed expenditure of twenty five or thirty thousand dollars there is merely the thin end of the wedge for the heavy expenditure required between lakes St. Martin and Winnipeg and all the good that can result from it will be the reclamation of lands which the southern channel will do more effectively besides securing the advantages already referred to."

From the best information *The Commercial* has been able to obtain, we are inclined to agree with Mr. Webster, that the Lake Manitoba route is the best route between Winnipeg and the North Saskatchewan. The most important link required in this route is the canal connecting Lake Manitoba with the Assiniboine river. Another inexpensive canal would be necessary on the Assiniboine river near Winnipeg, which would pay for itself in the valuable water-power which it would provide. The Lake Manitoba route would render it unnecessary

to construct a canal to overcome the large rapids on the Saskatchewan near Lake Winnipeg.

We have in this country one of the finest systems of inland navigation in the world, only a very moderate expenditure being necessary to open up and connect some of these water stretches and make them great highways of commerce, capable of carrying heavy merchandise at a fraction of the cost of railway traffic. Every effort to interest the people in this important matter is worthy of encouragement, for the sooner the people here realize the possibilities of the water routes the sooner will the attention of the government be drawn to them.

## THE CROW'S NEST RAILWAY

At the meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade on Tuesday last, two or three important resolutions were brought up and passed. The matter of most general importance was the question of securing a railway through the Crow's Nest pass. In another column of this number of *The Commercial* this and the other resolutions are given in full.

In connection with the motion regarding the proposed Crow's Nest pass road, there was considerable discussion at the board of trade meeting, and the question of freight rates was introduced. It was shown that the wholesale trade is now seriously handicapped in competing for the trade of the Kootenay country, as railway rates now stand. One of the speakers pointed out that it is now possible to ship goods from Eastern Canada right through to the Pacific coast, and then back again to the Kootenay country, for about 40 cents per 100 lbs less than the same goods can be shipped from Eastern Canada to Winnipeg, and thence to the Kootenay towns. This of course is a drawback which practically paralyzes the Winnipeg jobbing trade in operating in the Kootenay country.

A railway through the Crow's Nest pass would give a direct line from Winnipeg to the great Kootenay country, and it would certainly remove some of the disadvantages now encountered in doing business with that region, such for instance as the transshipping of goods, which has to be done by the present route. This breaking of bulk is a serious drawback in shipping in cold storage cars. In the summer season produce can only be shipped to advantage in refrigerator cars, and the transfer of the goods from cars to steamers on the Columbia river, which is necessary in order to reach the Kootenay country, is a serious drawback. So far as freight rates are concerned, however, it is by no means certain that the construction of a line through the Crow's Nest pass, into the Kootenay country, would be the means of removing the discrimination complained of against Winnipeg in the matter of freights. Of course it would naturally be supposed that a direct line would be able to give lower freights than are at present charged over the existing routes, but nothing is certain in railway rates. There are at present three independent routes from Winnipeg to the Kootenay country. The opening of a fourth route, controlled probably by one of the carriers now having an entrance into the



Kootenay country, might not mean that any very great difference would be made in comparative rates to the benefit of Winnipeg.

Of course this question of freight rates is simply one of local importance to Winnipeg shippers, though it must be admitted that to them it is a very important question. Aside from the possibility of a reduction of freight rates from Winnipeg, there are other reasons for desiring the construction of a railway through the Crow's Nest pass. The greatest benefit from the construction of such a road would be to the Kootenay country itself. It would open up a large area of rich mineral territory in southern Alberta and eastern Kootenay which is now inaccessible, besides giving a direct inlet and outlet through Canadian territory to the famous mining region of West Kootenay. What that mining country stands in need of is coke, and it is claimed that coal suitable for coking abounds in the Crow's Nest pass. The proposed railway would therefore be the means of developing coal mining and coking industries in that region, thus supplying the mining camps with the commodity which they are most in need of.

Aside from the question of freight rates, the existence of a direct line of railway into the Kootenay country would be the means of increasing trade between that region and the country lying east of the Rocky mountains. Owing to the non-existence of a direct line, a large part of the trade of the Kootenay country is now being directed to points in the United States, with which the Kootenay towns have more direct communication.

It will be noticed that the board of trade resolution urges the Dominion government to "take such steps as will result in the construction of a railway through the Crow's Nest pass." We in this country are perhaps too much given to calling upon the government to secure the construction of all such undertakings of this nature. However, if subsidized railways are to be the rule in the future as they have been in the past, the proposed Crow's Nest pass road is certainly one of the first which should receive government aid. The construction of the road is greatly to be desired, in the interests of the country as a whole, and its early completion would be a great boon to Western Canada in particular.

### AN EXPERIMENTAL FARM.

At the last meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade a resolution was passed for transmission to the Dominion minister of agriculture, requesting the establishment of a government experimental farm for the Red river valley. The Commercial has frequently had occasion to commend the work done by the experimental farms. The establishment of these farms was one of the best things ever done by the department of agriculture. The management of the farms has been placed in good hands, and the work done has been of inestimable value to the farmers of Canada. The experiments carried on have been so complete and thorough, that the farmers have been enabled to gain just such knowledge as they required for their own work, but which they were not in a position to work out for them-

selves, owing to the expense incurred in experimental work. The magnificent results obtained at the experimental farms has also shown farmers that by proper modes of farming they could double or even treble their yields of the different crops. This has encouraged them to try to excel in their work. To make two blades of grass grow where formerly was but one is a benediction to mankind. The experimental farms have shown the agriculturalists of Manitoba how to grow two bushels of wheat where before they produced but one. It may further be said that this is one of the few branches of the public service which has been conducted solely for the public good, and apparently free from political influences.

The extension of such a desirable work is greatly to be desired, and several strong reasons can be urged in favor of the establishment of a farm for the Red river valley. The first argument which may be advanced is the fact that much of the experimental work done at the other two government farms in the West will not apply to eastern Manitoba, owing to the altered conditions applying in the east. The large region of country which is supposed to form the bed of an ancient lake, includes most of the province of Manitoba east of the Red river and from forty to seventy-five miles west of the river. This is what is generally meant in speaking of the Red river valley. This is one of the richest areas of land on the earth's surface. It has the rich, deep, black surface soil and generally a heavy clay subsoil, while farther west the soil is lighter and with a gravelly subsoil. It is quite probable that the system of farming best adapted to western Manitoba and the adjoining portions of the territories, as proved by experiments worked out at the Brandon and Indian Head experimental farms, would not be the best system to follow in the stronger and heavier lands of the Red river valley region. As the Red river valley covers a very large area of territory, it is very desirable that something should be done by way of carrying on experimental work for the information of the farmers of this region, similar to that which has been done for the farmers of the west.

Another good argument in favor of a government farm in this region, is that it would prove a great assistance in encouraging immigration. There is nothing which could convince one so forcibly as to the great agricultural resources of this country as a visit in season to one of our experimental farms. These farms afford a practical demonstration of the wonderful fertility of our soil, and variety of products which can be produced under careful cultivation. Unfortunately both of our prairie farms are so located that they cannot be conveniently visited by the great majority of people who come to this country. A farm near Winnipeg would be located near the centre of population. As nearly all the railroads centre here, it could be conveniently reached from all parts of the country. Almost every person coming to Manitoba stays over in Winnipeg for a longer or shorter period. An experimental farm located near the city would probably have a score of visitors where one would find it convenient to visit a farm

located at any other point. A government farm near the city would therefore be valuable not only for the work it would do in the interest of farmers now here, but it would also be a splendid thing to show visitors what the country could do.

If the government could undertake something in the nature of an agricultural college or training school in connection with such a farm, it would no doubt prove of great advantage to the country. We have no such an institution anywhere in the West. There are many young men with means who come to this country from Great Britain and Europe, as well as citizens of our own country, who would no doubt be glad of an opportunity of taking a term at such an institution. Considerable fraud has been practiced in the past, in bringing young people from Great Britain on an understanding that they were to receive instructions in farming for a certain term after arrival in Canada, but such instructions, if given at all, were usually worse than useless. A government institution would have the confidence of every one and besides would be in the hands of competent men and would have proper facilities for imparting a practical knowledge of scientific farming. It is to be hoped the minister of agriculture will be favorably impressed by the resolution from the board of trade regarding this matter.

### WINNIPEG'S STREETS

It is to be hoped the offer of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to reduce freight rates one half on street paving material for the benefit of the city of Winnipeg will be productive of good results. Perhaps the greatest need of the city of Winnipeg is good roads. The horrible condition of our streets in wet weather is so well known to every one who has resided in the city for six months or more, that there is no necessity for enlarging upon the matter in this direction. The loss to the citizens on account of the wretched condition of our streets is something which cannot be computed, but it must amount to a large sum annually. During the long spell last spring of almost impassable roads, there must have been a very heavy loss in horse flesh and wear and tear of vehicles, besides the very serious loss on account of the suspension of work and general retarding of business. Building jobs and other works were delayed for weeks because the material could not be hauled through the deep mire to the places where it was required. This kept mechanics from work and caused a heavy loss to them in wages.

The greatest difficulty in the way of entering upon a comprehensive system of street improvement in Winnipeg, as previously referred to in The Commercial, is the enforcement here of the system of carrying out improvements on the frontage tax system. Under this system the cost of the work is levied against the property fronting on the street so improved. Many citizens object to this direct tax, and consequently when a proposal is made to pave a certain street the citizens often oppose the work and thus block it. With the general tax so high as it is in

