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WINNIPEG, NOVEMBER 8, 1897.

## WINNIPEG WATER WORKS

A very full discussion of the Winnipeg water works question was had at a special meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade, held Monday last. At the meeting a resolution from the council of the board was submitted. This resolution was given in The Commercial last week. It endorsed the artesian well system, declared in favor of a commission to manage the construction and operation of the works, and asked that the question of the purchase of any portion of the existing system be left to the commission.

As regards the first point, popular opinion seems to be very largely in favor of accepting the decision of the experts in favor of an artesian well system. The third point, regarding the purchase of any portion of the existing system is also a matter which evidently should be left to expert opinion to decide. The average citizen, with the knowledge which he may be able to gain of this question in the ordinary way, can hardly come to a safe conclusion upon this point. Whether the work be constructed by commission or by the council direct, the opinion of experts will have to be mainly relied upon as to what may be done regarding the existing system.

The question as to a commission however, is a business matter upon

which any intelligent business man or other person is capable of forming an opinion for himself. The Commercial is most decidedly in favor of a commission. The council is an elective body, varying from year to year, while there would be a continuity about the commission. The Commercial would further urge, that the conditions existing under our system of civic government, are not such as to render the circumstances favorable to the construction of large civic works to the best advantage. The construction of such an important work not only requires engineering skill, but also close and continuous supervision of a business nature, from a capable person or persons. This is lacking under our municipal system. The Commercial will not enter into any discussion of the matter at length, but we certainly favor the principle of a commission for the water works construction, composed of thoroughly competent persons.

## A FEATURE OF STRIKES

It is reported from London that a strike of cotton operatives is imminent. It is to be hoped means will be found for averting the disaster, for such it would certainly prove. In these days of intense commercial rivalry a prolonged strike in such an important industry would certainly be taken advantage of by Britain's rivals to injure British export trade. While the strike itself would cause immense direct loss to all concerned, the indirect loss of trade through the opportunity given to rivals to seize foreign markets, would perhaps be the worst feature of the situation.

The trouble is over a five per cent. reduction in wages, which the employers say is absolutely necessary. In fact they say that in the present state of the markets there should be a reduction of ten per cent. to enable them to make a profit. It is always a difficult matter, however, to convince operatives of the necessity for a reduction in wages.

## TARIFF PECULIARITIES

What appears to be an anomalous situation in tariff matters is the duty on oats and oatmeal. The duty on oats is ten cents per bushel, and on oatmeal it is 20 per cent ad valorem. It takes four and a half to five bushels of oats to make a sack of oatmeal. The duty on the oats necessary to make a sack of meal would, therefore, be 45 to 50 cents, while at the present price of meal in the United States, the duty on the meal would be about 20 cents.

On account of the high price of oats here compared with other markets, Manitoba oatmeal millers are at a great disadvantage this season. Mil-

lars in Ontario are buying their oats about one-third cheaper than the price of oats here, while the price of oats in Winnipeg is almost double their value at Minneapolis or Chicago. If we must import, it would be better to bring in the oats for milling here and thus keep an important local industry busy, instead of bringing in the meal. It is a pity the tariff could not be arranged to allow of this, temporarily at least. Oats at Minneapolis carry local freights from northern and northwestern points. About the same freight charge would bring them to Winnipeg, from Red River valley points south of the boundary. If the tariff could be arranged to admit oats for milling purposes, no doubt Manitoba millers would be placed in a position to obtain a supply of material which would enable them to compete successfully with outside mills.

## UNNECESSARILY WIDE

A newspaper paragraph says the Portage road is being surveyed preparatory to transferring it from the Dominion to the local government. The object of the survey is to allow of giving a proper description of river lots adjacent thereto. The Portage road is the principal highway leading out of Winnipeg, and it was originally the main trail leading from Winnipeg westward as far as Portage la Prairie. The point The Commercial wishes to make in connection with the transfer of this road to the provincial government is the unwieldy width of the highway. There is no advantage in having such a wide road that we can think of, but there are some disadvantages. In a country where land is so abundant and cheap, it would be perhaps superfluous to speak of the waste of land entailed by our wide roads. At the same time there certainly is a great unnecessary waste of land in these wide country roads. Another point against wide roads is the field which they afford for producing crops of weeds. In wet weather the road-side is cut up by wagons, and thus a place is made for the growth of weeds. It would be a saving to the municipalities to have the wide roads materially reduced. If about half the width of this Portage road were handed back to the property owners along the highway, it would be a benefit to all concerned.

## BICYCLE NUISANCE

The bicycle bell is one of the nuisances of Winnipeg. The law compelling bicyclists to ring a bell, in certain cases, is a most absurd enactment. The bell is a very useful attachment to the bicycle, but its use should be restricted. It is useful when one rider desires to pass another, thereby giving warning to the rider ahead to

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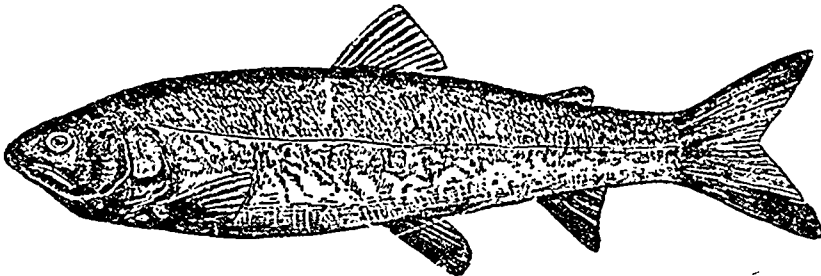
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keep to the right side. The ringing of bells for pedestrians to get out of the way, as practiced in Winnipeg, is a nuisance which should be stopped. Thoughtless young people seem to think that pedestrians have no right on the street, and they dash ahead, keeping up a continual ringing of their bell to notify all concerned to clear the track for them. In ninety cases out of one hundred, the bicyclist could make way easier than the pedestrian, but they care little for this. The way some thoughtless young riders dash along the street; in Winnipeg, ringing their bell every few moments as a notification for some one to get out of their way, is something which should not be put up with. A young man was observed the other day ringing his bell as a notification to a lady to get out of his way. Though he had the full width of Main street in which to dodge the lady, no other obstruction being near at the time, he did not swerve a line from his course. At the same time the lady was obliged to almost run out of the way of the impetuous rider. The writer rides a bicycle, and he therefore feels free to express his mind upon this subject, his opinion being as already expressed, that the bicycle bell is a nuisance as used in Winnipeg.

### Good Credit

An exchange remarks that while commercial agencies are a necessity in this age of electricity, there are too many merchants who attach too much importance to their reports. The reports are probably correct in the main, but it is practically impossible for any one concern, no matter how well represented in every county on the continent, to thoroughly grasp the financial condition of all merchants, with the changes in that condition that are constantly occurring.

A good credit is not always determined by a rating in Dun's or Bradstreet's. Where jobbers or manufacturers know their man personally, or where their trade with that man has been intimate and honorable for years, no agency report on earth could jeopardize the credit standing of that man. Sometimes a dealer worth \$10,000 is less desirable as a customer than the man worth \$1,000. It is the man himself, not the money he possesses, that in most cases determines the extent of the credit he can obtain. If the dealer is known to be rigidly honest, careful in buying and extending credit, firm in collecting, and pays his bills when due, or when forced by unforeseen circumstances to fall behind, explains his situation fully and frankly, he can buy all the goods he needs and few questions will be asked him.

It is the custom of many large concerns not to ask how much property a man has or how much he can pay on short notice, but to demand, to know the habits of the man, both as regards business and morals. If they learn that a dealer is doing a good business, but is engrossed in horse racing or loves poker too well, they limit his credit at once. If, on the other hand, they learn that the dealer is a young man of limited capital, sober, earnest, able, anxious to succeed and careful in all his conduct, they never hesitate to sell him more goods than he could pay for if pushed. Many a merchant has often wondered why his credit was not commensurate with his rating by the commercial agencies, but if he will take into consideration the fact that it is the man and not the money that jobbers and manufacturers sell to whom credit is a part of the transaction, the solution of the problem will be plain to them.—Canadian Trade Review.

### Canada's Lower Duties

The most important publication in the United States devoted to the iron trade, the Iron Age, has in a late issue a letter from Toronto under the heading given above. We give a portion of its conclusions:

"The new tariff, therefore, cannot be properly described as one discriminating against the United States. A further examination of it and of the attitude of the government will completely free it from any suspicion of being anti-American. It is not too much to say, indeed, that it shows a strong pro-American bent. First of all, there is the offer of reciprocity. Next there is the treatment of American products in the general tariff. Of all the changes made in the general tariff the most sweeping were those made in the duties on iron and steel and manufactures thereof. Large slices were taken off most of the old duties, and some of the most important articles, such as mining machinery and—next year—barbed wire, were put on the free list. What foreign country will receive most, if not all, the advantage of this? Clearly the United States. It is true, Britain gets her goods in at a rate of duty now 12 1/2 per cent, and next year 25 per cent less than the general rate, but nobody supposes, the government least of all, that she can ship iron and steel goods into this country against United States competition.

"Looking over the whole list of Canadian imports of iron and steel goods, we find in nearly every article that the balance is enormously in favor of the United States. Even of bar iron, of which until recently we imported altogether from the United Kingdom to supplement our own output, a

larger quantity is now supplied to us from over the line than from Great Britain, our imports of bar iron in the fiscal year ending June 30 last amounting to \$52,827 from Britain and \$66,587 from the United States. Of railway engines, locomotives and parts thereof, we imported in the same year to the value of \$80,147 from the United States and none from Great Britain. Fittings of wrought iron or steel pipe we brought from the United States to the value of \$66,916; from Great Britain to the value of \$1,758. Hardware from the United States amounted to \$261,914; from Great Britain to \$23,891.

"Pig iron from the United States amounted to \$332,212, from Great Britain to \$74,704. Of machines and machinery we import little from any source but the United States. Sewing machines to the value of \$108,958 came last year from the United States while only \$4,839 worth came from Great Britain. In wind mills, fanning mills, portable machines, portable steam engines, portable sawmills and planing mills, sewing machines and typewriting machines, the difference is vastly in favor of the United States, while of "all other machinery composed wholly or partly of iron or steel," we imported from the United States to the value of \$929,016, as against \$154,014 from the United Kingdom."

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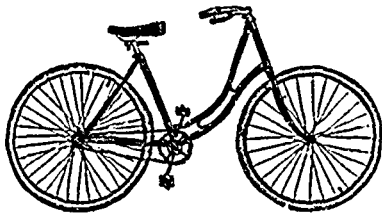
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### CARBERRY

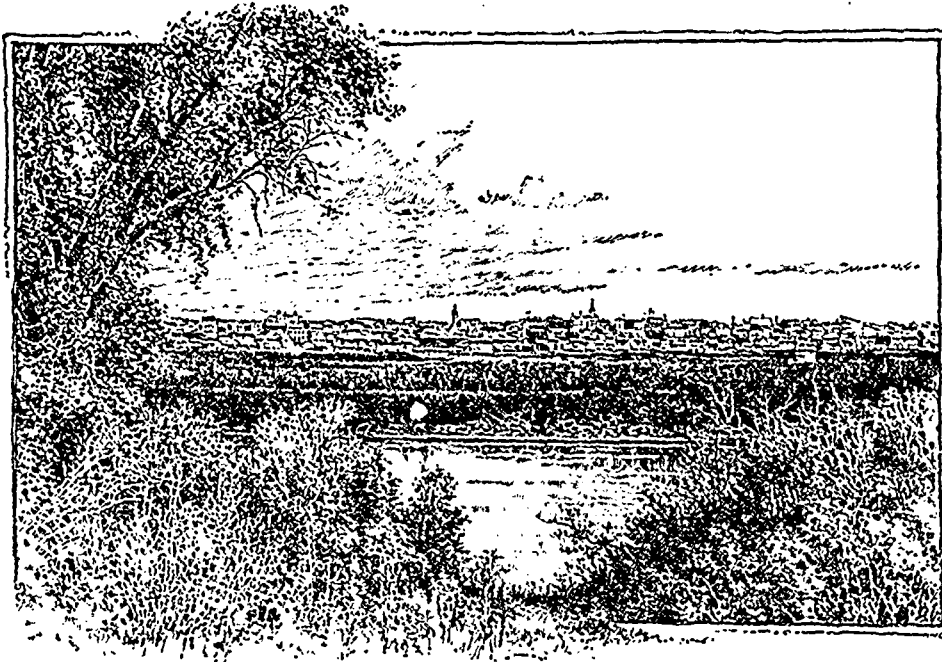
The town of Carberry is essentially a town supported by a wheat growing district. Wheat raising is the principal, almost the only industry of the farming community immediately surrounding the town. That it has been a paying industry for them to engage in is attested by the success which a large majority of the farmers have attained. Those farmers who have become independent are not scattered instances, but the general run of the men who have been settled on land for some time. Many of those are now in a position where they not only do not owe anything but have a substantial balance with the bankers. It is not surprising then to find the business men of the town also in a

another 25x50 brick store erected for him by Mr. Stinson. Three new elevators have been erected this year by the Northern Elevator Co., Brandy, Love & Tryon, and Rogers Bros., the latter the firm which operated the mill recently burned. These three elevators add some 85,000 or 90,000 bushels to the storage capacity and bring the total elevator capacity at this point up to some 230,000 or 240,000 of a total. There are now seven elevators at Carberry, and the long row of massive buildings is a striking feature to the eye of a visitor. It bears eloquent evidence of the magnitude of the wheat growing on the famous Carberry plains. While the average yield is put at fifteen bushels and even as low as 12 per acre and the total amount tributary to this point is less than last year, still the grain men estimate the large total of 600,-

at 15 bushels per acre. There are three elevators here, the Northern and Lake of the Woods Milling Companies, and Mr. Greenwood. The market price at Douglas is always good, the market having the name of being one of the best. There are two good general stores here, Majors & Ros and Berry & Greenwood, a good hotel, a boarding house, a hardware store, Geo. Brock's butcher shop and several other smaller establishments. At Madford P. O., a few miles north, Mr. Madder has carried on a country store for a number of years.

### BRANDON.

The western city is always a busy centre, but this year it is in an abnormally thriving condition even for Brandon. The trade done here has been good all year and while the conditions have changed very much of late years, Brandon still prospers and increases.



A PRIP AT BRANDON

flourishing condition. Trade in so prosperous a community is done so nearly on a cash basis that it must be very satisfactory to the merchants. The bankers jokingly complain that they cannot lend money, every one has plenty. There have been four business places built this year, all of them of brick, and these add considerably to the already substantial street. B. Stewart, the jeweller, has put up a fine two story brick 25x50, which is now completed, all but the finishing touches. W. Fairley has built a 25x 85 brick building beside his dry goods store. He will move his grocery and crockery stock into this, and he has the basement fitted with a bake shop and oven for the bakery branch of his trade. Jas. McPetridge has erected a 25x50 brick building two stories, with basement, which will be leased. F. E. Arkell's drug store is to occupy

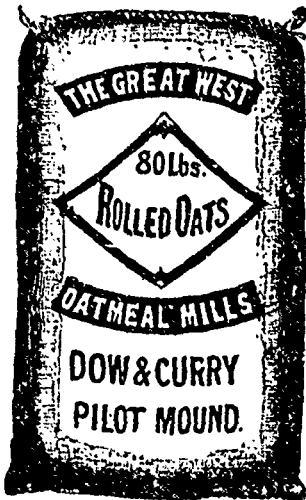
600 will be marketed this year, much of which is already in. There are some nine buyers on the market, all the companies being represented, and several independent buyers as well. A project for the erection of a new mill of 300 barrels capacity, is on foot, and the rural municipality is likely to vote on a large bonus, or loan. The electric light plant, which was formerly furnished with power by the mill has not been re-organized as yet, but probably will be before long.

### DOUGLAS.

This little town is the centre of a wheat growing area of good record. Last year some 350,000 bushels were marketed and this year it is expected that from 275,000 to 300,000 bushels will be taken in. Some farms north and west of Douglas suffered severely from hail this year, but the area was limited. The average crop is placed

Branch lines have cut off much traffic that used to be drawn from a very wide area and the old days when farmers drew wheat even 30 and 40 miles to Brandon market, have gone for ever, and much of the retail trade formerly done here has been diverted to the many small towns which have grown up on the different lines of railroads centering here or running parallel to the main line of the C. P. R. But the lands surrounding the town on each side have passed from the hands of speculators who held largely and these lands are all now cultivated, the area under crop being increased many times over in recent years. A drive north or south from the city is now through a succession of wheat fields of considerable extent, nearly all the land being broken up. This is a radical change from a few years ago, when great stretches of native





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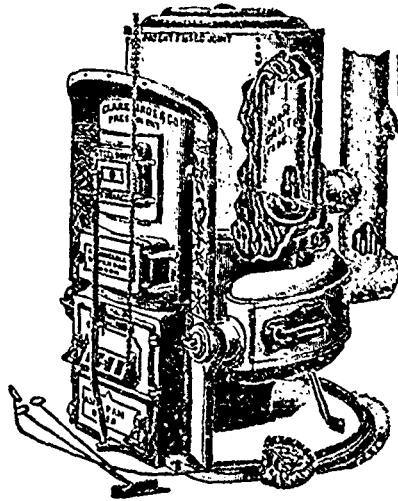


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prairie surrounded the town. These lands have been very successfully devoted to wheat raising and this year the yield has been fully up to the average of the province and better than some districts. The crop is placed conservatively at 13 to 14 bushels per acre and from 600,000 to 800,000 bushels will be near the mark of the total tributary to this point. There are eight or nine elevators and the total elevator capacity is between 350,000 and 375,000 bushels.