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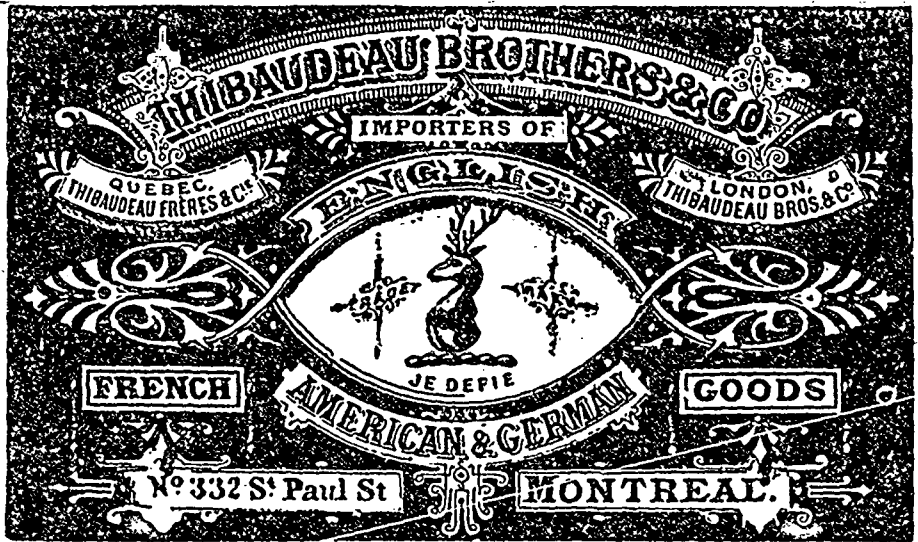
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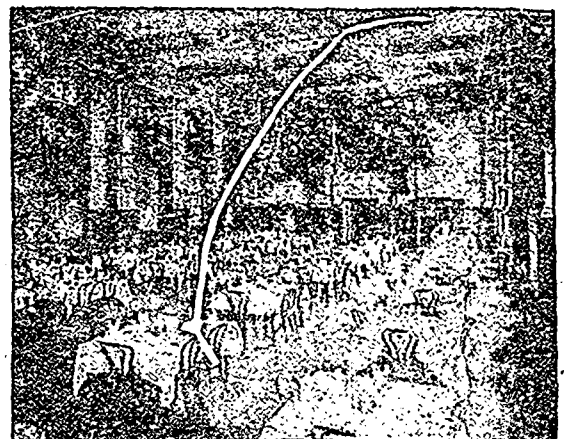
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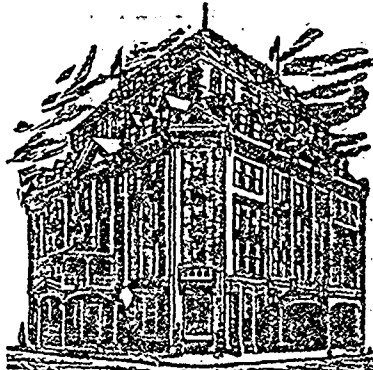
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Though wheat is tending sharply higher again, deliveries by farmers are light in Manitoba markets, owing perhaps to some extent to unsettled weather. Oats are very firm and the local market is above a shipping basis. There is no market for barley and this grain can be used to better advantage on the farm for food than to ship. The weather has been almost continually cloudy, with sleet and snow, but not cold and plowing can still be done, though there is considerable snow on the ground in some districts. Threshing is completed and the farm laborers who came from the east return home. The large number of men employed on the railways during the summer and fall are also going east, the principal demand for labor is for the usual winter work in the woods. Business is fairly good for the season, in wholesale branches, and collections are reported by several houses as being rather better than last year. Bank clearings at Winnipeg for October were \$326,000 less than for October 1895, but \$793,000 greater than in October, 1894. There were fifty business failures reported in Canada this week as compared with 37 last week, 39 in the corresponding week a year ago, 40 two years ago and with 28 in the first week of November, 1893.

The situation in the United States is greatly improved by the result of the elections and many factories have started up or are preparing to start at once. There is now a disposition to purchase in advance of requirements. Money is easier already and some large purchases have been made, notably in wool, cotton and iron. The stock markets have been active and higher, the London stock market having experienced quite a "boom" as soon as the result of the United States elections were known. At New York yesterday, call money was quoted at 3 1/2 to 5 per cent, prime mercantile paper, 6 to 7 per cent, bar silver lower at 64 1/2c, silver certificates, 65 1/2 to 65 3/4c. Mexican dollars, 50 1/2c.

**WINNIPEG MARKETS.**

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Nov. 7.

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

**COAL.**—There is no change in coal. Prices here are as follows. Pennsylvania anthracite \$10.00, western anthracite \$9.50 per ton. Souris coal \$1.50 ton Lethbridge \$3.50. These prices are delivered to consumers in Winnipeg. Car lots on track of Souris coal are held at \$3.85 to \$3.90 per ton.

**CORWOOD.**—Poplar is offering more freely now and the price is a little easier. Tamarac of last winter's cutting is generally held at \$1.50 per cord, but real dry, choice tamarac will bring \$1.75, and a few cars have sold at \$5. Some tamarac is coming in from Minnesota via the Northern Pacific. Following are prices for car lots on track here are quoted at \$1.50 to \$1.75 for tamarac as to quality. Pine \$3.75 to \$4.25, as to quality; poplar \$2.75.

**DATES.**—Cream tartar has declined abroad, according to cable reports. Castor oil keeps on advancing abroad, cables reporting a further advance of 3/4d. Prices in Eastern Canada markets have also advanced again.

Prices here for parcel lots are as follows, with liberal reductions for large orders: Alum per pound, 8 1/2 to 4 1/2c; alcohol, \$5.25 gallon; bleaching powder per pound; 6 to 8c; bluestone, 5 to 7c; borax 11 to 18 cents; bromide potash, 65 to 75c; camphor, 85 to 95c; camphor, ounces 90 to 1.00, carbolic acid, 40 to 65c; castor oil, 11 to 15c; chlorate potash, 28 to 35c; citric acid, 55 to 65c, copperas 3 1/2 to 4c; cocaine, per oz., \$6.50 to \$7.00; cream tartar, per pound, 30 to 35c; cloves, 20 to 25c; opsom salts, 3 1/2 to 4c; extract logwood, bulk, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4c; do., boxes, 18 to 20c; German quinine, 40 to 50c, glycerine, per pound, 30 to 35c; ginger, Jamaica, 80 to 35c; do., African, 20 to 25c; Howard's quinine, per ounce, 45 to 55c; iodine, \$5.50 to 6.00, insect powder, 85 to 40c; morphia sul., \$1.90 to \$2.25. Opium, \$1.50 to \$5.00, oil, olive, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, U. S. salad, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, lemon, super \$2.75 to 3.25; oil, peppermint, \$1.00 to \$1.50; oil, cod liver, \$2.50 to \$4 per gallon as to brand, oxalica acid, 18 to 16c; potass iodide, \$4.25 to 4.50; paris green, 18 to 20c lb; saltpetre, 10 to 12c, sal rochelle, 30 to 35c; shellac, 45 to 50c, sulphur flowers, 3 1/2 to 5c, sulphur roll, per keg, 3 1/2 to 5c, soda bicarb per keg of 112 pounds, \$3.75 to \$4.25; sal soda, \$2 to \$3, tartaric acid, per lb., 45 to 55c, strychnine, pure crystals 80c to \$1.00 per oz.

**DRIED FRUITS AND NUTS.**—New Ontario chestnuts and hickory nuts are in. Grenoble Walnuts, 14c; Tarragona almonds, 15c; princess paper shell almonds, 20c; Sicilly filberts, large, 12c; Brazil nuts, 14c; peanuts, roasted, 13c; peanuts greens, 11c; Ontario black walnuts, 8c; butternuts, 9c; hickory nuts, 9c per pound; chestnuts 15c lb; coconuts, \$1.00 per dozen; figs, 9 lb. boxes, 14c; figs, superior, 35 lb. boxes, 19c; figs, fancy imperial, 55 lb. boxes, 22c per lb; dates, now, 6 and 7c per lb., apricots, 13 1/2 to 14c; dried apples, 5 to 6c; evaporated apples 6 to 7c per lb.

**FLUID BEEF, ETC.**—Following are prices of the goods put up by the Johnston Fluid Beef Company of Montreal:—Johnstons Fluid Beef—No. 1, 2-oz. tins, per dozen, \$2.70; No. 2 4oz., \$4.50; No. 3, 8oz., \$7.88, No. 4, 1 lb., \$12.83, No. 5, 2 lb., \$24.30. Staminol—2oz. bottles, per dozen, \$2.55; do, 4oz, \$5.10.

**FISH.**—Winter stocks of cured fish are expected soon. Finnan Haddies, 11c per lb. by the box. Prices of fresh fish are: Whitefish, 6c; Lake Superior trout, 9c; Pickerel, 4c; Sturgeon, 8c; salmon, 14c; halibut, 12 1/2c; Cod, 10c; Haddock, 10c per lb; smelts 10c; Oysters, \$2 per gallon for standards and \$2.50 for selects; smoked goldeyes, 30c dozen; smoked salmon, 15c lb.

**GROCERIES.**—Prices regarding dried fruits continue strong, as will be shown by items in another column. The improvement in sugar at New York has affected Canadian markets and refiners have advanced prices a fraction. The advance in sugars is a natural one. United States markets have been below a parity with prices in Europe for some time, and the advance simply brings them to about a level.

**GREEN FRUITS.**—Business has been quiet in this branch, and there is nothing new in the market. Apples continue to be offered very low and the quantity being brought in is very large. Peaches are done for good for this season. Ontario grapes are about done. They have not had good keeping quality this season. Ontario pears are becoming scarce also. A few Tokay grapes are still offering, but the Malaga grapes will soon be about the only thing in the market in grapes. Fall apples are about done. It will be some little time yet before new nuts, figs and dates come to hand. Prices are as follows: Apples \$2 to \$2.50 per barrel as to quality, California lemons \$5.50 to \$6 per box;

Jamaica oranges \$5 box, Mexican oranges \$5.50 to \$6; Cape Cod cranberries \$3 to \$3.50 barrel; Washington pears \$2.50 box; Ontario pears 80c per basket of 20 pounds; California tokay grapes \$5 per large box; Malaga grapes, \$7.50 to \$8.50 per keg, as to size; Ontario concord grapes 30 to 40c per basket of 10 pounds; Rogers and Niagara grapes 40 to 50c per basket. Tomatoes, 75c per basket of 20 lbs. Sweet potatoes \$1.50 to \$5 per barrel.

**HARDWARE.**—Prices are as follows

**TIN.** Lamb and 56 and 28 lb. ingots, per lb. 19 to 20c.

**TIN PLATES.**—Charcoal plates, I. C., 10 by 14, 12 by 12 and 14 by 20, per box, \$1.50 to \$1.75; I. X., same sizes, per box, \$5.75 to \$8; I. C charcoal, 20 by 23, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50 to 9.00; I. X., per box, 20 by 23, 112 sheets to box, \$10.50 to 11.00.

**TERNE PLATES.**—I. C., 20 by 28, \$8.00 to 8.50.

**IRON AND STEEL.**—Bar iron per 100 lbs base price, \$2.35 to \$2.30, band iron, per 100 lbs., \$2.85 to 3.00 Swedish iron per 100 lbs., \$5.25 to 6, sleigh shoe steel, \$3.00 to 3.25, best cast tool steel, per lb 11 to 12c, Russian sheet, per lb, 12 to 13c.

**SHEET IRON.**—10 to 20 gauge \$3.00. 22 to 24 and 26 gauge, \$3.25, 28 gauge, \$3.50.

**CANADA PLATES.**—Garth and Blaina, \$3.10

**GALVANIZED IRON.**—Queen's Head, 22 to 24 gauge, per lb., 4 1/2c, 26 gauge, per lb., 4 3/4c; 28 gauge, per lb., 5c.

**IRON PIPE.**—50 to per 60 cent. off list.

**LEAD.**—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2c.

**SHEET ZINC.**—In casks, 5.75 lb., broken lots, 6.00.

**SOLDER.**—Half and half (guar) per lb, 14 to 16c.

**AMMUNITION.**—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol; American, discount, 40 per cent.; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent.; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent. shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 5 1/2c, shot, Canadian, chilled, 6c.

**WIRE.**—Galvanized barb wire, plain twist, rod wire and staples, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

**ROPE.**—Sisal, per lb., 7 1/2 to 8c base, manilla, per lb., 9 1/2 to 10 1/2c base; cotton, 1/4 to 1/2 inch or 1 larger, 15c lb.

**AXES.**—Per box, \$6.00 to 9.00.

**NAILS.**—Cut, per keg, base price, \$3.16 for 60 d. with usual extras; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$3.60 per keg; 3 to 4 inch \$3.91 keg; 2 1/2 inch, \$1.22 keg.

**HORSE NAILS.**—Pointed and finished, oval heads List prices as follows: No. 5 \$7.50 box, No. 6, \$6.75 box, No 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box, No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above list prices, 45 per cent.

**PAINTS.**—Prices here are:

**WHITE LEADS.**—Pure, ground in oil, association guarantee, 5.25 to \$5.50 per 100-lbs white lead, assorted 1 to 5-lb. tins, per lb., 9c.

**PREPARED PAINTS.**—Pure liquid colors, per gallon, \$1.15 to \$1.25.

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

**VARNISHES.**—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50;

elastic oak, \$1.50 to \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hard oil finish, 1.50 to \$2; brown Japan, \$1; goldsize Japan, \$1.50; No. 1, orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

**SUNDRIES.**—Glue, S.S., in sheets, per lb., 12½ to 15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 15 to 18c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$1.00; benzine, per case, \$1.00; benzene and gasoline, per gallon, 50c. Axle grease, Imperial per case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, per case, \$3.75; diamond, do, \$2.25 per case. Coal tar, per barrel, \$8; Portland cement, per barrel, \$4.00; plaster, per barrel, \$3.10; plasterer's hair, P.P. 90c per bale; putty, in bladders, barrel lots 2½c per lb., for less than barrels per lb., 2½c.

**WINDOW GLASS.**—1st break is quoted at \$1.75 per box of 50 feet and \$2 for second break.

**LINSEED OIL.**—Raw, per gal., 52c; boiled, per gal., 55c in barrels; less than barrels 5c per gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

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

**OILS.**—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c per gallon; clear machine oils, 33 to 40c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c, as to quality; castor oil, 10c per lb.; lard oil, 70c per gal.; tanner's or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1.20; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 per gallon.

**REFINED PETROLEUM.**—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 2½c; crescent, 2½c; oleophene, 2½c in barrels. In car lots 2c per gallon discount is allowed off prices in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 31c for eocene and 27c for sunlight.

#### GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

**WHEAT—GENERAL SITUATION.**—Wheat has been very firm this week in United States markets, notwithstanding the election contest. A sharp advance was made on Monday, and again on Wednesday, the markets having been closed on Tuesday on account of the election. There was a sharp decline on Thursday, due to a change in the tenor of European cables and to uncertainty about the result of the elections, several states which were in doubt having for a time been claimed by the silver men. On Friday, however, all uncertainty about the elections was past and the markets made a big advance, and today's prices have held very strong. There is no important change in the wheat outlook, and indications continue favorable for strong markets. Now that money is easier, it is likely that receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth will decline, as previous to the elections the tight money markets compelled country buyers to push their wheat forward. With money obtainable more readily, there will be a tendency to fill up interior elevators. Deliveries of both winter and spring wheat in the United States, on this crop, have been larger than last year to date, though the crop is smaller, but this situation is likely to be reversed shortly. Bradstreet's report of stocks in the United States and Canada, shows about 3,350,000 bushels more wheat in sight than a year ago. Total reports of wheat, flour included, from both coasts of the United States, and from Montreal, this week, amount to 3,472,000 bushels; 2,566,000 bushels in the week one year ago; 2,659,000 bushels in the week two years ago, 2,813,000 bushels three years ago, and 3,835,000 bushels in the corresponding week of 1892.

**WHEAT—LOCAL SITUATION.**—Deliveries have continued rather light in Manitoba country markets, and as The Commercial stated a couple of weeks ago, it looks as though the balance of the crop will come out slowly. The shipments eastward by the lakes have been very small this year, both as regards

grain for export and for storage at eastern lake ports. Prices have been too high here all this season for export. Usually a considerable quantity of wheat is shipped to lake ports in Ontario for storage, each fall, to supply the eastern milling demand after the close of navigation, and thus avoid all rail rates. This year it is said elevators at the eastern lake ports are largely filled up with corn, so that there is not a great deal of room for wheat. The Winnipeg inspection returns continue to show a fine average quality. A very small percentage goes into the low grades, as will be shown by inspection returns in another column. Last week about 600 cars were inspected here. There are about 6,000,000 bushels of Manitoba wheat now in store here, including Lake Superior ports and interior points. This shows that very little of the crop so far marketed has yet been shipped east of the lakes. Prices have been more irregular again. The most of the week the price paid to farmers varied from 58c for best samples at some points up to 62c at other points. At a few points, however, prices were wild, and up to 65 to 70c was being paid. Business in this market was done on a basis of about 80c for No. 1 hard afloat Fort William, early in the week, and later the market advanced, in sympathy with United States markets, 82½c being quoted yesterday and to-day for No. 1 hard No. 2 hard, 8c under No. 1.

**FLOUR.**—There is very little business doing in flour locally, as nearly all the dealers and bakers were loaded up with flour before the late advances went into effect. Further orders are reported as having been booked for Australia. We mentioned last week that one mill had booked orders for 800 tons for Australia, and since then another mill reports an order taken for 500 tons from the same source. It is reported that flour prices are being shaded in the East, which is quite probable since the decline in wheat, but if wheat continues on like yesterday there will soon be a stop to cutting prices. Prices per sack of 98 pounds were quoted at \$2.30 for patents, \$2.10 for strong bakers, \$1.70 for second bakers, and \$1.80 for XXXX. These prices are delivered in the city to retail dealers.

**MILLSTUFFS.**—There is no change in bran and shorts. City mills are selling at \$7 per ton for bran and \$9 for shorts, delivered in the city, in small lots. These prices do not include sacks. Larger orders have been filled at \$5 and \$8 per ton.

**OATS.** There is no change in oats. No shipping business is doing, and only a few cars are offering for the local market. These are held at 25 to 25c per bushel for old oats. Now are not offering at all in car lots, but a few loads on the street are coming in and usually bring about 20c. Oats have declined further in the east and the price quoted at Montreal is only a shade above values at Winnipeg, so that shipping to eastern Canada cannot be done.

**BARLEY.**—There has been no business done in barley this season. No cars moving either on local or shipping account. A few farmers' loads of barley of feed quality have been taken here at about 20c per bushel of 48 pounds, and brewers are paying the same for malting grades, but there is scarcely any offering.

**FLAX SEED.**—The prices quoted to farmers is still 45 to 50c per bushel.

**GROUND FEED.**—Prices are about \$1 per ton higher. Prices range from \$10 to \$15 per ton, as to quality, the top price for rolled oat feed. Ordinary mixed mill feed is held at \$12 to \$13 per ton. Anything under \$12 would be damaged wheat and mixed grains.

**OATMEAL.**—Prices are decidedly stronger owing to the high price of oats and the

scarcity of oats fit for milling in the new crop. Rolled oatmeal has advanced 15 to 20c. Following are prices in large lots, with small lots held about 15c less. Rolled oatmeal in 80 lb sacks \$1.50 per sack; standard, \$1.65 and granulated \$1.60 in 98 lb sacks. Rolled wheat, 80 lb, \$1.65. Pot barley, \$1.70 in round lots.

**OIL CAKE.**—Oil cake holds at \$16 per ton, including bags, for nutted or ground meal.

**BUTTER.**—Latest purchases were made of creamery from factories at 20c, and several lots were picked up at this price. In a jobbing way creamery has been held at 22c. There has been a good demand for dairy, caused by the purchasing of dealers at points in the mountains and other western points to stock up for the winter. When this demand ceases it is expected dairy will be quiet for the winter. Good round lots of dairy have brought 14c, and lower grades from 8c upward, as to condition. Country merchants have adopted the policy of selling butter while it is fresh and there is not as much held stuff as in some past years. Fresh rolls and prints are coming in and are jobbing at 15 to 17c. At Montreal the butter market is quiet with creamery quoted at 19½c up to 20c for fancy.

**CHEESE.**—Some factories are holding yet. About 8½ to 8½c is the idea of buyers, and 8½c has been paid for some lots. The jobbing price ranges from 9 to 9½c as to quality. The Montreal cheese market is reported unsettled, goods having cost higher prices than buyers care to pay.

**EGGS.**—Receipts are about equal to the demand. Dealers are paying 17c net. Lined are offered at 16 to 17c, jobbing price.

**POULTRY.**—Dressed poultry is now coming forward fairly freely, but not in excess of the demand. Prices are, chickens, 7 to 9c per lb, turkeys, 11 to 12c per lb; ducks and geese, 9 to 10c per lb. In game, wild ducks bring 20 to 30c per pair, the latter price for large varieties; and rabbits, 5 to 6c each.

**LARD.**—Prices are: Pure \$1.60 for 20 lb pails, and \$1.00 for 50 lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$5.75 per case of 60 tins, tierces 8c pound cases of 90, one lb. tins, \$3.25.

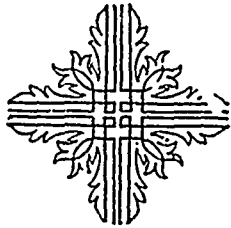
**CURED MEATS.**—Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 11½c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11c; do, backs, 10c; short spiced rolls, 7c; shoulders, 7c; smoked long clear, 8½c; fancy clear, 8½c; Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 6½c per lb; shoulders, 6½c; backs, 8c; barrel pork, clear mess \$18.50; short cut, \$16.00; rolled shoulders, \$11 per barrel. Pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 5c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

**DRESSED MEATS.**—Good lamb is rather scarce. A few country dressed hogs are now coming. The general price for good beef is 4½ to 4½c. Mutton is quoted at 5½ to 5½c being the usual price. Dressed lambs, 5½ to 7c; dressed hogs range from 4½ for heavy up to 5c for choice light.

**HIDES.**—The market is firm, though hides are beginning to get long haired and are intrinsically worth less money. The usual quotation is 5½c for No. 1. We quote: Hides, green cured, No. 1, 5½c, No. 2, 4½c; No. 3, 3½c; calf, 8 to 15c lb. skins, 4 to 6c per lb; dekins 10 to 20c each; kips 4 to 5½c; sheepskins range all the way from 15 to 40c, according to quality, but the average is about 20 to 30c each. Hides, 75c to \$1.25.

**WOOL.**—Wool markets are firmer. In the States prices are expected to advance now that the elections are over. Most of the wool in the

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territories has now gone east. We quote 7 to 8c here for unwashed fleeco.

**TALLOW.**—Prices are higher, in sympathy with the general situation in other markets. Dealers are paying 3½c for No. 1 tallow and 2½ to 3c for undergrades. Rough tallow 2c.