Brandon's retail business has not suffered many changes during the past season. Most of the firms remain the same and all, having shared in the general prosperity, are on a satisfactory basis. Of business blocks, little change has been made. Rosser avenue has in the past few years been built up till it presents an almost unbroken front of substantial brick buildings, many faced with stone and all with handsome plate glass fronts. Practically the only building is a large brick block in course of erection at the corner of 9th street and Rosser avenue, which, when completed will be occupied by the Johnston Hardware company. Considerable improvement has been done in residence property. Much attention is being paid to the planting of trees and laying out of grounds, so that Brandon is rapidly increasing her reputation as a very pretty town, which the natural advantages of the site are well qualified to maintain.

#### SOME BRANDON INDUSTRIES.

One of the oldest and most important industries of Brandon is the mill of Alexander Kelly & Co. This firm now have two large elevators and some other storage capacity, besides having another elevator leased. The capacity of the flour mills is 320 barrels daily and the oatmeal mill also owned by the same firm has a capacity of 100 barrels daily. Their products which are of excellent quality find ready market both east and west.

Situated not far from these mills on the Assiniboine flats are two other important industries, the Assiniboine Lumber company and the Hanbury Manufacturing company. The Assiniboine Lumber company, of which John A. Christie is the head, has been running steadily night and day all season, cutting over 5,000,000 feet of spruce and tamarac. They have also been turning out a large order of sawn ties for the G. N. W. C. railway. The mill and yards require the services of no less than 110 men, a very important factor in the labor market of the town. Many of these men find continuous work with the firm by going into the woods in the winter. Already gangs of men are in the company's limits, away northwest on the Assiniboine river, preparing the camps for

the coming winter's work. There will be five distinct camps in the woods this season and the company will employ about 200 men. The output of lumber which is all surfaced and sized at the mills finds ready market both east and west, on the main line, and on the Souris and Pipestone branches and up the G. N. W. C. The company has branch yards at Deloraine, Hamiota, Griswold and Souris. They handle pine and B. C. fir and cedar as well.

The Hanbury Manufacturing Co. has a very large and complete planing mill and sash and door factory. They make all kinds of turned work, house finishing material, shop and office fittings. Besides a large retail trade and contracting in Brandon this firm has an extensive jobbing trade to all points surrounding Brandon and for a considerable distance west. Mr. Jno. Hanbury, long engaged in business in Brandon, is head of the firm.

The Brandon Machine Works, now owned by Matheson Bros., is an important institution on a thorough business basis and doing a rapidly increasing trade in the making and repairing of all kinds of machinery. Engines and boilers are fitted up and set up. Casting is done and all branches of the business are carried on.

A very important industry established this year is the Brandon felt and shoe factory. It is owned by Senkbell Bros., and is now in operation. A large building on Rosser avenue east, has been fitted up especially for the manufacture. An extensive plant of expensive machinery has been imported direct from Germany, where felt manufacture and the making of felt goods has so long been carried on that it has been reduced to a science. Senkbell Bros. are both workers and men of successful business experience. They will soon be running full capacity and by February will be employing thirty or forty hands. They will have their felt goods on the market this season. The article they manufacture is a pure wool felt from native western wool, and judging from the goods already turned out the quality is very superior. The machinery is the best and latest improved obtainable and using wool only and employing skilled hands they are bound to turn out a No. 1 article. They will manufacture all kinds of felt boots and shoes, required for the winter season and will make also harness felt, etc. They have paid as high as 12 cents for wool and have already bought several thousand dollars' worth. This will be an important element in making a home market for wool and encouraging the production of it.

Another new industry established during the past year is the Cleverly & Ferguson Ginger Ale works, which

has been running since June, '96. They turn out a very good article in the ordinary aerated waters and make several special brands of their own. They are working up a good trade in Brandon and vicinity and west and the popular demand for their drinks during the warm season kept them busy filling orders. They have the best machinery and expect to enlarge considerably to meet next season's demand.

An industry which has been quietly developing for some years is Somerville & Co.'s marble and granite works, which has now such a large business that three travellers are constantly on the road and the shops employ ten men. The most complete and up-to-date machinery is used. The only pneumatic system in use in the west is installed in these shops. A system of tubing like the gas-fittings for a house or shop is connected with a powerful air-compressing engine, which in turn is driven by a steam engine. Rubber tubes lead from the pipes to the various work benches, and these connect with a patent chisel in the hands of the workman, who controls the air pressure, letting it on or off at pleasure, much the same as steam is turned on in an engine, only the workman merely presses a knob on the tool he holds in his hand. The result is wonderful—the chisel being driven with great force, and yet the most delicate tracery can be executed. All the old hammer and chisel hand work is done away with.

#### September Bank Statement

The bank statement for September always shows in its leading features the effect of financial conditions created by the harvest. Whether business is under depression, or is prosperous, the addition made to it when the crops begin to move to market is invariably a prominent feature in the bank returns at this season. This is more especially the case when a general revival of business coincides with a good harvest, as when confidence is returning and hope reviving, these conditions put trade in its most favorable state for being stimulated, just as a wind swells the tide when it blows in the same direction, though the tide flows in even when the wind is contrary to its course.

We find this to have been the case last month, as is shown by the circulation rising from \$34,454,000 in August to \$38,616,000 in September, which is the highest point yet reached by the note issues.

In total volume and in increase for the month, September, 1897, stands out conspicuously as larger than the month's circulation in preceding years. The distribution of over four millions of dollars in one month cannot but have added largely to the store-re-

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ceipts of retailers whose confidence in an increased demand for goods having set in, is shown by enlarged imports. The deposits were only slightly increased last month, those on demand having gone up from \$74,949,000 to \$76,136,000, and those payable after notice from \$135,069,000 to \$135,683,000, the aggregate increase of deposits being \$1,801,000. We expect to see the amount of these funds very greatly enlarged in the current year in spite of the interest on them being reduced. The addition made to notes and cheques on other banks of \$1,181,000 shows how much more money is passing between the banks. The recent spurt in Stock Exchange business is reflected in an increase of \$700,000 in call loans. Current loans and discounts rose from \$202,457,000 to \$206,779,000, which is an unusually large advance, the usual addition being much the same as in circulation, viz. about two millions, the relation between discounts and notes being closer in September than in other seasons. As much is being said of the recent development of Canadian credit attention may be drawn to our comparative table which gives the bank return for September, 1887. From that statement we find the bank deposits of the Canadian people to have been increased over one hundred millions of dollars in the last ten years, and their discounts sixty millions, a condition which we submit to be a substantial cause for increase in credit, as it shows how rapidly Canada is advancing in wealth, and independence of outsiders for borrowed capital. The outflow of exports is promising to exceed any previous season's, the proceeds of which will give activity to every branch of business.—Montreal Journal of Commerce.

#### Wheat Prices and Outlook.

A revival in the foreign demand for American wheat during the week, together with somewhat confusing rumors about decreased stocks of wheat abroad, which is not only unlikely but untrue, had the effect of starting up the price of wheat again. The favorite future, December, once more touched the dollar mark and for some inexplicable psychological reason the fact was greeted with cheers by brokers and other onlookers.

The additional bull influences found in reports of damage to the crop in Australia form one of the humors of the bull and bear campaign. Australia's most optimistic wheat experts have thought they might have 8,000,000 bushels of wheat for export after January 1, 1898; but those usually regarded as more conservative do not believe the island continent will be able to export any wheat from this harvest.

The bull side of the American wheat market requires no straining to bolster it. All it needs is to get the news regarding the probable supply and demand and then digest it. To those who do not want or appreciate facts as a basis of long-range speculation this will probably not appeal. There are, unfortunately, many such and it will interest them to learn that the real speculators are the bell-wethers, those after whom the rest follow in an effort to get on the right side of the market. The actual leaders, naturally, are bulls this year; not for sentimental reasons or because they "guess" the crop is short, but because every bit of statistical evidence goes to show that before the end of the current cereal year wheat will be scarcer and in freer demand throughout the world than for some years.

The world has been living on unsuspected excesses of wheat reserves for several years, the existence of which is indicated by several manifest underestimates of the domestic wheat crop by the agricultural bureau, including its understatement of the size of the crop just harvested. The fact that better informed independent observers place the American wheat crop in 1897 at nearly 590,000,000 bushels seems to be an insurmountable obstacle to an advance in wheat prices, in the minds of those who are only partially informed. They overlook the general agreement between the best informed European statisticians, that wheat-importing countries in general will need to buy many more millions of bushels this year than in any recent year. The paltry increase of 50,000,000 bushels or 100,000,000 bushels in the American crop will not have an effect in offsetting the deficiency sufficient to create a price-depressing influence and means merely so much more money for the American farmer and hauler of the crop on its way into consumption. That this has been realized by the foreigner is made plain by his purchase of more than 70,000,000 bushels of American wheat (and flour) during the past thirteen weeks, an average of about 5,400,000 bushels a week, a record in this line never before equaled.

The late reaction in the price of wheat was one of those phenomena which is explained to the ordinary wayfaring man as being natural after the prolonged advance—in fact healthful—in order to permit the bulls to take profits, to sell down with the market and then buy for another upward turn.

The recently stimulated export movement with renewed chartering has evidently reminded the trade that Europe will require all our surplus, even if our crop should prove as large as 600,000,000 bushels, and with the

help of vaporings about shorter stocks abroad and damage to the crop in Australia, up goes the price to the dollar mark again, something which was bound to happen as soon as facts which have been plain to the few could be assimilated by the many. The only thing about wheat prices which could surprise those who know how much wheat will be wanted and how relatively small the supplies are would be its refusal to rise well above the interminable "dollar mark."—Bradstreet's.

#### Substitute for Wheat

Orange Judd Farmer says:

Among the influences which go to make up wheat values a new one has appeared. This is the increased substitution of corn, rye and other cheap cereals for wheat. To what extent 25c corn and barley, 35c rye, and 20c oats displace 75c wheat cannot be known exactly, but testimony points to the unquestioned use in this manner. It is now apparent this has entered to a degree in miscalculating the amount of wheat and flour foreign countries will take, to say nothing of home requirements. Our exports of wheat have fallen off materially, in spite of a known deficiency in European stocks of breadstuffs, while our foreign shipments of cheap but wholesome corn and oats keep up wondrously. Nor are the whispers without background to the effect that certain of our home millers are mixing corn flour with wheat flour and selling under the latter name. This increased use of other cereals is not without much merit, yet if it continues will ultimately necessitate a readjustment of the putative bread requirements, so far as wheat is concerned.

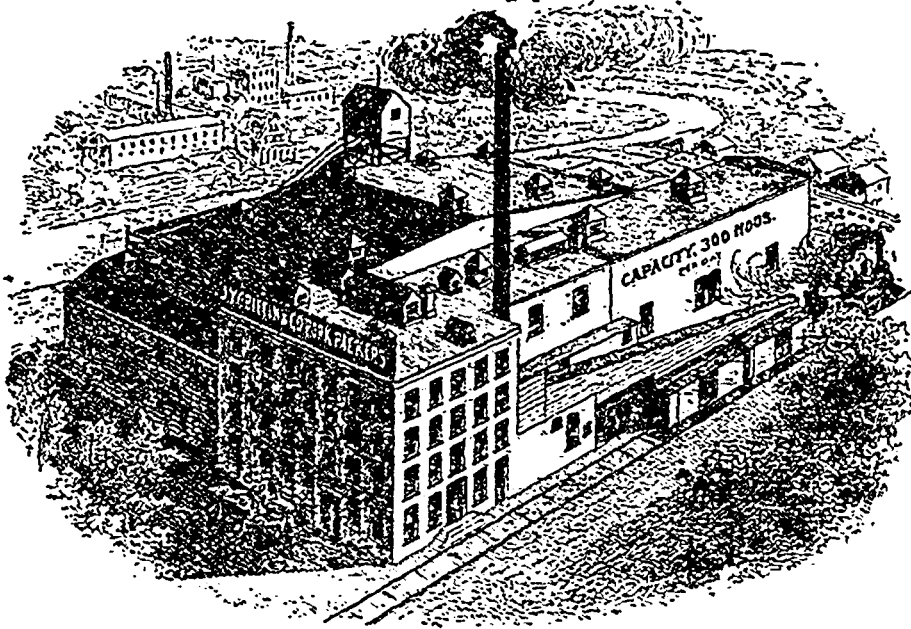
#### Feed Value of Oil Cake.

Farmers in Manitoba do not appear to appreciate oil cake at its full value as a feed product. This year, with feed grains short in supply, it might be supposed that oil cake would be in demand. Most of the product of the Winnipeg mill, however, is being shipped to eastern Canada or exported to Great Britain. Oil cake is a most valuable product for feeding live stock, and this year at least, with grain prices high, it might certainly be utilized at home to a greater extent than heretofore.

#### Duty on Postal Packages.

There seems to be some misunderstanding regarding the duty on postal packages of trifling value. The new Canadian tariff, as first introduced, made provision for the admission free of duty of articles sent by mail, of a less value than 50 cents. This concession was later withdrawn. Recently a paragraph has been going

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the rounds of the press to the effect that postal packages of a less value than 50 cents would be delivered free of duty, the withdrawal of the provisions in the new tariff to that effect having evidently been overlooked. In clipping this paragraph from an eastern exchange The Commercial made the same error, which we now correct. All articles and packages coming through the mail must pay duty, if dutiable under the tariff, no matter how trifling the value of each may be.

### British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, Nov. 1.—There are few changes in the market this week. In dairy produce eastern eggs remain the same, but local eggs are very scarce, wholesaling at 30 and 35 cents and retailing at 40 cents. Manitoba cheese is quoted by retailers at 11-12 and 12 cents. In the produce market Ashcroft potatoes, which are considered much superior to the ordinaries are selling at \$19.50 wholesale. Fruits have become very scarce. The flour market is advancing, but present prices are about right for this week. Oats are still quoted at \$16 and \$18, \$16 being the price for oats slightly off color. It is said oats are weak at these prices as they have dropped \$3 on the Sound and are now selling there at \$17.50. The highest price paid for new oats here has been \$20, some five weeks ago, and then quoted at that price in the Commercial. That price was paid for oats by parties who were anxious to get them and were willing to pay the price asked rather than wait for the inevitable drop. Since that time lower prices have prevailed and for the past three weeks oats have been delivered at Vancouver at from \$17 to \$18. To demonstrate that oats are not firm at these prices on the day this letter is written, Oct. 29th, 50 tons of A1 oats have been purchased by a local dealer at \$16, but as before stated the \$16 heretofore quoted represented oats slightly off color.

### British Columbia Mining Notes.

It is officially stated that the Golden Cache mill will start again on November 1st.

The Macey Spinner mill is about completed. They have obtained a depth in the vein of 125 feet, although the vein can be traced on the surface the full distance of the claim.

Active development work is being pushed on the Excelsior claim, next to the Golden Cache. Two tunnels are now being driven and as depth is attained the vein has widened very much and has become much richer. One wall is lost and the quartz matter is twenty feet wide. Drillings were recently assayed and went nearly \$70 to the ton. Free gold is visible in No. 2 tunnel.

Great satisfaction is expressed at news from Harrison Lake mines owing to their proximity to the coast cities. The Fire Lake and Fire Mountain properties are being actively developed and the results from the latter are perhaps better than from any free milling property yet reported upon as in almost every instance actual milling of large parcels has taken place. Twenty-eight hundred pounds put through an amalgamating machine gave actual returns of \$75, while \$8.66 was found to be in the tailings. It is interesting to find that the concentrates were absolutely nil—.017 per cent., proving that British Columbia contained high grade ore absolutely free milling. Practically the same results from the same mine were obtained from sampling works at Nevada and San Francisco.

### Routes to the Yukon.

To the Editor of The Commercial.

Your Klondyke edition of the 18th instant, is very good indeed, and will assist very materially to call the attention of the different boards of trade, and the business men of Canada generally, to the urgency of opening the only all Canadian, all the year around route that can be got, at less expense, and more direct, and more beneficial to the Dominion at large, than any other, either east, or west, of the Rocky Mountains, namely: via Edmonton, Peace and Liard rivers, and Pelly Banks.

The route proposed by the Canadian Pacific railway via Stikkeen River is not an all Canadian route, no matter how they may advertise it as such. When operated, the farmers and merchants of the United States Pacific coast will get the benefit, and the Canadian farmers and merchants next to nothing.

The opening of the all Canadian route via Edmonton, would develop the Peace River region, which Dr. Dawson claims is capable of growing four hundred million bushels of wheat per annum, and is a good grazing country, in addition to which, from there on, the whole of the route, clean through to the Klondyke is a mineral belt, with the chances, according to Dr. Selwyn, of making just as rich finds of gold, as have yet been made in the Yukon.

The Dominion cabinet, so far, remain dead to the fact, that Canada, and everything British, should have the advantage in every way possible. The cabinet however are working in every way it knows how to develop the Pacific route via Dyea and other coast routes passing through United States territory to oblige the United States farmer and merchant as much as possible, and therefore stop the Canadian farmer and merchant. Three millions of dollars was about the sum spent among the farmers and merchants of the United States, all for the Yukon trade this year. Canadian farmers and merchants trade for the same source, reached about two hundred thousand dollars. This was all owing to want of a proper all Canadian route from the east of the Rocky mountains.