**ENGLA ROOT.**—Prices continue firm. A fraction over 20c has been paid for some lots. We quote 20c per lb for dry root.

**HAY.**—Held at about \$3 per ton for baled prairie on track here. Demand very slow.

**VEGETABLES.**—Prices are low, but will advance when frosty weather sets in, for good. Price are: Potatoes 25c bus., some sold 2 to 3c lower. Onions 1c lb, carrots, 25c bus., beets, 25c bus., turnips, 15c, parsnips, 60c bus., celery, 25c dozen, cabbage 20c dozen. These are prices dealers buy at from market gardeners.

#### LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE.**—Prices are about the same. Rather easier if anything. Loads of good butchers' have sold at 2½ to 2¼, and we quote from 1½ to 2½c, as to quality, for butchers'. The top quotation would be paid only for a few picked animals, about 3c is the top price paid for export cattle.

**SHEEP.**—There is no change in sheep, and choice lambs are scarce. Car lots for the local market have sold at 2½c here, for mixed sheep and lambs. One lot of sheep was reported sold at under 2½c. A real good bunch of lambs would bring possibly 3c, but no choice lots are offering, both the sheep and lambs averaging rather poor quality.

**HOGS.**—There is no change in hogs, offerings average better sizes lately, and not so many heavy hogs are coming. The early spring hogs are probably now coming, which accounts for this. We quote: Good bacon stock weighing 150 to 300 pounds 3½c. Sows and heavy hogs 2½ to 3½c, according to quality. Stags 1½ to 2½c, off cars here.

### British Columbia Markets.

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, November 31, 1896.

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

Grain prices will likely be higher next week. Too many apples in the market.

**Butter.**—Manitoba Dairy butter, 1½ to 18c; Manitoba creamery, 24½c; eastern creamery, 21½c, local creamery, 25c; Manitoba cheese, 11c, local cheese, 11c.

**Cured Meats.**—Hams 13½ cents; breakfast bacon 12½c; backs 12 to 12½c; long, clear 8c; short rolls 9½ to 10c; smoked sides 9½c. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 9½c per pound; in pails and tubs 9c.

**Fish.**—Prices are. Flounders 8c, smelt 4c, sea bass 4c, black cod 6c, rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 4c; herring 4c; spring salmon 7c, whitling 6c; soles 6c, steel head, 6c, crabs 60c dozen; smoked halibut, 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; salt oolachan, 25 and 50 lb. kits \$3.75 and \$3.50, smoked salmon 10c.

**Vegetables.**—New potatoes, \$12.00 per ton; onions, silver skins, 1c per pound; California onions 1½c, cabbage, ½c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$7.50 a ton.

**Eggs.**—Ranch 22 to 25c; Manitobas, 17c to 18c.

**Fruits.**—Fruit is sold by box unless otherwise quoted. Standard American boxes measure one foot ten and a half inches by eleven and a half inches with depth of eleven inches, inside measurement, and contain from 280 to 360 lemons, from 125 to 300 seedling oranges, or from 125 to 150 naval oranges. California lemons, \$3.75 to \$4; Australian oranges, \$3.25; Tomatoes, 2½c per lb; Pears, 40 lb.

box, \$1.25; California apples, 50 lb. box, \$1.85; British Columbia apples, 50 lb. box, 75c to \$1; Eastern apples \$1.00.

**Evaporated Fruits.**—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 7½c; plums 9 to 10c; prunes, French, 4½ to 7c; loose Muscat raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.65 box; Italian prunes, 6 to 7½c.

**Nuts.**—Almonds, 18c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

**Meal.**—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.00; 45 pound sacks, \$3.10; 22½ pound sacks, \$3.60; 10.7 sacks, \$2.00. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2-50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.25; 2-45's, \$2.35. Manitoba Rolled Oats, 90's, \$2.25 45's \$2.35.

**Flour.**—Delivered B.C. points.—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$5.50; strong bakers, \$5.10; Oregon, \$5.25; Oak Lake patent, \$5.20; do. strong bakers \$4.80.

**Grain.**—Washington State wheat \$27.00 per ton f. o. b. Vancouver, duty paid. Oats \$18.00 per ton.

**Ground Feed.**—National mills chop, \$21 to \$22 per ton; ground barley, \$22 ton; shorts, \$30.00 ton; bran \$18.00; oil cake meal, \$30 ton; F. O. B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

**Hay.**—\$8.50 per ton.

**Dressed Meats.**—Beef, 6 to 7c; mutton, 6 to 7c; pork, 6 to 6½c; veal, 7 to 8c.

**Live Stock.**—Steers, \$3.00 to \$3.50; per hundred lbs.; sheep, \$3.10 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$4.50 to \$4.75 per 100 lbs; lamb \$2.75 to \$3 per head.

**Poultry.**—Chickens, \$3.50 to \$4.50; ducks, \$5 per dozen.

**Sugars.**—Powdered and icing, 6½c; Paris lump, 6c; granulated, 5c; extra C, 5½c; fancy yellows 4½c; yellow 4c per lb.

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

**Teas.**—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 18c. choice 26c. Ceylons: Fair 25c; good 30c; choice 35c per lb.

### The Live Stock Markets.

At London on November 2 the demand for cattle was of a limited character and trade was slow, but as supplies were not heavy the tone of the market was steady and prices unchanged from a week ago. Choice United States cattle sold at 11c; Canadian at 9c to 10c, and sheep at 10c.

A private cable received from Liverpool reported the cattle trade slow at unchanged prices. Choice United States steers, 10½c; choice Canadians, 9c to 10c, and sheep, 10½c.

A private cable from London quoted good United States cattle at 11c; Canadians at 10c, and sheep 10c.

At the East End abattoir market, Montreal, October 2, the bulk of the cattle were very common, and choice stock was scarce. The trade in cattle was slow. A few good to choice steers sold at 8 to 8½c, common to fair at 2 to 2½c, and inferior at 1½ to 1¾c per lb. live weight, in sheep trade was quiet. Some small lots were picked up for shipment at \$2.50 to \$2.60, while butchers paid as high as \$2.75 for choice per 100 lbs. Lambs declined fully ½c per lb. Some choice bunches sold at \$3.40 per 100 lbs. live weight, but the bulk of the sales were made at 8c to 8½c per lb. At the Point St. Charles market there were about 300 hogs offered, and prices ruled steady at 4c per lb. live weight.

At Chicago on November 5, there was a further decline of 5c on hogs. Common to prime droves sold at \$3.05 to \$3.60, sales being largely at \$3.35 to \$3.45. Heavy packing lots brought \$3.10 to \$3.60; choice

medium and light weights continued to sell at nearly the same prices.

At Toronto on November 3 export cattle were dull at 8½ to 8¾c. Butchers' cattle dull and weak. A lot of poor stuff was not sold. Prices ranged from 2 to 8c. Fair to good loads sold at 2½ to 2¾c. Shipping sheep \$2 to \$2.90 per 100 lbs. Lambs 8 to 3½c. Butchers' sheep not wanted. Hogs, best bacon, 3½c, heavy ends, 8½ to 8¾c, light fat 8½ to 8¾c, sows 2½ to 3c.

### A New Mining Co

Among the companies now seeking incorporation under the joint stock and mining acts of the province of Ontario is The Western Gold Mining Co., of Rat Portage, with a capital stock of \$750,000 in 750,000 shares of one dollar each.

The aim of the company is to acquire mining locations in a wholly or partially undeveloped state, and push the work of development, when sufficient encouragement is met with to a point where each location can be placed on the market as a profitable mining property. Or to form a link between the prospector without means and the capital to develop his prospect, and thus aid in bringing mining down to a profitable industry, which will be of general value to the country possessing rich mineral fields.

This is a proper course for the nursing of our infant mining business of the western portion of the Dominion, and the names of the promoters of the Western Gold Mining Co., as published in their prospectus in this and other journals, include only well known business men of unquestionable reputation, who can be trusted by the party looking for investment of spare funds. By the prospectus published in this issue, it will be seen that the company intend issuing the first block of 200,000 shares, placing them at ten cents per share fully paid up and non assessable. That these shares will in time sell at a much higher figure is almost a certainty, as the company has already secured some valuable claims, and are securing others, and the names of the directors are a guarantee that the affairs of the company will be managed with energy, economy and rectitude.

### British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, Nov. 3, 1896.

The are not so many changes this week as last. Flour continues to advance, and there is an upward tendency in hay, oats and feed stuffs. Apples continue to decline owing to the heavy shipment from the east. British Columbians will not buy local apples when they can get the Ontario article, and as eastern apples are very plentiful local apples are a drag on the market. Peaches are done and oranges are for the time being out of the market.

Now that three boats are to be placed on the Australian line, space may be obtained for eastern apples. They would be eagerly bought up in the Antipodes and the market would be almost inexhaustible. With but two boats on the line only, no space could be found for Ontario's splendid shippers, as it is quantities of freight are left behind by each outgoing steamer. There is said to be a big demand for onions also in Australia, but for the same reason they cannot be shipped. Potatoes are scarce and will likely advance in price. Fresh laid eggs are selling at 40 and 50 cents retail, and first-class creamery 30 and 35 cents. Eastern and lured eggs are arriving.

The Barsons Produce Co., Winnipeg, have brought in 17,000 barrels of apples from Ontario this season.

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VICE PRESIDENT - R. H. AGUR, Manager of Massey Harris Co. Winnipeg.

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- H. H. BECK, Insurance Manager, Winnipeg.
- F. W. DREWRY, Brewer, Winnipeg
- JOHN PLAXTON, Plumber, Winnipeg.
- H. G. WILSON, Solicitor, Winnipeg.

Sec. Treas. - H. S. CROTTY, Real Estate Agt., Winnipeg.

Trustees - R. W. JAMESON and C. S. HOARE.

Bankers - IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA.

The above gentlemen have agreed to act as directors and the following are identified as promoters of the Company :-

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|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| R. W. JAMESON. | F. W. DREWRY.   | H. G. WILSON. |
| R. H. AGUR.    | G. H. CAMPBELL. | H. H. BECK.   |
| J. PLAXTON.    | E. R. WILSON.   | H. S. CROTTY. |
|                | D. WILSON.      |               |

This company has been organized and incorporated under the Ontario Joint Stock and Mining Acts of Parliament, with full powers to buy sell or otherwise acquire or dispose of mining properties within that province, also to lease, hold, develop or operate such properties, and generally to carry on the business of mining, smelting and other necessary undertakings, and to acquire or dispose of any real estate or other property necessary for the carrying on of such operations.

The principal aim of this company is to acquire mining properties in a partially or wholly undeveloped state, and to apply its capital and the efforts of its directors to the purchase and for the development of such properties to a state where they can be confidently placed upon the market as valuable mining properties. For this purpose stock to the value of \$850,000 face value will be set aside for foregoing purposes, and the first block of \$200,000, in 200,000 shares of one dollar each, will be placed on the market almost immediately at ten cents per share fully paid up and non-assessable.

Applications for allotment of shares should be made without delay to the secretary of the Company, H. S. Crotty, Main Street, Winnipeg. Further information can be had by application to the Secretary.

The company have already acquired option on a valuable gold claim of 80 acres on the Lake of the Woods, the development of which they propose to proceed with without delay. In addition to this they have secured options on two other properties in the same district, and also a group of several claims in Seine River district.

The company is now securing powers to operate in the province of British Columbia, where they have already purchased one very promising gold location in the Trail Creek section of West Kootenay, in the same locality as some of the best gold producing mines of that rich section.

The practical operations of the company will be carried on under the supervision of the best mining engineering skill that can be procured, so that the stockholders will have the fullest guarantee for the practical as well as the financial management of the company's affairs.

Already the company has made financial connections in the East and in Great Britain, and its directors are in a position to float legitimate mining schemes of any magnitude in the financial centres of the world.



## MAIL CONTRACTS

**SEALED TENDERS**, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, 23rd November next for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on proposed contracts for four years over each of the following routes from the 1st January next:-

Brandon and Rapid City, six times per week, computed distance 20 miles. Courier to call at Forrest Station Post Office twice per week on his trip to Rapid City.

Gretna and Railway Station fourteen (14) times per week, computed distance half a mile.

Portage la Prairie Post Office and Custom House, six times per week, computed distance 4 miles.

Portage la Prairie Post Office and O. P. and M. & N Railway Stations (20) twenty times per week. Computed distance half a mile.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contracts may be seen and blank forms of Tender obtained at the Post Offices on the respective routes and at this office.

W. W. McLEOD,  
Post Office Inspector

Post Office Inspector's Office,  
Winnipeg, 9th October, 1890.

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

E. A. Ramsay, who has been for the past four years associated with and an active member of the firm of Wilcox & Ramsay, General Merchants in Virden, Manitoba, is withdrawing from the business and will soon be open for an engagement. Will take an interest in or buy a good paying established business of some dimensions. Correspondence solicited. ADDRESS -

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VIRDEN, MANITOBA.



## MAIL CONTRACTS.

**SEALED TENDERS**, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, 11th December next, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's mails on proposed contracts for four years, over each of the following routes from the 1st February next:

(1) WINNIPEG AND RAILWAY STATIONS, seventy-six (76) times per week or more or less frequently as may be required, being sixty-four times per week between the Postoffice and Canadian Pacific Railway station, computed distance 4 mile and twelve (12) times per week between Postoffice and Northern Pacific Railway Station, computed distance 1 mile.

(2) THE TRANSFER OF THE MAILS as may be required between the mail trains arriving at and departing from the Winnipeg Canadian Pacific Railway station.

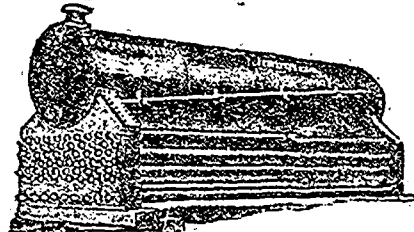
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W. W. McLEOD,  
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Postoffice Inspector's Office,  
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**Chicago Board of Trade Prices.**

The prices below are board of trade quotations for Chicago No. 2 wheat, No. 2 oats and No. 2 corn, per bushel. Pork is quoted per barrel and lard and short ribs per 100 pounds.

Wheat maintained a surprisingly strong tone on Monday, considering that it was the day before the elections. Foreign news was strong and there was good foreign buying at the seacoasts. Prices advanced steadily and closed 2 1/2 higher than Saturday. Corn and oat also advanced. Closing prices were—

	Nov.	Dec.	May	Jan.
Wheat.....	78 1/2	74 3/4-5	79 1/2	—
Corn .....	24 1/2	25 1/2	29 1/2	—
Oats .....	18 1/2	19 1/2	22	—
Mess Pork..	—	7 12 1/2	—	8 02 1/2
Lard .....	—	4 27 1/2	—	4 50
Short Ribs.	—	8 72 1/2	—	8 97 1/2

There was no market on Tuesday, being election day.

On Wednesday wheat started in strong and higher, but broke later in the day under easier cables. The market was a quiet one, and the close was 1 1/2 under the top, but still sharply higher than Monday. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	May	Jan.
Wheat ....	75	74 1/2	81 1/2	—
Corn .....	24 1/2	25 1/2	28 1/2	—
Oats .....	18 1/2	18 3/4	21 1/2	—
Mess Pork..	—	—	8 27	7-90
Lard .....	—	—	—	4 42
Short Ribs.	—	—	—	8 95

On Thursday wheat was lower, influenced by lower cables, foreign selling, light exports and uncertainty about the elections. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	72 3/4	74 1/2	—	78 3/4
Corn .....	23 3/4	24 1/2	—	28 1/2
Oats .....	17 3/4	18 3/4	—	21 1/2
Mess Pork..	—	6 90	7 80	—
Lard .....	—	4 15	4 30	—
Short Ribs..	—	8 62 1/2	8 85	—

On Friday, wheat was very strong, influenced by higher cables, export orders and demand from millers for cash wheat. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	May.	Jan.
Wheat.....	76 3/4	78 3/4	82 1/2	—
Corn .....	24 1/2	25 1/2	29 1/2	—
Oats .....	18 1/2	19 1/2	22 1/2	—
Mess Pork..	—	6 95	7 85	—
Lard .....	—	4 07 1/2	4 52 1/2	4 30
Short Ribs..	—	8 65	4 07 1/2	8 87 1/2

December wheat opened on Saturday at 78 1/2c and ranged downward to 77 3/4c, and up to 79 1/2c, then eased off to the close. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat ....	77	78 1/2	—	82 1/2
Corn .....	24 1/2	25 1/2	—	28 1/2
Oats .....	18 1/2	19 1/2	—	22 1/2
Mess Pork..	—	—	7 85	—
Lard .....	—	—	4 30 1/2	—
Short Ribs.	—	—	8 82 1/2	—
Flax Seed..	72	74 1/2	—	80

A week ago Dec. wheat closed at 72 3/4c and a year ago at 58 1/2c and two years ago at 51 1/2c and three years ago at —.

**Minneapolis Markets.**

The Market Record of Nov. 5, reports the market exceedingly dull. Prices are as follows, in bbls, f.o.b. First patents, \$4 10 to \$4 25, Second patents, \$3.50 to \$4.00. First clears, \$3.10 to \$3.50, second clear, \$3.00, Export baker's, \$2.25 to \$3 35, second export baker's \$2.90 to \$3.15. Red Dog, per ton, 140 for lbs. jute, \$10 50. These prices show an advance of 30 to 50c per barrel for patents and 10c for clears. Other grades unchanged, as compared with a week ago.

Millstuffs—Bran in bulk, \$5.00 to \$5.50, bran in sacks, 200 lbs. \$5.00 to \$6.25; bran in sacks, 100 lbs. \$4.50 to \$6 75; shorts, \$6 to \$3.25; middlings, fine, \$7.00 to \$7.25.

Oats.—Range at 14c for light up to 16c to 17c for No. 8 white.

Barley.—Quoted at 21 to 25c per bushel.

Flax.—Quoted at 66c per bushel.

Hay.—Prairie, \$3.50 to \$3.50 per ton, as to quality.—Market Record, November 5.

**Duluth Wheat Market.**

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

Monday—Sept	—	Dec. 7 3/4c	May 7 9c
Tuesday—Sept	—	Election day.	No. market.
Wednesday—Sept.	—	Dec. 7 1/2c	May 8 1/2c
Thursday—Oct.	—	Dec. 7 1/2c	May 8 1/2c
Friday—Oct.	—	Dec. 7 1/2c	May 8 1/2c
Saturday—Oct.	—	Dec. 7 3/4c	May 8 1/2c

A week ago December delivery closed at 78 1/2c. A year ago December delivery closed at 51 1/2c. Two years ago Dec. closed at 57 1/2c and three years ago at 59 1/2c.

On Saturday cash wheat closed at 8 1/2c for No. 1 hard and 79 3/4c for 1 northern

**Minneapolis Wheat.**

On Saturday, Nov. 7, No. 1 Northern wheat closed as follows: Oct. delivery at —, December at 78 3/4c, and May at 81 1/2c. A week ago December wheat closed at 72c.

**New York Wheat.**

On Saturday, November 7, December, delivery closed at 85 1/2c and May option at 83 1/2c. A week ago December option closed at 80c.

**Winnipeg Clearing House**

Clearings for the week ending Nov. were 2,408,968; balances, 467,765. For the previous week clearings were 886,322. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were 2,851,555 and for the week two years ago, 1,483,156. Clearings for the month of Oct. were \$7,685,472, compared with \$7,911,958 for October, 1895, and \$5,786,780 for October, 1891. Clearances for all Canadian cities the week ended October 29 were as follows:

Montreal.....	\$10,593,844
Toronto.....	6,196,270
Halifax.....	1,200,730
Winnipeg.....	1,886,323
Hamilton.....	681,721
St. John.....	455,240

Bank clearings at Winnipeg, Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax amount to \$24,801,000 this week, an increase of about 20 per cent. as compared with last week, a very moderate increase over the corresponding totals one and two years ago.

**Winnipeg Board of Trade.**

A meeting of the full board was held on Tuesday afternoon. President F. H. Mathewson made a verable report of the transactions of the council since the last report.

The following resolution was carried unanimously. Moved by Thos. Gilroy, seconded by S. A. McGaw; that for the purpose of assisting in the development of the great agricultural interest upon which the extent and prosperity of trade and every other interest in this country so much depend, in the opinion of this board, owing to the varying conditions from the western portion of the province, the establishment by the Dominion Government of an experimental farm near Winnipeg, for the section known as the Red River Valley, would be a most desirable and useful auxiliary. That a copy of this re-

solution be forwarded to the minister of agriculture.

It was moved by John Russell, seconded by S. A. McGaw, and resolved that, whereas in the business interest of the city it is of the utmost importance that the streets of Winnipeg should be improved. And whereas, it has been announced that the Canadian Pacific railway have agreed to grant for the next two years a low freight rate on paving material as an inducement to the citizens to improve the streets; therefore be it resolved that this board respectfully urge upon the mayor and city council the importance of taking advantage of the offer now made by the Canadian Pacific railway, and request that they will take such steps as may be necessary to have the principal streets of the city paved during the ensuing year.

The following motion was also unanimously carried: Moved by W. Georgeson, seconded by Geo. F. Galt, whereas the present railway and water route for traffic through Canada to the southwestern portion of British Columbia, is so long and indirect that by reason of delay and expense in sending goods over it, business cannot be properly transacted between that portion of British Columbia and other parts of Canada, and trade is thus being diverted from Canada to the United States and may become permanently diverted unless better transportation facilities are established. And, whereas business and trade with the people of that portion of British Columbia is rapidly increasing and likely to more largely increase in the near future by reason of its mining industries attracting population and capital. And, whereas, a railway through the eastern portion of British Columbia by the Crow's Nest pass connecting with the present railway system of Canada would afford better facilities for the transportation of passengers and goods and open up a district containing good coaling coal, which, if made available, would give a great impetus to those mining industries. Therefore, be it resolved, that the Dominion government be urgently requested to immediately take such steps as will result in the construction at the earliest possible time of a railway through the Crow's Nest Pass, so that those portions of Canada lying east of British Columbia may have better means of communication and trade with the Kootenay and Okanagan districts of British Columbia, and so that such trade may not become diverted from Canada.