They should, 1st. Charge a royalty of twenty per cent. on all gold mined in the Yukon by every United States or other alien, throwing off any royalty from any Canadian, or other British subject; also the iniquitous reservation of the alternate claims, which will be used for boodle to particular friends.

2nd. Open up at once the only all Canadian route (via Edmonton) east of the Rockies, and give the farmers and wholesale men of the Dominion a chance to do what they should be doing, the lion's share of the trade, in our own country—the Yukon. If the merchants and producers do not take up the cry and push it, their names will be — “DENNIS.”

### The Lumber Trade.

The recent advance in window glass made by manufacturers, and afterwards by jobbers of the United States, at their meeting in Chicago recently, is resulting in a stiffening in the price of glazed sash.

Graham, Horne & Co., are getting out 10,000,000 feet of logs this winter and will operate their mills at Fort William next season. They cut all their logs at Duluth this year, thus leaving their Fort William mills idle. The operation of the mills next season will help business at the Fort very materially.

The Rat Portage Lumber company, who recently opened a branch warehouse in Winnipeg for their sash and door department, and later bought out the sash and door business here of H. Byrnes, have decided to carry on the business in the premises lately occupied by Mr. Byrnes, on the Canadian Pacific railway track, Point Douglas avenue east. They will keep the warehouse on Lombard street for storage purposes, the track premises being too small for their stock. J. C. Graham is in charge of the Winnipeg business of the company. The sash and door factory at Rat Portage will be kept running full force all winter.

The Minneapolis Lumberman says: The demand for shingles is not now as active as it was a month ago. Stocks of white pine shingles are badly broken, but there is not now the call for them that there was. Red cedar shingles from the west coast are moving slowly, and the prices are much weaker than they were some time ago. There is danger of the red cedar shingle market being badly demoralized before spring trade begins by the mills continuing to manufacture during the winter, thus forcing an over production of shingles on the market. White cedar shingles are in favor, but cannot be had in large quantities.

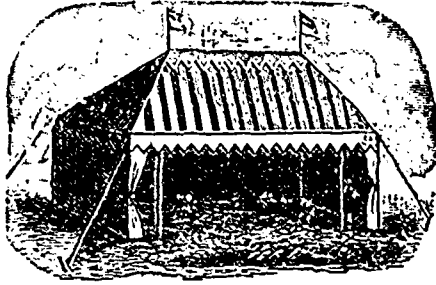
The lumber cut of the Ottawa valley mills this season has been computed to be 657,000,000 feet, divided among twenty-two concerns. The largest operators and their output this season are as follows: J. R. Booth & Co., 115,000,000 feet; McLaughlin Bros., 85,000,000 feet; the Hull Lumber Co., 55,000,000 feet; the Branson & Weston Lumber Co., 50,000,000 feet; the Hawkesbury Lumber Co., 50,000,000 feet. The output of the Ottawa Valley mills next season will likely be much lower, owing to the United States tariff on lumber which will curtail exports.

The agricultural department, Ottawa, has issued a bulletin for distribution to farmers, on tuberculosis in cattle, interested parties should procure a copy of this bulletin by addressing the department.

“Farm Life in the Selkirk Colony,” by Rev. R. G. MacBeth and “The Lake of the Woods,” by Rev. Dr. Bryce, have been issued in pamphlet form by the Manitoba Historical and Scientific Society.

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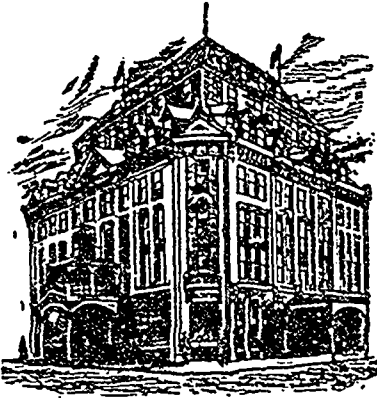


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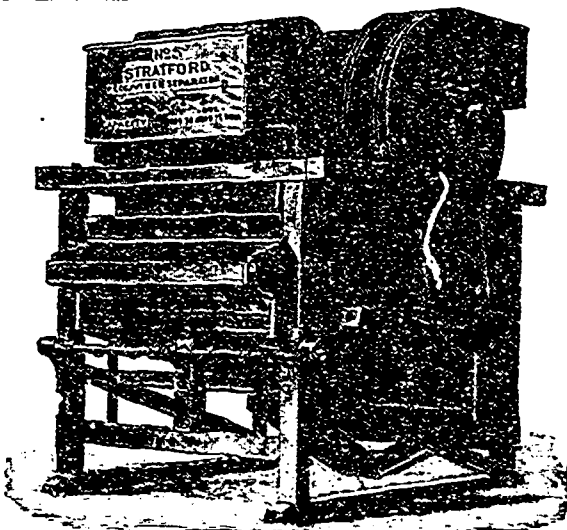
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A London, England correspondent, says: Sable, mink, chinchilla, caracule, Russian fox, Thibet goat and a goodly amount of skunk will all be used as trimmings for our winter garments. Coats will be of the three-quarters length though, at the same time, short sac blouse coats will be tremendously worn, and how delightfully smart they always look! Capes also are three-quarter length, but here again fashion is kind and allows us to wear shorter ones when we like. But the pelisse, in a handsome material, and trimmed with the most beautiful fur that money can buy, finished with a belt of costly jewels, is a garment de luxe, and one which we all pine to possess.

The New York Fur Trade Review gives the following cable report of prices at C. M. Lampson & Co.'s fur sales, held in London on October 26 and 27:

Black bear, 20 per cent higher than in March, 1897; red fox, 20 per cent higher than in March, 1897; lynx, 7 1-2 per cent lower than in March, 1897; wild cat, 7 1-2 per cent, lower than in March, 1897; house cat, 7 1-2 per cent lower than in March, 1897; dry hair seal, 35 per cent higher than in March, 1897; wombat, 15 per cent, higher than in June, 1897; wallaby, silvery white sides, furriers', 10 per cent lower than in June, 1897; wallaby, other sorts than above, same as June, 1897; brown, grizzly, and Russian bear, same as March, 1897; otter, same as in March, 1897; Australian opossum, same as in June, 1897; raccoon, 5 per cent lower than March, 1897; skunk, 12 1-2 per cent lower than in March, 1897; marten, 10 per cent higher than in March, 1897; wolf, 10 per cent higher than in March, 1897; muskrat, spring, 10 per cent lower than in January, 1897; muskrat, fall, 15 per cent higher than in January, 1897; muskrat, winter, same as in January, 1897; mink, gray fox, wolverine and best Russian sable same as in March, 1897; beaver, same as in January, real chinchilla, same as in June; inferior Russian sable, 10 per cent lower than in March; bastard chinchilla, 7 1-2 per cent higher than in June, N. A. rabbits, 70 per cent higher than in March, 1897.

**Dry Goods Trade.**

In the United States cotton fabrics show a generally weaker tone, which is due in part to the decline in raw material. The latter has declined 11-2c or more since the new crop began to be marketed, but is yet above the parity of cost compared with prices obtained for the manufactured fabric. Raw wool is yet far above in price what is asked for manufac-

tured goods, and the market price will be gradually worked up to that basis.

The protected cotton industry in France is relieving its congested warehouses in England, offerings of French piece goods being made there at extremely low prices, and in most instances below cost. The makers it is said have banded themselves together, and are prepared to lose up to \$125,000 in the clearance.

The Retail Dry Goods Association of the province of Quebec have renewed the signatures of the Montreal wholesale trade to an agreement signed some years ago, which obliges the latter not to sell at retail to people not in the trade, in which is included tailors, dressmakers and milliners who keep no show windows and do not pay commercial taxes, also the friends and relations of wholesale employees "even those whose parents are merchants in the city or country." The violation of this obligation, so the members of the association say, brings considerable damage to the retail trade, and deprives them of the profits which would enable them to meet their engagements. The agreement is signed by all the representative local dry goods firms.

**Teas.**

Advices from London on Ceylon teas are very firm, and state that there is no stock to be had now under 7d c. f. & i. Indian teas are also very firm. At Montreal pingsueys are scarce. A sale of a lot of 350 packages of early crop Japans was placed at 16c around lot of packing at 13c and Congos at 13c and 15c. Advices from Yokohama, state that the pick is very poor crop and that a large part of it will be unable to pass the United States inspection. The arrivals of Kobe and Yokohama to the date mentioned was 1,200 piculs in excess of the arrivals last year at the end of November, and the settlements were 4,000 piculs short of those at same time last year. This is due to the fact that teas were rushed from the country earlier in the season on account of the demand for teas to fill United States orders before the question of duty was settled, and prices being forced up the farmers naturally desired to dispose of their teas to the best advantage. Expectations that the Japan crop will exceed that of last year will hardly be realized as the farmers were obliged to stop picking the leaf on the 31st of August on account of a new regulation which had been enforced by the Tea Guild.

**California Raisins**

In reviewing the raisin situation on the coast the "California Fruit Grower" says: "Growers hold the key to the situation and are taking care of the raisins and the market as best they can. The packing houses are being operated in a limited way on early orders and a few sweatbox goods are being purchased at 3c to 3 1-4c to fill the few orders that are coming to hand. Growers generally are holding for 3 1-2c in the sweat box, although a few sales are reported on the basis of 3c, 4 1-4c and 5c for two, three and four crown, in 50-lb boxes, respectively. It is claimed that these prices simply cover packing charges for 3 3-4c sweatbox goods. The low priced raisins sold early in the season are being distributed and answer nicely the purpose of demoralizing the market. Growers are evidently determined to prevent if pos-

sible the market from going lower, and at a meeting held in Fresno on Saturday last they very generally agreed to a plan of stemming and packing their loose raisins in 50-lb boxes, placing them in warehouses and accepting a loan from the local banks of 2c, 2 1-2c and 3c per pound on two three and four crown goods respectively. Packers are carrying a few raisins for which they paid 3 1-4c to 3 1-2c in the sweatbox, and they are evidently waiting for the trade to take hold."

**Wheat Supplies**

Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:

Montreal	396,000
Toronto	52,000
Kingston	12,000
Winnipeg	211,000
Manitoba elevators	4,260,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	1,665,000

Total, Oct. 23... 6,586,000

Total stocks in United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's, on Oct. 23, was 38,506,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 73,337,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the mountains on October 30, was 26,969,000 bushels, being an increase of 2,345,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 58,650,000 bushels, two years ago 52,990,000 bushels, three years ago 80,027,000 bushels, four years ago 71,396,000 bushels.

**Manitoba Wheat Movement.**

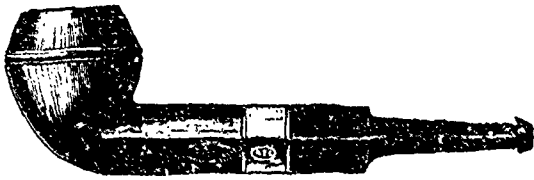
Receipts of wheat at Fort William for the week ending October 30, aggregated 840,314 bushels, the shipments by water from that port were 524,961 bushels, and the quantity in store at Fort William was 1,685,679 bushels. About 5,000,000 bushels of wheat were in store at interior elevators in Manitoba, making about 7,000,000 bushels at interior points, milling plants and Fort William combined. A year ago stocks at the same points were about 6,000,000 bushels.

**Dairy Market.**

Montreal advices report a very unsatisfactory situation in dairy goods, particularly cheese. It is said that offers of finest Ontario cheese for export, have been made as low as equal to 8 1-2c Montreal. Even 8c has been reported for Quebec cheese by cable, though actual business on this basis is denied at Montreal. Regarding the situation the Montreal Gazette says:

"It is curious in the face of these remarkably low offers, that other shippers have been doing a fair regular trade in finest Ontario goods over the cable at the equivalent of 9c to 9 1-4c, individual firms having goods going forward this week, on that basis aggregating 6,000 boxes or so. To be plain these low offers can be set down to speculation, and most likely come under the caption not of straight goods." The butter market continues dull and heavy. Shippers are sellers of September creamery at 18 1-2c, and can only get bids of 18c, which they are not disposed to accept yet, whatever they may do in the future."





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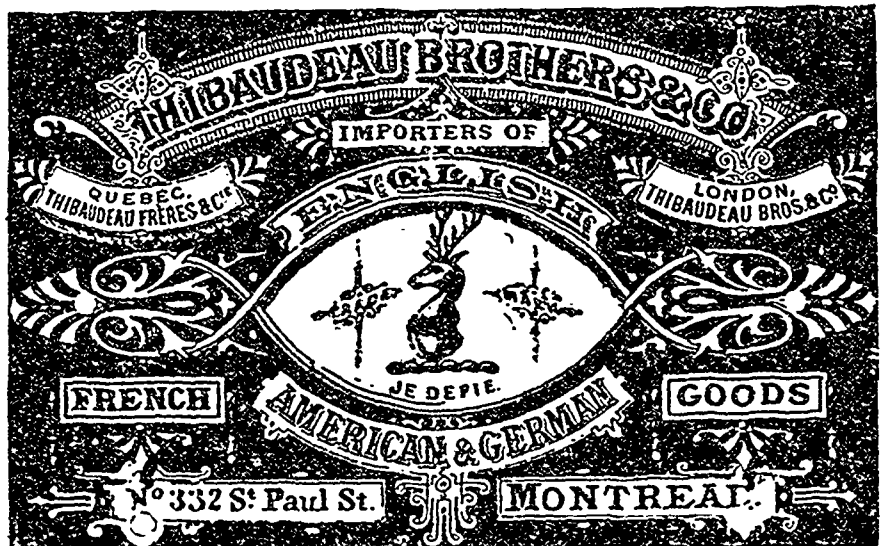
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### Chat About British Columbia.

Mr. A. H. Scaife, editor of the *Victoria Province*, one of the strongest journals of British Columbia, is in the city on his way to England, where he will spend the next six months. En route he has visited the Kootenay and Slocan districts, as well as most of the important points this side of the mountains, and will spend a few weeks in Ottawa, Toronto, and Montreal before sailing for the old land.

Mr. Scaife is particularly interested in the mining sections of Southern British Columbia, and his visit to the mining region was made for the express purpose of studying the mining situation at first hand. "Without exception," said Mr. Scaife, "the plants I visited have lost all evidence of any impractical boom spirit, and the properties are being developed on common sense business principles, which indicates firm confidence in the future of the country, and a positive knowledge of the resources at hand. The great problem now facing the Rossland miner is the profitable treatment of low grade ore, of which practically unlimited quantities are on the dump and in sight in the mines. It is too important a question to remain long unsolved, and the best scientific talent of the world is engaged upon it. Cyanide process works are now being erected in Rossland by an English company, and it is rather soon to speak of the success of the method, but if the result is not a solution of the problem, it will act as a spur to further effort in that direction.

"In the Slocan there are galena mines now yielding a profit of from \$30,000 to \$40,000 a month, that are unheard of and unknown outside of the immediate neighborhood.

"The various smelters are running full time and have more business than they can handle, and though there are men idle the number of the unemployed is relatively small, the opening of small properties, an almost daily occurrence, yielding a field for laboring men.

"A healthy and satisfied feeling prevails throughout the whole region and a buoyant, hopeful spirit, which even the stories of the Klondyke cannot disturb, seem to be the general state of affairs.

"The Klondyke rush is having considerable effect upon the coast cities is it not?

"It has helped business in Vancouver and Victoria very much. I came through Seattle and Spokane on my way eastward and found the greatest excitement prevailing. The hotels were full of prospective Klondykers, the success of a few returned miners seeming to have sent the people off their heads. Seattle claims to be the only outfitting city on the coast, but the Canadian cities still hold a good share of the trade, and as Canadians are now giving proper attention to the packing and putting up of miners' supplies there is no doubt but they will do a remarkable business in this line."

"Does the prosperity so marked on the coast seem confined to the mining districts?"

"Not at all. Five years ago I travelled across the prairies and not having seen them since, the difference between then and now was most noticeable. Then the crops were bad and prices low, now the crops are good and prices high. Elevators are crammed to their utmost capacity and in many instances grain is stacked along side. Long processions of farmers' wagons

are to be seen on the trails bringing in the products of the farm, none of which I saw on the occasion of my former visit. The buildings throughout the country are of a more substantial character. New hotels have replaced the former poor class of houses and the country generally wears an air of prosperity. The greatest change, however, is noticeable in your own city. The newer portions of the place are hardly recognizable, especially Broadway, which on the occasion of my first visit could not even boast a car line. The absence of the horse cars is not the least of the improvements. To a visitor after an absence of five years the change is simply phenomenal."

In answer to a question on British Columbia politics Mr. Scaife said that from the feeling he had observed to predominate in the Slocan and Kootenay the chances of the return of the present government to power are remarkably slim. The province is ripe for a change, just as the Dominion was in June, 1896. When asked as to who would be the probable leaders of the opposition Mr. Scaife replied that he was not at liberty to mention names, but he felt assured that when the time arrived there would be capable men ready to come forward to champion the good cause.

In regard to the Klondyke Mr. Scaife is of the opinion from indications that the gold is not limited to the small districts already known, but that along the proposed route via Teslin Lake and Telegraph Creek deposits will be found equal to, if not greater than those already discovered in the Yukon.

### British Columbia Business Notes

S. A. Barstow, is opening a brewery at Rossland.

E. F. Holt, second-hand goods, is selling out his stock.

A new paper, the *Trout Lake Topics*, has made its appearance.

H. J. Starforth, baker, has admitted G. Bligh as a partner.

G. O. Tighe, of Cowan, Tighe & Wilt, brokers, Trail, is dead.

A. T. Chadwick, hotel, Coal Creek, is applying for a license.

W. H. Graham, boots and shoes, Nelson, has assigned to H. G. Neelands.

W. Ramsay & Son, confectionery, Vancouver, has sold out to Frank Ellison.

Alexander & Erickson, hotel, Slocan City, have dissolved, Erickson continues.

Buchanan & Wilson, general store, Nelson, are succeeded by Kirkpatrick & Wilson.

W. M. Drum & Co., men's furnishings, Slocan City, have opened a branch at New Denver.

Golden Bros, men's furnishings and shoes, Sandon, have dissolved, F. J. Golden continues.

The spring and fall yield of wheat in the Okanagan Valley has been very satisfactory this season, averaging 1,600 pounds to the acre.

T. J. Scullian, of Kaslo, will open a grocery store at Nelson. He was lately manager of McArthur's furniture store at the former place.

R. P. Ritchet & Co. will extend their wharves at the Victoria outer harbor, to accommodate the increase in shipping, which is expected in the spring.

McMillan & Hamilton, wholesale commission and produce, Vancouver, have admitted John Choldritch as

partner in their Nakusp branch, and changed style to John Choldritch & Co.

Deputations have been appointed by various municipal councils and boards of trade to urge the provincial government to grant a bonus of \$4,000 per mile for a road from Vancouver to Boundary Creek.

The C. P. R. are to start almost immediately, extending their wharves 500 feet, to accommodate the anticipated increase in shipping next spring. At present the wharves are much too small for the business done.

A crab canning industry has been started up on Burrard Inlet with apparent success. A number of Chinese are employed, and from 1,000 to 2,000 crabs a day are boiled and canned. It has often been said that the B. C. crab is as good eating as the lobster of the maritime provinces. A large number of crabs per year are consumed in British Columbia.

### Grocery Trade Notes.

Advices from London are very firm on peels of all sorts especially citron peel.

Cables from London on Sultana fruit were 3s to 4s higher, and firm values are expected to rule on them as Smyrna advices are reported to be still higher.

Ottawa is making an attempt to induce Mr. Lever, the English soap manufacturer, to establish the proposed Canadian branch of the Sunlight Soap company in that city. It is proposed to establish one factory in Canada and one in the United States, to get over the duty charges.

The enormous damage done by the frost in Florida a few years ago may be inferred from the statement that Florida will produce 250,000 boxes of oranges this season, while before the freeze the annual production was 5,000,000 boxes. It will take four years longer for the growers to recover.

The catch of Newfoundland and Labrador codfish is very light and prices of green cod have advanced 25c to 50c per barrel at Montreal in consequence.

The *Montreal Gazette* of October 30 says: The feature of the sugar situation this week has been the weaker feeling in the New York market for the refined article, and the price of granulated was reduced 1-2c per lb. to \$4.72 per 100 lbs. net, while there was also a decline of 1-4c per lb. for some grades of yellows. Raw sugar continues dull, and the best bid obtainable from refiners was 33-4c for Centrifug I, which figure is 1-2c below what holders were asking last week. The weakness in the market abroad for raws noted during the past two weeks continues, and prices for beet show a further decline of 3-4d to 11-2d, which is due chiefly to fine weather, a full crop and no demand.

### Inland Revenue Collections.

The inland revenue collected in the Winnipeg district during the month of October, was as follows:

Spirits	\$32,422.00
Malt	1,001.04
Tobacco	14,535.50
Raw Leaf Tobacco	377.10
Cigars	1,327.56
Methylated Spirits	140.00
Petroleum Inspection Fees	244.10
Licenses	170.00
Seizures	100.00

Total ..... \$50,317.30  
Collections, October, 1896 ..... \$51,025.64

Decrease ..... \$ 708.34

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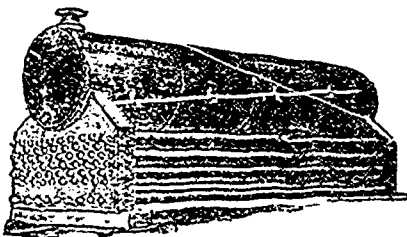
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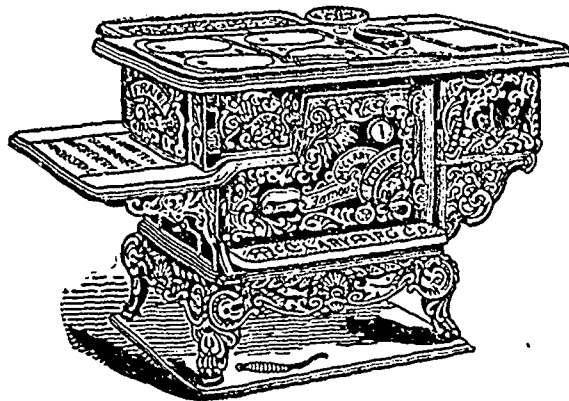
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### Manitoba Experimental Farm.

A Free Press representative spent a pleasant morning at the experimental farm, Brandon, last week, Mr. S. A. Bedford, the superintendent, pointing out many things of interest in the work of the past season. In reply to the question, "How are you succeeding with the clover?" Mr. Bedford said, "We tried for years to grow clover according to the Ontario methods, but with small success, so in the spring of 1896 we planted a number of plots of clover without any 'nurse crop,' and the results are very gratifying. The catch is good and very even on the ground. It wintered well, and gave a very fair return of clover hay this summer; and would no doubt have been much larger had the season been more favorable; but our entire rainfall for June and July was only two inches. All the clover blossomed freely, both for the first crop and for the aftermath." While Mr. Bedford was talking we had driven to the clover fields, and late as it was in the season, the aftermath was quite green. The varieties tried were common red, mammoth red, White Dutch, Alsac, Alfafa, Lucerne, and Boehara. Continuing, Mr. Bedford said: "A good deal of controversy has been carried on at farmers meetings and through the papers with regard to the proper thickness of sowing grass and clover seed, and particularly Austrian Brome, the scale running all the way from five to twenty pounds to the acre. So far we have found that a moderate seeding gives the best results; but it is too early as yet to come to definite conclusions, as it is generally held that moderate and thick sowings alike, prove disastrous to the second year's crop. About fifteen pounds to the acre of Austrian Brome and native grasses, and ten pounds of timothy will, I think, prove the best." The common red, and mammoth clover, Austrian Brome, Orchard, and oat grasses were especially noticeable for heavy aftermath. This matter of a good aftermath is very important to the dairy farms of Manitoba, where all the native grasses mature so very early in the season.

"I have been trying an experiment with our cows this fall," said Mr. Bedford, "leaving some on the native pasture and stubble, and putting the others on the brome aftermath, and the difference is surprising. The cows on natural grass and stubble are almost dry while those on the brome are in full milk." While Mr. Bedford had been speaking he had driven to the field of brome, and there stood the cows in full five inches of aftermath as green and lush as if it was August instead of the 23rd day of October. "You can easily see the advantage this is to the dairymen," said Mr. Bedford. "A good field of brome is the extension of the milking period from six weeks to two months at a time when dairy products are commanding the highest price, and this, too, at a very small expenditure of time and effort."

"Crops on the farm, owing to the extremely dry season, were not so good as usual," said Mr. Bedford, changing the subject. "Still our wheat ran from 20 to 45 bushels to the acre. I shall get my innings this year with our farmers on the matter of thorough cultivation. As there is a difference of fully one hundred per cent. between fields well cultivated and those only partially worked. When our farmers have fully grasped the fact that it is better to have twenty-five acres

of wheat put in on well cultivated ground, than 75 or 100 on land that has been merely scratched, one of the problems of successful farming in Manitoba will be solved."

Passing a great straw stack, that looked like a heap of pale gold in the sunshine, Mr. Bedford said: "If you are putting anything in the Free Press I wish you would say how very strongly I deprecate the practice of burning straw. It is a piece of the greatest extravagance. Apart altogether from its uses as bedding, etc., there is no better food for young stock than clean wheat straw and a little coarse grain. Fed in this way, it adds from 25 to 75 per cent. to the value of steers for the English market; and those of our farmers who have this year sold their stockers to American dealers are out of pocket to that extent. You may be sure that if it pays to bring stockers here and give the 20 per cent. duty to have them admitted into the United States, it pays to feed them at home; and our farmers are every year burning up thousands of dollars in this way, besides running the risk of loss of home and life itself in these fires."

From the straw stack to the great barn is but a step, and here a number of men were engaged in putting up bags of grain as samples for the United States, Ottawa, England and Australia. One lot of bags, bearing very astonishing names, were intended for one of the experimental farms of Russia. The Russian government having adopted this system of experimental farms from Canada, each package has a linen tag, on which is printed, "From the Experimental Farm, Brandon, Manitoba," and are in themselves quite an advertisement for the province. In one corner was the mow of brome hay and clover, a veritable bed of fragance and almost as green as if then growing.

"We have been trying our hands at flax growing for linen thread," said Mr. Bedford, as we came to a great pile of sheaves of flax all pulled by the roots. "We will send this east to be scutched, as we have no appliances for doing that work here, and will soon know whether flax growing for linen is to be a profitable industry for Manitoba."

From the farm we strolled over to the great seed room. Here Mr. Brown, the gardener, was busy putting up rhubarb for distribution. This rhubarb has been grown from seed, the varieties are choice and the roots strong and healthy. Some dozen small roots are packed with wet moss in a strong wooden box, and these boxes are sent all through the country to those who desire them and the government pays the postage. If anybody prefers an old rhubarb root to a seedling they have but to signify their preference. As we passed through the tree plantations Mr. Bedford remarked that they were now curtailing their distribution of shade trees and ornamental shrubs, as there were nurseries in the province and the government did not wish to interfere with their legitimate business, but they would this year distribute 5,000 seedling plum trees of native and hardy northern States varieties. "And though," said Mr. Bedford, "we cannot guarantee that they will come true we have no doubt many of them will prove very valuable trees."

Mr. Bedford is also making a test in the feeding of turkeys and chickens as to which is best—to fasten

them up closely and feed, or to allow them to run at large, and the result of the test will be given to the public shortly, with time, amount of food, increase of weight and all details.

One very important branch of the work at the farm is done by Mrs. Bedford, she keeping the records of all experiments of every kind, and as there are some hundreds tried every year, this means an enormous amount of very painstaking and exact work. The books and books of beautiful writing and neat figures filled the soul of one slovenly scribe with shame while her cordial hospitality makes a visit to the experimental farm one of the pleasant events of the year.

### Freight Rates.

Engagements have been made for wheat at 6 1-2c to 7c from Duluth and Fort William to Montreal, and 250,000 bushels of corn have been engaged from Chicago to Kingston at 4c, making the through rate to Montreal 5 3-4c per bushel.

Grain freights are quoted at 3s from Montreal to all ports except Bristol, which is quoted at 3s 3d. It is said, however, that 2s 9d might be taken for Liverpool; sack flour, 15s 6d to 16s 3d to Liverpool, London and Glasgow, and 17s 6d to Bristol. Butter and cheese steady at old rates.—Trade Bulletin.

The tariff on flour and grain from Chicago to the sea board is 22 1-2c per 100 lbs. Ocean rates are steady at 4 3-8 to 4 1-2d per bushel from New York to Liverpool. Ocean lines are well booked ahead on grain for November. The rate on wheat is 17.33c per bushel from Chicago to Liverpool. The rate on flour is 29 3-8 to 31 1-8c. Through rates, lake and rail, from Chicago to New England are lower at 9 1-2c per bushel on wheat and 5 1-4 on oats. Lake rates were lower at 15-8c for wheat, 11-2c for corn and 11-4c for oats to Buffalo, and 3 3-4c for corn to Kingston.

New York, Oct. 31.—There is practically a corner in the ocean freight room for cattle on the trans-Atlantic steamship ports from this port, Philadelphia, and Baltimore. The entire space has been engaged of the White Star line and the Atlantic transport line for one year, beginning January 1st and the National line for two years from the same date by the representatives of a syndicate said to be composed of English buyers of cattle. It is also reported that P. D. Armour, of Chicago, is interested. All the space for 1898 on the Wilsons and Furness line has been contracted for by others and so has the space of the Bristol line, leaving no space on regular lines available for local shippers of cattle. The syndicate, it is understood, pays 42s 6d per head for the space, as against 37s 6d, which has been the average price in late years. As a result of the situation it is reported that the local shippers of cattle may do all their business by way of other ports. They will go where they can get the lowest rate. It is also reported that a new regular line may be established between this city and Liverpool for cattle and beef.

The returns from the customs department, Winnipeg, for October, show cash collections for the past month of \$77,223.02, as compared with \$73,576.77 during September and \$45,853.21 in October of last year.

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**British Columbia Markets.**

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Vancouver, November 6, 1897.

Butter—Manitoba dairy 18@20c; Manitoba creamery 23@25c.

Eggs—Eastern eggs, 17@18c.

Cheese—Manitoba 11@12c.

Cured Meats—Hams 13c; breakfast bacon 14c; backs 12c; long clear 10c; short rolls, 10c; smoked sides 11c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10c per lb, in pails and tubs 9c lb.

Fish—Founders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 5c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring 4c; spring salmon 14c each; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; smoked salmon 10c; finnan haddie 10c; kippered herring 12c; Columbia river oolochans 7c lb.; fresh halibut, 6c; coho salmon, 4c.

Vegetables—Potatoes \$12@14 per ton; California onions 2c lb; onions 1c lb; cabbage 1c lb; carrots turnips and Leets \$10.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons \$4.00 @ 4.50; cucumbers, 6 doz. box \$1.25; California grapes, \$1.40 to \$1.50 box; apples, 40 lb box, 60c @ \$1.25.

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.75; 2 45 pound sacks \$2.80; 4-22 1/2 pound sacks \$2.90, 10-7 sacks, \$2.00; Oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.50.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$6.25; strong bakers, \$6.00; Oregon jobbers price \$6.00.

Grain—Oats, new, \$17@18 per ton; wheat, \$25@26 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00@24.00 per ton; ground barley \$22 ton; shorts \$21.00 ton; bran \$19.00; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff. Higher prices for bran and shorts next week.

Hay—\$13.00 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef \$5.75 @ \$6.25; mutton 7@8c; Australian mutton, 6c; pork 6@7c; veal 6@8c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, grass fed \$3.25 @ \$3.50 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$3.75 @ 4.00 per 100 lbs; hogs \$5.00 per 100 lbs; cows \$2.75 @ \$3.00.

Poultry—Chickens \$4.00@4.50 a doz. spring chickens, \$3.00; ducks, \$3.50.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 9c; plums 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7c; loose Muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12c; walnuts, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered and icing, 6c; Paris lump, 5c; granulated, 4c; extra C. 4c, fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$4 case of 10; 1/2 gallon tins, \$4.75 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11c; good, 18c; choice 26c. Ceylons: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

### Grain and Milling.

Arthur H. Parnall, a representative of the Liverpool Corn Trade News is locating in New York. Mr. Parnall expects to visit Winnipeg in the near future, to look into grain trade matters here.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co has opened an office in Toronto. The company has had a warehouse in Toronto for some time, and owing to the growth of their business at that point, a city office has now been opened.

John H. Rowell, late of the firm of Rowell & Duggan, Montreal, has organized a joint stock company under the name of the Mount Royal Flour Milling company, has bought the flour mill and plant of John McLaren, 451 Park avenue, Montreal.

Fort William, Nov. 4.—The steamer Amazon in tow of the steamer Bulgaria left to-day with the largest cargo of wheat ever shipped from this port. She contained two hundred and ten thousand bushels, loaded by the Northern Elevator company.

C. Hebert, who has been a resident of Altona, Man., until recently, has purchased the flour mill at Holland, Man, from J. Mohr, and has assumed charge of the property. The mill is considered a good one. Flour from this mill received a recommendation at the great Chicago world's fair.

The General Company of Bakers at Brussels, Belgium, has made tests with all known qualities of wheat and best result has been obtained from flour made from Manitoba wheat. This is another very important victory for Manitoba No. 1 hard.

Indian, Head, Assa., Nov. 3.—All the elevators are filled to their utmost capacity and every available building in town is filled with grain in bags. To-day about sixty loads of wheat had to be piled outside the elevators. If the blockade is not soon removed business will suffer to a material extent.

Geo. J. S. Broomhall, of the Liverpool Corn Trade News, in a letter to the editor of The Commercial says: Trade here at present is flat after the excitement of the summer. There are unmistakable signs that the wheat crop in France, Russia, and the Balkan principalities is very short this season, but the effect has already been largely discounted and if the harvests of India and the Southern Hemisphere are successful it does not seem probable that we shall see another wave of excitement this season like the last.

The Montreal Gazette of October 29 says: The steady advance in prices for wheat during the past few days has created a stronger feeling in the flour market and inside prices for Manitoba brands were advanced 15c per barrel and Ontario grades 10c to 15c to-day. The inside figure for the former is now \$5 for strong bakers' and \$5.40 for patents. The demand to-day was brisk from local buyers and orders fairly poured in from country points, consequently a very large volume of business was transacted, in fact, one miller stated that he was over sold for the next month to come and the others reported their sales far beyond their output. There was also an active demand from foreign buyers for Manitoba flour to-day and the Lake of the Woods Milling company made sales of 2,000 sacks for shipment to Glasgow and 1,000 sacks to London. The former lot was placed at a price which netted them 15c per barrel more than what they had to accept yesterday in Halifax in order to compete with another miller.