**Late Made Cheese.**

Editor The Commercial.

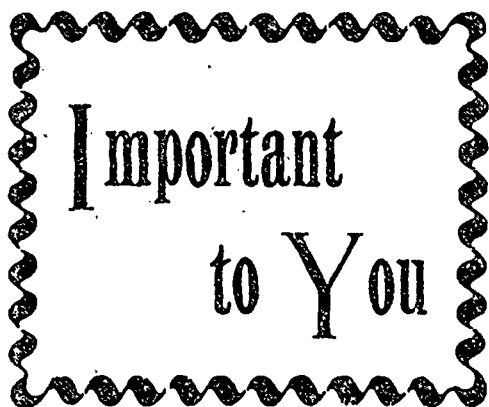
Dear Sir.—Considerable cheese is still held in factories in the vicinity of Winnipeg. It consists mostly of late made September and October goods, which as a rule, are of very poor quality, in fact the worst cheese of the season. Owing to the want of suitable buildings, late made cheese is soft, pasty, bitter, flat flavored, and not worth within two cents per lb of first-class cheese. That cheese would hardly bring 7 to 7 1/2c per lb, if it were shipped to Montreal. Still our factory men are holding the goods for a higher price. Buyers should be on their guard, inspect every cheese and discourage the making of such stuff, by paying exactly what it is worth no more.

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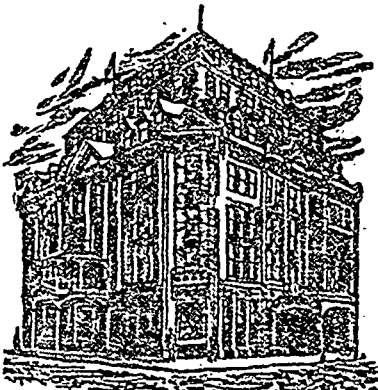
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## WINNIPEG'S STREETS

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Winnipeg, it is not at all surprising that this should be the case, as the addition of a heavy frontage tax to the heavy general tax is regarded as a great hardship, and would no doubt be more than many persons could stand.

The Commercial opposed the frontage tax system at the time it was first introduced here, and after trial for a number of years, it looks as though the system would have to be abandoned, at least partially, if any reasonable progress is to be made in improving our streets. As the matter now stands, very little progress has been made in the past ten years. A number of the streets have been paved with cedar blocks, but this class of paving has proved a dead failure here, and most of the streets so paved are not fit to drive upon and require re-paving at once. Notwithstanding the utter failure of this class of paving, the council has this year re-paved a large portion of Main street with the same material.

Owing to the tendency of our sticky soil to roll up on the wheels and be carried along and deposited in other places, the paving of a street here and there is not satisfactory. What is required is a comprehensive system of paving by districts. Where a single street is paved and is left surrounded in every direction by the mud roads, the paved street is soon buried beneath the load of mud carried upon it on the wheels of vehicles coming from the mud roads.

A point which shows the injustice of the frontage tax system is the fact that when a street has been paved, those who have occasion to drive will go long distances out of their way to use the paved street. Thus a few are compelled to bear the full cost of improving a street for the benefit of many. Last spring, when the streets were in exceptionally bad condition, many of them being simply impassable, it was difficult to get delivery of goods except along the paved streets. It is a fact that in some cases goods were taken out to points along the paved streets by horse vehicles, and thence delivered by hand carriage to other streets in the vicinity. In this way those who paid for the paving of the streets provided an accommodation to others in the vicinity who contributed nothing toward the work.

## ASSISTING THE DAIRY INTERESTS.

Prof. Robertson, Dominion dairy commissioner, has issued a circular stating the manner in which the government proposes to aid the dairy industry in the Territories. The plan is practically the same as was reported previously in *The Commercial*. A loan sufficient to properly equip a cheese or butter factory will be made by the government, where associations are formed to carry on such industry, after certain conditions have been complied with. The company must first be incorporated and registered, and it must next provide suitable buildings, according to plans approved by the department, and the site must also be approved by the department. A water supply must also be provided, and the milk from at least 400 cows must be guaranteed.

The government will take the management of the factory, and will manufacture and market the butter at a charge of 4 cents per pound, allowing certain advances to patrons. In addition to the 4 cents, the government will charge a further sum of 1 cent per pound, to repay the loan advanced to the company, or for such other purpose as the department may direct. The government will allow a sum not to exceed 7 per cent on the value of the buildings for rent. When the loan is repaid, the government will step out and hand the factory over to the association, the patrons receiving shares in proportion to the amount paid in by them.

In districts where creameries are now established, and where it is desired to bring them under the control of the government until they become thoroughly established, this will be done by modifications in the regulations to meet the case.

The object of the department in taking the control of new or old factories, is to secure the establishment of properly equipped factories on a sound basis. Where the factories are left to private enterprise, there is often a lack of sufficient funds to provide a properly equipped establishment, and the manufacture of dairy produce is thus undertaken under circumstances which prevents the production of a high grade article. With the aid of the government loan this disadvantage will be overcome. The placing of the factory under the control of the department will further ensure the employment of a competent maker to take charge of the factory, and it will also ensure the marketing of the product in the best form. The gradual repayment of the loan is arranged for in such a way by charging 1 cent per pound on the butter manufactured, that it will not be felt by the patrons, and by the time the loan is repaid and the department is ready to step out and hand over the factory to the company, sufficient experience will no doubt have been acquired by the company to enable them to continue the industry successfully.

## THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

It is a matter for regret that the Manitoba Farmers' Institute has been placed in a somewhat discreditable position of late. First it, or at least some of its officers, which amounts to about the same thing so far as the effect upon the public is concerned, incurred the political displeasure of certain parties. The Commercial does not believe that the acceptance of a position in the institute should interfere with the liberty of any one in political matters, and on this score we are rather inclined to sympathize with those members of the institute who incurred the displeasure of some politicians. It was charged that certain members of the institute had used their position as officials of that organization to further their political desires. If they did, it is only doing what almost any politician would do, and there is very little room for throwing stones in this case. The Commercial knows nothing about the truth or falsity of the charges, and, moreover, we do not want to know anything about the matter. We would just point out, however, that men in a semi-public position like leading officials of the institute, would be very

liable to have such charges made against them, if they took any hand in politics at all, and it is altogether probable that a great deal more has been made of this matter than there was ground for, if indeed there was any ground at all for the charges.

Next the institute got itself into trouble by endeavoring to introduce changes in the Manitoba wheat grades which were not in accordance with the wishes of either the farmers' or the handlers of grain. A very disagreeable muddle was narrowly averted. As it is, matters have turned out all right, but a great deal of dissatisfaction has been aroused on account of the action of the institute in this matter, and we understand a number of the members of the association feel the matter very keenly and resent strongly the action of the officials of the institute in this matter.

It is to be hoped, however, that the usefulness of the institute will not be impaired by these occurrences. It has a good work to perform, and by adhering strictly to matters pertaining to agriculture, the institute should be a great power for good in the country. When commercial questions like the grading of grain, for instance, or other matters not strictly pertaining to agriculture are taken up, the institute is very likely to get into troublesome water.

## THE UNITED STATES ELECTIONS.

The result of the elections in the United States is regarded with great satisfaction throughout we may say the civilized world, as being a triumph for law and order and honesty and morality. The policy of the free-silver party, which practically meant repudiation of honest obligations, has been repudiated by the people, and the triumph of sound monetary principles has been complete. The silver people carried almost a solid South and several large silver producing states, but the great commercial, industrial and agricultural states of the east, north and west have refused to countenance repudiation.

It is a peculiar position, that while McKinley stood for honest money, his party is attached to the fallacious trade policy of protection. It is a strange mixture of economic heresy and financial solidity. We do not expect, however, that the result of the elections will lead to a return to that extreme protection that characterized the last Republican administration. In the recent contest party lines were largely obliterated. Protection was lost sight of in the battle over the monetary question. Thousands of leading men who are opposed to high protection, threw in their forces to assist the Republican candidate, and these men will have great influence in preventing a return to protectionist extremes. No doubt there will be some changes in the tariff by the new administration, but not to such an extent as characterized the last Republican attempt at tariff legislation.

Prof. Coleman, mineralogist for the Ontario government, who has returned from Sudbury, where he went to investigate the alleged discovery of coal in Algoma, says there is no coal there. He found anthraxolite, but that was all. The latter is not a valuable substance for fuel.



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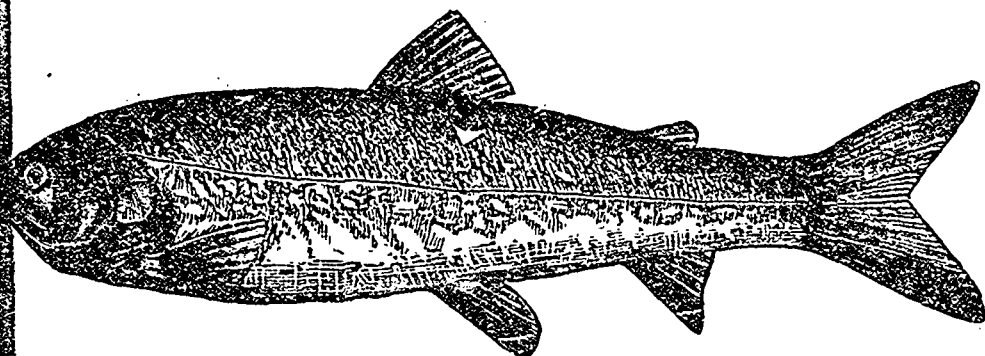
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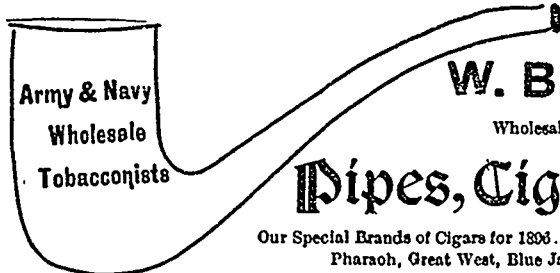
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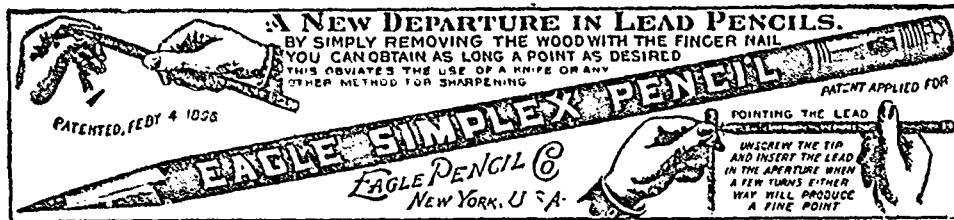
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### Montreal Grocery Market.