Some people imagine because they do not see loads of grain standing around, that Winnipeg is not a large farmers market for grain. This is a great mistake. For oats and barley Winnipeg is one of the very largest markets in Manitoba. There are very few if any points where more oats and barley are marketed. Even in wheat Winnipeg is by no means as unimportant a farmers' market as many people imagine. For the week ended October 30, 40,000 bushels of wheat were marketed in the city by farmers, and much larger offerings are expected when it freezes up. The farmer with his load of grain is not so conspicuous in the city as in the smaller towns, but he gets here just the same.

### The Hardware and Paint Trade.

Castor oil has declined 1-2c at Montreal to 93-4 to 10 1-2c as to quantity.

An advance in glass was expected at Montreal. All glass markets are very firm.

The Fowler Cycle Manufacturing company, of Chicago, one of the largest bicycle concerns in Illinois state, has assigned.

Canadian bar iron has been advanced 5c per 100 lbs. by the mills, to \$1.35 inside price.

Advices from eastern Canada markets speak of a probable advance on wire nails, owing to the increased cost of the iron rods.

The Massey-Harris company recently shipped 800 bicycles to Australia, making 3,300 in all shipped to that country by this company.

Several lots of pig iron from the United States have been stopped at the boundary owing to the customs regulation prohibiting the importation of goods made in factories where convict labor is employed.

A move to consolidate all the wire rod, plain and barb wire and wire nail manufactories of the United States into a single corporation with a capital of \$100,000,000 is gradually assuming shape. To evade the anti-trust laws all, or nearly all, the wire industries will surrender their independence and sell their plants to a new organization for cash at an appraised value, the money to be furnished by a syndicate of bankers in New York. Pierpont Morgan is said to be at the head of the scheme.

### Financial and Insurance Notes.

The Union Bank of Canada has opened a branch at Indian Head, Assa., under the management of T. N. Christie.

Percy H. Snider, manager of Alloway & Champion's bank at Portage la Prairie, Man., is dead. Mr. Snider was highly respected in the community.

The management of the Bank of Montreal has declared a dividend of 5 per cent. for the current half year, amounting to \$600,000, which will be payable on and after Wednesday, December 1st.

The banking business at Miami, Man., carried on by Blanchard & Co., has been bought by Robins & Gill and will be continued in future under that name. Mr. Robins has been farming in the district for the last twelve years, and Mr. Gill was manager for Blanchard & Co.

The Commercial has learned of several unfortunate persons in Manitoba who were depending entirely upon the defunct Massachusetts Benefit association; and who are now unable to obtain insurance of any kind. The association has proved a small benefit to them. This is the trouble with cheap assessment insurance, that it leaves helpless people without any insurance at a time when they are beyond the reach of insurance of any kind. There certainly should be some legal protection against fraudulent insurance.

### Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

Winnipeg inspection returns for the week ending Oct. 9, is as follows: Cars: No. 1 hard, 188; No. 2 hard, 131; No. 3 hard, 14; No. 1 Northern, 20; No. 2 Northern, 1; reject, d, No. 1, 11; rejected No. 2, 3; total, 379 cars.

For the week ending October 16, the inspection was as follows. No. 1 hard, 172 cars; No. 2 hard, 90 cars; No. 3 hard, 1 car; No. 1 Northern, 11 cars; No. 2 Northern, 1 car; rejected, 9 cars; No. 1 rejected, 4 cars; 2 rejected, 5 cars. Total, 293 cars.

For the week ending October 23 returns were: Extra hard, 1 car; No. 1 hard, 201 cars; No. 2 hard, 125 cars; No. 1 northern, 11 cars; No. 3 hard, 5 cars; No. 1 spring, 1 car; No. 2 spring, 1 car; rejected, 6 cars; No. 1 rejected, 12 cars; No. 2 rejected, 4 cars; no grade 3 cars. Total 370 cars.

For the week ending October 30, inspection returns were: No. 1 hard, 169 cars; No. 2 hard, 123 cars; No. 3 hard, 5 cars; 1 northern, 15 cars; 2 northern 2 cars; 2 spring, 1 car; 1 rejected, 13 cars; 2 rejected, 7 cars; no grade, 1 car. Total 337 cars.

### Anniversary Number.

On account of the November issue being the opening of its Tenth Volume, the Canadian Magazine issues an anniversary number. It has a special cover, and is more bulky than the usual numbers. J. S. Willson, editor of the Toronto Globe, has an article dealing with John Sandfield Macdonald, Edward Blake, Sir Oliver Mowat, and Hon. Arthur S. Hardy—the premiers past and present of Ontario. John A. Cooper gives an account of the Fenian Raid of 1866, which is accompanied by many valuable photographs and maps. Dr. J. G. Bourinot gives the first of his series of twelve papers on "The Makers of the Dominion of Canada." Geo. W. Orton compares Canadian and United States Rugby, and A. H. U. Colquhoun writes of "Current Events Abroad." The stories are by Lee Wyndham, Fergus Hume, G. M. Fairchild, jr., and Ella S. Atkinson. Contributions from Gilbert Parker, Goldwin Smith, Principal Parkin, and other leading writers, are announced for the Christmas number.

The increased traffic on the Canadian Pacific railway this fall is indicated by the extra locomotives in use. Ten new locomotives were procured but they have not proved equal to requirements. Six of these are employed on the main line east of Winnipeg, one in the Winnipeg yard, and three in the mountain division west. Twenty engines have been borrowed from the east, and two from the Pacific coast division, in addition to the ten new locomotives, to help handle the big traffic of this division.

# WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

## GROCERIES

### JOBBING PRICES

#### Canned Goods

Item	Per case
Apples, 3s, 2 doz.	2 25 2 50
Apples, preserved, 3s, 2 doz.	3 25 3 50
Apples, gallons (per doz.)	2 50 2 75
Blackberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 25 3 50
Blueberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50 3 75
Beans, 2s, 2 doz.	1 50 2 00
Corn, 2s, 2 doz.	1 60 1 75
Cherries, red, pitted 2s, 2 doz.	4 75 5 00
Peas, Marrowfat, 2s, 2 doz.	1 50 2 00
Peas, sifted, 2s, 2 doz.	2 20 2 25
Pears, Bartlett, 2s, 2 doz.	3 00 3 00
Pears, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 00 4 00
Pears, Bartlett, 3s, 2 doz.	5 50 5 50
Pineapple, 2s, 2 doz.	4 50 5 00
Pineapple, imported, 2s, 2 doz.	5 50 6 00
Peaches, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50 4 00
Peaches, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 75 5 00
Peaches, Canadian, 3s, 2 doz.	5 50 6 00
Plums, 2s, 2 doz.	1 50 2 00
Plums, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	1 50 2 00
Pumpkins, 3s, 2 doz.	2 00 2 50
Raspberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 00 3 25
Strawberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50 3 75
Tomatoes, 3s, 2 doz.	2 35 2 45
Salmon, talls, 1s, 4 doz.	4 50 5 00
Salmon, Colocs talls, 1s, 4 doz.	4 50 5 00

Item	Per tin
Sardines, domestic 1/2s	06 08
Sardines, imported, 1/2s	09 15
Sardines, imported, 3/4s	15 25
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless	20 35
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s	10 12

Item	Per doz.
Imported Fresh Herring, 1s	1 50 1 75
Imp. Kippered Herring, 1s	1 90 2 00
Imp. Herring, Tom. Sauce 1s	2 00 2 00
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 1s	1 90 2 00
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 1s	2 00 2 00

#### Canned Meats

Item	Per case
Corn Beef, 1s, 2 doz.	3 00 3 25
Corn Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 75 3 00
Lunch Tongue, 1s, 2 doz.	6 50 7 00
Lunch Tongue, 2s, 1 doz.	6 25 6 50
Bravin, 2s, 1 doz.	2 50 2 75
Pigs Feet, 1s 2 doz.	6 00 6 50
Roast Beef, 2s, 1 doz.	2 75 3 00
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 1s	2 00 2 00

#### Potted Ham

Item	Per doz.
Potted Ham, 1/2s	75
Deviled Ham, 1/2s	75
Potted Tongue, 1/2s	75
Potted Ham, 3/4s	1 50
Deviled Ham, 3/4s	1 50
Potted Tongue, 3/4s	1 50

#### Coffee

Item	Per pound.
Green Rio	12 15

#### Cereals

Item	Per sack
Split Peas, sack 9s	2 25 2 50
Pot Barley, sack 9s	1 50 2 00
Pearl Barley, sack 9s	4 00 4 50
Rollod Oats, sack 9s	1 75 1 80
Standard Oatmeal, sack 9s	2 00 2 10
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 9s	2 00 2 10
Beans (per bushel)	1 25 1 30
Cornmeal, sack 9s	1 45 1 55
Cornmeal, 1/2sac 49 (per 1/2sac)	10 75 0 80

Item	Per pound
Rice, B.	4 1/2c 4 3/4c
Rice, Japan	5 c
Sago	4 c
Tapioca	4 c

#### Cigarettes

Item	Per M
Old Judge	8 90
Athlete	8 90
Sweet Cajoral	8 90
Sweet Sixteen	5 70
Derby	6 60

#### Cured Fish

Item	Per pound
Codfish, whole cases, 100 lbs.	6 00
Codfish, boneless	04 06
Codfish, Pure	07 08
Herrings, in kegs	3 50 3 75

#### Dried Fruits

Item	Per case
Currants, Prov'l Barrels	06 6 1/2
Currants, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels	06 1/2 6 3/4
Currants, Prov'l Cases	07 7 1/4
Currants, Vostizza Cases	07 1/2 7 3/4
Currants, Filiatria, bbis	06 1/2 7 1/4
Currants, Filiatria, cases	07 7 1/2
Dates, Cases	06 07
Figs, Elene, about 10 lb box	12 1/2 15
Figs, Cooking, Sax	05 1/2 06
Prunes, Bosina, Cases	08 09
Prunes, French, Cases	06 07
Sultana Raisins	10 12

### Dried Fruits

Item	Per pound
Raisins, Val., box of 23 lbs	1 70 1 90
Raisins, Val. Layers, per box	2 25 2 55
Loose Muscatels, 2 crown	06 1/2 07
Loose Muscatels, 3 crown	07 1/2 08
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown	08 1/2 09
London Layer, 20 lb Boxes	1 75 2 00
Apples, Dried	05 07
Kvap. Apples, finest quality	10 11

### California Evaporated Fruits

Item	Per pound
Peaches, peeled	18 20
Peaches, unpeeled	11 13
Pears	11 12
Apricots, new	10 11
Pitted Plums	11 12
Prunes, 100 to 120	5 1/2 6
Prunes, 90 to 100	6 6 1/2
Prunes, 80 to 90	7 7 1/2
Prunes, 70 to 80	7 1/2 8
Prunes, 60 to 70	8 8 1/2
Prunes, 40 to 50	10 11

### Matchos

Item	Per case
Telegraph	\$1 60
Telephone	3 40
Tiger	3 25

### Nuts

Item	Per pound
Brazils	12 1/2 15
Paragon Almonds	13 15
Peanuts, roasted	13 15
Peanuts, green	10 12
Grenoble Walnuts	15 18
French Walnuts	13 15
Sicily Filberts	12 1/2 15
Shelled Almonds	25 30

### Syrup

Item	Per lb
Extra Bright, per lb	3 1/2c 4c
Medium, per lb	3c 3 1/2c
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tns	\$7 00
Molasses, per gal.	35c 45c

### Sugar

Item	Per case
Extra Standard Granulated	4 1/2c 4 3/4c
German Granulated	4 1/2c 4 3/4c
Extra Ground	6 c 6 1/2c
Powdered	6 c 6 1/2c
Bright Yellow Sugar	4 1/2c 4 3/4c
Maple Sugar	12 1/2c 15c

### Salt

Item	Per pound
Rock Salt	1 1/2c 1 1/4c

Item	Per barrel
Common, fine	1 90 2 00
Common, coarse	1 90 2 00
Dairy, 100-1	3 25 3 50
Dairy, 60-5	3 15 3 30

Item	Per Sack
Dairy, white duck sack	00 50
Common, fine jute sack	00 45

### Spices

Item	Per doz.
Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins	75 90

Item	Per pound
Allspice, whole	18 20
Allspice, pure ground	18 20
Allspice, compound	15 20
Cassia, whole	18 20
Cassia, pure ground	20 25
Cassia, compound	13 18
Cloves, whole	18 25
Cloves, pure ground	25 30
Cloves, compound	18 20
Pepper, black, whole	10 15
Pepper, black, pure ground	13 15
Pepper, black, compound	10 13
Pepper, white, whole	20 25
Pepper, white, pure ground	25 35
Pepper, white, compound	18 20
Pepper, Cayenne	30 35
Ginger, whole, Jamaica	25 30
Ginger, whole, Cochun	20 25
Ginger, pure ground	25 30
Ginger, compound	15 25
Nutmegs, (per pound)	60 1 00
Mace (per pound)	1 00 1 25

### Teas

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

### Tobacco

Item	Per pound
T. & B., 4s, Cuds	00 76
T. & B., 9s, Cuds	00 76
Lily, 8s, cuds	00 63
Cresant, 8s, cuds	00 60
T. & B. Black Chewing, Sorlos	00 64
T. & B. Mahogany Chewing	00 60
5s or 16	00 64
T. & B. 1 1/2 pkg, cut	00 80
T. & B. 1 1/5 pkg, cut	00 80
T. & B. in pouches, 1 4	00 91
T. & B. in 5 tins	00 99
T. & B. in 1/2 tins	00 90
T. & B. in 1s tins	00 87
Ormoco, 1 1/2 pkg	00 85
Ormoco, 1 5 tins	00 91
Ormoco, 1/2 tins	00 86
Tuckett's Cherub Cigarette	00 87
1 12	00 65
Brier, 7s, cuds	00 68
Derby, 3s, cuds	00 68
Derby 7s, cuds	00 68
P. & W. Chewing, Cuds	00 68
P. & W. Chewing, Butts	00 68

### Wooden Ware

Item	Per doz.
Pails, 2 hoop clear	1 50 1 60
Pails, wire hoop	2 25 2 40
Pails, Star fibre	4 00
Tubs, No. 0 common	9 50 10 50
Tubs, No. 1 common	8 50 9 00
Tubs, No. 2 common	6 50 7 00
Tubs, No. 3 common	5 50 6 00
Per nest.	
Tubs, nests (3)	1 65 1 75
Tubs, wire hoop (3)	2 25 2 40
Per doz.	
Tubs, fibre, No. 0	16 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 1	14 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 2	12 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 3	10 50
Per nest	
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2)	50 55
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3)	75 80

## CURED MEATS AND LARD

Item	Per pound
Lard, pure, 20 lb pails	\$1 70
Lard, pure, 50 lb pails	1 25
Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb tins, per case of 60 lbs	6 00
Lard, Tierces, per lb	8 1/2

### Smoked Meats

Item	per lb.
Hams	12 12 1/2
Breakfast bacon, bellies	12 12 1/2
Breakfast bacon, backs	10 1/2 11
Spiced rolls	9 9 1/2
Shoulders	8 1/2 9
Long Clear	9 9 1/2

### Dry Salt Meats

Item	Per pound
Long clear bacon	8 1/2 8 1/2
Boneless Shoulders	8 8 1/2
Backs	9 9 1/2

### Barrel Pork

Item	Per barrel
Heavy mess	14 50 15 00
Short cut	16 00 16 50

### Meat Sundries

Item	Per pound
Fresh pork sausage, lb	—
Bologna sausage, lb.	07
Ham, chicken and tongue, doz	\$1 20
Pickled hocks, per lb	03
Pickled tongues	05
Pickled pigs feet, pail	1 50
Sausage casings, lb.	20 25

## FRESH FISH, OYSTERS

Item	Per pound
Whitefish, lb	5 1/2
Pickrel, lb	04
Trout, lb	09
B.C. salmon, lb	12
B.C. halibut, lb.	10
Finlon haddock, lb.	11
Smoked goldeyes, doz	30
Oysters, standard, gal	2 00
Oysters, select, gal.	2 25
Oysters, shell, barrels	7 50 8 00

## DRUGS

Following are prices for parcel lots with usual reductions for broken packages.