There was some excitement in the sugar markets during the past two or three days, and the general impression is that the long looked for turn in the course of prices has come. Private cable advices received this morning reported the markets for the raw material strong and somewhat excited, noting an advance of 8d since this day week, and quoted 9s 4 1/2d for October and November. In New York the demand for raws has been active and the market has ruled strong, and prices are 1/2c higher, with the Trust buying freely at 8 1/2c for crystals. In sympathy with the above bullish advices the local market was excited and the feeling much firmer. Prices for all grades of yellows have advanced 1/2c per lb., but up to the present there has been no material change in granulated. There has been a decided improvement in the demand, especially so for yellow grades, of which stocks in refiners hands have run down much of late. An active business has been done for the past two days and some large orders have been booked. Granulated round lots has sold at 8 18-16c, and in smaller quantities at 8 3/4c. Yellows range from 2 15-16c to 8 3/4c, as to quality at the factory. The demand for syrups continues slow and this market is quiet and without any change, prices being steady at 1 1/2c to 2 3/4c per lb, as to quality, at the factory.

There was no change in the situation of the molasses market. The demand is chiefly for small lots and prices rule about steady at 27 1/2c for Barbadoes and at 28c for Porto Rico.

In rice a fair amount of business continues to be done and the market is moderately active and firm. We quote: Crystal Japan, \$1 75 to \$5; standard B, \$3 45; Patna, \$1 25 to \$5; Carolina, \$3.50 to \$7.50; choice Barmuda, \$3 75, and Java kinds, \$4.

A fairly active business is reported in spices and in sympathy with strong foreign advices some of the leading lines prices rule firm. The following quotations are what jobbers can buy at only. Penang black pepper, 6 to 7c; white pepper, 10 to 12 1/2c; cloves, 7 1/2 to 9c; cassia, 8 1/2 to 9 1/2c; nutmegs, 60c to 90c, and Jamaica ginger, 15 1/2 to 18 1/2c.

This week has been an active one and some excitement has prevailed in the trade. Cable advices have been of a very strong nature, noting advances in prices in several lines. The demand for all lines has been active, and a large volume of business is reported at very firm prices.—Gazette, October 30.

### Literary Notices.

There will be special articles and illustrations on the west in the November Canadian Magazine. Lt. Col. G. T. Denison will write of "Sir John Schultz and the Canadian First Party"; Bertie W. Antrobus will give Reminiscences of Fort Macleod in 1835";

and an Ex-Policeman will give a character sketch of "The Mounted Police." These articles will be illustrated with pictures of the new Vo'unteers' Monument in Toronto, three photos of Sir John Schultz, some half dozen pictures and drawings of policemen, the medal, Crowfoot and Moosomin, etc. The whole number will be especially interesting to western readers.

The November issue of the Delineator contains many beautiful plates which display the handsome styles and fabrics of the season. Fiction has become a popular feature of the magazine, and the story for the month is "Rosemary," a tale of Washington life, by Harriet Riddle Davis. Mary Cadwalader Jones writes interestingly on "Thanksgivings, Past and Present." Mrs Allie Hopkins contributes a sketch of the "Ladies' Society of the Grand Army of the Republic," and Helen Norton, a chatty sketch on "What we Talk About." Maude C Murray-Miller has a valuable article on "A Girl's First Day at School." A. B Longstreet writes again on notable examples of "Successful Business Women." E. C. Vick writes of "Winter Flower Culture," and Edna Witherspoon continues her very popular Tea-Table Gossip on the Fashions and Fads of the day. The Thanksgiving Dinner is planned and discussed, the furnishing of bed rooms is considered from an artistic and hygienic standpoint, and in the fancy work department the variety is larger than ever.

The Cosmopolitan for November is to hand sharp on time. The number opens with a beautiful frontispiece "The End of a Romance." The first paper is a freely illustrated article on Vesuvius, giving scope for an introduction of some of the grand scenery of Italy. "The Stage and the Beauty Problem" is also freely illustrated, as well as being a thoughtful article. "Through Oriental Bowers," gives some glimpses of Chinese life. "Belles of Caracas" introduces photos of a number of the beauties of the capital of Venezuela. Gen. Edward Forrester concludes his "Personal Recollections of the Tai-Ping Rebellion." There are the usual number of articles of fiction, short stories, etc., and the regular departments are filled with interesting paragraphs.

### Montreal Fish Prices.

The continued fine weather has interfered considerably with the fish trade. In regard to pickled herrings, there are too many coming forward and the market in consequence has been weak and prices have declined 25 to 50c per barrel. In a jobbing way No. 1 Nova Scotia are selling at \$4.50 to \$1 75 per barrel and at \$2.75 per half-barrel; No. 2 small Labrador salmon are easier at \$11 50 to \$12 per barrel. No. 2 mackerel are also easier at \$11.50 to \$12 per barrel.

Haddies are selling at 6 1/2 to 7c per lb. Yarmouth and Bay bloaters at 90c to \$1 per box, and kippered herrings at \$1.50 per box, and medium new smoked herrings at 11c per box.

The supply of dried codfish is small here, consequently prices are firmer at \$4 to \$4.25 per 100 lbs; pillock at \$2.20 per 100 lbs; skinless cod at \$35.25 per case; boneless cod, 5 1/2c per lb., and boneless fish, 8c per lb.

The receipts of fresh fish have been larger. Haddock and cod are now selling at 4c per lb. Fresh B. C. salmon are firmer at 10 1/2 to 11c per lb, doré, 6 1/2 to 7c, and pike, 4 1/2c per lb.

In oysters choice Malprques are very scarce and but few if any are offering at \$1.50 to \$5 per barrel. Hand picked extra Buctouche are selling at \$1.50 per barrel; Miramichi at \$3 to \$3.50, and common Prince Edward Island at \$2 to \$2.50.—Gazette.

### Monthly Trade Returns.

The inland revenue collections for the Winnipeg district for the month of October were as follows:

Spirits .....	\$27,212 06
Tobacco .....	19,802 20
Malt .....	2,015 95
Cigars .....	700 80
Methylated spirit .....	183 69
Petroleum, .....	174 75
License .....	150 00
	\$50,239 31

Collections for Oct. of 1895 ..... \$46,940 97

Increase ..... \$ 3,298 51

Transactions at the Dominion Government Savings' Bank, Winnipeg, for the month ending Oct. 31, were:

Deposits .....	\$21,845 00
Withdrawals .....	18,544.25

Deposits exceed withdrawals ..... \$ 3,000.75

The following is the statement of the customs department for Winnipeg for the month of Oct., 1896, as compared with the same month 1895:

Description	Value	
	1895	1893
Exported .....	\$178,122 00	\$127,876 00
Entered for consumption, dutiable....	114,973 00	122,517 00
Entered for consumption, free.....	102,201 00	81,291 00
Total for consumption .....	247,177 00	203,811 00
Duty collected .....	49,416 50	45,695 72

An Ottawa telegram says that the government will devote its present efforts for immigration from the United States, rather than Great Britain, believing the latter a better field at present.

**Wheat Stocks.**

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Oct. 31, 1896, shows an increase of 1,895,000 bushels, against an increase of 2,504,000 for the corresponding week last year, an increase of 1,837,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and an increase of 2,069,000 bushels three years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat at the end of the first trade week of each month for four years, as compiled by the Chicago board of trade and includes stocks at most important points of accumulation in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains. There are some important points not covered by this statement.

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan 2	88,581,000	80,228,000	51,238,000	46,907,000
Feb. 5	89,376,000	79,363,000	81,391,000	43,101,000
Mar. 4	78,765,000	76,509,000	79,093,000	41,556,000
April 1	74,308,000	71,468,000	77,654,000	41,030,000
May 6	62,196,000	65,166,000	73,009,000	36,190,000
June 3	52,229,000	59,394,000	71,080,000	27,910,000
July 1	44,661,000	54,657,000	62,316,000	24,202,000
Aug. 3	38,517,000	60,001,000	59,424,000	26,079,000
Sept. 7	30,764,000	69,103,000	56,140,000	38,700,000
Oct. 7	41,832,000	73,614,000	63,275,000	61,250,000
Nov. 4	62,990,000	50,047,000	71,396,000	64,717,000
Dec. 2	63,903,000	85,179,000	78,001,000	72,550,000

The following shows the visible supply by weeks, for four years:

	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Jan. 4	69,642,000	87,886,000	79,866,000	81,760,000
" 11	68,646,000	80,615,000	80,435,000	82,080,000
" 18	67,983,000	85,580,000	80,332,000	82,227,000
" 25	67,623,000	84,605,000	80,264,000	81,487,000
Feb. 1	66,734,000	83,576,000	79,863,000	81,390,000
" 8	66,319,000	82,322,000	79,560,000	80,972,000
" 15	65,920,000	80,735,000	79,607,000	80,214,000
" 22	65,011,000	79,470,000	77,367,000	79,430,000
March 1	64,059,000	78,701,000	75,569,000	79,183,000
" 7	62,690,000	77,717,000	74,697,000	79,103,000
" 14	62,123,000	76,733,000	73,359,000	79,030,000
" 21	61,348,000	75,773,000	72,163,000	78,203,000
" 28	61,048,000	74,308,000	71,468,000	77,651,000
April 4	60,322,000	72,703,000	70,762,000	77,293,000
" 11	59,320,000	70,457,000	69,217,000	76,036,000
" 18	58,483,000	68,026,000	68,425,000	74,380,000
" 25	57,916,000	65,776,000	66,633,000	75,027,000
May 2	55,619,000	62,146,000	65,156,000	73,069,000
" 9	54,000,000	59,623,000	63,510,000	72,632,000
" 16	53,116,000	56,481,000	62,014,000	71,526,000
" 23	51,298,000	54,244,000	61,359,000	70,159,000
" 30	50,340,000	52,229,000	59,391,000	70,307,000
June 6	50,147,000	49,739,000	58,211,000	68,604,000
" 13	49,456,000	47,717,000	57,165,000	66,375,000
" 20	48,819,000	46,225,000	55,551,000	65,051,000
" 27	47,860,000	44,561,000	54,057,000	62,316,000
July 4	47,199,000	43,359,000	54,114,000	61,519,000
" 11	47,226,000	41,237,000	53,154,000	59,378,000
" 18	46,743,000	40,483,000	52,114,000	58,000,000
" 25	47,142,000	39,229,000	51,144,000	56,319,000
Aug 1	46,734,000	38,717,000	50,010,000	54,410,000
" 8	46,429,000	37,830,000	49,321,000	53,889,000
" 15	45,870,000	36,820,000	48,001,000	52,512,000
" 22	45,189,000	35,888,000	46,771,000	51,240,000
" 29	45,574,000	35,438,000	46,949,000	50,881,000
Sept 5	46,495,000	34,764,000	46,168,000	50,140,000
" 12	47,002,000	33,082,000	45,214,000	49,310,000
" 19	46,671,000	32,385,000	44,459,000	48,693,000
" 26	46,716,000	31,763,000	43,430,000	48,028,000
Oct 3	10,116,000	41,832,000	73,040,000	63,275,000
" 10	52,494,000	44,481,000	75,740,000	65,233,000
" 17	54,803,000	46,199,000	76,639,000	66,978,000
" 24	57,286,000	50,486,000	78,190,000	69,327,000
" 31	63,903,000	52,091,000	80,127,000	71,396,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on October 24 is as follows.