Item	Per pound
Alum, lb	3 1/2 4 1/4
Alcohol, gal	5 50 5 75
Bleaching Powder, lb	06 08
Bluestone, lb	06 07
Borax	11 13
Bromide Potash	65 75
Camphor	65 75
Camphor, ounces	80 90
Carbolic Acid	40 65
Castor Oil	11 15
Chlorate Potash	25 30
Citric Acid	55 65
Copperas	03 1/2 04
Cocaine, oz	4 50 5 00
Cream Tartar, lb	30 35
Cloves	20 25
Epsom Salts	03 1/2 04
Extract Logwood, bulk	14 18
Extract Logwood, boxes	18 20
German Quinine	30 40
Glycerine, lb	30 35
Ginger, Jamaica	30 35
Ginger, African	20 25
Howard's Quinine, oz	35 50
Iodine	5 00 5 50
Insect Powder	2 00 2 50
Morphia, sul	2 00 2 25
Opium	4 50 5 00
Oil, olive	1 25 1 40
Oil, U.S. Salad	1 25 1 40
Oil, lemon, super	2 75 3 25
Oil, peppermint	4 00 4 50
Oil, cod liver, gal.	1 75 2 25
Oxalic Acid	13 16
Potass Iodide	3 75 4 00
Paris Green, lb	18 20
Saltpetre	10 12
Sal Rochelle	30 35
Shellac	35 40
Sulphur Flowers	35 40
Sulphur Roll, keg.	3 1/2 05
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	3 75 4 25
Salt Soda	2 00 3 00
Tartaric Acid, lb	45 55
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz.	85 1 00

## LEATHER

Item	Per pound
Harness, oak	28 30
Harness, union oak No. 1	20
Harness, union oak No. 1 R.	28
Harness, henlock No. 1	28
Harness, henlock No. 1 R.	27
Sole, union oak	32
Listowel, sole	26 30
Pencting, sole	27 28
B. F. French calf	25 1 30
B. F. French kip	9 1 15
Canada calf	65 80
Karn Kip	80 85
Wax upper	32

**Winnipeg Hardware and Metals Prices.**

Tiu—Lamb and Flagg, 56 and 23 lb ingots, per lb 19@20c.

Tiu Plates—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12 x 12 and 14 x 20, \$4.50@4.75; I X, same size box, \$5.75@6; I C, charcoal, 20 x 28, 112 sheets to box, \$3.50@9; I X, box, 20 x 28, 112 sheets, \$10.50@11.

Terne Plates—I C, 20 x 28, \$3.50 @ 9.

Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.10 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.05@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @8; sleigh shoe steel, \$3@3.25; best cast tool steel, lb., 9@11c; Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

Sheet Iron—10 to 20 gauge, \$3; 22 to 24 and 26 gauge, \$3.25; 28 gauge \$3.50.

Canada Plates—Garth and Blain, \$3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 gauge, \$3.75; 22 and 24 gauge, \$4; 26 gauge, \$4.25; 28 gauge, \$4.50 100 lbs.

Iron pipe is quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1/2 inch, \$2.50; 3/8 inch, \$2.75; 1/2 inch, \$3; 5/8 inch, \$4; 1 inch, \$5; 1 1/4 inch, \$7; 1 1/2 inch, \$8.50; 2 inch, \$11.50.

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$6.00 lb., broken lots \$6.50.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb., 14@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 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6 1/2c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; 1/2 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 gauge, soft shot, \$18 per 1,000. No. 10 gauge, \$20.70 per 1,000.

Dupont Powder—Dupont Rifle FFg, 25-lb keg, \$5.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$2.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$6.60, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$8.50, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.25; Dupont Rifle FFg, 25 lb keg, \$5.25, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3.00, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$9.00, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.75; Dominion Rifle, 25 lb keg, \$5.75, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$11, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$12; Sea Shooting Fg, 25 lb keg, \$6; Manitoba Sporting, 25 lb keg, \$8.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$4.25, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$9.00; cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$13.00; Eagle Ducking, 25 lb keg, \$11.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$5.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$12.00; Crystal Grain, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$14.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$17; Blasting, 25 lb keg, \$3.00. Dupont Smokeless powder, 12 1/2 lbs, \$22.00, 6 1/2 lbs, \$11.25, 3 1/2 lbs, \$5.75, 1/2 canisters, \$1.00.

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, \$2 60@2.65 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$2.75.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 6 1/2c base; manilla, lb., 8 1/2c base; cotton, 1/4 to 1/2 inch and larger, 16c lb.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.50 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4 1/2 @ 6 inch, \$2.05 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes

Horse Nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price 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 of above list prices 5 per cent.

**Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.**

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.25 100 lbs. Prepared Paints—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 5 1/2c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, 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@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 gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50@1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50@2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold-size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 @2.25; No. 1 orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

Sundries—Glue, S. S., in sheets, lb 12 1/2 @15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 16 @25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$4; benzine, case, \$4. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2c., do., less than barrels, 1b, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass—First break is quoted at \$1.75 per box of 50 feet and \$2 for second break.

Linseed Oil—Raw, gal., 55c; boiled, gal., 58c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 60c; less than barrels, gallon, 63c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 33@40c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18 1/2c; crescent, 22 1/2c; oleophene, 23 1/2c in barrels. Car lots, 1c gallon less. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 27c for eocene and 24c for sunlight.

**Winnipeg Lumber Prices.**

These prices are retail quotations at Winnipeg, such as contractors and others buy at. The mills quote delivered prices at various points.

Dimension and Timber—No. 1, 2x4to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$18.50, 18 ft, \$19.50, 20 ft, \$20.50, 22 ft, \$21.50, 24 ft, \$22.50; 3x6 to 3x12, 4x4 to 4x12, 6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8, 12 14 and 16 ft, \$20.00, 18 ft, \$21.00, 20 ft, \$22.00, 22 ft, \$23.00, 24 ft, \$24.00; 8x10 to 12x12 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$22.00, 18 ft, \$23.00, 20 ft, \$24.00, 22 ft, \$25.00, 24 ft, \$26.00; 2x4, 10 ft, \$20.50; 2 x 6 to 2 x 12, 10 ft, \$18.00. No. 2 dimension, \$1.50 less than No. 1. Dimension, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$26.00. Timber, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$28.00. \$1.00 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch in depth and width. Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M less than pine. Cull plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$30.00 per M., \$2 to 40 feet, \$33.00, 40 to 60 feet, \$36.00. \$1.00

per M extra for each 2 in. over 12 in. in width or depth.

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25.00, 2nd common, \$18.00, 3rd common, \$16.00; No. 1 cull, \$12.00, No. 2 cull, \$8.00; spruce, \$16.00. \$1.00 per M extra for stock boards. \$2.00 per M less for 10 ft. and under. No. 1 box, 14 in. and up, \$30.00, No. 2 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$28.00. Extra dressing \$1.50 per M.

Siding, Flooring and Ceiling—2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$36.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28.00; 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$30.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25.00; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red and white, \$20.00; B. C. No. 1 fir, \$32.00; B. C. No. 2 fir, \$29.00; B. C. No. 3 fir, \$28.00; B. C. spruce, \$32.00; 4, 5 and 6 inch spruce, native, \$20.00; 8 and 10 inch pine, \$23.00; No. 1 cedar siding and ceiling, \$36.00; No. 2 cedar siding and ceiling, \$30.00; 1/2 inch cedar or fir siding and ceiling, \$26.00. \$1.00 per M advance for dressing both sides.

Bevel Siding—No. 1 white pine, \$26.00; No. 2 red and white, \$23.60.

Shiplap—Pine, 6 inch, \$18.00, 8 and 10 inch, \$20.00; Spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19.00, 6 inch, \$18.00; cull shiplap, \$16.00.

Shingles—B. C. cedar, per M, No. 1, \$2.50, No. 2, \$2.00; B. C. cedar dimension shingles, \$4.00; B. C. cedar dimension hand sawed, \$5.00; No. 1 pine, per M, \$2.50, No. 2, \$2.00, No. 3, \$1.75.

Lath—Pine lath, per M, \$3.00.

Finishings—1 1/2 and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00, 3rd clear, \$55.00, selects, \$45.00, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$32.00; B. C. cedar clears, \$55.00; B. C. fir clears and stepping, \$45.00; \$5.00 per M advance on 2 1/2 inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$60.00, 3rd clear, \$48.00, selects, No. 1, \$38.00, selects, No. 2 (extra 1st com) \$30.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$30.00; B. C. cedar, clear, \$55.00.

Oak—Red and White—1/2 sawed, \$85.00; 1st and 2nd, 55.00 to \$65.00; common, \$40.00.

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, 1 1/2 x 1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 85c; window and door stop, 1 1/2 inch lineal, \$1.25, ditto, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; 1/2 round and 3/4 cove, 75c; 1 1/2 round mould, \$1.50; 2 round mould, \$1.75; 2 1/2 round mould, \$2.00; 3 round mould, \$2.25; 3 1/2 round mould, \$2.50; 4 round mould, \$2.75; 4 1/2 round mould, \$3.00; 5 round mould, \$3.25; 6 round mould, \$4.00; 5 round window stool, 1 1/2, \$4.50; 6 round window stool, 1 1/2, \$5.25; 4 round casings, \$2.50; 5 round casings, \$2.75; 6 round casings, \$3.25; 8 round base, \$4.50; 10 round base, \$5.50; 12 round base, \$7.00; hand rail, 2x4, \$5.00; wain-cot cap, 2 1/2 inch, \$2.35, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 75c. Moulding made from 1 1/2 stock add 25 per cent; 1 1/2 add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings or mouldings to detail at special prices. All shop work at special net prices.

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## Manitoba.

N. F. Ross has opened a hotel at Winnipegosis.

T. Kellett leased elevator at Sowell from Geo. Rodgers.

H. Mawhinney is opening in furniture at Hartney.

J. R. McNamara is opening a grocery store in Winnipeg.

D. Jagnest has opened business in boots and shoes at Brandon.

J. K. McCullough, bicycles, Winnipeg, has sold out to Turbull & McManus.

Blanchard & Co., bankers, are succeeded at Wawanesa by Alex Blaine & Co., and at Miami by Robins & Gill.

F. J. Waghorn, auctioneer, etc., Winnipeg, has assigned in trust to S. A. D. Bertrand.

Weir & Co., gents' furnishings and clothing, Winnipeg, are in the hands of the bailiff and a sale advertised for Nov. 8.

Thorn Bros. have opened a butcher shop at Sidney, where they have also purchased the implement business of D. W. Alton.

James Hooper, a well known Winnipeg newspaper man, will assume the management of the Portage la Prairie Liberal.

The Portage Produce company composed of A. R. McKenzie, W. McKenzie and K. Richardson, has been established at Portage la Prairie.

Mr. Bond, wholesale butcher, Winnipeg, is building a freezer to have in readiness for the spring trade. Mr. Bond has a very large number of sheep on hand at present, received in car lots from various western districts.

The Canadian Pacific railway shops at Winnipeg are very busy with repair work, this being one of the longest busy seasons ever experienced. A rush of work is usual in the fall, but it has held out this year longer than usual.

The Richardson block, on Main street, Winnipeg, just across the street from the postoffice, has been sold to the Bank of Hamilton for \$33,000. It is not known yet what use the bank will eventually make of the property. There is no better business site in Winnipeg than this property.

The great value which the mining districts both east and west are proving to the prairie food producing region may be inferred from the following statement. A representative of the Parsons Produce Co recently visited the Kootenay district and within a few days after his arrival there he sent in orders for ten carloads of goods, including butter, cheese, eggs, poultry and apples. This, it must be remembered, is only the sales of one firm in a single trip, and further orders are yet expected.

Love, McAllister & Co., Winnipeg, who were recently appointed agents for Miller & Richards, have now received a supply of the goods manufactured and handled by this firm, including type, presses, paper cutter, and general printers supplies, and they will carry a general stock of these goods in Winnipeg. Between receiving these goods and heavy shipments of fall goods, Messrs. Love, McAllister & Co. have been kept very busy, and the four floors of their large warehouse are packed with goods to their fullest capacity.

## Lake and Canal Freights.

Duluth to Buffalo, wheat and corn, 2c per bushel. Erie canal to New York wheat, including Buffalo charges, 4 1-2c per bushel.

## Live Stock Markets.

London, Nov. 1.—The market for both cattle and sheep was weaker today, and prices for the former declined 1-4c to 1-2c, and for the latter 1-2c to 1c. Choice States cattle sold at 11 1-4c; choice Canadian at 9 1-2c, ranchers at 8 1-2c, and Argentine at 10c. Choice Canadian and Argentine sheep brought 10c.

The Montreal Gazette says: Advices from abroad and the steady downward tendency to values would indicate that the season is likely to wind up probably about the worst of the season. With western range cattle selling at 8 1-2c and choice Ontario's at 9 1-2c the losses must be something enormous.

At the Point St. Charles stock yards Montreal, on November 1, there was a fair demand for cattle from local dealers and sales were made at 2 1-2c to 3 1-4c per lb. live weight. The feature of the market is the continued weakness for hogs, and although the supply was not large prices scored a further decline of 40c per 100 lbs. with the demand slow at 4 1-2c per lb. live weight.

The offerings at the East End abattoir market, Montreal, on November 1 were 500 cattle; 500 sheep; 500 lambs and 25 calves. The demand from butchers was good and a fairly active trade was done. There was also some buying of common bulls for shipment to Buffalo, at prices ranging from 1 1-4c to 1 3-4c per lb. Good heaves sold at 3 3-4c to 4c, fair at 3c to 3 1-2c; common at 2 1-4c to 2 3-4c and inferior at 1 1-4c to 2c per lb. Lambs were in demand for shipment to Boston, and prices were fully maintained, good to choice stock selling at 4c to 4 1-4c and culls at 3 1-2c to 3 3-4c per lb. live weight. The demand for sheep on export account was somewhat slow at 3c, while lower grades sold at 2 1-2c to 2 3-4c per lb. live weight.

## Hides, Wool, etc.

At Toronto hides were firm and steady at 8 1-2c for green.

The hide market is firm and brisk at Montreal, with demand in excess of supplies in some cases.

Wool is off a little in the United States. For greasy territory, at Boston, concessions have been made, though holders are generally firm and will not accept any bids at under full prices.

## Druggists Sundries.

A Chicago concern recently sent an extensive order to a Montreal drug house for goods destined for the Klondyke. The shipment will be sent direct to Dawson City. Among the sundries are ten gallons of lime juice. Why not send the order to Winnipeg.

The Ottawa government has at present before it a proposition from the Katchewan Lumber Co. of Deseronto, Ont., for the manufacture of wood alcohol in Canada. This is a product that is not manufactured in the Dominion. It is used in the States and found to be very cheap and perfectly suited for the manufacture of methylated spirits such as is not drinkable. The wood alcohol leaves a charcoal which is disposed of at a profit in the States for smelting purposes. Up to the present there has been no market for this charcoal in this country, but now it is said that since smelting has developed into an

industry in Canada the charcoal might very easily be disposed of.

## Montreal Dairy Market.

The Montreal Gazette of Nov. 2 says: There is no let up to the decline in cheese. This was demonstrated at the wharf this morning, when 6,000 boxes sold at 7 1-2c to 7 3-4c. It is quite true that the offerings were all October make, but even allowing that this was so, a clean slump of 1-2 to 3-4c per pound since last Monday, is enough to dishearten even the most sanguine. Enquiry over the cable gives no sign of life. On the average values were nominally 1-8c lower than Saturday and we quote: Finest Ontario Septembers 85-8c to 87-8; finest Ontario Augusts, 81-8c to 81-1c; finest Quebec Septembers, 81-8c to 81-1c; finest Quebec Octobers, 73-4c to 77-8c.

The only trading in creamery butter is on local account, local jobbers paying 18 1-2c for moderate quantities. Exporters were not in the market to any extent, their bids being too low. They want finest fall creamery at 18c now, and holders, while they have modified their views, are hardly prepared to accept this decline.

## The Stickeen Route.

Victoria, Oct. 31.—R. H. Hall, of the Hudson's Bay company, authorizes the statement that a new boat will be built by his company at once for service on the Stickeen river, and will be ready in time for the spring rush. In addition to the new boat, the Caledonia extensive alterations of which have been decided upon, will also be used in the company's traffic and the company are also holding themselves in readiness to compete for the general transportation trade, which will offer in the new year. Mr. Hall, who had years of experience in the northern regions, is an enthusiastic advocate of an all-Canadian route via Stickeen and Teslin lake. He says that if the railway projected be not completed in time, it would be a comparatively easy matter to accommodate the rush by building a wagon road from Glenora to the lake, and no doubt something will be done in this respect. Wharage facilities at Wrangell will also be increased, and the company are generally making arrangements to provide for the demands of travel by this route.

A cable from Patras quotes provincial currants for prompt shipment at 16s 9d and extra fine at 17s 9d. The market there was reported to be very firm, with further advance looked for.

Mr. McGahie, of the Welland Vale Manufacturing company, of St. Catharines Ont., was in the city last week, looking after business in the line of axes, harvesting tools, etc. Mr. McGahie goes through to the coast.

The Cosmopolitan for November contains an interesting paper on India by Julian Hawthorne, scenes relating to the rebellion in Cuba, by Thos. R. Davley, together with the usual amount of other interesting papers, articles, sketches, illustrations, etc.

During the month of October the land sales of the Northwest Land Co. amounted to \$19,000 and for the past ten months the sales aggregated \$150,000 for 28,000 acres, compared with 12,000 acres for \$67,000 for the whole of 1896. The Canadian Pacific railway land sales for October aggregated 22,000 acres, the value of which was \$86,000.

## THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Winnipeg, Saturday, Nov. 6.

Reports from the wholesale trade are generally very satisfactory this week. Business is good for the season in about all lines. There is some complaint that the weather has been too fine and mild to fur her purchasing in dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, furs, etc., but at the same time, dealers in these branches report their trade for October considerably ahead of last year in volume. Holiday goods in fancy lines are now going out, and stocks for the early spring trade are arriving to take advantage of water rates before the close of navigation. Railway traffic is very active, with continued large movement of wheat to lake ports, shipments of live stock, and the usual inward rush of traffic before the close of navigation. All statistical information attests the larger volume of trade this season. Customs collections at Winnipeg for October were \$77,223, compared with \$45,553 for October of last year. Bank clearings again this week show an enormous expansion over the corresponding period of last year. Clearings at Winnipeg for October (see report in another column) show almost double the aggregate clearings for October in previous years. Land sales by the large land corporations show almost the same expansion which indicates faith in Manitoba farm lands as well as increasing settlement. Interest rates are steady at 8 per cent for loans on farm mortgage securities, 6 to 7 per cent for good city real property security and 7 per cent for ordinary mercantile business. Loan companies report payments on account of farm mortgages as good.

## WINNIPEG MARKETS.

Winnipeg, Saturday Afternoon, Nov. 6  
COAL AND WOOD.

The expected advance in bituminous coal, foreshadowed in The Commercial a couple of weeks ago, went into effect the first of this week, and was even a sharper and more upward tendency than was expected. On Lethbridge coal an advance of \$1 per ton was made, from \$6.50 to \$7.50 per ton delivered in Winnipeg to consumers. Imported soft coal was advanced 50c per ton. Souris lignite and anthracite are unchanged. Lethbridge coal has been sold here for some time on an exceedingly small margin; and the recently increased cost of production through an advance in wages, etc., rendered a sharp advance in the Winnipeg price absolutely necessary.

Coalwood is firm in price. Good, dry tamarac very scarce and the tendency has been higher for this class of wood fuel. The most of the tamarac obtainable is last winter's cut, which is not thoroughly dry yet. It was expected a large cut of wood would be made this winter, but it is claimed that the number of men and horses taken from this district, but

work on the Crow's Nest railway, will have the effect of curtailing work in the woods here this winter, through a scarcity of help. See coal and wood prices on another page.

### DRUGS.

Coal hver oil has advanced sharply in Norway. Sugar of lead is 3-4c to 1c higher east. Quinine is very firm. See prices on another page.

### FISH AND OYSTERS.

Oysters are having a good sale now and prices are lower than earlier quotations. Shell oysters are offering more freely. Some small lots have been in, and a carlot is now on the way. The variety of fish in the market is about the same. See quotation on another page.

### GREEN FRUITS AND NUTS.

Winter apples are now coming in freely, both Ontario and southern stock. Owing to the warm weather this fall, some fear has been expressed that apples will not show as good keeping quality as usual, as it is said that warm autumn seasons are not productive of good keeping fruit. However, this will be proved or disproved later on. Ontario grapes are not in good condition now for re-shipment, as they are getting soft, and the season is about over for anything but Catawbas, which may come in later, though none are here yet. An auction sale of Concord grapes was held to clear out stock that was getting off quality, and some sold for less than the freight cost. No reports re bananas have come to hand lately. It depends on the quarantining situation south whether or not they will continue to come to hand. Oregon pears are 25c lower. Malaga grapes are 50c lower than first quotation for the season, given last week. New stocks of nuts are coming to hand. New figs are lower. Ontario pears are about done. Prices are as follows: Jamaica oranges, \$13 per barrel, equal to about 21-2 boxes; Mexican oranges, \$6.50 box; bananas per bunch, \$2.50 to \$3; California lemons, \$5 to \$5.50 a box; Washington and Oregon pears, \$2 to \$2.25 per box; apples, \$4 to \$4.50 per barrel for fall and winter varieties; Concord grapes, 30c 10 lb baskets; California grapes \$2.50 to \$3 per crate for Tokays; Ontario pears 60 to 65c per 20 lb. basket; Cape Cod cranberries, \$10 per barrel; sweet potatoes, \$5 to \$5.25 per barrel; Malaga grapes, \$8 per keg, for medium and \$8.50 for heavy weights; new chestnuts, 15c lb.; Ontario hicknuts, 4c lb.; Ontario black walnuts, 8c lb.; coconuts, \$1 per dozen, figs, fancy clemes, \$1.50 to \$1.60 per 10 lb box.

### GROCERIES.

Changes in prices are not important this week. Tomatoes have had a stronger tendency of late. In this line there has been a good deal of cutting in this market, but prices have now steadied down and settled on a higher basis. It is said that as low as \$2.10 was accepted on tomatoes in a few special cases, though there was nothing in them at this price even for those who were fortunate enough to buy at the bottom prices of the season. Recently, however, tomatoes have been very firm in first hands and the local cutting has been discontinued. Manufacturers have advanced prices about 30c from the low point of the season on new goods. Rio coffee is easier and prices here are 2c to 3c lower than was quoted earlier. There is some inquiry for dates, but

no new fruit is to hand, yet. There is some old fruit held, but is of rather poor quality now. Dates do not reach the market until December, and there is no prospect of any stock yet. New Grenobl' walnuts will arrive at New York about the middle of November, so that it will be some time before they reach this market. There has been some enquiry from the country for this line. Fancy grades of rice are locally very scarce, though there is plenty of B. rice, and common grades in stock here.

### HARNESS AND LEATHER.

Dealers report business decidedly good. The season has been a good one for this branch. Dolges felt is having quite a sale to shoemakers for repair and other work. It is used in half soled felt shoes, etc.

There is one point which manufacturers of leather goods should consider carefully, and that is the increased cost of leather. There is often a tendency to go on selling goods at the old price, and not taking account of the increased cost through an advance in the raw material. Some harness makers are evidently doing that in Manitoba. It is claimed that at the present price of leather, it will cost about \$2 more to turn out an ordinary team harness than it would at the former price of leather. This means a heavy drain on makers of harness, saddles, collars, etc., unless they have advanced their prices in proportion. The cost of production is a very important item, which should be cultivated upon closely, as in a business where the margin of profit is small, a moderate increase in the cost of raw material may soon turn a margin of profit into an actual loss. Harness makers should see to it that they secure a price commensurate with the advance in leather.

### HARDWARE, PAINTS, ETC.

Business is somewhat quieter, though good for the season. Glass is moving freely, and is one of the most active lines just now. Prices are steady this week, the general tendency being very firm for all staple lines. See quotations on another page.

In stoves and tinware dealers report that they have been very busy. There has been a good sale for stoves this season, notwithstanding the mild weather. Steel ranges are still being peddled in the country among farmers, though this business is pretty well killed now. Inferior ranges are being sold in this way at a price about ten per cent higher than is asked for a better stove by regular dealers. It is difficult, however, to educate consumers in the country against trusting to fakir peddlars.

### LUMBER, ETC.

There is still a considerable movement in lumber, though the season is now well over. Storm sash has been moving freely. The lumber camps in the woods are now well established, for the winter's cut of logs, which will be larger than for some years back.

### RAW FURS.

A few small lots are beginning to come in, principally fall rat, which have been taken at an average of about 51-2c each. A few skunk, mink and bear are also arriving, but no really prime furs have been received. At the last London fur sales, a report of which will be found in another column, skunk, spring rat, and lynx were lower while bear, red fox, marten, wolf and fall rat were higher. Beaver, mink and otter were the same as last sales.

## STATIONERY AND PAPER.

Jobbers are very busy just now shipping out holiday goods, on orders taken earlier, as well as numerous small orders which are now coming in. Large quantities of paper and other heavy goods are also coming to hand, to be placed in stock before the close of navigation.

## GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

**WHEAT**—The week has been one of decided depression in wheat prices, and values have closed lower than the previous day on each succeeding day of the week, from Monday to Friday inclusive. For instance the Duluth market, which may be taken as something of a guide for Manitoba wheat, lost 11-8c on Monday, 1-8c on Tuesday, 1c on Wednesday, 1c on Thursday, and 5-8c on Friday, based on the December option, or a total decline in the five days to last night of 37-8c. The large increase in the visible supply, as shown by Monday's statement, of 2,345,000 bushels was a weakening feature but this should not be considered as remarkable at this season, with the usual large receipts.

The local market has been weak and heavy, particularly toward the close, and yesterday it was very dull here and no one inclined to operate. On Monday as high as 93 1-2 was made for No. 1 hard in this market, about Fort William, in the morning, but as the weakness developed in other markets prices declined here and at the close 94 1-2c was quoted. The local market was dull on Tuesday, owing to the holiday at New York, as there were no quotations from that market. Sales were made at 94c here. On Wednesday 93 1-2 was quoted, with buyers and sellers apart, holders asking 94c in some cases, and bids at 93 to 93 1-2c. On Thursday sales were made at 93c in the morning, with 92 1-2c bid at the close. The wide fluctuations in the Chicago market on that day had a very unsettling effect. Chicago opened at 95 1-4 to 95 1-2c for December option, sold down to 92c, up again to 95c, down to 94c, up to 95c once more and settled down to 94c at the close. On Friday, the Winnipeg market was very dull and with scarcely any inclination to do business. No. 1 hard was quoted 92 1-2c. In Manitoba country markets prices held up well, ranging from 77 to 80c to farmers, at most points, with prices touching a few cents higher at some points. Over 5,350,000 bushels of wheat were shipped to Fort William during September and October. About 5,000,000 bushels are held in store at interior points, besides what has been turned into flour, etc., making about 12,000,000 bushels in all of the present crop marketed to date.

**Flour**—Prices are more uniform this week, the advance noted on some brands last week having since gone into effect on other brands. We quote Ogilvie's Hungarian patents \$2.55, and Glenora at \$2.35 per sack of 48 lbs. Lake of the Woods quoted patent, \$2.25, strong bakers' \$2.35, second bakers' \$1.80 and XXXX \$1.40, prices to local dealers here less 5c for net cash.

**MILLFEED**—Prices are stronger and \$9 for bran and \$11 for shorts per ton was quoted, with large lots \$1 per ton less.

**GROUND FEED**—Prices very firm. We quote \$17 to \$20 per ton for ground oats and barley feed. Ground corn, \$15 to \$16 per ton; oil cake, \$17 per ton.

**OATMEAL**—The market is in the same position as reported last week. We quote rolled oats in lots to retail dealers, at \$1.80 per sack car lots \$1.60.

**OATS**—Oats continue very scarce and prices asked are about 2c higher this week, 33 to 34c being quoted for car lots on track here, and even higher is demanded. The marketings of oats are very light and high prices are being paid at some points in the country, to farmers, 25c per bushel being freely paid at many provincial points, to farmers. Here 30 to 33c was paid to farmers on the street. The scarcity of oats is taken to indicate an insufficient supply for home requirements. However, a year ago at this date no new oats were marketing, but last year there was a considerable quantity of old stocks on hand while this year stocks of old oats were sold out very closely by the time new began to move.

**BARLEY**—Nominal at about 30c per bushel in this market. Scarcely anything offering, either in car lots or by farmers on the street.

**FLAX SEED**—Buyers are paying 60c per bushel to farmers in country markets, and 60 to 65c is quoted in the Winnipeg market, but this price is nominal. The linseed oil mills have considerable stocks of old seed on hand, otherwise prices would be higher than they now are.

**Butter**—Creamery—Quiet and easy. The depression at Montreal is unfavorable to firm prices here. We quote nominal at 20c for fresh creamery.

**BUTTER**—Dairy—The situation is much the same as noted last week, and the situation is not favorable owing to the depression in eastern markets. Very little roll butter is coming in. We quote dairy tubs at 14 to 16c and fresh rolls at 15c to 18c.

**CHEESE**—Latest transactions have been reported at 10c to 10 5-8c. The market is depressed in consequence of the demoralized state of eastern markets.

**EGGS**—Buyers are paying 16c net for receipts of fresh, being an advance this week of 1c.

**POULTRY**—Dressed chickens bring 8 to 9c per lb., and old fowl about 7c as to quality. Turkeys will bring 11c to 12c, and geese and ducks 9 to 10c per lb. dressed. The market is rather easier. There is some inquiry to ship, but prices are based on local demand.

**GAME**—Dealers have paid 20 to 30c per pair for wild ducks, as to quality. Wild geese, 40 to 50c each. Wares 25c each. Rabbits, 5 to 6c each.

**LARD AND CURED MEATS**—There is no change in these goods. See quotations on another page.

**DRESSED MEATS**—Prices are about the same. Dressed hogs are offering fairly freely, and are quoted, at 5 to 6c as to quality, fancy weights bringing the outside price, and 5 to 5 1-4c for rough heavy hogs. Beef is steady at 4 to 4 1-2 as to quality. Mutton easy at 5 to 6c, and lamb 6 to 7c. Veal 5 to 6c. Liberal supplies of mutton offering.

**HIDES**—There has been a little special competition this week, the city tannery having been buying from butchers at about 1-2c above the market, and it is said that 7 1-2c was paid in this way, but the demand at this rate will be limited. We quote No. 1 city hides, 7c; country hides, 6c; kip hides, 6 to 7c; calf, 7 to 8c; sheep and lambskins, 35 to 50c each; horse-hides 75c to \$1.25 each.

**SENECA ROOT**—Quoted at about 13 to 17c per lb. here. Nominal.

**WOOL**—We quote 8 to 9 1-2c here for unwashed fleece, about nominal.

**TALLOW**—Quoted steady at 31-2c for No. 1 and 2 to 27-2c for other grades as to quality.

**VEGETABLES**—About everything in the vegetable line is very firm and prices are high and likely to be higher before the winter is over. There are several causes for this. One is the crop has not turned out as good as was expected. Another cause is the destruction of much celery and other truck by the heavy fall frost some time ago, and a most important cause is the increased consumption, owing to the quantity of vegetables shipped to the mining districts, as well as to the quantity taken by packers here for pickling, which is a new feature in the trade. Potatoes are firm and higher at 30 to 35c on the street, and up to 30c has been paid for car lots to ship to Ontario mining districts. Onions are much higher, the local crop having turned out poor, and supplies have been brought in from the east by jobbers, who hold at 21-2 to 3c per lb, while local stock is held at about 2c. Celery has been brought in from the south, and is held at 60c, with local at 40c per dozen bunches. Carrots are very high, at 70c per bushel. Cabbage \$3 to \$4 per 100. Beets 30 to 40c bushel.

**HAY**—Held at \$6 to \$6.50 for cars on track here, of baled, or about \$5 per ton at point of shipment.

## LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE**—The feature of the market is the large shipments of stocker cattle to the United States, and good prices are being paid for this class of stock notwithstanding the duty. Buyers from the States have been operating freely, for shipment to St. Paul and Minneapolis markets, and better prices have been paid for stocker cattle than can be realized here for butchers' stock, 23-4c having been paid here for stockers. Export cattle are still going forward, though the advices from British markets continue very discouraging for shippers, who must have lost money lately. We quote eastern cattle off cars here at 21-4 to 21-2c for the general run.

**SHEEP**—The market is stocked heavily with sheep, and local butchers are holding large numbers. Several loads of range sheep are in this week being delivered on earlier purchases, costing about 23-4c here. Recent sales have been made here at about 21-4c, and some have been shipped east, purchased at this price here. Lambs quoted at 23-4c to 3c.

**HOGS**—There has been no further change here, but prices are weak, in sympathy with the further drop in eastern markets. Deliveries have been liberal. We quote choice bacon hogs weighing 150 to 250 lbs. at \$4.50 per 100 lbs.; 250 to 300 lbs., \$4.00; heavy hogs, over 300 lbs., \$3 to \$3.50, as to quality, off cars here.

## WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

Week ending	Clearings	Balances
1897	\$1,342,880	\$582,824
Week ending Nov. 4, 1898	2,408,968	467,755
Week ending Nov. 4, 1895	3,251,555	434,859
Month ending October, 1897	13,291,879	
Month ending October, 1896	7,585,472	
Month ending October, 1895	7,911,958	

A third train per week has been added to the service of the railway between Edmonton and Calgary.

**New York Wheat.**

New York, Nov. 1.—Wheat receipts, 331,400 bushels; exports, 358,287 bushels spot. Spot, easy; No. 2 red, \$1.03 3-4 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern, Duluth, \$1.01 3-4 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 hard, Duluth, \$1.03 3-4 f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 Northern, Duluth, 99 3-4c. Options opened weak under big Northwest receipts, disappointing cables, rain west, rallied on foreign buying, but broke sharply under a visible supply increase and closed barely steady at 3-8c net decline. Sales included No. 2 red, Jan., 99 3-8c to 99 3-4c; closed 99 3-8c; May, 99 7-16c to 96 11-16, closed 95 3-4c; November closed 99 1-4c; December, 99 7-16c to \$1.00 1-2, closed 99 3-4c.

New York, Nov. 3.—Wheat receipts, 319,300 bushels; exports, 360,035 bush.; sales, 4,955,000 bushels futures; 528,000 bushels spot. Spot weak. No. 2 red, \$1.01 7-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern, Duluth, \$1.01 1-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 hard, \$1.03 5-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 Northern, Duluth, 98 5-8c f.o.b. afloat. Options opened steadier on cables and foreign buying, declined under a big increase in Bradstreet's visible, rallied on heavy export trade, but collapsed under liquidation, closing heavy at 1c to 1 1-8c net loss. Sales included No. 2 red, Jan., 98 5-8c to 98 3-4c, closed 98 5-8c; May, 94 1-2 to 96 1-2c, closed 94 5-8c; Nov., closed 98 1-4c; Dec., 98 1-2c to \$1.00 3-16, closed 98 5-8c.

New York, Nov. 4.—Wheat receipts, 266,175 bushels; exports, 131,665 bush.; sales, 6,311,000 bushels futures; 500,000 bushels spot. Spot weak. No. 2 red, \$1.01 1-4 to \$1.01 3-4 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern, Duluth, \$1.00 1-4 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 hard, Duluth, \$1.02 3-4 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened steady on cables and foreign demand; later became demoralized under manipulation and forced liquidation, ruling heavy with few reactions all day, and closing 5-8 to 7-8 cent net lower. Sales included No. 2 red, Jan., 98c to 98 1-2c, closed 98c; May, 93 7-8c to 95 1-8c, closed 93 7-8c; Nov., closed 97 3-8c; Dec., 97 5-8c to 99c, closed 97 3-4c.

New York, Nov. 5.—Wheat — Receipts 95,750 bushels; exports 140,578 bushels; sales 3,195,000 bushels futures; 500,000 bushels spot. Spot weak; No. 2 red 99 7-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern New York 97 7-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba \$1.02 5-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth 98 7-8 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened easier, and with few exceptions showed a weak tendency all day, influenced by unsatisfactory cables; small export demand, renewed pounding of December, and light speculative support, closed 1-8 to 7-8c net lower; latter on December. Sales included No. 2 red Jan. opened 97 to 97 3-8, closed 97; May, opened 93 5-16 to 94, closed 93 3-4; Nov. closed 96 1-2; Dec. opened 96 11-16 to 97 5-8, closed 96 7-8.

On Saturday, November 6, wheat closed at 97 5-8c for December, and 94 7-8c for May option. A week ago December wheat closed at \$1.00 1-8. Exports for the week from Atlantic ports were 5,575,000 bushels.

**MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.**

On Saturday, November 6, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 89 1-2c for November, 88 3-4c for December, and 89 1-8c for May option. A week ago December wheat closed at 92 1-4c.

**WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.**

Wheat sold late on Friday at 93c for No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William. Saturday morning a sale was reported at 93 1-4c, and we quote 93 to 93 1-2c, at the close, for No. 1 hard, afloat basis.

F. Wright is opening a flour and feed store at Prince Albert.

**Chicago Board of Trade Prices**

Chicago, Nov. 1.—The leading futures closed as follows:  
Wheat, Dec., nov, 96 1-4c; May, 93 1-2c; Nov., nov, 96 1-4c.  
Corn, No. 2, Dec., 26 3-4c, Oct., 30 3-8c; May, 26 7-8c.  
Oats, No. 2, Dec., 19 1-4c, May, 21 3-4c to 21 7-8c.  
Mess pork, Dec., \$7.65; Jan., \$8.60.  
Lard, Dec., \$1.22 1-2; Jan., \$1.35.  
Short ribs, Dec., \$4.50; Jan., \$4.50.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—The leading futures closed as follows:  
Wheat—Nov. 96 5-8; Dec. 96; May 93 1-2 to 5-8.  
Corn—Nov. 26; Dec. 26 3-4; May 30 1-4.  
Oats—No. 2 Dec. 19 1-8; May 21 3-4.  
Mess pork—Dec. \$7.60.  
Lard—Dec. \$1.72 1-2; Jan. \$1.35.  
Short ribs — Dec. \$4.45; Jan. \$4.47 1-2.

Chicago, Nov. 3.—The leading futures closed as follows:  
Wheat, No. 2, Nov., nov, 98 1-4c to 98 1-2c; Dec., nov, 95 1-4c to 95 1-2c; May, 92 1-2c.  
Corn, No. 2, Nov. 25 1-2; Dec., 26 1-4c; May, 29 3-4c.  
Oats, Dec., 19 1-2; May, 21 7-8c.  
Mess pork, Dec., \$7.57 1-2; Jan., \$8.50.  
Lard, Dec., \$1.22 1-2; Jan., \$1.32 1-2.  
Short ribs, Dec., \$4.45; Jan., \$4.45.

On Thursday prices were as follows:  
Wheat, Nov. 94c; Dec. 91c; May 91 5-8c. Corn, Nov. 25 1-2c; Dec. 26 1-8c; May 29 3-4c. Oats, Nov. 19 1-2c; Dec. 19 1-2; May 21 7-8c. Pork, Dec. \$7.67; Jan. \$8.57. Ribs, Dec. \$4.77; May \$4.50; Lard, Dec. \$1.25; Jan. \$1.40.

Chicago, Nov. 5.—The leading futures closed as follows:  
Wheat—Nov., nov, 93, Dec. 93 3-8; May 90 3-4 to 90 7-8.  
Corn—No. 2 Nov. 25 3-8; Dec. 25 7-8 to 26; May 29 5-8.  
Oats—Dec. 19 3-8; to 19 1-2; May 21 5-8.  
Mess pork—Dec. \$7.55; Jan. \$8.47 1-2.  
Lard—Dec. \$1.22 1-2; Jan. \$1.37 1-2.  
Short ribs — Dec. \$4.42 1-2; Jan. \$4.42 1-2.

On Saturday, November 6, wheat opened at 93 3-4c to 94 1-4c for December option and ranged from 93 3-4 to 94 3-4c. Closing prices were:  
Wheat—Nov. 93 3-4c, Dec. 93 3-4c, May 91 3-4c.  
Corn—Nov. 25 5-8c, Dec. 26 1-8c.  
Oats—Nov. 18 1-4c, Dec. 19 5-8c, May 21 7-8c.  
Pork—Dec. \$7.57 1-2.  
Lard—Dec. \$1.25.  
Ribs—Dec. \$4.45.

Flax seed—Cash \$1.07 1-2, Dec. \$1.04 1-4, May \$1.07 1-4.  
A week ago December wheat closed at 97 3-4c. A year ago December wheat closed at 78 1-8c, two years ago at 58 1-4c, and three years ago 54 1-2.

Woodhouse & Co., hardware dealers, Fort William, are succeeded by Kenrick & Co.

Alex. Lowe, of Neepawa, has moved to Emerson, Man., where he will engage in a private banking business.

Wm. H. Fraser, of Eden and Gordon Laing, of Franklin, have formed a partnership and bought out Ewer's livery and feed stable business at Neepawa, Man.

The Calgary Herald says that one of Calgary's prominent merchants has been swindled by an employee to the tune of \$1,600.

J. A. McCaul, of Regina, has opened in the furniture business at Indian Head, Assa.

**Assiniboia.**

L. McCay & Co., are opening in hardware at Oxbow.  
Geo. Thompson & Co., are opening a general store at Indian Head.  
John Reilly, of the firm of Reilly Bros., contractors, Regina, is dead.  
A. J. Osment, general merchant of Indian Head, has sold his stock and leased his store for five years to Mr. Reid, of Neepawa, Man.

A correspondent at Lumsden writes as follows: Lumsden, here, is growing steadily. Bready, Love & Tyron put up an elevator this fall, and the Farmers Elevator Co. are about through with their new building, and expect to ship the great bulk of wheat through it. The "Pioneer Store," W. Binning, proprietor, has added several new lines this season, and the settlers can get pretty well everything they require in the town, at prices which make it unnecessary to send down east.

**The Live Stock Trade.**

R. Sinton and J. W. Brown, of Regina, were in Winnipeg recently with about 200 head of cattle gathered up in Lumsden, Qu'Appelle and Regina districts. Mr. Sinton says the cattle have not fattened as rapidly this season as in some years past.

Mr. Grant, of the Cypress Hills district, Assa., was in Winnipeg this week with five cars of sheep for local butchers delivering on sales made some time ago.

The following live stock shipments are reported: Gordon & Ironside shipped a train load of export cattle from Strathmore, Alberta. A. C. Sparrow looked after the shipping. Mr. Gilchrist, a Montreal cattle buyer, shipped a train load of cattle for export from High River, Alberta. Colin McLean shipped twenty carloads of cattle from Moosomin for Gordon & Ironside. Gordon & Ironside shipped 400 head of cattle east from Qu'Appelle. A trainload of twenty-one cars of cattle was shipped from Russell, Man., by Mullins & Wilson. Gordon & Ironside also shipped a trainload of cattle from Russell. Mr. Klhippan shipped a trainload of cattle from Russell. Six car loads of cattle were shipped from Neepawa by A. McConaghy and D. Hamilton, to Montreal. J. McMillan, of Gladstone, shipped several cars to Montreal.

**DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.**

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

Monday—December 90 5-8c, May, 91 1-2c.  
Tuesday—December 90 1-4c, May 91 7-8c.  
Wednesday—December 89 1-4c, May 90 1-4c.  
Thursday—December 88 1-4c, May 89 3-8c.  
Friday—November 90 5-8c, December 87 5-8c; May 88 3-4c.  
Saturday, Nov., 91 3-8c; Dec., +8 1-4c; May, 90c.  
Cash, No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 92 7-8c, and cash No. Northern at 91 3-8c.

Last week December option closed at 91 3-4c.

A year ago December option closed at 78 7-8c, and two years ago at 54 1-2c; three years ago December option closed at 57 3-4c, and four years ago at 59 1-8c.

### MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Nov. 6.  
The principal feature this week is an increased activity in teas. Prices of staple lines are steady.

Quotations are: Granulate sugar, 4 1-16c in lots of over 250 barrels, and 4 1-8c for 100 barrel lots, at the refineries; yellows, 3 3-8c to 3 3-4c. Molasses, 25 to 26c. Syrup, 13-4 to 21-2c, as to quality. Valencia raisins from 3 3-4 to 5 1-2c. Valencia layers, 6 1-2c. Currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, 'ns to brand. Coffee, Rio, 10 to 13c; Mocha and Java 20 to 24c.

### MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Nov. 6.  
No change reported in staple lines this week, but the general feeling is firm, except turpentine, which is 1c off on the outside.

White lead, government standard, \$5.37 1-2c; No. 1, 45. Luceed oil, raw, 43c, boiled 46c. Turpentine, 49c. Bar iron, \$1.35 to \$1.45; tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90; I.C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75; Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15; tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead, \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4; putty in bulk, \$1.50; in bladders, \$1.65.

### MONTREAL MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.  
Montreal, Nov. 6.  
Flour shows an advance of 10 to 30c per barrel. Bran and shorts are firmer and bring 50c higher in some cases, per ton. Oats are steady. Oatmeal is firm.

Oats—No. 2 white in store, 26 to 26 1-2c.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$5 to \$5.15; Manitoba patents, \$5.45 to \$5.55.

Milled—Manitoba bran, including sacks, \$11.50 to \$12 per ton. Shorts, \$12.50 to \$13.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.65 to \$1.75 per bag.

Hides—5c to 8 1-2c for No. 1.  
Eggs—Candled, 13c; new laid, 16c.

### MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Nov. 6.  
The feature of the market this week is the further decline in hogs of 1-2c per pound, live weight. Other quotations are the same as a week ago.

Cattle—Export, 4c; choice shippers, 4 1-2c; cattle, butchers, 3 to 4c.

Sheep—2 1-2c to 3c per lb.  
Hogs—4 1-2 to 4 3-4c.

Exports this week were as follows.  
Cattle, 2,679, sheep, 2,071.

### TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Mulins & Wilson wire The Commercial the following reports of prices realized at the semi-weekly live stock market at Toronto, on Friday, November 5.

Toronto, Nov. 6.  
Ninety carloads were offered, including 3,561 hogs and 2,031 sheep and lambs.

The market for export cattle was dull, and export sheep were also slow. Hogs were weak, and while prices paid were about the same as a week ago, the feeling was easier.

Cattle—Exporters paid 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c. Butchers' cattle sold at 2 to 3 1-2. Bulls, shipping, 3 to 3 1-4c. Stockers, 2 1-2 to 3c. Feeders 3 to 3 1-2c. Stock hogs 2 to 2 1-2c.

Sheep—Export sheep brought \$4 to \$4.25 per head, bucks, \$3.50 each and lambs, \$2.50 to \$3 each.

Hogs—Hogs, best bacon, 4 1-2c lb.; thick fat, 4 1-4c, and light fat, 4 1-4c per lb., weighed off cars.

### LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Liverpool, Nov. 5.—12.30 p.m.—Wheat—Spot quiet. Corn—Spot steady. Wheat—No. 1 red northern spring 7s 8d to 7s 9d. No. 2 red western winter 7s 11d to 8s. Corn—Spot American mixed 3s 1 3-4d. Receipts during the past three days: Wheat—309,000, including 264,000 American. American corn from Atlantic ports, none.

3.45 p.m.—Wheat—Spot No. 2 red western winter dull at 7s 11d; spot No. 1 red northern spring dull at 7s 8d.

### VISIBLE SUPPLY.

New York, Nov. 3.—Special cable and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreet's covering the principal points of accumulation, indicate the following changes in the available supplies last Saturday as compared with the previous Saturday. Available supplies:—

Wheat—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 4,103,000. Afloat for and in Europe, increase 2,200,000. World's supply, total increase, 6,303,000.

Corn—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase, 955,000.

Oats—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease 378,000.

### NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, Nov. 5.—3 p.m.—Money on call easy at 1 1-2 to 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 3 3-4 to 4 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers bills at \$4.84 to \$4.84 1-2 for demand, and at \$4.82 1-2 to \$4.82 3-4 for sixty days. Posted rates, \$4.83 to \$4.83 1-2 and \$4.86 to \$4.86 1-2. Commercial bills, \$4.81 3-4. Bar silver, 57 1-8. Mexican dollars, 44 1-2. Government bonds weak.

### DAIRY QUOTATIONS.

Montreal, Nov. 4.—Cheese weaker, 7c to 8 3-8c.

Butter—Creamery, dull, 17c to 18 5-8 cents.

### MONTREAL STOCKS.

Montreal, Nov. 4.—C. P. R. in London, 81 3-4; Commercial Cable, rd., Montreal, 182 1-2.

### MONTHLY TRADE RETURNS.

The transactions at the Dominion Government Savings bank, Winnipeg, for the month ending 31st Oct., were as follows:

Deposits .. . . . .	\$24,650.00
Withdrawals .. . . . .	20,487.58

Deposits exceed withdrawals ... \$ 4,362.42

### A WINNIPEG CONFLAGRATION.

Fire broke out in the hardware store of Campbell Bros., Main street, about noon on Friday. It is said to have been caused by an explosion of japan, in the basement, and on account of the quantity of oil nearby, which was quickly ignited, the flames immediately broke out in all directions with great violence. The fire was confined mainly to the basement, but great damage was done to the entire stock by the fire, heat, water and smoke, and also by the collapse of the ground floor, from the burning of the basement supports. The loss to building and stock is covered by insurance.

Fort William, Nov. 5.—A small fire last night destroyed Andrew Thom's furniture repair shop and Mrs. McMillan's residence. Loss about \$1,000.

The farmers who let 5 grain in the burning of the McMillan elevator at Emerson, Minn., a few weeks ago were paid in full for it on Saturday last at the rate of 76 cents per bushel.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

J. C. Squire's hogs, saw mill, Ducks, has been sold out.

J. G. Bradley, is opening in confectionery at Revelstoke.

C. G. Davies, groceries, Nelson, style now Davies & Jaynes.

F. Hoffman, boots and shoes, Waterloo, has given up business.

H. N. Coursler, Revelstoke, is giving up his Trail branch store.

Sinclair & Co., boots and shoes, are giving up business at Trail.

The Vernon News Printing, and Publishing Co., Vernon, is burned out.

Hushin & Tikani, have opened business at New Westminster, in dry goods and fancy wares.

J. O. Patenaude, late of Henry Birks & Sons, Montreal, has opened an optical and watch repair shop at Nelson.

The following items are reported from Vancouver: Diplock Book and Stationery Co., Ltd., in liquidation. Tenders advertised for up to Nov. 20.

Dalglish & Co., bakers, have sold out. Cooke & Dunlop, blacksmiths, have dissolved; G. W. Dunlop continues.

Hong Wo & Co., Chinese merchants, have assigned. R. Landers is opening a jewelry store. F. Kennedy, jeweler, has sold out to A. Ufford.

### MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents \$5.25 to \$5.35; second patents \$5.10 to \$5.20. Flour has advanced 5 to 15c. Bran and shorts are 50c per ton higher. Hogs, have declined 1-2 to 3-4c for dressed, and poultry, is 1-2c lower all around.

Milled—Shorts in bulk, \$7.50 to \$7.75, bran in bulk, \$7 to \$7.25; corn feed, \$9.75 to \$10.75, per ton.

Corn—Quota at 2 1-2c to 25 1-4c for No. 3 and No. 4.

Oats—field at 20 1-4 to 21c for No. 3.

Barley—Feed quoted at 24c to 24 1-4c per bushel of fifty pounds.

Flax seed—\$1.05 per bushel.

Eggs—13c to 13 1-2c for strictly fresh, the latter case including cases.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 9 to 10 1-2c fair to good, 7 to 8c.

Butter—Creamery, 21c to 22 1-2c; seconds 15c to 18c; dairy 12c to 20c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 4c to 6c; lamb, 6c to 9c.

Potatoes—Car lots, mixed 20 to 25c; choice, named varieties, 32 to 37c.

Poultry—Chickens, 5 1-2c; old fowl 3 to 4c; turkeys 7 to 7 1-2c; ducks, 6 1-2c; geese, 5 1-2 to 6c.

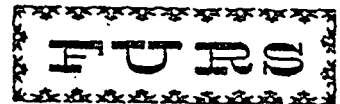
### ONTARIO CHEESE MARKET.

Belleville, Nov. 2.—At our board today 3,592 boxes of white and 804 boxes of colored cheese were offered. The highest bid was 2c. No sales.

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