	Bushels.
Montreal	511,000
Toronto	283,000
Kingston	20,000
Winnipeg	261,000
Manitoba interior elevators	2,650,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin	2,029,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on October 21, 1896.

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains	75,337,000
Pacific Coast	5,454,000
Total stocks a year ago were	80,791,000
East of the Mountains	71,917,000
Pacific Coast	9,760,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended Oct. 31, shows an increase of 1,879,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 76,716,000 bushels on the latter date.

World's stocks of breadstuffs on Oct. 1, 1896, (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe) were 151,272,000 bushels, as compared with 176,637,000 bushels on Oct. 1, 1895.

**Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.**

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

Grade.	Oct 3	Oct. 10	Oct 17	Oct 24	Oct. 31
Fra Mag Hd	0	0	0	0	27
No. 1 hard	44	95	270	55	316
No. 2 hard	18	35	160	12	121
No. 3 hard	7	13	25	3	13
No. 1 North'n	2	8	10	26	0
No. 2 North'n	3	3	4	2	4
No. 3 North'n	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 white fyte	2	0	2	2	3
No. 2 white fyte	0	0	2	0	2
No. 1 Spring	0	0	2	2	1
No. 2 Spring	0	0	0	0	2
No. 1 frosted	0	1	10	11	12
No. 2 frosted	0	0	5	3	9
No. 3 Frosted	0	1	0	7	1
No. 1 Rejected	1	2	8	11	9
No. 2 Rejected	1	2	8	8	7
No Grade	2	2	1	0	2
Condemned	0	0	0	0	3
Total	80	163	419	610	591
Same week last year	457	622	311	426	355

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

**Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.**

The most important change was a drop of 1c on hies, Wheat was a little lower.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

- Wheat—About 4 1/2c to 4 3/4c for No. 1 hard, country points, to farmers, and 57 to 58c afloat, Fort William.
- Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.85; Bakers, \$1.65.
- Bran.—Per ton, \$10.
- Shorts.—Per ton, \$12.
- Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, now, local freights paid, 17 to 18c.
- Barley—A few loads sold at 20.00 to 21c.
- Flax Seed.—60 to 67c to farmers at country points.
- Butter.—Dairy round lots 18c to 15c Creamery, 17 to 18c.
- Cheese.—Jobbing price 7 1/2 to 8c.
- Eggs.—Fresh, 18c.
- Beef.—City dressed, 4 to 4 1/2c.
- Mutton.—Fresh, 5 1/2 to 6c, lamb, 5 1/2 to 6c.
- Hogs.—Dressed, 5 to 5 1/2c.
- Cattle.—Butchers' 1 1/2 to 2 1/2c. Export 2 1/2 to 3c.
- Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c.
- Sheep.—Sheep and lambs 2 1/2 to 3c off cars.
- Seneca Root.—Dry 18 to 20c lb.
- Poultry.—Chickens, 7 to 9c lb; turkeys, 10c; ducks and geese, 8 to 9c.
- Hides.—No. 1 cows, green salted weak at 5 1/2c.
- Wool.—Unwashed fleece, 10 to 12c.
- Potatoes.—1 1/2c per bushel.
- Hay.—\$5.50 to \$6 per ton, car lots.

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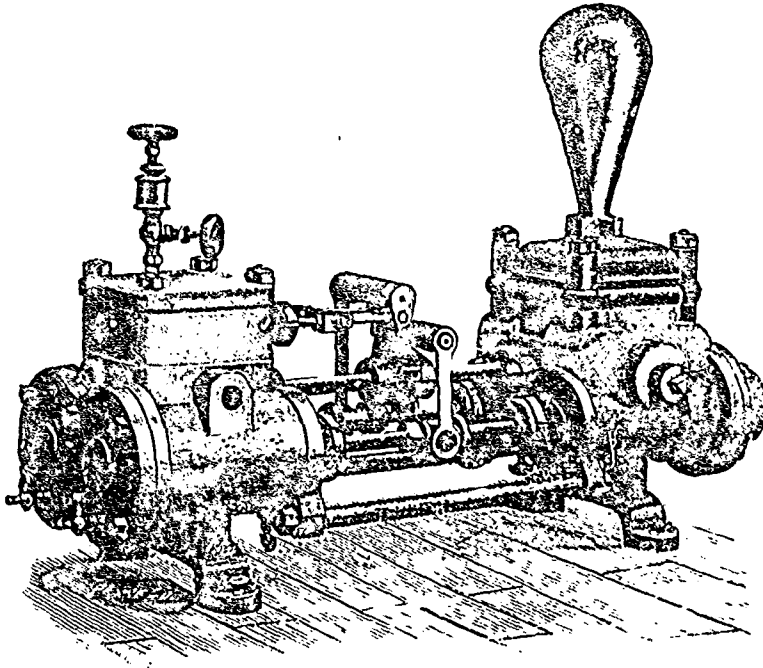
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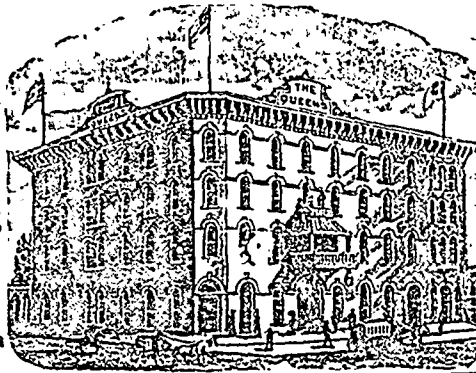
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### Manitoba Dairy School.

The following programme has been prepared for the provincial government dairy school which opens for the winter term in Winnipeg in January: The dairy school will be, as last year, under the direction of C. C. Macdonald, provincial dairy superintendent. The staff of instruction will include director and lecturer; instructor in cheese making; instructor in butter making and milk testing. There will be a cheese makers' and a butter makers' course, and also a farm dairy course. Owing to the unsuitability of the month of March for the farmers' sons and daughters to attend the school, the month of January is set apart for the farm dairy course. This circular will fall into the hands of some who do not intend to become factory operators, but rather dairy farmers. In this course every line of instruction is arranged to give the largest amount of help possible to farmers' sons and daughters, who have but a limited time for study. Thorough instructions will be given in the use of the Babcock milk test and the separation of cream by centrifugal separators. The churning of cream, and working and packing of butter, will constitute a portion of this instruction. The farm dairy courses will begin on the following dates: First Course, Monday, January 4th, 1897, and end January 16th, 1897. Second course, Monday, January 18th, 1897, and end January 31st, 1897.

The cheese and butter makers' course will provide practical work in cheese-making, butter-making, and milk testing. In addition to the practical work, lectures will be given on the following subjects: "Business Management." "The Composition of Milk." "Milk Testing." "The Preparation of Milk for Cheese-Making." "The Separation of Cream from Milk." "Butter Making." "Creamery and Cheese-factory Machinery." "Care of Engine and Boiler." The cheese and butter makers' courses will begin on the following date: first course, Monday, February 1st, 1897, and end February 21st, 1897, second course, Monday, March 1st, 1897, and end March 27th, 1897. Examinations will be held for the different courses. Any person over sixteen years of age who has worked at least one season in a butter or cheese factory, is eligible for admission to the cheese or butter makers' course. A registration fee of \$2 will be charged each student in the butter or cheese makers' course, which will entitle him to eight weeks' tuition during February and March. Tuition is absolutely free to all students coming from the Province of Manitoba. The expense to each student will be the cost of travel to and from Winnipeg and board, while attending the school. Each male student must provide himself with two white suits (including caps and aprons, to be worn in school during working hours. These suits can be obtained without trouble and at small cost. Female students must supply themselves with white caps, and aprons covering the entire dress. All students in every course must attend regularly each day or give a satisfactory excuse for absence. The hours for opening the school, for day operations, will be 9 a.m. A certificate of attendance and application will be granted to each student in the butter and cheese makers courses, who (1) attends all the lectures during each course, (2) is not absent from the school during the hours of work without a reasonable excuse, and (3) shows a desire and capacity to profit by the instructions given.

Each student in the butter or cheese makers' courses, who passes a satisfactory examination at the end of the term and who proves to be a careful and competent cheese maker or butter manager, by successfully conducting a factory during one season after

leaving the school, will thereafter be entitled to a diploma.

All correspondence in reference to the school may be addressed to the Department of Agriculture, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Milk may be received from January 1th to March 22nd. Students who wish to remain during the months of February and March and take both courses, may do so. Forms of application may be had from the Department of Agriculture and Immigration.

### America Holds the Key.

Berthelm, London, England, says of the late advance in wheat:

"This rise, almost for the first time on record, originated here, not in America. This shows that it could have had nothing to do with the manipulation of the American markets for political or other purposes. Its cause is that after several years of abundance, the people now recognize that this year is one of ordinary supply.

"Owing to the previous abundance, everybody held aloof from buying, and the stock ran down. Besides, the Australian crop is pretty certain to be a failure, and there is the extraordinary fact that India has become for the once, though to a small extent, an importer. These things caused the recent advance in prices. The trade always goes to extremes to start with. A reaction, that has occurred, was to be expected, but the cause of the advance remains.

"The men of the most experience in the London market believe that wheat is going to rule at 35 shillings (\$3 75) a quarter (eight bushels in a quarter), because it is now realized in addition to the other reasons I have given that it is not possible to produce wheat in Europe cheaper.

"Argentina does not count in the calculation, because her crop cannot be reckoned on until the end of November. It is now promising, but a week of bad weather might spoil it altogether. If the Argentine crop fails there will be excitement in the trade. If it is a fairly abundant crop it will prevent such excitement. It cannot at best supply us with more than 5,000,000 quarters, which is a bagatelle in the general movement of the world's wheat. Besides the difference in gold premiums means a loss of from 5 to 10 shilling a quarter against the Argentine farmer.

"The continental markets follow us here, and until the present occasion we have followed America.

"For the first time in years America now holds the key to the situation. Every bushel of wheat America can spare will be wanted in Europe. At least 20,000,000 quarters (160,000,000 bushels) will be wanted before the season is over.

"If America could hold back the wheat for a month it would go up 10 shillings (\$2 50) a quarter. But I suppose the American banks do not consider the wheat a commodity on which it is safe to give large accommodations, so that the American trade is obliged to send wheat on as fast as it can.

"The Russian shortage is uncertain, but it is now assumed here that it will be 10,000,000 quarters. We look forward, on the whole, to an active time, with considerable fluctuations, for the moment trade becomes brisk, the speculators rush in and influence the market."

A Champagne rancher, Battleford district, has bought the Queen's hotel at Battleford, in exchange for his rancho property.

The alleged coal fire at Sudbury is creating great interest. Professor Coleman, of Toronto, has made tests for the provincial government and declares the deposit of good quality, but the Ottawa authorities, Dr. Dawson and others, cast doubt on the extent and value of the supposed mine.

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